THOUGHTS

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IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE (YOU ARE BEING MANIPULATED)

Humanity typically does not open their eyes to the most horrifying threats against us, but rather chooses to focus on the ones that meet the eyes. The Covid-19 and environment issues were hot button topics in the presidential debates and are part of the ennui we see around us. That many are less concerned about the invisible aspects of change is not surprising, as the Word tells us, "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (I Corinthians 2:14).

"But, in terms of pervasive influence upon people and the potential for great harm to humanity, these are of less importance. The invisible hand(s) manipulating society, news, politics – big tech – is much scarier! The fear is that if we do not act now, the integrity of the environment will be lost forever. I am saying that the integrity of social fabric of humanity has already been lost. This is the first time that potentially manipulation of the truth, real time, on a national scale, by a small number of people has resulted in a presidential election being channeled toward a specific outcome.

We have too many millions of people who are both hooked on social media as strongly as any drug, and under the manipulation of persons with a social/political agenda. Big money, big power, big influence electronically is pushing cohorts of people in ways that no other social device historically has. Our culture over the past generation has shifted from being emotionally governed by the Bible, to being emotionally governed by electronic media. Evidence continues to mount that the technology elite are literally manipulating millions of people. This is major Big Brother activity, and it is already too late to stop it.

For decades we have seen a coordinated effort to indoctrinate regarding Darwinism in the schools. Now, in a matter of months, we are seeing powerful movements just as strong driven by social media. The scariest part of it is that people do not wish to abandon it in order to return to a more civil society. Social media is now the tool of choice to coordinate civil unrest, plan crimes, stoke fears and anger, and censor information vital to the public. Social media manipulates people spiritually. Some of the undesirable outcomes are narcissism, dulling of empathy, engendering rage and divisiveness, disrespect and disobedience of authority, increasing pride and envy, and desensitization in regard to violence. It has already been established through studies that overuse of all screens is directly correlated to higher incidents of depression.

The future, from a social standpoint, looks scary due to information manipulation. More than ever, the Christian must exercise spiritual discernment and defensiveness!

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On the day of President Joe Biden's inauguration, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops publicly declared that his policy regarding abortion would, "advance moral evils and threaten human life." How is that for too little, too late? Why was this not said months earlier, as voters went to the polls? Too many Christian leaders now are ultra-sensitive to not offend secularists and nominal Christians. God forbid that something is said in defense of the Word that it causes offence and perhaps prevents someone from being counted as vaguely Christian! This sort of pronouncement is called trying to save face after not taking a vigorous, Biblical stand against evil! Do not expect the contemporary church at large to take the lead on moral topics against culture and subject itself to the potential fallout. The Pope has led the denomination toward a liberal theological stance, and while more popular than Benedict, he has weakened the Roman church at large, drawing it away from Scriptural ideals regarding sexuality and the family. I suspect the statement by these bishops reveals a hidden war happening in the hierarchy of the Roman denomination, and this outspokenness is a leaking through of conservatives who were stifled until now – when it is too late!

COOKIE MONSTER STATISTICAL LESSON

You will want to look up on the internet the geode that has resemblance to Sesame Street's Cookie Monster! It is darling, at least for a rock! I think Pastor Paul would have gotten a big kick out of it, as he loved geodes! He had several of them at home and the office.

The social media comments were fun, but one stuck out as particularly clever, stating that in a universe of infinite possibilities, we are sure eventually to see other Sesame Street characters' faces in rocks! That is good humor!

It does, however, offer an opportunity to discuss belief and statistical probability. Do you believe that given enough time, we would eventually see all the Sesame Street characters' (puppets) faces likenesses in rocks? Doubtful. The odds are strongly against it. But, if we can determine so easily how unlikely it is for all the characters' faces to be found in rocks, how is it that the emergence of life spontaneously anywhere in the universe, is deemed as believable? It is clearly not believable based on probability. The odds of "abiogenesis" (life spontaneously forming) might be less than were you to pick up a dozen rocks in a row and each one bears the face of a Sesame Street character! No one should believe the tripe promoted by Humanistic Darwinist propagandists (even if they have a science degree)! It is fodder for the gullible and people who do not understand probability!

"CONFORMING TO GOD'S SON IN 2021" - ONE MONTH GONE!

January is gone. A month has passed; have you changed anything yet for the better in your walk with God? It doesn't have to be a big change. Increase your commitment a bit!

Blessings! Douglas W. Schroeder