## THOUGHTS

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## THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO HATES YOU FOR YOUR RACE

Sadly, humans are equal opportunity haters. There are many whites and blacks in America who hate the Hispanics coming over the borders. They may not tell you they hate the Hispanics, but they do.

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Are the Hispanics, specifically Mexicans, without taint of racism? No, they are not. Perhaps to get away from the high cost of living out West in the U.S., more Americans are relocating and visiting Mexico. How are they being received? Not very cordially! Fliers are being seen around Mexico City, "New to the city? Working remotely? You're a F-ing plague and the locals F-ing hate you. Leave." The number of Americans living in Portugal has risen by 45% in the past year, resulting in rising housing costs. https://www.foxnews.com/world/mexico-city-residents-angered-influx-americans-speaking-english-gentrifying-area-report.

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Things are finally getting bad enough in California that people are leaving in droves. They trashed our land, and now they want to live on the cheap in Mexico. A significant proportion of Mexicans detest English being spoken by these older whites. I'm not going to lay the blame on Humanism and atheism for that, because there is likely a very high percentage of Mexicans who consider themselves Christian or at least religious. That they are likely Roman believers and have an institutional relationship to a Church rather than a more personal relationship to the Savior feeds into the freedom to love their locals and hate the new people.

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Isn't the human race wonderful? Aren't we sensationally evolving upward toward higher understanding and a glorious future that is color blind? Well, no, we aren't, especially when Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, and the Mexican welcoming committee are in play. The Bible, especially the Old Testament, is accurate in its description of the wicked, vile activities of sinful humans. If Christians were more faithful to the Word, better students of it, they wouldn't be surprised at the machinations of cultures that are now on display daily on articles on the Web.

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The Gospel compels us to love our neighbor? And who might that be? In the illustrations of Jesus, our neighbor is the disenfranchised, the outcast, the person of the other race who might be discriminated against. We are supposed to love them, despite others hating us. It's simple; they hate us and we don't hate them by choice, by faith.

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Heaven will be delightful since there will be no racism!

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The Bible is God's Word...Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh...

His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.

## **CHOOSE LIFE**

God's commands are not impossible to keep, that is, they are doable. When Moses was about to die, he rehearsed the Law of God for the people, emphasizing that the Lord expected them to consciously keep His will, "Now, what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven so that you have to ask, 'Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, 'Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us, so that we may obey it?' No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it (Deuteronomy 30:11-14)."

Then comes the famous declaration, "See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction (Deuteronomy 30:15)." The Lord laid out for His people the choices and the consequences, which He made clear. If they chose the worldly way and disobedience to Him, they would bring death upon themselves collectively. If they chose to obey His will, they would bring about life societally. The choices for us are also clear.

Gambling brings death.
Budgeting brings life.

Overeating brings death.
Fasting (properly, in moderation) brings life.

Illicit drugs bring death. Being a non-user brings life.

Sexual deviancy and gender fluidity bring death. Sexual propriety and fixed gender bring life.

Avoidance of responsibility brings death.

Responsibility brings life.

Lies bring death. Truth brings life.

Adultery and fornication bring death. Fidelity and chastity bring life.

Abortion brings death.
Parenting brings life.

Hate brings death. Love brings life.

> Blessings, Douglas W. Schroeder