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GOD'S COMMAND TO MAN CONCERNING HIS CREATION

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Genesis 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Genesis 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Introduction: Recently I heard on a talk show that a radical Swedish Environmentalist is proposing that we should be open to resorting to cannibalism as a possible future food source to save the environment. Cows emit too much methane through their flatulence! When I heard this, I thought to myself this had to be some kind of nut job, yet when I researched it out it was in fact a professor, let me quote the article:

A Swedish professor, Magnus Söderlund, of Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden declared that in order for the planet to survive the effects of "climate change," human beings would need to make radical changes to their way of life, including their diets. Among the recommendations are the legalization of cannibalism, saying that it would be limited to dead bodies:

Then we have the radical idea of the Green New Deal.

Do away with fossil fuels. Coal, Oil, Propane etc. Go to mass transit, lessen plane travel, revert to zero admission automobiles, etc establish alternate forms of transportation etc.

You can just shake your head and wonder have we gone insane? Look at the recent Burger King commercial promoting the beef-less burger.

One man writes,

Don't say it could not happen. People three, four, and five decades ago did not believe that sodomy could be accepted, but today sodomy is not only accepted, but if you do not accept it you are a social outcast. Men complain that they "did not

see it" coming, but the signs were all around them for many years. It was not that they did not see them, but that they refused to pay attention.

I believe the problem is a basic denial of God as our creator, and a literal understanding of the account of the creation as recorded in the Bible, and a rejection of Christianity in our society today.

One writer actually proposes that the reason people are very serious about even talking about cannibalism as a serious answer to reducing global warming is because of the wholesale rejection of Christianity.

QUOTE "From what it seems, this story, is about preparing the public to accept the disgusting, but commonly practiced in the world of antiquity, practice of cannibalism. This only makes sense, for the more that Christianity and the traces of her disappear from society, the more that the old heathenry returns to fill the void. In this case, cannibalism is being proposed as the "answer" UNQUOTE

In other words, when we reject the God of the Bible and God in general anything is possible, as we return to heathenism.

Let us consider what is being rejected. Consider the command that God gave man when He created him.

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What is being rejected when we reject God as our creator?

- I. God Commanded man to multiply and be fruitful.**
- II. God Commanded man to subdue the earth.**
- III. God Commanded man to take dominion over the earth.**

What happens to a society that rejects God as their creator? The judgment of Romans 1:21-24 kicks in.

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

The Bible says that when men reject God as their creator, they become vain in their imaginations. They are given over to homosexuality and pantheism. And the wise ones, those who have PHD's, college professors, become FOOLS! "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

Radical environmentalism is nothing more than a return to ancient pantheism with some science sprinkled in the mix.

Joe Biden, in trying to be witty in one of his speeches, made what my generation called a Freudian Slip:

Here is the definition of a Freudian Slip, "He deemed them notable for revealing an unconscious thought, belief, wish, or motive. "Almost invariably I discover a disturbing influence from something outside of the intended speech," he wrote. "The disturbing element is a single unconscious thought, which comes to light through the special blunder."

Joe Biden was trying to be cute about Global Warming, which he supports because that's the democratic platform and thing to do, but at his age I think he knows better. In one of his campaign speeches He said,

"We choose science over fiction; we choose truth over facts,"

He meant to say we choose truth over lies, Science is suppose to be factual. Global warming is half fiction, and the Freudian slip was that they like the term climate change today better than global warming because a lot of their doomsday predictions have not come to pass which have caused a lot of embarrassment to their cause. Biden knows better but he is afraid of his own party so he is playing politician by supporting it. However, his speech betrayed him, or God sent him a bit of confusion for a minute to embarrass the cause. Global warming is half fiction, and those who adhere to it are ignoring a lot of facts. I believe if our planet is getting warmer it is God who is doing it. Maybe to draw our attention to end times predictions.

Now let us see from the Biblical teaching what the world is rejecting which is setting our nation into a dismal state of moral, economic, and political confusion.

Here is the command given by the Lord:

Here is our text:

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I see three commands given to man concerning our Lord's creation or environment. All three of these commands are a given to be a blessing to mankind. Let's look at these three commands and see how the world perverts these to their own destruction.

I. GOD COMMANDED MAN TO BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY.

The world says there is an overpopulation problem, which is a lie.

The average family in our country has less than 2 children per household. The average family consists of 3.14. So in other words the families of our nation are not even having enough children to repopulate themselves. Then add to this the fact that from 1973-2011 there were more than 50,000 Million babies aborted in our nation. Taking these statistics we need to realize we have killed off about 10% of our population.

Now because of this, most people are not receiving the blessings we could have had with multiplying as the Lord commanded us to.

1. *What are the blessings of having many children:*

Psalms 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Psalms 127:4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

Psalms 127:5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Children are the heritage of the Lord. It is God's inheritance to you, they are a blessing. Why would people purposely avoid a blessing?

The only reason why is because for a few years children may seem to be an inconvenience,

Will you choose having a house or a job over having children? A house needs continual maintenance. Children, when they get older, will sustain themselves and can be a help and blessing to you!

You cannot take anything in this world to heaven with you except your children. Why would people purposely choose not to have this blessing?

Why would we turn a blessing into a curse? I can only say it is because Satan has blinded our minds.

The world wants you to think that children are a curse. How sad that is!

A. *The Bible says that Children are a reward from God.*

Will you turn your nose up at a reward?

B. *Children are like a mighty weapon as arrows in the hand of a mighty man!*

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2. *WHY DOES THE WORLD PROPAGATE THE MYTH OF OVERPOPULATION?*

For some reason Satan hates children and child sacrifice pre abortion, was practiced way before abortion days. The Bible says, people offered up their children to Moloch or Cronos. Often you read in the Bible that idolaters passed their children through the fire in their heathen worship. They literally had an idol that had a burning pot in its belly and they placed their children on the extended brass arms of the god and the baby slid into the burning pot as a

sacrifice to these gods. Today we just go to the hospital and abort unwanted children and sacrifice our children to the humanistic idol of covetousness.

It is a documented fact that the number 1 reason that people do not have children is because the wife wants to work or the parent doesn't want the burden of raising the baby!

It is now well-documented that as countries grow richer, and people escape poverty, they opt for smaller families - a phenomenon called the fertility transition.

I Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

When you get older it will be forgotten how much money you made, your children will not be forgotten. I would rather have 5 godly children than 5 million dollars in the bank. Your greatest asset should be your children.

Look, I am talking to young couples in the church who are purposely restraining themselves from having children. Don't be foolish. Why would you follow the world and rob yourself of the blessing God wants for you?

Truth is all the peoples of the World could easily fit in the state of Texas and each one could have a house and large yard. The truth is the citizens of the US are not even reproducing themselves and this is one of the real reasons politicians want illegals in our country. They provide a cheap low wage workforce and they can easily buy their votes through welfare entitlements. The only reason our population in the US is not declining is because of immigration not because of biological reproduction!

II. GOD COMMANDED MAN TO REPLENISH AND SUBDUE THE EARTH.

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To replenish the earth means to overflow, fill it up.

To subdue it: Means to:

3533 kabash, kaw-bash'; a prim. root; to tread down; hence neg. to disregard; pos. to conquer, subjugate, violate:-bring into bondage, force, keep under, subdue, bring into subjection.

The idea here is to bring this planet under foot, under subjection.

The idea is that this planet is wild and untamed. God gave us the responsibility of taming it, subjugating it, bringing into bondage, let the land serve you!

Property ownership is a godly concept. God gave his people Israel, an inheritance in the land. He wanted to bless them and let the land serve them.

Today, there seems to be this desire by the powers to be to keep land wild, and untamed. The environmental movement almost thinks it bad to build, to develop, to expand. To them the land just needs to be turned back to the wild.

In California they blame global warming for the wild fires they experience, but truth be told the real problem is poor forest management. They stopped having controlled burn offs for fear of losing their precious trees.

So instead of subduing the forests taking dominion, the liberal politicians protect trees to their own destruction. Then when wildfires destroy property and forests, they blame global warming!

Our God who created all things, is pleased when we obey Him, and one thing He commanded us to do is subdue this planet and bring it into subjection.

If to serve man's purposes they choose to cut down trees, better to cut them down.

III. GOD COMMANDED MAN TO HAVE DOMINION OVER HIS CREATION.

7287[?]radah, raw-daw'; a prim. root; to tread down, i.e. subjugate; spec. to crumble off:-(come to, make to) have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule, (-r, over), take.

As God reined in the heavens, so too we should reign over the inheritance God has given us in this world.

Now once again, the world and radical environmentalists resist dominion and allowing men to take dominion.

God rules in the heavens, men ought to rule on the earth.

I personally believe one of the reasons dinosaurs may have gone extinct may have been partially because men killed them off because they were pests! If you had to live off your garden and these giant creatures were eating your crops you'd kill them off. We live near Elk Mountain? Where are the Elk? I'll guarantee you the settlers killed them off because they were eating their crops. Is that wrong? Not according to Genesis 1:28, man has the dominion but in the liberal mindset, the pantheism of the day we need to reverence nature.

There is a historical account of a farmer killing a baby dinosaur in Italy.

A scientist named Ulysses Aldrovandus carefully described a small "dragon" seen along a farm road in northern Italy. The date was May 13, 1572. The poor, rare creature was so little that the farmer killed it just by knocking it on the head with his walking stick. The animal had done nothing wrong but hiss at the farmer's oxen as they approached it on the road.

The scientist obtained the dead body and made measurements and a drawing. He even had the animal mounted for a museum. It had a long neck, a very long tail and a fat body. The skeletons of a number of ancient reptile-like creatures have similarities to this basic description.

Almost every ancient cult-er in the world has stories of dragons and almost always men sought to kill them!

Conclusion:

It is Satan that has stolen from man his God given place of authority and blessing. He is called the "god" of this world. When he promised man divinity, and knowledge, he has in fact inflicted mankind with bondage, sorrow, heartache.

He promised Eve divinity, instead they inherited death and all that goes along with it.

Why would mankind, choose death, bondage, confusion over the blessings of being, fruitful, the blessing of property ownership, the blessings of having creative dominion over this beautiful creation. Sin never makes any sense. The author of sin is the devil himself. He deceives man into following him in his rebellion against our creator!

Sin breeds discontentment. Imagine God gave man everything to mankind, a perfect garden to live in, perfect environment, perfect health through the tree of life, and Satan came and whispered into his ear, "YOU CAN HAVE BETTER THAN THIS.. " God is holding you back."

Why was Lucifer not content with his position in heaven? He fell from his estate and became Satan. He is the enemy of God, the enemy of righteousness. He is the pied piper of sin and this world.

Jesus came to restore man, to set us free from sin and Satan's dominion.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Hebrews 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Jesus will someday come to earth and set every wrong straight. He will restore this planet to it's original state. He will bind Satan for 1000 years during that period. Still after 1000 years of utopia on earth when Satan is loosed for a little season he will convince a huge army of rebels to come up against Jerusalem and rebel against our Lord and His people.

The power of the tempter and discontentment never cease to amaze!

I hope you are not following the Pied Piper of this world! Come over to the Lord's side and be different this confused world.

- I. Look at the blessing of multiplying.
- II. Look at the blessing of subduing the planet.
- III. Look at the blessing of taking dominion over the creation.