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Chasing the Butterfly With a Baseball Bat

Maybe you've been taught that life is a struggle against oppression by people who, you're told, hate you. You're grasping and fighting for "social justice"; you're angry, often offended, and probably (if you're honest with yourself) very unhappy.

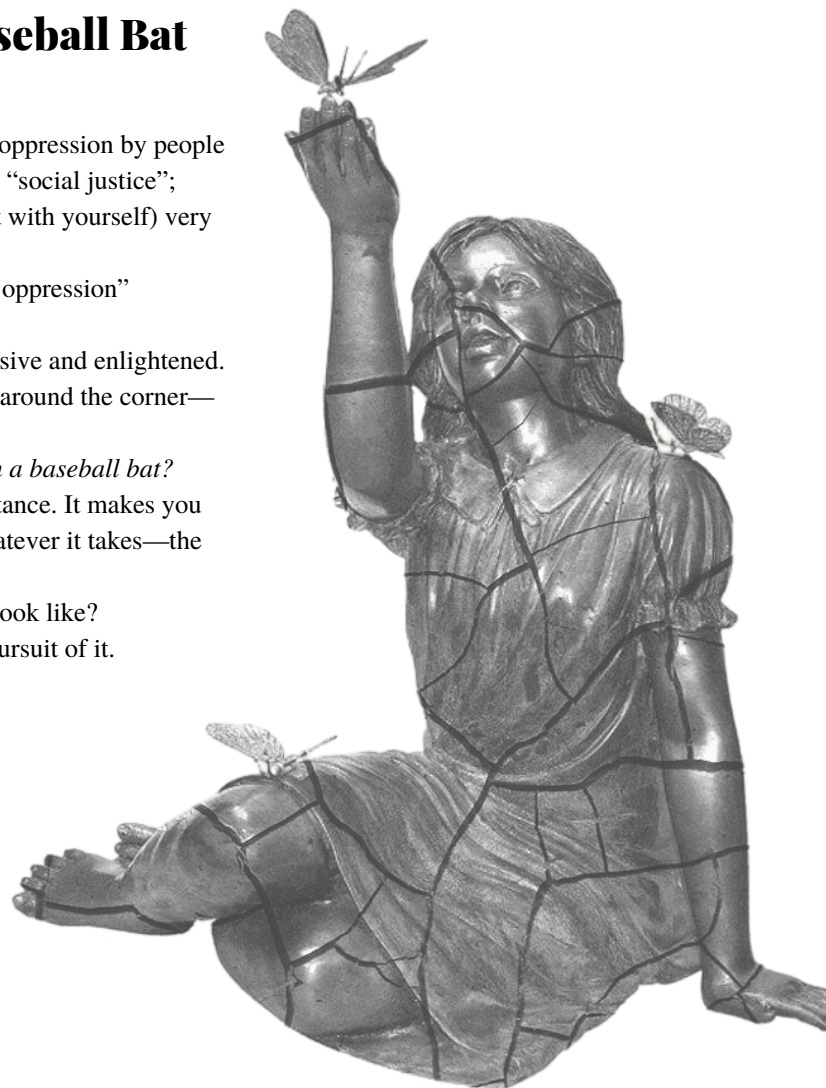
Your angst and discontent must be the fault of "systemic oppression" perpetuated by small-minded bigots and "toxic" men.

You're different than them; you're better. You're progressive and enlightened. You're moving us into a great humanist utopia, and it's just around the corner—once we get these old-system people out of the way.

But what if you're chasing the butterfly of happiness with a baseball bat? You're pushing really hard but you're getting so much resistance. It makes you want to scream at the sky and burn the old world down. Whatever it takes—the end justifies the means.

But what's the end goal? What does your utopian vision look like? How many butterflies do you have to club out of the air in pursuit of it. Is all of this anger making you happier?

Is it possible you're chasing the proverbial rainbow, after a pot of gold that you'll never find?



Stop and think for a moment. Put down your Louisville Slugger and take an objective view of yourself.

In the movie, *The Empire Strikes Back*, Luke is instructed by the ever-wise Yoda to enter a cave where he must face his greatest fear. Against sound advice, Luke brings his weapon with him. As the movie dramatically portrays in slow motion, an apparition of Darth Vader appears, dark and menacing—the ultimate "boogeyman." Vader activates his lightsaber, prompting Luke to do the same. Luke cuts down Vader, but then finds to his own horror that the face inside the mask is his own.

Sometimes we need reminded that our worst enemy can be...ourselves. Our own fear and inner turmoil can make us miserable. Maybe the people you've been taught to hate are not the dark villains you project in the theater of your mind. Maybe they're just people. Is it possible you're turning into a bitter, resentful person?

Can you pause and consider that maybe, just maybe, you've been sold some magic beans that won't grow anything positive? What if you tried loving instead of hating? Wouldn't love bring about a better world than hate ever could?

Martin Luther King, Jr. said that, "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

What if you changed your approach? How might it transform you? How could it change the world if you tried kindness? Stop and breathe; be open to the possibility that you've been taught to hate—yes, you—deliberately manipulated by powers who want us all divided. Be still. Try love instead of hate. Stop swinging at the air and yelling at the sky.

The butterflies thank you in advance.

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Tonic Masculinity: Fortitude



In a time when finding reasons to be “offended” is a national pastime, and our children are indoctrinated into imagined victimhood, fortitude stands out like a lighthouse amid a dark and stormy sea of chaos and ignorance.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines fortitude as:

- *Strength of mind that allows one to endure pain or adversity with courage.*
- *Strength; force; power to attack or to resist attack.*
- *Mental power of endurance; patient courage under affliction, privation, or temptation; firmness in confronting danger, hardship, or suffering.*

“The longer I live the more I think of the quality of fortitude,” said a paragon of this virtue, Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919). “Men who fall, pick themselves up and stumble on, fall again, and are trying to get back up when they die.” How well this quality would help so many people who have been convinced that they are “victims”; that the world somehow owes them an apology...and perhaps some form of “reparations.”

I’ve got news for people who buy into the sickness of self-pity: The world doesn’t owe you anything, and if you linger in feeling sorry for yourself, you’re only a victim of your own attitude.

While it’s right and good to help others who’ve been victimized, nobody likes a professional victim. There comes a point when you have to move on, pick yourself up and “stumble on.” You have it in your power to overcome adversity, to strive against challenges and opposition and emerge a better and stronger person.

Here’s another news flash: Everyone experiences injustice, prejudice, and persecution. You do yourself and the world a disservice when you set up camp in the neighborhood of victimhood. Take it from the Cambridge Dictionary definition of victimhood: “The condition of having been hurt, damaged, or made to suffer, especially when you want people to feel sorry for you because of this or use it as an excuse.”

So let’s dispense with that attitude right now. You have intrinsic worth as a human being made in the image of God. Your race, your creed, your culture or the color of your skin don’t define you or determine your worth; your character does.

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fortitude.

– Theodore Roosevelt

And character is forged in the fires of adversity. The best lives, like the best movies and books, are stories of overcoming. This is the theme of every sport worth watching—someone is trying to stop you from succeeding, and you must contend for the prize. Without opposition and hardship, you cannot grow. Without fortitude in the face of it, you won’t progress and you cannot win.

The opposite of fortitude is fragility. Masculine men are not easily broken. They have strength in such abundance that they can protect and defend those with less of it. Strong men not only protect children and those struggling under true adversity, they model fortitude and the potential to overcome the hardships inherent in life and emerge victorious. Weak men, whiny men who wallow in self-pity do not offer value or inspiration to the world.

“All the world is full of suffering. It is also full of overcoming.” Helen Keller

Made blind and deaf by illness at 19 months of age, Helen Keller (1880-1968) could have claimed to be a victim of the cruelty of fate; yet she became a great soul and is admired to this day. “Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet,” she wrote. “Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

And, yes, I’m using a woman as an example for men because truth is not determined by gender or skin color. Men can learn a great deal about fortitude from remarkable women, often including their mothers. *(Continued on page 3)*

(Mothers...teach your sons to be strong. Raising them to avoid feeling sorry for themselves is a form of love. "Helicopter moms" do not prepare their sons to face life with fortitude.)

"The only courage worth calling courage," wrote G.K. Chesterton, "must necessarily mean that the soul passes a breaking point and does not break."

Reality requires fortitude, endurance, and resilience.

The world is not out to get you...but, also...the world *is* out to get you. It has not singled you out, but the history of mankind has been replete with forces trying to destroy human beings: predators, bacteria and viruses, other people, the heat of the sun, the cold of winter—for Pete's sake, even plants can kill people! Reality requires fortitude, endurance, and resilience.

Everyone needs these qualities, but especially men. Whether or not some people today want to accept biology, men are physically stronger than women. They are made to protect their families and communities. This kind of strength is a gift that should be valued and cultivated. It is a form of selfless love that the male gender has a responsibility to give to the world.

Weak men are useless; weak men deny their calling. Men can be wheelchair bound or even paralyzed and still have mental fortitude and power of will. In fact, those who refuse to be victims of their physical state often develop uncommon levels of fortitude because of the daily challenges they overcome.

"I thank God for my handicaps. For through them, I have found myself, my work and my God," wrote Helen Keller.

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Of course, male strength can be used for evil by men of low character to harm those they should protect, to steal and kill and abuse. But this very fact is all the more reason for good men to build the fortitude, strength and courage to oppose evil. Attempts to feminize men do a great disservice to society; you can bet that evil men will not grow soft or compliant. They will ever be a threat to the safety and stability of society.

We need men with fortitude...

...with the strength of mind to endure pain and adversity with courage.

...with the power to attack and defend.

... with the power to endure.

... capable of patient courage under affliction, privation and temptation.

...capable of firmness in confronting danger, hardship and suffering.

Boys, the world needs you to develop into such a man; men, we need you to be masculine and strong. The world needs now, more than ever, MEN with fortitude.

"Staying power. The bottom line? Stay with it, man. Stick by your commitments. Stand by your promises. Never, never let go, no matter what. When marriage isn't fun... stay in it. When parenting is over your head...stay at it. When work is crushing your spirit...don't let it beat you. When the local church is overwhelmed with pettiness...stay by it. When your children let you down...pick them up. When your wife goes through a six-month mood swing... live with it. When it's fourth and fourteen with no time on the clock...throw another pass."

-Stu Weber, Tender Warrior



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Communist Strategies: Infiltration of the West

Excerpt from: *How the Specter of Communism Is Ruling Our World*, The Epoch Times

China's imperial court, the Western divine right of kings, and the American system of checks and balances are forms of government established by the divine for humans according to their unique cultures and environments. Though communist revolutions have failed to take power in Western countries, the specter of communism has nonetheless established covert control over the free world via subversion and infiltration. Without violent revolution, Western countries have abandoned upright methods of statecraft and broadly adopted various characteristics of the communist system, such as heavy taxation, bloated welfare states, excessive and self-serving bureaucracies, and political correctness.

The law, originally founded on religious morality and divine commandment, has been altered to accommodate deviant understandings of ethics and freedom. In the communist countries of the East, the law exists to do the regime's bidding. In the West, the law is interpreted through leftist ideology and modified to uproot moral concepts of good and evil. Legislation is passed to show leniency toward serious crime, encourage adulterous sexual lifestyles, undermine the family, and curb the rights of upstanding citizens through heavy regulation.

Governments and citizens alike have been dragged into a culture of avaricious overconsumption. Financial elites have done away with the traditional wisdom that governed sustainable economics, replacing the gold standard with a fluctuating fiat currency. Banks and the

state encourage the accumulation of endless debt, leading to perennial economic crises and eroding national sovereignty.

The communist specter has used globalization as a tool to gradually break down the sovereignty of individual nations through organizations such as the League of Nations and the United Nations. Billed as utopian solutions to international conflict and disputes, these global authorities have in reality come to serve nefarious agendas. The United Nations, despite receiving most of its funding from Western democracies, has increasingly come under the sway of communist regimes like the People's Republic of China. International organizations are used to spread leftist ideology and undermine legitimate national interests. The ultimate aim is to bring the whole world under one totalitarian regime with tight controls on politics, ideology, and population.

Leftist and other pernicious agendas have been able to acquire so much mainstream influence in Western countries largely due to the help of mass media. In countries run by communist regimes, all outlets are subject to state censorship, if not directly controlled by the communist party. Elsewhere, the media has been brought under the sway of financial and partisan bias. Honest reporting and discourse are buried by an avalanche of sensationalism, political virtue-signaling, and outright fake news.



did covid vaccines save millions of lives?

By Roger Koops June 24, 2022



Did the introduction of Covid vaccines reduce mortality?

A recent preprint, with the now questionable Medical Journal Lancet, makes the claim that the Covid vaccine introduction in December 2020 actually prevented tens of millions of deaths worldwide.

Of course the claims are making headlines the world over.

This paper was submitted by the research group headed by Azra Ghani from the Imperial College of London. It was supported in funding by the Global Alliance for Vaccines Initiative (GAVI), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rhodes Trust, the World Health Organization (WHO), and others. Dr. Ghani acts as a consultant for HSBC, GlaxoSmithKline, and the WHO and as with her other Imperial College colleagues, has been pro-lockdown/pro-panic, and pro-vaccine for more than two years.

That background alone is enough for me to cast suspicion on anything from this paper. But, I do want to look at the paper's contents.

First, as the title clearly indicates, this was a "Mathematical Modeling" study. In scientific terms, mathematical modeling studies represent the equivalent of an "opinion" piece. The reason is that in order to understand the outcome, you need to understand not only the inputs but also the algorithms. And, as we have clearly seen since 2020, mathematical models tend to be WRONG. They are only tools.

So, what is wrong with this article? I do not even need to know the algorithms because the inputs are bad!

1. Predicting Mortality

The most glaring feature is that it is almost impossible to predict mortality (future or past), especially with common respiratory viruses. We can predict that a certain percentage of elderly people (over the age of 75) with several comorbidities are likely to succumb to a respiratory virus such as Covid, but we cannot predict who and when. Some people who seem like prime candidates for mortality may survive while others who seem healthier may succumb.

Even so, the prediction of mortality from Covid has been based on actual data, not modeling. The mathematical models that have been presented from Imperial College have always been wildly WRONG.

Even with more established diseases such as cancer, predicting mortality can be a tricky thing. That is why estimates are given for survival based upon stage of diagnosis and treatments, but they are only estimates. Under no circumstance does any medical professional state that by using radiation treatment we save X number of lives each year from cancer.

I could also write a program that predicts mortality based upon what style of shoe a person wears or what kind of car they drive. For example, younger people may be more inclined to wear a particular style of sneaker and since younger people are least likely to die from Covid, I could calculate that wearing that type of sneaker saves lives.

Saving lives is almost always a fallacious argument.

2. Ignoring Other Factors

A. Natural Immunity

By the time the vaccines were introduced in December 2020, a very large percentage of the world had already experienced Covid. We know from seroprevalence studies that the original virus had been circulating since at least mid-2019. We also know that natural immunity has been proven to be stronger than any short-term vaccine-induced immunity. Thus, a very large percentage of the population had a superior form of immunity already working for them, Natural Immunity.

B. Disease Culling

By the time the vaccines were introduced in December 2020, the most susceptible people for serious disease and death had already succumbed to the disease. The elderly people who did become infected and survived during 2020 now had natural immunity working for them. As with any yearly infectious disease epidemic, you get years of high mortality followed by years of lesser severity simply because the most susceptible people succumb early while others go on.

C. Population Susceptibility

The above piece completely ignores the huge gradient in mortality susceptibility in the population. Younger people have had very low infection mortality throughout the past two years. The mathematical models assume the same level of mortality susceptibility across all populations. This assumption we know to be a fallacy and completely negates any of their “models.”

D. Reduction in Disease Severity with Variants

By the time the vaccines were introduced in December 2020, the next variants were emerging (“Delta”). The natural evolutionary course of viruses is towards less lethality. Increased transmissibility is certainly possible since these tend to the viruses that survive.

Add that to the fact that the vaccines were only designed to deal (partially at that) with the original source virus of Covid, and you have the vaccine not even entering into the equation.

E. Improvements in Treatments

By the time the vaccines were introduced in December 2020, physicians the world over had learned how to deal with the most severe cases of Covid. The vast majority of people still experienced mild disease and were in little danger but the more serious cases could be handled by effective treatments and by avoiding the dangerous actions such as ventilation.

3. Data Usage

A. Excess Mortality as a Marker

The assumption of the model is that “Excess Mortality” data can only correlate directly towards Covid, when in fact that is an incorrect assumption. Throughout the world, Covid mortality plays only a minor role in the overall mortality. Thus, there are many other factors that could play into any interpretation of mortality.

But, to have any meaning, one has to break apart the mortality statistics by age group and those most susceptible to mortality from Covid.

B. Using Unreliable Data

We now know that the actual number of deaths that resulted from Covid itself was overstated because of the criteria that favored reporting Covid over true causes as well as the use of PCR as the determining criterion. We know that a person could have completely recovered from Covid and succumbed to something unrelated to Covid but because they had a positive PCR in their history, was recorded as a Covid death.

We may never really understand the true number of people who actually succumbed to Covid because the data waters have been so muddied and there has been so much political influence. That is a pity because it means that we will likely continue to see abuse of unreliable numbers in order to try and make claims about the actions of the past two and a half years.

I do not think anyone has to be some credentialed scientist to completely see the fallacies in the kind of report cited above.

If I were a reviewer of this article, I would send it back with the comment: toss this one in the bin.



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Nature and the Meddling Intellect

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“At best, we are taught to ‘appreciate nature’ as though it were merely a scenic attraction and not the source of life itself.” Tom Brown, Jr. Field Guide to Nature Observation and Tracking

Nature runs in intricate, age-old cycles. The soil gives to the plants; plants return their nutrients to the soil. Rain and snow fall in the mountains, flow to the sea, and are returned by the clouds. Humanity has stepped into this complex picture, often ignorant of or disregarding the contributions we owe nature as we take our place in it.

We replace the wisdom of nature with the cleverness of man.

We breathe it, it feeds us, and we are literally made up of it; and yet we view it as something outside of ourselves. Even our words imply a sense of separateness. “Environment” is something around us, not something we are a part of. It seems as if our commercial and hyper-scientific world thinks it can eat up the natural world and spit out something better, as if the synthetic and toxic can replace the organic and sweet. As Wendell Berry put it, we replace the wisdom of nature with the cleverness of man.

But we’re not so clever as we think we are, and in taking shortcuts to solve what we perceive as problems nature puts in the way of “progress,” we have created unnatural and virtually irreversible consequences. Often what have been seen as problems were things that were blocking our misguided and greedy notions of “progress” and manifest destiny, quietly counseling patience and wisdom. We should, instead, have slowed down and asked what kind of progress would have been truly compatible with the lands we were moving into. Sometimes so-called problems are simply mysteries of nature for which nature also holds the answers.

But we, in our arrogance, have thought so often that we can ignore nature and apply our own shortcut answers and make a better, “manageable” world. Beauty is too wild to be managed, too fragile to be carelessly used; it is to be cherished and protected.

We were meant to be stewards of the world, to beautify it and take care of it so that all may enjoy it. The Christian view of nature is that it is a creation of God expressing His character. We can learn about the Creator by experiencing the creation. The first job for the first humans, according to Genesis, was to “dress and keep” the Garden.

So how, you might ask, have Christian nations become so separated from the Creation? Why do most people live in large cities where they cannot see the wonders of the night sky? Why are our once wild rivers dammed up until they are no longer rivers, but rather a series of impotent ponds strung together like beads? Why is our air polluted and our water toxic? Why is it that most people have no connection with the soil and with growing plants, but instead buy all their food encased in plastic? Why do we have huge industrial “farms” that inject synthetic fertilizers into the soil until it is a nearly lifeless drug addict, while animal manures and other organic matters that could bring life to the soil in nature’s great organic cycle are considered problem waste? Why are we killing our oceans and the life in it that we so depend on?

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How have we gone so wrong? The problems we see today in humanity’s relationship with nature are not just management problems. We must stop thinking that all we have to do is wait for science to find a better cure. These problems come from a lack of knowledge and wisdom to learn in humility from the Creation, and they stem from spiritual problems such as greed, selfishness and a lack of reverence. We have profaned the holy in our ignorance and impatience. We are beginning to pay for our sins and the sins of our fathers.

How sad it is that most people live on a planet they hardly even know, separated from what makes it special and divine. Our home is contaminated by pollution of land, air and water. We take the natural forms of things and change them at the molecular level, removing them

completely from natural cycles, creating everlasting monuments to human folly and greed. Like disgruntled former employees, we have ransacked our job site. The contamination and destruction of our outer environment begins in our inner environment; they are physical manifestations of spiritual pollution. Garbage in, garbage out.

It is easy to get disillusioned and feel a sense of loss when we find that things are not as they should be. There are precious few “pristine” areas left in the world. Environmental problems are huge and constantly in our view—around us, on television, on the lips of teachers and politicians. Seldom do we hear good news about nature. It all saps the innocent joy that comes so naturally to a child. Unfortunately, the constant bad news we are subjected to builds in us a sense of anxiety. As our eyes are opened to reality, the windows of our souls can be darkened. And yet, not all hope is lost.

“A single tree? Well, life is a miracle and therefore infinitely of interest everywhere,” writes author, Wendell Berry. “We have perhaps sufficient testimony, from artists and scientists both, that if we watch, refine our intelligence and our attention, curb our greed and our pride, work with care, have faith, a single tree might be enough.”

I am not blind to the problems out there, and I do my part to combat them, but I will not let them own my soul, and neither must you. The saying goes, “think globally, act locally.” Necessary, yes, but perhaps it is even more powerful to say, “learn locally, act locally.” It is vitally important that you know the soils, plants and animals of your home area and then act on your knowledge for good. Do not give in to despair.

We are not ourselves when we are separated from the soil.

Learn about the part of the Garden where you tread, from the ground up. The soil beneath your feet is alive. Really. There are more creatures living in the tiny bit of dirt under your fingernails than all of the living things you

can see in your town. If every person on the earth were shrunken down to the size of a soil microbe (such as various bacteria), all seven billion or so would be able to live in a teaspoon of garden soil.

Soil is, in fact, the great cleanser. The astounding variety of organisms living in the soil—and we are discovering “new” ones all the time—turn rank manure into sweet-smelling humus, feed dead bodies to flowers and can even devour diseases, pests, oil, gasoline and several pesticides in time. Soil is our start, our finish and our re-birth as our worn-out bodies are recycled and shared so that others may live. But most of us insist upon taking it with us, even if that “it” is a biodegradable speck of human flesh borrowed from the earth to house our spirits. (Some seven billion of us fit on a tiny bit of dirt and rock floating in the vastness of space. How we must look like microbes from a cosmic perspective!)

We spend our lives separated by layers of plastic, concrete and rubber from the womb of our existence; we even seal ourselves off from it in death. Our “eternal rest” is sold to us in the form of non-degrading coffins, with formaldehyde in our dead veins to ward off any evil microbes that might turn our bodies to dirt, that dirty stuff. We take from her all our lives but, even in death, we're not willing to give back to our Mother. At least we know we can look forward to a well-preserved eternity in Elysian Fields of plastic grass.

Learn about the soil, as it is the cradle of life. Treasure it and get your hands into it every chance you get like a chest full of gold coins. Respect it as a living thing and take care of it, and it will take care of you.

There is a reason why wars have been fought over soil, why generations of people before our factory-farming society had intimate love of the land. We are not ourselves when we are separated from the soil.

Take your shoes off. You walk on holy ground.

Our meddling intellect misshapes the beauteous forms of things...We murder to dissect.

-William Wordsworth



Homemaking as an Act of Defiance

By Isa Ryan

These days, amid the insanity of drag shows for kids, the destruction of sex distinctions, abortion on demand, graphic sex ed in schools, and the slow normalization of pedophilia, simply using the dictionary definition of the word “woman” or objecting to elementary school teachers discussing their sex life with first graders is a political act.

So, in this current climate of radical social upheaval, it is downright revolutionary to suggest that women assume more traditional roles at home.

But that is precisely what is needed to restore the natural order of society—the natural order of the family unit.

Despite the postmodern philosophical underpinnings of modern social science, it nonetheless recognizes that both mothers and fathers are paramount to a child’s healthy social development.

It is difficult to say which is more important, a mother or a father. Just as it takes a man and a woman to conceive a child (no matter what the gender theorists or the fertility industry might have you to believe), the sacred symbiosis between man and woman, husband and wife, mother and father is the core of strong families. And strong families are the core of strong, free societies.

This necessitates, however, the recognition of a woman’s natural role in her family as her husband’s gentler, fairer other half; the homemaker and household administrator, and the figure within a family that turns a house into a real home.

Of course, even among political conservatives every bit as concerned about radical sexual indoctrination as I am, the refrain is common that no one needs to “go back to the 1950s” when it comes to a woman’s role in her home or under the authority of her own husband.

Does the idea of a woman being under her husband’s “authority” make you cringe? Now you see my point.

The majority of moderns, from the radically progressive even to some of the most conservative, have nonetheless still embraced the notion of a woman’s “choice,” that is, the presumption that woman can only be free if she is allowed to freely choose between a career and tending a home.

Yet we have largely ignored the damage that this presumption has done to society. Since the early days of feminism, the woman’s role of homemaker has always been under attack, thus entirely dismissing its invaluable worth to the family, and society, as whole.

You see, a woman’s role at home is not simply a matter of personal choice. It is a matter of personal responsibility, not only to her loved ones, but to society at large.

Yes, I posit that not only do we need to go back to the 1950s but continue this journey backwards to the nexus at which our nation’s understanding of sexual ethics was destroyed and thus, familial ethics as a whole.

I get it, it’s easy to dismiss the institution of homemaking as “outdated,” all the more so the expectation that a wife respect her husband’s authority as the head of the household.

But as the family unit is the smallest unit of self-governance, in a country founded on self-governance, this moral structure could not possibly be more important.

What makes more sense — for children to learn to submit to authority and mind their responsibilities from public school teachers who aren’t allowed to teach them about God, the founding philosophy of our nation, or basic sexual ethics, but *are* allowed to teach them about masturbation, gender theory, and grievance politics?

Or for children to learn to submit to the authority of their own parents, as demonstrated by the two people in the world who love them the most, who have entered into a holy union of mutual self-sacrifice and loving leadership



and submission?

The family matters, and the family requires a marital unit of one man, one woman, each assuming the natural and traditional roles they were created for.

This includes a woman who lets her husband be a man, a natural leader, and the final say in all family matters—no matter how offensive to us in our post-feminist world.

If we're offended by the way the world is destroying sex distinctions and celebrating sexual depravity, perhaps the best course would be to go back to the original design for sex to begin with. The sanctity of marriage and its natural structure of leadership.

This is the structure of liberty, moral government, and self-reliant social structures that prevent tyranny and a massively empowered state.



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Sustainable Development?

The last page of this special issue is printed on handmade paper containing wildflower seeds, so you can literally plant the page in your garden!

While one of the first commands to humanity recorded in the Hebrew scriptures is to "dress and keep" the Garden, the plans and ideas pushed by the World Economic Forum and others as part of the UN 2030 agenda (aka the "Great Reset") are decidedly non-sustainable and non-biblical. These radical proposals will produce crop failures, starvation and immense suffering worldwide, as evidenced by their devastating effects on the beautiful SE Asian country of Sri Lanka.

We *do* need to implement certain land-use reforms and take care of the planet we've been given, but there is a right way of doing it. Kelly holds a Master of Science degree and worked with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as a soil scientist. He discussed this topic with The Epoch Times on Joshua Philipp's show, Crossroads earlier this month. Kelly also lived and taught in Sri Lanka in the 90's. You can watch the Crossroads at the link to the right or by scanning the QR code. More to come on this topic soon! We will also have Joshua and many other guests on our new FreedomTalkTV show and podcast very soon.

A video thumbnail for a segment on 'CROSSROADS' by EPOCH TV. The title 'SECOND DUST BOWL' is written in large, bold, red and white letters. A man, Joshua Philipp, is shown in a blue plaid shirt with a headset. The background shows a tractor in a field with dust. A QR code is in the top left. Text at the bottom left says 'July 15, 2022 CROSSROADS Views: 27.8K'. The main title 'Fertilizer Policies Could Lead to a Second Dust Bowl: Former USDA Soil Scientist' is in white on a dark background. The URL 'Tinyurl.com/ETKelly' is at the bottom right.

Policies that restrict the use of chemical fertilizers would likely lead to crop failures and could cause a dust bowl like that seen during the Great Depression. This has become a growing concern as countries including Canada and New Zealand look to adopt such policies.

According to Kelly Walker, a former USDA soil scientist, soil needs a transition process that can take years if farmers move from chemical to organic fertilizers. If this process is done too quickly, however, the soil isn't able to adjust, and crops will lack key nutrients for their growth.

We speak with Walker about this issue, as well as other risks faced with the extreme environmental policies targeting the world's farms.

