

# THOUGHTS

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**DO NOT PUT YOUR TRUST IN PRINCES**

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In ancient times disaster was one hillside away. A band of marauders or an army could sweep over the crest of the hill and bring disaster. Now we try to call the shots sooner; we prognosticate, project, analyze and predict the next disaster. The greatest enemy is not knowing; it matters less whether the knowledge is truly accurate, as opposed to getting the supposed truth in real time.

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Throughout the Old Testament Israel and her kings were admonished not to put trust in the military, "Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men who cannot save (Psalm 146:1)." There was a command from the Lord that the king was not supposed to conduct a census to count the fighting men. Often Israel's army looked puny compared to other nations, and from the world's perspective, they stood no chance. Consistently the Lord vindicated those who trusted in Him despite the appearance of hopelessness.

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Have we seen enough examples in the past 18 months why we cannot depend upon mankind to save us? The evidence that the Covid-19 virus emerged from a lab is strong. The mask and distancing guidance was marginally helpful – I said from the beginning that it is foolishness to think humans will stop a virus. After all, we have been so successful in halting the common cold! (Notice how no one talks about colds anymore, a sign of Covid-19 anxiety among the population). Later, the mask mandate was said to be ineffectual. The vaccine was supposed to reassure. Now, supposedly the unvaccinated are at risk, but since there can be "breakthrough" cases, the mask mandate, even for vaccinated persons, is about to be forced upon us again.

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Do you get the idea humans are inept, pathetic, quite incapable of controlling the environment and the future? In ancient times false confidence was reserved for a strong horse and a capable soldier. Today it is reserved for masks and vaccines. Neither one can assure security. You have a choice; live in fear and anxiety, constantly sweeping the news for updates to the story of the big FEAR, or trust in God. Christians say that they trust in God, that they are ready to die. But, for 25% of them, their actions show the opposite.

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**PERMANENT ANXIETY**

"Cast all your anxiety upon Him, for He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7)." Do you believe that? If you are under 30 years old, you especially need to consider those words carefully! This culture is actively and passively working to make you anxious always. A recent survey of college students showed that since the Covid-19 crisis, the seasonal level of anxiety normally felt by students at exam time now persists continually! The worries, fears, and anxiety is constant. When secular and nominal Christian students are hit with nonstop



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issues, political and social concerns, ideologies such as Critical Race Theory, and inevitable environmental catastrophe do you think there is going to be just a bit of anxiety? It's the secular equivalent of a daily refrain, the world is going to Hell in a handbasket! Such worry used to be reserved for a spiritual crisis, fearing the wrath of God and the Judgment. Now, its source is a combination of godless seemingly intractable problems foreboding disaster – without reminder of hope and salvation by the Lord. Anxiety inducing? You bet! Sadly, the sinful heart does not have the capacity to diagnose and remedy the problem. The sinful soul is blind to the salvation in Christ and the mental-emotional healing that comes from it. One does not roll out of bed on any given day and say, "Ah! Today is the day I renounce my worldliness, receive the Grace of God, and have a new perspective, a new worldview full of peace and joy!" A person must be led to this, and that takes the commitment of a friend or family member to encourage such change. Sadly, people take impersonal commentary and social media posts more seriously than the input of their parents and siblings. Millions of teens and young adults have disdained the godly guidance of their parents in favor of Humanist, Darwinist, Marxist (the list goes on) "influencers" and professors. Brilliant! Disdain those who love you most and who actually CARE what happens to you, and glom onto those who could care less what the outcome is in your life for acceptance of their trip! Disciples of Jesus immerse themselves in the Word of God, worship, and pray continually (I Thessalonians 5:16-18), and so we have the Spirit of God to calm anxiety!

### **ALIENS WOULD LOVE TACOS**

Since we are in another alien craze, let's speculate. We not only have zero, and I do mean zero, evidence that there are other life forms in the universe, but that they could actually exist. That seems beside the point when Humanism, Neo-Darwinism and feckless logic rule the day. UAP (a more up to date tech term, Unidentified Aerial Phenomena; sounds so scientific!) are all the rage. So, let's see, what would our "friends" who supposedly buzz around and hide like?

Tacos! Of course, they would love tacos! And aquariums, because their planet would have no water! Just because water is a requirement of life, who cares? We can imagine anything without regard to reality, as do believers in the Multiverse Theory, led by people such as Stephen Hawking! What if aliens hated the color black? What would that mean for BLM? What if aliens killed discriminately according to skin color? Am I racist for saying that? Ok, what if aliens killed only White people? Better?

Isn't fantasy fun? The world mocks the Bible, thinks Christians are fundamentalist fools and ridicule our belief, meanwhile immersing itself in thoughts that are truly useless.

Blessings,  
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