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CULTURALLY ABUSIVE PERSONS

It is easy enough to identify an individual who has been abusive in a relationship, but I would like to propose that we have individuals in our culture who are Culturally Abusive Persons. These are often dysfunctional persons, and/or persons with malicious intent, who wish to inflict harm on the public body. They are involved in and support such activities as disrespect of authority, denying free speech of others, assaulting persons deemed to be a problem, swamping the legal system with lawsuits, disrupting businesses through physical or social media assault, and spreading hatred.

These individuals operate from a sense of entitlement, arrogance and disdain of calls for responsibility. They use technology, social media specifically, to promote “edited truth,” that is, manipulated video (typically shown out of context) in order to inflame emotions and incite lawbreakers to action. Both the ones conducting these activities, and those affirming and sharing them, are Culturally Abusive Persons. They have accepted the lie from the Tempter that their actions will bring themselves more power, more money, more recognition, more benefits – and they will attempt to censure or “cancel” members of society that do not agree with them.

The Culturally Abusive Person will continue to cause pain and disruption as long as a codependent society will let them.

FROM THE SEAT, THROUGH THE AIR, INTO THE SIDE POCKET!

The odds against it happening were incredible, but I witnessed it with my own eyes! The piece of paper on the seat of the car was lofted by the wind coming into the car via the partially opened window. I feared it would fly out of the car, so I swiped at it, but it did two flips, a gyration and... settled perfectly inserted into the side pouch of the passenger’s door! A tidier placement could not have been done if a hand had inserted it! What are the odds of that happening? How many times would I have to drive into the wind at the right angle, speed, window elevation, wind gust speed and angle, placement of the piece of paper, etc. to achieve a similar result? The odds are not *impossible*, but very high against it happening again.

We *know* when the odds against something happening in nature are stacked against success. With sickening regularity, we see scientific articles that all but ignore probability as they focus on one or two aspects of a new planet or moon in the galaxy and opine (as Darwinists are wont to do) about the possibility of life out there. Not going to happen statistically speaking, but they tend to ignore that.



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There is so much skepticism and mockery aimed at the resurrection accounts of the Gospels, as though because they haven't seen it happen, a man (in the case of Christ, a God-man) could not rise from the dead. They will believe in alien life, which is patently incredible, and disbelieve the eyewitness accounts of the Apostles. Faith has always been a matter of receiving the report, what is heard. No one can go back historically and verify or falsify the Resurrection, but the belief in alien life, much less spontaneous generation of life, the premise upon which Darwinism rests, have already been falsified. It would be foolish to believe in such things, as they not only have not been observed (witnesses), they also are statistically falsified.

"ACAB"

I have so many thoughts about what is going on in our culture that I am two months ahead (it is July as I write this) in my thoughts. At the moment a Black Lives Matter Slogan is gaining traction, ACAB, which repulsively means, "All Cops Are Bastards". This is simply wickedness and hate, and a similarly dim-witted cultural slogan would be ABLMPAC (All Black Lives Matter Protesters Are Criminals). Anyone who espouses such a slogan is a hate-filled person, and importantly, anti-American! No Christian should agree with such a slogan. It is hateful and disdainful of the authorities that God has placed over us, and leads to sinful behavior. *God will visit such unrepentant persons with his wrath (ultimately vengeance is the Lord's), as they have no interest in living lives of love in Christ's name.*

I have been told that such thoughts are unloving, too harsh, as though it is my obligation to espouse happy, inclusive thoughts. No, it is not; my obligation is to inculcate people regarding the Word of God, to proclaim the Law to the wicked, and Gospel to the repentant. While condemning the behavior and attitudes of those who promote hatred, we are not to hate them, but show love in word and action, such that we desire they repent and be saved. I actually do pray for the reprobate, whether a BLM participant, or the seemingly "good" person who arrogantly considers themselves superior, to turn and be saved!

THE QUIET BEAUTY AROUND US

As humans churn culturally, the silent witness of nature fairly shouts to us of the power, wisdom and creativity of our God! Perhaps you have had opportunity to take a walk and look closer at nature. Maybe you have some time to read about the latest discoveries of science in regard to plants and animals (excepting the droning, intellectually numbing Darwinian talk). We are *refreshed* in our spirit when we avail ourselves of the good world that the Lord created. Enjoy the interaction with it while you can!

Blessings!
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