

# A SIGN OF THE TIMES

# Signs and Symptoms



 <p>Fever or Chills</p>	 <p>Cough</p>	 <p>Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing</p>	 <p>Fatigue</p>
 <p>Muscle or Body Aches</p>	 <p>Headache</p>	 <p>New Loss of Taste</p>	 <p>New Loss of Smell</p>
 <p>Sore Throat</p>	 <p>Congestion or Runny Nose</p>	 <p>Nausea or Vomiting</p>	 <p>Diarrhea</p>

IN THIS HOUSE, WE BELIEVE:  
BLACK LIVES MATTER  
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS  
NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL  
SCIENCE IS REAL  
LOVE IS LOVE  
KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING

What are they really saying?

What does it imply about society?

# Origin

- According to one internet source:
  - Created by Kristin Garvey, a youth services librarian in Madison, Wisconsin
  - In November 2016 in response to Trump being elected
  - *"one of the more enduring legacies of Trump-era resistance"*



# Today's Focus

## NOT TO...

- ⦿ Lobby for a particular political view or political party
- ⦿ Question people's sincerity

## TO...

- ⦿ Examine such statements from a scriptural perspective
- ⦿ Be sensitive to current events with an underlying spiritual discernment

# “Black lives matter”

- Set against a backdrop of civil protests against police actions with black suspects
  - Echoed by concerned citizens



- Sounds good, but ...

# “Black lives matter” → much more

- ⦿ Also accompanied with riots, arson, looting, attacks on police
- ⦿ With BLM organizers advocating
  - *We foster a queer-affirming network ...sexual identity... gender expression*
  - *We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement*
  - *We call for a national defunding of police.*

# Conclusion from Summer 2020 sermon

## Do black lives matter? Absolutely!

- Innocent victims of police brutality
- Innocent store owners
- Black officers who “protect and serve”
- Blacks killed by other blacks
- Aborted black children

## Do **all** lives matter? Absolutely!

- Acts 17:26 *And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth*
- 2 Pet. 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that a perish but that a come to repentance*



# No Room for Racism

## ◎ Matt. 19:19

- *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

## ◎ Acts 10:34

- *...In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.*

## ◎ Rom. 14:10

- *But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*

# What's the Scriptural Perspective?

## Is It...?

- Rioting, looting, vandalism, arson?
- Promoting sexual expression?
- Discriminating against the family?
- Defunding police?
- Pulling down monuments?



## Or Is It...?

- Exercising civil rights & responsibilities?
- Sex restraint?
- Supporting families?
- Respect for authority?
- Love neighbor?



# “Women’s rights are human rights”

- ⦿ Attributed to Hillary Clinton at 1995 UN Conference on Women
- ⦿ Per one website’s view
  - *We are all entitled to human rights. These include the right to live free from violence and discrimination; to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; to be educated; to own property; to vote; and to earn an equal wage.*
- ⦿ Sounds good, but ...



# “Women’s rights” → Abortion on demand

## ◎ From Clinton’s speech

- *... both women and men are entitled to a range of protections and personal freedoms ... the right to determine freely the number and spacing of the children they bear ...*
- *It is a violation of human rights when women are denied the right to plan their own families...*

## ◎ To

- Abortion-on-demand up to the moment of birth as an alleged “constitutional right” since Roe v. Wade



# “Women’s rights” → Abortion on demand

- ◎ From May 2022 Sermon...
- ◎ 63M abortions in the US since 1973
- ◎ “Fetus”, “clump of cells”, “not human”, “parasite” versus unborn child?
- ◎ Psm. 139:13-16
  - “*For you formed my inward parts ...*”
- ◎ Gen 15:11; 2 Sam. 11:5; 2 Kings 15:16; Eccl. 11:5; Hos. 13:16; Amos 1:13
  - Women who were “with child” (pregnant)
- ◎ Luke 1:42-44
  - “...the babe leaped in my womb for joy.”

# “Women’s rights” → Abortion on demand

## Cause and Affect: Always the Same

- People want to commit fornication/adultery
- Product of this activity: Unwanted Children.
- Idolatry based on both of these.
- Practice of adultery fornication is approved
- Means to remove unwanted children approved
- *Nothing New Under the Sun.*
- The names have been changed but the motives and practices are the same

# “No human is illegal”

- ◎ Political, economic, social unrest in Central and South America
  - Poverty, political oppression
- ◎ Statue of Liberty
  - *“Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.”*
- ◎ Sounds good, but ...



# “No human is illegal” → Disregard Law

## ◎ “Undocumented” vs. “illegal immigration”

- Drug trafficking, sex trafficking, terrorists, etc.

## ◎ Rom. 13

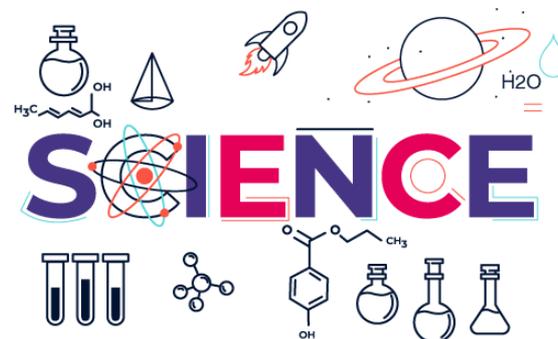
- *1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.*



# “Science is real”

- The basis for modern society
  - Electricity
  - Communication
  - Transportation
  - Water supply/sanitation
  - Agriculture
  - Healthcare

- Sounds good, but ...



# “Science is real” → Religion is not

## ● Lyrics from “Science is real” (Kid’s video)

- *Science is real*

*From the **Big Bang** to DNA*

*Science is real*

*From **evolution** to the Milky Way*

*I like the **stories***

*About **angels**, unicorns and elves*

*Now I like those stories*

*As much as anybody else*

*But when I'm seeking*

***knowledge***

*Either simple or abstract*

***The facts are with science***



# “Science is real” → Religion is not

- ◎ Big bang universe from nothing
- ◎ Evolution from non-life to non-life
- ◎ Evolution from asexual cell division to male/female
- ◎ No supernatural
  - God, angels, Judgment Day, heaven, hell
- ◎ Man will destroy the planet via human-induced climate change
- ◎ COVID-19 “vaccines”
  - *“a substance used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide **immunity** against one or several diseases”*

# “Love is love”

- 1 John 4:8 - *“God is love”*
- Matt. 22:39 - *“Love your neighbor”*
- Luke 6:27 - *“Love your enemies”*
- Col. 3:8
  - *But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy filthy language out of your mouth.*

- Sounds good, but ...



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## ◎ *Matt. 19:4-5*

- *4 Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?*

## ◎ *Rom. 1:26-27*

- *26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful...*

# “Love is love” → Fornication OK

## ⦿ Heb 13:4

- *Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*

## ⦿ Vs. LGBTQ+

- Homosexuality
- Bisexuality
- Multiple partners
- Polygamy
- And such... (including those in “loving, committed relationships”)

# “Kindness is everything”

## ◎ Luke 6:35

- *But love your enemies, do good, and lend, ... and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.*

## ◎ 1 Cor. 13:4

- *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;*

## ◎ Eph 4:32

- *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

## ◎ Sounds good, but ...

Choose   
KINDNESS.

# “Kindness is everything” → Endorse sin

## ◎ *“Embrace/celebrate diversity”*

- *“We don't tolerate any form of hate speech.”*
- *“You are intolerant, homophobic, transphobic, racist, sexist...”*

## ◎ Vs. Rom 1:32

- *who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them*

## ◎ Eph. 5:11

- *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*



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- Anti-police, anti-law
- Abortion on demand
- Disregard law
- Religion is not real
- Fornication OK
- Endorse sin

# Conclusion

- ◎ Many current events and social/political issues are spiritual issues.
  - Many involve people doing what they want.
  - God's revelation must shape our perspectives.
- ◎ Isa. 5:20
  - *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;*
- ◎ Prov. 14:34
  - *Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.*
- ◎ And as an alternative sign for “In this house, we believe”, how about ...

AS FOR ME  
& MY  
HOUSE  
WE WILL  
SERVE  
THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15