

The Folly of Fighting Against God

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Christians are familiar with the statement, “We do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Ephesians 6:12). This passage serves to remind us that, although in day-to-day life we find ourselves contending with people on important issues, those people are not the source of the problem. They are simply expressing sentiments that come from unseen spiritual forces they do not understand. Our real enemy is not the leftist school board or the Marxist professor or the socialist politician. Our enemy is the spirit of the age that has brought such confusion on society that many people—voters and politicians alike—are no longer able to discern good from evil or truth from lies.

The obvious corollary is that those people who occupy such “high places” of influence—politicians, writers, educators, entertainers, etc.—when they advance causes that we see as evil, are not fighting against us but against God Himself. When they want to eliminate the pre-born who are made in the image of God, they are unconsciously seeking to mar that image. When they suggest that the two genders designed by our awesome Creator are not enough, or that the DNA they were blessed with is not the kind they want, they are asserting the claim that they are wiser than God. Although powerless to change their DNA, they express their rebellion by undergoing surgery or chemical therapy to alter at least the outward appearance, and so, thwart the designs of God.

Of course, the premature ending of a human life by euthanasia or doctor-assisted suicide is another way of saying that we do not accept that our days are in His hand . . . that He alone has the prerogative to determine the precise moment when our earthly lives shall end; it is simply an act of rebellion.

When secular scientists search land and sea for evidence of the spontaneous (and random) origins of life and for the evolutionary differentiation of that life into the diverse and interactive species of plants and animals we know today, they are not only seeking to understand the world, but to prove to themselves that humankind is merely the product of time and chance, that no great and wise Creator formed us and that we therefore need not bother ourselves with His moral restraints. These scientists challenging the biblical record of creation do not do this on their own. They are driven to do so by forces that desire to eliminate the sovereign authority of God over the affairs of mankind. Yet, in doing so, they place themselves in array against the very God who formed them. They offer their energy and talents in an assault against the wisdom, power and sovereign right of Almighty God. Such efforts cannot end well. Only those who come to recognize the futility of their vain attempts and learn to acknowledge the supremacy of God can find the peace that comes to those who trust Him.

In our technically-advanced human societies, we find a growing number of people seeking to free themselves from the natural conditions established by God. There are those (for example) who are not content with the existing varieties of plants and animals. Cross-species manipulation of the genetic code goes far beyond the practice of selective breeding and may result in new species . . . with unpredictable and unintended consequences. Ultimately, this line of thinking could lead back to the deliberate tampering with human genetics and the attempt to develop a super race of humans. No longer ‘boy meets girl’ but ‘scientist develops perfect gene sequence.’ Already, it has become commonplace for couples (including same-sex couples) to use artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization¹ and surrogate mothers² to produce children they otherwise would not have. Adding genetic manipulation to the process would be an ethical leap—but only a procedural adjustment.

Transhumanists go even farther; they are working towards active gene editing to combat disease and the potential interface of human bodies with computer software to increase cognitive capacity.³ Apparently, the first man (Adam)—who was able to name all the species and lived for nearly a thousand years—needed improvement. In the view of transhumanists, God’s design was inadequate . . . yes, the God who created the universe from nothing, who set the stars and planets in motion, who designed the smallest atom and engineered the human eye. Do they think they could have done better?

Today, there are scientists who want to control the weather.⁴ Based on global-warming models and predictions, they think we should be reducing the amount of sunlight reaching the earth. They call the process “climate geoengineering” and seriously propose to block the sun; some believe this is already being done.⁵ What arrogance to think that fallen man could manage the weather better than the One who first created clouds and wind and who put the sun and earth in their places! How foolish!

This human-centred thinking may be seen even in the machinations of the COVID response plans rolled out under the watchful eye of the UN and the WHO. In the first place, it should shock us that men and women would even dream of conducting gain-of-function research to see if they could make a particular virus more contagious or more deadly. It now appears that this type of research was being pursued at the Wuhan Virology Institute prior to the outbreak of COVID-19.⁶ The intergovernmental response to the outbreak now appears to have been a massive experiment, not only in virology and RNA gene therapy⁷ but also in the psychological manipulation of whole populations around the world.⁸ The final outcome of these emergency measures is not yet fully known, but we have already seen—in Canada—alarming pressure for churches to close, for families and friends to become socially distant, for working men and women to become dependent on the state, for individuals to give up the right to make their own health decisions, and for news agencies to restrict access to the truth. All these developments should greatly concern us. They are further manifestations of the ongoing battle between atheist scoffers and the God who formed them from the dust.

God calls us to be conformed to His image, to be guided by His hand, and to be informed by His wisdom. His ways and His thoughts are higher than ours. We must not lean on our own understanding but acknowledge Him in all our ways. Good self-advice: “let us not fight against God.” (Acts 23:9).

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Footnotes

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⁹ www.chp.ca/get-involved/

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