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FRIENDS ENTERING ETERNITY

Several friends of ESM have recently entered eternity. Our board Vice-president is Adrian Stumbaugh. His wife, Margie, died suddenly and unexpectedly the morning of April 6th. She was a close friend to Diane and has left a whole in our hearts. Two other ministry friends and encouragers entered eternity within a day or two of each other in early June. Wilma Anderson from Gifford, WA and Aurora Erickson who moved some years ago to Olympia, WA. Both were friends and ministry partners we met through serving at Cedonia Community Church. Heaven is becoming more and more appealing.

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ADRIAN & MARGIE

Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

3rd Monday monthly—Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Team, Spokane, WA
June 6 & 20—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA
June 26—ESM Board Meeting
June 27—Christ’s Fellowship Baptist Church, Spokane Valley, WA
August 15—Blanchard Community Church, Blanchard, ID

WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY, EVEN ON SHORT NOTICE.

We are available for creative outreach programs, AWANA or Kid’s Clubs, Sunday School, Family Camp, Teen or Kid’s camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.

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I AM A SYSTEMIC ~~RACIST~~ SINNER

To those who would accuse me, a white male, of being a systemic racist, I would like to ask a few questions. Do you know me? Do you know what the term “systemic” means? Is it not racist to declare all white males systemically racist? I understand that if I deny that I am racist, that proves I am racist. Is that also true? Is there any solution to the supposed problem? To make the generalization that all white males are systemically racist is insulting, callous and uninformed. The accusation that someone is a racist indicates how the accuser thinks and demonstrates his or her value system. The accuser is viewing life through tinted glasses. One’s personal presuppositions are showing with a statement about the racism of someone else. To complicate matters even more, the new rule is that if you deny being a racist, that proves you are a racist. Who established this rule?

The only logical agenda with this rhetoric is to create further chaos and division in our country. Satan, the author of confusion, is come to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). Many are playing right into his hands and are unaware or don’t care they are being used. 1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace . . .” The context of 1 Corinthians 14 involved chaos in the church, but the principle holds true in society as well. Where there is chaos and confusion, the enemy is in charge; God has been left out of the decision-making process.

Creating chaos is purposeful. Create an atmosphere of chaos and confusion which ultimately results in the people crying out for government officials to solve the problem. Create and allow chaos in the streets with racially charged **RIOTING AND LOOTING** (“mostly peaceful”). Create chaos in our **SCHOOLS**. Create chaos at our **BOARDERS** with massive illegal immigration. Create **FINANCIAL** chaos by forcing businesses to close and by simply printing money. Inflation is looming. Toss in a pandemic and **HEALTH** crisis with ever changing goal posts to solve the problem. Create **LAW ENFORCEMENT** chaos pitting police against citizens. Ignore **LAWS** that don’t match one’s agenda. Force **CHURCHES** to close under the guise of public safety. Create an uncontrollable **ATMOSPHERIC** condition that is going to soon result in the end of the earth. Ignore **CRIME** and **SHOOTINGS** in the streets and then declare the real problem is guns. As a nation, we are increasingly viewed as weak and ineffective. We are becoming an embarrassment on the world stage. Our **MILITARY** is no longer respected. Blame the previous administration as the root cause of all these problems and the stage is set.

Our leadership ignores the fact that **OUR GOVERNMENT IS STILL “OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE,”** not of the leaders, by the leaders and for the leaders. Government cannot solve our root problems. Only a relationship with the Creator of the universe through His son, Jesus, can we begin to address our real needs, the needs of the spirit of man.

For those who believe systemic racism is America’s “original sin,” I contend that the real problem is the systemic sin nature of every human being. “Sin” is on the banned words list, nevertheless it is a reality. Who taught you to lie? How did you learn to be selfish, to demand your own way? Who taught you to take what you wanted if no one was looking? The real systemic problem is our natural tendency to sin, to violate God’s law. It is because of the sin nature of man that one points to others and says, “You have an issue, but I don’t. “You are a racist and you can’t be fixed.”

From a biblical perspective, there is but one race, **THE HUMAN RACE**. All lives matter, not just one skin tone. The idea of separate races is a man-made concept the enemy uses to divide. The Bible does not detail the origin of the different “races” or skin colors, but at the Tower of Babel, groups that spoke one language moved away with others of the same language. **(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)**

**ETERNAL
LIFE
MATTERS**

In doing so, the gene pool for a specific group shrank as the group no longer had the entire human population with which to mix. In a few generations, certain features were emphasized in these different groups, all of which were present in the original genetic code. Over time, the gene pool grew smaller and smaller, so people of one language family had the same or similar features.

Adam and Eve possessed the genes to produce every skin color imaginable. Genesis 3:20 "Now the man called his wife's name Eve, . . . she was the mother of all the living." Since God obviously desired humanity to be unique in appearance, it makes sense that God would have given Adam and Eve the ability to produce children of different skin tones. Because of the systemic sin nature of man, God judged the earth with a worldwide catastrophe. The only survivors of that flood were Noah and his wife, Noah's three sons and their wives (Genesis 7:13). They too had the genetic potential to produce what has been classified as different races.

We are all the same race, all created by the same God, all created for the same purpose, to glorify Him. Acts 17:26 "and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth . . ." Genetic studies in the late 20th century refuted the existence of biogenetically distinct races. It is argued that "races" are cultural interventions beginning in the 15th century. Colossians 3:11 ". . . there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all."

- **SYSTEMIC** is defined as "fundamental to a predominant social, economic, or political practice."
- Dictionary.com defines **RACISM** as "A belief or doctrine that inherent differences among the various human racial groups determine cultural or individual achievement, usually involving the idea that one's own race is superior and has the right to dominate others or that a particular racial group is inferior to the others."
- **Critical race theory (CRT)** teaches that: (1) race is a culturally invented category used to oppress people of color and (2) the law and legal institutions in the United States are inherently racist insofar as they function to create and maintain social, political, and economic inequalities between white and nonwhite people.

Note that Critical Race Theory is just that, a **THEORY** proposed by social scientists and supposedly supported by history. According to this theory, racism is a fact built into the foundation of U.S. society. Racism is present in our laws, our politics, our economy, in our social institutions, and in how we think and act, whether consciously or subconsciously. It is easy to presuppose something to be true and then search for information to support your presupposition, but if America is such a terrible nation, why are thousands daily from around the world trying to become American citizens?

What is the theorists' solution? Resistance. How does that solve the supposed problem? It doesn't. CRT is an unproven concept with an agenda. The agenda is to divide, to create artificial chaos. Why have all these ideas become so popular now? Acts 10:34-35 . . . Peter said: ". . . God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him." With this theory in mind, explain the sacrifice of the 360,222, mainly white, Union soldiers who died to end slavery. Were they systemic racists? Maybe reparations for their families would be in order.

Another divisive addition to this confusion is the 1619 Project which was written by journalists, not historians. The project's central thesis is to revise the date of America's "true founding" to the year 1619, when the first African slaves were brought to the colonies (Native American tribes had kept slaves on the continent for centuries by then). It is now infecting some 4,500 K-12 classrooms, telling children this is the "moment [America] began." When and where was America founded? Was it in Virginia in 1619, when a pirate ship landed a group of captive Africans at Jamestown? So asserted the New York Times in August 2019.

1620: A Critical Response to the 1619 Project is a factual historical account of the founding of America written by Peter W. Wood. This book sums up what the critics have said and argues that the proper starting point for the American story is 1620, with the signing of the Mayflower Compact. Most notably, the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 gave birth to our nation. But the ideas of American self-government and ordered liberty grew from the actions of the Mayflower immigrants in 1620. Many schools have already adopted the CRT revision of history as part of their curricula. Should children be taught our nation was founded on a system of racist oppression or that what has made America exceptional is our pursuit of liberty and justice for all?

WE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST. Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." James 2:1 "My brethren do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism."

THE HEART OF THE HUMAN PROBLEM IS THE PROBLEM OF THE HUMAN HEART. Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?" OUR REAL SYSTEMIC PROBLEM IS SIN. THERE IS A SOLUTION.

Christ died to provide that solution and an empty grave is proof. Have you received the solution? Romans 10:12-13 ". . . The same Lord is Lord of all . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **Have I admitted that I have a sin nature? Do I believe Christ died, was buried and rose again to take away my systemic sin problem?**



Thoughts from Diane . . I Thought I Would Die



A few years ago, I ended up on one of my many visits to the hospital. I was told there weren't any rooms available and they would have to send me to the intensive care unit. I've never been in such a bleak area as I was then. There were two nurses that were especially unkind. They were short with answers to my questions and barely came to check on me. At some point a woman doctor came to my room and said all my vital signs were normal. George remembers it better, but what I remember her repeating over and over, "You want to go home don't you? you're feeling much better now aren't you?" I was so sick I just wanted to get away from everyone up there. George helped me by gathering what I had; they gave me a bottle of antibiotics and wheeled me out the door. George took me home. I could barely walk. He wanted me to stay upstairs but I wanted my own bed. I took an antibiotic and slept a while. I made it through the night and by the next day I was sicker than I'd ever been before. In my head I just knew I was going to die.

I remember praying out loud "God please heal me or take me home." George told me I said, "I'm dying." He and my daughter made the decision to call an ambulance. When they were done with their examination they gave me pain medication. That helped and I had a fitful night's sleep. The next morning I saw all these nurses standing around their station and I forced myself to stand and got as close to the door and cried out "I need help." George had no idea that would happen and I told him the night before to go home and rest. He was aware of the procedure but had no idea that would happen. I don't know if I ever told him. After crying out I never saw anything happen so fast. I was down in an operating room waiting through all this pain to get started. As a result of the procedure, I was given several different IV antibiotics. I still was horribly sick for what seemed like forever.

Over the next few days, I started to feel much better. I had to stay for several days. George helped me up to start walking again. The whole experience is something I never wanted to go through again. I've always attempted to manage my own circumstances. It didn't happen that time and it's not happening now. After years of treatment for pseudomonas, the infectious disease doctor said there was nothing else he could do. My lung specialist said there was one more drug he wanted to try if they could get me in a program. I got it and used it one 28 day period and I didn't want to finish that. I promised George I would finish although the side effects were horrendous for me. When that was done I was sitting across from George (all 85 pounds of me) and told George I couldn't do it anymore. I wanted to go on hospice. Through a lot of tears we came to an agreement. I called hospice. They came in with what they do and I was on the program. Monday, July 5th will be 6 months off any inhaled antibiotic. Everyone seems to be scratching their heads. No one has any answers. I have one, GOD.

George and I are learning so much about elder care, more than either of us wanted to know. I have to tell you, George could have been a great RN. He does almost everything for me. Some days I feel better. Some days I feel awful. Dawna helps too! She simply said "we're family, that's what we do." George II would help more but most days he can barely get out of bed himself. So far we've managed. I have special friends, sending me cards, I have another who will sit with me. I have people who call. I have friends who have died unexpectedly who wrote to me. I surely miss them. I have several comorbidities I'm told. I finally came to the realization that no matter how much pain I'm called to endure, God knows and my time is in his hands. I'm so surrounded by a love so pure I know I can endure.

My son Benjamin left George and me a verse when he was a teenager. I Peter 3:8 "do not forget this one thing dear friends, with the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years and a thousand years like a day." I will add through verse 10 "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance." Every day is a gift, that's why each day is referred to as "the present," pain or not. I wouldn't give one of them up.

I, GEORGE, CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS YOUR PRAYER THAT SUSTAINS DIANE.

I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm, Diane