

Pastor's Perspective for January 2023

The Not-So "Great Reset"

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"You will own nothing and be happy," is the first of the original eight global predictions written as goals by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland in 2016. They tell us that their promise of a "happy" reality will be here in 2030 – just eight years away. So what could be wrong with that? Plenty!

Other goals of the WEF include eliminating the USA as a world power and replacing it with a consortium of nations (they prefer China's model) and multiple other policies and decisions that conform to the alarmists' theories about catastrophic global warming. Some may see this as political, but I believe it is spiritual, driven by those (on the earth and below) who oppose Christ and His Church.

One tactic of those driven by evil intent is to state their plans and ideas clearly and boldly for all to hear (and read) instead of hiding them. On hearing these radical ideas, most people will write that person off as a lunatic or maybe deranged and then not take them seriously. This dismissal is the reaction for which the evil amongst us is hoping.

Is this how we should respond to the stated goals of the WEF? Is this international organization, founded in 1971, just a bunch of un-elected starry-eyed billionaires, international CEOs, and globalists who think too highly of themselves?

An American author, Jim Butcher, said, "No one is an unjust villain in his own mind. We're all the hero of our own story." During the COVID pandemic, at least some of our governing authorities believed violating the citizens' rights was warranted for "the greater good." Unfortunately, our children, economy, and society continue to suffer for their actions.

I do not recall hearing one of these overzealous national and state leaders apologize to the people for the harm they caused, in fact, quite the opposite. Some of these leaders could not hide their excitement about how this global pandemic would help to "accelerate their plans for a Great Reset." A quick search online, and you can hear from these leaders in their own words, especially Canada's Prime Minister, Prince (now King) Charles III, and Klaus Schwab, the founder of the WEF.

This health emergency became a way to see how quickly the people of a nation would surrender their freedom for the promise of safety. Benjamin Franklin had something to say about this when he said, *"Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."* In other words, how easily could they control the people (in the same way totalitarian regimes do) while claiming they are doing it for their good? Millions of Americans quickly complied, and those who tried to fight against the new restrictions faced opposition from both the fearful citizens and the compliant authorities.

Galatians 5:1 states, "It is for freedom that Christ has set you free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Christ came to take our punishment and open the way back to a relationship with the Father. However, have you ever considered that "freedom" is one of the central pillars God intended for humanity? Yes, a

freedom that is inward and spiritual, a freedom of the heart and soul that dictators and edicts cannot touch. But it is also a freedom God intended for life on earth for His ultimate creation.

Over 235 years ago, our founding fathers forged a document that legal scholars still marvel at for its comprehensive nature and the uncanny foresight these men had in crafting the U.S. Constitution. As a result, America is “exceptional” in the form of our government, for it arose from the people (not the rulers) who sought to secure their God-given rights by setting limits on the government (not the government setting limits on the people). The (not-so) Great Reset is about creating the opposite form of government worldwide.

Revelation 13 speaks about the coming antiChrist and his one-world government that resembles the stated “predictions” (goals) of the WEF and the Great Reset. But, of course, history reveals that this is not the first time we have had megalomaniacs who want to rule the world similarly, and I am not implying Klaus Schwab is the antichrist. However, the unprecedented global connections, incredible advances in science and technology, and the spread of socialism in many forms today should alert us to the possibility of the end times being upon us. Have we been placed here “for such a time as this”?

America stands as a beacon of freedom, which all humanity craves. At the center of that freedom are two intertwined inalienable rights that cannot be forfeited if we are to remain free: freedom of speech and religion. The belief in God and the truth of His Word (the Bible) have been the core of our national culture for most of our history. That culture became the rich soil from which the greatest nation on earth would be born; without exception, it is our only way back.

Furthermore, our “exceptional” form of government has also enabled the creation of the most extensive missionary effort this world has ever seen. As I stated above, this tension (i.e., Marxism/Great Reset vs. Capitalism/Self-Government) is a spiritual battle hidden behind political objectives. Faith in God and our U.S. Constitution stands as the ultimate obstacles to the one-world atheistic power-grabbing agenda of the global elites among us today. And maybe to the antiChrist himself.

Therefore, for the sake of the ongoing missionary efforts and protecting the God-given rights of our children’s generation, we must stand up for truth to triumph over evil and demand our leaders align with the Constitution. As stewards of the freedoms handed to us by previous generations, it is our turn to protect, defend, and even work to restore lost freedoms so our nation will continue to be “the land of the free, (because) of the brave.”

For further personal study and investigation, go to: “TimeToFreeAmerica.com”; Turning Point USA “TPUSA.com”; PragerU.com search “Great Reset”; and The Epoch Times for more.

If you are interested, Tri-County Christian Center in Deer Park will be working through Dr. Erwin Lutzer’s latest book and workbook, “No Reason To Hide, Standing for Christ in a Collapsing Culture,” beginning Jan. 5, and continuing on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.– and other times if needed; check our website for details at www.tcccdp.org.