# **Discerning the Times: Cancel Culture Continues**

Interesting times as the Left's Cancel Culture appears to be working overtime. What is interesting to some extent is the fact that "progressives" are the main force behind the cancel culture and the very word "progressive" means to be constantly changing. We see this in the cancel culture as it attempts to disable any discourse or anything at all that they have decided should not be heard, seen or talked about.

### **Apparently, the Bible is Not Inerrant**

So says a "progressive" church in Nashville, TN, according to an article in the <u>Christian Post</u>. The pastor at the church believes the Bible is not inerrant and cannot be understood by allowing it to interpret itself. The pastor says he wants to have a "conversation," but really doesn't. People like this pastor simply want to advocate their view and have that viewpoint be accepted without question.

According to the article, the pastor received a good deal of push back on social networks after the pastor made his comments. But this does not deter progressives. It actually emboldens them to continue pushing their baseless viewpoints because they then believe the "persecution" that follows is proof that they are correct. So, according to their reasoning, the Pharisees were correct and being persecuted by John the Baptist and Jesus.

The problem of course is that those who do not believe the Bible to be totally inerrant really do so because their view of God Himself is so puny and limited. They're elevating mankind, while denigrating God. They would disagree, arguing that their view of God does not "limit" Him to one particular book.

No authentic Christian that I know of believes God has limited Himself to one particular book. However, we believe that He *chose* to reveal Himself through what we call the Bible (comprising 66 individual "books"), which summarizes all that God wants us to know about Him for <u>now</u>. Does this mean that the Bible presents all there is to truly know about Him? Of course not, but God gave us His Word as our focus. Once we get to eternity, we will spend the rest of that eternity knowing and learning more about God because in eternity, with glorified bodies/minds, we will be in a much better position to learn about and understand God because our sin nature will no longer be in the way to corrupt our thinking.

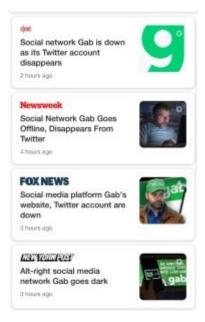
But this type of extremely narrow view of God proposed by progressives is nothing new. In the 1970's there was the "battle for the Bible" that debunked progressivism then. It's not new. It's simply going to become more *widespread* and accepted today because of people's "itching ears."

# **Canceled Ministries, Social Networks and Pastors**

D. James Kennedy Ministries has been canceled by the TV network, Lifetime TV. The reason? Mainly due to the ministry's focus on pro-life/anti-abortion. Since President Trump is no longer in office and Twitter was able to successfully ban him temporarily and now have stated the ban is permanent, other Left-wing groups and organizations have begun flexing their anti-1A muscles to cancel other conservative groups.

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In fact, it appears the Left is actually foaming at the mouth in their attempts to cancel anyone with whom they do not agree and the fact that Congress now holds a Democrat majority may make their fascist dreams come true. One wonders where the FCC is in all of this, but that's probably an asinine question since these progressive groups are allowed to run amok and trample First Amendment rights with impunity.



Last week, the social network GAB was offline for about a day. Because of that several MSM bureaus reported it and seemed to be done with glee. Notice New York Post's title, "Alt-right social media network Gab goes dark."

What's interesting of course, is that the Post is implying that free speech is now "alt-right." The First Amendment does not differentiate between what might be labeled "hate speech" or speech that is acceptable. The First Amendment guarantees the right of people to speak their minds no matter how offensive (or not), that speech might be.

The "progressive" Left wants all speech they do not approve of to be shut down. Gab went quiet for a short while to update their servers and take care of internal business. MSM thought it was more than that. Gab is not beholden to an organization like Amazon's server-hosting sites like Parler was before they were

shut down (though they appear to be back now). Gab has their own internal server farm and they connect to the Internet through that.

Twitter goes down all the time yet I've never read an article from those on the Left announcing it or gloating over it. In fact, when Twitter goes down, it's ignored by the media.

Way of Life Literature has noted that a <u>pastor in Canada has been jailed</u> for refusing to close his church during the current "pandemic." He has not followed the 15% capacity rule pronounced by government officials in Alberta.

Pastor James Coates of Grace Life Church in Edmonton, Alberta, has been in custody since Tuesday, the end result of a month's long protracted battle with the province trying to shut them down.

The pastor is not giving into the demands of the government, refusing to promise to abide by the regulations set forth. The pastor's wife sent out an email to church members.

He could walk if he just sets aside his God-given pastoral duties but he can't do that. ... The Crown has called him a danger to the health and safety of Albertans. May God have mercy on our nation! I read to my children the work the Lord is doing in people through James so they can see the sacrifice of their father is not in vain. My prayer is that men will stand! They can't see that if they shut us down on this issue, they will shut us down on any issue they deem to be 'a danger to the health and safety of Albertans.

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The absurdity of the cancel culture continues unabated. The jailed pastor's wife in Alberta Canada is correct when she states that "if they shut us down on this issue, they will shut us down on any issue they deem to be a 'danger to the health and safety of Albertans.' I've said this before as well. I'm certain that at any moment in the future even if/when lockdowns are lifted completely, they would happen again at the whims of the fascists in government positions. There will never be a true "back to normal."

Christians need to mentally and emotionally prepare for the coming deluge of political persecution coming our way. We will have two choices. We can either cave to the ever-changing demands of the "progressive" Left or we can decide ahead of time that we will serve God and not honor the anti-God whims of man. It's that simple. Use discretion and ask for wisdom. That wisdom comes from His Word, so if Christians are not reading His Word daily, how can we expect to gain insight and wisdom into life's situations? It's impossible. As Paul stated to the Ephesian believers:

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting (Ephesians 4:14 NKJV)

## **Herd Immunity Rising**

In spite of the globalists' best efforts so far, it appears that CV-19 infections are way down, according to an article in Wall Street Journal (WSJ).

Amid the dire Covid warnings, one crucial fact has been largely ignored: Cases are down 77% over the past six weeks. If a medication slashed cases by 77%, we'd call it a miracle pill. Why is the number of cases plummeting much faster than experts predicted?

Let me remind readers that according to numerous medical health professionals (researchers and doctors), the CV-19 virion has *not* been isolated in the lab at all. In spite of this, they've created a test that supposedly determines the presence of CV-19 *and* have created a vaccine allegedly based on the CV-19 virion.

#### HOW?

Setting that aside, the article goes onto discuss the fact that up to 55% of Americans must have natural herd immunity to the CV-19 virus. Neither my wife or I have gotten it. Neither of our kids have gotten it. Most of the people we know have never gotten it. I was sick, along with my wife last February and we went shortly thereafter to the doctor's to have our blood tested to see if we actually had CV-19. Turns out we didn't.

When I was sick, I went to the walk-in clinic and was tested for the flu. Came back negative. This was just around the time that CV-19 was coming to the fore in society. I *do* know folks who had what was labeled CV-19 and were found to have the antibodies following their return to health.

So the point to all this seems to be that herd immunity actually did its job, just as it does its job for most other viruses - colds, the flu, etc. - something the experts like Fauci said would not happen with CV-19. This is why were are supposed to wear masks, stay away from other lepers...I mean, people in society and wash our hands until the skin starts to fluff off our hands.

There's a great deal we are not being told because it seems that the health experts have an agenda and that agenda happens to be in line with the "Great Reset" ballyhoo'd by World Economic Forum and other foundations and groups. It's more advantageous for these groups to keep us in fear, dependent on them for direction and keeping us "safe" than it is for us to use our own immune system to fight off the kinds of things we've almost always fought off.

Please don't get me wrong. I fully realize that colds, the flu and viruses in general take many lives every year. It all depends upon a particular person's immune system and whether or not that immune system is healthy or compromised. From the same WSJ article:

Antibody studies almost certainly underestimate natural immunity. Antibody testing doesn't capture antigen-specific T-cells, which develop "memory" once they are activated by the virus. Survivors of the 1918 Spanish flu were found in 2008—90 years later—to have memory cells still able to produce neutralizing antibodies.

It's really a crime the way people have been treated because of CV-19. All elective surgeries were canceled for some time and that included people who were fighting *cancer*. I'm not sure how a surgery related to removing cancer from patients can be considered elective.

It is fortunate that my wife had her first cancer surgery prior to CV-19 rearing its ugly head. Because of that, she was spared having to go through chemotherapy. They caught it early. Others were not so fortunate and ultimately had to go through chemo because they were not allowed to have surgery. By the time they were allowed, the cancer had spread into lymph nodes and/or other areas of the body.

Let's not even talk about how many people were not allowed into the hospital to say good-bye to their loved ones. This is criminal and yet it was the accepted norm under the circumstances.

Folks, I believe Christians especially are at a crossroads. While many pastors are urging Christians to simply submit to and obey the government, I believe now more than ever, Christians should truly understand the actual meaning of Paul's words in Romans 13 (as well as Peter's in 1 Peter 2). Are these blanket statements to Christians to obey government regardless?

More than ever, we need to use our critical thinking skills and discernment.