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*"Then saith he unto his disciples,  
The harvest truly is plenteous, but  
the labourers are few;"*

Matthew 9:37

We do not know the day or hour  
of Christ's return, but we do  
know that the world is desperate  
for a Savior.

Praise God, we have THE  
answer! Together, you and I  
can share hope and pray for  
God's return and ultimate  
implementation of HIS plan for  
world peace!

Because of your prayers and  
financial support, I am able to  
proclaim the Gospel message!

Thank you for partnering with  
us and enabling us to inform and  
strengthen Christians for battles  
against the forces of Hell that  
are being unleashed!

Until He returns,

*Ed Hindson*

## Satanic Temple Unveils Statue at Arkansas Capitol



In a shocking display of the depths of human depravity and the distance to which our culture is moving away from the things of God, the Satanic Temple recently protested the placement of a Ten Commandments monument on the capitol grounds in Little Rock, Arkansas. The eight and a half foot tall bronze statue of Baphomet, a winged half man- half goat creature, with two children looking onward affectionately was placed on the back of a large flatbed truck and driven to the Capitol building where their protest took place. The organized protest featured five speakers, including the Satanic Temple's spokesperson

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# Religion Professor Says Abortion for Convenience OK

Denigrating the very essence of the biblical teaching regarding the sanctity of human life, a religious studies professor at Elon University in North Carolina has written that a woman does not need to justify her reasons for wanting an abortion and that seeking an abortion simply out of convenience is a valid choice. Rebecca Peters wrote in an article published by the *Raleigh News & Observer* and several other regional outlets, that since Christians view abortion as acceptable in some instances – such as rape and incest – it must be considered acceptable for any reason.



This comes as a shocking idea to most evangelicals and is an affront to the legacy of Elon University which was started in 1899 as a decidedly Christian school but is now widely considered merely another liberal arts institution. Sadly until 2000, Elon’s mascot was “the Fighting Christian,” but this was changed to the Phoenix (a Greek mythological animal). Yet, the school’s mission statement still says it “embraces its founders’ vision.” One has to wonder if the administration of Elon really believes this statement or is merely placating their donors.

As evidence of the latter, Peters wrote in her article that Christians need to challenge the accepted idea that abortion is wrong. Peters stated that her mother taught her “You shouldn’t have a baby because you are pregnant.” Peters continued, commenting that “we must accept that ‘I do not want to have a baby’ is an imminently appropriate reason to end a pregnancy.”

Identifying the hypocrisy of Peters’ thoughts, Annabelle Rutledge with the conservative Christian group Concerned Women for America says Peters’ commentary

is a “misunderstanding and misrepresentation of Christian values.” Moreover, Peters’ view runs afoul of the view of most Americans regardless of their religious beliefs. Rutledge pointed out that the latest research indicated “A Marist poll (a national public opinion poll run for a wide variety of questions) found that, as of this January, a majority of Americans (56 percent) continue to consider abortion to be morally wrong.” In fact, this poll reported that 8 in 10 Americans want laws that protect the baby as well as the mother.

It is vital that we recognize that while the Bible never specifically addresses the issue of abortion; there are however, numerous teachings in Scripture that make God’s view of abortion abundantly clear. Consider the biblical teaching that God knits every human life together in the womb; taking an active role in the creation and events of every human life (Psalm 139:13).

Likewise, the Bible clearly teaches that every human life is made in God’s image

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# China's Efforts to Eliminate Christian Influence

While publicly tolerating various religions as expressed in officially State sanctioned churches that are little more than facades to show tourists, China has been persecuting underground Christian churches for decades. For years buildings and houses where these churches meet have been demolished, but this has now been extended to churches who are officially registered. In July, according to Asia News, the Chinese government also destroyed the Liangwang Catholic Church despite that the building was owned by the community and the church had been registered since 2006. Likewise, Bibles are being confiscated, and

posters of Jesus are being replaced with imagery of President Xi Jinping. In fact, earlier this year officials with the Chinese government tore down Christian imagery of Jesus from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in China's Henan province, which has served as a popular pilgrimage for Chinese Catholics since the very early 1900s. As part of this effort, Xi's administration is requiring Chinese cultural characteristics to be incorporated into all religious activities and beliefs. By and large this means that adherence to – and promotion of – the communist ideology must be interjected into religious worship.

According to Christian Solidarity Worldwide (an international human rights organization), some congregations have been forced to even “sing patriotic, pro-Communist songs in church services and to fly the national flag.” Similarly, Open Doors, a group that tracks religious persecution, now places China in the top 50

of countries where practicing Christianity is dangerous. Open Doors indicated in a statement that in China “Christians are slandered, which seems to support the widely held belief that the Communist Party is banking on a unified Chinese cultural identity to maintain its power.” Other groups who monitor activities in China indicate the Chinese government is increasingly viewing

Christianity as a growing and serious threat to China's national security and culture. Thus, the crackdowns and increase in persecution we are now seeing. All this is part of the official government policy to “Sinicize” (incorporate Chinese cultural mythology) the churches active

in China. According to a shocking statement from the Chinese government “Only Sinicized churches can obtain God's love.”

Such an intentional distortion of the Gospel is another example of the growing apostasy – or “falling away” from the truth – that Scripture warns us of (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Moreover, the recent actions of the Chinese government frighteningly parallel Paul's warning that in the last days many will turn away from the truth of God's word to follow myth and fables (2 Timothy 4:3-4). Additionally, the type of persecution being inflicted by the Chinese government reminds us that the Bible clearly predicted such persecution would increase as the end times draw near (Matthew 10:22) and that those who perpetuate such persecution will believe they are doing so in service to God (John 16:2). This is



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and co-founder, and was attended by a few dozen individuals who supported the Satanic Temple's agenda that religious displays should not be placed on public property.

This recent protest came as a result of the 2015 bill that led to the Ten Commandments monument's installation on Arkansas' Capitol property. This bill motivated the Satanic Temple to file a lawsuit in 2017. The Satanic Temple claimed that in the essence of the First Amendment and in the name of religious freedom their statue should be placed on the same Capitol grounds that exhibit the Ten Commandments monument. A letter was also sent to the Arkansas legislature asking for support for a bill to ensure the satanic statue would be displayed. Fortunately, not a single Arkansas legislator responded to this request. Lucien Greaves, spokesman and co-founder of the Satanic Temple maintained that the recent protest was "intended to be an inclusive gathering where The Satanic Temple will be celebrating pluralism along with Christian and secular speakers. People of many faiths will come together at the Capitol to reject the Arkansas State Legislature's efforts to privilege one religion over others." Obviously, we here at WPM disagree with this disturbed sentiment. This recent protest by the Satanic

Temple illustrated the depth that many are deceived by Satan and are giving the Devil a foothold in their lives while trying to inject Satanism into the lives of other Americans.

The Bible indicates that such deception is in keeping with the character of Satan. In Hebrew, the name Satan means "the accuser." In fact, the Bible describes Satan as "the accuser of our brethren" (the saints of God) in Revelation 12:10. Additionally, Ezekiel 28:12-18 describes Satan as being "full of wisdom." Yet, the wisdom of Satan did not prevent his pride from causing his own fall from heaven. Many Bible teachers point to Isaiah 14:12-17 as being indicative of Satan's desire to ascend to a position of authority in the heavenly council above that of even God Himself! Thus, it is completely within the spectrum of Satan's past actions to influence groups like the Satanic Temple to protest the public display of the Ten Commandments. Yet, many believe this is predicted by Bible prophecy! During the Tribulation period Satan will deceive the whole world (Revelation 12:9) so it is not too far-fetched to believe he is already deceiving many in the world today. However, this should motivate believers to fight such satanic influence. After all, Jesus has promised that "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against His church (Matthew 16:18). This recent public display of Satanism should motivate us to pray fervently!— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that these efforts in Arkansas by the Satanic Temple would be rejected by the American population at large. Pray also that their satanic agenda would not attract any converts and that their efforts to portray Satanism as a positive movement would be defeated.

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the Chinese government's direct distortion of the Gospel being limited to its nationalized

(Sincized) churches being the only dispenser of God's love. Friends, it sadly seems that only God's intervention will alleviate the Chinese government's persecution of Christians. This, should be our prayer.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray for God to protect the Christians in China even if it takes a miraculous moving of His power. Pray for the leaders in China to recognize their distortion of the gospel and to be convicted of their sin by the Holy Spirit.



# United Nations to Arm Terrorists Attacking Israel

In yet another announcement blatantly prejudiced against Israel, the United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, declared recently that the Palestinians in Gaza, who have been violently attempting to infiltrate the Israeli border while screaming “kill the Jews” and “burn the Jews,” need armed security! As absurd as this pronouncement is to anyone familiar with the history of Palestinian terrorist launching unprovoked attacks against Israel from Gaza, those familiar with the anti-Semitic history of the United Nations are not surprised at all. Since 1967 the U.N. has exhibited a position of blatant prejudice against Israel. Many speculate this has to do with the forty seven countries in the United Nations whose make-up is a majority of Muslims. These countries consider the existence of Israel as an affront to their religious beliefs. Rather than seek harmony the

U.N. consistently chooses to side with those who seek to destroy Israel. The U.N.’s history of anti-Israeli pronouncements includes repeated condemnations of Israel’s efforts to defend its nation against terrorist attacks, repeated calls for Israel to cease settlements in territory it gained after attacking countries retreated in the Six-Day War, and multiple efforts to undermine the Israeli government by funding various anti-Israeli sentiments such as textbooks that defame Israel.

This latest suggestion by the U.N. to arm the Palestinians also has the support of various left-leaning politicians and news organizations here in the United States. This is should strike us as an absurdity since the very nature of the Palestinian movement is one ultimately opposed to true freedom.

Author Elan Journo explains in his book,

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*What Justice Demands: America and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, that the Palestinian attacks against Israel are “a movement to liquidate a free society through conventional war, subversion, shootings, bombings, suicide attacks, and rockets.” Basically, the typical ethos of Palestinian terrorists is to destroy Israel and its free society and replace it with a totalitarian Islamic state. They would not live at peace with Israel even if Israel acquiesced to all the Palestinian demands.

The Egyptian Fundamentalist Cleric Mohamed Hussein Yacoub summed up the position succinctly when he stated, “The real reason for the Muslim war against the Jews has nothing to do with Israel. If the Jews left Palestine to us, would we start loving them? Of course not! We will never love them, absolutely not! The Jews are infidels, not because I say so and not because they are killing Muslims; It is Allah who says that they are infidels. Your belief regarding the Jews should be first

that they are infidels and second that they are enemies. They are enemies not because they occupied Palestine. They would be enemies even if they did not occupy a thing.” And these are the people the United Nations believes need to be armed to “defend” themselves.

As a multitude of nations and leaders rally in support of the U.N.’s repeated attacks against Israel let us remember that the Bible clearly indicates there will come a time when the nations of the earth will be gathered together, under satanic beguile, to oppose Israel (Ezekiel 38: 1-23; Zechariah 12:3; 14:1-2; Revelation 16:13-16).

Perhaps the continued persuasion of the world’s nations at the biased hands of the U.N. is part of the prelude to the events of the last days? This is problematic for the U.N. and those that support their ideology as the Bible warns that God will curse those who curse Israel (Genesis 12:3). Yet, God has also promised to bless those who would bless Israel (Genesis 12:3). Hopefully we can be counted among those who bless Israel and herald a wake-up call to the U.N. through prayer. — PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that the U.N. would cease their long-standing practice of denigrating the nation of Israel. Pray especially that this ridiculous effort to arm the Palestinian terrorists would not gather any support.

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and that taking a life by force is specifically forbidden (Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6). Therefore, as taught in Exodus 21:22-25, the same punishment for murder is extended to someone who causes a baby to die in the womb.

However, we must also be aware that – as with all sin – such an act is forgivable

through faith in Christ (John 3:16; Romans 8:1; Colossians 1:14). Moreover, the fact that a religious studies professor who identifies herself as a Christian would justify and promote the idea of abortion for the sake of convenience points to the growing apostasy that the Bible indicates will increase as the end times approach (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Given the serious and divisive nature of this issue, we should be in continued prayer.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray for God’s Word to be made clear to any who are confused by the teaching of this professor and pray for God’s guidance and comfort for all those who may be considering a potential abortion and those who are struggling the aftermath of an abortion.