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Dear Friend,

It is no secret that the Western world has become more secular. We have witnessed prominent Christian leaders incorporate false religions into their message and dismiss the validity of Scripture.

What they leave behind are followers with many questions and a world that sees another reason to not believe in Christ. However, the integrity of sincere and authentic Christianity speaks volumes to a lost world that is desperate for meaning, purpose and security.

But we cannot trust in ourselves alone for the answer. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 1:18, *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."*

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Western Response to War in Ukraine Pushing Russian-Iranian Relationship



It is no secret that Russia and Iran have formed a closer relationship over the previous decade. Russia has provided cover for Iran within the United Nations security council with their veto power and has been in Iran's corner for much of the discussion of the nuclear deal between Iran and the West. Many believe that Russia wants to increase their influence in the region, as evidenced by their support in Syria, and see Iran as a potential ally, along with Turkey, in furthering their ambitions.

In a new development, Iran will start to supply aircraft parts and equipment to Russia and service Russian aircraft in a new agreement signed between the two countries.

Proposed Rule Would Force Doctors to do Abortions, Trans Surgeries

Law firms specializing in religious liberty cases have denounced a newly proposed rule from the Biden administration that critics say will force doctors to perform abortions and body mutilating "gender transition" surgeries,

even if they're morally opposed to the practices. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced on Monday a proposed rule that would implement antidiscrimination measures on the basis of sex, based on earlier actions by the Biden



administration. The measures draw from Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, race and national origin. The proposed rule would define "sex" as including sexual orientation and gender identity, in keeping with the U.S. Supreme Court decision Bostock v. Clayton County.

"This proposed rule ensures that people nationwide can access health care free from discrimination," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, as quoted in the announcement. "Standing with communities in need is critical, particularly given increased attacks on women, trans youth, and health care providers. Health care should be a right not dependent on looks, location, love, language, or the type of care someone needs."

Luke Goodrich of Becket Law is critical of the proposed rule, telling *The Christian Post* that it was "yet another proposal to force doctors and hospitals across the country to perform gender transitions and abortions in violation of their conscience and medical judgment. This has been the announced policy of the administration since the first day President Biden took office," he added. "But what they are doing here is proposing to codify that threatening and unlawful mandate as a new federal rule. The new proposed

> rule is already dead-on arrival when it comes religious groups, to because the Biden administration is already multiple subject to permanent injunctions from federal courts telling it, it is not allowed religious require to doctors and hospitals to

perform transitions and abortions."

Matt Bowman of the Alliance Defending Freedom said the administration "just came right out of the gate and told the world 'You all have to behave this way and we'll issue a regulation later.' Agencies are supposed to not do anything like this except in a codified regulation, but the Biden administration hasn't bothered to wait until they actually do it the right way," Bowman stated. "So, by the time this regulation is finalized, which should be this time next year, they'll have already been imposing this mandate for over two years by fiat." Bowman explained that if the proposed rule is codified, "then the next administration would need to change it if it wanted to take a different approach."

In 2016 the Obama administration tried to require healthcare providers to perform gender transition procedures, including on minors, even if the providers held sincere religious objections. The Obama-era mandate was challenged in court by multiple groups,

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World Economic Forum Pushes for End to Private Ownership

The World Economic Forum (WEF) published a paper calling for the end of "wasteful" private car ownership. The WEF argued that communal sharing of cars would

lessen global demands precious metals for and fossil fuels. The WEF's July 18 paper "3 circular titled approaches economy reduce demand to critical metals" for began by saying, "We need a clean energy



revolution, and we need it now." The article continued, "But this transition from fossil fuels to renewables will need large supplies of critical metals such as cobalt, lithium, nickel, to name a few. Shortages of these critical minerals could raise the costs of clean energy technologies."

The WEF went on to state that while mining

more is one route, doing so could produce "unintended consequences," and therefore "it is time to look beyond" the current solution and consider "three mindset changes" that can

> "help reduce demand for critical metals." The WEF stated "Be honest, you likely have at least one old mobile phone tucked in the bottom of a drawer. Possibly an unused hard drive taking up space too. You aren't

alone." According to the paper, "The average car or van in England is driven just 4% of the time."

The WEF argued for people to sell their cars, walk or share vehicles because "Car sharing platforms such as Getaround and

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and was eventually repealed during the Trump administration, only to be revived by the Biden administration. In August 2021, U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor of the Northern District of Texas issued a permanent injunction against a similar mandate that required medical facilities and health insurers to cover or to provide abortions and gender transition procedures.

O'Connor issued the permanent injunction in the case of Franciscan Alliance, Inc. et al. v. Xavier Becerra, concluding that the mandate violated the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. "No party disputes that the Transgender Mandate threatens to burden Christian Plaintiffs' religious exercise ... by placing substantial pressure on Christian Plaintiffs, in the form of fines and civil liability, to perform and provide insurance coverage for gendertransition procedures and abortions," he wrote.

Biblical Connection: One of the many sins that the Canaanites committed that caused God to bring judgment on them was sacrificing their children for their benefit and pleasure (Leviticus 18:21, Deuteronomy 12:29-31).— *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that America will turn back from these types of sinful actions before God's judgment falls on the nation.

Western nations and their allies moved to isolate Moscow after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine. While initially this looked like it may be effective since Russia trades significantly with the west, Russia looked to other rogue nations, including Iran, to help circumvent the sanctions and ride out the immediate economic impact. China and India purchased Russian energy in the run-up to the invasion, and China made some key trade deals with its northern neighbor. Iran has stepped in

to sign an agreement that will provide Russia more flight options and airplane assistance in the near term, according to The Moscow Times, citing the Mehr agency.

The agreement includes a pledge to increase flights between the two nations up to

35 per week – a significant boost when only about 19 countries or states provide direct flight access to Russia. Even those nations have advised that passengers face the risk of lawsuits in countries considered "friendly" with Russia. Western nations ordered the termination of Russian carrier contracts during the earliest phase of sanctions.

The deal follows an agreement between Tehran and Moscow to supply Russian forces with drones so that the Kremlin can sustain its war offensive, which shifted from a broad attack and attempt to conquer the whole of Ukraine to focus only on the eastern Donbas region. Russia, which believed it would accomplish its goals in Ukraine quickly and easily, was not necessarily equipped to fight a drawn-out technological war and therefore needs significant investments. Iran has become known in recent years as a major player in the drove/UAV market. They have been using them in attacks themselves and also sell them along with training to other nations and terrorist groups.

National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan disclosed that intelligence agencies had obtained information that indicated Tehran would supply Moscow with drones, as well as training the troops in their use. "Our

As long as Russia can continue to maintain their economy and supplies through these types of deals with non-Western powers, it is unlikely that Western sanctions alone will bring Russia to the negotiating table. information indicates that the Iranian government is preparing to provide Russia with up to several hundred UAVs, including weapons-capable UAVs on an expedited timeline," Sullivan told reporters in the White House briefing room. It's unclear whether Iran has delivered any of

these UAVs to Russia already," Sullivan said, "but this is just one example of how Russia is looking to countries like Iran for capabilities." As long as Russia can continue to maintain their economy and supplies through these types of deals with non-Western powers, it is unlikely that Western sanctions alone will bring Russia to the negotiating table.

Biblical Connection: Many see the Gog-Magog War in Ezekiel 38-39 as an alliance between Russia, Turkey, Iran and several other nations against the nation of Israel that will occur in the end days, either prior to the Rapture, during the Tribulation or at the end of the Millennial Kingdom. A Russian-Iranian relationship should not shock anyone familiar with Bible prophecy.— *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that those that seek to do evil throughout the globe will be thwarted and peace will prevail.

Iran Becoming a World Leader in Drone Technology

Iran has made steady advances in the design and production of military drones in recent years, and has stepped up their transfer to militant groups across the Middle East as it seeks to shift the dynamics of battlefields from surveillance and attack, according to experts.

That program has become a major concern for Israel and the United States in recent years. Israel has targeted drone production and storage sites in its escalating shadow war with

Yemen to Gaza. Those efforts now extended far beyond the region.

Iran is now seeking to build its global clout and sell increasingly sophisticated weaponscapable drones commercially to other nations, including those that have been subject

to various sanctions in recent years, like Venezuela and Sudan, according to Iranian news media, satellite images and defense experts inside and outside Iran. That has provided an important source of funds and political influence for Iran, which is itself isolated and struggling under U.S. financial restrictions.

"Iran is increasingly becoming a global player in terms of drone exports," said Seth Frantzman, a Jerusalem-based defense analyst and drone expert. The fact that newer drones, such as the Mohajer-6, are now being seen in places like the Horn of Africa shows that countries see them as a potential gamechanger," he added, referring to an advanced Iranian drone claimed to have a range of about 125 miles and the ability to carry precisionguided munitions.

Tehran began drone development in the 1980s during the Iran-Iraq war. Despite crippling sanctions imposed on Iran over its nuclear and missile programs in recent years, it has managed to produce and field a vast array of military drones, used for both



Tehran. And the U.S. Department of Defense said in a statement on July 21 that "the Iranproliferated network of attack unmanned aerial systems," or drones, was a key topic of discussion at a recent regional security meeting in Qatar.

A United Nations embargo aimed at preventing Iran from selling and buying weapons expired in 2020, despite protests from the United States, which wanted it extended, removing a significant legal obstacle, analysts said, for Iran to export its drones and carve out its status as a global player in drone technology.

Hossein Dalirian, a military analyst with close ties to Iran's Revolutionary Guards, posted a video on his YouTube channel in January in which he said that Iran was exporting drones to Ethiopia and Venezuela. "The Islamic Republic has long reached mass production level in the production of various drones including military surveillance and suicide drones and now has a very large stock," Mr. Dalirian said by direct message. "Because the drones are effective and some countries have been enthusiastic about the drones, in recent years Iran has been exporting drones such as New Mohajer-2 (M2-N) and Mohajer-6 (M6) and even Ababil (AB-2)."

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BlueSG have already seized that opportunity to offer vehicles where you pay per hour used." However, the organization which promotes the "Great Reset" did not stop there. They went on to say this theory could be applied to everything from cars to private homes. The first change encourages people to "Go from owning to using. More sharing can reduce ownership of idle equipment and thus material usage. To enable a broader transition from ownership to usership, the way we design things and systems need to change too." The group suggested items such as cars could utilize "user profiles" that "create a distinction for work and personal use on the same device" allowing for the "number of devices per person" to be reduced.

The WEF added, "A design process that focuses on fulfilling the underlying need instead of designing for product purchasing is fundamental to this transition. This is the mindset needed to redesign cities to reduce private vehicles and other usages." The group continued, "This transition to a fully circular model is now more urgent than ever. If we are to move forward, we need to reconsider at a systemic level how much we use, as well as how we can reduce usage. Unless we can dramatically reduce current metal usage, the debate and tension on finding new mines will not go away."

Biblical Connection: While Christians should want to be stewards of God's world, a push away from private ownership is contrary to the God's Word. The Old Testament Law made private property an important feature of Israelite society. While Christians should help others in need, there is nothing in the Bible that states Christians should not have their own property and goods. However, this push should not come as a shock to readers of Biblical prophecy. Revelation 13:16-17 states "He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Policies like these, if successful, could make it much simpler for the Antichrist and the False Prophet to strip away property and ownership rights in a future Tribulation time. — PNL

PRAY: Pray that these types of pushes, that go against the Word of God, will be stopped.

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Iran has both political and financial incentives to sell drones to such countries, as well as supplying them to proxy groups as part of its regional policy in the Middle East. The sales allow Tehran to build international links in defiance of Western efforts to isolate it, and provide an additional source of revenue alongside oil sold in contravention of sanctions. "They have created this viable drone capacity, so it is no surprise that other countries are interested in obtaining such technologies," said Farzin Nadimi, a military analyst and associate fellow at the Washington Institute who specializes in Iran's defense industry. "Iranian drones should be taken seriously as a weapon," he said.— PNL

PRAY: Pray that Iran's continual sale of drones to people with bad intentions will be stopped and peace will reign in the region.