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The Clash of Civilizations: Illusions and Reality

The clash of our times is not nation against nation but civilizational clashes. The collapse of the “Frances Scott Key Bridge” in America is a sign of these times. The clash in Ukraine and Gaza is the end of the illusion of the supposed Judeo-Christian Western Civilization.

The recent spectacular and strange sight of a container ship crashing into the bridge supports collapsing that bridge in Baltimore harbor for me is metaphor and imagery of two signs:

Sign 1 : Russia retaliates on American infrastructure after American efforts to blow up the Crimean bridge and Nordstream gas pipeline. And no this in my estimate was no “accident”. This was a cyber hack on the ship losing control of its engines and steering and being steered straight into the bridge. Russia had done this three times already to American naval ships....the USS Donald Cook, the USS Fitzgerald and the USS John McCain. In the last two incidents merchant ships inexplicably steered into the US warships. As for the USS Donald Cook an Aegis-class modern frigate off the coast of Crimea had a Russian Sukhoi-22 jet fly slowly over it and then suddenly all the electronic equipment and engines went dead. It had to be towed into Constanza harbor in Romania. This is the ongoing war between Western Civilization NATO vrs Eastern Orthodox Civilization of Russia.

Sign 2 : People outside America probably don't know who Francis Scott Key was for whom the bridge was named. He was the author of the American national anthem “The Star Spangled Banner” This rousing song begins with “Oh say can you see....” Referring to the American flag flying from Fort Sumter under bombardment starting the Civil War. It ends with the plaintive cry, Can you still see the flag flying “over the land of the free and the home of the brave”?

And that is a question that is now very much in question as America falls apart in debt fueled consumerism, endless foreign wars abroad and “woke ideology” madness at home. Again the question: What is happening to the home of Judeo-Christian Western Civilization in America and Great Britain? Is the Civilization bridge collapsing? Has it been hit by reality?

Let's try Easter Sunday 31st of March the Holy Day of Christ's Resurrection celebrated traditionally in the West by political leaders making some gesture to the Christian public as they for instance do on St Patrick's day with Irish green and Irish heritage celebrations.

Or lighting Hanukah candles in the White House for the Jewish feast of Purim in December.

This Easter Sunday was different. President Biden declared by Presidential decree that it would be the “Transgender Day of Visibility”. Here was a typical news headline....

Outrage Ensues As Biden Celebrates "Transgender Day of Visibility" On Easter

And to compound the insult the White House said that the usual Easter celebration at the White House “must not include any questionable content, religious symbols or overly religious themes.”

When I saw the dramatic videos of the giant cargo ship hitting the bridge supports and the whole bridge just crumbling....I thought about Francis Scott Key and his depiction of a heroic America, I thought about all the evangelical charismatic Christians in America wrapping themselves in the American flag (and Israeli flag) calling themselves ‘Christian nationalists’. I thought about growing up as a South African youngster in a very different America and that collapsing bridge with such a patriotic name became for me a sad metaphor for a crumbling American civilization

The UK: A dying Christian Civilization

And in the UK? Well the next day after Easter on the 1st of June a new law came into effect in Scotland. It was called a “Hate Crime Law” to protect transgender people. Under the new law anyone deemed to have been verbally “abusive” in person or online to a transgender person including “insulting” them could be hit with a prison sentence up to seven years. As example was calling a man dressed and self-identified now as a woman, calling that person “a man” is abusive and insulting and you can be arrested and prosecuted. So what has happened this past week since Monday 1st June”

What happened was that on the first day of the new law over 3,800 complaints were lodged with Scottish police of accusations of insults and abuse covered by the new law. One of those targeted needing to be prosecuted was famous and very wealthy author JK Rowling of Harry Potter fame.

Rowling this past week while touring in America tweeted the names of two transgender people and called the both “men” breaking the new law and then tweeted “you can arrest me when I land in Scotland”. The Scots police responded “Ms Rowling will not be arrested”. To which Ms Rowling responded in another controversial tweet and I quote: ***If they go after any woman for simply calling a man a man I'll repeat that women's words and they can charge us both at once.*** Now that is brave and hopefully free.

The tragedy of King Charles: A metaphor for a dying Christian Civilization
We recently heard the tragic news that king Charles is dying of advanced cancer. I am

sorry for him. He seems a decent chap as they say in Britain. However I am reminded of a warning I made last year May 13 about his coronation ceremony: I quote:

A Biblical warning, don't swear with your hand on the scripture and your vow to God and an entire nation if you have no intention to do it, rather not swear, you will still be king:

Deu 23:21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

Deu 23:22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

Deu 23:23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform

The King kneels at the Chair of Estate. The Archbishop says

Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England?

(Really king Charles do you swear to maintain the laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel and the Settlement making you the head of the Church?)

I Charles do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful Protestant,

(Really are you a faithful Protestant and willing to publicly confess that Jesus is Lord and the only way of salvation to all mankind and the Bible scripture alone the true Word of God?)

My English friends tell me don't worry this is just a legal requirement of an old law nobody expects him to actually keep this vow. Really? Have you asked God about that seeing as the same ceremony not only anoints you with "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me as monarch of England but also the head of the Church. You don't think God is paying attention when you declare yourself anointed head of the Church of England? I am sorry for both Charles and Kate. I pray he has a real born again conversion with a miracle healing and will then profess true faith in Christ publicly.

What about Russia?

The contrasting Eastern Orthodox Civilization of Putin's Russia had a different approach to the civilizational culture war. Here is a headline this week in Russia media:

Owner of Russian gay bar arrested for 'propaganda'

LGBT propaganda has been outlawed in Russia since 2022, and in November last year the Supreme Court ruled that the activities of the "international LGBT social movement" are to be recognized as "extremist." Last week, Russia's Federal Financial Monitoring Service (Rosfinmonitoring) included the "movement and its structural units" to the list of persons and organizations deemed to be involved in extremist activities or terrorism....i.e promoting the homosexual lifestyle. However president Putin had previously stated that anti-LGBT legislation should not affect people's personal lives provided they "don't

flaunt it in public” and don’t involve children. Why not in “Christian South Africa? Reality? Russia will retake the Russian portions of Ukraine. NATO will be defeated. The Western International Rules based order is collapsing. Russia wants nothing to do with the corrupt “woke culture” of the West nor have their children infected by it.

The Civilization and the Nation State

So let me clarify what I am saying in this week’s blog.

There is no such thing as a “Christian Nation” such as saying South Africa or America are Christian nations. God’s Christian nation are “His people”. And “his people” are not defined either by a nationality or historical lines on a map. His people are defined by a different kind of identity. They’re from all nationalities but they are bound by family ties not ethnic ties. They have a common Father and their nation is a family. That is what the real “Israel of God” is defined as : A holy nation, and a royal priesthood”

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

We the peculiar people, and Holy Nation have a job to do. By showing forth the praises of Him who called us to the world around us we can influence people and nations around us to improve life and laws to create a transnational Christian Civilization. A civilization is a peculiar way of how a group of people conduct themselves. This is the Isaiah 62 mandate:

Isa 62:1-12 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth... And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name (i.e no longer national Israelites), which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem (the New Jerusalem) a praise in the earth.... And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

The Church is the Holy Nation called by a New Name we are the New Jerusalem a praise in all the earth because the Gentiles will see our righteousness and all kings (world leaders) the glory of the Lord through us as a lamp that shines in the darkness....so that they can change their ways.

Around the world there are different civilizations that reflect the way a society conducts itself. These are for example China which was a Marxist Communist civilization and

changed itself into a Confucian civilization. Russia the same from Marxist Communism to Christian Orthodox civilization.

Which is why I am busy with the series on the Jubilee Economy. This is applicable to our part of Southern Africa. We can create a better economic system that all people of all beliefs can find greater prosperity in. And it shines the light on His ways when others ask ‘How did you bring a nation from poverty to prosperity?’

And certainly we can do as Russia has done. What you do in the privacy of your home and bedroom is your business but in public you don’t have the space to influence our children and youngsters into the LGBT lifestyle.

Which brings me to Illusions and Realities

A nation or a person can create laws and a lifestyle under the illusion that anything goes and that this is not God’s creation and His reality. You can avoid reality with illusion. But you cannot avoid the consequences of living in an illusion. The consequences of humanist values and their illusions are now starting to be apparent.

And there are illusions in the Church from avoiding our Isaiah 62 reality. Case in point also from last year in May which I also wrote about. The International House of Prayer (IHOP) in Kansas City under the leadership of Mike Bickle called for an international 21 days of prayer and fasting for Israel from Christians all over the world from May 7-28. The call was pray that Israel and Jerusalem be a praise in all the earth. They had millions of Christians all over the world joining this unprecedented prayer campaign, I refer you to their website at www.isaiah62fast.com. I warned: Christian Zionism is an illusion.

A year later what was illusion and what was reality?

Today Mike Bickle has been cast out of ministry as a fraud who while leading a national movement dedicated of Holiness unto the Lord and a home for the prophets and a platform for the prophetic movement of America...he has instead been exposed as leading a double life of decades of serial adultery with numerous women along with a drinking problem.

The prophetic movement has been exposed as mostly ineffectual and questionable at best. Not one of the many prophets moving through IHOP for decades to Mike Bickle what the prophet Nathan did to king David, expose him”You are the man O king”.

As for Israel how are they faring after millions of Christians a year ago spent weeks in prayer and fasting calling on the Lord to “make Jerusalem a praise in all the earth”? Is Israel a light to the gentiles, Jerusalem a praise in all the earth? Israel has lost all moral status as the persecuted people of the Holocaust, the people of God. They are now despised all over the earth for the holocaust now happening in Gaza.

I warned of this last year already. Illusions and reality. The American church us under illusions and spreading those illusions to the rest of the Church. Miracle prosperity, Christian nationalism, end times, escape from the earth, Christian Zionism.

The idea of today's Western Civilization as being a "Judeo-Christian Civilization is an illusion.

The idea that the Jews in Israel are destined to be a light to the nations and a praise in all the earth is an illusion.

Reality

We the church of Southern Africa, a peculiar people, a holy nation, a new Jerusalem, a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, will fulfil Gods mandate of Isaiah 62. Not the Jews of Israel. And in doing so we will transform the various nations of Southern Africa into a trans-national, non-racial, prosperous Christian Civilization as a light to the world.