

Why No Facemask Can Cover Smugness and Hypocrisy

My wife, three of our four children, our two sons-in-law and I have all had COVID-19; it's real.

There is no scientific support for the concept of reinfection. Yet, last week I was heckled and harassed by a flight attendant because I wasn't wearing my mask over my ears but had it attached to my reading glasses.

The pharisaical sanctimony was that the flight attendant was wearing a gator mask, which fits over the nose and mouth and the back of the neck, but not over the ears. No face mask will cover smugness.

Kentucky Congressman Thomas Massie is completely at odds with the dictated mask wearing: "If natural immunity doesn't exempt healthy people from wearing a mask, and if taking multiple doses of the vaccine doesn't exempt healthy people from wearing a mask, when exactly is it that healthy people will no longer be required to wear a mask?"

Based on grossly exaggerated projections of the mortality risk of the flu-like retrovirus COVID-19, the first Public Health Emergency declaration was issued on January 27, 2020. The PHE has been extended thrice since then, most recently on Jan. 21, 2021; this time on the apparent basis of data tampering, flexible diagnostics and false positivity in COVID testing.

All this raises the suspicion that there is a heftier agenda behind the nationwide approach to the viral outbreak, one that possibly can be recognized only from a spiritual point of view.

It most likely has to do with political correctness, an outgrowth of Marxist ideology. This in its current form is

cultural Marxism rather than the more common form, economic Marxism. Cultural Marxism is upstream from politics, with one of its odious hallmarks being the public denigration of those who challenge or oppose its false religious fervor and doctrines.

Those that for instance maintain that masks are ineffective against viral spread are accused of not caring about others or endangering them. It is the big stick leveled against "dissenters."

The real uncaring ones in 2020 were the uppity media elites and anti-American apparatchiks rejoicing in the decline and faltering of American businesses, who had been bankrupted by state and local elected officials with their false diagnosis, and nostrum, exclusively beguiled by Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Realistic guidance or recommendations on how to deal with the coronavirus, such as the advice by renowned epidemiologist Dr. Knut Wittkowski, were completely ignored.

In addition, the so-called effectiveness of face masks was simply taken for granted, despite several studies showing the opposite or its potential disadvantages.

In this context, it may be remembered that it was Fauci himself who on March 8, 2020, said "there's no reason to be walking around with a mask." Medical science seems also to be subject to changeable personal opinions.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. levels a grievous charge against Fauci's character and duplicity, claiming that Fauci stands to make millions of dollars from a COVID-19 vaccine patent. "Anthony Fauci put 500 million of our dollars into that vaccine. He owns half the patent. He has five guys who are working for him who are entitled to collect royalties from that. So you have a corrupt system, and now they've got a vaccine, and it's too big to fail."

This brings us to the rabid use of executive orders by the newly inaugurated President Joe Biden, who signed 25 executive orders, 10 presidential memos and four proclamations within his first 12 days in office, nearly as many executive orders as former President Franklin Roosevelt signed in his entire first month. And Roosevelt holds the record.

President Biden's official actions stand in complete contrast to presidential candidate Joe Biden's insincere assurance in an interview with ABC News host George Stephanopoulos last October. "We are a democracy," Biden said then, criticizing Trump's executive orders. "Some of my Republican friends and some of my Democratic friends even occasionally say, 'Well, if you can't get the votes by executive order, you're going to do something.' Things you can't do by executive order unless you're a dictator. We're a democracy. We need consensus."

Biden's ostentatious display of words such as "consensus" and "unity" may sound invigorating, but when reality sets in, they turn out to be just another set of executive dictatorial decrees and campaign lies. What comes into question is the new president's veracity. The problem with saying one thing and doing another in a democratic republic—where ultimate authority and power are held by its citizens—is that this form of government remains viable only if people can be relied upon to tell the truth and to keep their word.

Thus, we come to the place where Christians find themselves today. Cultural Marxism looms large over America like a disaster about to happen. Government collusion with secularists dominates the spiritual, intellectual, educational, economic and vocational levers of influence and power. With its secular priesthood and the profane "holy orders" issued by the White House, secularism controls every powerful element in the culture, including public and higher education, and the entire sports and entertainment industry.

If public education is radically secular, if Apple, Amazon,

Twitter, Facebook and Google manipulate social media and impose censorship by discriminating against Christian conservatives and those holding a biblical worldview; if culture is juggled to place cultural Marxist ringleaders like antifa and Black Lives Matter on a pedestal; if Bill Maher, Howard Stern and Ellen DeGeneres are our youth's tutors for common beliefs and social norms, if Paris Hilton and Kim Kardashian's sex tapes are something to emulate and the key to stardom and riches, then, to paraphrase Mark Steyn, having an 'R' behind one's name isn't going to make much of a difference.

Fiercely antagonistic, cultural Marxism forcefully opposes any rival or alternative point of view.

In our column about gaslighting, we made the claim that secularism is just another offshoot of cultural Marxism. And, admittedly, it has been wildly successful over the last 100 years or so, largely by camouflaging itself and its agenda as "neutral" in regard to religion, all the while indoctrinating and infusing America's youth with its profane tenets of faith.

The claim of "neutrality" is highly deceitful, for not to believe in God is every bit of a religious belief as is believing in God.

Theologian and biblical scholar Harold O.J. Brown (1933-2007) foresaw years ago the strong link of cause and effect between secularism and America's demise, based on what he in 2005 saw that "we have come to in seven decades ..." (hence since 1935, just before WWII, with the rise of Nazism).

The distinctiveness of marriage has been abolished (Baird v. Eisenstadt); prayer and Bible reading in schools has been stamped out (Abington, Schemp and others); the mother's womb has become the most dangerous place for a baby (Roe v. Wade and others); the rights [but not the duties] of fathers and parents of minor girls have been voided (Planned Parenthood

v. Danforth); divorce has become easier than marrying; the Ten Commandments have been banned from public view; and now the natural distinction between male and female is being abolished (Goodridge, Lawrence and more). The Pledge of Allegiance is forbidden; the Boy Scouts are under attack; Christmas carols are banned; pornography is everywhere.

The structure of American society is being demolished brick by brick. Within a few short years, Americans will have reached the "'liberty'" desired by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the abolition of every particular dependency. This is what Hannah Arendt called "the atomistic mass," a precondition for the establishment of totalitarianism.

What can be done?

First, realize the great differences between the spiritual believer and the carnal professor. "The formalist and the hypocrite never seek God [except when, Pharisee-like, they would parade themselves before men, except under the pressure of their own needs, and not from any concern for God's honor."

Second, reestablish prayer in America's churches, led by senior pastors.

Third, evangelical and pro-life Catholic Christians should move out of the church building and enter the public square in obedience to Jesus' kingdom assignment in Matthew 16:18, forming His *ekklesia*.

And finally, take a moment to thank God for the Gideons and Rahabs who are beginning to stand in the public square. {eoal}

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