Not in Our Lifetime

As we walk through the pages of history, we find mankind has been consistent and tenacious in yearning to find, to discover that ideal and perfect place to call home, Utopia. This fabled place has no problems, anxieties, or heartaches where everyone gets along with no fights, arguments, disputes and no violence. The list goes on, even the weather regulated to maintain perfect temperatures, sunny days, cool evenings with a bright moon and starlit skies.

Gen. 2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
8a And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden;
9a And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden,
10a And a river went out of Eden to water the garden;
25a And they were both naked, the man and his wife,

The Garden of Eden sounds like the perfect place, the perfect Utopia: the temperature was perfect, since the man and woman, (Adam and Eve), having no need for clothing, were naked. There was no rain since a mist went up from the earth. There was a variety of foods pleasant to look at and definitely good for eating. They were given the task of maintaining the land and caring for the animals. Being blessed, they were also commanded to be fruitful and multiply.

Gen. 1:27-28 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Utopia is a noun and its 3 definitions are as follows:

- An imaginary island described in Sir Thomas More's Utopia (1516) as enjoying perfection in law, politics, etc.
- > An ideal place or state
- > Any visionary system of political or social perfection

Utopia: the perfect place, ideal to the point of perfection, including both the social and political aspects of life.

According the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, related words "nearby" Utopia include the words "**utopian socialism.**" Quite enlightening when we consider what is happening in our country today: unrest, violence, anger, hatred spilling over and running rampant.

It wasn't long ago when Patriotism caused our hearts to swell up with pride and love as we heard and sang our National Anthem and repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. This feeling has become only a memory for an older generation starkly contrasted to younger generations that have diminished knowledge or little understanding or appreciation of the great country they live in, America. Although far from perfect and definitely not Utopia, America remains our home. A country founded by people seeking a Utopia as they fled from oversea tyranny into a new land where they could live together peaceably raising their families, and more importantly, worshiping the God of the Bible. Today, we live in an America that is no longer recognizable to that earlier era.

We now live in a world where we have turned away from Yah, we seek to find our own "Utopia." This Utopia deludes us seeming to provide us with all we could ever want, desire or lust after. Feeling we are universally "**entitled**," allied to the abominations of our proud looks, lying tongues and hands that often shed innocent blood, as stated in Proverbs 6:17.

Prov 6:16-17 There are six things ADONAI hates, seven which he detests: **17** a haughty look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

Thus a nefarious system is required in establishing this new Utopia:

- > Eliminate Yah and Yahshua by rejecting and refusing to acknowledge them
- Build up our self-importance under the guise of self-confidence as we declare we can do all things because we are most definitely "entitled."
- > This self-importance, along with entitlement gives us permission to covet.
- This new found permission to covet has also given us permission to envy, even hate those that have more than we, thus dividing our great nation. (United we stand, divided we fall.)
- It is now justified in corrupted minds to partake in looting, stealing, vandalism, destruction, assaulting and even murder.
- Our leaders continue with their plans by enticing us with free medical, free education, free, free, free.

We are well on our way to Utopia, Utopian Socialism. This Utopian System is being established to enslave the masses and give more power, money, and control to the elite, the authorities, and the power hungry. History has proven this trend is not sustainable, for no earthly kingdom will last. Scripture confirms this fact and further affirms that Yah and Yahushua's Kingdom will be everlasting.

Dan. 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but **it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms,** and it shall stand for ever.

Luke 1:32-33 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

As previously stated, step one was the elimination of our Lord and His Father in our lives. There are three very important decisions made by our Supreme Court, which laid the ground work for the elimination of God as relevant in establishing our standard of morality founded upon obedience to His law.

- > 1962 School sponsored prayer banned from schools.
- > 1973 Roe vs. Wade Legalization of Abortion (legalized murder of innocence).
- ➤ 2015 Same sex marriage

Scripture is very clear that none of the above events met with Yah's approval as He has condemned those actions as abominable.

Prayer banned from schools

Deut. 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deut. 11:19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Scripture does not specifically state that prayer should be taught in school, but it stands to reason Yah would support school-taught prayer, since He commanded parents to continually teach their children. Traditionally, parents taught their children what they had learned through life's experience and more importantly, specifically, what they should have been learning with their walk with Yah. It's a baffling rationale, how prayer remains banned from school while concurrently the House of Representative and the Senate continue to convene their sessions with an opening invocation.

Abortion

Deut. 12:31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

Deut. 18:10a There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire,

Ezek. 23:37 That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, **whom they bare unto me**, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

In Ezek. 23:37, Yah finds sin and fault with Israel in view of the fact they caused their sons to pass through the fire to death, **the sons they bare for Yah**. Our sons and daughters are a gift from Yah for us to care and nurture BUT, first and foremost they are His children!

Against homosexuality

Lev. 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.Lev. 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.Rom. 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

When Yah created the earth, the universe and all the animals, He also formed and created man, Adam. Seeing Adam was alone, our Lord formed a companion for Adam. Yah took one of Adam's ribs, forming it into a woman. This woman, Eve, was a part of Adam. The meaning of the word "part," is defined as a portion, division or segment of **a whole.** (from the American Heritage Dictionary). They were created in such a fashion to complement each other; where one was weak, the other was strong, where one was logical, the other was emotional.

Gen. 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Gen 2:21-24 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **24** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Another important cornerstone needed to instill this new Utopia upon our mindset lies through government financing that enables single parenthood. The majority of single mothers are young with a limited education. Since their ability to earn a living for themselves and their child or children is curbed, they are obligated to accept government aid. The family unit is penalized by a means-tested program designed for benefits to be reduced as earnings rise, therefore, one can maximize receiving welfare by remaining unmarried and not acknowledging the father of the child. The children of single parents are more likely to have behavioral and emotional problems such as smoking, drinking, and drug use. They are often aggressive, violent and are either expelled from school or become drop outs.

I find it amazing that we can define Utopia with man's description when our Lord, as noted in Scripture, handed the perfect physical Utopia to Adam and Eve on a silver platter!

This study, though appearing to be doom and gloom, is actually joyous and uplifting. Yah had given us Utopia, the Garden of Eden, mankind rejected it. This rejection has resulted in a life time of trials, tribulations, heartaches, tears and sorrow. Those that have been called and have heard that calling by living in loving obedience to Him have acquired love, trust, and faith, and will live in Utopia, the Garden of Eden, <u>not in our lifetime</u>, **but definitely**, in the one to come when we share eternal life with our Lord.

Rev. 21-1-3 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Rev. 22: 1-7 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every

month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. 6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Have faith, trust, be strong, and wait patiently.

Proverbs to ponder:

Prov. 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Prov. 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

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