

How the Age-Old Scheme of Lie, Silence, and Control Dominate...

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How the Age Old Scheme of Lie, Silence and Control Dominates Our Age.

That is the topic we'll discuss today right here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program, where the mission is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

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If you take any of the headline events of our day: COVID-19, accusations of systemic racism, the January 6, 2021 capital breach and the homosexual transgender movement just to name a few, you will see a recurring pattern. Disinformation, or lies, are propagated by those with power and influence, that could be the government, media, otherwise. Those who dare speak the dissenting truth are silenced. And those with power and influence gain, well, more of both. This is an age old scheme. Consider what took place after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matthew writes in his Gospel of Matthew chapter 28, "When they [the religious rulers] had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers and said, 'You are to say, His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.'" Now, who would believe such an obviously specious claim? Well, it turns out lots of people, which is really the most tragic part. Souls are led away from the truth, not just on the issues of our day, but on belief in the one and only Savior, Jesus Christ.

Host: David Wheaton 02:17

So today on the Christian Worldview, we're going to examine how this age old scheme is used today, and what Christians should do in response. So over crucifixion Friday and Resurrection Sunday, I, like probably many of you, read the account of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. And I noticed how the reaction to the truth about Christ's resurrection was handled then, and I saw how there's a similar pattern going on today. And there's really three points to it.

First, a lie is established and then disseminated. Number two, the truthful account or the truthful narrative is silenced by any and all means. And number three, the false worldview and the power structure must be maintained to keep people from believing the truth.

So there's the three step process. A lie is established and disseminated, the truth is silenced, and a false worldview and positions of power are maintained. So let's look at that passage about Christ's resurrection. I'm going to start in John 19:38 where it says, "After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate granted him permission. So he came and took away Christ's body. Nicodemus, who had first come to Christ by night, [you'll remember that from John chapter three, where Christ told him you must be born again] he also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 75 pounds weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid." Verse 42, "Therefore, because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was nearby, where he was crucified, they laid Jesus there."

Now, just a couple of things from this first paragraph. Here you have two members of the religious ruling class, the Sanhedrin, Joseph and Nicodemus, this was the power structure, the religious rulers of the day, and they were really, the Sanhedrin, was really most responsible for the death of Jesus. They're the ones that were pushing Pilate to have Jesus crucified. Both these men, Joseph and Nicodemus, had become or would become believers in Christ. And as this passage mentions, there was a huge peer pressure to reject Jesus as the Messiah. You'd lose your position on the ruling body, the Sanhedrin, your family no doubt would be shamed. Maybe even your own personal safety would be at risk if you were to affirm that Jesus was the Christ. So here they come, both of these men on Friday, late afternoon, to bury Christ because they knew, they had been convinced, that this man was not just some crazy person claiming to be the Messiah, but that He was who He claimed to be, the Son of God and Savior of mankind and the Messiah for the Jewish people. And they were witnesses. They were actually the first witnesses that Christ's body was put into the tomb. After all, they were the ones who did it.

Now skipping to another gospel in Matthew chapter 27:62, the narrative continues. "Now on the next day, the day after Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember that when he was alive, that deceiver, referring to Christ, said, "After three days I am to rise again". Therefore give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise his disciples may come and steal him away and say to the people, "He has risen from the dead," and the last deception will be worse than the first.'" Verse 65, Matthew 27- Pilate responds and says to them, "You have a guard of soldiers.

Go, make it as secure as you know how. And they, the religious rulers went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard, they set a seal on the stone.” So here you have the religious leaders, Pharisees, Sadducees, the chief scribes, these people who are the religious leaders of Israel, they won't believe despite who Jesus said He was, the Son of God, the Messiah, despite the fact that what He actually did, the miracles He did right in front of them, they would not believe. But they're anticipating what could go wrong if Christ's disciples steal his body away.

So they develop a backup plan before he even rises from the dead in case the body goes missing. And I looked this up in a commentary, the Blue Letter Bible Commentary, and they said this was either the Roman guard or the Jewish temple police. There was a question as to which one of the two groups was watching over it. The context seems to favor the Roman guard. Now if it was a Roman guard, this would have been a 16 man unit that was governed by very strict rules. Each member was responsible for six square feet of space. The guard members could not sit down or lean against anything while they were on duty. If a guard member fell asleep, he was beaten and burned with his own clothes. But he was not the only one executed. The entire 16 man guard unit was executed if only one of the members fell asleep while on duty. So consider who this guard actually was. This wasn't someone from just like the Andy Griffith Show, one person standing there guarding the tomb. That was Matthew 27.

Let's turn the page to go to Matthew 28. Just a little more context on our topic today. It continues on Matthew 28:1. “Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week [it'd be Sunday] Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.” Verse 4. “The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.” Verse five. “The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where he was lying.’” Verse seven. “Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see him. Behold, I have told you.” Verse 8. “And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to report it to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to my brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Now, here's the truth. This is what actually happened regarding Christ rising from the grave. Earthquake occurred, angels came, rolled away the stone, the guards were so afraid they went

unconscious. In other words, the truth is, Jesus rose from the dead. Verse 11. "Now while they were on their way, some of the guard [so some of those who had been frightened into basically unconsciousness] came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together [here comes the lie] they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers and said, 'You are to say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away, while we were asleep.'" And if this should come to the governor's ears [Pilate] we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.' And they took the money and did as they had been instructed." In this story, this lie, this disinformation was "widely spread among the Jews, as is to this day." So here you see this three fold repetition of what takes place. First of all, a lie is established and disseminated. The guards report to the religious rulers what happened, they are eyewitnesses to what happened, at least to a certain extent before they went unconscious. The response by the chief priests and the leaders should have been well, wait a second here. Let's investigate this. What's the truth? I mean, what happened here? And if this truly is what happened, this truly must be the Son of God, and therefore we must believe in him. Well, that's not what their response was. It was willful unbelief, despite the facts right in front of them.

I mean, don't bother me with the facts. They consulted together to establish and then disseminate a lie, they paid off the soldiers. They created what's called fake news, right? The disciples had stolen the body. And of course, this is a ridiculous, non-believable lie. All the soldiers were sleeping when this all happened, really? And if they were sleeping, how would sleeping soldiers actually know the disciples stole him? It's just a ridiculous, non-believable lie. And of course, just not too long after this, over 500 people at one time would see the risen Christ, according to I Corinthians chapter 15. So the evidence for the resurrection is overwhelming. It doesn't take a very large step of faith to actually believe it took place.

So why was there just outright rejection of this by the religious elite of the day? Well, because they had a false worldview, a false religion, and they were in positions of power. And now this is the third point, that it must be maintained at all times to keep people from believing the truth. They didn't want to look bad of course, if they had murdered the hoped for Messiah, they didn't want to lose power and influence. So they love power more than they love truth, they loved evil more than they loved good. And so the truth would have to be silenced. In fact, the entire book of Acts is about how the religious rulers and others were constantly trying to silence what the apostles were saying about Jesus Christ, ultimately leading to 11 of the 12 apostles being martyred, losing their lives. But of course, that never stops the propagation of the gospel message. It always continues despite persecution. That's what non-believers never get. They think that you can end the lives of those who are Christians and it's going to go away. It not only never works, but the faith only expands evermore.

And it's interesting, the end of that passage said, "This story was widely spread among the Jews as is to this day." So it's just repeated and believed. And the bottom line is people get led away from the truth about Christ. And that is the worst part of all. And so I'll just give you an example. A modern day example of this. I just went to YouTube and typed in the search field, something about the fact that Christ didn't rise from the dead. Of course, all sorts of videos come up. And here's an example of someone named Richard Carrier trying to make his case that Christ didn't rise from the dead.

YouTube audio clip 14:24

"When evidence is very vague, all we can really rely on is what actually happens most often in similar circumstances. The anthropology of religion and psychology establishes that. In contrast, I'm pretty sure a real Jesus, resurrected by God, who actually cared about us, would appear to everyone on earth, I made that point, even in every generation. He wouldn't appear to just one tiny group in one tiny place 2,000 years ago. But that a group of regular hallucinators, raised in a culture seeped with teachings of resurrected savior gods, believing the world was soon to end and seeking any way to make the facts fit their belief, finding a message in their holy scriptures about their executed savior being resurrected and becoming God, that such a group would then hallucinate the resurrection of their executed leader as a confirmation, as a confirmation of the end, coming end of the world and the coming resurrection, all of that is perfectly natural. And like many other strange religions, it requires no other explanation."

Host: David Wheaton 15:14

Okay, so you get the point that some guy on the internet is trying to say that Christ didn't rise from the dead saying it was some mass hallucination. Of course that's ridiculous as well. There were many witnesses, multiple witnesses of the empty tomb. So at least we know Christ's body wasn't in there, both of believers and non-believers. And also, even better evidence, is that there were many witnesses of the physical resurrection of Christ, whereas the women and the apostles, over 500 disciples as I mentioned, this is overwhelming proof that would go beyond any reasonable doubt in any court of law that Jesus Christ did rise from the dead. And that's super significant. Not only did he die and pay the required price for the sins of mankind, for all those who would believe, but his resurrection proved that God was satisfied by Christ's sacrifice of himself and that His justice and anger had been satisfied over our sins. That's critically important, the resurrection. That's why there's always an attack on the resurrection. We don't serve a dead savior, we serve a risen Savior, and He's with God at His right hand today, and He's going to come back again, this is the central tenant of the Christian faith. And if this isn't true, like it says in first Corinthians 15, we are "most to be pitied" for believing and

propagating a lie. It would be just like believing in fairy tales. What a delusion, what a waste of time. But of course, that is not the case when it comes to the factual resurrection of Jesus Christ. Okay, just a brief pause.

Host: David Wheaton 16:43

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[Pastor James Coates] “And it isn't the government's responsibility to protect us from a virus. What's their responsibility? To protect our God given rights.

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Host: David Wheaton 19:08

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letter. You can order resources for adults and children and support the ministry. Now back to our topic of the day, how the age old scheme of lie, silence and control dominates our age.

So again, here's how it works. A lie is established and disseminated. That's what the religious leaders did, the disciples stole Him. Number two, the truth is silenced by any and all means. Back then they would just hunt down and arrest and even martyr anyone who would proclaim the truth. Number three, the reason they did it is because they had a false worldview and their power had to be maintained to keep people from believing the truth. They're agents of Satan trying to blind people from coming to the truth. In this age old pattern, if you haven't noticed, has become all too common today in our country.

I just wrote down a few different examples of this; COVID-19, the death of George Floyd by the police officer here in Minneapolis, the January 6 protest at the Capitol, and of course the homosexual transgender movement as well. Those four examples I think, are so clear as to how this age old scheme takes place today. I mean, just consider COVID-19. This virus comes from China, the government, those in authority recognize this as a perfect means to consolidate government authority, to get more of it, to move towards globalism, maybe even depopulation. Instead of just protecting those who are vulnerable to this virus, the old, or those who have underlying conditions, all these different things are enacted. Social distancing, remains six feet apart. Lockdowns of businesses and churches and so forth. Wear masks, even cloth masks and vaccine mandates. All of this is instituted.

And then secondly, the truth is silenced. Social distancing and lockdowns are harmful to social needs of people and to the economy. Of course, the church as well. Masks don't work. The basic cloth mask doesn't do anything for the transmission of this virus. We found out the vaccines are basically highly ineffective and actually harmful. People get adverse events from these vaccines, even death. The early treatment protocols like ivermectin are totally suppressed, shamed horse de wormer, right? Only a small percentage of the population knew about ivermectin or these nutraceuticals that can help people from getting COVID or help them overcome it when they did get it. It was just, if you get it, just hope you don't get too sick. And if you do get sick, go to the hospital and get remdesivir or get on a ventilator, both of which could lead to your death as well. Meanwhile, the truth is silenced on social media, accounts are canceled, the dissenter shamed.

The same pattern takes place and you get to the third point; the result of this is that the false worldview and power gained keep people from believing and knowing the truth. I mean, think how many lives were lost or were harmed because the truth wasn't allowed to be known. The lie, the silencing of truth, and the false worldview and power maintained. Take the example of

George Floyd, the death of George Floyd right here by the Minneapolis Police Officer, Derek Chauvin. What happened was that George Floyd had gone into a store and past a fake \$20 bill. The police were called, he resisted arrest for quite a while. Then he died shortly after being apprehended by police and with his facedown on the pavement with the police's knee on the back of his neck for about eight or nine minutes. Now, was it drugs in his system that actually led to his demise? Was it a health condition or was it the knee on the neck? I mean, I think it's very hard to be conclusive of that. But that's actually what happened. So the lie immediately started to get out there that this was an innocent victim of racist police brutality that proves that we're systemically racist. We need to defund the police, we need to institute Critical Race theories in every element of society to overcome the injustice that this country is founded and built upon. There was nothing told, very rarely told about the violent criminal history of George Floyd or the fact that he had resisted arrest leading up to this. Nothing in the trial by the way about any racist motive that the police officer had against this black man. And the dissenters to this, if you bring up an alternate reality to people, you're just a racist for bringing that up, you have white fragility. And then going into point three again, the same pattern, the false worldview and power gained to keep people from believing the truth, it's all meant to weaken Christian America by asserting systemic racism. The country has become more divided. The curriculum in schools has been altered, there was a summer of riots. There's violence in our big cities now. And the overall motivation to consolidate government power by letting society break down has been achieved. The same threefold repetition.

Let's discuss one more incident with the example of what took place on January 6, 2021 with the protest that turned into a capitol building trespass and riot, not an insurrection.

"Insurrection" is taking over of government. That did not take place. It was trespassing and kind of a semi riot at the Capitol. Violent disturbance of peace by a crowd. That's the actual definition of a riot. So what happened? Well, there was a non-armed trespass of the capital. Hundreds of 1000s of people had gathered in Washington DC to protest that the presidential election of 2020 was fraudulent. And this was the day, January 6, that Congress was going to certify the election and all these people came to Washington DC for a "Stop the steal rally," in favor of Donald Trump. Totally in their rights to do so.

You remember back to the 2020 election that Joe Biden purportedly received the most votes in the history of this country, 81 million, and people saw that and thought, there's no way. He hardly even campaigned, he'd been a career politician. He's not an inspiring person. There's no way he could have gotten 81 million votes, the most in history. The voting rules had been changed in this presidential election due to COVID 19. You've got to keep people away from the polls and voting on Election Day. So they allowed people to vote early, to mail in ballots, and of course, this is just ripe for fraud. There was all sorts of discrepancies, which I won't get

into now, we covered this last year on the program, and then it would be taken to the courts and the judges won't even address the challenges. So the first step in this age old scheme is, here comes the lie, it was called "the most fair election in history". The second point of the scheme is that the truth was silenced. If you didn't believe in the election, that it was free and fair, you are an "election denier". If you do a Google search for evidence of 2020 election fraud, you'll just get pages and pages full of left-wing sources about how it was all a lie that the election was not fair and it's all conspiracy theory.

Go to the third point. Again, why is this the case? Because you have to maintain this false worldview and this power to keep people from knowing and believing the truth. You can't have a nationalist like Donald Trump back in power that's going to threaten the push for globalism. So what happened that particular day? I've been meaning to get to this topic for a while. So I want to spend a little extra time in case you haven't heard about what took place on that day, January 6, 2021. So if Donald Trump was speaking that day, people were already breaking through the barriers that were set up as a perimeter to the Capitol building where the Congress was meeting to certify the election. And the perimeter that was set up around the Capitol Building was set outside where the general public was normally able to go. So it wasn't just the perimeter right at the entrance to the building, it was set out on the grounds further out. So understandably, once that perimeter, once some of the barricades had been removed, or the fences removed, people who didn't see those barricades removed, wouldn't have any idea that they weren't allowed to go further onto the grounds toward the Capitol building.

From that point, hundreds of people went into the Capitol building. Some walked right in through open doors, some broke windows or violently entered. And then when they got into the Capitol building, they genuinely walked around, protested, went into rooms, took pictures of themselves, pushing back and forth with the security that was resisting. And it's notable that no guns were recovered from this so called insurrection. I mean, what kind of insurrection is that? The Capitol Building was not held hostage for political demands, no members of Congress were kidnapped or hurt. In fact, no one died in this so called riot, except for one person. That's when a Capitol police officer shot a protester, a woman who had come in who was unarmed, without even his life being threatened, and that officer was completely exonerated for doing so. Now, following this, the Justice Department conducted the largest manhunt in US history to track down every single person who had trespassed on the Capitol grounds.

Hundreds of people were arrested and held in jail, even to this day, some in solitary confinement awaiting trial, think about that. We are now a year and what, four months beyond that particular incident, and people are still in jail awaiting trials. This is America? Again, this was trespassing. Or maybe you could call it egregious violent trespassing for those who broke

through windows and so forth, or rioting at most. People don't get held in jail for over a year in solitary confinement for rioting unless someone is murdered. Now, I say this, fully acknowledging that those who break the law should face reasonable consequence before the justice system for trespassing into the Capitol. But the biggest element of this is something that I don't think very many people know about. The question is twofold. How did people get in so easily to the Capitol building? Why did the police sort of stand back, some of them at least, and allow people to come in? And who were the insighters of this and why were not they arrested? I mean, the Capitol Building has to be defended at all costs, right? This is one of our most prominent national landmarks in this country.

So the conclusion is, well, either the police force is woefully pathetic, or they wanted people to get in or someone told them to let people in, because it would be harmful to the movement to the Trump movement of those who actually went inside the Capitol. Now I had read an article, a long column, which we have linked on [TheChristianWorldview.org](https://www.TheChristianWorldview.org) that I would highly encourage you to read. It's from the website [revolver.news](https://www.revolver.news). And they did a whole expose of this. I'm not gonna have time to get into very much of it. But I want to just read a paragraph and play a couple sound bites from this reporting they did because it is truly incredible. The column starts out by saying, Out of all of the 1000s of January 6 protesters and the 1000s of hours of publicly available footage from that fateful day, a man named Ray Epps, Epps, has turned out to be perhaps the only person nailed dead to rights, confessing on camera to plotting a pre planned attack on the Capitol. On both January 5, and on January 6, Epps announced multiple times at multiple locations, his upcoming plot to breach the US Capitol. He then spent hours attempting to recruit hundreds of others to join him. On top of it, all Epps was seen leading key people and managing key aspects of the initial breach of the Capitol grounds himself. That's from the opening paragraph to the [revolver.news](https://www.revolver.news) article. And so this Ray Epps was this big guy, he was wearing this red Trump hat, camouflage type shirt and a backpack. If you look at the videos from that day, he was everywhere inciting people to breach the Capitol. And he wasn't the only one. There were several other people involved. I'm gonna play a soundbite from one coming up. One was called, they don't know his name, he's called the scaffold commander, a guy that was standing up on the top of the scaffold right in front of the Capitol. And that begs the question, Who was this guy? How did he get up there with a bullhorn, urging people to breach the Capitol? So just listen to this audio of both these characters, inciting the protesters to breach the Capitol, and yet neither of them has been held accountable. The only conclusion is that they were federal agents trying to entrap people.

Audio Clip from January 6, 2021 at the Capitol 32:53

Tomorrow we need to go into the Capitol. Into the Capitol.

Tomorrow, I don't even like to say it because I'll be arrested.

Well, let's not say it.

We need, we need to go into the Capitol. We are going to the capitol where our problems are. It's that direction. Please spread the word.

Host: David Wheaton 33:28

That was Ray Epps. Now here's the scaffold commander shouting through a bullhorn, urging people to go into the capitol.

Audio Clip from January 6, 2021 at the Capitol 33:35

Don't just stand there. Move forward. Help somebody over the wall. Move forward. Come on cowboy. Let's go cowboy. We're in. We're in. Come on. We gotta fill up the Capitol.

Host: David Wheaton 34:04

There is so much more to this and this is why we encourage you to read this Revolver article on our website, TheChristianWorldview.org. But these videos are just incredible, the incitement to what was taking place and that neither of them have been arrested. And so basically, the videos just show that people and Ray Epps just pushed over these three foot high metal barricades, and they just started running toward the Capitol building. And interestingly, Ray Epps was on the most wanted list by the US government. But then all of a sudden he magically disappeared from that list, despite the fact that the federal government knows where he lives in Arizona, I believe it is. And he walks free today after being on video time and time again, encouraging people to go into the Capitol. So notice the three step scheme again. You tell the lie. It was a planned insurrection. One of the greatest events in American history up there with 911 and Pearl Harbor It was a government takeover event by white nationalists. Number two, the truth is silenced. Anyone who suggests that this was anything other than just Trump supporters breaching the Capitol and that federal agents were involved in inciting this, is just a conspiracy theorist, anti democracy. You're a fascist, you're a racist, you're a truth denier, you're an election denier, this was an insurrection.

And then number three, the result would be that the false worldview and the consolidation of power would be gained and maintained to keep people from knowing and believing the truth. The government and those in authority will be able to permanently marginalize and punish conservatives. It would gain power, it would discredit and destroy all political opposition to their socialist agenda to transform America. Okay, just a brief pause. More coming up on this topic, how the age old scheme of lie silence and control dominates our age.

Host: David Wheaton 36:06

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Host: David Wheaton 38:33

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Now corollary to this is the fact that the silencing of free speech, the second part of the scheme here, is happening all the time now. If you write something on your Twitter feed like men are men and men can't become women, well it'll only be a matter of time before Twitter suspends or deletes your account? And there's no greater example than that the President of the United States, Donald Trump, had his Twitter account permanently deleted. It hit 88 million followers. And I went to the Twitter explanation for what happened, what went into this decision. And here's what they said on Friday, January 8, 2021. This is two days after the capital breach. They said, After close review of recent tweets from the @realDonaldTrump, that was his Twitter account name, and the context around them, specifically how they are being received and interpreted on and off Twitter, we have permanently suspended the account due to the risk of further incitement of violence.

How convenient. In the context of horrific events this week, we made it clear on Wednesday that additional violations of the Twitter rules would potentially result in this very course of action. Then they go on to say, actually list the tweet, here's what the President said to get his account permanently suspended. On January 8, 2021, President Donald J. Trump tweeted, "The 75 million great American patriots who voted for me, America first, and make America great again, will have a giant voice long into the future. They will not be disrespected or treated unfairly in any way, shape, or form." That was one tweet. The second tweet shortly thereafter, Twitter writes, the president tweeted, "To all of those who have asked, I will not be going to the inauguration on January 20th." Those were the two tweets that got the president taken off Twitter.

Can you believe that? Incitement to violence. What? And then Twitter goes on to write, Due to the ongoing tensions in the US and an uptick in the global conversation in regards to the people who, "Violently stormed the Capitol on January 6," again, no one was killed, except for one of the protesters, these two tweets must be read in the context of broader events in the country in the ways in which the President's statements can be mobilized by different audiences, including to incite violence, as well as in the context of the pattern of behavior from this account in recent weeks. And I won't read the rest.

You can go and read it for yourself. Freedom of speech, what it used to mean is you can express your views even if it's offensive to someone else. The accepted limit of that was that if you were inciting someone to violence to harm someone, that's where you didn't have the

freedom to do that, you know, causing someone to try to murder someone or to shout fire in a movie theater. I can't think of any reasonable person that would think of those two tweets by the president that would incite anything to violence. But this is the insidious ploy of the left now is to categorize anything that can be perceived as hurtful as inciting violence, whether against a person or potentially leading that person to self harm. So if you say something that offends someone, well, that's violence because that person might harm themselves or another person might harm them. There's been so many other examples of this that we don't have time to get into. Just this past week, this Twitter account also a tick tock account called, libs of tick tock, where this woman literally just posts videos of transgender teachers just saying the most radical thing, she just reposts them, that's all she does, she doesn't make the video she just repost them.

The Washington Post did an investigative story trying to out her, she's been anonymous, exposing her name, where she lives, reporters knocking at her relatives door, and generally trying to destroy her and silence her. This is the second step of the scheme. There's also Elon Musk, the richest man in the world, the owner of Tesla and SpaceX and other companies, he's made a bid to buy Twitter, and the board of Twitter doesn't want to do it, even though it will be totally worth it financially, because money's not the bottom line, worldview is the bottom line and they know if Elon Musk takes it over, he's going to reinstate Donald Trump and other people who have been canceled on Twitter and then free speech will return at least to that social media platform, rather than it being just an echo chamber of the left, where people who express conservative views have their accounts shut down.

See, we know how free we are as a country, by what you can't say. That's how you know how much free speech you have. And there's many topics now today, that if you say something dissenting against the mainstream media or mainstream governmental perspective, you're immediately silenced. As we conclude today, what can Christians do about this age old scheme of lie, silencing the truth in order to advance their false worldview, and keep their hold on power? You know, back in the time of Christ, it was difficult to silence the truth being communicated from one person to the next. Except for those who were the most outspoken about doing it. They would just kill them. They martyred as I mentioned, 11 of the 12 apostles. Information couldn't travel very quickly back then like it can today on the internet. So the big difference today is speech can be easily silenced and suppressed because so much communication is done over the internet. And the powers that be are very willing to infringe on free speech.

It's just truly incredible how much speech suppression is going on in this United States of America now, our country that's known for its Bill of Rights which guarantees the freedom of

speech and many other freedoms. They're very willing to infringe on the freedom of speech now to advance their worldview of humanism of godlessness and of consolidating government power of globalism. So first of all Christians need to know the tactics of the enemy. We need to know that if someone's looking at you, and speaking to you very passionately and convincingly and confidently, they can still be liars. They can be truth deniers, and silencers. And Christians don't want to curtail free speech, we shouldn't want to because we are on the side of God's truth revealed in his Word. We know what truth is, and who will make things clear in the end.

God Himself allows free speech and thought, until he won't in the end until every knee will bow and every tongue confess, but until then, he allows us to believe what we choose to believe and say. So we cannot be a people who believe anything at the first sight, the first hearing, at the first reading. And really, more than being so in the know on current events, and so forth, we need to be in the know on what the Bible says. That's the source of truth. We need to be involved in a sound church, where a pastor clearly and soundly expository is the Word of God. Because when you're getting truth from the source of truth, scripture, that's going to result in discernment, understanding the sinful nature of man, and where the world is going. And as much as we resent this age old scheme of lie, truth silencing, and the advancing of false worldviews, this is what the god rejecting do. They are dead in their trespasses and sins. Ephesians chapter two, they are children of their father, the devil.

That being said, what is Romans 5:8 say? "God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." And those truth silencers out there, as frustrating and as angering as they can be, we need to realize that what it says in II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness. But is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance." These liars, these truth silencers need to have the truth of the gospel presented to them. Most will reject it, but some might be saved. And that's our call. So let's not be distracted from our mission by our anger and resentment toward those who advance lies and silence speech. But let's be faithful proclaimers of the gospel. Pastor Alistair Begg concluded a recent broadcast where he talked about the fact that we as Christians need to pray for, need to stir up within ourselves, need to take opportunities to proclaim the truth of God's word and the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Here's Alistair Begg:

Audio sound bite: Alistair Begg 48:09

The message is for everyone who believes. Salvation is not given until the gospel, the message of Christ dying in the place of the sinner is believed. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him may not perish, but have

eternal life. God loves men and women so much that he will pursue them with his love, in order to bring them to repentance and faith.

We began by quoting Sinclair that, "The heart of God beats with an evangelistic rhythm." We then end with the question, Does my heart pulse with an evangelistic rhythm? The work of conversion, said Richard Baxter, in his day, is the first and greatest thing we must strive at. After this, we must work with all our mind. This misery of the unconverted is so great, that it calleth loudest for our compassion. I confess, I am frequently forced to neglect that which would lead to the further increase of knowledge in the godly because of the lamentable necessity of the unconverted. Who is able to talk of controversies or of nice, unnecessary points while he sees a company of ignorant, miserable sinners before his eyes? Who is able to talk like that? Of whence it's not unkind to say, evangelical Christianity, in contemporary America, is well able to talk like that.

So our response should be in part, redirect us to go back to our friends, whether they are religious people coming under the cover of darkness. Or as tomorrow morning, if anybody shows up here, religious people stuck in the noonday sun? Will you commit yourself to that? How much time do you have left on earth? Do you remember when you used to sing as a teenager, Lead me to some soul today? Teach me God just want to say. Friends of mine are lost in sin and cannot find their way. Are you just concerned? Are we just concerned to make America the way we really would like it to be for our grandchildren? And we'll worry about the unconverted once we get all the important things fixed? I don't think so. I don't think you would be here if you felt that way.

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Alistair Begg said that so well. We should be informed of the darkness, know about what's taking place, this three fold scheme that we talked about today of the lie, of the silencing of truth, of the advancement of a false worldview and the consolidation of power. That's what the wicked do. Let's know that. But let's never forget our mission, the Great Commission, to be ambassadors for Christ, to proclaim the good news of salvation to souls that are enslaved to sin in our fallen world. If you understand that you have sinned against God and deserve his judgment, please go to our website, TheChristianWorldview.org and click on the page, What must I do to be saved? That is a universal need that each and every one of us has. For us as sinful people, how can we be made right with a holy God? The Gospel answers that question. The person and work of Jesus Christ on our behalf on the cross that we remembered and celebrated at Easter is the key to being forgiven, reconciled to God and being granted eternal life in heaven. You must receive God's offer, God's gift of His Son by faith alone, apart from any trust in your own works.

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