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"Is America, A wicked and evil nation?"
Proverbs 6:16-19

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17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,
19 a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.

Introduction

What I have gleaned from Matthew Poole, Matthew Henry, observation and the text

This is a list of things particularly hateful to the Lord
These are things that followers of this world and the devil are known for

Lying is listed twice and maybe the worst is saved for last, yea seven

God hates sin; he hates every sin; he can never be reconciled to it; he hates nothing but sin

There are some sins which He in a special way hates
Those that do harm to your neighbor and sow discord

Those things that would stop life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for the group as whole

Those who promote such division will come to a swift and sudden ruin; death, eternity forever in hell

This discord is to be hated by us and we must speak
the truth when we seeing it happen
That is why God hates such things

**So lets look at today's text! Asking, "Is America,
A wicked and evil nation?"**

**16 There are six things that the Lord hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:**

There are seven things that God hates, and pride is
the first, lying is mentioned twice and the one who
sows discord is particularly hated

**17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed
innocent blood,**

A contempt or hatred of others-a proud look, plain
old pride

God sees the pride in the heart and hates it there
He hates those that it is all about themselves

a lying tongue

Falsehood, and fraud, and dissimulation

Concealment of one's thoughts, feelings, or
character, pretense

**Romans 12:9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;
hold fast to what is good.**

**Romans 12:9 KJV Let love be without dissimulation.
Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.**

Next to a proud look nothing is more an abomination
to God than a lying tongue

Nothing more sacred to God than truth

No more necessary for association than speaking truth

Association is a characteristic of a free republic and is necessary for its survival

God and all good men hate and abhor lying

and hands that shed innocent blood

Cruelty and blood-thirstiness

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

What was the devil from the beginning?

A liar and a murderer

**18 a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,**

A lying tongue with the intent of removing God from America

A heart that designs and a head that devises wicked imaginations, in the process of carry out a revengeful plot

The more crafty that we are in sinning the greater the abomination to God

Diligence to sin and feet that are swift to do sin

Romans 6:19-21 Phillips Translation, In the past you voluntarily gave your bodies to the service of vice and wickedness—for the purpose of becoming wicked. So, now, give yourselves to the service of righteousness—for the purpose of becoming really good.

**19 a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.**

False witnesses who breath out lies and are never held accountable

One of the greatest evils man can devise

Nothing is more abominable to God than open and planned lying with no recourse

There are seven things which God hates, and lying involves two of them; he hates it, and doubly hates it

and one who sows discord among brothers

Making mischief between relations and neighbours

Let me give you a list of sowing discord right now in America under the guise of the 1619 project or critical theory

There is an open attempt to divide us and create resentment in us because of who we are

The God of love and peace hates him that sows discord among brethren, He delights in associations

Remember I said for a republic and a melting pot at that to survive there must be association

Those that by tale-bearing and slandering, by carrying ill-natured stories, aggravating every thing that is said and done, and suggesting jealousies and evil surmises, blow the coals of contention, are but preparing for themselves a fire of the same nature

Recently, Democratic Senator Tim Kaine announced on the floor of the Senate that:

"The United States didn't inherit slavery from anybody. We created it." [i]

For even the most basic student of world history such a statement ought to immediately be recognized as incomprehensively ridiculous. Historically, every single people, nation, culture, and race has at various times been both the slave and the master. Indeed, "all have sinned and fallen short" (Romans 3:23). Sen. Kaine, just like the famously inaccurate 1619 Project, must ignore documented history and create his own fantasy world to arrive at such a conclusion.

For example, in ancient Greece—which existed thousands of years before America—nearly 30% of their population were slaves. The Roman Empire reached a staggering 40%. [ii] In fact, one of the most significant and widely known aspects of the Bible centers around the Israelites being delivered out of slavery in Egypt through the famous Exodus. We could walk through every nation in human history and find a tragic past riddled with slavery.

Arab Slavers

Prior to the creation of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade by the Spanish from Africa to South America in the early 1500s, Africa already participated in a robust trans-Saharan and Indian Ocean slave trade. Black tribes would raid, capture, and enslave other black tribes for profit, selling them across the continent and beyond. Many of these slaves were sold into the Islamic Middle East, and "medieval Arabs came to associate the most degrading

forms of labor with black slaves.”[iii] Most likely it was this racial bias which was translated to the Iberian Peninsula (i.e., Spain and Portugal) when the Muslims conquered parts of that area in the 8th century. When the Spanish became the first European nation to significantly colonize the New World, they seemingly brought this bias with them which was thereby disseminated through the Americas, North, Central, and South. In this sense, America very literally inherited racial slavery—from the Arab Middle East through Spain.

Christian Slaves

What is perhaps even more astounding is that a larger number of white Europeans were captured and sold into African slavery than the number of Africans sold into the land that would become the United States. Just over 300,000 black slaves landed in the North American colonies which became America[iv] but 1,250,000 white Europeans were captured and shipped to slave markets in Northern Africa.[v] This Barbary Coast Trade lasted longer than American slavery and was only stopped through the naval efforts of the British and Americans. Furthermore, it was not until the late 17th century that black slaves in the New World outnumbered white slaves in the Old.[vi]

Additionally, for hundreds of years before Christopher Columbus ever conceived of the idea to sail westward, the Native Americans practiced mass slavery amid other practices including human sacrifice and cannibalism. This pre-Columbian native slave trade was so prolific that “wherever European conquistadors set foot in American tropics, they found evidence of indigenous warfare, war

captives, and captive slaves.”[vii] Indeed, indigenous cultures saw slavery rates so prevalent that up to 20-40% of all Indians were enslaved by other Indians.[viii]

Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

Even today, nearly 160 years after America became one of the first nations to abolish slavery, there are still 94 nations that do not have laws criminalizing slavery.[ix] This has led to the enslavement of over 40 million people in the world right now. In a stroke of tragic irony, Africa has the highest rate of slavery today, closely followed by Asia,[x] while North America has the lowest.[xi] Currently, Africa holds some 9,240,000 people in chains and slavery today,[xii] which is nearly identical to the total number of slaves disembarked in the entire New World (North, Central, and South America) throughout the almost four centuries of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade.[xiii]

So, clearly Sen. Tim Kaine must either be completely ignorant about the history of slavery or maliciously intentional in his presentation of “facts.” America in no way created slavery—in fact, if we were to say anyone “created” slavery in America we must conclude that the indigenous people did so. By contrast, the United States, despite its well-known shortcomings, ought to receive credit for having done more than nearly any other nation in the history of the world to fight slavery both in the past and today.

The current push for state-sanctioned racism in public education is passed off under the idealistic and unrealistic name of Critical Race Theory. This shouldn't come as too much of a surprise for the simple reason that secularism was inaugurated as America's official religion by eight U.S. Supreme Court Justices in the mid-20th century. And with that they tore down the American founders' Christian bulwark of liberty and autonomy that had been responsible for 350 remarkable years of American history.

For now, America's meteoric rise is a thing of the past. In Matthew 11:19, Jesus observed that "wisdom is known by her children," just as a tree is known by its fruits. Whereas true wisdom shows itself in its providential and favorable effects, secularism is recognized by the dark stain it leaves behind in the culture and daily life.

This stain becomes darker and darker with the sexualization of America's youth, the mindless vacuity of public schooling, and the immoral grooming of junior high 13- and 14-year-old girls being taught that "oral sex, anal sex, sexual fantasy, masturbation, touching each other's genitals, and vaginal intercourse, is like saying, 'I like you'."1

If we won't put a stop to this, the stain will soon become indelible.

The conservative author and media critic Mark Steyn [born 1959] recently made this observation during a Hillsdale College National Leadership Seminar: "America and the West in general have become almost unrecognizable from what they were not that long ago."

And who would still recognize America while noticing the following:

- State-sanctioned induction of pagan secularism in Engel v. Vitale [1962], Abington School District v. Schempp [1963], and Stone v. Graham [1980].
- State-warranted right to kill unborn babies - Roe v. Wade [1973].
- State-approved exaltation and normalization of sin - Obergefell v. Hodges [2015].
- State-appointed "special rights" for homosexual sin - Bostock v. Clayton [2020].

There is no such thing as "neutrality" in religion and public education. To believe in God is every bit of a religious choice as to not believe in God. To include the Bible in public education - as America's founders instituted - was a religious decision. The 20th century Supreme Court ruling of prohibiting the Bible and prayer in public schools likewise constituted a secular religious decision.

It has been asked that if America's founders wanted to establish Christianity as the official religion of America, why didn't they just say so? Well, they did. A straight answer to that question can be found in the 13 Original States Charters and Constitutions of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland. Read here: goo.gl/cBw4Xh

Thirty-seven years ago, then three-term Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich said: "I favor public learning, [but] I'm not sure I favor public education anymore."²

He then made the case for school voucher programs as the way to empower parents to take control of their children's education and eliminate the perversion of youth and culture by secularism's high priests and priestesses in public schools.

The promotion of good character was at the heart of 17th- and 18th-century American education. Its first principle entailed the understanding that "Righteousness makes a nation great, but sin diminishes any people."³ If righteousness indeed exalts a nation, the curriculum therefore should impart loving righteousness, working righteousness, promoting righteousness, procuring righteousness, and imparting righteousness to America's youth.⁴

A school voucher program would be a great idea. K-12 education is, after all, partly or wholly financed by parents, so why not also let them decide what is done with that money? One hundred percent of federal 'grants' comes from the government putting its hand in the pocket of hardworking, tax-paying citizens.

As early as 1984 future Speaker Gingrich spoke at length about the problem: "All federal aid to help poor families with children's education would be far more powerful as a motivator if it went not to local bureaucracy, i.e., the public school system, but to the local child or local parent. 'Here's a check that can only be spent on

learning, but which is your share we in Washington [spend] on helping poor children learn how to read.'

"You're going to get a lot further down the road if a parent walks in to talk to the school board and the principal [with their money, because no one is more equipped to make the best decisions for their kids' education than their parents.]

"People ask, 'Why don't parents care about their children's learning?' I would suggest if we re-empower parents [by having control of the money that can only be spent on their child's learning], not a check from the federal government to the city to the local school board - but the parent has the check and walks in and says, 'What are you going to do for my child?'

"You've got to move away from focusing on teachers and towards focusing on learners. I don't care how good your teachers are, I care how good your learners are.

"... we all talk about reading, reading is the most important part of learning, it's the key to everything. I would rather have kids who can read than any other single quality because that's the basis for all other qualities. If they can read they will be able to start arguing, they'll be able to start learning math and so forth.

"So I've been saying to the kids in my district - because I believe in incentives so deeply - what if we said to you, 'If you read one book a week and come in and the teacher tests you orally on it [and you pass], you get one day off extra for Thanksgiving - as a reward - one day off extra at Christmas, and one day off extra at Easter. And

everybody who hasn't done that is required to take a test those days you're off ...

"2/3rds of the kids said [I'm in!] - now this is 40 books a year! ABC News reported last year that only 63% of our high school graduates had read all or part of any book by the time they got out of high school. 37% graduated having never read part of a book.

"Now here's a program at no cost to the taxpayer, by changing the management of the internal reward system, would get a kid reading 40 books a year. That means from the time they went from K-12 they've read almost 500 books in order to get out 1 day early, and they felt like an elite ..."

We are encouraged by the Gideons and Rahabs rising up to stand. WATCH: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YWuD9RwJD4

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If America is systemically racist, why have millions of blacks from Africa and the Caribbean come to this country over the past 50 years? Why would they and many millions more want to move from all-black societies to a white-dominated, racist one?

This is a question every black and white leftist should be asked. After all, no Jews moved to Germany in the 1930s. And why didn't any? After all, many Jews were suffering terrible persecution and poverty in Russia and in Eastern Europe. Why didn't any of them move to Germany after 1933?

We all know the answer: Because Germany was systemically antisemitic.

Even leftists know that answer.

So, one can only conclude that, in the view of America's leftists, non-German Jews of the 1930s had the wisdom not to move to Germany, but present-day non-American blacks have no wisdom. In the view of America's leftists, then, the millions of blacks who have moved here and the many millions who want to move here must be fools.

How else could leftists regard blacks who willingly move to America? Any black person who decides to leave a black country for America — a place the left claims was founded by racists to perpetuate racism, built and sustained by racism, to this day composed largely of whites, every one of whom is racist and many of whom are white supremacists, and therefore remains systemically racist — must be either be a fool, an ignoramus or both.

If so-called black "leaders" and other blacks on the Left and white progressives believe what they say about America, why aren't they doing everything they can to dissuade blacks in Africa and the Caribbean from coming to America? Why aren't they regularly visiting African and Caribbean countries to warn Africans away from the black-hating country they are thinking of emigrating to?

To this question there is only one possible answer: They do not believe what they say about America.

Whether leftists believe their lies is a question I have pondered for years. And I have concluded that in general, they do. Most leftists believe that Russia colluded with the Trump campaign; that men menstruate and give birth; that Shakespeare and Beethoven are revered not because they are great but because they are white; that global warming is an "existential" threat; that the events of Jan. 6 were an "insurrection"; that voter IDs are a form of voter suppression; and that people who had COVID-19 need to be vaccinated.

But with regard to their believing America is systemically racist and so persecutes blacks — LeBron James tweets that ... "We're literally hunted EVERYDAY/EVERYTIME we step foot outside the comfort of our homes!" and Oprah Winfrey likens present-day America to "the days of Jim Crow when black men would be lynched and dragged through the town as an example for other people to see" — their not making any attempt to dissuade blacks from coming to America makes no sense. It only makes sense if they don't believe what they say about America.

Truth has never been a left-wing value. Truth is a liberal value and it is a conservative value. But it has never been a left-wing value. Truth is nothing more than whatever the Left says it is at any given moment. That is why Lenin, the father of modern leftism, named the Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda," the Russian word for "truth" — truth was what the Soviet Communist Party said it was. For Lenin, then, as for Rep. Adam Schiff, The New York Times, Yale University and CNN today, truth is what they say it is.

Their pravda is that America is a systemically racist country. Their pravda is that all whites are racist. Their pravda is that Donald Trump is a white supremacist and that everyone who voted for any Republican is a racist.

Yet, there is a reality that Schiff and these others cannot deny: Vast numbers of blacks yearn to come to America. They do so because they have not been influenced by the pravda of Schiff and his fellow Democrats, The New York Times and the rest of the left-wing media, or by Yale and the rest of America's left-wing universities. They do so because they have been influenced not by pravda, but by actual truth: America is the least racist multi-ethnic, multi-racial country in world history, and any black who seeks to improve his life and that of his family has a better chance of doing so in America than anywhere else. In fact, within one generation of emigrating to America, Africans from sub-Saharan African countries attain higher levels of educational attainment than the U.S. population as a whole and are more likely to have earned a degree in a science, technology, engineering, and math (Pew Research).

That's why it is not Africans who are foolish for wanting to come to America; it is America's Left for thinking they are fools.

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