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Dear Friend,

As we approach the holidays, we are so grateful God has graciously brought us through this year. It was not one that we could have anticipated. The passing of our dear friend and Bible teacher Dr. Ed Hindson this summer, was a tremendous loss for our ministry.

World Prophetic Ministry started in the 1940s. Dr. Howard Estep led the ministry beginning in 1949 as vice president, and then as president through the 1980s. In 1987, David Breese started as the Bible teacher on The King is Coming telecast and eventually became president of World Prophetic Ministry, leading through the early 2000s. Dr. Hindson then took over as our third Bible teacher and president, leading us for over 20 years.

For the past six months, we've been working with Dr. Hindson's wife and trusted colleagues as we set a path for the future. Honoring his legacy, we are in the process of developing exciting new content for the year ahead.

It is your continued prayers and financial support that will keep us on the air, online and in print in 2023. Thank you!

-World Prophetic Ministry

Biden: It's 'Morally Wrong' to Stop Underage Trans Surgeries



An LGBT activist documenting his gender transition on TikTok went to the White House to question President Joe Biden about state laws on gender transition surgeries as the American public demonstrates skepticism of such procedures heading into the midterm elections. Dylan Mulvaney, a biologically male activist who identifies as female, announced on TikTok that he was meeting with President Biden at the White House.

In the interview, Biden reiterated his belief that states are “morally wrong” to ban gender transition surgeries on minors and other procedures described by LGBT activists as “gender-affirming.” “I don’t think any state or anybody should have the right to do that as a moral question and

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Persecution Continues to Rise Against Jews in Academia

Recently, Law Students for Justice in Palestine (LSJP) at University of California, Berkeley, School of Law promoted a bylaw that would create what critics have characterized as “no-go zones for Jews,” “LSJP is so excited to announce that multiple student affinity groups and clubs at Berkeley Law have adopted a pro-Palestine bylaw divesting all funds from institutions and companies complicit in the occupation of Palestine, and banning future use of funds towards such companies!” the group wrote in an Instagram post in August. “LSJP is calling ALL student organizations at Berkeley Law to take an anti-racist and anti-settler colonial stand and adopt the bylaw into their constitutions ASAP!”

In addition to urging student groups to support the ongoing BDS campaign against Israel, the bylaw also included troubling language to expunge any speech by individuals who might be considered pro-Israel or pro-Zionist, especially speech meant to correct the many factual and historical inaccuracies in the pro-Palestinian bylaw. “In the interest of protecting the safety and welfare of Palestinian students on campus,” the suggested language read, groups who adopt this bylaw “will not invite speakers that have expressed and continued to hold views or host/sponsor/promote events in support of Zionism, the apartheid state of Israel, and the occupation of Palestine.”

And in language which is Orwellian in its attempt to paint bigotry as virtue, cooperating student groups, the bylaw read, will proclaim

that they are “publicly stipulating the organization’s position of anti-racism and anti-



settler colonialism to speakers, ensuring that proposals for speakers emphasize the organization’s desire for equality and inclusion,” all of this for the purpose of creating “a safe and inclusive space

for Palestinian students and students that are in the support of the liberation of Palestine.”

The implementation of a litmus test of ideological allegiance — only targeted at Jews who support Israel — is part of a decades-old campaign to malign Israel and transform it into a pariah state. It excludes its supporters from progressive groups, by falsely alleging Israel is an apartheid, racist regime of white supremacy that continues to oppress innocent Arabs who were the actual indigenous residents of the land now called Israel.

Imagine if a student government yanked accommodations for halal food on campus because Islam can be linked to terrorism, the same spurious linkage these social justice cretins have created for “apartheid” Israel, Zionism and kosher food from pro-Israel companies. The campus-wide howling about Islamophobia and bigotry would be deafening.

The Berkeley situation is, of course, part of a broader effort to marginalize Jewish students, malign Israel and Zionism without debate or counter-argument, contort history and facts to elevate the Palestinian cause and denigrate the Jewish state, and promote hatred and hostility to any supporter of Israel. The

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Azerbaijan Opening Embassy in Israel Stokes Pressure on Iran

Azerbaijan has decided to open an embassy in Israel, after 30 years of relations between the countries and amid tensions with neighboring Iran. Arzu Naghiyev, a lawmaker and member of the Azerbaijan-Israel parliamentary friendship group, told his country's Pravda news site that "there is already a decision" and that "the opening of Azerbaijan's embassy in Israel can only be delayed by technical reasons."

Naghiyev pointed out that, despite the lack of an embassy, the countries have high-level ties. "Israel is our partner of political, military, economic, and cultural-spiritual strategic importance," he said.

The lawmaker also cited Iran opening an additional consulate and declaring close ties with Armenia, with which Azerbaijan fought a war in 2020. Iranian state television aired a song threatening Israel and Azerbaijan, with the lyrics: "Israel...don't dig your own grave

with your own hands ... Iran declares this so that Azerbaijan knows and understands ... anyone who looks at Iran the wrong way must be destroyed."

Israeli President Isaac Herzog wrote a letter in honor of 30 years of relations between Israel



and Azerbaijan earlier this year, and invited President Ilham Aliyev to visit Israel and open an embassy. "As we mark this significant landmark in our relations, I hope to see us fulfill an additional milestone, in the opening of the Azerbaijan Embassy

in Israel," he wrote. "This will be a natural step succeeding the opening of the Tourism Office and the Trade Representation Office, and an attestation to our close and strategic ties. I would like to reiterate my invitation to Your Excellency to visit Israel during this upcoming year, so we may jointly inaugurate your new

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real intention of pro-Palestinian radicals, now encompassing a large swathe of academia, is to exclude Israel and Zionism as reasonable topics of discussion and to prevent supporters of the Jewish state from even defending it or offering counterarguments. While Israel is not a perfect country and when they do make mistakes they should be called out on those mistakes.

However, the immense hatred of the Jewish people that has arisen to almost pre-World War 2 levels is a sign that Satan is continuing his attacks.

Biblical Connection: In Revelation 12, the nation of Israel, depicted symbolically by a woman figure, is attacked by both Satan and the forces of the Antichrist. — PNL

PRAY: Pray the rising tide of anti-semitism will be limited and that the Jewish people will be protected from these types of unjust attacks in the public square.

as a legal question,” the president said. The exchange with Mulvaney was part of a larger forum moderated by NowThis where the LGBT activist and five other “young change-makers” asked the president questions about what the progressive media outlet described as “the most critical issues facing their generation ahead of this pivotal election.”

Those issues include abortion access, transgender rights, criminal legal reform, gun legislation, economic instability and climate change.

In a video presented shortly before Mulvaney began asking Biden questions, the LGBT activist introduced himself as a “trans woman” who is “documenting my transition publicly on TikTok for the world to see.” Mulvaney lamented that “lawmakers in many states want to exclude us from participating in sports or getting proper healthcare” and that “some folks want to decide where we can use the bathroom.” According to the LGBT Movement Advancement Project, 18 states have passed laws banning trans-identified youth from competing on sports teams that correspond with their gender identity instead of their biological sex. The most common justification for such policies focuses on the biological differences between men and women that give biological males, on average, an unfair advantage over biological females in athletic competitions.

Mulvaney gave Biden the floor to share his thoughts on the ongoing debate about whether trans-identified individuals should be able to use bathrooms that correspond with their stated gender identity instead of their biological sex. “I feel very, very strongly that you should have every single solitary right, including use of your gender identity

bathrooms,” the president said. Biden also described state-level efforts to limit trans individuals’ access to bathrooms, sports teams, gender surgeries and hormones as “outrageous” and “immoral.”

Currently, Alabama, Arizona and Arkansas have banned medicalized gender transitioning of minors, while the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the Texas Attorney General have classified them as a form of child abuse. Biden concluded his remarks on LGBT issues by stressing that “just because it’s different, there’s nothing to be fearful about.”

The president’s comments provoked a reaction on social media, with postings on Twitter that “the official Democratic Party position now is that puberty blockers and sex reassignment surgery for kids is good.” Polling conducted by Summit Ministries in conjunction with McLaughlin & Associates suggests widespread discontent with the “transgender movement.” Based on responses collected from Oct. 12-17, the poll found that 65% of respondents believed that “the transgender movement has gone too far by encouraging minors to use drugs and surgery to transition to the opposite sex.” Twenty-one percent disagreed with that statement, while the remaining 14% said they did not know.

Biblical Connection: Isaiah 5:20 states “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” America is walking a very dangerous path when the President calls actions that would have been condemned as morally reprehensible even ten years ago as good and attempting to stop those actions immoral. — *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that these attempts to change God’s created design will be stopped and children will be protected.

Resignation Over Christian Beliefs Sets Dangerous Precedent

The recent resignation of the Christian chief executive of an Australian Football League club over his connection to a church that holds traditional views on marriage and abortion has drawn the ire of critics who warn of the implications for religious freedom. Andrew Thorburn resigned as the CEO of the Essendon Football Club in Melbourne the day after his appointment. His resignation came after it was reported that he also serves as chairman of the City on a Hill church, which opposes homosexuality and abortion.

In a statement announcing Thorburn's resignation, the club said that it acted after "comments relating to a 2013 sermon from a pastor" came to light. Saying that the church's views are "in direct contradiction to our values as a club," the Bombers told Thorburn that "he couldn't continue to serve in his dual roles at the Essendon Football Club and as chairman of City on a Hill." The team stressed that the resignation was "not about vilifying anyone for their personal religious beliefs," but instead "a clear conflict of interest with an organization whose views do not align at all with our values as a safe, inclusive, diverse and welcoming club."

In his statement, Thorburn acknowledged that it has become "clear to me that my personal Christian faith is not tolerated or permitted in the public square, at least by some and perhaps by many." Thorburn underlined that tolerance, inclusion and diversity also include people of faith. "Freedoms of thought, conscience, religion and association are fundamental

human rights, explicitly recognized in Victorian law in our Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and Racial and Religious Tolerance Act," he stated. "I genuinely and passionately believe people can hold different views on complex personal and moral matters while being able to live and work together respectfully and harmoniously. That is true inclusion whereby our communities are enriched by difference."



The resignation has sparked great debate, with some critics saying it shows a lack of tolerance for Christian beliefs. In an op-ed for the Spectator Australia titled "A new age of Christian persecution," writer Joel Agius argues that Thorburn was "hounded out of a job by the incessant hateful rhetoric from anti-Christian bigots in the community who joined in." "In Australia, and other similar Western nations, that type of violent persecution is not evident. Obviously, no one in Australia is being murdered for their faith in God," he wrote. "But there is another type of persecution that is occurring, and this one seems to be ramping up into something that could easily lead to dire repercussions for the Christian community in this nation. Persecution of Christians is seemingly becoming fashionable again. Anti-Christian bigotry is being paraded around as some warped sense of virtue," he claimed.

Jason Tuazon-McCheyne of the Purple Bombers, the LGBT support group of the Essendon Bombers, told 10 News First that he doesn't think it's possible to have a person

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embassy,” Herzog stated.

Azerbaijan has trade and tourism offices in Israel, but has yet to open an embassy, partly due to not wanting to alienate other Muslim-majority states or to provoke Iran, but the Abraham Accords and rapprochement between Israel and Turkey – in which Aliyev was involved - have made that less of a problem for Azerbaijan. Israel and Azerbaijan have a close defense relationship. Israel has supplied drones to Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, which were used in the war against Armenia. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute found that 69% of Azerbaijan’s arms imports in 2016-2020 came from Israel, which is 17% of Israel’s arms exports in that period. About 40% of the petroleum imported to Israel comes from Azerbaijan.

Iran and Azerbaijan share a 420-mile border, and there has long been speculation that Israel has launched covert operations in Iran from Azerbaijan. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian accused Israel of having “established its presence in several regions of

Azerbaijan,” which Baku denied. Soon after, Iran staged a military drill with thousands of soldiers along the border with Azerbaijan. Aliyev responded by having himself photographed with Israeli Harop kamikaze drones, which are produced in his country. Iran has held further military drills near its border with Azerbaijan in recent weeks.

Roman Gurevich, the Jewish Agency’s honorary envoy to Azerbaijan, his country of birth, expressed enthusiasm about a possible embassy opening in Israel, saying that “The time has come. Azerbaijan is a tolerant Shiite Muslim country in which there was never antisemitism. The country always respected and loved the Jewish people and warm relations between the nations will only grow stronger if an Azerbaijan embassy opens in Israel.”

As more and more Arab countries normalize ties with Israel, this could put pressure on Iran to either end their ambitions about Israel’s destruction or cause them to move more quickly to fulfill their plans before Israel creates more allies in the region. — *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that more nations in the Middle East will make agreements with Israel so that Iran’s ambitions to destroy the nation will be halted.

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lead one organization that “actively campaigns against LGBTIQ people and then lead another organization at the same time that promotes diversity, equality and inclusion.”

Thorburn argued in his statement that how he was treated set a “dangerous” precedent for religious freedom in Australia. “It is troubling that faith or association with a church, mosque, synagogue or temple could render a person

immediately unsuited to holding a particular role,” he said. “That is a dangerous idea, one that will only reduce tolerance for others and diversity of thought and participation in our community and workplaces.”

Biblical Connection: In Matthew 10:22, Jesus said “And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.” — *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that we will stand strong in the face of rising persecution in the Western World.