

What Are We Learning from the Coronavirus Pandemic?

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Every person and every situation that we encounter in life can teach us something. Therefore, it is wise for all of us to remember – “If the messenger be an ant, heed him.” The Coronavirus Pandemic is already teaching us many things, and we will learn even more by the time it is over and the dust settles. It is important to step back and simply observe what is taking place, for we can learn from the situation and improve ourselves, our nations, and the world. Below are a few thoughts about **The Bad** and **The Good**.

The Bad

- ***Fear & Panic*** – It is understandable for people to be concerned about a fast-spreading and highly-contagious virus, for we never want ourselves or others to get sick and/or to die. The problem is that people do not usually make rational decisions in such a state. When people are filled with fear, they panic and begin thinking, feeling, speaking, and acting in ways that they would not when they are peaceful and not dealing with stress, anxiety, and chaos. No matter what happens in life, we need to try to “keep our cool”. To the best of our ability, we must maintain a state of peace and harmony in order to think clearly and make wiser decisions for ourselves, our nations, and even the world. This certainly applies to the leaders of nations, but it applies to everyone else as well.
- ***Selfishness & Lack of Respect*** – We have seen people “panic buying”, and that is the result of being filled with fear and told that resources are limited. They only focus on their own needs and/or those of their families, but hoarding supplies in First World Nations is unnecessary and simply makes it harder for people to get supplies who were not filled with fear and were not hoarding. In times of crisis, we can either rise to meet the challenge and do so calmly and honorably – or, we can allow ourselves to be overrun by chaotic thoughts and emotions that lead us to act chaotically and in our own self-interest while forgetting about the needs of others. This behavior was also seen by young people still going on Spring Break, people still going to the beach along with many others, spending time in big groups after it was announced to stop, reports of people purposely trying to spread the virus in public places, and so on. Selfishness is among the worst things affecting mankind and has led to most of the worst things that have taken place throughout history. It is similar to people looting stores in times of natural disasters or political/social protests.

- ***The Media*** – Some people in the media crave drama, scandal, and controversy. Like drug addicts looking for their next “fix”, they want chaos, fear, and panic because it is exciting and “good for business” – higher ratings on TV, hits on websites, and sale of newspapers. There are also those who peddle propaganda on a regular basis even during times when there is not a crisis taking place. If there is one, they exploit the situation to further their own agenda and/or to push certain narratives onto a scared and vulnerable public. The 24-hour media news cycle has been used to promote fear and panic around the clock with breathless coverage while many news channels acted “surprised” when discussing how people were in a state of fear and panic. Is that Clueless or Sadistic?
- ***Corrupt Politicians*** – Some politicians have no conscience even at the best of times. When there is a crisis, we can see their true colors even more clearly. Some believe that they should “never let a serious crisis go to waste”, so they look for opportunities to benefit in different ways while others are suffering. That is the mindset of psychopaths and soulless individuals who only care about money, power, and control. This was demonstrated by certain politicians in the United States, for example, who were trying to include in a Stimulus Package funding for things that had nothing to do with helping people deal with the Pandemic. They were willing to hold up the passing of a Bill in order to get what they wanted and did not care that every second lost was going to hurt desperate Americans. As the expression goes, “there is a special place in Hell” for people like that. There are other politicians (and “medical experts”) who dismiss certain drugs created for other illnesses that could possibly help people or have the executive power at the State Level to actually prevent people from being able to try them at all.
- ***“Playing Politics”*** – We can see how some politicians, with the help of their blatantly biased supporters in the media, are attacking certain Presidents and Prime Ministers only to make themselves look good to the public and to influence upcoming elections, such as the U.S. Presidential Election in November. Imagine what a warped mind some people have by hoping that President Trump fails – that people get sick and die, and that the economy crashes – all so that he will not win re-election? It is difficult to believe that such people are ever in positions of power and influence. It is difficult to believe that they are filled with such hatred and a lust for power to the point of wanting to watch their own nation crumble to the ground so that they can blame it on the President. These people are more than deranged; they are diabolical!
- ***Loss of Jobs & Big Government*** – It is unfortunate that so many people now need welfare assistance due to the loss of jobs. They have no choice, as they need money to support themselves and their families. One problem is that we should hopefully never need to depend upon the Federal Government to take care of us. Everyone needs to understand the vital importance of being as independent and self-sufficient as possible. When help is needed, we should strive to take care of each other – the family should offer help...the community...the town...the city...the State or Territory. If we want the power to be in the hands of The People, then we need to prepare for difficult times without having to depend so much on the Federal Government. That takes away some of our freedom, massively increases the national debt, allows corrupt politicians at all levels to do things they normally could not get away with, and takes away our power to have control over our own lives. Not everyone is in a financial position to do so, but we need to begin planning our lives for such situations in the future. Once upon a time, people could not depend on the Federal Government for much assistance at all. We do

not need to go to that extreme, but we also do not want a “Nanny State” – especially when it can quickly become a “Police State”.

- ***Lack of Preparation*** – We can see how hard the leaders of various nations are working to minimize the spread of the virus while also working to save their economies and the jobs of millions of people. It is no easy task, and we should be praying for our Leaders and their Crisis Teams to be guided by God to come up with the best plans possible. Having said that, certain nations did not seem to be prepared to deal with the situation. Of course, most of them had never dealt with a similar situation and could not be fully prepared. But it is important for nations to be prepared for anything, so that they can manage situations as well as possible if something big happens. This applies not only to an individual nation, but it most certainly applies to individual States / Territories, individual families, and individual people themselves. It may sound odd to mention it here, but the motto of the Boy Scouts was to “Be Prepared”. That is a great reminder for everyone around the world in all aspects of our lives. We never know what is going to happen, but we should always be as prepared as possible to deal with challenges.
- ***Dependence on China*** – It is not an insult to the nation of China or the people, but it is merely wise for ALL nations to now be considering how to become more independent and less dependent on China for the production of goods – especially medical supplies and pharmaceutical drugs. There has been an attack on “Nationalism” for a number of years by powerful people, institutions, and nations that desire “Globalism” – and that meant having to destroy Nationalism and anyone who promoted it. That has been a wonderful failure, because The People do not want Globalism! We saw that in many situations, not the least of which was Brexit and the election of Donald Trump in 2016. We can see in this situation with the Coronavirus that nations should be making more of the products that they need “at home”. Not only is that good for their economy, but it is good for the overall state of their nation’s strength, security, and ability to deal with difficulties in a time of crisis. China will not like such an idea, but they should not have a say in the matter. Every nation on Earth has the Right to be free, independent, and as self-sufficient as possible. That Right comes from God! And it cannot be trampled upon or taken away by China, the United Nations, the European Union, or other institutions of power that were created to gain control over sovereign nations.
- ***China’s Role*** – It is not an insult to the nation of China or the people, but we must observe how its government is behaving during the crisis. We are witnessing before our very eyes how the Chinese Government is trying to “control the narrative”. Firstly, it hid from the world what was taking place, including not wanting help from nations even after the rest of the world found out what was happening. That delay no doubt has led to the spreading of the virus in a way that could have been minimized. What were they hiding? Why did they not want help? Also, they have recently been telling their own people (and the world) that the United States was responsible for the Coronavirus – giving no evidence whatsoever. This is being done because Communist Dictatorships, like China, must control information in order to maintain control of their own people. They cannot admit mistakes or any sinister plans; they must shift the focus and blame someone else – in this case, the United States. China has also expressed willingness to hold back vital medical drugs and supplies that need to be shipped to other nations, like the United States, in a strategy to maintain leverage and/or gain power. That is evil and should NEVER be tolerated! If that was not bad enough, China has been calling anyone a “racist” if they say “Chinese Virus” or “Wuhan Virus” – even though it did, in fact,

originate in Wuhan, China. Stating the facts is apparently a matter of “racism” now. China is receiving help from Trump-hating, un-American politicians and members of the media in the United States itself. Such people lie, deceive, and manipulate their own viewers and supporters on a daily basis and seem quite happy to follow the lead of the Communist Chinese Propaganda Machine if it means attacking President Trump.

- ***The Virus*** – It is interesting to see the spread of the Coronavirus and think about how we were told that it started because some Chinese people were selling and eating exotic animals, such as bats. **1.)** If the Chinese have been eating bats and other such animals for many years, and we cannot believe that it only just started recently, then why did the virus not “appear” many years ago? **2.)** Are we really meant to believe that a virus quickly spreading across the entire globe began just because some people were eating bats and other animals from a Chinese wildlife market? **3.)** Is it just a coincidence that the Coronavirus began in Wuhan of all places, where the Wuhan Institute of Virology is located? **4.)** Why is it that, right now in March, we still do not know how this entire crisis even began? **5.)** Why is it that the World Health Organization seems to have little interest in how the virus began, why China hid it for so long, why China did not allow help, and seems to repeat Chinese talking-points to the media? **6.)** Why is it that people (and nations) are verbally attacked when asking fair and reasonable questions and for pointing out the obvious facts about the situation? **7.)** When the dust settles and life gets back to normal, will these Communist Leaders in China be held accountable for their atrocious behavior while people around the world were suffering / dying and economies were collapsing?

The Good

- ***Excellent Leadership*** – It is never easy for the leaders of nations to deal with difficult situations, especially ones that they have never dealt with before. That is why it is so great to see the leadership demonstrated by certain Presidents and Prime Ministers around the world when dealing with the Coronavirus Pandemic. Two such examples include President Trump (United States) and Prime Minister Morrison (Australia). Both have put together excellent teams of experts and advisors in order for them to have as much information as possible before making tough decisions. Both have been willing to make the tough decisions for the sake of their nations. Both have demonstrated the ability to stay calm and try to “keep the peace” in a time of fear, panic, and chaos. Both have been willing to adjust their plans, when needed. Both are doing everything that they can for the health and the employment of The People and to prevent their nation’s economy from collapsing. And both have been doing such things while being constantly attacked by Left-Wing politicians and their PR Team that so eagerly peddles all of their propaganda – also known as the “Mainstream Media”.
- ***Unsung Heroes*** – Among the most important people in this crisis are those who work hard every single day regardless of what is taking place. These people include: doctors, nurses, police, teachers who kept teaching students until schools were forced to close, small business owners, and anyone else who is striving to help people stay alive and to help keep the economy going. Both are necessary. Good health without a good economy would make us “healthy poor people”, and our health would then deteriorate anyway as a result of such an economic state – look at Third World Nations. A good economy

without healthy people would make us “prosperous sick people”, and the economy would collapse anyway as a result of people being too sick to work. Anyone ignoring health and the economy together is failing to look at the entire situation. The wise actions of Excellent Leaders and the Unsung Heroes are going to help nations through this difficult period!

- ***Good Deeds*** – It is absolutely wonderful to see how so many “ordinary people” and businesses are using the crisis to help others in need. We could build a “New World” when people are focused on serving / helping others instead of being selfish and self-centered. It was said earlier that a time of crisis brings out people’s true colors – for some, it brings out the worst in them; for others, it brings out the best in them. We should recognize the good deeds performed by others in all nations, and we should seek to follow their example – now and into the future. We could change everything for the better and do so very quickly!
- ***Power & Strength in Unity*** – It has been a difficult situation, and a great opportunity, for people to demonstrate the Power and Strength in Unity. For too long, people have been separated by trivial and “surface” issues. The issues have been used by politicians, the media, and others to divide entire nations. This crisis has, for most people, been a time to put aside petty differences and work together for the greater good. When we do that, we can see just how much can be achieved even in challenging times. We should already know that there is great power and strength in unity, but there are those who want to conquer us and know that they must first divide us in order to do so. The Global Elitists are the force behind the conscienceless politicians and media which are used to drive wedges between peoples, for they know that The People would very quickly take back the power of entire nations if they were united in a common purpose. That time is coming, and hopefully the Coronavirus situation is a great reminder for us all.
- ***National Sovereignty & Self-Sufficiency*** – It was mentioned above how important it is that every nation on Earth realizes that it has a Right to be free, independent, and as self-sufficient as possible. Yes, that would definitely impact international trade, but the global economy must change anyway as time goes on and we improve as a civilization. “Free & Fair Trade” has always been very important – not even so much for the goods themselves but more so for the relationships that were established. That does not need to stop, for it is still very important. However, so many nations (like the United States and Australia) do not really need other nations to produce most of the goods they use. They both have an abundance of natural resources and hardworking people to make things. At some point, does it not make sense that they would simply produce those goods “at home” instead of weakening themselves by having to become dependent upon other nations? What if those nations are like China – and cannot be trusted to NOT steal intellectual property, steal military technology, spy on its “friends”, cause poor nations to become indebted to them and controlled by them, use “slave labor” to make the products, persecute Christians and Muslims, create a Police State to control its own people, censor its own Internet, and lie to the rest of the world with its propaganda? Should any nation feel “obligated” or “forced” to trade with other nations, or give them foreign aid, if those nations are violating human rights and/or abusing the relationship between nations? *National Sovereignty* means that a nation can decide for itself to give aid, trade with others, and be self-sufficient – and do so to the degree it chooses.

- Individual & National Growth*** – Most people are surrounded by noise, stimulation, busyness, and chaos on a daily basis. The current “self-isolation” and “lockdowns” can actually be used as a great opportunity for people to get away from the madness of the world for a little while. It is a chance to step back, calm down, and enjoy some time to relax and rejuvenate. It is a chance to enjoy some peace and harmony so that our bodies, minds, and souls can become healthy and strong again. The Family is the “Cornerstone of Society”; it has been under attack for many years now, and this is a great chance for families to reconnect and strengthen their relationships. It is a great chance for people to remember what is truly important in life. It is a great chance to realize that they may need to make better plans for their personal health and financial situations just in case they must endure other difficult times. In sports, it is often said that we can learn more from losing than winning. There is some truth to that, because losing can show us our weaknesses and the mistakes that we have made. The Coronavirus Pandemic has been very difficult for people (and nations) across the globe. Many have gotten sick and some have died. In a time of sadness, uncertainty, and fear – we can overcome all of that and use the situation to make ourselves (and our nations) better than ever before!
- The Spreading of...Freedom*** – At a time when most people are concerned about the spreading of the Coronavirus, there is another “force” spreading around the world – quietly and not-so-quietly – and that is the desire for freedom! Mankind has always had an innate desire to be free. That desire is expanding within the hearts of people in every nation and will continue to do so with each passing year. On a small scale, we can see people in “isolation” or “lockdown” eager for the virus to pass and for them to “be free” to leave the house, to work, to travel, and to get back to their normal lives. If we feel so strongly about freedom after spending only two weeks in isolation, then how infinitely greater is that feeling throughout all of mankind when it comes to life on this planet?! God created us to BE FREE – and if He does not seek to control us, even as Our Creator, then how ridiculous is it for mere “human beings” to seek to control each another?! Being free individually requires *Morality*, *Discipline*, and *Personal Responsibility*, and it also requires the Leaders of Nations to maintain *Law and Order* so that people who are lacking wisdom cannot be allowed to behave in ways that harm others or the nation itself. This is a great time for us to pray to God to help free people everywhere who are truly being oppressed and truly living under tyranny. Since we are speaking of China due to the Coronavirus, it is a great time to pray for (and to support) all those beautiful souls who yearn to be free from their tyrannical dictatorship in Communist China. What a great victory it would be, for freedom and for mankind, if Hong Kong and Taiwan were allowed to be truly independent and free from China’s control as well! What a great victory it would be for the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan People to finally be allowed to return “home” and once again be free to live on their Sacred Land of Tibet! It is not an opinion, but rather a Cosmic Truth, that God wants His Children to BE FREE. No Earthly-Force can oppress them forever; the time for a Worldwide Revolution is here!!!