Are Things Upside Down? (Part Two)

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In that commentary, eventually the topic got around to what happens when things are upside down, regardless of how well-intentioned the perpetrators are. What happens is that the law of unintended consequences comes into play. Another way of saying this effect is that all too often there is a great deal of collateral damage.

I ended the commentary by pointing to what I believe: that collateral damage is going to be a major result when people act without the fear of God as the foundation of their thinking. Collateral damage results because mankind throughout history is acting and will continue to act simply because he can, and he thinks it's in his best interest to do so. In other words, he believes it will be profitable for him and perhaps others, to engage in the activity, whatever it is.

My illustrations were taken from the hybridization of wheat away from what God created and gave to us, to what is used today, and besides that, the genetic manipulation of corn and soy. Those things were done to meet a perceived need, and I assume it was done in a well-intentioned good conscience. The need was to reduce hunger by making better crops and better nutrition.

Well, it apparently met the need in terms of more abundant crops, but in terms of better nutrition, the failure did not become well-known for decades after the program started, and in some cases, to most people, it seems that they still do not know. And if they do, they do not care, or if they do, they say the "good food" is too expensive or can't be found. Mankind is being put into a box.

Since last week, another one of these unintended consequence things became available to me, and it involves the fluoride that is put in drinking water in order to prevent to tooth decay. Some of this Evelyn and I have known for a long time. In fact, we've been trying to avoid fluoride since about 1977 or 1978 and we've managed to do a reasonably good job of it. We did it because of the information that was available back then. But what was new to me this past week is that 24—count them—24 independent worldwide studies have concluded absolutely that fluoride reduces a person's IQ and other brain functions, and thus plays a role in dumbing us all down. That's pretty awful.

This past week, we were witness to the generous response of the American people to the homosexual groups' attacks on the Chick-fil-A fast-food company because of the public statement made by their president that he supports traditional marriage. But nutrition-wise, the people's response was a two-edged sword because the chicken meat in a Chick-fil-A sandwich is processed. It contains MSG, genetically modified soybean oil, sodium, aluminum phosphate, dimethylpolysiloxane (a foaming agent that is normally put in caulking that painters and so forth use), high fructose corn syrup, ammonium sulphate, soy lecithin, sodium benzoate, polysorbate 80, yellow #1, blue #1, potassium sorbet, and TBHQ.

None of these ingredients carries a label warning, but somewhat mercifully, none of them causes immediate death. Rather, all of them work in the same sneaky, insidious way, slowly poisoning us and gradually breaking down our immune systems to set us up for a host of diseases later in life—diseases like a host of different cancers dementia, Alzheimer's, clogged arteries, and so forth.

Now, there is a way to stop this gradual poisoning of the American citizenry, and something of this sort possibly might even be underway at this time. In America, people who produce these poisonous additives and then put them into our food supply must be made to suffer financially for so doing. They have got to be hit in the bottom line, and then they will change in a hurry.

Already, many European nations have refused, through laws that they have enacted in their legislatures, to allow their food merchants to buy genetically modified corn and soy. The knowledge of [GMO] wheat's dangers that I mentioned to you last week hasn't reached them yet. Instead, they buy these products from farmers of nations who do not allow their farmers to plant and grow these foul food products.

Here in America, this November the people of California have the opportunity to make these products illegal in the state of California through voting for a proposition to ban their sale. Moving as quickly as those nations have done to stop their importation can't be done in the United States because the food industries have strong ties to the government, which in turn is indebted to them. The government is beholden to them through their campaign donations, and will do nothing to endanger receiving those contributions. The contributions are a subtle bribe. But with the vote in California, the logiam may begin to be broken.

As I mentioned last week, there is no simple answer to this because those in power to enable them to do something do not want to take a hit in their bottom line that may destroy the businesses of those who want to do better eating and have nothing else to buy. And we, brethren, are in no position to grow our own food. We're between a rock and a hard place. We know better, but what can we do about it?

Listen to this:

Genesis 1:29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food."

God nowhere says that we should be eating processed foods. I'm just giving you reasons why we are boxed in.

Genesis 9:3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

That's pretty clear. God has given us the green things to eat. But one reason I wanted to use this verse is to tell you something that's pretty astounding. How many stomachs does a milk cow have? Four. Do you know that even a milk cow cannot properly digest genetically modified corn with four stomachs?

I Corinthians 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Does this cover the food that we eat? We need to think about this.

We, along with all the unconverted people, are collateral damage to what mankind is doing, willy-nilly, going on with life as though God doesn't matter, and if they have some knowledge of God, they do not fear Him enough to do anything at all. They're unwilling to make the sacrifice.

If we eat willy-nilly, without making effort to protect our God-given life and body, where does that put us? That's why I said last week, "I have no simple answer to this except consciously doing what we can do, making efforts to avoid poisoning ourselves as much as we can, and *never*, *never* missing a meal without praying and asking God's blessing and giving him thanks for what we do have."

This area of life is one that should burn within our minds—how much we need the kingdom of God on earth, and how much we need to every day appeal to Him in all sincerity, while at the same time understanding the need. Is Satan a murderer or what? Whether he's doing it fast or slow, he's a murderer, and he's the ruler of this world. Man under Satan is being led to do everything that it can to destroy life's quality and life itself in any way it can, whether openly as in war, or deceptively, as with the very food we eat. So, give thanks for it every day.