No Jesus, No Life, No Nothing

'[Mable] was heading up a major company. She is interviewed by a local TV station. The interviewer ... asks: "What is the secret of your success?" "[Mable] replies, "Two words". "And they are?" the interviewer pressed. "Right decisions". The interviewer thinks for a moment and follows up with the question: "But how do you make right decisions?" [Mable] replies, "One word". "And the word is?" asks the interviewer. "Experience". "And how do you get experience?" [Mable] replies, "Two words". "And they are?" "Simple", said [Mable], "wrong decisions"."

With all those words, was any wisdom gained? On the other hand, in today's world, maybe a lot could be learned from it by a whole lot of people. It seems that huge swaths of the younger generations have been "shortchanged", to put it charitably, or more accurately and bluntly, been "brainwashed" by the bulk of this country's public educational system. Far too many young people no longer know how to think, how to analyze, what's right from wrong, what's good from evil. Seems that whatever makes them feel good is good, and feel bad is bad. So whatever crimps their "lifestyle" is bad, and whatever supports it is good. If you or someone else doesn't support their thinking, or attitudes, or actions, or whatever, then you or that someone else is therefore, by

definition, bad. So, if a parent tells a child they can't do something, for whatever reason, if the child doesn't like it, then, by definition, the parent is wrong, and the parent is bad. And in some cities and states of this country, if the child doesn't like his or her or it or whatever gender or none they identify with, "their" parents, then they can "divorce" them, and be coddled in some statesponsored group of people who also don't know up from down, so these "children" can be properly supported, encouraged and their self-esteem built up and protected. Why, these little toddlers can even order that their body parts be removed or altered, and take drugs that interfere with their body's natural hormones so they can begin to feel physically what they have been feeling "spiritually" in their "souls", technically since even before they were born!

I'm sorry, but this is the blatant, self-affirming insanity that currently possesses so many today. They self identify as liberals, leftists, progressives, socialists, communists, etc. What they really are are sinners, deluded, deceived, and debilitated. Though all people are sinners, even us, these people, many young, some old, are devoid of understanding, and in reality, deadened to life itself. To many and us here, it is self-evident that a baby in its mother's womb, is a human being, made with the very image of God, and must be protected and nurtured for all nine months of its life in utero, and all through its life on earth until its natural death. But the "insane" around us have an entirely different set of criteria as to what life, existence, is all about. For them, babies are noth-

ing more than little humans, cousins of apes, whose only value is if they are wanted or not, if they are useful to others or not, if they bring pleasure to others or not. Thus, you see, babies have no intrinsic value in and of themselves. Their only value is whether they somehow benefit other people. And since it normally costs a good deal of money to feed, clothe, educate and raise a child, the child's life is only important if it can somehow provide greater value than what it costs to keep it alive. If its mother happens to be a minority, single and poor, then the quick calculation says that the mother lacks the necessary resources to provide for the child's life. Since that's the case, the only "logical" and "compassionate" option is for her to abort the child, the "clump of cells".

This is the pro-choice "rationale". Though some claim to be religious, and worship God, truly they wouldn't recognize Lord Jesus if He were to show up at their front door. According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, last Thursday, 13 (interesting number) "faith leaders" filed suit in St. Louis Circuit Court to overturn Missouri's abortion ban. Afterwards, they sang on the court steps, and gathered in front of the magnificent altarpiece of the Episcopal Diocese' Christ Church Cathedral downtown. "Reformed Jews", leftist "Christians", folks from Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the National Women's Law Center, all joined together in a march downtown, because "their faith calls them to ensure abortion access because of how it affects a pregnant person's autonomy, health, economic security and equality".

Yes, it's all about the adults. Poor child doesn't even get to vote in its' own behalf! And if the baby isn't heard, then it's crystal clear that Lord Jesus isn't being heard either! Or even asked.

The Holy Bible is "littered" with words asserting the personhood, personality, and purpose of people while they're still in their mother's womb. Another today in our reading from Isaiah 49:1: "The Lord called Me before My birth; from within the womb He called Me by name". The fact that all human babies are given life, souls and spirits by Father God is indisputable from the Bible. Yet most people never read the Bible. Even fewer study it. And hardly any believe it. If you do, rejoice! Aren't you special! To the predominate, secular global culture, the Bible is just another book of fairy tales, because, according to Yuval Noah Harari, humans just happen to be the most advanced life form on this planet. And as our knowledge and technology has increased, we'll soon be able to "hack" ourselves, making new people any way we want. For we are "really just biochemical algorithms", "on the same level as viruses and bananas". He goes on to assert, "To the best of our scientific knowledge, human life has no meaning. The meaning of life is always a fictional story created by us humans".

Thus it should be no surprise that film producer and biotechnologist, Hashem Al-Ghaili, released last month a video commercial for a concept factory called, "The EctoLife Artificial Womb Facility". Eerily reminiscent of scenes from the 1999 movie, "The Matrix", this facility, if ever built, could theoretically birth 30,000 designer human babies per year. No more need for messy, painful pregnancies! Or even parents!! What a boon to countries facing massive population declines! Is this what the world is coming to? Or will Lord Jesus put a stop to it when He returns?

You know, humans-playing-God is nothing new. Just before the great flood of Noah, Genesis 6:1-2 and Numbers 13:33 tell us that evil angels were messing with human DNA, creating giants called the nephilim. It seems that satan and the fallen angels were attempting to so corrupt human DNA that we would no longer carry God's image, and therefore be disqualified from having dominion over earth. So God had to step in, take Noah and his family, the only humans still having unaltered, pure DNA, and flood the earth to destroy all the rest. The devil's initial attempt to usurp God's rule through humanity in the Garden of Eden was thwarted by God sending the flood. Because Adam had sinned, the devil had temporary control over the earth ever since. Until Christ Jesus died on the cross, and He began the process to restore everything back to what it was always supposed to be. Fast forward to the present day, and here we are again, with satan orchestrating another attempt to so bastardize the human race that his dominion over the earth will become incontestable.

The devil, demons and fallen angels are so busy whispering into people's minds all manner of lies, that most people have no idea, even many in church, of what's really going on in the world. Truly, we're all in a war, Christian soldiers, but most of humanity is

working for the enemy, the father of lies, whose intent is our total destruction, all so to spite God, and cause God grief. So in that sense, we have been living in a "matrix", but when we pray for the truth, which is Christ Jesus Himself, blessed Holy Spirit begins opening our eyes to the truth little by little. Knowing that, isn't it interesting that the Post-Dispatch article mentioned in passing that several of the women plaintiffs who filed suit last Thursday had had abortions themselves. Isn't that fact by itself proof that these women need the Lord?

Our God, our Lord, our Savior, often portrays Himself as a Shepherd. And He's called many shepherds to lead His people: Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David. The list goes on. But when Christ Jesus came, whom did He choose? Nearly all weren't shepherds, but fishermen. Lord Jesus said, "Come, follow Me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Why? Because then, as now, the people are "lost", and don't know they're lost. Most people don't know they need a Savior. Like both Harari and Al-Ghaili, and the 13 "faith leaders" filing suit last Thursday, they all need the Lord. Desperately. So, if you're Christ's disciple, then you're a fisherman, too. We are to, as He commanded in Matthew 28:19: "go and make disciples of all the nations", because without Jesus, there is no life. Indeed, without Jesus, there is no nothing, for without Him, nothing will exist. Aren't you glad you're in Him? Make sure you are! Give Him your life, and He says in Matthew 10:39, "you will find it"! For forever!

