

FAITH UNDER FIRE

DANIEL 3
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2 Timothy 3:1-2

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...

Of all idols, man finds himself the hardest to abandon.

Nimrod was the first person to attempt to unify the religions of man by self-deification.

Daniel 7:25

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law.

Remember, a major sign of the enemy is the removal of choice because he is a dictator and wants total control.

When we study history, we discover the great egomaniacs who have wanted to conquer the world have been men who have tried to use religion for their own purposes.

One cannot be a good German and at the same time deny God. But an avowal of faith in the eternal Germany is an avowal of faith in the eternal God. Whoever serves Adolf Hitler, the Fuhrer serves Germany, and whoever serves Germany serves God.

There is a lot of talk in Germany about Hitler's messianic characteristics. The thesis that Hitler is a miraculous being sent by a supreme power, and that he is capable of Mystic communion with the German masses is gaining greater currency. Consequently, the attack on Christian religion becomes more severe.

In Germany, no attempt is made to stamp out the faith in the supernatural. The policy is more blasphemous. It is to replace Christ. Religion is now counterfeited rather than dismissed. This extraordinary tendency is perhaps without parallel during the last 2000 years. The Nazis are trying to create an anti-type of Christianity. They have made their leader their God.

Daniel 3:16-18

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Exocus 20:4-5

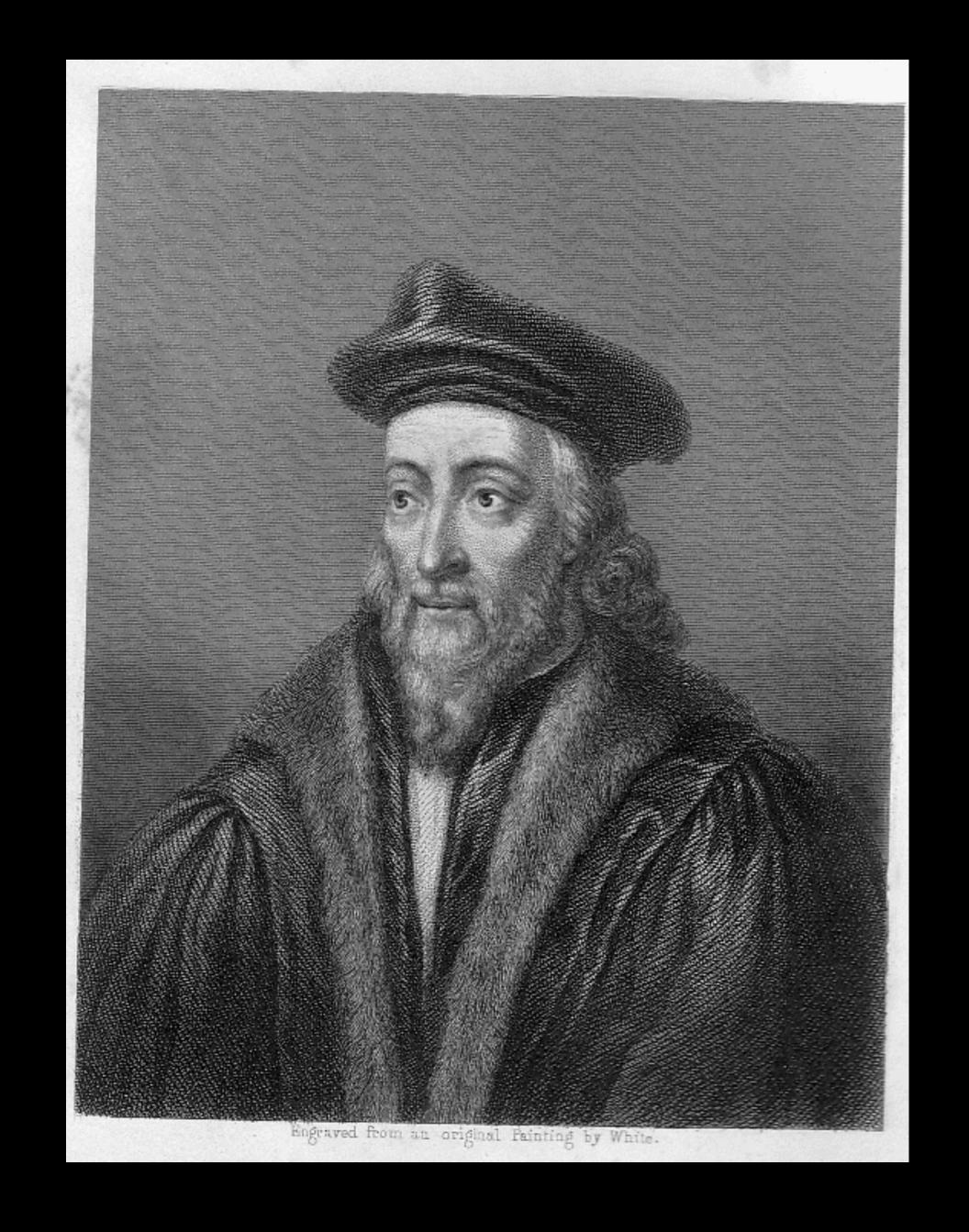
You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

1 Peter 4:12-13

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

"Come here and kindle the fire before my eyes, For if I had dreaded such a sight, I would have never have come to such a place, when I had the free opportunity to escape."

-Jerome of Prague





"My cause shall be commended To the Lord, for he lives and reigns, who preserve the three children in the furnace of the Babylonian king. If he is unwilling to preserve me, my life is a small thing compared with Christ. Expect anything of me except flight or recantation, I will not flee, much less recant, so may the Lord Jesus strengthen me.

-Martin Luther

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

Often times, the fire will burn away the things that bind you.

Here's how to not bow down to the World around us...

By pledging allegiance to the world above us, recognizing that greater is He that lives in us.

To be conformed to this godless age is to be controlled by the God of this age!

2 Corinthians 4:4

Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Ephesians 2:2

In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

We are in a war and casual Christians will become casualties!

Neighbors calling out other neighbors for not following social distancing rules

Some people are ratting out their neighbors for breaking the rules during this coronavirus pandemic - both to the police and on social media.

CORONAVIRUS

Residents are telling on neighbors, businesses who break quarantine

Snitches are emerging as enthusiastic allies as cities, states and countries work to enforce directives meant to limit person-to-person contact.

When the law of the land contradicts the law of the Lord, civil disobedience is Biblical obedience!

Anything that warrants global compliance should make the Christian spiritually curious.

Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Censoring freedom of speech is evidence that our freedom has been breached!

Matthew 10:27-28

27 Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:29-31

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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