

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #25

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How Tyranny Survives by John T. Polk II

Proverbs 14:28: "In a multitude of people is a king's honor, But in the lack of people is the downfall of a prince."

While the Israelites were united under Solomon's God-blessed rule in their Promised Land, the queen of Sheba said: "Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on His throne to be king for the LORD your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness" (**2 Chronicles 9:8**). After Solomon died, their kingdom divided when Rehoboam "did not listen to the people" (**1 Kings 12:15**), then "all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them" (**1 Kings 12:16**), and they killed his tax collector (**1 Kings 12:17-18**). When people see their leaders do not listen to them, they try a different government leader, as Israel did with Jeroboam (**1 Kings 12:25-33**), often with worse consequences!

Government leaders should follow the Word of God (**Deuteronomy 17:18-20**), because "If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants become wicked" (**Proverbs 29:12**). *All rulers who believe only in their own sovereignty and power have succumbed to their self-deceit*, because, as Paul said, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God" (**Romans 13:1**). **Without acknowledging God's authority the government is corrupt.** "Like a roaring lion and a charging bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people. A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days" (**Proverbs 28:15-16**). Certainly, one should not accept nor be taken in by the rich delicacies [**or unkept campaign promises!**] offered by the king: "When you sit down to eat with a ruler, Consider

carefully what *is* before you; And put a knife to your throat If you *are* a man given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, For they are deceptive food" (**Proverbs 23:1-3**).

A few ways leaders keep their people in line include:

(1) murdering their opponents, (2) constant propaganda of lies, (3) forced labor or (4) limiting the population.

Examples of each include: (1) **Tyrannies and**

dictatorships always fear the masses, and often seek to annihilate their opposition within their own land:

Egyptian Pharaoh and Israelites (**Exodus 1:7-12**);

Mohammedans/Moslems against Jews, Catholics, and Bible-believers; **Roman Catholic** Inquisition for hundreds of years; **and all followers of Karl Marx:** Joseph Stalin in

Russia; Benito Mussolini in Italy; Adolph Hitler in Europe; Mao Tse-tung in China; Khmer Rouge in Cambodia; **and**

assassination attempts (political and physical!); their names are legion, and their victims number in the hundreds of millions.

(2) **This is done today by media repeating the constant mantras** of "Misinformation;" "Global Warming," "Evolution," "World Economy," "Carbon

Footprints," "Bigger Government Necessity," "Broken Medical System," "Radical Right-wingers," "Crazy Bible-believers," *ad nauseum*.

(3) **Egyptian Pharaoh** (**Exodus 1:13-15**); and **economic slaves** by overwhelming taxation, inflation, and indebtedness:

"The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender" (**Proverbs 22:7**).

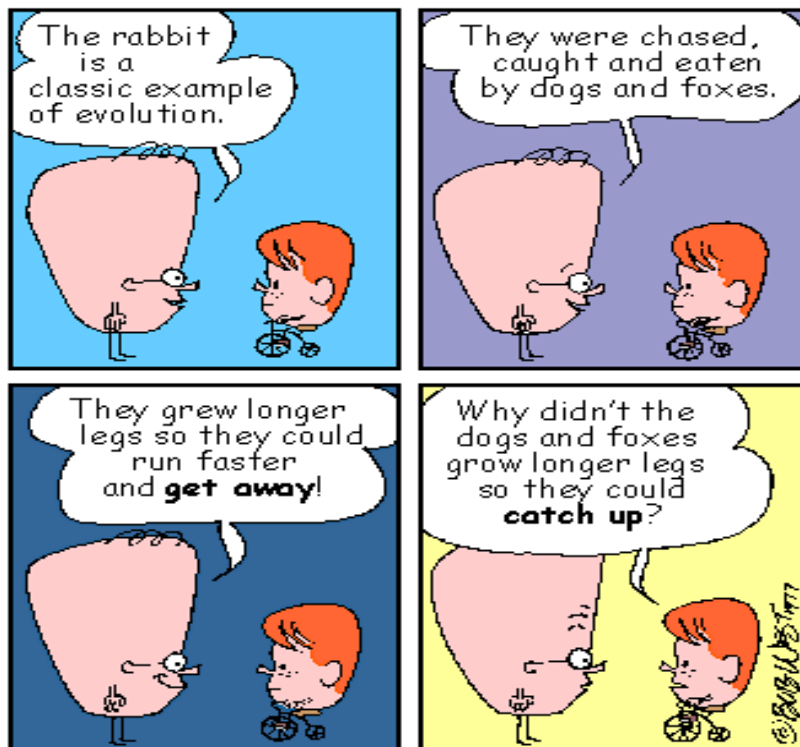
(4) **Egyptian Pharaoh** [the God-fearing midwives refused to murder innocent born babies! "Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiprah and the name of the other Puah; and he said, 'When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see *them* on the birthstools, if it *is* a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.' But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive" (**Exodus 1:15-17**)];

the **genocide of abortion** (including partial or complete abortion); government-backed "**euthanasia**;" government-controlled **medical care**; *et al.*

Countries ruled by a minority, who do not listen to their majority population, will suffer "downfall." "Take away the dross from silver, And it will go to the silversmith for jewelry. Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be established in righteousness" (**Proverbs 25:4-5**).
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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ *Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.* ~DOUG LARSON (English middle-distance runner who won gold medals at the 1924 Olympic Games)
- ~ *A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.* ~TEXAS GUINAN. 19th century American businessman
- ~ *Better fare hard with good men than feast it with bad.* ~THOMAS PAINE



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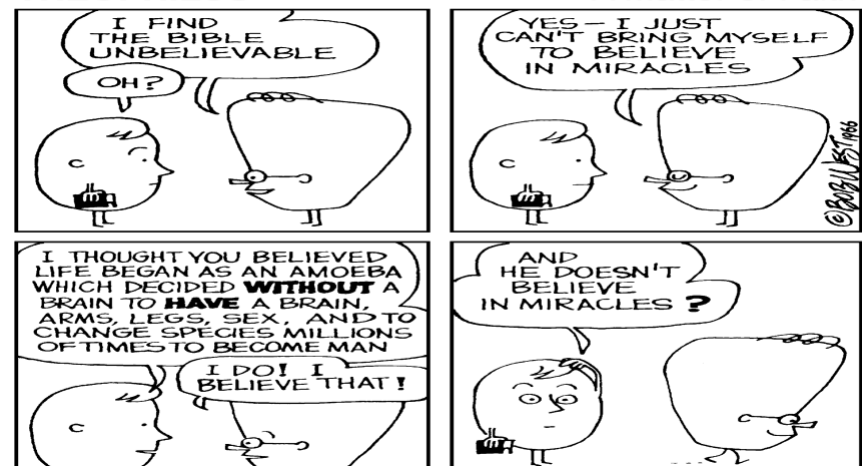
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Are you saved? Then sing to the LORD! "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation." (Psa. 95:1). "Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day" (Psa. 96:2).

Are you thankful? Then sing to the LORD! "I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being...I will be glad in the LORD" (Psa. 104:33-34). "Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving" (Psa. 147:7).

"Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints."
 (Psa. 149:1)