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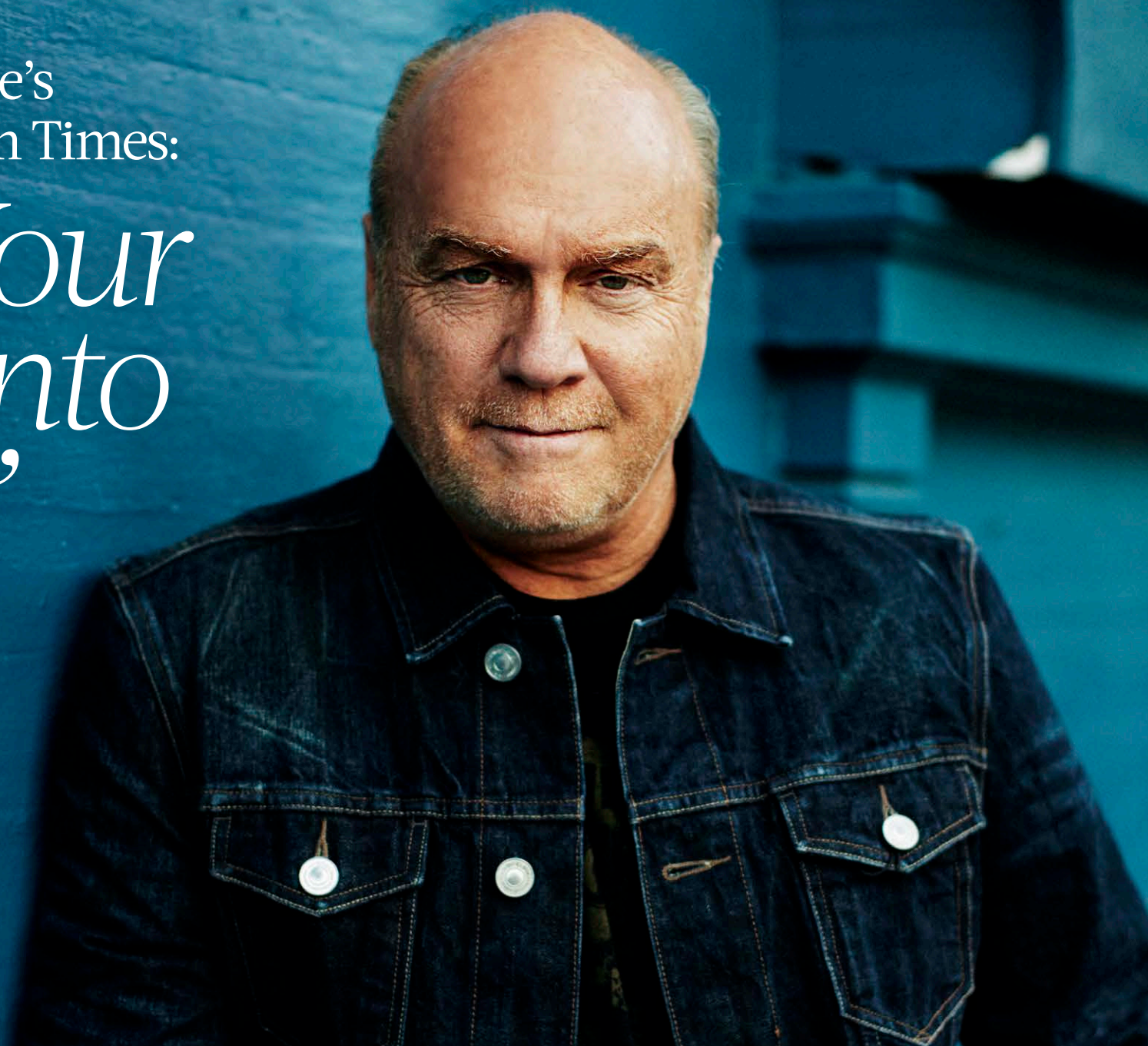
TRADITION

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Pastor Greg Laurie's
Message for Tough Times:

*'Turn Your
Panic Into
Prayer'*

Greg Laurie is a senior
pastor of Harvest
Christian Fellowship.



Evangelical leader stresses personal relationship with God—and compassionate outreach to others who are hurting



Laurie at a Harvest open house.

MAUREEN MACKEY

Pastor Greg Laurie of Harvest Christian Fellowship has long ministered to the faithful. He has been holding his well-known evangelical events, called Harvest Crusades, for more than 30 years on campuses in California and Hawaii, and he has a strong online presence as well.

Today, especially, when so many Americans are suffering through extremely challenging times as a result of the coronavirus, this dedicated faith leader says we must turn to God above all else and remain focused on our personal relationship with him.

"Our faith is so important at this time in our culture," he said, "and it seems that, more than ever today, even nonbelievers are asking spiritual questions."

He noted that, because of COVID-19 lockdowns and limits, instances of depression, suicide, and drug use are up, and marriages are unraveling. "We've never been through a time like this that I can recall, certainly not in my lifetime," he said.

“**People ... need others who care about them, someone to say to them: 'You know, you are loved. Your life matters. I care about you.'**

Greg Laurie

'Best of Times, Worst of Times'

But Laurie, speaking in his clear and resonant voice, points to the silver lining for all.

"Remember the opening line of 'A Tale of Two Cities,' 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'? Well, in many ways, that is the case today," he said. "It's very bad times right now, yes, but there are good things happening as well. We find that when God closes one door, he then opens another."

Laurie and his fellow ministry leaders had to, quite literally, close the doors of their church for a number of weeks last year due to COVID-19.

"Then we went outside to the big tent on our campus in Riverside [in California] and in our parking structure at Harvest in Orange County. And we've been having services there. But what also happened is that we found a brand-new audience online," he said. "Where we would have, on average, perhaps 9,000 people watch our service online in pre-COVID times, now

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US HISTORY

Time Machine Books: The Story of Our Past

JEFF MINICK

In February, I was browsing the shelves of our local secondhand bookstore, looking for birthday gifts for two grandchildren, when I came across Hermann Hagedorn's "The Book of Courage." This 90-year-old collection of biographies for young people salutes luminaries as diverse as Clara Barton, Daniel Boone, David Livingstone, Mahatma Gandhi, and Queen Elizabeth I.

Here, too, are figures our culture

has canceled or derided in the past decade, men such as Andrew Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Abraham Lincoln. The years and the fingers of earlier generations have left this volume tattered and worn, but for \$5, it was still a bargain. Today it sits on my "grandkids' shelf" in the living room, awaiting new explorers of the past.

Frequently, readers write me asking for book recommendations for students, particularly those having to do with history. Despite "cancel culture," we can still find excellent

accounts of our nation's past for young people. Here are some of my personal favorites, books I read as a child, shared with my children, or discovered from other sources, and which can supplement your study of American history.

Elementary School

"A Child's First History of American History" by Earl Schenck Miers seems a fine narrative history for readers 8 to 12 years old.

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"History is who we are and why we are the way we are," wrote author and historian David McCullough.

TIMELESS WISDOM

The Age of Postman

JOSHUA CHARLES

When I was 19, I read a book that would forever change my life. It was Neil Postman's "Amusing Ourselves to Death."

Though published in 1985, with each passing year, its insights have become more and more relevant and ominous.

Postman contends the following: Electronic media is dumbing us down, transforming our dialogue into mere forms of entertainment driven by profit rather than substance, which in turn prevents us from not only speaking like adults, but even thinking like one. He traces this phenomenon in the realm of politics, religion, and education.

The introduction makes his terrifyingly prophetic thesis plain:

"We were keeping our eye on 1984. When the year came and the prophecy didn't, thoughtful Americans sang softly in praise of themselves. The roots of liberal democracy had held. Wherever else the terror had happened, we, at least, had not been visited by Orwellian nightmares.

But we had forgotten that alongside Orwell's dark vision, there was another—slightly older, slightly less well known, equally chilling: Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. Contrary to common belief even among the educated, Huxley and Orwell did not prophesy the same thing. Orwell warns that we will be overcome by an externally imposed oppression. But in Huxley's vision, no Big Brother is required to deprive people of their autonomy, maturity and history. As he saw it, people will come to love their oppression, to adore the technologies that undo their capacities to think.

What Orwell feared were those who would ban books. What Huxley feared was that there would be no reason to ban a book, for there would be no

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In "Amusing Ourselves to Death," author Neil Postman asserted that people were more oppressed by their addiction to amusement, as reflected in "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley (R), rather than by the state, as portrayed in "1984" by George Orwell (L).

one who wanted to read one. Orwell feared those who would deprive us of information. Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egoism. Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance. Orwell feared we would become a captive culture. Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture. ... In 1984, Huxley added, people are controlled by inflicting pain. In Brave New World, they are controlled by inflicting pleasure. In short, Orwell feared that what we hate will ruin us. Huxley feared that what we love will ruin us.

This book is about the possibility that Huxley, not Orwell, was right."

How can we read these words—surrounded by the ruins of a bankrupt and exhausted culture—and not conclude that, in Postman's words, we have become "a trivial culture," and are thus well on our way to becoming a captive one?

The Founding Fathers made two things exceptionally clear: For a society to remain free, its citizens must be both virtuous and knowledgeable. Freedom can't be maintained by a society full of passion but devoid of reason.

And this is precisely why our politics has gone insane, and constantly extends itself deeper and deeper into our daily lives: We, as a culture, don't hold these values in high esteem. We denigrate them.

We don't value the pursuit of truth (do we even believe it exists?); we value the self-reinforcing echo chambers of our own creation.

We don't value knowledge; we value talking points and tweets (self-reinforcing, of course).

We don't value the self-control of virtue; we value the unrelenting narcissism of uninhibited self-expression and actualization. We don't value history, and all the treasures of the human experience available for our training and growing in wisdom; we value anything new, fresh, hip, and contemporary that will satisfy our moment-to-moment desires and inexhaustible supplies of boredom.

We don't value substance, depth, and rationality; we value whatever can be sold, marketed, and peddled with glitz, glamor, and pizzazz.

And all of these tendencies, in the "Age of Postman," are now being used against us, to undo our capacity to think, and thereby dissolve our society which was always dependent on a thoughtful, informed citizenry to survive.

It's thus a great twist of irony that perhaps never before has America been so inundated with information and at the same time so bereft of wisdom. In a phrase I've used for many years, social media transforms adults into children with their own enthusiastic consent. This is exactly what Postman predicted: a time in which discourse would "abandon logic, reason, sequence, and rules of contradiction" in favor of mere entertainment. Aesthetically, Dadaism; philosophically, nihilism; and psychologically, schizophrenia.

And that is the great risk of a free society—that its people can become utterly corrupted, and that its government eventually, in one way or another, becomes a reflection of its people. Our politicians have obliged us, and in turn, we experience the bitter fruits of a populace dumbed down by a constant stream of external stimulation that requires zero mental exertion. It's overwhelmingly sensory, appealing merely to our passions and our baser nature—the parts we share with animals. And yet it's the mind that distinguishes man from animals. Its debasement, therefore, is a debasement of our most fundamental human nature.

Postman warned of how this is precisely the sort of thing tyrants of all ages have sought to achieve:

"Tyrants of all varieties have always known about the value of providing the masses with amusements as a means of pacifying discontent. But most of them could not have even hoped for a situation in which the masses would ignore that which does not amuse. That is why tyrants have always relied, and still do, on censorship. Censorship, after all, is the tribute tyrants pay to the assumption that a public knows the difference between serious discourse and entertainment—and cares. How delighted would be all the kings, czars, and führers of the past to know that censorship is not a necessity when all political discourse takes the form of a jest."

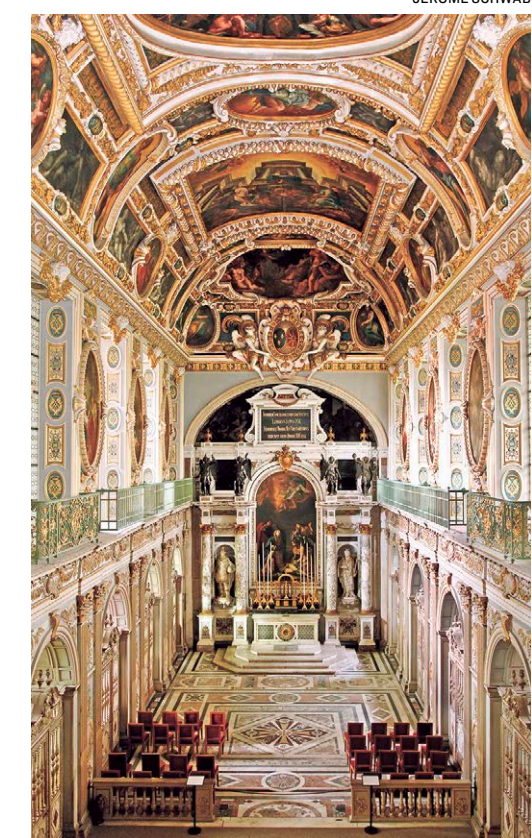
But we didn't need Postman to recognize this danger. We simply needed to heed the warnings of our founders. They told us that while the American experiment was special, we ourselves were not. We Americans are human beings, the same as all the rest. "We make ourselves popular," John Adams warned, "by telling our fellow-citizens that we have made discoveries, conceived inventions, and made improvements. We may boast that we are the chosen people, we may even thank God that we are not like other men. But, after all, it will be but flattery, and the delusion, the self-deceit of the Pharisee."

As I wrote in 2016, "To echo our Declaration of Independence—when a long train of trivialities and amusements, pursuing invariably the same object evinces an obsession with comfort, fun, and entertainment, it is the people's burden, their punishment, their harvest, to bear the affliction of a politics likewise made rotten and corrupt by their loss of moral health and intellectual energy."

Absent what Churchill in the 1930s called "a supreme recovery of moral health and vigor," a new age has dawned, or at least been consummated—one far more sinister and insidious than we realized.

Ours is the Age of Postman.

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(Above) The Royal Chapel of the Trinity was built during King Francis I's reign (1515–1547). The chapel connects to the Francis I Gallery. (Left) Since the reign of King Henry IV, in the late 16th century, carp have been in the pond at the Château de Fontainebleau.

LARGER THAN LIFE: ART THAT INSPIRES US THROUGH THE AGES

The Heart of the French Renaissance: Château de Fontainebleau

The art and architecture of the Château de Fontainebleau in France influenced the evolution of art not only in France but also across Europe.

From the 12th to the 19th century, the kings and queens of France lived at the Château de Fontainebleau. First, King

Louis VII built a hunting lodge and chapel on the site. Then in the 13th century, King Louis IX (St. Louis) transformed the lodge into a chateau.

In the 16th century, King Francis I had the grand vision to make a "New Rome" on the site. He commissioned the best French

architects and craftsmen, as well as Italians such as the painter Francesco Primaticcio and sculptor Benvenuto Cellini. These great artists combined the best of Italian and French art to create a style called the School of Fontainebleau. And it was this Italian art influence that made a lasting

impact on French Renaissance art. Other notable works at the site included when Louis XIV commissioned French landscape architect André Le Nôtre to redesign the gardens, resulting in the elegant grand parterre, the formal ornamental garden.



JEROME SCHWAB

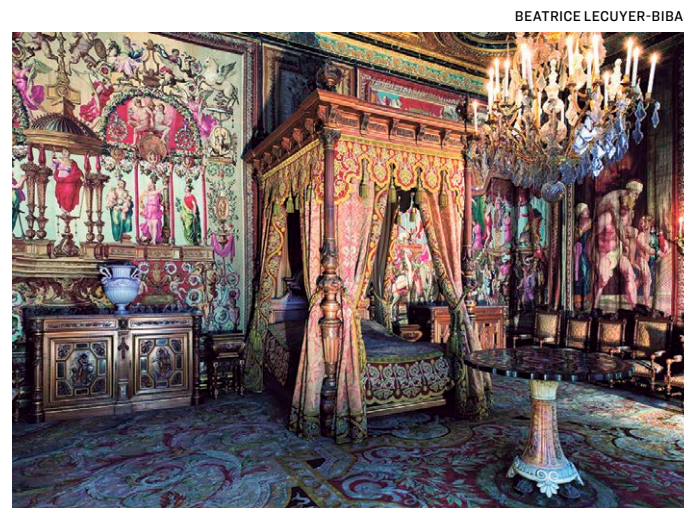


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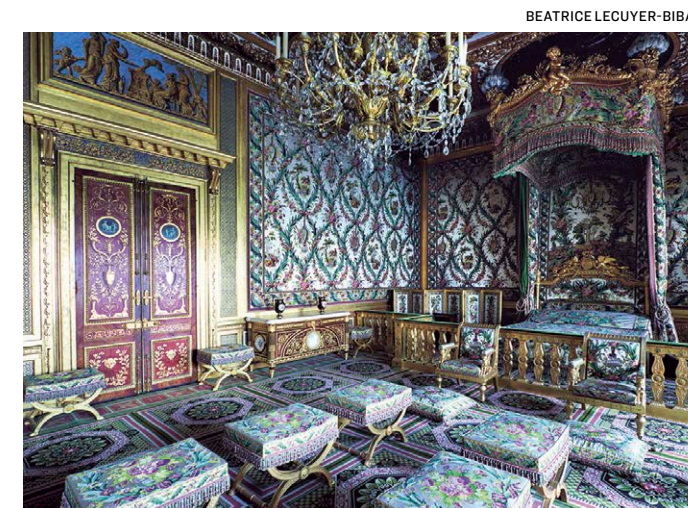


SERGE REBY

(Left) In 1808, Napoleon converted the king's bedchamber into a throne room. Today, the room is the last Napoleonic throne room in existence. (Middle) Oak-paneled pillars with fluted pilasters are some of the stunning features in the ballroom. (Right) The Francis I Gallery shows remarkable Renaissance craftsmanship, the extravagance of which France had not seen before. In this gallery, carved wood paneling and stucco blocks with rolled leather motifs dominate the space, and magnificent sculptures frame the frescoes.



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(Left) Anne of Austria's bedroom at the Château de Fontainebleau when she was queen of France, first as the wife of Louis XIII and then as the regent queen for their son, Louis XIV. (Middle) Successive queens of France, from Marie de Medici to Marie Antoinette, once slept in the empress's bedchamber, which is lavishly decorated with symbols of fertility and femininity. (Right) The council chamber at the Château de Fontainebleau.



BIM GRAND PALAIS



BEATRICE LECUYER-BIBAL

(Left) Louis XIV commissioned landscape architect André Le Nôtre and architect Louis Le Vau to create the Château de Fontainebleau's Grand Parterre. The elegant formal gardens were created between 1660 and 1664 and cover around 35 acres. (Right) The Court of Honor is the main courtyard at the Château de Fontainebleau and faces out to the town of Fontainebleau.

DEAR NEXT GENERATION:

Bring Back Real Romance and Love to Your Life

→ Advice from our readers to our young people

Dear Next Generation:

You have been witnessing a cheap, dollar store version of love in our current culture. From TV shows to music to popular magazines—what is portrayed looks like the most fantastic love, but in the end, it's only a fantasy. It isn't real. The quality of our lives is based upon the quality of our relationships. There are ways to have quality, romantic, loving relations with people, but it isn't what they are selling in Hollywood—those are dollar store relations that are cheap, come apart at the seams, and they don't last very long.

Real love is patient. It takes time. A gardener plants a seed, waters the soil, pulls the weeds, and waits for the fruit to grow and ripen. If he picks the fruit before it is ready, it's hard and sour and not good for eating. Patience.

When you fall in love with someone and decide to move in together, you are essentially picking the fruit before it's ready to come off the vine. You are acting like a husband and a wife—sharing bills, moments, chores, meals, and a bed, but that's just it: You are acting like something you are not. Until you say "I do" in the public arena,

you are not an authentic husband or wife, you are pretending.

I have seen some pretty good ceramic fruit in my day. It's pretty to look at, but you can't eat fake fruit, no matter how attractive it looks. Bringing back real love and romance requires patience and integrity. You will be much happier in your relationships if you don't play a role you haven't signed on for. Being the husband who sacrifices and puts his life on the line to protect his wife, and being a woman who desires to love and care for her husband in tender moments are the scenes of the romantic movies we watch. We yearn to live like that.

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For quite a while now, the culture has espoused "free love." Love anyone, anywhere, anytime—whatever makes you feel good. Sex is what they are selling and who doesn't love free stuff? Even free love! Well, like every good sales pitch, the culture has left out some pretty valuable information about the free love it's peddling. Love isn't free and sex does have a cost. It will cost you physically and emo-



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A man helps a woman out of a car, circa 1935.

tionally. The quality of your life deteriorates as your body and your mind write the checks for this so-called free love. I could prove it to you by listing statistics like diseases, divorces, babies without stable homes, and depression, but statistics don't change people's minds. Thinking changes minds.

If you want a quality, romantic, loving relationship, it will cost you. Real love is never free. Just think about the best love relationships you have witnessed. The happiest couples are real husbands and wives, not just play-acting. They are patient with one another, they sacrifice their own needs to honor the other. The happiest couples have created a beautiful garden filled with delicious fruit that has grown over time. It certainly wasn't free. They paid a great price, but what they have is of the highest quality. You won't find this kind of love in the dollar store.

—Alyson Hudson, Florida

What advice would you like to give to the younger generations?

We call on all of our readers to share the timeless values that define right and wrong, and pass the torch, if you will, through your wisdom and hard-earned experience. We feel that the passing down of this wisdom has diminished over time, and that only with a strong moral foundation can future generations thrive.

Send your advice, along with your full name, state, and contact information to Next Generation@epochtimes.com or mail it to:

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PARENTING

Making the Mundane Magnanimous

TRICIA FOWLER



PUBLIC DOMAIN

Dinnertime again in a typical house on a typical day in America. The mother's hands are elbow deep in dishwater when she hears a little gasp across the kitchen as her 6-year-old shuts the fridge. Mothers know these small but significant sounds. She turns to survey the damage while shutting off the water and listening for the overflow of boiling water from a simmering pot. "What happened, honey?" "Nothing," says the 6-year-old. Mommy walks over and looks hard at the little one who is now bracing herself spread-eagled against the fridge as if all hell is about to break out.

Interruptions When I had my first couple of children, scenes like this were still new to me and, quite frankly, I didn't handle them well inwardly even if I may have handled them well outwardly. My children's mistakes left me feeling disrupted as if their upbringing wasn't my main purpose. I was unprepared for the unexpected. Life with children, of course, is a series of interruptions just as the sea is a series of waves. As parents, we either navigate each wave and ride it in with grace and poise, or we wipe out. C. S. Lewis once stated this very eloquently: "The great thing, if one can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of one's 'own', or 'real' life. The truth is of course that what one calls the interruptions are precisely one's real life—the life God is sending one day by day."

▲ "The Embroidery Lesson" by Hugues Merle.

dane, that are critical for relationships and unpack a parent's most powerful weapon in training children: magnanimity. To understand magnanimous parenting, look at its Latin roots. "Magnus," meaning "great," and "animus," meaning "spirit," are combined to portray a brave person who notices and studies the hearts of her children. This parent is generous not with money or possessions but with full attention to the details that are most critical; even as the full-tilt chaos of life with young people arises.

Mundane Moments Some may not believe mundane moments have so much importance. In my earlier parenting years, the fridge mishap would have meant another mess to clean up and another way my child was failing. Now I am wide awake and see the potential in these conversations. Knowing our children's hearts and specifically how they respond to our personalities should be our first and foremost goal as mothers and fathers.

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Attention is key. Using the story about the fridge, we can easily see what matters first and foremost. The mother can safely assume from the little gasp that an accident occurred. Parents should react as though an accident is different from willful disobedience. Discipline again changes accordingly for chronic carelessness, and of course, maturity. More importantly, the 6-year-old is trying to hide something she sees as wrong. Hiding and lying are close cousins, which certainly is more concerning than any accident that could have occurred in the fridge. This child obviously knows her mother is aware of a problem yet persists in hiding it. This child has spontaneously revealed her tendency to distract this mother from the truth. Although the mother doesn't want to see her child hiding the truth, she is blessed. She has been given the opportunity to help her child turn from hiding and lying to transparency and truth.

Magnanimous Discipline What if parents treasured up, planned for, and practiced executing discipline magnanimously during the times when their children don't act as expected? The children of our nation need strong, heroic parents like never before. Could it be so simple as distinguishing the important from the unimportant, and the urgent from the things that can wait? As parents take inventory, they should know that many activities and programs they trust to raise up the next generation, the parenting books, and the latest fad in child discipline are nothing compared to these magnanimous moments.

The mother looks down at the 6-year-old who is still bracing herself against the door. Concern about this child's character is front and center in the mother's mind. As the moment swells and the mother seizes it, the child is made accountable. The child understands that what matters isn't spilled milk but covering up truth. The child is held accountable by cleaning up the milk. The mother realizes that she has allowed her daughter to use distraction instead of facing weaknesses and failures head-on. Mommy rode this wave well and accessed what needed fixing in her own heart. Then she puts her hands back in the dishwater and smiles. She knows the 6-year-old will soon be 16, and the next wave could come any minute.

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EDUCATION

School Year Homestretch: 4 Things to Do Before It Wraps Up

BARBARA DANZA

Some of us have been homeschooling, some of us have been "virtual" schooling, some of us have been "hybrid" schooling, and a few of our children have actually enjoyed "in-person learning," to add to the list of terms we never needed before. It has been a year colored with worry about physical health, mental health, "falling behind," and potentially "ruining the kids." So much worry. But, wait—look out there just past spring break and a hair beyond Memorial Day—it's the finish line! We're almost there! As you fling open your windows and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of spring, take a moment to reflect on this year. You may find there have been more lessons learned than you would have thought.

Review the Year For example, you may realize that you did quite a bit of learning. Perhaps you find yourself more informed than ever before about your children's academic prowess and areas of interest. Who knew Johnny was a whiz at geometry? You have also likely learned a thing or two about your children's learning styles. Sally is a visual learner, while Mary is an auditory learner. What's more, you may find yourself significantly more informed about the curriculum being offered at your children's

school. Perhaps the writing program is more robust than you realized. Perhaps you've been surprised to see what qualifies as history these days. The information this forced situation has bestowed upon you is invaluable to you and your children. You'll be able to make more informed decisions about their schooling going forward and better help them or supplement their schooling as needed based on what you've learned. Take note and commit to staying involved in your child's educational journey.

Plan Next Year This is a great time of year to think about next year. Many people have been considering homeschooling. Now's the time to make those plans. Continuing homeschoolers are likely gathering next year's curriculum and looking forward to more options for field trips (fingers crossed!). Perhaps you'd like to look for different schooling options for your child based on your experience. If so, use the early spring-time to nail down those details so they're in place by summertime.

Lay Down Your Worries As the year presses on, start letting go of the worries you may have been holding onto. It's understandable, of course, but you don't want to allow it to become a permanent fixture.



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As the weather warms up, put some fun outings on your calendar.

This school year called for all the tools in the parenting toolbox. You've almost made it through.

Let the increased sunshine entice you and the kids outdoors. Consider whether you can get some fun day trips or outings on the calendar. Plan a simple celebration for the last day of school. Do what you can to process, heal, let go, and find peace within your spirit to carry on without the shadow of worry looming so close.

Pat Yourself on the Back This school year called for all the tools in the parenting toolbox. You've almost made it through. Pat yourself on the back, and allow yourself a personal celebration by doing whatever you enjoy most. Congratulate your children for their valiant efforts in these most unusual circumstances. Make sure they know how proud you are of them. As for their teachers, whatever end of the year gift you usually give—double it.

FOR KIDS ONLY

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AN IRISH Limerick

There was a young person of Bantry,
Who frequently slept in the pantry;
When disturbed by the mice,
She appeased them with rice,
That judicious young person of Bantry.

SHABBY DATWIN/SHUTTERSTOCK

WHAT DO YOU CALL A FAKE DIAMOND IN IRELAND?

FAMVELD/SHUTTERSTOCK

**May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.**

IRISH BLESSING

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This Week in History

THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IS BORN

AKHAROV/SHUTTERSTOCK

On March 17, 1762, before the United States was even a country, New York held its first St. Patrick's Day Parade. Those marching were colonists from Ireland who enjoyed the freedom to wear green (something they couldn't do in their home country at the time), sing the songs of their homeland, and revel in all things Ireland. One of the most famous parades in the world, the tradition continues today—marching up New York's Fifth Avenue each year and culminating at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

By Aidan Danza, age 14

FARMING IN AMERICA (PART 2)

CATTLE Cattle, whether used for beef or milk, are the most important livestock in the country. Beef cattle comprise America's most important agricultural industry, generating \$66.2 billion in 2019 alone.

Other cattle, called dairy cows, are used for their milk, which is used in its raw form and made into various products like cheese. Since more people are eating these products, the dairy business is booming. Most dairy cattle are Holsteins, the classic black-and-white cow. Most dairy cow herds live on family farms, but in the beef cattle industry, there are many large cattle ranches making up a large percentage of the industry.

HOGS Hogs are produced solely for pork. Many hogs live in Iowa and eastern North Carolina. In the past years, the pork industry has changed. It used to be that most companies producing pork were small and many, but now these have given way to larger establishments. There are a few different breeds of hog used in America. These include the Yorkshire, which is large, fat, and white, the Duroc, which is chestnut brown, grows quickly, and is very lean, and the Berkshire, which is very large. The Berkshire is black, with white feet, tail tip, and face.

CHICKENS Chickens are used for both meat and eggs. Because of certain diet programs such as the keto diet and the paleo diet, which encourage the eating of eggs, many people in America are eating more eggs, causing the industry to boom. Also, chicken is regarded as a very healthy meat, and it's less expensive than other meats like steak and ribs. Most chickens reside in the southeastern United States.

POOLBRELLING/SHUTTERSTOCK

AMAZING ESCAPES!

USE THE FOUR NUMBERS IN THE CORNERS, AND THE OPERANDS (+, - AND X) to build an equation to get the solution in the middle. There may be more than one "unique" solution but, there may also be "equivalent" solutions. For example: 6 + (7 X 3) + 1 = 28 and 1+ (7 X 3) + 6 = 28

Easy puzzle 1

3	3		
24			
2	3		
+	-	x	÷

Solution For Easy 1

2 = (3 + 3 + 3)
6 = (2 + 3 + 3)

Medium puzzle 1

5	17		
24			
3	10		
+	-	x	÷

Solution for Medium 1

01 - 21 x (6 - 5)

Hard puzzle 1

5	30		
24			
2	9		
+	-	x	÷

Solution for Hard 1

2 - 6 - 5 + 06

Maze

START

Across

- 1 What robin's eggs do in the Spring (5)
- 2 Spring jacket (8)
- 3 What you will find on a cherry tree in the spring (7)
- 4 Piece of rain gear (8)
- 5 Cottontail (6)
- 6 In like a lion! (5)
- 7 It will appear on a branch in the Spring (3)
- 8 22 Kite flying weather (5)
- 9 What a caterpillar turns into (9)

Down

- 10 It follows Winter (6)
- 11 Spring jacket (8)
- 12 What snow does in the spring (4)
- 13 Piece of rain gear (8)
- 14 March goes out like a ____ (4)
- 15 Pair worn on a rainy day (8)
- 16 Kite flying weather (5)
- 17 April ____ brings May flowers (7)

Word Search

S H B E M O H S A Q N T M
 A V S H S O T V D R O
 W V T I B N E N
 J T W V B W N K I
 S T I L V O N I V A
 B D N I R J S M L I
 N V V I L I O A
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If you've seen big tech's conduct since the 2020 election, it's not hard to see how they're putting the gasoline on censorship.

After the violence on Jan. 6, they took down videos and photos, blocked or put warning labels on posts, and suspended accounts en masse.

What this has done is suppressed information, helping to shape a narrative that does not represent the full picture of what happened.

While this online censorship is not new, the pace and scale of it is, and we're afraid this is a trend that's going to continue.

We had multiple reporters and photographers

on the ground that day, taking photos and videos, getting interviews, and giving you timely updates on the events as they unfolded.

While we can't do anything about big tech's censorship, what we can do is to bring you more and better coverage of events like these.

To do this though, we need your support.

What Our Readers Say

(after YouTube has completely demonetized us)

‘ I urge everyone to financially support you to offset the demonetization efforts by YouTube. God bless! ’

In the overall state of media censorship and misinformation, The Epoch Times is a Godsend. My only sources for current events is The Epoch Times and your sister station NTD. Despite the big tech censorship from platforms like YouTube, I really enjoy watching your investigative presentations by Joshua Phillip as well as presentations by Roman Balmakov. Thank you for holding true to your motto, as it seems like Truth and Tradition are scarce commodities these days.

NICK MENDOZA

Because of the banning that Big Tech is doing to a lot of people, I would stay away from YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and some of the others. Go with free speech. I really like that you're on Censored.news. Keep up with the good work and the true facts.

MARGIE MCMILLAN

I truly admire your courage in reporting the truth about what is happening in the U.S. and our world, and your defiance of the big tech censors in reporting on issues that concern millions of us, including election fraud and abuse of power by big tech. I urge everyone to financially support you to offset the demonetization efforts by YouTube. God bless!

RICHARD C

I have heard that The Epoch Times YouTube channel has been demonetized. Consider developing a channel for media devices like Roku. I believe the quality of your content will make this successful and would allow you to sell advertising with (potentially) less censorship from tech companies.

GEOFF BARNARD

I just signed up and love your news. So wonderful to read truth, not the lies and spin of MSM [mainstream media]. I am sorry you were demonetized by YouTube. You are patriots!

JULIE WIRTEL

I was discouraged to hear that YouTube is now trying to shut you down. That makes me all the more determined to support you as an independent media voice. I'm from Canada and there is virtually no independent media voice here. We even have mail delivery people refusing to deliver The Epoch Times, as if they're somehow empowered to censor what views can be disseminated. Please keep up the amazing work you all do.

BOB HULLEY

We saw one of The Epoch Times' ads on YouTube about four months ago and subscribed. You got us through the election informed and sane, with coverage of what was happening we could find nowhere else. I have shamelessly re-posted your articles on my blog, forwarded to others information for which your reporters have done all the spadework and talked at least 3 other people into subscribing. Your \$1 offer is so ridiculously reasonable we are sending a contribution for your full subscription price to cover the last 4 months (and to make up for the demonetization/censorship). You're worth it!

JESSICA RENSHAW

Hope you guys hang strong after demonetization by YouTube. Epoch Times is awesome and [I] enjoy getting updates throughout the day.

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