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"Benjamin Franklin Drawing Electricity from the Sky" by Benjamin West, circa 1816. In 1752, he conducted his famous kite experiment, attaching a metal key to the kite and flying it in the middle of a thunderstorm, to prove the electrical nature of lightning. The Founding Father also invented the lightning rod, bifocals, and swim fins, among many things.

### Gifts to Mankind: American Ingenuity and Invention

JEFF MINICK

ause in your reading for just a moment and look around you. I'll do the same.

I'm sitting in what was my daughter's dining room, but which now serves as my study. To my right is a breakfront, a large antique with a mirror, drawers, and cabinets for storage of dishes and utensils, and lion's paw feet on rollers. Closer to me is a standing lamp with a single light bulb. Near my elbow is a phone that slips into my pocket, and I'm writing on a 7-year-old MacBook Pro and drinking coffee from a mug featuring London's Big Ben. On the floor around

shelving. Enough.

Every single object in this room—the two sticks of gum on the wooden table beside me, the magnifying glass, the bottle of spring water, everything—is the work of human hands and human minds, products of "homo faber," of "man as maker."

me are scattered 10 or 12 books that need

I don't know the names or faces of anyone who created most of these objects. Thomas Edison and others are responsible for the light bulb in the lamp, and Steve Jobs and his crew brought me my laptop, but everything else comes to me anonymously, designed and put together by strangers in places like Allentown, Pennsylvania, (the bottled water) and China (the lamp).

But I do know that all of these objects spring from one source: human ingenuity.

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#### Rescued From Dumpster as a Newborn, Woman Now Seeks to Save Lives

Morgan Hill shares her story of abandonment and rescue, information about safe haven laws

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A woman who was abandoned in an Illinois dumpster on the day she was born is now on a selfless mission to save infants' lives.

Baby Mary Grace was left to die in a dumpster in the village of Hoffman Estates in 1995. After a miraculous rescue and being adopted into a loving new family in 1998, she was named Morgan Hill.

1998, she was named Morgan Hill. "I was told I only had a few more hours to live if I would have not been found," Hill told The Epoch Times.

"If my story saves at least one life, it was worth telling," she said, "and I believe it has saved many."

Hill grew up with no idea that she'd had an unusual beginning.

The story of the baby found in a dumpster was plastered all over the news at the time.

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(L-R) Sandi (Morgan Hill's adoptive mother), Morgan Hill, Garold "Rocky" Hyatt, and nurse Carol Szafranski during their reunion in 2016.

Graham Bell at the opening of the longdistance Chicago in

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Hill's adoptive mother, Sandi, didn't want reporters at the door, and she didn't want the circumstances to cast a shadow over Hill's childhood. So she kept the story of her daughter's adoption a secret.

But once Hill was old enough Sandi told her the truth: that after she was born, her biological mother had wrapped her up in a garbage bag and left her to die. Through Sandi's words and numerous articles saved over the years, Hill learned that her biological mother had hidden her pregnancy and tried to get rid of her baby in secret.

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"My biological mother was in quite the twist. It was lie after lie trying to cover up her pregnancy

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"She gave birth to me in the bathtub when her significant other and child went to work and school. She cleaned me, fed me, and drove around unsure of what to do," Hill wrote. "Her final decision was definitely not a good one."

Hill's mother then wrapped her in a towel, put her in a trash bag, double knotted it, and threw her away in a dumpster behind Hoffmann Estates Medical Center on Oct. 16, 1995. Fortunately, Hill's cries were heard by a construction worker, Garold "Rocky" Hyatt, as he alone," Hill told The Epoch Times.

That's how the abandoned baby ended up in the arms of Carol Szafranski, one of the nurses who'd come running when Hyatt sought prompt assistance. She was given the name Baby Mary Grace as the nurses and Hyatt considered her "a gift from God."

Hill's birth father fought hard for six months in court to win her full custody. But due to financial reasons and being a single dad, he willingly put her up for adoption by a couple he trusted.

"I do keep in touch with my bio-

och Times. "He lives in a different state, but we try to get together at least once a year.'

Hill had always wanted to meet the nurse and construction worker mentioned in the news stories, but she had never been able to find them.

Eventually, when a local television station arranged an interview with Hill in 2016, they managed to find Szafranski and Hyatt. During a teary-eyed reunion, the two rescuers met the precious baby girl they saved almost 25 years ago.

"The reunion impacted my life in so many ways," Hill said. "It reminded me that I'm here for a reason."

Hill said that the reunion with her rescuers has motivated her to take up the mantle of raising awareness on the child abandonment crisis, including working with organizations and taking part in conferences. She is working to save the lives of infants by educating people about the various options available to mothers in need who want to relinquish their babies.

"It's pushed me to keep sharing my story and information about the safe haven law," she said.

Today, every state has in place infant safe haven laws—a law that provides a safe place for parents to relinquish a newborn baby without repercussions. However, in 1995, there wasn't

a safe haven law in Illinois at the time of Hill's birth. The infant safe haven laws that have come into existence since 1999 provide a ray

Hill and her adoptive parents are now on a selfless mission to "touch all of the hearts of the world."

"My future plans are to continue sharing my story, currently working on a book, saving lives, and show mothers in crisis they are not

"My message is to be a voice, not an echo. I share my tragic, yet positive story as much as possible. I am here to be a chain reaction with my story, help save lives, and to prove that my story isn't just about a tragedy that turned into a miracle."

Arshdeep Sarao and Jenni Julander contributed to this report.

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Baby Mary Grace with her rescuers, Garold "Rocky" Hyatt (C), and nurse Carol Szafranski

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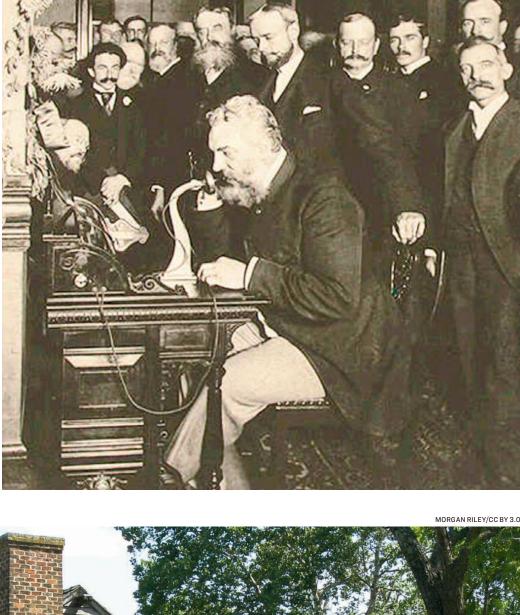
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Morgan Hill, who was named Baby Mary Grace by her rescuers after they found her in a dumpster behind Hoffmann Estates Medical Center in October 1995.



Continued from Page 1 As American as Apple Pie

If we Google "American ingenuity," we find dozens of websites discussing this topic, many of which point to ingenuity and invention as especially American, distinguishing features of our culture that until recently set us off from much of the rest of the world. Even in the early colonial days, we were a nation of tinkers, a people forced by circumstance to make their way with little outside help. "Root, hog, or die" was the old pioneer adage that summed up this attitude, and the men and women

who settled here, and those who followed

them, built houses, churches, roads, and

cities, repaired everything from muskets

to harnesses, and sometimes created tools

and machines to ease their lives. Evidence of that history is all around us. Grove, where McCormick invented the mechanical reaper, a device that revolutionized agriculture. Just north in Staunton is the Frontier Culture Museum, which features various living displays of American ingenuity at work along with houses

wheel for sending coded messages, and plows better suited to the hilly country around Charlottesville. George Washington's interest in farming led him to invent a threshing barn for grain that made that process faster and more sanitary.

#### Necessity Is the Mother of Invention and of Tinkering

Sometimes emergencies force even the bumbling among us to become tinkers. Some siblings and I had spent the fall of 1982 working on a 100-year-old dilapidated inn my wife and I had purchased. In December, we turned off the water to the place to prevent the pipes from freezing, but we improperly winterized them. When we turned on the water the following spring, there were leaks from the third floor to the basement. The plumber, a good man whom we later befriended, couldn't help us for Within a two-hour drive of my house, for three days, but was kind enough to leave example, tourists can visit such attractions me a spare box of his tools. I didn't have as the Cyrus McCormick house, Walnut the heart to tell him that what I knew about plumbing I could have written on a Post-It

Note. A small Post-It Note. We began in the basement, where four pipes came together to form a cross. In the middle of the cross was a leak. I looked at that tiny hole, thought for a few minutes, and then sent my brother up the street to the convenience store to buy some bubble gum. We chewed some gum while we cut a strip of rubber from an inner tube we'd found in the basement. I stuck the gum on the hole, covered it with the rubber strip, and secured that homemade bandage with

two automobile clamps. Twenty-three years later, when I sold the house, that patch was still in place.

Necessity is sometimes said to be the mother of invention, which isn't always true, but in this case, that adage definitely applied to tinkering.

Wealth and Liquid Paper

Ingenuity and invention can do more than fix a leaking pipe. They can bestow great wealth on their practitioners.

In the early 1950s, bank secretary Bette Nesmith Graham was frustrated. She was a poor typist, and the new electric typewriters use at the bank caused her to make even more mistakes. Realizing that artists often simply painted over their errors, Graham began experimenting with white water-based tempura paints and a small brush, covering her mistyped with the mixture, allowing it to dry for a few minutes, and then typing over the white

Graham's kitchen was first her laboratory, and then, as other secretaries wanted this product, became her first company workplace. Originally assisted by her son Michael, who was later a part of the rock band the Monkees and who went on to make one of the first music videos, Graham struggled initially in her attempts to sell her product.

**Even in the** ploy 200 workers mixing and shipping out bottles of this magic eraser. early colonial By the late 1970s, Liquid Paper was turndays, we ing out millions of bottles of this product every year. In 1979, Graham sold the comwere a nation pany to the Gillette Corporation for \$47.5 million, which in today's market is worth of tinkers,

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It Begins With a Vision

well over \$100 million.

Several years ago, I interviewed a friend, Aaron Voigt, husband to Joy, father to two sons, a Navy veteran, and an insurance adjuster.

Eventually, however, her company "Mistake

Out," later called "Liquid Paper," would em-

And, I might add, an inventor.

While out in the field as an insurance adjuster, Voigt found himself with a lot of free evenings. Having enjoyed firearms and shooting since his youth, he began sketching out designs for a miniaturized handgun. After a great deal of experimentation and wading through a swamp of patent laws and government regulations, Voigt created a weapon whose height and length are the size of a credit card, weighs 7 ounces, and fires a single .22 caliber bullet, with storage in the handle for three more rounds. He named the weapon LifeCard and founded his own company, Trailblazer Firearms, for the manufacture and sale of this gun.

When I asked about the gun only firing one bullet, Aaron replied, "It's one more than you have if you don't have a gun at all." Good point from a good man.

#### The Kind of People We Are

Skilled pediatric neurosurgeon Ben Carson once wrote: "Before this country came on the scene, for thousands of years people did things the same way. Within 200 years of the advent of this nation, men were walking on the moon, and I want us to recognize this is the kind of people that we are. We're creative with a lot of ingenuity and a lot of energy."

Time and again in our history, men and

women have employed that ingenuity and energy to improve the lives of those around them. We've built airplanes and cars, we've given the rest of the world computers and the information age, we've invented lifesaving drugs and surgical tools. The list is almost endless. If we need proof of American exceptionalism, we need only look at those accomplishments.

#### The Vital Ingredient

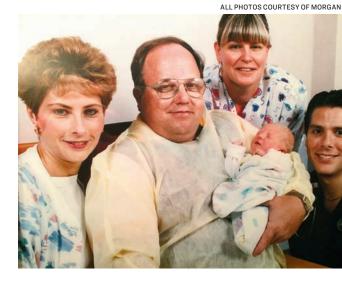
There are many reasons for these successes: a patent system that protected inventors, government support and encouragement, the contributions of various immigrants like Alexander Graham Bell, an education system that worked, and a history of tinkering, of always trying to invent tools for better living.

Some parts of this scaffolding are in need of repair. Government today often acts more as a hindrance than a help in this arena, and our education system is failing many of our young people.

But the greatest and most precious factor in our inventiveness, the one we must most closely guard, is our freedom. Without liberty, we will stifle innovation and development

That liberty, along with free enterprise, inquiring minds, and the human spirit, brought a wealth of improvement to all of our lives in the past two centuries. Those same virtues will continue to do so if we in turn allow them to flourish.

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Morgan Hill raises awareness about safe haven laws



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Ben Carson (R) drives a 3D printed car with a hybrid tric powertrain and onboard power generation at the Innovative Housing Showcase in Washington on June 1, 2019.

## Lenin's New Economic Policy: When the Soviets Admitted Socialism Doesn't Work

What was Vladimir Lenin's remedy for his unfolding socialist catastrophe early in 1921? Free markets.

#### **LAWRENCE W. REED**

century ago, the Mother Ship of Socialism—the Soviet Union—was teetering on the precipice. The Poles had just vanquished the hopes of dictator Vladimir Lenin to sweep across Europe. Under the bludgeon of Marxist central planning, the economy had collapsed to a fraction of its pre-war dimensions. The country was seething in discontent. Insurrection seemed imminent. Indeed, the month of March 1921 had begun with hungry Soviet soldiers and sailors mounting the Kronstadt Rebellion against the Bolshevik regime.

What was Lenin's remedy for his unfolding socialist catastrophe? It wasn't more socialism, at least for the moment. That would be like chasing a glass of tainted water with a gallon of Clorox. Desperate to reverse the consequences of socialism, Lenin turned to their only known antidote—capitalism.

March 21 marked the 100th anniversary of the start of Lenin's New Economic Policy (NEP). In a stunning about-face on March 21, 1921, the NEP began undoing the previous four years. Expropriation of businesses and the nationalization of industries stopped. Lenin proclaimed a partial restora-

**Socialists** and socialism possess no theory of wealth creation; indeed, they show no

interest in it.

tion of, in his own words, "a free market and capitalism." Even state-owned firms would seek to operate on a "profit" basis. Individuals could own small enterprises again. Market prices would be permitted in place of state directives.

A little bit of freedom goes a long way. In this instance, it turned the economy around and saved the infant Bolshevik tyranny. But it didn't last long. Three years later, Lenin would be dead. Before the end of the decade, Stalin obliterated the NEP with a massive collectivist campaign to re-socialize the economy. Of the NEP, former U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski wrote in his 1989 book, "The Grand Failure," "For many Russians, even more than sixty years later, these were the best years of the era ushered in by the revolution of 1917."

On that March day in 1921, the very day winter bowed to spring, the socialists in Moscow effectively admitted they had to stop stealing. There just wasn't much left to steal. In a 1990 article, economist Peter Boettke cited a litany of mea culpas from leading Soviet intellectuals, including a most revealing tribute to free market economist Ludwig von Mises from socialist architect Nikolai Bukharin. He grudgingly admitted that Mises's devastating critique of socialism made him "one of the most learned critics."

It would be Mises, nearly 30 years later in "Human Action," who expressed the distinction between socialism and capitalism in the following eloquent fashion:

"A man who chooses between drinking a glass of milk and a glass of a solution of potassium cyanide does not choose between two beverages; he chooses between life and death. A society that chooses between capitalism and socialism does not choose between two social systems; it chooses between social cooperation and the disintegration of society. Socialism is not an alternative to capitalism; it is an alternative to any system under which men can live as human beings."

Many socialists, however, stubbornly adhere to their vision no matter what happens along the way. Some will read the above paragraphs and object that what Lenin sought to reverse was a more radical version of their philosophy. They will say: "We're not for that! We are democratic socialists!" as if the veneer of democracy blesses socialism's multitudinous sins. The truth is this: Disastrous policies are disastrous policies; it doesn't matter much that their advocates were voted in.

The track record of the 20th century brand of socialism often labeled "communism" is

horrific—the worst mass-murdering "cause" in world history. "The Black Book of Communism" documented its crimes, including the murder of more than 100 million people. "Democratic socialism" may be more se-

able track record. Like its nuttier communist cousin, it consumes lives and wealth and must sooner or later be administered the capitalist antidote. If countries embrace democratic socialism and stay afloat, their longevity is always explained not by the socialism they adopt, but rather, by the capitalism they haven't yet destroyed. And the more a country drowns itself in democratic socialism, the more the democracy part evaporates in the face of

> concentrated state power. Socialists and socialism possess no theory of wealth creation; indeed, they show no interest in it. Wealth is just "there" for them to vilify, confiscate, and redistribute—until its producers produce no more. Long-term thinking isn't their strong suit.

ductive and less bloody but it too has a miser-

The next time you hear a democratic socialist declare that his system hasn't been tried yet, reel off this list for starters (for more, check out the recommended readings be-

Ancient Rome's Republic began its deadly experiment in democratic socialism in the 2nd century B.C. It began as a welfare state, degenerated into a regulatory nightmare, and finally collapsed into an imperial autocracy. Legislative assemblies voted into office by the Roman electorate constructed the socialist edifice brick by brick. Rome wasn't built in a day, but concentrated state power had no trouble tearing it down completely.

The Pilgrims of Plymouth, Massachusetts, famously tried another version of democratic socialism 17 centuries later. It was the communal variety, in which they placed the fruits of their labors into a common storehouse and then distributed it to each other equally. Their governor was elected, by the way, which made it democratic. Starvation forced them to scrap it rather quickly in favor of private property.

Adolf Hitler's National Socialists came to power through the democratic process in 1933. Oops, back to the drawing board for socialists on that one, too!

After World War II, Great Britain voted the democratic socialists into power and turned the country into "the Sick Man of Europe." Margaret Thatcher administered a strong dose of capitalism 30 years later, before the patient would have expired.

Scandinavia adopted the welfare state version of socialism around the same time as Britain. Economic decline set in as it took hold. But Norwegians, Danes, and Swedes learned much from their mistakes and reversed many of them. Today, their economies are among the freest in the world.

New Zealand found itself mired in the doldrums of democratic socialism by the 1980s but recovered dramatically through drastic reductions in government.

On and on it goes, like a broken record. Socialists make big promises, wrap them in velvet, and beat the economy into submission using the iron fist within. Then when its victims have had enough, capitalism must come to the rescue.

Wouldn't it make a lot more sense to simply avoid the socialist trap in the first place?

For Additional Information, See: "Soviet Admissions: Communism Doesn't

Work" by Peter J. Boettke "Private Ownership: A Must" by Henry

"The Soviet Tragedy: A History of Socialism in Russia, 1917-1991 and Russia Under

the Bolshevik Regime" by Richard Pipes, Martin Malia, and Ralph Raico "Socialism: Force or Fantasy" by Lawrence

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Never Celebrate" by Lawrence W. Reed "Don't Call Scandinavian Countries Socialist" by Lawrence W. Reed

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## The Baseball Connection

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How a daughter honored her mother on a journey to visit all 30 MLB ballparks in one season

#### **ANDREW THOMAS**

Sports have a way of bringing people together, and the American pastime of baseball is no exception. Whether it's in a Major League ballpark or at a little league game, fans from around the country come together to bond and connect as a community. For Katie Russell Newland of Austin, Texas, baseball gave her a profound connection with her mother, as well as her fellow fans.

Newland remembers growing up in New Orleans with a mother who was compassionate, intelligent, and free-spirited. Her mother made the simplest of errands or tasks feel like an adventure. Newland herself was shy and introverted, but as she grew older, she began to open up.

"I started to realize that putting myself out into the world and being vulnerable actually had some benefits," she said.

#### **Love of the Game**

Newland's mother was passionate about baseball, but New Orleans didn't-and still doesn't—have a Major League team. Nevertheless, the two of them became ardent Chicago Cubs fans. Newland vividly remembers running home from school, throwing her backpack to the ground, and running to her mother's bedroom to watch the game. Her mother would enjoy the game from a blue La-Z-Boy chair, while Newland would sit on her mother's bed and lean up against the brass bed frame, intently watching the game.

Newland would go outside to her yard during the seventh-inning stretch, and make a batter's box against the house with



masking tape. She would throw pitches pretending she was on the pitcher's mound at Wrigley Field.

"My love of baseball started as a young child because I wanted to emulate my mom and her love of the game," Newland said. "Baseball really gives you an opportunity to connect to people because of the pace of the game, that's part of why she fell in love with it."

When Newland was 11, she and her mother went to see the Cubs play in Chicago. While they were eating at Harry Caray's restaurant, an ambitious feat came to mind. They wanted to see if they could visit all 30 baseball stadiums in one season.

Tragically, Newland's mother passed away from cancer in 2009 at age 69 before they could embark on the journey together. And Newland fought her own battle with cancer after she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and melanoma at 35. After eight rounds of chemotherapy and nearly a month of constant radiation treatment, she went into remission. And then she made the decision: She would go on the journey she had planned with her mother.

"I had the opportunity to reflect on my own life and what I wanted out of it. That really pushed me to go out into the world, and to see people, and to see communities,

and to travel," Newland said

#### **Major League Baseball** In 2015, Newland embarked on her tour of

Major League Baseball—a personal journey to honor and connect with her late mother. Newland distinctly remembers several experiences on her journey. She started her adventure in her mother's hometown of Philadelphia on Opening Day, which also happened to be her mother's birthday. When she went to watch the Pittsburg Pirates, she was surprised by a stunning cityscape she had never seen before. The Fourth of July at Fenway Park in Boston was hard to beat, but watching the Baltimore Orioles at one of the first modern-day ballparks was unique.

And then she made her childhood backyard dream come true: At Wrigley Field in Chicago, she threw the opening pitch.

Through these experiences, Newland learned how to be open, met fellow fans, and felt part of something bigger.

"There's communal energy in a ballpark, and there's power when everyone feels like you're connected to something bigger than yourself. [My mother] modeled that much of her life," Newland said.

"No matter your race, class, gender, political beliefs, or even your team affiliation baseball offers us a shared humanity, and

"Mother and Children,"

1879, by William-

Adolphe Bouguereau.

Katie Russell Newland throws the first pitch at Wrigley Field in Chicago in September 2015.

> we need a lot more of that in our world. My mom was always trying to push that throughout my life."

#### Comebacks

Newland also discovered how the game of baseball can show people how to come back from adversity and even the seemingly impossible.

"No matter how far down you may be, baseball reminds us that you're never too far down to stage a rally," Newland said.

She never thought she would ever write a book, but her journey prepared her to make herself vulnerable through the written word. Newland put her thoughts out in the world in her memoir "A Season With Mom: Love, Loss, and the Ultimate Baseball Adventure' (Harper Horizon). The book will be released on April 6; her mother would have turned 81 on that day.

Newland hopes her memoir inspires those who have a loved one who is battling cancer, shows people that there is life past hardships, and that if anything, adversity gives perspective and meaning to life.

She hopes that in tumultuous times, the story brings joy to readers, inspires them to chase their dreams no matter how long it takes to start, and causes them to reflect on their relationships with their loved ones.

"A lot of the book is about the things I wished I had said to my mom in many ways. Wouldn't it be amazing if in life, we said all the things we wanted to say?"

#### CORRECTION

In the March 24, 2021, article "Harmon Brothers: Entrepreneurial Spirit Runs in the Family," on B4, the name of a company was outdated. VidAngel had just been rebranded as Angel Studios Inc.; thus Neal Harmon is the CEO of Angel Studios and Jeffrey Harmon is its chief content officer. In addition, "The Chosen" was crowdfunded by an independent production company. Jeffrey and Neal Harmon were consulted on the crowdfunding; and VidAngel was the distributor. The Epoch Times regrets the errors.

# Treasuring Our Children

Seeing them as the gifts they are

#### **TRICIA FOWLER**

You used to see her in the grocery store before COVID-19—the young mother in the pajama pants with two or three kids in tow, one of them wailing.

To bring up a child is to raise the state of the child's concepts of self, others, and their world. The only way to do this is for the son or daughter to know he or she is a gift.

Her discontented countenance is etched in your mind. As she fires off some crazy threat to one of the children, everyone in the aisle glances up, then down quickly, as they see her grab and jerk a small arm in frustration. No one says anything to her, of course, but they all stop thinking about their grocery lists for a minute. The parents in the aisle have all been there at least occasionally and whisper a prayer for the little family. The grandparents in the aisle are wistful, maybe thinking of past mistakes, and the childless reconfirm the reasons they don't have children.

When I see her, she reminds me to treasure my kids as gifts.

When we are in the middle of bad parenting moments like the mom in pajamas, we aren't seeing our kids as gifts at all. They are the furthest things from advantages. Honestly, a whole list of hindrances comes to mind. Our kids become our chains, our failures, our shame, and our sorrow if we aren't careful. In fact, it isn't hard at all to come to a place in childrearing where you don't even want to be with your children.

#### **Children Are Gifts**



Many of us don't need anyone to tell us this. We know it intrinsically, but we still find our own selfish natures turning us from the very good things right in front of our noses to other unrealistic and utopian impossibilities.

Parents everywhere must see this essential fact first: Every child, in every situation, for every parent, is a gift to treasure. It's the Nevertheless, somewhere in a very good first step and can't be skipped. Becoming a book, it says verbatim that children are gifts. parent means you automatically become a receive a gift. Sitting around a birthday

gift receiver, and the realization of this is what's necessary for true child-raising. The meaning of raise is to make higher. To bring up a child is to raise the state of the child's concepts of self, others, and their world. The only way to do this is for the son or daughter to know he or she is a gift.

How does that child know they are a gift? This could be a very complicated question if people weren't so predictable when they she shares with her husband and seven

cake or the Christmas tree every year is a common experience for most folks. Gifts that are really seen as gifts to the receiver are anticipated, cherished, and cared for from the beginning. They are unwrapped carefully with special glances at the giver. The recipient then takes time to thoroughly learn about this new treasured possession. At some gift exchanges, I have seen the gift and its owner steal back to another room to functions of the new present.

To some degree, this is how each child should be recognized by the parent. Children should be studied carefully. Their behavior is so indicative of how they see the world and how they are responding to you as a parent. When a mom or dad doesn't take the time to learn about their child, it's plain to see the child has ceased to be treasured.

#### **Children Need Discipline**

What about discipline? We don't want this child-raising to get out of hand. Little Jimmy could become the terror of the neighborhood if his mother were too enamored with him. Yet would you not ruin the little man's feelings of worth if you somehow show displeasure with his behavior?

When you receive the gift, of course you spend time learning how it works and give it attention; however, there are also parts of presents to preserve, clean, and manage. This maintenance must be done to keep them in top working order just as a child must be disciplined to sustain his contentment in life and build on the good things that have been established in his life. The disciplinary tools that many parents neglect are the positive ones. Sleep, good food, cleanliness, and orderly living can't be overemphasized in a well-disciplined child.

After the child is truly seen for what he is—a gift—then he can be treasured. More time will be spent understanding instead of avoiding him using a myriad of useless activities to kill time. Disappointments will move increasingly to the margins. The reality of life with children will come into focus, and the utopian fantasies of your child's perfection will dissolve into a distant memory. Fortunately, it's never too late to change your perspective. Try unwrapping your gift today.

Tricia Fowler is a Christian homeschooling momma in the Midwest. She currently spends much of her time teaching math, feeding sourdough, and helping with whatever is in season on the hobby farm

1920. The next year, Lenin would proclaim a partial restoration of "a free market and capitalism." It wouldn't last

This Soviet

poster of a political cartoon



# 'Find a Passion'

#### **→** Advice from our readers to our young people

My Advice for Young People

t the age of 63, I have solid, direct advice to young people to obtain the greatest rewards from life. First, don't expect to walk on a plush, red carpet every day.

You and only you are in charge of your life, not your parents, friends, or teachers, though their influence plays a critical role. Somewhere along the time growing up, I assume you learned the basics of right and wrong and avoided the slippery slope into crime, violence, and alcohol and drug abuse—obviously a recipe for a horrible life.

However, being engaged in satisfying one's curiosity by climbing the highest tree, bicycling a hundred miles, damming up a stream (regrettably, I caused a neighbor's basement to flood doing this!), watching trains operate at a nearby railroad yard, and noting what happens to a penny placed on the tracks, along with other countless real-world adventures are essential experiences.

Additionally, find a passion! I happened to love natural science and collected butterflies, had a science laboratory in my basement, and built a telescope. Maybe you collected rare books, love ancient history, have a passion for art, love working with tools, enjoy religious activities, gourmet cooking, or writing—perhaps keeping a journal. Hobbies are rewarding, educational, energize responsibility, and teach discipline, which is the ultimate key to a good life. Combining your passion in a manner that generates economic rewards adds further motivational incentives.

Do you enjoy sports? Team activities and competition are great for our physical, emotional, and psychological health as well as helping us set goals, another major ingredient for success. And how about music? Whether playing an instrument or simply cherishing the sounds, music has a positive influence on nearly everyone. And by all means, travel! Experiencing varieties of places, people, and cultures is incredibly stimulating and mind-broadening.

Work! My first experience operating a business was selling lemonade for a nickel a cup to supplement my 25 cents a week allowance. At the age of 8, I quickly learned that money has value based on



In your career, learn as much as you can from the person who trains you.

work productivity. Then one day I asked the high school football coach what he would pay me to pick up trash after games. Wow! I made \$5 a week plus change that dropped in the soil under the bleachers. By age 10, I was making \$17 a month for a camera, which led to my lifetime passion for photography and economic prosperity. During my teens, I mowed worked in restaurants while improving my

So what role does formal education play in your life? Certainly, all should work hard to achieve whether in the classroom or not, Dear Next Generation, but don't depend on the classroom solely to move you forward. In fact, going deep into debt for college could set you behind substantially, plus four years of lost earnings, therefore choose your major wisely. Do depend on your life experiences, your moral integrity, and your determination. Here are the priorities:

- Take nothing more seriously than your health. You have little without good health! Being healthy, living longer, and saving a fortune on health care only make sense.
- 2. Maintain love in your life from romantic love to the love of family and friends. A happy social life is crucial for optimum health in all areas! 3. Follow your passions over money. When
- you are naturally talented at something you enjoy, pursue it and the cash will flow. 4. Wealth accumulation is about proper money management, not big salaries! The finance game is not hard to win despite seemingly every entity trying

cardinal rules as follows: Always pay yourself first every month no matter the sacrifice. Live at least 10 percent below your means forever. Avoid or eliminate debt ASAP. Learn safe places to invest in your 401k and Roth IRA making the "magic of compound interest" gradually replace work income. Hire a trusted, qualified professional if not comfortable doing it yourself.

to take what you earn. There are simple,

And last but not least, always engage in fun and humor. I didn't place a live snake in my fourth-grade teacher's tissue box for nothing!

—James Steamer, Pennsylvania

**Dear Next Generation:** 

One fact I have learned repeatedly in my life and career is—you can't pass on expemay be able to show it. But until the recipient dives in and has their own experithrough—does not really transfer.

At age 27 as a rising talent in operations in the steel industry, I was assigned to the No. 1 trainer to become a melting supervisor, the person whose crew ran the 225-ton, 2900 F furnaces with their raw materials and refining process that produced the chemical and physical specifications ordered by the ultimate customer.

The two of us, trainer John, and trainee Ron, could not have been more different. He came through the crew and had seen everything. I was five years out of college and had seen very little of note in my previous two years in the department. I was not a metallurgist. He was a tra cent I earned toward my goal (I saved thorough, knowledgeable teacher while I was an eager but green student. The scenario is part of what shapes my own advice here and had a major impact on the many opportunities I had to pass on

The key points were these. I followed John around for three weeks taking notes, listening to him, watching what he did, absorbing everything. Then he followed me around for two weeks while I was doing his part of the job, gently guiding me in his image. The one indelible, unforgettable thing he said to me along the way was, "Do exactly as I told you unless you have a really good reason to do something different." I went off on my own and I remember thinking, "I am going to add this alloy to the batch" in a given situation but then I realized I was taught and told to follow my training and mostly because I did not have a good reason to do otherwise.

To our young people I say, "Soak up the knowledge of your trainer—there was a reason they were assigned to shape you." When this person crosses your path, hang on for the ride and consider yourself fortunate for this opportunity—not to know their experience—but for them starting you on yours.

When you get the opportunity to do the same, there is great personal and professional satisfaction in so doing. Even today, half a century later, I reflect back on my life experiences. I still treasure my successful time making steel that could not have hap-

pened any other way.

I can't tell you how many times over the years in many sales, marketing, and operational scenarios I have followed John's single enduring priceless piece of advice. I now pass it on. "Do as you are taught undelivering newspapers and saved up less you have a really good reason to do something different." Companies need a succession of good people. Embrace your chance to be one of those good people with lawns, painted houses, raked leaves, and your career having been "jump-started" by sound advice.

-Ron Hart, Pennsylvania

Set personal goals and don't be a victim. Whether it's because you are older or younger, a man or woman, a different race, perceive you are poor, or are not given that which you think you are entitled to. We are all struggling with something.

Growing up in London seven years after World War II ended, I had never heard the word "entitled." We were grateful—grateful for friends and neighbors—and shared what we had. We happily unraveled knitted sweaters to make new ones, cut up flouncy dresses to make skirts and darned nylons. Scarlett wasn't the only one making dresses from curtains! It wasn't until I was 16 that my mother acquired a washing machine. Unfortunately, the washed clothes still had to be rinsed in the sink.

The latest Texas storm reminded me of the cold London winters with no heat in the bedroom, frost on the inside of the windows, and we wore layers of clothing to bed and cuddled a hot water bottle at night. Life was hard, but we didn't know it. And we all had goals. These goals were for us to achieve, not to expect others to give to us.

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I was in my late 20s when I had the opportunity to move to California. I thought it would be like the Doris Day movies, wardrobes full of clothes, summers at the country club, weekends in a mountain cabin, backyards with swimming pools. But I soon learned that all these came with hefty debt and I chose to live frugally as I had in England and apart from rience. You can talk about a job and you a mortgage, I saved for anything I wanted

So, my advice for the next generation is you can plan for and work toward within a specific time period. You may not accomplish it in the way you thought you might, but keep going.

Cherish simple things, a family get-together, a walk in the park, or coffee with

Although there are times when you may have to incur some debt, only do this as a last resort and not for frivolous things (save for those). Then plan to pay it back as quickly as possible. With limited income as a single parent, I was able to pay off a mortgage in eight years. I put together an Excel spreadsheet and added every exthousands in interest).

Set up a budget. This doesn't have to be restrictive, but more about being aware of where your money is going.

Be kind and help others. My family was always willing to lend a hand, whether it be to railway workers when a train derailed by making and handing out soup on a cold night, helping at events for the blind, and in later years knitting hats for newborn children at local hospitals.

Don't look at what anyone else is doing. It doesn't matter if someone has a newer car, more clothes, expensive toys. You're not going to keep up with the Kardashians, and honestly, who would want to?

—Ann Summerville, Texas

#### 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 NextGeneration@epochtimes.com or mail it to:

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(Above) Most of Westminster Abbey's architecture is in the Gothic style. Built by King Henry III in 1245, it is one of the most important Gothic buildings in England. (Below) Intricate bas-reliefs adorn the north entrance to Westminster Abbey.

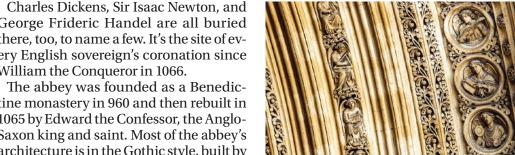
LARGER THAN LIFE: ART THAT INSPIRES US THROUGH THE AGES

# A British Treasure: Westminster Abbey

The hallowed ground of Westminster Abbey holds a unique place in British history. It's where coronations occur and the fallen and the famous rest and are remembered: namely, the Grave of the Unknown Warrior honoring all those who died in military conflict, with memorials to William Shakespeare, Sir Winston Churchill, William Blake, the Brontë sisters, Jane Austen, and Rudyard Kipling.

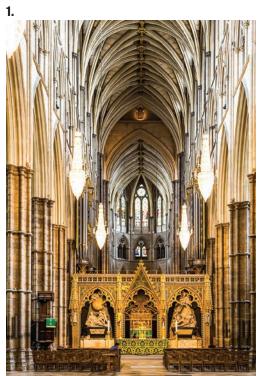
George Frideric Handel are all buried there, too, to name a few. It's the site of every English sovereign's coronation since William the Conqueror in 1066. The abbey was founded as a Benedic-

tine monastery in 960 and then rebuilt in 1065 by Edward the Confessor, the Anglo-Saxon king and saint. Most of the abbey's architecture is in the Gothic style, built by



King Henry III in 1245. As such, it is one of the most important Gothic buildings in

Daily services are held at the abbey, but interestingly, the abbey is outside the jurisdiction of the Church of England. It's neither a cathedral nor a parish church; as it reports directly to the monarch, it is called a "Royal Peculiar" and was deemed so by Queen Elizabeth I in 1560.













(Clockwise) 1. The nave of Westminster Abbey contains the graves and memorials of well-known men and women. 2. Christ flanked by angels is among some of the intricate sculptural reliefs in the 13th-century Chapter House. Kings and queens are honored in stained glass. 3. The glorious medieval fan-vaulted ceiling of the Henry VII Lady Chapel in Westminster Abbey. The chapel is the final resting place of 15 kings and queens. 4. Westminster Abbey's spectacular vaulted ceiling. 5. Over the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey, 10 martyrs of the 20th century are commemorated. Each was oppressed or persecuted for their faith, including victims of Nazism, communism, and religious prejudice. (Top row, L-R) St. Maximilian Kolbe, Manche Masemola, Janani Luwum, Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., St. Óscar Romero, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Esther John, Lucian Tapiedi, and Wang Zhiming. 6. The lavish Henry VII Lady Chapel, at the east end of Westminster Abbey, took around a decade to build and was completed in 1516, nearly six years after Henry VII's death.

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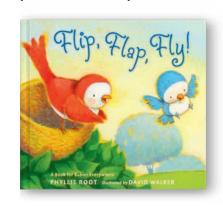


# Children's Books for Spring

#### **BARBARA DANZA**

pring has long been one of the loveliest themes in literature. The season means rebirth and rejuvenation; fresh air and sunshine; optimism and possibility; bunnies and flowers. Nowhere is this phenomenon more delightfully manifested than in the realm of children's books.

Here are some book picks to refresh your child's library this season.



#### 'Flip, Flap, Fly!' by Phillis Root (Candlewick Press)

For the youngest book lovers, this immensely adorable picture book, illustrated by David Walker, features encouraging moms and adventurous baby animals, along with a plucky and rhythmically satisfying text that bursts with happy curiosity and love. Parents are sure to hear "Again, please" at the conclusion of each reading.

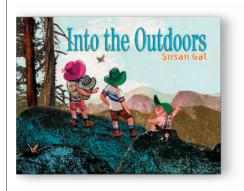
#### 'Growing Vegetable Soup' and 'Planting a Rainbow' by Lois Elhert (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Bright, modern graphics and simple text (great for beginning readers) bring to light the fun celebrations of gardening and harvesting. Descriptive secondary labels accompany the bold graphics, adding more educational potential than the board book format might suggest. "Growing" even concludes with a soup recipe for readers to try.

#### 'Inch by Inch' by Leo Lionni (Harper Collins)

This tale of a proud and industrious inchworm who can measure just about anything is a classroom staple. When a hungry nightingale comes along, the inchworm puts his talent to use in a unique way to avoid becoming lunch. Lionni's simple story and charming illustrations bring smiles to his readers and

are particularly lovely when paired with a lesson about measuring.



#### 'Into the Outdoors' by Susan Gal (Alfred A. Knopf)

This amusing look at a family camping trip depicts the joy of adventure while humorously providing a glimpse of the experience from the forest animals' point of view. A great read in anticipation of a trip of your own or simply in celebration of the possibility.



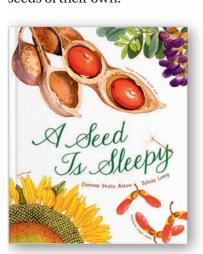
#### 'Flower Garden' by Eve Bunting

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) A young girl and her dad buy potted flowers at the supermarket and delight everyone they pass on their journey home through the city. There they lovingly plant the flowers in a window box as a birthday surprise for Mom. Showing the happiness that even a simple pot of nature's beauty can bring, "Flower Garden," illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt, is a sweet spring read.

#### 'It's Our Garden: From Seeds to Harvest in a School Garden' by George **Ancona (Candlewick Press)**

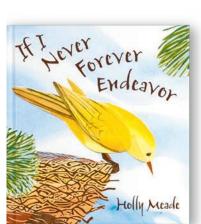
This photo album storybook documents a year in the life of the school garden at New Mexico's Acequia Madre Elementary School in Santa Fe. The dedication of the teacher and students, lessons in

the development and care of the garden, and the joy brought to the community will have parents and kids alike rolling up their sleeves and fixing to plant some seeds of their own.



#### 'A Seed Is Sleepy' by Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long (Chronicle Books)

Intricately detailed watercolor illustrations and contemplative, descriptive verse make for an enjoyable and educational look at the world of seeds. A delight for the curious child and a wonderful companion to any study of the subject, "A Seed Is Sleepy" is both informative and entertaining.



#### 'If I Never Forever Endeavor' by **Holly Meade (Candlewick Press)** If you only pick one book from this list,

pick this one. Meade's beautifully illustrated, poetic depiction of a hesitant, young bird perched at the edge of its cozy nest, cautiously considering whether or not to fledge and fly is picture book perfection. Its message will resonate with readers of every age and would make a sweet gift for children, graduates, or anyone facing a big decision.



#### 'Heidi' by Johanna Spyri

This beloved literary classic, first published in 1880, is available in every format imaginable and is an essential component to any child's library. The endearing tale of young orphan Heidi, and the beauty she brings to the lives of all who know her, is appropriate for all ages in the original, unabridged format.



#### **Hodgson Burnett (Candlewick Press)** Another classic, "The Secret Garden" is perhaps the perfect spring story, as its main themes include the power and beauty of nature and rebirth, not to mention gardens. Superbly told, "The

Secret Garden" is ideal for the whole

'The Secret Garden' by Frances

A special tip regarding the last two: If you wish to enjoy these works as audiobooks, they are available for free via Librivox.org. Specifically, Kara Shallenberg's readings of both "The Secret Garden" and "Heidi" are superb. This is a great option for a springtime road trip.



Spring,

by Thomas Nash

**The Sweet Spring** 

Spring, the sweet Spring, is the year's pleasant king; Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in a ring,

Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds do sing:

The Palm and May make country houses gay, Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all day,

And we hear aye birds tune this merry lay:

Cuckoo, jug, jug, pu we, to witta woo!

**DUCK EGGS** 

Though the chicken is very

you may not know that the

ubiquitous for egg production,

duck produces just as good or

better eggs to eat. Duck eggs

have a much bigger yolk, which

means a bigger concentration

of nutrients and proteins. Most

of the domestic duck breeds will

lay a white egg, but they will also

lay green, blue, pink, brown, or

even black eggs. The egg white is also much more clear than the

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A poster showing Uncle Sam turning a clock to daylight saving time as a clock-headed figure throws his hat in the air. The clock face of the figure reads "ONE HOUR OF EXTRA DAYLIGHT".

By Aidan Danza, age 14

**INTERESTING EGGS** 

#### How to Tell the Difference Between Real Education and Propaganda

#### **ANNIE HOLMQUIST**

The other day, I ran across a passage from "That Hideous Strength" that seems oddly applicable to our time. A dystopian novel written by C. S. Lewis at the close of World War II, "That Hideous Strength" finds one of its main characters, Mark Studdock, working for N.I.C.E., an organization that pulls the strings in a controlling, totalitarian society.

Studdock is assigned to write propaganda articles for N.I.C.E., an assignment which he objects to when he receives it from his boss, Miss Hardcastle. Studdock argues that it won't work because newspapers "are read by educated people" too smart to be taken in by propaganda. The story continues:

"That shows you're still in the nursery, lovey,' said Miss Hardcastle. 'Haven't you yet realized that it's the other way round?' 'How do you mean?'

'Why you fool, it's the educated reader who can be gulled. All our difficulty comes with the others. When did you meet a workman who believes the papers? He takes it for granted that they're all propaganda and skips the leading articles. He buys his paper for the football results and the little paragraphs about girls falling out of windows and corpses found in Mayfair flats. He is our problem. We have to recondition him. But the educated public, the people who read the high-brow weeklies, don't need reconditioning. They're all right already. They'll believe anything."

Reading this, I couldn't help but ponder how much of the American public thinks like Studdock. We are convinced that education is the panacea for all ills, and that if the masses could simply achieve one more

There is a difference between what we call education and what actually comprises true education.

Parents send their kids to schools and colleges hoping that they will become, wise adults capable of discerning the truth.



grade level or degree, we wouldn't have so many problems to sort through. But what if that education is, as Miss

Hardcastle implies in the passage above, the very thing blinding the eyes of the general public? Or perhaps we should say, what we call education.

You see, there is a difference between what we call education and what actually comprises true education. That which we call education is most often found in institutional schooling—the great halls of learning known as public (and sometimes private) elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as many of the sacred institutions of higher education. We often send our children to these institutions, intending the best for them, hoping they will come out on the other side as wise, truthdiscerning adults. Unfortunately, they all too often come out propagandized instead. Richard Weaver described this situation well in his 1955 essay "Propaganda." He

"It is of primary importance to distinguish propaganda from education. These two are confused in the minds of many people because both are concerned with communication. Education imparts information and also seeks to inculcate attitudes. Propaganda frequently contains information. and it is always interested in affecting attitudes. A good part of modern propaganda, furthermore, tries to parade as education. The critical difference appears only when one considers the object of each."

How then, does one avoid this pseudoeducational propaganda? Weaver again supplies an answer:

"The true educator is endeavoring to shape his audience for the audience's own good according to the fullest enlightenment available. In doing so he erects and strives to follow a standard of objective truth. The propagandist, on the contrary, is trying to shape his audience according to the propagandist's interest, whether that be economic, political, social, or personal."

There's been much talk in the past year about the success of education at home. Many of the children learning at home through virtual schooling, while under a parent's supervision, are still receiving their education from the system. This system contains some good educators who genuinely want the best for their students, but it also contains many bad ones who have climbed onto the bandwagon of the education system and are completely ready to advance its "woke" agenda.

Happy spring reading!

By contrast, consider true homeschools, in which parents have taken all responsibility for their child's education upon themselves. Some may say this is the true source of propagandist education. But consider that thought in light of Weaver's words about the true educator trying to "shape his audience for the audience's own good." Which educator is most likely to seek a child's good? More often than not, such educators will be a child's parents.

We increasingly live in a world in which Big Tech, politicians, and so-called experts tell us what we should do and why when it comes to COVID-19, the vaccine, elections, and many other topics. Like those at N.I.C.E., they likely aren't worried about convincing the "educated" among us. Rather, they are likely more worried about the truly educated, those they frame as "workmen," those who may not have elite jobs or have gone to elite schools, but who have been trained by those who truly care about them and want them to know and follow truth.

It's this latter camp that we should strive to get our children into. It doesn't matter if they have prestigious jobs or run with the elite. What matters is whether their eyes are able to discern propaganda parading itself as education.

Teach your children to know and love truth. Your children will thank you, and so will your countrymen.

Annie Holmquist is the editor of Intellectual Takeout. This article was originally published on Intellectual Takeout.

#### gg hunts are a fun tradition during Easter time.

Usually, the hidden eggs are plastic, filled with chocolate, candy, or other goodies. At any other time of the year, you might be eating real eggs, probably from a chicken. But all other birds, of course, lay eggs, and there are many of them that are very interesting and

American

# falcon egg.





#### human kitchen, it's recommended to cut into the egg with a hacksaw, then split it open with a chisel and

**OSTRICH EGGS** The ostrich is the largest bird in the world, yet it lays the smallest egg in relation to its size. Ostriches lay their eggs in a community nest called a dump nest, which holds up to 60 of the very large eggs. Usually, ostrich eggs are six inches wide and five

Since the ostrich egg is about the thickness of a teacup, anyone who wants to eat the egg has to put a lot of work into cracking it. The Egyptian vulture's preferred

much, much bigger. **OTHER EGGS** 

#### There are many other beautiful

eggs in the wild, such as thos of the American robin, peregrine falcon, and killdeer.

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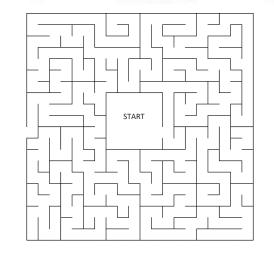
that the incubating parent doesn't

squash the egg. Its flavor is said to

be similar to chicken eggs, but it's



beautiful.



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1 Easter hopper (5)

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

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# • 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
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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 are 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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