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# Family & Marriage

## THE "SCIENTIFICTECHNOLOGICAL ELITE" IS NOT WHERE WE SHOULD PUT OUR ULTIMATE FAITH



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With the release of Dr. Anthony Fauci's emails, detailing his communications early in the COVID-19 Pandemic, many Americans are now facing hard truths. The emails show that Dr. Fauci was warned by scientists, at the earliest stages of the Pandemic, of solid evidence COVID-19 showed signs of human engineering. The emails include communications about quieting public disclosure that the source of the virus might be from a Wuhan lab leak. Dr. Fauci's public stance, until forced to change, was that the virus almost certainly originated naturally from animal transmission to humans. Likely the Wuhan wet market, as hard as that appeared to believe. The mainstream media helped push this narrative by calling the engineered COVID-19 lab leak theory a "dangerous" "fringe" "conspiracy". Social media censored any publication of the lab leak theory. We also learned through the emails Dr. Fauci knew of the potential positive effects of hydroxychloroquine. Unfortunately, he kept this quiet and allowed the narrative of hydroxychloroquine being too dangerous to use. Similar issues with masks. Over many decades, Americans have come to put more faith in government "experts" to the exclusion all else. It's time we get away from what President Eisenhower warned about over 60 years ago, putting our ultimate faith in a "Scientifictechnological Elite" over God and reason. Let me explain.

tise to handle problems. The nation's founding fathers, starting with George Washington, continuously asserted the importance of the nation putting ultimate faith in God and the brainpower of individuals outside of government. During the Civil War, the Treasury Department first started putting the motto "In God We Trust" on coins as a testimonial to ultimate faith. As for "faith" in experts, Abraham Lincoln fired General officer after General officer before finally appointing US Grant as the Commander in Chief of Union Forces in 1864.

In following the traditional national faith, On Flag Day (1954) President Eisenhower provided the following as justification for putting "under God" in our national pledge of allegiance: "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war." In 1956, Eisenhower successfully pushed "In God We Trust" through Congress as the official motto of the United States and signed it into law. The next year that motto went on all currency.

The dynamic of Americans putting ultimate and unquestioning faith in "elite experts" predated World War II. President Woodrow Wilson brought that era's "progressive" ideas with his administration, including the idea of an elite ruling class of experts managing and centralizing society for the alleged benefit non-experts. The nation, including elected

leaders, would be expected to unquestioningly follow expert opinion and advice for the critical issues facing the nation. After World War II, that dynamic of centralized management of the nation by experts gained steam with challenges of facing the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

President Eisenhower's Farewell Address in 1961, often referred to as the "military industrial complex" speech, provided a prescient warning of the dangers of putting ultimate faith in national experts over God and reason. Eisenhower's words describe worrying changes in American faith during his lifetime (born in 1890):

"Today, the solitary inventor, tinkering in his shop, has been overshadowed by task forces of scientists in laboratories and testing fields. In the same fashion, the free university, historically the fountainhead of free ideas and scientific discovery, has experienced a revolution in the conduct of research. Partly because of the huge costs involved, a government contract becomes virtually a substitute for intellectual curiosity.... The prospect of domination of the nation's scholars by Federal employment, project allocations, and the power of money is ever present and is gravely to be regarded. Yet, in holding scientific research and discovery in respect, as we should, we must also be alert to the equal and opposite danger that public policy could itself become the captive of a scientifictechnological elite."

Ironically, President Eisenhower is not ranked as one of the more religious Presidents. He was only baptized as Presbyterian in 1953 as President and remained comparatively silent on most religious issues. Regardless, Eisenhower was able to see the importance of putting ultimate national faith in God and personal reason. Not "elite experts". With the Fauci emails evidencing the multiple critical mistakes and disingenuous information, Americans should pay more heed to Eisenhower's warnings. "In God We Trust" is our national motto, and it's time we get back to putting ultimate faith in God. Never again giving unquestioned obedience to a scientifictechnological elite.

## Your Marriage – Go Deeper



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*"God created marriage. No government subcommittee envisioned it. No social organization developed it. Marriage was conceived and born in the mind of God."* – Max Lucado

*"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."* – Bible (Genesis 2:24)

My wife and I try to spend time each day, usually early in the morning, praying together and reading a book that helps us talk about our marriage, how we relate to each, what we enjoy doing together, our children, and other related subjects. The idea is to extend our relationship beyond the surface level, not just living with an acquaintance, but instead truly understanding and practicing what it means for two to become one.

Below is a list of questions to stimulate your thinking about your own marriage. Your thoughts and hopefully your discussion will obviously depend a lot on how long you have been married. However, in my observation the length of marriage doesn't necessarily produce increased familiarity and closeness; it sometimes leads to apathy, contempt, and even animosity.

I encourage you to talk the questions over with your spouse. Children have been left out of these questions, but they obviously introduce a whole new set of considerations.

Why do you plan to get or stay married? Hopefully your marriage vows contain "until death do us part," and not "until he/she no longer makes me happy." Have you discussed what unconditional love means? (That's agape love – the kind God has for us.) Is your marriage the number one priority for both of you, or is it simply one of

numerous interests you have and maintain for your own benefit?

What is your definition of a successful marriage? Having someone to care for you and with whom to have sex is not the answer. What are your expectations for your spouse, and are they reasonable? Does your spouse know what they are?

What is the role of God and the Bible in your life and that of your spouse, individually and together? Unequally yoked means that you have different beliefs and goals in significant areas of your lives. If they are irreconcilable, your marriage may be, as well.

Who will be affected your marriage decisions, e.g., staying together, separating, deciding not to get married at all? You certainly will, and children and other family members as well. You may also have a negative impact on others who respect and care for you.

Has your love for your spouse changed? How is it different? Why? Have you discussed these changes with your spouse? Love in marriage changes with time. Romantic love is wonderful, but it needs to mature into that unconditional sacrificial love that makes marriages last.

What else has changed in your relationship? Have jobs and other realities in life affected your relationship? Are your needs being met and how are they different now? Are you meeting your spouse's needs?

What are the positives and negatives in your marriage? Have you discussed them?

Are there unresolved conflicts, e.g., finances, disciplining children, shared house-

hold responsibilities? Do you have an agreed-upon process for resolving conflicts?

Do you still trust each other? Are there areas in your life that you keep secret from your spouse? Why? Trust can be regained, but it takes time. The best answer is to always tell the truth. It's normally quite difficult to hide anything from your spouse.

Are you satisfied with the level of intimacy? This means not just sexual intimacy, but are you able to discuss these topics openly, calmly, and without fear of retribution.

What could you and your spouse do to improve your marriage? Are you willing to work together to agree on and implement improvements? What would it take to change your behavior with your spouse?

Do you need to see a marriage counselor?

You can probably think of other and maybe better questions. The real question is: are you willing to dig deep to make your marriage truly one made in and blessed by Heaven?

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## CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to boating. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = A)

**A. 4 24 12 17 5 24**  
Clue: Place to store boats

**B. 3 22 10 24 5**  
Clue: Body of water

**C. 7 12 24 9 10 13**  
Clue: Make a journey

**D. 8 24 9 10 6**  
Clue: Curling water

Answers: A. marina B. ocean C. travel D. waves



## SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

13 15 20 25 26 36 39 44 47 50 55 58

14 16 17 18 19 21 22 23 24 27 28 29 31 32 33 34 35 37 38 40 41 42 43 45 46 48 49 51 52 53 54 56 57 59

- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Most courageous
  - 8. Insurance giant
  - 13. Small trace left behind
  - 14. In a way, signals
  - 15. The same letter or sound at the beginning
  - 19. The Great Lakes State
  - 20. Engage in a contest
  - 21. Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
  - 22. Manpower
  - 23. Undivided
  - 24. Strong, magnetic metal
  - 25. People of Tanzania
  - 26. Sorts
  - 30. Cop car accessory
  - 31. Trade
  - 32. Sullen and ill-tempered
  - 33. Distinctive practices
  - 34. Motor vehicles
  - 35. Electrodes
  - 38. Polish river
  - 39. Human feet
  - 40. Make very hot
  - 44. Toppin and Kenobi are two
  - 45. Blackbird
  - 46. One point west of due south
  - 47. Large beer
  - 48. Third stomachs
  - 49. Rare Korean family name
  - 50. Hectoliter
  - 51. Aquatic invertebrate
  - 55. Where we live
  - 57. Poked holes in
  - 58. Partner to ways
  - 59. Ann
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Expressions of approval
  - 2. Replace the interior of
  - 3. Not awake
  - 4. Roman numeral 7
  - 5. Sun up in New
  - 6. Institute legal proceedings against
  - 7. Bugs homeowners don't want
  - 8. Maltese-Italian composer
  - 9. Very long period of time
  - 10. Touchdown
  - 11. Agents of downfall
  - 12. Complacently or inane-ly foolish
  - 16. Argentina capital Buenos
  - 17. County in New Mexico
  - 18. An electrically charged atom
  - 22. New Zealand conifer
  - 25. Type of brandy
  - 27. Comments to the audience
  - 28. Tears down
  - 29. Gifts for the poor
  - 30. More painful
  - 32. Good friend
  - 34. Lying in the same plane
  - 35. Line in a polygon
  - 36. Clouds of gas and dust
  - 37. Norse god
  - 38. Health care pro
  - 40. Close tightly
  - 41. One's holdings
  - 42. Became less intense
  - 43. Wilco frontman
  - 45. Woman (French)
  - 48. Expresses delight
  - 51. TV channel (abbr.)
  - 52. Beverage
  - 53. Unit of work or energy
  - 54. Cleaning accessory
  - 56. Dorm worker
- SOLUTIONS ACROSS
- 1. BRAVEST
  - 8. AETNA
  - 13. RESIDUE
  - 14. BODES
  - 15. ALLITERATION
  - 19. MI

20. VIE

21. MIAOS

22. MEN

23. ONE

24. IRON

25. KISI

26. SEPARATES

30. SIREN

31. SALES

32. MOROSE

33. ISMS

34. CARS

35. ANODES

38. NOTEC

39. PEDES

40. SUPERHEAT

44. OBIS

45. MERL

46. SBW

47. TUN

48. OMASA

49. TAE

50. HL

51. COELENTERATE

55. EARTH

57. AERATED

58. MEANS

59. RAGGEDY

SOLUTIONS DOWN

- 1. BRAVOS
- 2. RELINE
- 3. ASLEEP
- 4. VII
- 5. EDT
- 6. SUE
- 7. TERMITES
- 8. ABOS
- 9. EON
- 10. TD
- 11. NEMESIS
- 12. ASININE
- 16. AIRES
- 17. TAOS
- 18. ION
- 22. MIRO
- 25. KIRSCH
- 27. ASIDES
- 28. RALES
- 29. ALMS
- 30. SORER
- 32. MATE
- 34. COPLANER
- 35. APOTHEM
- 36. NEBULAE
- 37. ODIN
- 38. NURSE
- 40. SEAL
- 41. ESTATE
- 42. ABATED
- 43. TWEEDY
- 45. MME
- 48. OOHs
- 51. CTN
- 52. TEA
- 53. ERG
- 54. RAG
- 56. RA