The Blessed Hope!

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" –(Titus 2:13)

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The media was totally silent about the Fed's planned announcement for 2 pm on Wednesday, July 26th. I had a number of friends monitoring all the media networks on Wednesday and there was not a bit of news on what was revealed weeks ago by financial investment sources.

What I did find interesting was a story my wife read on her Facebook page. There is a golf course and country club by the name of Maywood just off the Blue Grass Parkway and U.S. 150 between Bardstown, KY and Springfield, KY. Over the past three years the restaurant and clubhouse have had a difficult time keeping staff. At times the restaurant was closed for weeks due to lack of help of servers, kitchen, or bar staff.

Today, apparently they posted a message that they would no longer accept cash, and all payments were to be either credit or debit card only. My wife read to me the list of complaints from patrons and they were angry to say the least. Some commented that this would bring on the CBDC digital dollar. Others indicated comments to the effect of what we knew was coming. The Maywood Country Club decided to back off the next day, but likely to be only temporarily.

My suspicion is that their bank has alerted the club owners to what has been withheld from the media as "silence" today in order to mute the publicity. Keep your eyes and ears open to businesses in your area that are no longer taking cash and using the cards exclusively. The only news from the Fed today was related to an increase in interest. The Federal Reserve Chairman Powell's press conference followed the FOMC announcement of a 25-basis-point rate hike to 5.5% at the top of the range.

I managed to catch a report by Lynette Zang, investment broker on Thursday night which helped explained why the Fed chose a different approach to their introduction of FedNow. Her report can be found in a link near the end of this Blessed Hope segment on page 22. The Fed obfuscated and is up to their old tricks by sugar coating their poison pill plans. They did it in 1933 and then again in 1971 and so I am not surprised they have stayed with their old play book to steal people's wealth.

COUNTDOWN TO COP28!! 19 WEEKS TO GO!

THE WORLD IS CONFIRMING A COVENANT AT THE GLOBAL STOCKTAKE FOR 7 YEARS AT COP28.

In 19 weeks, the public and private sectors of society will meet in Dubai to confirm the Paris Agreement for the next 7 years. The short-term end date to the Paris Agreement is to December of 2030.

The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the UNFCCC will be held in Dubai from 30 November to 12 December 2023. The 11-12th of December will be the final negotiations of the deal. In the coming months, the UAE office selects and shares articles to keep you, the reader, informed on preparations and perspectives from the wider Arabian Gulf and beyond.

TASK AHEAD DAUNTING, BUT STILL POSSIBLE

Source: https://www.un.org/.../press-release-ahead-of-sdg-summit.../

Only 12 per cent of SDG [Sustainable Development Goals] targets are on track, according to a preliminary assessment of roughly 140 targets for which data is available. With only seven years left, the task ahead to achieve the SDGs is formidable, but not impossible.

"We are halfway to 2030 and yet nowhere near to achieving the SDGs. The bad news is we've lost 7 years. The good news is-WE STILL HAVE 7 YEARS and victory is within our reach," said UN Economic and Social Council President Lachezara Stoeva. "But countries must integrate the SDGs into their national development plans, policies and strategies. A strong push must be made to accelerate progress, and aligning national priorities with the SDGs is paramount to ensure a coherent and comprehensive approach to sustainable development."

According to the SDGs Report 2023: Special Edition, there has been progress in some areas. 800 million people have been connected to electricity between 2015 and 2021. 146 countries already met or are on track to meeting the under-5 mortality target and effective HIV treatment cut global AIDS-related deaths by 52% since 2010.

"As we cross the halfway mark to 2030, one overriding truth stands out in my mind: Change is possible. Backsliding is not inevitable. Poverty, pollution, and gender inequality are not pre-ordained," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres at the opening of the Forum. "They are trends that can be reversed, problems that can be solved, tragedies that can be averted, lives that can be saved. And together, we can deliver."

International trade will receive special focus at COP28 summit in Dubai.

The UAE Ministry of Economy, the COP28 presidency and the UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Trade will co-lead the committee on trade for the summit alongside the secretariat of the World Trade Organization. A dedicated day will focus on trade – a first for the climate summit – and highlight trade's role as an enabler of climate-smart growth, including supply-chain resilience.

G20 deal on reducing fossil fuels blocked due to Saudi-led opposition.

Several countries, with Saudi Arabia the most vocal, blocked a proposal by G20 nations to reduce the use of fossil fuels. The G20 gathering also failed to make progress on setting a global goal for renewable energy development. The failure to reach an agreement is likely to pile pressure on to the UAE to intensify its discussions with ministers and leaders as it will host COP28.

COP28 President calls on all countries to join global cooling pledge.

During the 14th Clean Energy Ministerial, which took place alongside the G20 Energy Transitions Ministerial Meeting, Sultan Al Jaber, COP28 President-Designate, called on nations to participate in the Global Cooling Pledge, an initiative by UNEP and COP28. It aims at providing worldwide access to cooling technologies, to preserve food and ensure the safe storage of vaccines.

Climate research center ranks COP28 summit plans as 'insufficient'.

The plans put forward by the UAE to fight climate change at COP28 are deemed insufficient by Climate Action Tracker. According to the research center "there is still too little action in the real economy" and despite a strengthened climate pledge, the new plan still allows for an increase in CO2 emissions by 2030 due to the expansion of fossil fuel production and consumption.

First high-level dialogue on 1.5°C-aligned energy transition held.

The COP28 UAE Presidency and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have convened the first in a series of high-level dialogues that will continue until COP28, with the goal of building a 1.5°C-aligned energy transition. The dialogues will prepare the ground for specific commitments and calls to action at the World Climate Action Summit being held during the first days of COP28.

EU Green Deal chief's possible exit raises fears for bloc's COP28 stances.

The announcement by Frans Timmermans that he plans to run in a snap general election in the Netherlands in November has raised questions about the bloc's ability to influence negotiations at COP28. Timmermans is currently the first vice-president of the EU Commission and oversees the implementation of its ambitious goal to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

International organizations launch "Al for Good Contest" for start-ups.

The contest, launched by the IAEA, ITU, FAO, UNESCO, and the World Bank, aims to advance the development of solutions using artificial intelligence (AI) to address the impact of climate change on food security and sustainable water resources. Contest winners will have the possibility of presenting their innovative ideas to a global audience at COP28.

Abu Dhabi outlines comprehensive climate change strategy.

Abu Dhabi's Environment Agency (EAD) launched a five-year climate change strategy focusing on reducing emissions, enhancing resilience, and promoting economic diversification through innovation and low-carbon technologies. The plan includes 81

initiatives and 12 strategic projects, aligned with the UAE's goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

ADNOC completes drilling on world's first CO2 injection well.

Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has completed drilling on what it claims is the world's first fully sequestered carbon dioxide injection well, stepping up its investments in low-carbon projects in line with its \$15 billion decarbonization plan. The well will deposit CO2 captured from ammonia producer Fertiglobe's UAE operations "safely and permanently underground".

UNEP publishes study on decarbonizing MENA banking sector.

The report discusses the state of banking decarbonization in the MENA region, looking at the maturity of the policy and regulatory environment on net-zero banking as well as how the banking sector has responded so far. The insights of the study can be applied beyond the region, but the study itself focused on Egypt and the UAE as key players in international climate negotiations.

Qatar and Mitsubishi Research Institute partner to study carbon credits.

Qatar's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change partnered with Japan's Mitsubishi Research Institute to study carbon credits and sustainability options. The partnership will analyze the country's carbon credits plan which pertains to initiatives and strategies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainable practices to combat climate change.

Omani sovereign wealth fund invests in Italian lithium-free energy storage.

Oman's sovereign wealth fund and Dutch multinational Vopak are among new investors betting on Italian renewable energy storage firm Energy Dome, whose technology does not rely on strategic raw materials. The Milan-based company's storage system is based on turning carbon dioxide (CO2) gas into a liquid and vice versa, which it says is cost-effective.

Japan's PM visits KSA, UAE and Qatar, with a focus on energy cooperation.

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited the Gulf region for discussions around "how to deal with energy challenges" in the face of unstable supply. Agreements were signed on technology and climate change cooperation. Gulf partners expressed commitment to securing Japan's energy supplies and further cooperation on clean hydrogen, ammonia and recycled carbon fuels.

DNV and UAE partner to set up maritime decarbonization center.

UAE Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, Suhail Al Mazrouei, and the CEO of Det Norske Veritas (DNV) Maritime, Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen, signed an MoU on establishing a Maritime Decarbonization Center. The signing took place during a ceremony at the IMO headquarters in London and the new partners are planning to launch the center at the beginning of 2024. The letter sent to countries seems to be asking for commitments during the September UN meeting.

GENERAL Excellencies,

3 April 2023

At the mid-way point of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is time to face the facts. Without a surge in commitment, solidarity, and transformative action, we will miss the headline targets of the 2030 Agenda to end poverty, reduce inequality and protect the environment. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit to be held in September 2023 provides a unique opportunity to fundamentally change course. I count on your support to ensure it delivers the breakthroughs our world desperately needs.

The multiple crises of the last three years have dealt a major blow to SDGs implementation efforts. Millions have been pushed into poverty. Inequalities have risen considerably. The rights of women and girls have been under siege. And the urgent and existential business of averting climate catastrophe has been undermined. Even before these crises hit, we were not on track to meet the goals by 2030. Many critical policy changes, innovations, transitions and investments have not advanced at the speed or scale required. And on every front – COVID-19, Climate Action, SDG financing – the international community has not done enough to give the most vulnerable countries a fair chance.

Yet, the transformation envisioned by the 2030 Agenda remains both possible and essential. Throughout history, humanity has demonstrated its capacity to overcome the most severe challenges. We can also draw confidence from the fact that we have never had access to so much knowledge, technologies and resources.

What is needed now is a surge in commitment from governments and stakeholders to take implementation to the next level. Under the leadership of the President of the General Assembly, the SDG Summit provides the platform we need to secure this commitment. I therefore urge all countries to come together around a Rescue Plan for People and Planet, based on deliverables by September on three key fronts.

To All Heads of State and Government of Member States and Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations

First, decisive action must be taken to better support developing countries. Last October, I called on the Group of Twenty (G20) to deliver an SDG Stimulus by massively scaling up financing to at least \$500 billion per year, through long-term lending at lower interest rates, debt relief and the creation of a robust and effective sovereign debt resolution mechanism; expanding contingency financing to countries in need and driving both public and private investment towards the SDGs. Delivering on the SDG Stimulus by September is sine qua non to a successful Summit. In addition, it is essential that the Political Declaration of the Summit signal an unambiguous commitment from the international community to reform the international financial architecture and ensure an enabling environment for developing countries to actively

participate in and benefit from the global economy and harness the full potential of green and digital technologies.

Second, at the Summit, I urge world leaders to convey a National Commitment to SDG Transformation. This could include clear benchmarks to reduce domestic poverty and inequality levels by 2027 and 2030, in tandem with nationally determined climate contributions. Policy commitments to drive the energy, food, digital and social transitions that will make those benchmarks possible could also be outlined. Foundational actions to align national budgets with the SDGs, mainstream gender equality and empowerment of women and girls into national development planning processes, rejuvenate public sector capacities and institutions, and strengthen national data and monitoring systems could also be addressed.

Third, delivery of the 2030 Agenda requires the strengthening of public trust and the full participation of a wide range of stakeholders. I urge all countries to fully engage their domestic constituencies, particularly civil society and the private sector, in their Summit preparations. The United Nations system will complement national efforts by mobilizing support from all partners around select high-impact initiatives and advancing a more robust embrace of the Goals by businesses, local authorities and other actors.

The SDG Summit will be the centrepiece of a suite of events that include a Climate Ambition Summit, a Financing for Development High-level Dialogue, a series of health-related meetings and a Ministerial level meeting in preparation for the 2024 Summit of the Future. The SDG Summit can become a moment for our world to pivot from fear to hope and from deepening pessimism to accelerated action. I look forward to your personal participation in the Summit and your contribution to making it a turning point for the SDGs.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration. António Guterres (signed)

Prior to the Coronation of Prince Charles I stated that things would begin to accelerate on the Antichrist agenda and we would see Prince Charles becoming increasingly more visible in the larger scope of his SDG agenda and we have had frequent reports of stepped up activity in the COP28 announcements, mandates, pressure to implement the various Sustainable Development Goals outlined in Agenda 2030. Prince Charles has been more vocal and public since his Coronations.

BlackRock: Masters of the Universe

The financial monolith known as BlackRock has an estimated \$10 trillion under management and is using its clout to change the world — but not for the better. ...

Alex Newman writing for the 'New American' wrote the following article about one of the Generals doing the bidding of Prince Charles' Agenda 2030.

Despite what you may have heard, it is about much more than "money." It always has been.

The recent cultural transformation of corporate America — think Bud Light, Target, and Disney as some of the more recent examples — has shocked traditional Americans to the core. Suddenly, it seems that every major company in the nation has gone "woke," promoting everything from man-made global-warming alarmism and "transgender" mutilation of children's genitals to godless globalism and vicious race-mongering. It is all happening under the guise of improving "Environmental, Social, Governance" (ESG) scores and "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" (DEI) metrics.

Customers hate it, of course, as many companies facing boycotts and steep financial penalties have learned the hard way. So do shareholders, managers, and employees. Yet, despite being a money loser and despite the endless "Go Woke, Go Broke" chorus chanted by conservatives, more and more companies and brands are jumping on the "woke" bandwagon, apparently oblivious to the catastrophic damage they are doing to their brands. But there is more to the story; a simple explanation to the madness is lurking just beneath the surface.

Behind the scenes, quietly, there is a vast power responsible for pushing all this "woke" corporate fanaticism. It has a name: BlackRock. The world's largest asset manager, the corporate giant has an estimated \$10 trillion under management. For perspective, that is more than the gross domestic product (GDP) of every country on the planet except the United States and Communist China. When the overlord of it all orders lesser mortals running Fortune 500 companies to jump in his annual "letter to CEOs," business leaders around the world stand at attention and ask, "How high, sir?"

Journalist Matt Taibbi famously referred to Goldman Sachs in a 2010 Rolling Stone article as a "great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money." But as the largest stakeholder in the great vampire squid from hell, BlackRock, while less well known than its diabolical cephalopod minion, is now orders of magnitude more important in both business and politics. It is the Grand Poohbah of all the vampire squids, to borrow Taibbi's language.

The power of this corporate leviathan is unfathomable. It owns more than five percent of most S&P 500 companies, according to CNBC. And its tentacles extend to every corner of the global economy. In fact, along with State Street and Vanguard, BlackRock is among the largest stakeholders in most of the major companies you can name. It frequently is the largest stakeholder in companies that compete against each other, too.

Base of operations: BlackRock headquarters in Manhattan is the nerve center of the asset manager weaponizing trillions of dollars of Americans' money to turn corporations "woke" on the path to a New World Order.

In a three-part exposé of the financial monolith, independent journalist James Corbett of the Corbett Report begins with a thought experiment. In his scenario, you start by shopping at Walmart, where BlackRock is one of the top stakeholders. Then you buy some Coke, another company in which BlackRock dominates. Then you get your Moderna shot — again BlackRock is there with about a seven-percent stake. Next you fill up at Exxon, and again, BlackRock is there. Finally, frustrated, you decide to lock yourself in your house and do your shopping on Amazon, and again, BlackRock owns one of the largest stakes.

Once it buys these huge positions, BlackRock makes clear that the firm will go woke. Worst of all, perhaps, this evil imposed on companies is being advanced with your money. Despite the protests of investors, political leaders, and even institutions with massive amounts of money invested with BlackRock, the firm dutifully votes the shares that its clients technically own to promote the "woke" agenda. Indeed, the threat to board members who resist that they will be ousted from their lucrative posts looms large over corporate board meetings everywhere.

BlackRock Chairman and CEO Larry Fink has bragged repeatedly about what he is doing with your money. "Behaviors are going to have to change, and this is one thing that we are asking companies," Fink declared during a 2017 discussion hosted by The New York Times. "You have to force behaviors, and at BlackRock, we are forcing behaviors." It is true; BlackRock is, in fact, forcing behaviors on companies, as well as on the people who work in those companies and even consumers.

But the almost \$10 trillion it manages for clients like you (via your retirement funds) and your local and state governments is only part of the picture. While State Street and Vanguard are major players in investment management, both of those corporate giants, among many others, now rely on BlackRock's Artificial Intelligence platform known as Aladdin (Asset, Liability, Debt and Derivative Investment Network). The system now dominates the global economy, with lesser vampire squids everywhere taking their cues from the Dracula of cephalopods.

Cronies 'R' Us: Fink & BlackRock's Political Influence

Aside from his company's unimaginable economic power, the man who created and continues to lead BlackRock, self-proclaimed globalist Fink, is also one of the most powerful global corporatists in the public eye in his own right. Among other roles, he sits on the board of trustees of Klaus Schwab's World Economic Forum (WEF), the organization bringing together leaders of government and business to advance the "Great Reset." In addition to being a top champion of ESG, the Switzerland-based WEF is also a "strategic partner" of the United Nations in radically transforming the world through the 17 "Sustainable Development Goals" known as UN Agenda 2030.

Fink also sits on the board of the globalist Council on Foreign Relations, which basically serves as Deep State headquarters in the United States. Then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton admitted that the CFR tells globalists like her "what we should be doing and how we should think about the future." Former Vice President Dick Cheney, a Republican,

boasted of his longtime association with the group, though he admitted that he never told his constituents in Wyoming. Joe Biden once joked on stage that CFR President Richard Haass was his boss. And U.S. Navy Admiral Chester Ward, who spent 16 years as a CFR member before defecting, said the group and its members were dedicated to the destruction of American sovereignty and the creation of a one-world government.

Big boss: BlackRock CEO Larry Fink, who recently distanced himself from the toxic term ESG, is a leading Deep State globalist helping lead the World Economic Forum and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Aside from the CFR, Fink is also a member of the even more exclusive elitist group known as the Trilateral Commission. The outfit was founded by the late billionaire David Rockefeller, who boasted in his autobiography Memoirs of "conspiring" with a "secret cabal" of "internationalists," working "against the best interests" of America, to form a global political and economic order. The organization has been dedicated since its inception to advancing what it calls a "New International Economic Order" that is, in essence, warmed-over technocracy, a sort of fascistic and socialistic utopia in which technocrats and engineers run society and your life, supposedly in the name of efficiency and sustainability.

All of these organizations play a crucial role in the global transformation toward planetwide, liberty-destroying technocratic governance. In other words, Fink sits at the apex of the Deep State. And he is using the unfathomable power of \$10 trillion under management to completely reshape every business and the global economy.

It is not just money and secretive organizations, though. In fact, Fink's ties to government are so pervasive that it's difficult to tell where the Biden administration ends and BlackRock begins. This has been acknowledged even by establishment voices. Bloomberg, the propaganda megaphone of autocratic billionaire Michael Bloomberg, famously referred to BlackRock as the "fourth branch of government." And that is no hyperbole.

Fink, a longtime Democrat, told Biden, "I'm here to help" in the 2020 election, according to establishment mouthpiece The Atlantic. And the relationship has only grown since then. BlackRock has also become a major power player in political contributions, handing out huge sums through its employees, its officers, and its own PAC, and setting a new record for spending in the 2022 midterm elections. Moreover, there is a seemingly never-ending list of individuals in the "revolving door" who move effortlessly from BlackRock to senior government posts and vice versa.

For instance, Brian Deese, then global head of sustainable investing at BlackRock, was chosen by Biden to lead his powerful National Economic Council. Before going to BlackRock, Deese served as senior advisor to Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. Former BlackRock global chief investment strategist and former Obama official Michael Pyle, meanwhile, was selected as chief economic advisor to Kamala Harris. Another top

Biden administration pick, Deputy Treasury Secretary Adewale Adeyemo of Nigeria, previously served as chief of staff for Fink.

The revolving door also sees many former government insiders serving in BlackRock. CFR member Thomas Donilon (CFR), chairman of BlackRock Investment Institute, previously served as national security advisor to Obama. His brother, Mike, is known as the "Biden whisperer" and was chief strategist to Biden's campaign. Former SEC bigwig Dalia Osman Blass now serves as BlackRock chief of external affairs. When it seemed almost certain that Hillary Clinton would become president, Fink named former Clinton Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills to the BlackRock board.

In short, BlackRock operatives are running the very government that, in theory at least, would be in charge of protecting the public from a weaponized, hostile force like BlackRock being used to hijack the government and loot the public. The vampire fox is guarding the henhouse.

Across Europe as well, Fink and BlackRock have been buying up politicians like baseball cards. The list is nearly endless. Analyst William Engdahl pointed out that among those helping BlackRock secure "lucrative contracts" with their former associates was former German Parliamentary bigwig Friederich Merz of then-Chancellor Angela Merkel's "Christian" Democratic Party, who was widely reported to be Merkel's possible successor. He was appointed chief of BlackRock Germany. Former British Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne, meanwhile, was hired as a "political consultant" for BlackRock.

Fink has also been scooping up leading central bankers, helping BlackRock win huge contracts with some of the most powerful institutions in the world. Former Swiss National Bank President Philipp Hildebrand, for instance, was hired as vice chairman of BlackRock. Former Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada Jean Boivin was appointed as "global head of research" at the BlackRock Investment Institute. And Stanley Fisher, who served as vice chairman of the Federal Reserve and head of the Bank of Israel, was appointed "senior advisor" to BlackRock. Former Fed senior regulatory official Coryann Stefansson joined BlackRock's Financial Markets Advisory unit in 2016. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

ESG Mania

To hear Fink and his fellow globalists tell it, sustainability and "sustainable development" are the overarching goals — the ideology underpinning the ongoing transformation of political and economic systems around the world. The UN's Agenda 21 scheme for sustainable development in the 21st century, long exposed in these pages, is being broken up into more manageable units, too. The current one is known as the UN Agenda 2030 "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs).

This Agenda 2030, embraced by every national government on Earth including the Obama administration, includes 17 goals and 169 targets that impact every area of life, from healthcare and education to law and agriculture. Then-UN General Assembly chief

Peter Thomson called it the "master plan for humanity," while then-UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called it the global "declaration of interdependence" approved by the "Parliament of Humanity."

Lofty goals: BlackRock is key in forcing businesses to align with the draconian UN "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs), also known as Agenda 2030 and dubbed the "masterplan for humanity" by UN leaders.

Governments have virtually all jumped on board, with the Chinese Communist Party boasting it played a "crucial role" in developing the global roadmap to technocratic totalitarianism. On the religious front, the Vatican and religious leaders around the world have joined forces to commit their followers to global development based on the SDGs.

On the business side, the World Economic Forum, where Fink serves on the board of trustees, is working with the UN through a "strategic partnership" to bring businesses worldwide into the global system. Fink is leading that charge by imposing ESG standards on companies. (For a much more in-depth treatment of ESG, read William F. Jasper's cover story in our April 24 issue, "Biden's ESG Agenda.")

Touting "stakeholder capitalism," a concept popularized by Klaus Schwab and the World Economic Forum with roots in fascism and technocracy, Fink made clear that BlackRock would be allocating capital based not merely on profitability, but also on new politicized goals decided by the planet's would-be overlords. "As stewards of our clients' capital, we ask businesses to demonstrate how they're going to deliver on their responsibility to shareholders, including through sound environmental, social, and governance practices and policies," he explained in last year's letter to CEOs.

While painting the transition as inevitable and writing as if he were merely a passive observer of these trends, Fink makes clear that companies refusing to get on the sustainable bandwagon will have investment and credit dry up. "Sustainable investments have now reached \$4 trillion. Actions and ambitions towards decarbonization have also increased," Fink wrote in his widely followed annual letter. "This is just the beginning — the tectonic shift towards sustainable investing is still accelerating."

One of the big goals is "net zero," which essentially means reducing net human emissions of gases such as carbon dioxide and methane to zero. Aside from the obvious fact that this is impossible short of exterminating the population of the planet (people exhale CO2 and every human and animal activity releases some), the implications of this are extraordinary.

In his letter to CEOs last year, Fink made clear that resistance to the global predatory class's agenda is futile. "Every company and every industry will be transformed by the transition to a net zero world," he warned. "The question is, will you lead, or will you be led?"

These are not idle threats. In 2021, when Exxon's leadership decided to pursue its own path on dealing with alleged man-made "climate change" rather than obey the dictates of corporate-funded enviro-activists, BlackRock weaponized your money to force the energy behemoth to heel. In fact, by voting the shares it manages for its clients, BlackRock's bosses added three new climate activists to the board of directors.

Perhaps even more alarming, BlackRock's machinations forced Exxon to slash oil production, conveniently allowing the CCP-controlled PetroChina — one of BlackRock's big investors — to grab the American energy giant's oil fields. "Markets don't like uncertainty, markets like totalitarian governments where you have an understanding of what's out there," claimed Fink. "Democracies are very messy, as we know in the United States."

A major irony of the whole push for ESG and net zero is the 8,000-ton shrieking dragon in the room: Communist China. Fink and companies in which BlackRock holds a dominant stake have been funneling American capital into CCP-controlled entities in massive quantities, including into CCP military "companies" developing AI and other war-fighting technologies that will be decisive in any future conflict between the United States and China.

While Fink and his fellow travelers claim to be ever-so-concerned about "climate," the "environment," and "human rights," they don't blink when funneling U.S. investment into the hands of the most murderous and environmentally destructive group of gangsters to ever walk the planet. This obvious threat to U.S. national security is completely ignored by Fink's buddies in the government.

Of course, BlackRock is not alone in this. Its largest competitors have also jumped on board the ESG net-zero bandwagon, joining forces with the UN and other asset managers in a quasi-conspiracy to manipulate the market and destroy all competitors who will not bow down. While questions have been raised by leading law-enforcement officials surrounding possible legal violations involving failure to fulfill fiduciary responsibilities and anti-competitive collusion, so far the conspirators are moving ahead rapidly with very little external interference or even public scrutiny.

If left unchecked, BlackRock and its fellow travelers will ultimately bankrupt all businesses and industries that do not meet the demands of the nightmarish "New World Order," as the emerging global economic and political system has been described by its architects. Through its ability to manipulate markets and by starving companies and whole sectors of the economy of investment and credit, the prospect is very real. That was likely the goal all along.

Milking Taxpayers

Fink's rise to prominence has been intimately intertwined with Big Finance and Big Government. According to the Financial Times, Fink was one of the key economic players behind the scenes in the Obama administration. During a battle over the debt

ceiling in 2012, Obama Treasury Secretary Timothy "Turbo Tax" Geithner consulted Fink more than anyone else.

"Mr. Geithner's chats with Mr. Fink were among at least 49 conversations the two men had over the past 18 months, making Mr. Fink the Treasury secretary's most frequent corporate interlocutor and an emblem of BlackRock's growing influence in global financial affairs," the Times reported in a 2012 piece that also mentioned BlackRock's ties to various European governments.

In addition to governments, Fink and BlackRock enjoy a very cozy relationship with the usurious banking cartel masquerading as a federal agency known as the Federal Reserve, as well as other leading central banks. In fact, BlackRock was a key partner of the Federal Reserve in the 2007-2008 economic crisis. "It helped the Fed value, manage and sell the collection of toxic securities known as Maiden Lane accumulated at the height of the financial crisis through the government's rescue of AIG," the Times continued in its 2012 article about BlackRock's political influence.

Fink and BlackRock actually began under the roof of Blackstone in the late 1980s alongside a number of other co-founders. But within a short time, the firm was doing well and was spun off to become its own independent entity. Through a series of acquisitions and behind-the-scenes Deep State assistance, the company grew throughout the 1990s and 2000s into the multi-trillion-dollar beast it is today.

Especially lucrative was the 2007-2008 financial meltdown that Fink helped engineer, according to critics and analysts. The reason so many pin the blame on Fink was his crucial role in creating the whole mortgage-backed security bonanza that, thanks to Federal Reserve policies, produced the subprime meltdown that ended up taking down multiple major banks. The crisis was an unbelievably prosperous time for BlackRock, as governments and central bankers called upon it to "help." BlackRock even oversaw the Fed programs dealing with Bear Stearns and AIG assets during the crisis.

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) became a major business for BlackRock, as investors handed over their money to the company to manage as part of various ETFs — and to misrepresent those investors by voting their shares in a way that advances the nebulous "ESG" goals determined by the global predator class Fink represents. BlackRock dominates the ETF industry today, controlling almost 40 percent of the market, more than the next two biggest competitors — Vanguard and State Street — combined. Its "iShares" ETFs, originally acquired from Barclays, now contains over \$2 trillion in assets.

BlackRock also played a key role in managing the 2020 pandemic "bailout" extravaganza. In fact, in March, the leviathan was enlisted through a variety of no-bid contracts by the Federal Reserve to manage a number of key programs. These included the extremely costly Fed bond-buying scheme and its commercial mortgage-backed security operation, as well as its credit ETF program. Among other schemes,

BlackRock plowed huge amounts of Fed fiat currency into its own corporate bonds and stock ETFs.

In short, the Fed was creating currency and stealing your savings while letting BlackRock handle the distribution of that loot to megabanks and other cronies — all while enriching itself and its friends, and all with strings attached, naturally. Talk about a conflict of interest! This is just one of the tools that BlackRock and its allies in government and central banking have weaponized to force ever more aggressive visions of "wokeness" on American businesses and consumers.

One of the most significant transformations of the global economy engineered by BlackRock involved something called "Going Direct." Masterfully explained by Corbett in his series, this proposal by BlackRock in August of 2019 called for allowing central banks to inject newly created fiat money directly into the economy, not just through bond purchases and interest rate manipulation, by "Going Direct." The scheme was adopted and implemented not long after being proposed.

In its 2019 paper, BlackRock's former central bankers sketched out a new vision for a drastically expanded role for central banks in planning the economy and bypassing elected officials traditionally charged with overseeing fiscal policy (taxing and spending). "An unprecedented response is needed when monetary policy is exhausted and fiscal policy alone is not enough," argued BlackRock. "That response will likely involve 'going direct': Going direct means the central bank finding ways to get central bank money directly in the hands of public and private sector spenders."

Corbett explained the significance of this. "What we were told was a 'pandemic' was in fact, on the financial level, just an excuse for an absolutely unprecedented pumping of trillions of dollars from the Fed directly into the economy," he explained in part two of his series on BlackRock, noting that the firm itself helped oversee and profited from this revolutionary transformation. "It's sufficient to understand what the central bankers got out of the Going Direct Reset: the ability to take over fiscal policy and to begin engineering the economy of Main Street in a more ... well, direct way."

Through its "Going Direct" revolution, in partnership with governments and central banks, BlackRock "had truly conquered the planet," Corbett continued. "It was now dictating central bank interventions and then acting in every conceivable role and in direct violation of conflict-of-interest rules, acting as consultant and advisor, as manager, as buyer, as seller and as investor with both the Fed and the very banks, corporations, pension funds and other entities it was bailing out."

Ultimately, BlackRock is on pace to become master of the universe, Corbett explained. "The transition of BlackRock from a mere investment firm into a financial, political and technological colossus that has the power to direct the course of human civilization is almost complete," he concluded.

Aladdin

But wait — there's more! BlackRock's proprietary AI system known as Aladdin now oversees tens of trillions of dollars' worth of investments beyond those managed by BlackRock itself. Nobody knows the true number, because BlackRock decided to stop making it public after the number ballooned to over \$21 trillion. Ironically, even the firm's biggest competitors, Vanguard and State Street, rely on Aladdin, as do many of the Big Tech companies and countless institutional investors whose funds are being weaponized by BlackRock to impose the company's technocratic vision on the economy.

On its website, BlackRock offers a rosy view of it all. "Everything we do is guided by the conviction that investors need this clarity at every point in the investment process in order to make more informed decisions, scale efficiently and achieve better investment outcomes," the firm says. "In pursuit of this goal, we are relentlessly innovating and constantly evolving Aladdin technology. More than investment software, Aladdin technology brings clarity and connectivity to the world's financial ecosystem." It sounds so innocent — so helpful, even. And yet there is much more to the story.

According to a 2020 piece in the Financial Times, half of the top 10 insurers by assets rely on BlackRock's Aladdin system. The world's largest pension fund, the Japanese government's with some \$1.5 trillion, also does. The three largest publicly traded companies in the United States rely on the system to "steward" their hundreds of billions in corporate treasury investments as well. It is becoming increasingly difficult for any firm in the industry to remain competitive without the system, insiders say. In short, this Al-powered beast is rapidly coming to dominate the global investment landscape.

Governments, investors, and banks around the world rely on Aladdin for everything from deciding where to allocate bailout funds to deciding where to invest capital. In fact, by some estimates, almost three out of four trades on the U.S. stock exchange are made by Aladdin or some derivative of its systems. Countless fund managers have been sidelined within BlackRock and beyond as Aladdin advances. Real estate may be the next frontier, as Aladdin-fueled megabanks and managers buy up even single-family homes.

Because the system is proprietary, outsiders have no way of fully grasping or understanding all that goes on "under the hood." The company portrays it as merely a "risk management" tool, which has been BlackRock's specialty since the company's genesis in the late 1980s. But in reality, there is much more going on than just calculating risk on the various investments such as stocks that are held by BlackRock's clients and customers. The amount of data being gobbled up by the system is simply incomprehensible.

In a way, Aladdin is a microcosm of the future that Fink and his World Economic Forum comrades want for humanity. Decisions on everything — not just asset allocation and stock picks — will be removed from the hands of mere mortals. Instead, those decisions will be made by machines and the complex algorithms that power them. Like BlackRock's decisions, Al will decide based on not what is best for a particular

individual, but what is best for those at the top — those who determine what the algorithms do and how they make decisions.

Today, BlackRock uses its position in the market to force every company — even private ones, since they have to do business with public firms — to adopt "woke" policies to keep their ESG scores up. In the past, humans would have made decisions of where to allocate capital based on profitability and risk. Today, capital is allocated based on how well companies and managers comply with woke dictates such as peddling LGBTQ fanaticism and global-warming alarmism. In the not-too-distant future, similar processes will be put in place for Al-powered systems designed by technocrats to make even more decisions for you — at least if BlackRock and friends are not stopped.

Fighting Back

Even as BlackRock and the forces connected to it continue the long march through America's corporate institutions, critics are marshalling their forces for war. There was a time when liberals and leftists would have been fighting against the unchecked power of a rogue corporation. (Occupy Wall Street, anyone?) To the extent that corporate-funded leftists are protesting BlackRock at all, it is to express displeasure with the firm for not doing enough to end capitalism and self-government.

But opposition among conservatives is growing, and Republican-led states are working aggressively to rein in BlackRock's abuses. Just over the last year, GOP-led states have pulled almost \$5 billion from BlackRock. In late 2022, Florida announced that it was pulling billions of dollars from BlackRock over its "woke" ESG schemes. "Using Florida's cash to fund BlackRock's social-engineering project isn't something we signed up for," said Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis. "It's got nothing to do with maximizing returns and is the opposite of what an asset manager is paid to do. We're divesting from BlackRock."

West Virginia State Treasurer Riley Moore actually started a coalition of close to 20 state treasurers dedicated to protecting their constituents from BlackRock. In a series of interviews with The New American, Moore warned that BlackRock and other financial predators were seeking to undermine the industries that his state — and the U.S. economy — depend on. Meanwhile, BlackRock seems to have no problem with those industries in China when they are controlled by ruthless mass-murderers. "Our own money is being weaponized against us," Moore said before putting BlackRock on the blacklist of companies not allowed to do business with the state.

Numerous state attorneys general involved in a coalition who spoke with this writer said they were investigating BlackRock's schemes, too. Among other concerns, the top lawmen for their states suggested the company may not be fulfilling its fiduciary obligations. Instead of focusing merely on returns, BlackRock is focused on all sorts of other goals, many of them political. There may be numerous other legal violations such as anti-trust as well, the state AGs said, vowing to hold the firm accountable.

In an August letter to Fink, a coalition of state AGs warned in clear terms that his company's machinations may be illegal — not to mention immoral. "Our states will not idly stand for our pensioners' retirements to be sacrificed for BlackRock's climate agenda," they said, pointing to several potential legal violations involving the firm's ESG investing and blasting its adherence to the UN's "Sustainable Development Goals."

Awareness is gradually growing, too. Last year, then-Fox News host Tucker Carlson, by far the most popular cable news personality, exposed Fink and BlackRock to his millions of viewers. As the head of the largest asset manager in the world, Fink has "unparalleled control over the U.S. economy and of the companies that comprise it," Carlson warned his viewers before introducing anti-ESG investment manager Vivek Ramaswamy. "That's a pretty significant fact given that Larry Fink has a political agenda that's at least as aggressive as his investment strategies."

Ramaswamy, who runs his own fund and is now seeking the GOP nomination for president, slammed Fink and his schemes. "He is what I call the king of the woke industrial complex ... and what they do is they cause companies to bend the knee to woke orthodoxy," the investor said, blasting Fink as "the puppet master behind the scenes of corporate America" who weaponizes your money against you. "BlackRock says that we won't invest in your company unless you abide by these progressive standards, or we'll dock the pay of a CEO or fire a CEO who refuses to bend the knee to woke orthodoxy."

The financial guru also brought up George Soros, suggesting Fink was worse and far more dangerous. "Say what you will about George Soros, at least it's his money," Ramaswamy continued. "In this case, it is money that belongs to you, to everyday Americans in this country whose blood would boil if they actually knew the way their own money was being used to force a progressive social orthodoxy back onto them."

Ramaswamy is one of many working to provide alternatives to investors who do not want their money being wasted or worse in pursuit of nebulous "ESG" scams designed to reshape the planet. The Timothy Plan offers multiple funds to help Christian investors put their money to work based on biblical principles, refusing to invest in anti-Christian companies supporting abortion and other evils. There is also an American Conservative Values Fund (ACVF) and even a MAGA fund.

BlackRock, which did not respond to a request for an interview, became the evil giant that it is through its symbiotic relationship with the U.S. government and central banks. As such, reining it in will simply require that Congress and state governments stop bleeding their constituents dry to feed this monster's unquenchable appetite for money, power, and control. Consumers and investors can help accelerate this by refusing to allow any of their money, including retirement accounts, to be placed under BlackRock's management. Now is the time, before BlackRock and friends destroy or devour everyone and everything standing in their way.

NEWS BRIEF: <u>"Study: Global plant growth surging alongside carbon dioxide"</u>, NOAA, July January 26, 2023

"A trace gas present in the atmosphere in miniscule amounts is helping scientists answer one of the biggest questions out there: Has plant growth increased alongside rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere? It turns out the answer is **Yes** – in a big way."

And why is this prophetic?

"... as emissions of carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels have increased since the start of the 20th century, plants around the world are utilizing 30 percent more carbon dioxide (CO2), spurring plant growth."

Please take notice that we are being told that our society is burning fossil fuels at a feverish pace and those levels will kill Mother Gaia! Therefore, we have to start eliminating fossil fuel consumption in a way in which millions of jobs worldwide will be eliminated and will usher in an economic collapse.

What are the targets for elimination thus far?

- All gas-powered vehicles
- Gas-backup portable generators
- Gas stoves
- Outdoor BBQ
- Gas-powered lawn mowers
- Gas hot water tanks

Remember Jesus' prophetic warning: "And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved ..." -(Mark 13:20)

Are you ready, my friend, to meet Jesus Christ? Have you been born-again through His blood? If you have, you can truly "look up, for your redemption draweth nigh".

I know that Christians are feeling squeezed from the pressure and that certainly is no surprise. Jesus told us in Revelation 3:10: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." -(Revelation 3:10)

Please do read the next two verses (vss. 11 & 12) as well since they are part of the Lord's **selah movement**. In case you do not know what "**selah**" means, it is a "synonym" which means "forever!" The word **selah** is found in two books of the Bible, but is most prevalent in the Psalms, where it appears **71X times**. It also appears three times in the third chapter of the minor prophet Habakkuk. I took an elective course "Music for the Pastor" during my seminary education and my professor was Dr. Albin Whitworth, chapel organist at Asbury Theological Seminary. He taught us the word "**selah**" is a musical notation signifying a rest to the singers and/or instrumentalists who performed the psalms. If this is true, then each time "**selah**" appears in a psalm, the

musicians paused, perhaps to take a breath, to sing a cappella, or to let the instruments play alone.

From taking that course, I learned to read music, learned to lead singing, without piano or organ accompaniment and felt comfortable should I find myself on some Sunday without musical support in worship service. I will never forget my first experience meeting with my first church pastoral committee of my first student appointment in June, 1965. The late Jim Geiser, my Methodist superintendent drove my wife and I to the small town of Rogersville, PA where we met the church pastoral committee. They asked me three questions which seemed rather strange to me at the time.

They wanted to know:

- 1. Would I cut my own grass?
- 2. Could I lead singing?
- 3. How long was I going to stay?

They never asked me anything about what I would have asked or want to know about a candidate for position as their new pastor. I did cut my own grass and I stayed there for four years during my college education. But unfortunately, I could not lead singing then.

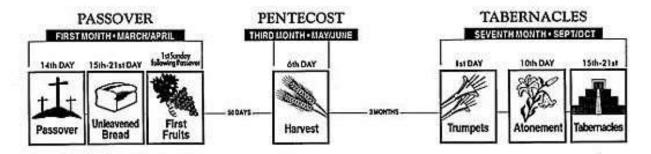
I shared Alex Newman's editorial piece from 'The New American' because it is the best overview of what is before humanity. Alex captures the big picture of how the world has been very subtly snared into the New World Order prophetically referred to in the Bible.

As I write this we are at just 49 days and counting away from September 15, 2023. This year the Feast of Trumpets, also known as Rosh HaShanah occurs September 15/16th, within the precise time frame of the UN opening session. The 78th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 78) 12–30 September 2023 in New York. The 78th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 78) will open on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. The first day of the high-level General Debate will be Monday, September 25, 2023.

The coalescing events of Prince Charles, aka The Antichrist's agenda and the first fall Feast of Trumpets seems almost too good to be true. It is unbelievable given what we have shared in previous Blessed Hope segments. However, everything known to date indicates that Prince Charles will be fulfilling the prophecy of the infamous passage of Daniel 9:27.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." The word week in Hebrew is "šābûa" and means a week of years in this passage; a heptad or seven years, The term is found in Daniel 9:24, 25, 26, 27 (twice in verse 9:27).

The Christian Meaning Of The Tewish Feasts



FEAST	CHRISTIAN EVENT	KEY CONCEPT
Passover	Crucifixion of Jesus	Justification
Unleavened Bread	Burial of Jesus	Sanctification
First Fruits	Resurrection of Jesus	Glorification
Harvest	Descent of Holy Spirit	Power
Interval of 3 Months	Current Age of the Church	Church Kingdom
Trumpets	Gathering of the Church (?)	Rapture
Day of Atonement	Second Coming of Jesus (?)	Jewish Remnant
Tabernacles	Inauguration of the Millennium	Earthly Kingdom

UN and Antichrist watcher Craig Bong provided us abundant information on the coming events and the emphasis on this treaty of "seven" years. Events in Israel have been of threatening of civil war, unrest among Israeli citizens over new legislation, IDF reservists refusing to serve in the military, and on and on and on. The problems at home in Israel are embolding the enemies of Israel and an encouraging or inviting an attack by Iran and its attack dogs of Hamas and Hezbollah. There are numerous upshots and groups vying for control of the PLO since Mahmoud Abbas is dying of cancer. The entire Middle East is a ticking time bomb. From all the information coming out of the UK, the UN, there is an uncanny emphasis on this time frame of "seven" years mentioned over and over. We are told there is only "seven" years to "save the planet"!

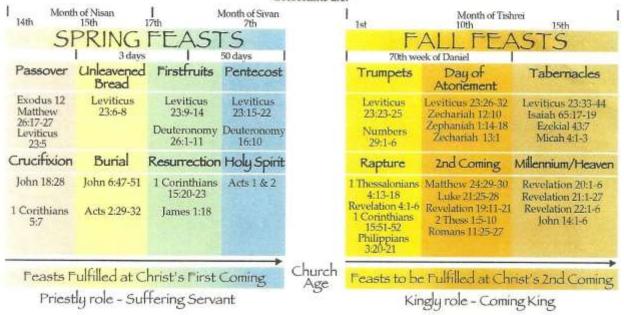
Biblical events of Isaiah 17:1-2; Ezekiel 38; are lurking and looming closer to the chaos underway in the Middle East, particularly the Syrian theater of conflict. As recent as a week ago Russian fighters had a close encounter with U.S. Air Force F-16's, and in one case, an F-16 had recorded radar "lock on" target which infers he could have shot down the Russian aircraft. A week ago, a squadron of F-16 aircraft were sent to the waters off the major waterway route for oil movements in and out of the Persian Gulf and U.S. Naval assets have returned to the area to prevent Iran from stopping and seizing oil tankers like they did a few weeks ago.

THE SEVEN JEWISH FEASTS

Appointed Feasts and Holy Convocations of Leviticus 23

"These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ"

Colossians 2:17



We can't be absolutely or totally sure that Rosh HaShanah and the events of the UN in September will be fulfilled in under two months, but it sure looks that way. If it is true, then the chances are we will be taken out of the world before the dates of September 15/16th. It is a big **if** but if it is true we will not be here to see the event of this confirmation of the Daniel 9:27 prophecy. Note that 2nd Thessalonians 2:3-8 states the church will be taken out before the Antichrist signs/confirms the prophecy of Daniel 9:27.

In the larger framework of the Middle East conflict, history, banking, geo-political events, the world is on the precipice of global collapse. Over half of the nations in the world are either bankrupt or unable to meet their financial obligations to feed their own populations. The global banking cartel are extorting third world countries to surrender control of their natural resources at sale prices in exchange for desperately needed loans.

The first world countries of the world are being told they are the reason for this imbalance of assets, and that the major nations must pay for the equalizing this imbalance. The fact is that most of the first world industralized countries are themselves bankrupt and helpless to do anything to correct the situation.



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Web Jul 26, 2023 · Shifting Your Bank Accounts to FedNow Without Your Knowledge - by Lynette Zang 7-26-2023 The FedNow payment system launched four days ago and ... explains why Wednesday's Fed announcement was a non-event. Click on the link above and learn what is happening. The obscurity and sleight of hand measures are drawing everyone into the CBDC Digital Dollar ever so innocently sounding. Lynette Zang is a reliable source of information in this effort to deceive.

Lynette exposes the extremely sneaky way banks will nudge us into Central Bank, Digital Currency (CBDC)'s. Sounds like they will use the "it's free" dog whistle to lure

people into using Central Bank, Digital Currency (CBDC)s in baby steps. Lynette thinks they probably will throw in some "free" digital money (like the Covid stimulus checks a few years ago) to make it even more attractive. Apparently they are smart enough to know that just shutting down the banking system on a Friday and forcing us into Central Bank, Digital Currency (CBDC)'s the following Monday would not go over well. This sneaky tactic will probably work quite well.

This link was a little harder to find. It's locates the banks near you that are currently participating in Moneypass. 40K is not very many at the moment, but it's probably only a matter of time before all banks are participating.

Moneypass is a Fednow system that links 40,000 participating banks that allows customers to use any of those 40K banks plus freestanding ATM locations with NO FEES!

https://www.moneypass.com/atm-locator.html.

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"In a statement to KCAL News, Bank of America pointed out that its disclosures given to customers when they open an account inform them that they can shut down that account at any time and for any reason and that they can freeze your funds if they suspect fraud."

https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/on-your-side-bank-customers-report-unexpected-account-closures/

Dr. Joseph Mercola says Chase has shut down his business accounts and family member accounts with no reason given. Dr. Mercola was a major health site that opposed the Dr. Fauci vaccine agenda.

The Federal Reserve has recently launched its move to modernize the U.S. payment system with the "FedNow" service that would allow Americans to <u>send and receive funds in seconds</u>, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Fed claimed that the said service, which has been worked on since 2019, will take out the several-day lag it commonly takes cash transfers to settle and will make the U.S. at par with the United Kingdom, India, Brazil, as well as the European Union when it comes to "real-time" purchasing system. Unlike peer-to-peer payment services like Venmo or PayPal, which act as intermediaries between banks, payments made via FedNow will settle directly in central bank accounts.

Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), who first suggested the development of a real-time payment system, said in a statement that this is "good news for American consumers and our economy." He pointed out: "The launch of FedNow will help connect Americans with their money – when they need it, immediately, in real-time – and will save consumers billions of dollars annually."

Forty-one banks and 15 service providers were already certified to use the service, including community banks and large lenders like JPMorgan Chase, Bank of New York Mellon and U.S. Bancorp, with plans to onboard more banks and credit unions within the year.

"For us, FedNow really is a wonderful way of expanding reach," said Anu Somani, head of global payables and embedded payments at U.S. Bank. "We want our clients to benefit from these capabilities, and we want that to be a competitive edge for us," Carl Slabicki, global co-head of payments for BNY Mellon's Treasury Services, added.

While the new FedNow is for everyone, it's likely to benefit consumers and small businesses the most, analysts have said. For large-scale, mostly corporate payments, FedWire is also offered – although it is only operational during business hours.

"Having the Fed in the space makes our members feel more comfortable that their needs will be met, that they will be treated fairly for pricing," said Lance Noggle, senior vice president of operations and senior regulatory counsel at the Independent Community Bankers of America.

Meanwhile, the ones that are currently operating as instant payment systems are from the private sector, including the Automated Clearing House's (ACH's) Real-Time Payments (RTP) network – which was initially opposed by big banks who said it was redundant.

Analysts: FedNow threatens financial privacy

George Selgin, a long-standing critic of FedNow, told *Axios* that the Fed recently launched the instant payment system "in response to intense lobbying by community banks that wanted an alternative to RTP, a system established in 2015 when crypto was still in its swaddling clothes."

A little competition may be good as consumers are given more options however, who would want to compete with their regulator? We may see a nearing demise of RTP.

Digging deeper into how this "digital financial manipulation" works, it does not take a genius to read the hidden agenda between the lines: this could be a prelude to central bank digital currency (CBDC) that threatens financial privacy and freedom. Here is the American Institute for Economic Research's Emile Phaneuf's view of CBDCs:

"Risks CBDCs present include the loss of settlement finality that comes with physical cash, loss of financial privacy, easy seizure of assets, loss of the ability to resolve problems at a local level with a commercial bank ...outright prohibition on spending or purchase limits with certain merchants or on certain products, and (perhaps most importantly) the paradigm shift from money as an exercise of

economic freedom to one of social engineering by central banks and their respective governments."

The latter could manifest itself in various ways, including (to name just a few) negative interest rates – essentially a confiscation of one's savings – [and] the expiry of one's money, with a date determined by the issuing central bank or its government).

Here in the United States, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has posted a job listing for a "Senior Crypto Architect" to work on the development of a digital dollar.

U.S. Representative Warren Davidson is very upset about this, because he believes that a CBDC issued by the Federal Reserve would be the "financial equivalent of the Death Star"...

The <u>job description</u> specified that the Federal Reserve seeks a technologist to "perform central bank digital currency (CBDC) research and development."

The expert will work to "ensure the Federal Reserve is well-positioned to design, develop, and implement technology to support a CBDC as may be required by the Board of Governors."

Although the job listing shows that the Federal Reserve is only working on CBDC research, Rep Davidson believes it is a sign of what is to come and described it as the *"financial equivalent of the Death Star."*

Davidson added that CBDC would turn money into a tool of coercion and control!

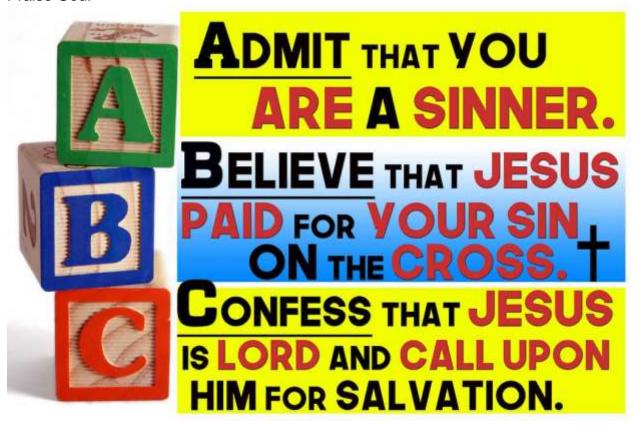
Covid shots are "Bio-weapons" intended to harm and kill! They are part of a program to Depopulate the U.S.A. and the Planet!

The only escape from the Draconian New World Order possible is asking God to save you from the wrath to come!

The "Key" Rapture Watch Day is now Rosh HaShanah on September 15th or just prior to the events of the UN meeting. How much prior is anyone's guess! The basis of this 'unknown' is 2nd Thessalonians 2:3-8.

Days to September 15th as of 7/29/23 – 48 Days

Praise God!



Blessings in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ,

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