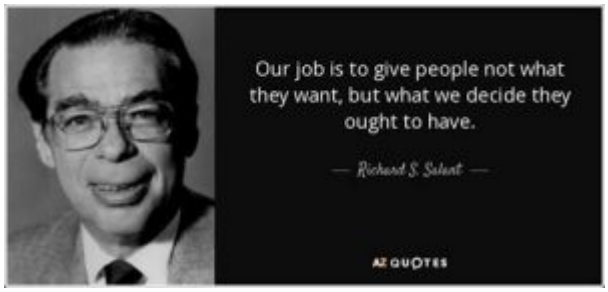
Disinformation and Fake News: Mainstream Media and Alternative Media Both Guilty



I turned into a conspiracy researcher from 1980 which was when I first read John Todd's testimonial about Witchcraft and the Illuminati. Todd taught me to read between the lines when listening to newscasters. The mainstream media is owned and controlled by large corporations. Almost by definition, a corporation's bottom line is profit, not the well being of the public. An excellent resource that brings this out is a book, "Flat Earth News" by Nick Davies. The message of that book:

> "Mainstream media (MSM) news agencies have been taken over by profit-seeking corporations. One way to raise profits is to cut costs, and cutting costs include time taken to fact check sources of information. In other words, making money rather than educating the public is the sole motivation of news corporations today. "

Conspiracy researchers such as myself have realized this instinctively and have therefore turned to alternative news media for information. My search for truth became a journey of hit and miss with alternative media. After a few months of listening to the likes of Alex Jones, Jeff Rense, David Icke, Joyce Riley, and others, I began to see they had something in common other than trying to educate the public. They all have something to sell! And it's usually health food supplements that are supposed to protect us from the effects of nuclear radiation.

On this website, I wrote about Joyce Riley's false reporting of the aftermath of the Dai-Ichi nuclear reactor in Fukushima Japan. Though she promoted health products on her website, she lived from 1948 – 2017, only 69 years. I've outlived her by one year so far. I'm not on any medications and take only vitamin C and zinc supplements, I think I'm doing OK health-wise. I can still run up a flight of stairs and ride a mountain bike for exercise.

The following is an excerpt from a New York Times magazine article by a man who once worked for Alex Jones as a video editor, Josh Owens, written on Dec. 5, 2019: I Worked for Alex Jones. I Regret It.

Soon after I was hired, Jones's Infowars-branded store – which sells

emergency-survival foods, water filters, body armor and much more — introduced an iodine supplement, initially marketed as a "shield" against nuclear fallout. Still learning the ropes, I was tasked with creating video advertisements for the supplement, which he ran on his online TV show. One of these ads started with a shot of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant as it exploded. I doubled the sound of the explosion, adding a glitch filter and sirens in the background for dramatic effect. Jones stood over my shoulder as I edited. "This is great," he said. "See if you can find flyover footage of Chernobyl as well."

Shortly after Jones began selling the supplements, someone posted a video on YouTube holding a Geiger counter displaying high radiation readings on a beach in Half Moon Bay, Calif. The video went viral, ***stoking fears that radiation from Fukushima was drifting across the Pacific Ocean****. Jones saw an opportunity and sent me, along with a reporter, a writer and another cameraman, to California. We had multiple Geiger counters shipped overnight, unaware of how to read or work them, and drove up the West Coast, frequently stopping to check radiation levels. Other than a small spike in Half Moon Bay — which the California Department of Public Health said was from naturally occurring radioactive materials, not Fukushima — we found nothing.*

Jones was furious. We started getting calls from the radio-show producers in the office, warning us to stop posting videos to YouTube stating we weren't finding elevated levels of radiation. We couldn't just stop, though; Jones demanded constant real-time content. On some of these calls, I could hear Jones screaming in the background. One of the producers told me they had never seen him so angry.

We scrambled to find something, anything we could report on. We tested freshly caught crab from a dock in Crescent City, Calif., and traveled to the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant in Avila Beach, asking fishermen if we could test the small croakers they caught off a nearby pier. We even tried to locate a small nuclear-waste facility just so we could capture the Geiger counter displaying a high number. But we couldn't find what Jones wanted, and after two weeks of traveling from San Diego to Portland, we flew back to Texas as failures, bracing for Jones's rage.

For more about Alex Jones, please see Why I stopped listening to Alex Jones

What I think about what Jeff Rense has to say about Fukushima.

Joyce Riley also came out with disinformation and lies about Fukushima

Folks, I was living in Japan during the major earthquake and tsunami that killed around 20,000 people on March 11, 2011. It seemed so ironic to me that the further away a person lives from Fukushima, the more he or she seemed to fear it! And why? They were getting fear-mongering news from the media! And alternative media actually told MORE lies about Fukushima than the mainstream media did! My home was then in Niigata City, only a little over 100 miles or 160 kilometers as the crow flies from the damaged Fukushima Dai-Ichi power plant in the town of Futaba, Fukushima Prefecture. I can tell you the thought of harmful nuclear radiation in the air from the power plant was not a topic

of discussion among the locals. Nobody was worried. But for some reason, a friend who lived hundreds of miles further away in southern Japan was spreading on the Internet all kinds of horror stories about Fukushima. And where did he get it from? From alternative media in America!

Here's a general rule of thumb for how I judge the news today: When I listen to mainstream media, I always try to read between the lines and not take anything at face value. Newscasters like Lester Holt of NBC are enjoyable to listen to, but I don't believe anything he says about the coronavirus or the importance of vaccinations. For alternative news sources, I stick with men who I see to be sincere and dedicated Christians, men like Dr. Chuck Baldwin. When I heard him say that QAnon is a hoax, I believed him. I don't follow QAnon. I'm grateful to pastor Baldwin for warning me about it. Some of my friends do follow QAnon. I think not only are they wasting their time, but they are also going to be greatly discouraged and disappointed someday when they see everything that Q promised them did not and will not come to pass.

Another way some people get news is through social media like Facebook or Twitter. This may be the least reliable method for a couple reasons.

1. Both Facebook and Twitter are subject to censorship of any information that is contrary to the mainstream narrative.

2. Well meaning friends may share information they didn't fact check. Once I got a link from a trusted friend about the Pope changing one of the Ten Commandments and adding an eleventh commandment! I immediately shared it on my Facebook timeline only to find a few hours later that it was false! Why did I share information without fact checking it? Two reasons: I got the information from a very good and trusted friend, and the information agreed with my cognitive bias about the Pope. I had to learn to always fact check. This also applies to other social media that is becoming popular such as MeWe and Parler. You won't face censorship using them, but well meaning friends can still lead you astray by their posts.

Misapplication of the Precautionary Principle has Misplaced the Burden of Proof of Vaccine Safety

The abstract statement below is from a PDF file you can download It was written by Roslyn Judith (Judy) Wilyman, an Australian anti-vaccination activist who came to prominence following the award of a humanities PhD titled “A critical analysis of the Australian government’s rationale for its vaccination policy”.

Macfarlane Burnet, (3 September 1899 – 31 August 1985), was an Australian virologist best known for his contributions to immunology.

> The “precautionary principle” is a broad epistemological, philosophical and legal approach to innovations with potential for causing harm when extensive scientific knowledge on the matter is lacking. It emphasizes caution, pausing and review before leaping into new innovations that may prove disastrous. (Definition from Wikipedia.)

I added emphasis in **bold** and *italics*.

Judy Wilyman

Abstract

Vaccination is a medical intervention that comes with a **risk** for some people.

In the expression of infectious diseases, it is known that **the pathogen alone does not cause disease**: it is a *combination* of the pathogen, environment, and genetic factors that determines expression and severity of the disease in individuals. In 1960 Macfarlane Burnet, Nobel Prize laureate for immunology, stated that genetics, nutrition, psychological and environmental factors may play a more important role in resistance to disease than the assumed benefits of artificial immunity induced by vaccination. He considered that genetic deterioration of the population may be a consequence of universal mass vaccination and he postulated that in **the long-term vaccination may be against the best interests of the state**. The current belief that much of the burden of infectious diseases can be alleviated if every child, in every geographical location, has access to multiple vaccines, does not consider the influence of genetics and environment on the health of populations. The historical record shows that deaths and illnesses to infectious diseases fell due to public health reforms – and prior to the introduction of most vaccines. Since 1990 there has been a 5-fold increase in chronic illness in children in developed countries and an exponential increase in autism that correlates directly with the expansion of government vaccination programs. Many individuals are genetically predisposed to the chronic illnesses that are increasing in the population and since 1995 governments have not used mortality or morbidity to assess outcomes of vaccination programs. Human health can be protected in government policies if the precautionary principle is used in the correct format that puts the onus of proof of harmlessness on the government and pharmaceutical industry, and not the general public. This has not been done in current vaccination programs and **we cannot rule out the possibility that the increased use of vaccines is destroying the genetic fabric of society** as MacFarlane Burnet postulated.

Reasons Why the King James Version is the Best English Translation of the Bible

The King James New Testament, alone of all the English translations, is based on the Greek text known as the Textus Receptus, which is the Greek New Testament used during the spiritual awakenings of the Reformation period. Before the invention of printing, of course, the Scriptures were transmitted by hand copying and circulation. The generally acknowledged and accepted manuscripts were, of course, widely used and so wore out fairly quickly and had to be continuously recopied on fresh papers or parchments.

Great numbers were always current, however, and there was thus a continual self-checking process going on, securing the text against any significant accumulation of copyists' errors. It was from this source that the Greek New Testament known as the Textus Receptus ("Received Text") was compiled. The great majority of the surviving manuscripts agree with this so-called "Byzantine" text, as preserved through the early centuries of Christianity by the Greek-speaking churches themselves.

When a manuscript was prepared, which either through carelessness or deliberate intent, contained significant errors or alterations, it naturally would tend to be discarded when its character was discovered. Unless it was deliberately discarded, however, it would tend to survive longer than others, for the very reason that it was not being used. This is probably the case with the so-called **Sinaitic and Vatican** manuscripts, also known as Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus / Codices B and Aleph, which were discovered in the 19th Century and which were older than any of the still-preserved manuscripts of the Received Text. It was *assumed* that because the Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus manuscripts were older than the manuscripts of the Byzantine text, they are therefore better and more accurate. This is not so! Though the manuscripts were older and appeared in better shape, it was because they were not used because of the many errors found in them!

Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus are both of dubious origin. It has been speculated by some scholars that one or both were produced by Eusebius of Caesarea on orders of Emperor Constantine. If this is true, then these manuscripts are linked to Eusibus's teacher **Origen of Alexandria**, both known for interpreting Scripture allegorically as opposed to literally. Scholars

have designated these manuscripts as Alexandrian, linking them with **Alexandria, Egypt, the region responsible for early heresies such as Gnosticism and Arianism** (the doctrine of the denial of the Trinity). Both are dated in the mid to late fourth century.

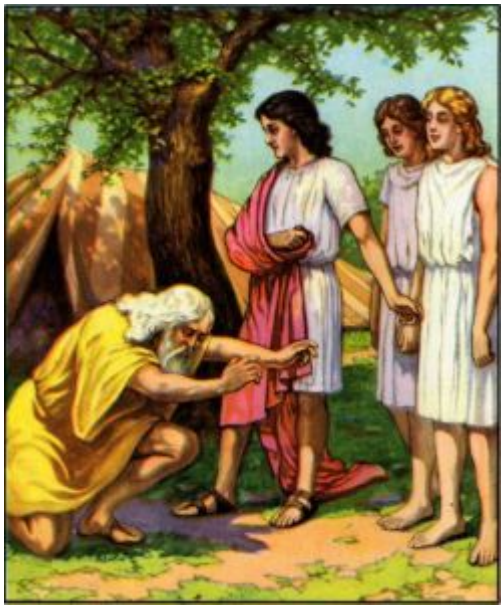
These manuscripts contain an **amazing number of obvious and careless mistakes and probably even some deliberate alterations**. Nevertheless, because of *their antiquity*, they were accepted by the scholars Westcott, Hort, Nestle and others as the basis for their Greek New Testaments, which were published in the 19th Century and which have in turn served as the basis for **all the subsequent modern English translations**!!! In other words, if you read any translation of the Bible in modern English, you are reading a translation based on a *corrupt* manuscript!

Thus there is good reason to believe that the King James Version is still the most accurate and reliable translation we have. In view of the other considerations noted above, there is certainly as yet no good reason to replace it with some ephemeral modern translation.

More reasons why the KJV is superior to all modern English translations

1. It had the most spiritual translators, real believing translators, and therefore the most spiritual and correct translation.
2. It’s the best known, the most widespread, and the most recognizable.—And if you quote it, most people will recognize it and know you’re quoting them the Bible.
3. It has been time-tested for nearly 400 years, and if you accept what it says and obey it, it works!
4. It was written at the time the English language was spoken and used in its most perfect form.
5. The English of the King James Version isn’t nearly as hard to follow as its critics say. In fact, it is in general written in a much simpler vocabulary, with a higher percentage of one and two-syllable words, than almost any of the modern translations. The King James Version, in fact, is almost universally acknowledged as the greatest of all masterpieces of English literature.
6. It is no longer copyrighted, meaning anybody can reprint it, copy it, or publish it and they don’t have to pay a copyright fee.
7. The King James Version was not just the work of one man, but the work of a very large conference of the best men of God in England, and every problem was worked out by God’s inspiration and the majority opinion.
8. The translators decided not to add footnotes and explanatory notes, preferring to let the Word speak for itself.

The Doctrine of the Trinity: Is it Biblical?



Some of my friends have called the doctrine of the Trinity, the triune Godhead, an invented doctrine by the Catholic church at the Council of Nicea of AD 325.

The standard Catholic Nicene Creed which I learned when a child says:

> We believe in one God,
> the Father, the Almighty,
> maker of heaven and earth,
> and of all that is, seen and unseen.
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> We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
> the only Son of God,
> eternally begotten of the Father,
> God from God, Light from Light,
> true God from true God,
> begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
> Through him all things were made.
> For us men and for our salvation,
> he came down from heaven:
> by the power of the Holy Spirit
> he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
> For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
> he suffered, died, and was buried.
> On the third day he rose again
> in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
> he ascended into heaven
> and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
> He will come again in glory to judge

the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he
is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

I agree with all of the above if we define “one holy catholic and apostolic church” as the spiritual Body of Christ founded on the Bible, not that man-made religion of Rome, the Pope and the cardinals, bishops and priests of the Roman Catholic church today.

The Nicene Creed expresses a triune God, the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Does the Bible teach this?

Abraham Entertains Strangers Genesis 18:2

*Genesis 18:1 ¶And the **LORD** appeared unto him (Abraham) in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;*
*2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, **three men** stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,*

The all-capitals “LORD” of Genesis 18:1 is number H3068 in Strong’s concordance. In the KJV it is the same as the Name Jehovah, the Latinization of the Hebrew □□□□□□□□ (YHWH), the proper name of the God of Israel in the Hebrew Bible. Clearly, LORD in Genesis 18:1 is God, and yet there appeared **three men**!

Some Christians think that YHWH should be pronounced Yahweh, not Jehovah. For sure there was no J sound in Hebrew. It was a Y sound or Yehovah. Take your pick.

The all-capitals “LORD” appears 9 more times in Genesis chapter 18:

*Genesis 18:13 And the **LORD** said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?*
*Genesis 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the **LORD**? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.*
*Genesis 18:17 And the **LORD** said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;*
*Genesis 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the **LORD**, to do justice and judgment; that the **LORD** may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.*
*Genesis 18:20 And the **LORD** said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;*
*Genesis 18:22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the **LORD**.*
*Genesis 18:26 And the **LORD** said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.*
*Genesis 18:33 And the **LORD** went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.*

It’s interesting that the all-capitals LORD appears 10 times in Genesis 18. “In Genesis 1 we find the phrase “God said” 10 times, which is a testimony of His creative power. God gave the 10 Commandments to man. Ten therefore represents man’s responsibility to keep the commandments. A tithe is a 10th of our earnings and is a testimony of our faith in the Lord. ” – (quoted from https://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/meaning-of-numbers-in-bible/10.html)

There is also a first-letter-only capitalized word in Genesis 18, “Lord”. In Strong’s concordance, it’s designated number H136. In Hebrew, it’s pronounced Adonay. The name Lord in the verses below are all Strong’s H136.

*Genesis 18:3 And said, **My Lord**, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:*
*Genesis 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto **the Lord**, which am but dust and ashes:*
*Genesis 18:30 And he said unto him, Oh let not **the Lord** be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.*
*Genesis 18:32 And he said, Oh let not **the Lord** be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten’s sake.*
*Genesis 18:31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto **the Lord**: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty’s sake.*

These verses are clearly referring to the Godhead.

There is yet one more case of the word in Genesis chapter 18, and it’s written in all lower case “lord”. In Strong’s concordance, it’s H113, adonadon, meaning master.

*Genesis 18:12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my **lord** being old also?*

Sarah was clearly referring to her husband Abraham who she called lord.

To sum up Genesis 18, the word LORD appears 10 times and the word Lord appears 5 times. Both LORD and Lord refer to God. In each case Abraham was talking to 3 people when he was talking to God! This indicates to me the first proof of a triune God, the Trinity, after Genesis 1:26 in which God is referring to Himself in the plural!

Genesis 1:26 ¶And God said, Let ***us*** make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Are there other examples in the Bible that indicate a triune God? The KJV uses the word Godhead exactly 3 times!

*Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the **Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.*
*Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:*
*Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.*

The Gospel of Matthew tells us we are to be baptized in three Names:

*Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**:*

The clincher Scripture for me that proves the Trinity is

*1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost**: and these three are one.*

The Word is of course referring to Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Yes indeed, the doctrine of the Trinity, the triune God, is certainly biblical!

Adventures in the Russian Arctic City of Murmansk

I posted this article on my old website on kt70.com/~jamesjpn 20 years ago. It was hosted by my friend Kengo Tahaha for free. A few years ago he told me he would stop paying for the server. Only today, Dec. 9, 2020, I realized I hadn't copied it to this website.

"Murmansk (Russian: Му́рманск, is a port city and the administrative center of Murmansk Oblast in the far northwest part of Russia. It sits on both slopes and banks of a modest ria or fjord, Kola Bay, an estuarine inlet of the Barents Sea. Its bulk is on the east bank of the inlet. It is in the north of the rounded Kola Peninsula which covers most of the oblast. The city is 108 kilometers (67 mi) from the border with Norway and 182 kilometers (113 mi) from the Finnish border. The city is named for the Murman Coast, which is in turn derived from an archaic term in Russian for "Norwegian". " – Quoted from Wikipedia

I visited the Russian city of Murmansk by train from St. Petersburg a total of ten times from 1995 to 1997. Murmansk is the largest city in the world that is north of the Arctic Circle. Though north of the Arctic Circle, the winters are relatively mild due to a warm ocean current that crosses the Atlantic from the Gulf of Mexico. There are nearly 24 hours of darkness from Dec. 2 to January 20 and 24 hours of daylight in June and July.

Murmansk (red circle drawn around it) is located on the Kolsky peninsula near the Arctic Ocean. You can see St. Petersburg is located about 1000 Kilometers to the south. Winters are long and summers very short with only about 14 really nice warm days. Anybody with any money at all goes down south for their summer vacations, often to the Black Sea.

Here you can see the relationship of the Kolsky peninsula with the rest of the world.

Murmansk in the summertime! The body of water in front is the Kolsky bay.

Lenin Street, Murmansk.

This is the main street of the town that runs past the train station. There’s a large statue of Lenin still standing in a small park on this street.

What Murmansk usually looks like! Cold, drab, and dreary.

The poor lady in the photo has to stand outdoors all day to sell a bit of fish and beans to make a living! Let’s think about her the next time we are tempted to complain how “bad off” we are!

March of 1996, Murmansk. I’m standing next to a park buried in snow.

Yana and Ruth. Ruth is a native of Murmansk who decided to become a follower of Jesus after receiving the Gospel from my fellow missionaries in Russia.

See, it’s not cold all the time! A nice warm June day in Murmansk. July turns cold again with rainy weather with highs only 13 C or in the lower 50s F.

A man collecting beer bottles to resell to make a living. Unless the bottle is broken, it won’t be lying on the ground for long in Russia. Some people even intentionally leave their bottles on the street for the poor to pick them up.

With Ukrainian Faithy just before boarding a train to go to Murmansk. It’s a 36-hour train trip one way from St. Petersburg. I’ve been back and forth exactly 10 times which means I lived 25 days on that train!

The lady in the middle and her friend on the right was so glad to meet Faithy and me! She lost her business due to pressure from the Mafia.

With Inna Hairdresser and her friend Anna.

Ukrainian Lydia with children at an orphanage we visited.

Natasha from Monchigorsk with a Sami girl. The “Sami” people are the same as the Lapp people of northern Norway, Finland, and Sweden. They are reindeer herders. Once I saw a race with reindeers pulling sleighs around a track during a winter festival in Murmansk. It was fun but also very cold that day so I couldn’t stay outside for more than 30 minutes without freezing.

Snezhana with Sergei. Sergei served as an Army Officer in the Soviet Army for 20 years. He says he doesn’t believe in God. He does seem to believe in alcohol to help him overcome his problems. Poor guy! I really tried to help him. But no, he “knows too much” to believe in God, ha! However, he did laugh at my jokes.

Another proof that Russia and even the Russian Arctic is NOT cold all year round! Over 400,000 people live in Murmansk and the surrounding area.

During a festival in the central town square where we often distributed Gospel tracts. Once when a policeman asked what I was passing out, I told him it is religious literature and how glad I am I have the freedom now to preach the Gospel in his country! He agreed and said, “Ten years ago, I would have thrown you into prison!”

Again with Inna Hairdresser and her friend Anna.

Anna in the center with her friend the librarian on the right. This is at the entrance of a college dormitory. All the dorms in Russia seem to be co-ed. We visited this particular dorm frequently to share with the students the Message of God's Love and the Gospel and made many friends. Anna is Jewish. There wasn't a single time during the 3 and a half years I spent in Russia that a Russian Jew objected to me sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them! They were all sweet people.

The Murmansk team of the summer of 1996! Left to right: Yanek, me, Swedish Teen, Andrew, and Angela.

At a top high school in Murmansk. This school is right on Lenin St. in the heart of town. The head of the English department invited me to speak in English to the students on a regular basis. She gave me the freedom to speak on any subject I chose, so of course, I chose Biblical subjects! There was no pay for this but they did give us lunch. There was never a time in the schools in Murmansk that I was forbidden to read from the Bible! – Something I can't even do in my own country (the US of A)!!! Actually, it is technically a no-no in Russia too, but Murmansk is so far away from Moscow

and nobody really cares what the central government says anymore. At least they didn't care when I was there from 1994 to 1997.

With Snezhana (her name means *snow flake* in Russian) and Natasha from Monchegorsk. The name of her city means "beautiful city". The name *Monchegorsk* is a combination of two words, the first from the Sami language and the second from Russian. I've never been there, but I can bet that the only thing beautiful there is the beautiful people who inhabit it, not the ugly drab Soviet-style architecture!

Three people trying to pull a refrigerator up a slope!

With a school principal of one of the schools in Murmansk. She wanted to take me on summer vacation to her home country of Belarus.

Belarussian Yanek with Natasha and friends.

What Are the Beasts of Revelation Chapter 13?

Revelation 17:7b … the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

> Revelation 13:1 ¶And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
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> Revelation 13:11 ¶And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

Notice I used the word “what” in the title of this article, not the pronoun “who”. It’s because the Book of Daniel clearly identifies what a “beast” is. It’s used as a metaphor for a kingdom or an empire, and not a person.

> Daniel 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one

> from another.
> 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.
> 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.
> 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.
> 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

The Beasts of Daniel 7 represented four empires.
Babylon
Greece
Medo-Persia
Rome

I think it’s safe to say most Bible prophecy studies will not debate that. The term “beast” is therefore a metaphor, symbolical language. Therefore I do not agree with Pastor John MacArthur when he says prophecy is always literal. Some prophecies such as the Messiah born of a virgin are indeed literal, but to call an empire a “beast” clearly indicates symbolism.

One website on the subject says:

> Maybe you have asked the question what are the two beasts in Revelation 13? The short answer is they represent the Antichrist and the False Prophet.

I thought so too for 40 plus years, but I no longer agree with that statement.

I used to associate the Beast of Revelation 13 with the Antichrist who is supposed to rise to power and rule the earth for a final 7 years just before the return of Jesus Christ. I’ve come to see this interpretation as based on the Futurist school of interpretation which I believe to be false. I am a Historicist, the school of prophetic interpretation which was held by the Protestant Reformers and Baptists up to the end of the 18th century. It was John Nelson Darby and his Plymouth Brethern who in 1830 introduced to the evangelical Christian world the futurist interpretations of the Books of Daniel, Revelation, and Matthew 24. In other words, Darby and his people took prophecies that were fulfilled in the past claiming they are yet to be

fulfilled in the future! And sad to say, by and by these doctrines were eventually accepted by the prestigious Dallas Theological Seminary and spread around the world.

The point I want to make in this article is this: The “Beast” today represents Globalism, the Shadow Government, the Deep State. Why would the entire world react the same way to the pandemic with lockdowns, guarantees, the use of face masks, and social distancing? Answer: It’s all coming from the same source, the Beast! It’s unprecedented in history. Lockdowns are crashing the economy, and it may all be leading up to the Mark of the Beast. Is it too far fetched to think the Mark may have something to do with a mandatory coronavirus vaccination?

Just in my lifetime, I can tell you many times the Beast told me something that turned out later to be false. The Gulf War of 1990 was justified because “Iraqi soldiers were taking babies out of hospital incubators and laid on the floor to die.” (False!) The invasion of Iraq was justified because of “weapons of mass destruction”. (False!) The Vietnam War was justified to “save the world from Communism.” And now though all of Vietnam is Communist, it has become an economic competitor to the USA! These wars cost the lives of millions of people! If the Beast would lie about that through its mouth – the mainstream media – why would you believe what it’s saying now about the pandemic and the coming vaccines? I sure don’t trust anything the media is telling me, and that includes not only liberal media, but conservative as well.