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Salus Animarum Suprema Lex Esto (Canon Law 175)

The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law in the Church

## *What!?* I'm Gonna Die!?



### **COVID-19:**

## **the Crown of Death An Impolite Reminder**

**Who gave much thought to it before the Corona Virus — COVID-19 —**

made the *inevitable* a distinct *possibility*? Suddenly we are confronting the possibility of widespread death — even Democrats who have made widespread death through abortion, infanticide, “a woman’s right” to murder her own children, assisted-suicide, and euthanasia, an integral part of their Democratic platform ... to make everyone’s life better, you understand (except, of course, those they acrimoniously legislate to kill.)

But this looming death — COVID-19 — *even for Democrat ideologues* is far more terrible than selectively killing off babies — even those who survive abortion and are butchered alive: *it fetches off whom it pleases*: Democrat as well as Republican, Liberal as well as Conservative. I mean, who wants *indiscriminate* death?

According to Democratic demagogues, death must be either *chosen* or *legislated* and eventually become the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution. But it must NOT be indiscriminate! It must be — to use the now tiresome phrase that applies to anything — “weaponized” against non-liberals, non-Democrats, and everyone else who is not in lock-step with them.

COVID-19? A political device that, in agreement with General Secretary Xi Jinping of China is the fault of President Trump and Conservative Americans who

have not been correctly indoctrinated—“re-educated” at American universities and colleges — and who maliciously believe the “propaganda” that Chairman Jinping himself, and his CCP, are largely and inexcusably at fault. Yes, there really *are* people — many of them — mostly Democrats, together with Anarchists and Nihilists — who hold that ideology is dearer than life itself.

Until it comes to them, or waits at their doorstep. They *fear* dying, even while they mercilessly inflict death on the innocent. They fear death even more than they fear *not* toeing the Party line.

“And all this — COVID-19, death, sickness, and all the attending inconveniences — are mysteriously because of President Trump and unenlightened social and political conservatives” who are so backward, so ill-informed, that they actually believe in *absolute* values like life, traditional families, religion and the like. And, oh yes ... they are all carrying guns under their jackets and skirts and are secretly white-supremacists ... even if they are black.

*Let's cut to the chase: you are going to die!* Sometime. And with absolute certainty. Democrats may sooner or later *legislate* your death for some capricious reason that for the time being gains superficial and utterly specious social or political traction — and actually sounds “cool” to them — the proof of which

resides in the trenchant and *profound wisdom* of the late night “comedians” who eagerly lend their *levitas-cum-gravitas* to seal an otherwise bankrupt agendum through derision; ... *or* you may die by COVID-19, a heart attack, stroke, or “other” serious but non-infectious illness or disease, or *even* old age (until Democrats eventually find longevity inconvenient).

### **Allow me to insult you further (as well you deserve) —**

It is time to trample upon your factitious, fragile, democratic, and genderless sensitivities ... to invade your “Safe Spaces.” It will give me great pleasure and I will indulge myself.

Allow me to put this appalling state of affairs into perspective: although Holy Mother Church has not declared it so — especially under the extremely sensitive, earthy, idolatrous, profane, and feckless papacy of Francis — the entire matter appears rather clear *to me*: it is at least *plausible* — *it would certainly be “just”*— and therefore *extremely likely*, that this 21st century plague is entirely and existentially commensurable with this generation’s utter repudiation of God, reason, morality, and decency. To repudiate God *is* to repudiate all three.

## Look around:

- The *murder* of children *in* — *and, if still alive, now outside* — *their own mother's wombs*. *Babies* who somehow survive abortions are either *butchered alive* or *left unaided to die* unattended while those who botched the abortion stand by.
- The *depraved lusting of men for boys* and other men.
- The *unnatural lusting of women for other women*.
- The *pretension* of “*choice-of-gender*” or “*no gender*” — despite all biologically discernible physical appendages (or the absence of them).
- The inhumane practice of “*Gender-re-assignment*” through cosmetic surgery — however clearly artificial and incongruous the outcome. (think 6’-2” x 220 lbs. with a baritone voice, a pronounced Adam’s Apple, and a “5 O’clock shadow”).
- *Lawsuits between parents, one of whom ideologically insists that their child is the opposite sex of which he or she is born* despite the presence of the ineradicable YX (male) or XX (female) chromosome that *scientifically* defines gender. In other words, *the child* becomes a *means* to advocating an *abnormal social agendum* — *despite a 40-50% rate of attempted suicide* among those with an artificially engineered sexual identity.<sup>1</sup>
- “*Drag-Queen Story Hours*” at local libraries to which “liberal, enlightened, and progressive” mothers bring their *innocent* children — to introduce them to, and to indoctrinate them in, abnormal gender dysphoria — as though it were “normal” (it is not).
- *God and prayer banished from schools and public places* as an impediment to the corrupt and militantly atheistic agenda of “more enlightened and progressive” men and women who disdain those who are religious as backward, uneducated, ill-informed, and unenlightened ... peasants. They are

not among the smug “illuminati” — *who know better*.

- *Licentiousness as “liberated sexuality”* — despite Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs): HIV, chlamydia, syphilis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and attending illnesses, co-morbidity, and morbidity.
- *Pornography as “entertainment”* that has become among the most widely accessed venues on the Internet.
- *Widespread “recreational” drug use* — cocaine, methamphetamines (“meth”), opioids, crack, marijuana, ecstasy, heroin, flakka — together with the **crime, violence, and death** that accompanies it.
- *Nominally Catholic institutions of higher-learning removing crucifixes and identifiably Catholic statuary, frescoes, and religious art, in obeisance to a “progressive,” liberal, and militantly secular culture.*
- *Nominally Catholic students at Nominally Catholic Colleges crying out for abortion while viciously (often physically) attacking Pro-Life Students and denouncing them (in their typically Democratic “open-mindedness”) with relentlessly repetitive, loathsome, and utterly tiresome mantras. Having failed to mature into adulthood, they neurotically regress to the immature mindset that they learned as spoiled brats: if one repeats something over and over *ad nauseam*, they will get their way *as they always have* (“I want it!”, “I want it!”, “I want it!”, “I want it!”) still believing that mere childish *repetition* will mysteriously overcome adult opposition — and that the word “no” to them (with which most of them are unfamiliar) will finally collapse under the insufferable weight of their adolescent malice, bring *acceptance* by wearying us into submission with their juvenile ditties: “Keep your Rosaries off my ovaries”, “Right to Life that’s a lie! You don’t care if women die”, “Woman’s body, woman’s choice”, and other such breath-taking profundities. Faces filled with hate, these Socialist pupae denounce what they cannot assail, including sanity, logic, and reason, as they sulk in their “Safe Spaces” against every imaginary “Micro-aggression” possible. Cuddling their university-supplied stuffed comfort animal in one hand, they*

would throttle an infant with the other. Cool!

- The *defiance of every form of authority* (outside the *Democratic Party*). That is to say, utter “*freedom-from*” and *absolute “freedom-to” — anything*.
- A pagan earth goddess — “*Pachamama*” idolized and formally worshipped in the Vatican Gardens before the approving eyes of Francis and his apostate Bishops who *promote* a primitive fable of the Amazonian “*mother earth goddess*” as the paradigm of true spirituality — rather than proclaiming the authentic Evangel of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Pachapapa* apotheosizes “the environment” while mocking and repudiating the “*rigid and outdated*” Catholic religion of the 2000 years of his predecessors. *Pachapapa* is an unabashed Modernist — and, perhaps, a pagan himself.
- *Francis declares that the current Plague of COVID-19 is not a chastisement from God* (as a result of of all the above) *but rather is [Mother Earth “having a fit”](#)* because of “*environmental pollution*.”

## **In a word, we more than *deserve* this pestilence**

America has become *Liberal Amerika*, and the jack-boot is on any throat of dissent or defiance.

To advert to a colloquial term presently unacceptable in polite ecclesiastical discourse, the present situation in which we find ourselves amid this escalating pestilence it is not at all unlikely *a chastisement from God* — and it is altogether *appropriate* that Godless Communist China was the flail.

Does this mean that God does not *affirm*, anoint, and bless us in all our desires, crimes and perversity? Indeed, *how can that possibly be*, given the gentle, kind, all-loving, all-forgiving, non-demanding, and totally avuncular nature of God Who merely winks at our waywardness — that is to say, the “God” we have been weaned upon for the past 60 years since the conclusion of Vatican II Who holds none accountable and has only one everlasting (and blissful) abode for *all of us* despite His insistent babbling about penance, atonement, and that forever-distant never-never-land that He called Hell in that fairy-tale called Holy Scripture? Such a “God” would *never* bridle our wantonness!

We need to be *affirmed* ... not *saved*! He damned-well knows that!

We’ll leave you to argue that line of reasoning at the Last Judgment.

To return to the matter at hand:

## **You are going to die! 100% Guaranteed!**

And *Who* decides — unless you take your own life — is not you! Nor *when* you die.

*You do not believe in God so why fear?* There is no Hell for you or anyone else! It



is the extinction of consciousness, or self-awareness — and so there is no “you” to be bothered by whatever transpires after you buy the farm. How quickly, at the hour of your death, will all the illusions you cherish about the continuation of your petty self in some insane form of “energy” or whatever you conceive to be the boat that you will float on forever — how quickly your irresponsible fantasies abandon you when you realize that there *is* a Judge after all and that there *are* consequences to the way in which you have squandered your life. Deep down inside you *knew* it — but hedged your bets on having the best of BOTH worlds.

You won’t.

COVID-19 is a “wake up call” to your delirium (opiated or otherwise) that life will go on forever — for *you*!

It is equally a call to what appears dreadfully present: the time to *repent* (remember that long-disdained word abolished after Vatican II?) and to believe what God Himself has revealed to you through His Only-Begotten Son Jesus Christ.

There *are* things that you *must* do! And there are things that you *must never* do!

And there is *One* in Whom you *must* believe. However “superior” you conceitedly believe your “intellect” to be, there are greater things than the *self* — and

particularly *yourself*

The First and foremost is God. But it should be of deeply personal interest to you that there are OTHER things as well ... like Heaven, and ... yes ... Hell. And both are forever.

Whether or not you die today or next month is of little consequence. What is paradoxically vital is that you recognize it. *You are going to die.*

Repent and be converted. “Now is the acceptable time.” (2 Corinthians 6.2)

“How quaint!”, you smugly say — as the corpses increasingly surround you — exponentially, day by day.

I do not agree. But I am, admittedly, among the peasants you disdain: how can I possibly and credibly contend with such progressive, educated, enlightened, sophisticated, and inflexible *ideologues*?

However, I will suggest that you have *everything* to gain — and much suffering — even *eternal* suffering — to lose. *Pascals’s Wager* \* I submit, is apropos to the argument — and your wager has never been higher.

I will also remind you that you did not make the world, and had no say in it. This applies equally to what lies beyond it.

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\* **Summary:**

- **God exists, or He does not.**
- We cannot appeal to Reason to determine which proposition is true. It is, however, necessarily the case that *the proposition is true or that it is not true.*
- *Both* cannot be true and both cannot be false.
- Since Reason cannot determine the truth-value (true, or not-true) of either proposition, we *must* at the very least appeal to the historically *universal intelligibility* of the proposition itself. The question “God exists or God does not exist” is a *coherent* question regardless of whether the answer is affirmative or not. If the **question** is intelligible, then the *concept implicit in*

**the question** is intelligible as well. It is in no way answering the question.

This is to say that the existence of God is either plausible or implausible — which is another way of saying that whether God exists or does not exist is either *possibly true* or *possibly untrue*. Given that it is *at least possibly true* — and that such a proposition has a conceptual pedigree that appears to coincide with humankind itself — the *possibly true* necessarily admits of the *probably true* as *possible*.

- Given that the proposition can attain to *only probably true* at best and that probability “means” “as likely as not” — given the preponderance of **historical** evidence (*in the absence of any other kind of evidence*), **probability alone** is all that we can invoke — although it will never provide a decisive answer.
- “You *must* wager (it is not optional)” That is to say, **you are alive** and **you are going to die**. The consequences of each are inevitable. There is no conditional *if*.
- “Let us weigh the gain and the loss in wagering that God **is**. Let us estimate these two chances. **If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing**.”
- “Wager, then, without hesitation that He is. There is here an infinity of an infinitely happy life to gain, a chance of gain against a finite number of chances of loss, and what you stake is finite. And so our proposition is of

infinite force when there is the finite to stake in a game where there are equal risks of gain and of loss, and the infinite to gain.”

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### **The Argument in its Entirety:**

“If there is a God, He is infinitely incomprehensible, since, having neither parts nor limits, He has no affinity to us. We are then incapable of knowing either what He is or if He is....

...“God is, or He is not.” But to which side shall we incline? Reason can decide nothing here. There is an infinite chaos which separated us. A game is being played at the extremity of this infinite distance where heads or tails will turn up. What will you wager? According to reason, you can do neither the one thing nor the other; according to reason, you can defend neither of the propositions.

Do not, then, reprove for error those who have made a choice; for you know nothing about it. "No, but I blame them for having made, not this choice, but a choice; for again both he who chooses heads and he who chooses tails are equally at fault, they are both in the wrong. The true course is not to wager at all.”

Yes; but you must wager. It is not optional. You are embarked. Which will you choose then? Let us see. Since you must choose, let us see which interests you least. You have two things to lose, the true and the good; and two things to stake, your reason and your will, your knowledge and your happiness; and your nature has two things to shun, error and misery. Your reason is no more shocked in choosing one rather than the other, since you must of necessity choose. This is one point settled. But your happiness? Let us weigh the gain and the loss in wagering that God is. Let us estimate these two chances. If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation that He is.

“That is very fine. Yes, I must wager; but I may perhaps wager too much.”

Let us see. Since there is an equal risk of gain and of loss, if you had only to gain two lives, instead of one, you might still wager. But if there were three lives to gain, you would have to play (since you are under the necessity of playing), and you would be imprudent, when you are forced to play, not to chance your life to gain three at a game where there is an equal risk of loss and gain. But there is an eternity of life and happiness. And this being so, if there were an infinity of chances, of which one only would be for you, you would still be right in wagering one to win two, and you would act stupidly, being obliged to play, by refusing to stake one life against three at a game in which out of an infinity of chances there is one for you, if there were an infinity of an infinitely happy life to gain. But there is here an infinity of an infinitely happy life to gain, a chance of gain against a finite number of chances of loss, and what you stake is finite.”

**Pensées**, part III, §233

Blaise Pascal (French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and Catholic theologian)

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-transgender-teen-suicide/trans-teens-much-more-likely-to-attempt-suicide-idUSKCN1LS39K>

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