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Just where has the corona virus come from?

We ask this question in the light of the DUP's rejection that the virus is a judgment from the hand of God. It has been widely reported that the DUP does not believe that the present plague troubling virtually the whole world, the Coronavirus, is a judgment sent of God.

For the Christian, a few verses from the Bible will settle this matter and indicate that the DUP is utterly wrong, AGAIN!

1. "Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?" Amos 3:6. The obvious answer to that question is 'NO!' The Baptist commentator, John Gill said this of these words:

"Shall there be evil in a city, and shall not the Lord do" or "work"? shall sin be committed in a city, all sorts of sin, in the most bold and extravagant manner, and will not the Lord do something to show his resentment of it? is it not time for him to arise and work for his name's sake? will he not visit for these things, and be avenged on such a city, and the inhabitants of it? but this may be interpreted of the evil of affliction or judgment; which, wherever it comes, is by the order and appointment of God, and is inflicted by him; thus evil, as well as good, comes out of the mouth and hand of the most High; and he creates the evil of adversity, as well as makes peace and prosperity."

2. "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will," Ephesians 1:11-12.

The Shorter Catechism states the matter thus: "He (the Lord) hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass." (Answer 7). That being so, and it is, then the events that have come to pass in recent days HAVE come from the hand of the Lord!

We might conclude by asking if this coronavirus is looked upon as a blessing by the DUP?

Surely even they cannot consider it such! That being so, and since it undoubtedly has come from the Lord, it has come as a blight and a curse and a judgment from Him.

That necessitates our asking 'WHY?'

Below is excellent article from 'The Protestant Revival' webpage, gives a very detailed answer to that question. I have reproduced it below for your reading but you may visit the Protestant Revival website [here](#).

I commend it to our readers.

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Coronavirus 'certainly not' a punishment from God, say the DUP

Surely any true child of God cannot fail to see the judgment of God at work during this coronavirus crisis. As this world grows ever more rebellious against our Creator, it is tempting Him more and more.

God is patient, we are reminded of this in 2 Peter 3:9, which says: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."



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However, God's patience does not last forever. He gave Sodom and Gomorrah every chance to turn from their sin, but eventually He visited judgment upon them. He let Saul hold the throne of Israel for 40 years, but eventually He took him away. He let many other evil kings hold their positions of power for lengthy periods, such as Ahab, who reigned 22 years, Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, renowned for making Israel to sin, reigned the same period of time, while the second king called Jeroboam reigned for 41 years.

God bears with evil men sometimes for not long, but often He bears with them for a long time.

It can seem there are no consequences for wilful and persistent sinning.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 touches on this, when it says: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

This is no slight on God in allowing wicked men to carry on in their sin, but rather a condemnation of the totally depraved heart of man.

We bear the guilt of our own actions, as the Saviour even outlined in Matthew 18:7: "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!"

However, we are sure that, whether it be immediately, as was the case even for some of the evil kings of Israel and Judah, or whether it be "in the long grass", as we might say, God will reckon for sin.

And are we not seeing that even now in the death, misery, sorrow, isolation and financial ruin being caused by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic sweeping across the world?

So much of this world has turned its back completely on the Lord.

Throughout the world now there are moves to celebrate that for which God destroyed the aforementioned cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, with 'Pride' parades polluting so many city centres.

Throughout the world now, infanticide, known euphemistically as abortion, is so commonplace, it is the biggest killer worldwide. At the time of writing, there have been nearly 12.7 million abortions carried out globally this year so far. That is an average of about 117,000 every day.

So far, coronavirus has claimed the lives of somewhere in the region of 160,000 people worldwide.

Roughly that same number of unborn babies have been done away with in the past 33 hours.

Due to the threat posed by coronavirus, the world has come to a virtual standstill out of fear over how many lives will be lost, yet babies continue to be murdered en masse with a callous disregard for their lives.

Indeed, baby murder campaigners have been howling with outrage that Northern Ireland's health minister, Robin Swann, didn't seem to be prioritising the implementation of the new wicked abortion laws in our country enough for their liking. Apparently his preoccupation with a global pandemic was an unsatisfactory explanation for his mind being elsewhere.

The Alliance Party MP Stephen Farry intervened to state his belief abortion pills should be made available for women to conveniently kill their own flesh and blood from the comfort of their own home, showing once again for all to see what a wicked group the Alliance Party is.

Northern Ireland has, of course, recently had the foul, retrograde laws forced upon us to allow baby murder on demand and facilitate sodomite marriage.

And it is in this environment that a DUP Councillor took to social media to express his belief the coronavirus pandemic was a punishment from God.



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Naturally, this was met by a huge outcry from the same easily offended people who are not in the least of-fended by the notion of murdering a baby in their mother's womb.

His horrendously offensive Facebook post said: "I said when abortion was legalised that our nation would be judged by God because of its departure from his word and the legalisation of the murder of the unborn child as well as same-sex marriage.

"You reap what you sow and our nation is now reaping the judgment of God because of an immoral and corrupt government."

Not a thing wrong with what DUP Councillor John Carson, who represents the Ballymena area in County Antrim, said there.

However, sadly he then issued a craven apology to anyone he may have offended.

He said: "...anyone who knows me will know that I would not intentionally set out to cause hurt or offence to anyone and if I did then for that I humbly apologise."

John Carson went on to say he would not apologise for standing up for his Christian beliefs but he already effectively had.

The enemies of the gospel are loud and proud in their rejection of God's Word, yet Christians seem reluctant to share God's Word and apologetic if they do.

Matthew 5:13-16 gives us the words of the Saviour when He speaks of how we are not to be ashamed of Him.

He says: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

While John Carson backing down was sad, it was much sadder still to hear the view then expressed by his party, the party founded by Rev Ian Paisley, a man who, in his heyday, was a fearless preacher of God's Word, used mightily of the Lord in our land.



Diane Dodds (pictured), recently parachuted back into Stormont after a number of years as a Member of the European Parliament and promptly landed into the vaunted (and generously paid at £87,500 per annum) role of economy minister (no doubt her being married to the party's deputy leader, Nigel Dodds, is in no way a factor in her abrupt promotion), said "it certainly does not reflect the views of the DUP".

What a long way the DUP has fallen that they shun the view that God's hand is in the affairs of men, but rather that God is detached from the world we live in.

Worse still, when asked if John Carson would be disciplined, Diane Dodds said she was "presuming it will go to party officers", a euphemistic way of saying "yes".

So the DUP is at the very least threatening a councillor who took a Biblical view (before his cowardly backtracking) with censure or punishment of some kind.

How far this party has fallen.

If you are as yet looking at the DUP with any type of hope, believing they might just be willing to take a



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stand for God, we would urge you to reconsider.

The DUP has a lesbian councillor, the DUP has allowed one of its MLAs (Paula Bradley) to sign off on **allowing a disgusting 'drag queen' act be held at Stormont**, the DUP has funnelled thousands of pounds to sodomite groups and one of its senior MLAs, Mervyn Storey (pictured) met with and congratulated the leader of the utterly God-defying Cor-meela Community on 50 years of its existence.



This is the direction of travel within the DUP – the number of born again Christians within the party, both elected representatives and party officials, continues to dwindle.

How often do we hear a Biblical case put forward by the DUP any more for anything?

John Carson, who, despite his backtracking, is better than those who stay silent, was pushed back into his box very quickly by the DUP party machine.

May God save us from relying on any political party for succour, but rather let us look always to Him.

Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Saviour and not on man.

Psalm 118:8-9: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."