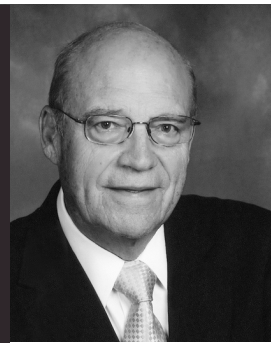




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Just Six Numbers Sir Martin Rees

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“Astronomy is the oldest numerical science...is still the science of numbers, and this book is the story of six that are crucial for our universe, and our place in it.” (preface)

Just six numbers determine the essential features of the physical universe or cosmos. If these numbers vary to any degree there is no universe.

1—The strength of the electrical forces that hold atoms together divided by the force of gravity between them. The number is 10 to the 36th power.

2—The proportion of energy that is released when hydrogen fuses into helium. The number is 0.007. If it were 0.006 or 0.008 we would not exist.

3—The actual density of matter in the universe to a “critical” density. The number is 0.4. If it were 0.3 or 0.5 there would be no universe.

4—Amount of Cosmic anti-gravity in the universe but value at present unknown. Weakest force in nature, but without it there would be no universe.

5—The ratio of the energy required to break apart a galaxy compared to its “rest mass energy.” The number is 10 to the negative 5th power or 0.00001. If different there would be no universe.

6—The spatial dimensions in our world. The number is 3. Life could not exist if it were 2 or 4.

Although Rees is an atheist and accepts the multiverse theory (infinite universes with infinite numbers), he does not think one irrational for accepting the proposition that a beneficent Creator finely tuned the universe with the specific intention of producing us (i.e., human beings)—See pages 23 and 150 in *Just Six Numbers*.

Here are 11 quotes to encourage your reading of Martin Rees’ book.

1—“How can the forces of biological development and the forces of physical degeneration be operating at cross purposes? It would take, of course, a far greater mind than mine even to attempt to penetrate this riddle. I can only pose the question because it seems to me the question most worth asking and working upon with all our intellectual and scientific resources.” (Sydney Harris, cited in Henry Morris, *The Modern Creation Trilogy: Science and Creation*, Master Books, Vol. 2, 1997, p. 137.)

2—“If Halton Arp is correct [about the red-shifts not being distance indicators] . . . he will have single-handedly shaken all modern astronomy to its very foundations . . . One of the pillars of modern astronomy and cosmology will come crashing down in a turmoil unparalleled since Copernicus dared to suggest that the sun, not the earth, was at the center of the solar system.” (William Kaufmann, cited in Walter Brown, *In The Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood*, 2001, p. 25.)

3—“The problem of explaining the existence of galaxies has proved to be one of the thorniest in cosmology. By all rights they shouldn’t be there, yet there they sit. It’s hard to convey the depth of frustration this simple fact induces in scientists.” (James Trefil, cited in Walter Brown, *In The Beginning*, p. 26,27.)

4—“Nature makes everything in vain. After all, what is evolution? A mindless process built on evil; that’s what it is . . . Natural Selection seems smart to those who see only the surviving products; but as a design, it is idiotic. And the raw brutality of the process is offensive. . . The mix of good and evil in evolution is diabolical . . . In the long run, all good loses out to evil...We can believe in evolution and yet not condone it. We ought to combat it.” (Arthur Falk, *The Humanist*, Vol. 55, Nov/Dec 1995, pp. 23-25.)

5—"Can you tell me anything you know about evolution, any one thing that is true?" I tried that question on the geology staff at the Field Museum of Natural History and the only answer I got was silence. I tried it on the members of the Evolutionary Morphology seminar in the University of Chicago, a very prestigious body of evolutionists, and all I got there was silence for a long time. Eventually one person said, 'I do know one thing: it ought not to be taught in high school.'" (Colin Patterson, cited in Paul Johnson, *Darwin on Trial*, p. 10.)

6—"I suppose that nobody will deny that it is a great misfortune if an entire branch of science becomes addicted to a false theory. But that is what has happened in Biology . . . I believe that one day the Darwinian myth will be ranked the greatest deceit in the history of science." (Soren Lovtrup, *Darwinism: The Refutation of a Myth*, New York: Croom Helm, 1987, p. 422.)

7—"A growing number of respectable scientists are defecting from the evolutionist camp . . . Moreover, for the most part these 'experts' have abandoned Darwinism, not on the basis of religious faith or biblical persuasions, but on strictly scientific grounds, and in some instances regretfully." (Wolfgang Smith, cited in Joe White, *Darwin's Demise*, 2001, p. 47.)

8—"Science has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements that are needed to produce life, that intelligence must have been involved. I have been persuaded that it is simply out of the question that the first living matter evolved out of dead matter and then developed into an extraordinarily complicated creature. My whole life has been guided by the principle of Plato's Socrates: follow the evidence wherever it leads. The conclusion is—there must have been some intelligence." (Antony Flew, cited by Gene Veith, *World Magazine*, December 26, 2004.)

9—"Professor Richard Lenski at Michigan State University wanted to follow evolution in real time. He started a project to watch the unfolding of cultures of the common gut bacterium E.coli . . . The bug is easy to grow and has a very short generation span of as little as twenty minutes under favorable conditions . . . In the early 1990s Lenski and coworkers began to grow E.coli in flasks; the flasks reached their capacity of bacteria after about six or seven doublings. Every day he transferred a portion of the bugs to a fresh flask. By now over thirty thousand generations of E.coli, roughly the equivalent of a million years in the history of humans, have been born and died in Lenski's lab. Over the course of the experiment, perhaps ten trillion, 10 to the 13 power, E.coli have been produced . . . Nothing fundamentally new has been produced. No new protein-protein interactions, no new molecular machines." Michael Behe, *The Edge of Evolution*, Free Press, 2007, p. 141, 142.)

10—"Mutations appear to be overwhelmingly deleterious, and even when one may be classified as

beneficial in some specific sense, it is still usually part of an over all breakdown and erosion of information . . . Mutations are the basis for the aging of individuals, and right now they are leading to our death—both yours and mine." (John Sanford, *Genetic Entropy and the Mystery of the Genome*, Ivan Press, 2005, p. 27.)

11—"We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinism should be encouraged." (See The Discovery Institute, www.discovery.org for full statement of 500 PhDs in various natural sciences from around the world.)

—Sir Martin Rees, Astronomer Royal Cambridge University, *Just Six Numbers*, Harper Collins Publishers, 1999

Western Civilization's Latest Creed

by Steve Turner

We believe in Marx/Freud/Darwin/Nietzsche/
Lukacs/Gramsci/Sanger/Dewey/Bloom/Kinsey/Derrida/
Foucault

We believe everything is OK
As long as you don't hurt anyone,
To the best of your definition of hurt,
And to the best of your knowledge
Unless they are radical right fundamentalists
Who believe in the Second Coming, God, logos.

We believe in sex before during and after marriage
We believe in the therapy of sin
We believe that adultery is fun
We believe that sodomy's OK
We believe that taboos are taboo
We believe in pleasure, AIDS, syphilis
We believe that anatomy is destiny.

We believe that everything's getting better
Despite evidence to the contrary
The evidence must be investigated
You can prove anything with evidence.

We believe there's something in horoscopes, comets,
UFO's and bent spoons
Jesus was a good man just like Buddha
Mohammed and ourselves.
He was a good moral teacher although we think
His good morals were bad
We prefer free love to virtue.

We believe that all religions are basically the same,
At least the one we read was.
They all believe in love and goodness.
They only differ on matters of
Creation, Sin, Heaven, Hell, God and Salvation.

We believe that after death comes The Nothing
Because when you ask the dead what happens
They say nothing
If death is not the end, if the dead have lied, then it's
compulsory heaven for all
Excepting perhaps Hitler, Stalin, Genghis Khan, and
Trump.

We believe in Masters and Johnson
What's selected is average
What's average is normal
What's normal is good.

We believe in total disarmament.
We believe there are direct links between warfare
and bloodshed
Americans should beat their guns into tractors
And the Russians and Chinese would be sure to
follow.

We believe in world government
We believe in Gorbachev and Shakhnazarov
We believe in synthesis of Western capitalism and
Eastern communism equals world socialism.
We believe in socialism
We believe in abolition of property, family, and
traditional values.

We believe that man is essentially good.
It's only his behavior that lets him down.
This is the fault of society.
Society is the fault of conditions.
Conditions are the fault of society.

We believe that each man must find the truth that is
right for him
Reality will adapt accordingly
The universe will readjust. History will alter.
We believe that there is no absolute truth
Excepting the truth that there is no absolute truth.

We believe in the rejection of creeds (except this
one)
We believe in everything
We believe in nothing
We are dead men walking to the abyss
Follow us and we'll make you dead men, too!

A Fine-Tuned Universe

by Francis J. Beckwith

In the 1960s some physicists began making the observation that our universe appears to have been fine-tuned for the existence of human life. During the 1980s and 1990s a number of works assessed this “anthropic coincidence” in differing ways. According to Stephen G. Meyer, these scientists “discovered that the existence of life in the universe depends upon a highly improbable but precise balance of physical factors. The constants of physics, the initial conditions of the universe, and many other of its features appear delicately balanced to allow for the possibility of life.” Any negligible modification in these constants would have made human life impossible. For example, there would have been no life in the universe if the rate of the universe’s expansion had been faster or slower, the strength of gravitational attraction had been stronger or weaker or Planck’s constant had had a different value. These, of course, are not the only characteristics of the universe that had to be in place to make life possible. In 1998 astrophysicist and design advocate Hugh Ross estimated that there are “twenty-nine characteristics of the universe that must be fine-tuned for any kind of physical life to be possible” and that our solar system has forty-five characteristics that are necessary for human life to arise in it.” Given the individual and collective probabilities for these characteristics to all arise by chance with precisely the correct values to make human life possible, Ross estimates that there is “[much less than 1 chance in one hundred billion trillion trillion trillion [that there] exists... even one” planet on which life “would occur anywhere in the universe.” This is why a Nobel laureate in physics, Ano Penzias, writes that “astronomy leads us to a unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing, and delicately balanced to provide exactly the conditions required to support life. In the absence of an absurdly improbable accident, the observations of modern science seem to suggest an underlying, one might say, supernatural plan.”

ID advocates have applied Dembski’s explanatory filter to this phenomenon. According to some design theorists, the fine-tuning of the universe for the possibility of human life exhibits the characteristics of specified complexity and thus can be attributed to an intelligent agent. For it is contingent (i.e., it is one of many possibilities), complex (i.e., it is a highly improbable arrangement of independent variable) and specified (i.e., it is a cosmological pattern a capable intelligence could have constructed if it intended to make the universe conducive to the arising of human life.)

—*To Everyone An Answer*, by Beckwith, Craig, Moreland p. 278, 279

Maggie Thatcher's Timeless Wisdom

by Vince Coyner

Maggie Thatcher, easily one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century, was a no-nonsense woman. She became Prime Minister of the UK in 1979 and would rescue her nation from the economic quagmire her leftist predecessors had created.

Maggie was the daughter of a merchant. And as one might expect from the daughter of someone who had to deal with customers and vendors and regulators, all the while making sure there was something left in the bank at the end of the month, she was a straightforward and pragmatic leader.

For someone born almost exactly 100 years ago, she had a vision of government and culture that we could use more of today. She was something of a combination of Nostradamus, Mark Twain, and (rather sadly) Cassandra rolled into one.

Her thoughts and observations provide an extraordinary insight into many of our problems today.

The clarity began even before she was Prime Minister. In a series of campaign speeches before her historic election, she repeatedly stated a variation of this principle: "If a Government can't protect citizens and their property against violence, vandalism, and theft, there is little point in having a government at all." If anything resonates with Americans today, it's the fundamental failure of government to do exactly that.

In blue cities and states across America, we see examples of career criminals (including illegal aliens) regularly unleashed on their communities, only to kill or rape innocents. From suddenly being found not competent to stand trial to having their sentences slashed because of their age or background, American blood is spilling because Democrats care more about the "rights" of criminals than they do about the lives of innocent citizens. Thatcher cared about innocent citizens: "I personally have always voted for the death penalty because I believe that people who go out prepared to take the lives of other people forfeit their own right to live."

She also had a clarity on the economics of leftism, saying,

Let us never forget this fundamental truth: the State has no source of money other than money which people earn themselves. If the State wishes to spend more it can do so only by borrowing your savings or by taxing you more. It is no good thinking that someone else will pay—that "someone else" is you. There is no such thing as public money; there is only taxpayers' money.

Maggie clearly understood what most American politicians don't, namely, that government can spend only as much as citizens produce. Only through taxes or IOUs can the government spend a single penny. Given that our national debt is almost \$40 trillion and our unfunded liabilities are approaching \$100 trillion, financed by a GDP of \$30 trillion, another of her quotes drives home the reality:

We are told that the present Government have learned from their mistakes. I say that they have not learned. They still believe that you can spend your way out of recession and that you can create jobs by inflation... and that is the road to ruin. ... You can't tax and spend your way into prosperity. Eventually, you run out of other people's money.

(This is more commonly remembered as "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money.")

As a merchant's daughter, Thatcher understood what so many of our career politicians don't, because so many of them have never had private sector jobs or been part of an enterprise that actually created wealth—and just to be clear, lawyers rarely if ever actually create wealth or anything else of value. A common paraphrase of her remarks about such people is "We have been ruled by men who live by illusions . . . the illusion that there is some other way of creating wealth than hard work and satisfying your customers."

Thatcher hit the bullseye with this idea, too, summed up in a common paraphrase: "The patronage state is an arrogant state. It assumes it can spend your money better than you do. Yet it expects you to work for it in the first place."

Along those same lines, Thatcher anticipated the evolution of the left's political MO beginning with the ascent of Barack Obama, where every critique, criticism, or disagreement was labeled racism, then expanded to every element of American politics: Homophobic, Islamophobic, Sexist, etc. She clearly recognized the tactics: "I always cheer up immensely if an attack is particularly wounding because I think, well, if they attack one personally, it means they have not a single political argument left."

The Iron Lady addressed what would become one of America's biggest problems when someone like Donald Trump, who is not a creature of the Swamp and wanted to upset the apple cart, came into office:

Whether it is in the United States or in mainland Europe, written constitutions have one great weakness. That is that they contain the potential to have judges take decisions which should properly be made by democratically elected politicians.

If there's anything that characterizes America in 2026, it's the army of black-robed judicial activists who think they have the power to transform themselves into the Executive. These leftist judges are making a

mockery of our Constitution, and sadly, Congress and the White House are allowing them to do so.

And she understood that the left was not only a danger at home, but was an equally dangerous threat on the world stage. Her frequent speeches about Marx have resulted in this paraphrase: “To the extent that the West is to blame at all for the ills of the Third World, it is to the extent that the West created Marx and his successors, among whom must be numbered many of those who advised the Third World leaders in post-war years.” From the UN to the EU to the Democrat party, Marxism has almost certainly caused more death and destruction across the country and around the world than any other philosophy in all of human history.

And particularly resonant today is the fact that Thatcher understood what it meant to be an ally. After allowing Reagan to use US bases in the UK to strike Gaddafi, while other European allies wouldn’t allow him to use their airspace, she is reputed to have said the following, although it’s a paraphrase of several speeches, not a quotation:

It had the effect of cementing the Anglo-American alliance. What’s the good of having bases if when you want to use them you’re not allowed to by the home country. It made America realize that Britain was her real and true friend, when they were hard up against it and wanted something, and that no one else in Europe was. They’re a weak lot, some of them in Europe you know. Weak. Feeble.

There were many other jewels, of course. These are two of the best:

“Many of our troubles are due to the fact that our people turn to politicians for everything.”

“Being powerful is a lot like being a woman: If you have to tell someone that you are, invariably, you are not.”

Maggie Thatcher had a clarity of vision and an understanding of the nature of man and the nature of government that few Americans (or Brits for that matter!) appreciate today, and sadly, even fewer politicians.

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The Brits Bite the Dust

by Janet Levy

The British Empire was the largest in history. With colonies on every continent, it covered more than a quarter of the earth’s land and governed over a fifth of the world’s population. Besides dominating military, economic, diplomatic, and political affairs, it transformed the world by spreading Western values, customs, and culture, as well as ideas such as individualism, rationalism, capitalism, and modern scientific thought. That influence continues in the educational, legal, and parliamentary systems of many countries.

But Britain is now a shadow of its former self, having allowed its institutions, the media, academia, and the public to be heavily influenced by Islam, which the late Christopher Hitchens described as “the most toxic form that religion can take.” Fashionable deference to Islam—the government, for example, treats even the most innocuous criticism of Islam as “hate speech”—has caused a noticeable shift in power, identity, and influence, and it may not be long before Britain becomes an Islamic state.

The Muslim population is projected to exceed 8% by 2030. There are over 2,000 mosques, more than 85 sharia courts challenge British common law, sharia finance is growing in popularity, halal food is widespread, and the government recognizes Islamic holidays with an enthusiasm that would shame many Muslim countries. Iftars are hosted at the House of Commons, and Ramadan prayers are offered at Windsor Castle, a symbol of Britain’s historical pre-eminence.

For years, public discourse has been filled with discussions about Britain’s Islamization. US Vice President J.D. Vance once joked that Britain might be the first truly Islamic country to acquire nuclear weapons. Elon Musk criticized U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer for ignoring Muslim sex grooming gangs that exploit children and for remaining silent on Pakistani rape gangs when he was Britain’s director of public prosecution. But governments—especially Labour Party governments—have consistently ignored the warning signs and have encouraged Islam by permitting mass migration and giving in to every demand made by Muslim groups.

Examples are plentiful of Britain’s decline into submission to Islam and the replacement of its Western culture by sharia. Guidance documents for schools from Labor-run city councils in northern England warn educators that drawing and music lessons could be considered blasphemous to Islam. The Green Party of England and Wales plans to change school curricula to

teach children that it is their moral duty to welcome immigrants. In the name of raising awareness about a religion from another culture, children too young to question their teachers are being brainwashed.

While the authorities go out of their way to accommodate Islam, they have no hesitation about attacking Christianity or being lenient with those who criticize it.

* Hatun Tash, a Turkish-born British citizen and former Muslim, was arrested twice for preaching Christianity and criticizing the Quran at Hyde Park's Speakers' Corner, a stronghold of free speech. Ironically, she was the victim in these incidents and has been stabbed and beaten by Muslims more than once.

* Daniel Ayettey, a pastor, was pulled off a ladder and threatened with a knife by a Muslim asylum seeker from Sudan who had 29 previous convictions for 67 offenses. The attacker was spared jail by a judge.

* A police officer instructed a group of gospel-sharing Christians to stop their activities.

* A preacher was detained for questioning a Muslim woman about Quranic verses related to domestic violence.

* Christmas markets across the UK were canceled in 2025, with city councils claiming they lacked funds, while money was allocated for Ramadan and Eid celebrations nationwide.

Perhaps the most powerful symbolic statement by Muslims was a recent Iftar gathering in London's Trafalgar Square. Over 3,000 Muslims assembled for evening prayers, which started with the adhan; London Mayor Sadiq Khan attended and distributed dinner packages. When senior conservative Nick Timothy objected to the event, describing a public call of *Allahu akbar* as "a declaration of domination," Starmer called for his removal as shadow justice secretary.

Islamist influence is already evident in self-proclaimed "Muslim areas" of London, where the vigilante Muslim London Patrol confronts passersby and advises them not to drink alcohol or wear short dresses. A 2013 report details how its volunteers scold non-Muslims and tell them to stay away from mosques. Gay men are called "dirty" and asked to leave.

Muslims are heard saying that England is not a Christian country and that Islam is on the rise. Anjem Choudary, a prominent radical preacher and Sharia court judge now serving a life sentence for terrorist activities, once led the Islamic Emirates Project, aiming to turn 12 British cities into independent Islamic states outside of British law.

Meanwhile, ignoring widespread expressions of Jew-hatred by Muslims, the British government has taken steps to define anti-Muslim hatred and Islamophobia. Currently, hate crimes against Muslims

are twice as likely to result in prosecution as hate crimes against Jews. Antisemitism is blatant and rampant: Muslim mobs chant "Death to Israel" and call for the murder of Jews; at anti-Israel rallies, protesters mention a historic 7th-century battle against Jewish tribes, shouting *Khaybar; Khaybar; oh Jews, the army of Mohammad will return*; and Muslim clerics promote Jew hatred and support terrorist groups like Hamas. Significant efforts are made—by the government as well as the liberal media—to downplay such antisemitism.

But even perceived offenses to Muslim sensibilities invoke the wrath of the law, as West London restaurateur Harnam Singh Kapoor learned. Kapoor, a Sikh, has a sign at his restaurant Rangrez that says, "Proudly Non Halal Restaurant." For this, he faced threats and confrontations from Muslim groups, while he and his wife received phone calls warning that their daughter would be raped by grooming gangs. To protect himself and his family, he began carrying a *kirpan*, a Sikh ceremonial dagger. On March 14, after Kapoor called for a non-halal meet-up at his restaurant, over 100 people gathered around the premises, chanting slogans. When he contacted the police, they arrested him instead.

The extent to which the British government is willing to accommodate Muslim practices is clear in its choice to normalize cousin marriage, ignoring scientific evidence that shows it increases the risk of inheriting recessive disorders. According to a Bradford study, the rate of cousin or relative marriage among immigrant Muslims reaches as high as 46%. This practice is banned in Norway and most American states and is set to be banned in Sweden. Last year, Conservative MP Richard Holden proposed a bill for a similar ban in the U.K.

But the National Health Service (NHS) has directed its doctors and nurses to stop issuing blanket discouragements against the practice to Muslim families. They were informed that giving such advice is "unacceptable." It even published a report—now withdrawn—praising the "benefits" of cousin marriage, and advertised for nurses to support families choosing close-relative marriages. Holden was outraged that public funds were being used to address a custom that should be banned outright.

As conservative commentator Patrick West writes in *The Spectator*: Should British culture be allowed to be diluted by a "self-abasing and cowardly coterie of white liberals," all in the "dread names of multiculturalism, diversity, and inclusivity"? Can the British public genuinely support the idea that Muslims need special laws and protections in addition to those protecting other citizens?

How much longer before the once-greatest empire on earth is surpassed by Islam?

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Rethinking Lesbianism

by Yehezkel Schiff

Today, most of those self-identifying as LGBTQ are young women. The growth has been dramatic. In the US, some thirty percent of Gen Z women (age 18-27) are self-identifying as LGBTQ, etc.—mainly lesbian and—compared to around 1-2% for women in the World War 2 generation. This means that almost a third of traditionally marital-age women are likely disinterested in traditional marriage. This is a significant factor in why almost half of Americans are unmarried.

As a result of the decline in marriages, the American replacement rate continues its slide south of the 2.1 children per couple needed for replacement. It is now hovering at 1.6. If one argues that lesbian couples can also raise children, the data show that, when looking at children with two parents, 99.5% of those parents are heterosexual. However, of the children in homosexual households, 3/4 of those households are headed by lesbians.

The effect of this unprecedented lesbian phenomenon is producing societal and demographic challenges that do not bode well for the US as the beacon of hope, strength, and the protector of Western traditional family values.

Many will claim that: 1) there is no choice or free will with sexual identity and identity is fixed for life, and 2) pursuing a long-term lesbian relationship can be an equivalent substitute for traditional marriage, so the long-term societal impacts are not a worry. Are they correct?

Is there free will? Is there a biological, chemical, DNA, or physical test for people to self-diagnose their sexual orientation? There is not. It follows then that it is a non-measurable trait, such as is the case with anger or other temperament issues.

There are several possibilities as to the origin of non-heterosexual orientations: 1) people are born with a blank slate and socialized by role models or proximity to determine sexual identity, 2) the majority of people are born with heterosexual inclinations but some are born with homosexual inclinations, or 3) all people are born with some level of heterosexual inclination and societal or personal influences can take a percentage of them into a different direction. None of these is provable, though given the data trend, the latter appears to have increased validity.

Yet, does the origin of a person's self-diagnosis really matter? The correct question is this: *If people wanted to control or alter their self-diagnosed sexual identity due to their religious convictions or for other reasons, could they?*

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, a beacon in the religious Jewish world,

noted that there would not be prohibitions if there were no free will. "It is clear that it is controllable, for if it were beyond human control, God would not have made it a sin." Nevertheless, the Rebbe's position is contrary to the teaching at most counseling and clerical schools and to current government policies in the West.

Is a person's self-diagnosed sexual orientation fixed for life? Is there evidence of individuals on their own or with counseling returning to a heterosexual orientation? A May 2024 study shows that, for people in their late 30's in the US, over one million have desisted from homosexual behavior and identify as *previously gay*, no longer engaged in homosexual activity.

For lesbians in the US, former lesbians outnumber active lesbians 5 to 1. So much for sexual identity being fixed for life. Additionally, numerous therapists report numerous successes in counseling simply with conversation, rather than using more aggressive "conversion therapy." Yet few speak publicly about their successes for fear of backlash from the counseling and LGBTQ community.

What about long-term lesbian relationships? Can't they be just as fulfilling? For starters, the divorce rates of lesbian couples in the general US population are almost twice as high as for heterosexual couples: 41% compared to 22%. Disturbingly, intimate partner violence rates occur in 44% of lesbian relationships and are many times higher than for women in heterosexual relationships (5%).

What about children—can't they turn out just fine? Apparently, there are often significant issues. Children of lesbian couples have higher rates of depression, anxiety, alcoholism, and poorer academic performance than children from traditional marriages.

Is lesbianism really the root cause that is undermining America's demographic future, or are there underlying factors at work? Is the growth of lesbianism due to a warm, welcoming, and encouraging LGBTQ community where those "coming out" are applauded for their courage? Is it because of the cultural prevalence of a current form of militant feminism that is derisive of males? Is it somehow connected to the rampant growth in easily accessible pornography? Is it because so many young people are caught up in an inward focus of self-fulfillment? Is the anxiety of finding a marriage partner after failed attempts causing young women to cross this boundary? One can only speculate, but all of these are worthy of our attention.

The demographic challenge is enormous. What can be done? On a societal level, we can promote role models and adopt policies that encourage traditional marriage and family.

On a more focused, individual level, we can educate young women early on, at least in religious settings. We can lay out the challenges, but focus on the beauty of a

traditional marriage, as a few brave religious seminaries are doing. We can advocate that counseling schools and clerical training teach the empowering perspective as the Lubavitcher Rebbe described.

If nothing else, for those who are struggling with the question of sexual identity, we can express compassion that is not dehumanizing but rather empowering; a hug that doesn't say I feel sorry for you but instead says I believe in you and your potential.

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The New Barbary Pirates

by Kenneth Timmerman

President Trump this week called Iran's new leaders "lunatics," because they just didn't seem capable of making a deal.

As he told *Fortune* magazine, "[T]hey make a deal, and then they send you a paper that has no relationship to the deal you made. I say, 'Are you people crazy?'"

The latest Iranian response to the US was "leaked" to the Saudi daily *al Arabiya* on Thursday, and it's as much a non-starter as every other Iranian "plan" to end the war. The US makes all the concessions, and Iran gets all the goodies.

If you read the details, it doesn't even mention Iran's nuclear weapons material, its enrichment capabilities, or its missiles. Talk about arrogant! At the same time, the Iranians were telling the Saudi media of their agreement to guarantee freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz they published their own map, which showed them claiming the entire Strait—right up to the shoreline of the United Arab Emirates and Oman—was in Iran's territorial waters.

They are behaving like the Barbary Pirates. Remember them? They were the ones who prompted President Thomas Jefferson in 1802 to dispatch the US Navy and Marine Corps because they were raiding US commercial ships plying the Mediterranean and taking US sailors as slaves. So we landed "on the shores of Tripoli," and the rest is history.

I say it's time to treat the Iranian regime the same way. Let's call it "the shores of Kharg and Lavan Island."

Leader Mojtaba Khamenei reportedly told his followers that there was no way he would agree to send Iran's stockpile of highly-enriched uranium (HEU) out of the country.

President Trump said that's not what the negotiators told him. But alas, all he knows is what the negotiators tell him. The Iranians are clearly not negotiating in good faith, and in my view—I know my Iranians—they never will. Why? Because they are terrorists.

The only good news this week has been reports from inside Iran of growing tensions between the IRGC and the *artesh*, Iran's conventional army. How credible those reports are, alas, is anyone's guess. But they are persistent.

So is the recent video of Hamid Resai, a cleric and member of parliament, who questioned the government decision-making process and even the legitimacy of the new Supreme Leader in a public address.

So what is the plan?

The president seems willing to give the Iranians a bit more time to come to their senses. How much is anyone's guess.

They have already filled the oil storage tanks at Kharg Island and have been bringing thirty-year old crude carriers out of mothballs to serve as floating storage so they can keep on pumping oil.

The Saudis called the president this week and asked him to delay any return to hostilities until the end of the annual hajj (the pilgrimage to Mecca) which begins on May 25) and extends through Friday, May 29.

The Iranians have said they are preparing to launch a pre-emptive strike—presumably against the UAE, Israel, and Saudi Arabia—if they sense the US and its allies are preparing to resume hostilities.

Perhaps they don't know what the centuries-old US military term "locked and loaded" means.

The president has indicated that we have been learning a trick or two from the Ukrainians, and that our forces used the past month's ceasefire to install Ukrainian (and US) counter-drone technology in theater to protect the oil fields, refineries, storage tanks, and pipelines on the Arab side of the Gulf.

Presumably, those protections will extend to the Gulf Arabs' massive desalination plants as well.

Those desalination plants could present an even more tempting target than the oil fields to an Iranian regime that sees itself going down. If they were taken out, it would be a catastrophe of Biblical proportions.

Such an attack by Iran would just solidify the impression that they have become the Barbary Pirates of the 21st century. It would also unify all the Gulf Arabs with the United States and Israel against them.

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