

Leadership Vacuum

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At a time in history when serious problems are mounting and compounding, it is hard to find a leader capable of managing, let alone solving them successfully. Instead of remaining focused on these issues, leaders in western nations are deflecting and then diverting our attention to matters of much less importance. For example, the current administration in America announced a pledge by ticket sales giants to eliminate hidden fees and show full costs upfront in an effort to eliminate junk fees; meanwhile tens of thousands are dying in a war exacerbated by reckless US policy in Ukraine going back to 2014. How does this demonstrate strong, principled, and effective leadership? Clearly it isn't, and this is only one of many examples confirming there is a vacuum in leadership with the potential for devastating consequences if ignored.

In order to reconcile what is happening, it is important to review the subject of leadership from our Creator's perspective because He knows exactly why this phenomenon is occurring, as well as the solution for "those who have the ears to hear it".

Many of us have heard the expression: "We have the leaders we deserve" which is attributed to the German philosopher Max Weber, who believed that leaders emerge as a result of the interaction between individuals and the social structures they inhabit. For instance, if we tolerate or enable lawless or destructive behavior, we may attract and vote for leaders who embody these qualities. We see this connection in America where various forms of sexual perversion are tolerated and then a political party that celebrates this same behavior is voted into power. It is in this context that the following scriptures should be considered.

He (God) removes kings and raises up kings (Daniel 2:21; cf. Psalm 75:7; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses).

He leads counselors away plundered, and makes fools of the judges (Job 12:17).

He deprives the trusted ones of speech, and takes away the discernment of the elders. He pours contempt on princes, and disarms the mighty (Job 12:20-21).

He takes away the understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth, and makes them wander in a pathless wilderness (Job 12:24).

The Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men (Daniel 4:17b; cf. 4:25, 32).

God may actively or passively be involved with changes in leadership in both the physical and spiritual realms. In other words, rather than preventing a particular leader from gaining control, God may allow them to succeed. On the other hand, if a leader is likely to interfere in the life God's faithful servants, He may prevent them from doing so, or limit their ability to do damage. Christ explained this principle in the following scripture:

*Simon, Simon! **Satan**, you must know, **has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I (Christ) have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers** (Luke 22:31-32; The Jerusalem Bible; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Because western nations have been systematically rejecting God's laws for decades, He has adopted a hands-off approach and, as a result, feckless and unprincipled leaders are

now in charge of these same countries. If this trend continues, the citizenry will lose rights and freedoms that previous generations fought and died to protect. Even worse, due to the foolish and childish behavior of these leaders, the likelihood of another world war looms on the horizon. And, because of advanced military technology, any future confrontation could result in the destruction of our planet. This scenario was described in one of Isaiah's prophecies.

O my people, oppressed by a lad, ruled by women. O my people, **your rulers mislead you and destroy the road you walk on** (Isaiah 3:12; The Jerusalem Bible, emphasis added)

In order to reverse this dangerous vacuum in leadership, more law abiding, principled leaders must step into the breach. However, due to restraints that are built into many western government systems, even good leaders can find their hands tied when it comes to making important reforms. Even if they are able to change or improve these, future leaders can come along and undo all the good that was done, which is explained in the attached article:

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Even though western civilization is cracking under the weight of its poor leadership, a new system of government is on its way that will result in peace and prosperity for all the citizens of this planet. However, this won't occur until we reach the point of admitting that every system of government we've created has failed and failed miserably. Also, each and every citizen must recognize that their passive, or active, acceptance of unprincipled and lawless behavior contributed to the chaos and confusion that is occurring in western countries. Gone will be the days when we made excuses for our conduct, or the behavior of those we elected to positions of leadership:
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In conclusion, mankind is at "*the cusp of accountability*", and it will be triggered by a future man-made cataclysm that is directly connected to our acceptance of lawless behavior:

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