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Standing on Their Shoulders

A “snowflake” generation finds much fault with those who have gone before them.

Write down for the coming generation what the Lord has done, so that people not yet born will praise him.

--PS 102:18

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Yes, of course we are being silly, as was a good friend who emailed us this “advisory.” And, so are protesters in the “Tear Down” movement who say they are protesting past injustices.

The “Tear Down” crowd is largely composed of college faculty and campus agitators hired by multi-billionaire George Soros to incite public riots. These malcontents say many historical memorials are their target because they are painful reminders of racism that must be eradicated! Citing unforgivable personal flaws of leaders long dead, the movement intends to discredit them as an indictment of an America “needing cultural cleansing.” For Soros, the goal is a New World Order.

Activists are currently targeting not only Confederate displays but presidents, founders, patriots, explorers and religious figures deemed “offensive,” says Larry Tomczak, ministry leader and church planter for more than forty years.

Tomczak, also an author of many best sellers including Clap Your Hands, Divine Appointments, and Reckless Abandon, says “This is not just a ‘Slay the Southerners’ stampede (where 75 percent of the people had no slaves).” In the North, “Ivy League Yale, Princeton and Brown universities are in the crosshairs. Yale's Calhoun College sandblasted all references to their past president who supported slavery, as did Elihu Yale and the Brown family.”¹

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice expresses her profound disagreement with tearing down memorials, saying, “Keep your history before you. Keep it in your line of sight. When you start wiping out your history, sanitizing your history to make you feel better, it's a bad thing.”^{ibid}

Both Rice and Tomczak believe the majority of Americans who love this nation and cherish our heritage, imperfections and all, want to extend mercy and forgiveness to unite, not divide us.

But according to Tomczak, what we’re currently seeing is eerily similar to the ISIS strategy of decimating historic monuments and churches to shred Middle-Eastern heritage as well as Christianity which is now on the edge of extinction in Iraq.

Interestingly, Tomczak mentions George Orwell's epic novel, 1984, which predicted a time when unpopular facts of history are swept down the “memory hole” to be forgotten.

As if on cue, leading Democrats seem to be preoccupied with digging the “memory hole.” Democrat House minority leader Nancy Pelosi, for one, is calling for the removal of likenesses of 10 Confederate leaders in Statuary Hall in the nation’s capitol. Apparently, she has not thought this process through considering that DEMOCRATS were arguably the main proponents and defenders of slavery and segregation for decades.

An example of this latest purging, involves a portrait of Woodrow Wilson, Princeton’s former president, which has recently been removed from the campus dining hall. But problematic is the fact that countless public entities, including schools, parks and government buildings bear the name of the former **Democrat** President of the United States—even though he embraced a clearly retrograde view of blacks.

We’re also thinking that Ms. Pelosi is also forgetting that F.D.R., another **Democrat** president, forced thousands of Japanese-Americans into internment camps, and installed a *Klansman* on the Supreme Court. And that the late **Democrat** Senator Robert Byrd (WV), was a member/recruiter for the Ku Klux Klan while **Democrat** W.E.B. DuBois, *NAACP* cofounder, supported segregation and was a Communist Party member.

And, how about the eugenicist and unapologetic racist Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood and an icon of icons for **Democrats**? Is it not troublesome to Ms. Pelosi that Sanger has a statue commemorating her in the Smithsonian even though she was also a mentor to Adolph Hitler?

Wall Street journalist Peggy Noonan writes that “When a nation tears down its statues, it's toppling more than brass and marble. It is in a way toppling itself—tearing down all the things, good, bad and inadequate, that made it...”¹ *Ibid* As we see it, historic images often serve as a poignant reminder of where we’ve been.

Case in point: Some 1.7 million tourists annually visit, of all places, Hitler’s “final solution camps” in Poland, where an estimated 11 million people, including nearly 6 million Jews, were put to death between 1941 and 1945. Horrible as they are, places such as Auschwitz-Birkenau and Treblinka, actually serve as a poignant reminder to succeeding generations that man with no sense of inner constraint can be unbelievably evil.

It is not possible to make a biblical case for either preserving or destroying man-made monuments. But, the *Word* does reveal how God-inspired memorials were to serve as reminders to future generations.

In one particular instance, writes Larry Tomczak, “Joshua led God's people out of the wilderness of sin and into the Promised Land. They went through the Jordan River, where God instructed men to take 12 stones and make a memorial on the bank as a reminder for future generations of His goodness (Josh. 4:6-7).

Later, God had them build another memorial of 12 stones in the middle of the river. It would be covered over by water, a picture of judgment in Scripture, never to be seen again. This memorial was a sober warning to people who reject God's deliverance.”¹ *Ibid*

Let’s face it. Our predecessors were a product of their times, who sinned, made mistakes, and had character deficiencies—like we all do. But, are there not lessons we can learn from their human flaws? How profitable, for instance, would it be for our young science and technology gurus of today to disdain the limited discoveries (by today’s standards) of their long-dead occupational forerunners?

Jesus, told us pointedly, "For if you forgive men for their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men for their sins, neither will your Father forgive your sins" (Matt. 6:14-15).

At the very least, standing on the shoulders of our forbearers should help us to get a better view.

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¹ Tomczak, Larry, *charismanews.com/things-that-defeat-the-tear-down-movement-decisively-and-dramatically*, 8/2017