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Title: A Culture of Death has Taken Hold of the World

The Culture of Death is Self-imposed

Key Texts:

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death (Proverbs 14:12).

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death (Proverbs 12:28).

Man is staring down two great paths going in opposite directions. One is his own path; the other is the path of righteousness originating in the divine. There's no telling the obvious path to choose. But don't be too quick. Man is notorious for choosing what appeals to his senses (not what has lasting benefit) no matter what the consequences might be.

Jesus put it in another way, recommending the path to choose, but He was in no doubt as to the preference of the majority:

¹³ *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*

¹⁴ *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matt. 7:13-14).*

The main 'drawback' to the narrow way of life which puts "many" off is what it is—restrictive. It's the self-denial it imposes; the denial of worldly lusts and behaviours it demands in favour of the values of heaven. This is what the flesh finds unattractive. Hence many take the broad way where the flesh is granted the latitude to do as it wants. But the broad way of the carnal man leads to destruction. So then, given where it leads to—life—the narrow way has no drawback but for the hostility of the flesh. That's why the Lord was at pains to stress: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24).

Sadly, since the dawn of history, man has shown a tendency to choose Satan's way of death over God's spiritual way of life. He piloted it in the Garden of Eden where he rejected God's way of life presented to him as the superior alternative to Satan's way of death.

God's way was represented by the Tree of Life and Satan's way the Tree of Good and Evil, both standing in the midst of the Garden (Gen. 2:9; 3:3) Even so, God ensured that the good and the holy and the righteous dominated the choices of man, as, in addition to the Tree of Life, God produced from the ground a variety of fruit-bearing trees that were "good for food", in contrast to the one tree of good and evil:

⁹ *And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.*

¹⁶ *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*

¹⁷ *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Gen. 2:9, 16-17).*

Today, the opposite is true. Evil dominates the choices of man—all because of the bad choice our first parents made. There the devil sowed the first seeds of humanism, coaxing him, 'be your own god, be the master of your own destiny':

⁴ *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*

⁵ *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil (Gen. 3:4-5).*

The crude humanism begun in Eden has since found expression in the various worldly ideologies which now govern the nations. Human intellect has been put on a pedestal, placing man at the centre of his own world. Even if God exists, He's presumed to be irrelevant to man's wellbeing, and, instead, man must look to himself for salvation and improvement in life.

In just a few generations from fallen Adam, the situation went from bad to worse. Come the time of the Prophet Enoch, and the rejection of God's way was nearly universal but for Enoch who walked with God (Gen. 5:22-24; Jude 1:14-15).

The time of Noah witnessed another low point in man's relationship with God, a time marked by the brazen endorsement and practice of Satan's ways of death. Yahweh, in exasperation, declared:

And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years (Gen. 6:3).

That is, 'My Spirit shall not contend with man' by Noah's preaching inspired by the Spirit of the Messiah in him (Pet. 3:19-20; 1:11). He also meant the inner conviction of conscience by which He rebuked and reasoned with man but to no avail (see Rom. 2: 15; 1 John 3:20).

And He put down the cause to one thing—"he also is flesh". Man was given to the lusts of the flesh; he took delight in ungodly acts and was so incorrigibly set in them in an ever festering manner to yield to correction!

⁵ *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

⁶ *And it repented the LORD that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart (Gen. 6:5-6).*

This evil heart of man, which is devoted to the devil's way, has not has it easy returning to God because it is in bondage but for the freedom the Saviour grants to those who yield to Him:

Romans 7:24-25

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

John 8:36

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Since the days of Noah, God has continued to engage with man, primarily the people of Israel only to be rejected by the majority of the people as evidenced by the rejection of the message of the Prophets.

In the fullness of time, the Prince of Life, Yeshua the Messiah, the Light of the world, arrived on earth with God's consummate truth, and He was similarly rejected by the majority of the people. Nevertheless, He made clear His mission in a world held in bondage by the dark power of Satan:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

Since this announcement, the power of darkness has tightened its grip on the unrepentant masses of humanity who wouldn't make Christ the Lord of their lives (2 Cor. 4:3-4). Through "the princes of this world" (1 Cor. 2:8), the elites of this world, Satan has perpetrated the theft of our God-given principles for living, the theft of true morality, the theft of our peace of mind, and even the theft of the wholesome food the Creator gave us!

On the religious front, the least said the better. It's a complete babel! At least locally, in Ghana, he has managed to replace salvation in Christ with salvation in objects like blessed bangles, blessed soap, blessed soft drinks and holy water among other religious paraphernalia sold at high prices to people. The gospel has been commercialized, stripped of its saving power and reduced to nurturing the little empires of so-called ministers of God who have made themselves demi-gods! But that's not the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's a false representation of it; that's a satanic bastardized mercenary version of it! The true Gospel anticipated its latter-day corrupted rival and warned accordingly:

Matthew 7:15

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

2 Peter 2:1-3, 17-18

¹ *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

² *And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*

³ *And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*

¹⁷ *These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.*

¹⁸ *For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.*

2 Cor. 11:3-4

³ *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

⁴ *For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

Things have only gotten worse.

The Age of Artificiality and Unnatural Lifestyles has Arrived!

It's a sad observation, but ours is an age where the natural way of living as ordained for us by God has been abandoned in favour of a way of life dominated by artificiality and the unnatural. Thus in the name of 'alternative lifestyle' and 'human rights', a man sleeps a man, and they call it gay; a woman sleeps with a woman, and they are lesbians; a man sleeps with a man and then with a woman and he's a bisexual; a man or a woman undergoes a sex change and is called transgender. All four categories of unnatural sex practitioners are usually grouped under the umbrella name LGBT Community, initials for *Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender*. But we have in no way seen the most repulsive kind of sexual deviance. Man sleeps with beast, and that is bestiality, sorry, *zoophilia*!

The UK *Daily Mail* newspaper recently reported in its online edition how a bestiality craze is sweeping through Germany and bestiality brothels are rapidly springing up in the country because shockingly, but not so shockingly, it's legal for a human being to sleep with an animal in Germany!

Under the heading "Bestiality brothels are 'spreading through Germany' warns campaigner as abusers turn to sex with animals as 'lifestyle choice'", the newspaper reported:

Bestiality brothels are spreading through Germany faster than ever thanks to a law that makes animal porn illegal but sex with animals legal, a livestock protection officer has warned.

Madeleine Martin told the Frankfurter Rundschau that current laws were not protecting animals from predatory zoophiles who are increasingly able to turn to bestiality as a 'lifestyle choice'.

The Daily Mail report continued:

...'There are now animal brothels in Germany,' Martin told the paper, adding that people were playing down the issue by describing it as a 'lifestyle choice'.

Armed with a host of similar case studies, Ms Martin is now calling for the government to categorically ban bestiality across the country.

...There are even 'erotic zoos' which people can visit to abuse animals ranging from llamas to goats (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2352779/Bestiality-brothels-spreading-Germany-campaigner-claims-abusers-sex-animals-lifestyle-choice.html>).

There's a call for a ban on bestiality in Germany but the sex-crazed zoophiles will likely get away with it. It's their "lifestyle choice"!

But I call it an assault on the natural order (and all norms of decency) inspired directly from hell! It's a symptom of the wholesale rejection of God's way. Ours is an age defined by an acute lack of true wisdom as shown by the deeds of a people who profess to be wise:

²² *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

²³ *And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

²⁴ *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

²⁵ *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

²⁶ *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:*

²⁷ *And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*

²⁸ *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient (Rom 1:22-28).*

There's a steady decline in wisdom, a slippery slope down a moral abyss from one degree of folly to another! And all rooted in the loss and/or rejection of the true knowledge of God and the proper way to worship Him. There's a thin line between spiritual bankruptcy and moral bankruptcy. The holy God pronounces death upon all individuals who engage in unnatural carnal acts (a category which would include bisexuals and transsexuals):

Ex. 22:19

Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

Lev. 20:15-16

¹⁵ *And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast.*

¹⁶ *And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.*

Lev. 20:13

If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Rom. 1:32

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

On the Day of Judgment, God will exact the death sentence, which means barring them from His Kingdom and casting them into hell fire "which is the second death" (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rev. 21:8).

Yahweh, the Creator of heaven and earth, takes strong exception to homosexuality and bestiality and all such perverse, bestial acts. He calls them disgusting and confusion:

Lev. 18:22

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

Lev. 18:23

Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

By “abomination”, He means “disgusting”, “morally repulsive”; “an abhorrence. By “confusion” (Heb. *tebel*), He means “mixture”, “unnatural”; that is, a mixing of two unrelated kinds whose relationship can only be described as unnatural; bizarre!

But in “this present evil world” (Gal. 1:4), it’s somebody’s choice of lifestyle, and his human rights guarantee it to him! “They declare their sin like Sodom” because Sodom is here just as the Prophet Isaiah prophesied:

Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah (Isa. 1:9).

The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves (Isa. 3:9).

Right on cue! The ongoing worldwide campaign of ‘sodomization’ in the name of human rights did not escape the prophetic lenses of God. It’s a trend set to engulf the whole world community, leaving a holy “remnant”.

I hope and pray that you stay true to your Christian calling, which is “a holy calling” (2 Tim. 1:9). Otherwise, you will fall by the wayside. The Western world only has to sanction what God declares disgusting, and almost the whole world follows suit.

But it’s a sad development. It’s heart-rending how the African tends to imitate the European whose philosophy is largely shaped by the belief that there’s no God and that all the resources for man’s welfare and development are to be found within himself which is, at best, composed of “good and evil” and at worst “evil continually”. In carnal man “dwelleth nothing good” (Rom. 7:18).

Not surprisingly, the problems of modern man have only increased and the solutions proffered by the intelligentsia have been scarier still. The evil in man is in the driving seat. The solutions being proffered by the self-styled saviours and leaders of the world are properly speaking *mal-solutions* that pose threats to the welfare of the earth’s inhabitants.

As we saw during the presentation on “GM Seeds (of Destruction) and Africa’s Green Revolution”, the creation of genetically modified food is a case in point, though it’s by no means the only scientific intervention that is set to leave a bad taste in the mouth of the world.

An ideology of death is on the loose! And the promotion of abominable lifestyles like homosexuality (which we just looked at) is one sure way of decreasing the human population.

Gays don’t procreate.

The Crusade against Life

Life is being sucked out of the earth slowly, unconsciously and invisibly. We are being poisoned and killed slowly. A deadly ideology is slowly driving the world to its early grave. Indeed, if ‘the grave diggers’ had their way, it would be ideal if most of the world’s ‘wretched class’ were to die off a bit faster!

The divine command in Genesis 1 repeated in Genesis 9 is giving some people sleepless nights:

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (Gen 1:28).

¹ *And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

² *And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered (Gen 9:1).*

The problem is the continual peopling of the earth in ever growing numbers as expressed in the instruction: “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish”. The fear is that if somehow unchecked, the population of the earth will balloon to ‘unsustainable levels’ where resources will fall short in comparison with the hugely expanded population of the earth.

Yet the Creator didn’t say “multiply and replenish the earth” in a vacuum. He knew and knows man has needs; he has bread-and-butter issues to deal with. So He added, “and subdue [the earth]: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth”. He gave man power over the resources of the earth.

But the experts say the resources of the earth are fast depleting, and so the solution is to depopulate the earth to a ‘manageable level’ where it will keep pace with available, but shrinking, resources!

And while we are at it *culling* the human family, some of the ‘experts’ seem to reason, why not make them pay for their own slow death?

Corporate greed is another powerful motivation. The destinies of nations are at stake; futures are at risk.

Etched into a huge stone monument standing somewhere on a farm in the US State of Georgia is a message for humanity that compulsively calls for drastic reduction in the size of the human population to keep it "in balance with nature". The towering, somewhat nondescript monument, the originators of which are shrouded in mystery, is known as *The Georgia Guidestones* and on it are inscribed what some call the Ten Commandments of a proposed New World Order:

- 1. Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature.*
- 2. Guide reproduction wisely - improving fitness and diversity.*
- 3. Unite humanity with a living new language.*
- 4. Rule passion - faith - tradition - and all things with tempered reason.*
- 5. Protect people and nations with fair laws and just courts.*
- 6. Let all nations rule internally resolving external disputes in a world court.*
- 7. Avoid petty laws and useless officials.*
- 8. Balance personal rights with social duties.*
- 9. Prize truth - beauty - love - seeking harmony with the infinite.*
- 10. Be not a cancer on the earth - Leave room for nature - Leave room for nature.*

Ominously, "limiting the population of the earth to 500 million will require the extermination of nine-tenths of the world's people". However, what some call the American Stonehenge is forward-looking; it "foreshadows ... an International Criminal Court and a world government" (www.radioliberty.com/stones.htm).

It appears a dramatically depopulated earth is integral to the success of an envisioned New World Order or, as Mr. Michel Smiely of Stockholm, Sweden put it in his '666' masterpiece *Project 666*, "the creation of a Paradise on Earth".

Several global statesmen have lent their support to the depopulation cause. Too many people are "a cancer on the earth". It's time to defuse "the population bomb". The views expressed have ranged from calls for genocidal wars to mass deaths by subtle methods:

Jacques Cousteau UNESCO Courier 1991:

"In order to save the planet it would be necessary to kill 350,000 people per day."

Bertrand Russell, *The Impact Of Science On Society* 1953

"I do not pretend that birth control is the only way in which population can be kept from increasing... War... has hitherto been disappointing in this respect, but perhaps bacteriological war may prove more effective. If a Black Death could be spread throughout the world once in

every generation survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full....There are three ways of securing a society that shall be stable as regards population. The first is that of birth control, the second that of infanticide or really destructive wars, and the third that of general misery except for a powerful minority..."

Mikhail Gorbachev (former Soviet leader):

"We must speak more clearly about sexuality, contraception, about abortion, about values that control population, because the ecological crisis, in short, is the population crisis. Cut the population by 90% and there aren't enough people left to do a great deal of ecological damage."

David Rockefeller

"Either they [governments] do it our way, through nice clean methods or they will get the kind of mess that we have in El Salvador, or in Iran, or in Beirut. Population is a political problem. Once population is out of control it requires authoritarian government, even fascism, to reduce it. "The professionals," said Ferguson, "aren't interested in lowering population for humanitarian reasons. That sounds nice. We look at resources and environmental constraints. We look at our strategic needs, and we say that this country must lower its population -or else we will have trouble.

Ted Turner:

"A total population of 250-300 million people, a 95% decline from present levels, would be ideal,"

Margaret Sanger (founder of Planned Parenthood, funded by the Rockefellers) said in her proposed "The American Baby Code", intended to become law:

"The most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."

UN Biodiversity Assessment on Sustainable Human Population; US Senate September 9, 1994:

"A reasonable estimate for an industrialized world society at the present North American material standard of living would be one billion people. This must be implemented within 30-50 years, 2/3's of the population must be cut."

"The UN says property rights are not absolute and unchanging, but are there for the convenience of whatever government wants to do." – Michael Coffman (Stephanie R. Pasco, "The Move to Depopulate the Earth", *Infowars.com* August 27, 2009).

So how does GM food fit into the depopulation agenda?

Genetically modified food (GM food) has been a hot-button issue in Ghana of late. Most of us cared less about these newfangled genetically modified seeds until local activists raised alarm over a piece of legislation currently before the country's parliament the passage of which, they fear, will "allow a takeover of Ghana's seeds and broader food systems by transnational

corporations” (Ali-Masmadi Jehu-Appiah and Christ Walker, “Ghana’s Battle for seed sovereignty”, *New African* magazine, December, 2014, p. 74). The proposed legislation is called the Plant Breeders Bill.

It sounds like a turf war between indigenous farmers and local activists on one side and multinational agribusiness on the other side. But what is it in it really for consumers? What are the health implications of eating GM food? And are the fears for the local farming industry justified?

Slow Death at the Table

The looks are impressive ... succulent and inviting ... and the accompanying promo is just as appetizing: improved varieties of GM food crops will solve world famine, reduce reliance on pesticides, give farmers higher yields and help cure the diseases of mankind. And they are hardy, pest-resistant and completely SAFE to eat!

But we just heard one side of the story. Other experts vehemently insist we just opened a can of worms with Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), claiming “GMOs have a shaky track record and have never been proven safe. And the test results that reveal the real dangers never see the light of day. When you eat them, you’re taking part in a global Franken-foods experiment” (Dr. Al Sears, *How the Feds Set Frankenstein Free on the Farm Terrorizing Farmers, Making Us Sick*, PDF p.11 www.AISearsMD.com).

Anyway, what is a GMO?

The *American Academy of Environmental Medicine* defines a genetically modified organism (GMO) as “the result of a laboratory process of taking genes from one species and inserting them into another in an attempt to obtain a desired trait or characteristic, hence they are also known as transgenic organisms. This process may be called either Genetic Engineering (GE) or Genetic Modification; they are one and the same”.

In order not to confuse traditional breeding methods like grafting and hybridization with genetic engineering, the article goes on to explain:

“Genetic engineering is completely different from traditional breeding and carries unique risks. In traditional breeding it is possible to mate a pig with another pig to get a new variety, but [it] is not possible to mate a pig with a potato or a mouse. Even when species that may seem to be closely related do succeed in breeding, the offspring are usually infertile—a horse, for example, can mate with a donkey, but the offspring (a mule) is sterile.

“With genetic engineering, scientists can breach species barriers set up by nature. For example, they have spliced fish genes into potatoes. The results are plants (or animals) with traits that would be virtually impossible to obtain with natural processes, such as crossbreeding or grafting.

“How is genetic engineering done?”

“In order to breach these natural barriers and make possible the introduction of DNA from a different species, genetic engineers have to find ways to force the DNA from one organism into another. These methods include:

- Using viruses or bacteria to “infect” animal or plant cells with the new DNA.*
- Coating DNA onto tiny metal pellets, and firing it with a special gun into the cells.*
- Injecting the new DNA into fertilized eggs with a very fine needle.*
- Using electric shocks to create holes in the membrane covering sperm, and then forcing the new DNA into the sperm through these holes”.*

“Breaching natural species barriers”! That is way too deep for comfort. Genetic scientists have intruded into the realm of the Creator to create new life forms across species. They have usurped His rights and powers as Creator to create distinctive plant and animal species each of which is to reproduce “after his kind”:

¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

¹² And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good (Gen. 1:11-12).

²¹ And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good (Gen 1:21).

²⁴ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good (Gen 1:24).

God who created the world in wisdom (Ps 104:24) made each animal and plant species and their various subgroups “after their kind” and upon evaluation found that “it was good”. But genetic engineering opposes this fundamental law of nature put in place by God and has invaded the province of the Creator, breaching the natural barriers He erected between the species.

The scope for the creation of all sorts of life forms to satisfy the fancy of scientists can only be imagined. With biotechnology allowing the introduction of genes from one species into another, *“It’s now possible for plants to be engineered with genes taken from bacteria, viruses, insects, animals or even humans”* (ibid. Emphasis mine). Here are some of the more “interesting” combinations genetic engineers have come up with:

- Cow genes turned pigskins into cowhides.*

- Jellyfish genes lit up pig's noses in the dark.
- Human genes were inserted into corn to produce spermicide.
- Corn engineered with human genes (Dow).
- Sugarcane engineered with human genes (Hawaii Agriculture Research Center).
- Tobacco engineered with lettuce genes (University of Hawaii).
- Rice engineered with human genes (Applied Phytologics).
- Corn engineered with hepatitis virus genes (Prodigene) (ibid).

The floodgates have been opened, and nothing is sacred anymore. If not, how could man and rice combine at the genetic level? And how could a scientist think up the idea of a transgenic corn carrying genes of the hepatitis virus and then create it if not driven by the ideology of death?

The manipulation and distorting of nature using genetic engineering is now wholesale and seemingly unstoppable—and the results cannot be pretty.

Yet God does not stand aloof from His creation. He holds the 'patent rights' to all creation and indeed has 'patented' all His creation by His word:

¹⁰ "... every beast of the forest *is* Mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

¹¹ "I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine (Ps. 50:10-11).

By His rights as the Creator, God expressly forbids the mixing of species, such as crossbreeding, to avoid the corruption of His creation:

Lev. 19:19

Ye shall keep My statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

Deut. 22:9

Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

The *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* comments:

These practices might have been considered as altering the original constitution of God in creation; and this is the view which the Jews, and also Josephus and Philo, take of the subject.

And genetic engineering goes way beyond traditional breeding methods like hybridization, which the Creator forbids, to re-engineer plants and animals at the genetic level to give them characteristics completely foreign to their nature!

Now, when man tinkers with God's creation this way, what are likely to be the consequences?

Last night during the presentation by our African Hebrew brothers from *Free the Mind Movement*, we saw the transgenic freaks of nature brought into being by biotechnology. We also saw the dire health implications GM foods engineered with genes from who knows where hold for consumers.

Citing the *American Academy of Environmental Medicine*, Dr. Al Sears points out that, GMOs have been linked to: "Infertility, Weakened immune system; Accelerated aging; Genetic problems with cholesterol, insulin control, cell signaling and protein formation; Changes in the liver, kidney, spleen and gastrointestinal system" (Dr. Al Sears, *How the Feds Set Frankenstein Free on the Farm Terrorizing Farmers, Making Us Sick*, PDF p.13 www.AISearsMD.com).

A "weakened immune system" means a sickly world population which is easily overcome by diseases and infection. Meanwhile, we eat to cease child-bearing. Both lead to the same result: a decrease in world population over time. The GM food is a virtual contraceptive!

That's why Africans in general and Ghana in particular need to be wary of GM foods, especially when it's on record that many European countries have banned genetically modified food from entering their ports or being grown.

There's an invisible hand behind the world systems and forces that have ganged up against the proliferation of (human) life on earth. His name is Death, and he's the ruler of this world:

Heb. 2:14-15

¹⁴ *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

¹⁵ *And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Eph. 2:1-2

¹ *And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

² *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

John 12:31-32

³¹ *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

³² *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.*

1Cor. 15:26

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Satan is death, the cause and instigator thereof. And his own end is decreed; his own *death* is predetermined (Rev. 20:14).

But for now, he's the king of those who have rejected the truth of God, which is the way of life. And it's he who has possessed the Euro-gentile scientists to develop the "terminator technology" of genetic engineering to produce sterile seeds and spread infertility among the human population.

Through his human agents in high places of business and government he's on course to take control of the world's food supply.

A global crisis of apocalyptic proportions is waiting to explode!

The Third and Fourth Horsemen of the Apocalypse, Big Business, and the Antichrist

It makes an ominous reading:

⁵ *And when He had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.*

⁶ *And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*

⁷ *And when He had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*

⁸ *And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth (Rev. 6:5-8).*

Who are these horsemen?

They follow the Antichrist, the first horseman riding a white horse (Rev. 6:2). They are in his entourage, and they are his instruments in his campaign of conquest!

The second horseman riding a red horse represents war, and he helps the Antichrist to topple hostile governments around the world in his rise to world power (see Rev. 13:4).

But for real power over people, to bring the whole world to its knees before him, he must control the world's food supply.

And now biotechnology affords him just such opportunity. Poor smallholder farmers are the new slaves of the globalized economy. Not only are genetically modified crops set to wipe out their natural varieties through cross-pollination, they have to purchase at the start of every planting season the patented sterile seeds from the transnational agribusiness empires.

Dr. Sears explains the subtle message the companies send to their poor farmer customers by their trading practices:

“Here, we’re giving you seeds to plant, you can eat once, and then after that you’re going to starve because you’re never going to be able to afford our seeds. And we’ve just made you sign a contract that you won’t buy seeds from anybody else.”

The third horse rider determines the price of food at the world level. He holds the entire food basket of the world in his hands. And Death followed him accompanied by Hell!

This pictures the time of the worldwide rule of the Antichrist, who is yet to assume full power. Death and Hell follow the arbitrary controller of food prices because millions will be priced out, unable to afford the astronomical prices of food, while those who can will most likely die by contaminated food.

The power of the third horseman is the ability to lay claim to the global food supply. This is the scary future the transnational agribusinesses foreshadow by patenting their GM seeds making it illegal for farmers to attempt to further modify them, for example. As for preservation for planting purposes, forget it. Most GM seeds are bio-engineered to be sterile and therefore incapable of reproducing on their own. What is more, they pose a lethal threat to traditional non-GMO crops, creating a New World Order of GM food monopoly.

This is not a scenario being painted by a prophetic alarmist. It’s a present nightmare unfolding as I speak:

...genetically modified crops are invading fields close by (and some that are not so close by), contaminating both the organic food industry and the “conventional” (non-GMO and non-organic) food industry.

.... As genetically modified pollen from their crops blows around, contaminating nearby fields, objections to genetically modified crops diminish because non-GMO alternatives become harder and harder to find. A few more years of this and there may not be many (if any) truly non-GMO crops left anywhere. At that point there won’t be any debate about whether to allow GMO-crops to be grown here or there—no one will have any choice. All the crops in the world will be genetically modified (except perhaps for a few grown in greenhouses on a tiny scale). At that point, GMO will have contaminated essentially the entire planet and the companies that own the patents on the GMO seeds will be sitting in the catbird seat (Peter Montague, “The Global Spread of GMO Crops” Rachel.org).

Obviously then, the power of the third horseman over the world’s food supply definitely has something to do with the enormous power of the *end-time* technology of biotechnology to control the productive and distributive processes of food in a world gone GM!

In the Path of Righteousness there is Life

We can’t let the culture of death have its way. Let’s obey the Creator God and follow His ways of life. In them we have enduring peace and success.

As a minister of God, I have listened to both sides of the GM debate—what the pro-GM scientists have said and what the anti-GM scientists have said in opposition. I am not a scientist, and I don't presume to be a scientist on this platform, but God has given me a mind and the sense to discern good from evil, and I have absolute faith in His word. What His word frowns on, I frown on.

GM may hold some good potential, but evidentially the negatives outweigh the positives. As one expert put it, "it's a technology fraught with unknown and possibly disastrous consequences for our health".

It's far safer, better and enduringly rewarding to stick to the "good old paths" of the Creator:

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein (Jer. 6:16).

"They said, 'we will not walk therein'". But we have the opportunity to make a difference in our generation. We have a responsibility to ourselves and to generations unborn to ask and search for the "old paths" of righteousness and life which is "the good way" and then walk in them. When we follow new-fangled scientific inventions and ungodly lifestyles which violate God's laws of life, we only hurt ourselves:

Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions (Eccl. 7:29).

Be touched by God's regret at the human tendency to go astray by going his own way. His "many inventions" have brought him ruin!

It's time to right the wrong; time to do things right. There's still hope yet!

As I speak, Ghana's parliament is yet to approve the Plant Breeders Bill which will grant multinational agribusinesses patent rights to a variety of GM seeds they claim to have developed. Once the bill becomes law, it will reduce our farmers to virtual pawns in the hands of the powerful transnational seed corporations who will require our farmers to go back to them every planting season to buy seeds from them.

At the end of the day, not only will our local farmers be ripped off by the multinational companies but also the health of Ghanaian consumers will be greatly compromised.

So our Honourable Members of Parliament, please investigate the issue thoroughly and debate it dispassionately to arrive at what is good for Ghana in particular and Africa in general.

To our hardworking farmers, please stick to our God-given traditional seed varieties to secure both your economic future and the health of the nation. Don't compromise; don't yield to pressure. Fear God and do what is right.

Death is all around us in numerous subtle ways. But we can break the culture of death when we live "upright" in accordance with Yahweh's will. It's only by so doing that we have life, even eternal life in His Son, the Messiah Yeshua. Amen!