

The Final Countdown – Rise of Wickedness Part 3

“One day Kenny decides to try horseback riding, you know, you see them around here all the time. And even though he had no prior lessons or experience, he decided to give it a try.

So he mounts the horse totally unassisted and the horse immediately springs into action. It gallops along at a steady rhythmic pace, but all of a sudden, Kenny begins to slip from the saddle.

So in terror, he grabs for the horse’s mane, but he just can’t seem to get a firm grip. So he tries to throw his arms around the horse’s neck, but he slides down the side of the horse anyway.

And so now the horse is galloping along, seemingly oblivious to its slipping rider. And finally, Kenny decides to give up his frail grip on the horse and tried to leap away from the horse to throw himself to safety.

But that’s when his foot got entangled in the stirrup, and so now he’s at the mercy of the horse’s pounding hooves as his head is now striking against the ground again and again.

And as his battered head continues to hit the ground, Kenny is just mere moments away from total unconsciousness when all of a sudden...Stan...the Walmart manager...he runs out and shuts off the horse.”

Whew! That was a close one, wasn’t it Kenny? Give it up for Kenny!
That’s right! But seriously folks, how many of you would say that it wasn’t looking good for Kenny there, you know what I’m saying? Things were going downhill fast! A couple more moments and he’d be a goner! But that’s right folks, believe it or not, did you know Kenny’s not the only one who’s going to feel like a goner one day from a ride gone bad? Believe it or not,

the Bible says one day the whole planet's going in for a bad ride and that's going to happen at the rapture of the Church! And the reason why it's going to be such a horrible ride is because for those who refuse to accept Jesus Christ as their Personal Lord and Savior, they will be catapulted into the 7-year Tribulation and it's not a joke! It's an outpouring of God's wrath on a wicked and rebellious planet. In fact Jesus said in **Matthew 24** it's going to be a "time of greater horror than anything the world has ever seen or will ever see again. And that "unless that time of calamity is shortened, the entire human race will be destroyed."

But praise God, God's not only a God of wrath, He's a God of love as well. And **because He loves you and I**, He's given us many warning signs to show us when the Tribulation was near and Jesus Christ's 2nd Coming was rapidly approaching. Therefore, in order to keep you and I from experiencing the ultimate bad day of being left behind, worse than Walmart horsy ride gone bad, we're going to continue in our series **The Final Countdown**. And so far we've already seen how the **#10** sign on **The Final Countdown** was **The Jewish People**. The **#9** sign was **Modern Technology**. The **#8** sign was **Worldwide Upheaval**. The **#7** sign was **The Rise of Falsehood**. And the **last 2 times** we saw how the **#6** sign was **The Rise of Wickedness**. And what we saw there was that God lovingly foretold

you and I that when we see an **Increase of Absolute Unadulterated Wickedness** in all levels of society, which is happening today right now all over the world, thanks in part to a Wicked Worldview called **Humanism** and last time with a Wicked Teaching & Attack from **Atheistic Evolution**, uh guess what? It's an indicator from God **you are living in the last days!** And it also explains why we've gone from a Great Mighty Christian Nation into what we have today!

But that's still not all. The **4th reason why** we turned from a Great and Mighty Christian Nation into this **Rise of Wickedness** we see today is by the promotion of a **Wicked Worship**. That's right, I'm talking about the **self-love, self-esteem** movement. Little do people know that these teachings of the **secular psychology** have actually aided in the **massive rise of wicked behavior**. But don't take my word for it. God told us this **one behavior** is going to spawn all kinds of wicked behavior! But don't take my word for it. Let's listen to His.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them."

Now folks, this was the text we already saw about how one of the major characteristics of the Last Days society would be what? It's going to be a filled with absolute unadulterated wickedness, right? People would be, selfish, greedy, boastful, prideful, abusive, disobedient, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderous, out-of-control, brutal, evil, treacherous, rash, and conceited! And as we saw, **every single one** of those wicked behaviors is **commonplace** in our society **right now!**

Now here's the point of bringing this passage up again this time. What did it say was the apparent root of this wicked behavior? What was the very first thing mentioned there? It apparently stems from a **love of self instead of a love for God**. That people in the Last Days would be **lovers of themselves!** And here's the point. Tell me that's not the number one virtue being celebrated in our society today! You have to be a lover of your **self**, you have to love yourself first, if you're going to be able to love God and other people, right? Isn't that what they say And yet, the Bible says it's this **preoccupation with self** and the **promotion** of it, is what's causing all this wicked behavior that we have to deal with today! I didn't say that. God did! It's right there in the text!

And so once again, that's the question. How in the world did this happen? How did our once Great Mighty Christian Nation go from being

lovers of God to lovers of self? Well hey, great question! It works well with my notes. The **1st reason** we became lovers of selves instead of lovers of God is because **We Listened to Teachings of satan instead of the Word of God**. You see folks, the average person thinks that the teachings of the self-love, self-esteem movement from secular psychology, that are the antidote needed to cure the wickedness of our world today. Yet, in reality, they've been duped into following the teachings of the king of wickedness, satan. Here's where this self-love, self-worship started.

Isaiah 14:12-14 “How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”

Now folks, how many of you'd say that satan has a very serious “I” problem there? Uh huh! He wanted to be God! He wanted to call the shots. He wanted to be first and top priority in life. He wanted people to worship him! And that's the epitome of **self-love**. Self come first. It takes priority over everything. It's all about what he wants, and what he likes, and what he wants he wants to do, and how he wants life to be, and on and on it goes! This is the birthplace of **sin** and it started with **self-love** from **satan**! And it makes total sense because if you think about it, every time **we sin** here on earth, what are we doing? We're doing the same thing! We're saying I love

myself first more than God, to the point where I choose my will above His, right?

Now here's the point. And we wonder why things have gotten to **devilish** lately? Are you kidding me? We're following in the footsteps of **satan**! But don't take my word for it. Let's look at the **top two laws of satanism** and you tell me if loving yourself first isn't a prerequisite for being a good satanist!

- **First Law of satanism:** Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.
- **Second most important law of satanism** is the law of self-awareness: Man is a divine being within. Life's purpose is to realize the divine within. When this is achieved, you now recognize you are God!

This is the lie of Genesis Chapter three and it's being promoted today and we wonder why things have gotten so rotten and satanic? Are you kidding me? But that's not all. If that's still not enough proof for you that self-love originated from satan, and we're walking in the footsteps of satanism when we do the same, then maybe you should listen to these actual satanists themselves. They admit it!

“So many people reject the charge of “satan worship” is because as we saw earlier, they have a caricature of the devil and his religion in their minds.

He's the horn headed demon in red pajamas and serving him shouldn't even exist but involves sacrificing babies, drinking blood or something else equally horrible or bizarre. In reality though, following satan is far more mundane and universal than most people realize or would care to admit.

Crowd at Woodstock 99 concert: “Do what we want! We do what we want!”

Anton LaVey of the Church of Satan: “But I can do anything that I want to. I can pursue any kind of lustful desires that I might feel. I can engage in any activities that are so-called sinful activities and not really worry about any ecumenical councils making it right for me to do these things.”

Zeena LaVey (Daughter of Anton): “Living for, as I said, all the earthly and carnal pleasures”

Interviewer to Lilith Sinclair: “If a Christian were to say you were just worshipping yourself what would you say.”

Priestess Lilith Sinclair of the Temple of Set: “In a sense they would be right. It is a form of self-worship.”

Anton LaVey: “We feel that there’s no reason why these people shouldn’t just flip the coin completely over and simply call themselves what religionists have been calling them for many many years. Call them devil worshippers or disciples of evil or Satanists. Of course it’s very hard for a person to hang a complimentary label on themselves, and for this reason for many years there will be people practicing Satanism and as good Christians or other religions and they will instinctively pursue the very same things we are as they always have.”

INTERVIEW WITH A FORMER SATANIST

Phil: “You were a Satanist for how long?”

Mike Leehan: “Twelve years.”

Phil: “Twelve years? How on earth did you get involved with something like Satanism. First of all, what is Satanism? Let me get a definition-what does it mean to be a Satanist?”

Mike Leehan: “To adore...to serve one god. You’re serving Satan. You’re serving self more than anything else it’s ego-centric, self-centered, serve me, all is me, immediate gratification. That’s what it’s all about.”

As the occult magazine Gnosis acknowledged: “If there’s anything

horrifying in its (satanism's) teachings, it's that these are the principles by which most people live most of the time usually without admitting it even to themselves."

"Why God, why? How did we fall? How did this happen? How did our once Great and Mighty Christian Nation turn into this society of such satanic wickedness and rebellion?" I'll tell you why? Because we allowed the infiltration of a **wicked worship** into our schools, into our media, into our hearts, and even into our Churches, that promotes self-love and self-worship above God...just like satan! And if there's any hope for our Nation then it's high time that we the Church get back on track and start promoting Savior-Love, Savior-Esteem, and Savior-Respect **first** if there's any hope for our nation! Amen?

But that's not all. The **2nd reason** we became lovers of selves instead of lovers of God is because **We Listened to the Teachings of Man instead of the Word of God**. You see, to me, **that's the question**, "How did he do it? How in the world did satan get us, even born again Christians, to act just like him, being lovers of self, rather than lovers of God...fulfilling this Last Days prophecy? Well again, thanks for asking, it works well with my notes. He did it by getting us to buy into a false teaching from man called **Secular Psychology**. Even though as we just saw this **self-love self-esteem** teaching was started by satan in Isaiah 14, it was slowly but surely introduced into our

society by secular, God-hating, non-Christians, and it's now been elevated above God! If you recall, not that long ago when a crisis hit our country, when some horrible tragedy happened, the standard procedure would be to call in the Pastor and he would offer up the people **godly counsel**, right? Remember that? But not anymore! Have you been paying attention? When a crisis hits, who do they call in? Not a Pastor but a **secular psychologist** who's been trained in the **teachings of man**. And I'm not saying all teachings from man are bad. That's not my point. But you need to realize that no matter no good man's wisdom might seem at the time to give counsel, in comparison to God's, it's total nonsense! I didn't say that He did!

1 Corinthians 1:19-20 "As the Scriptures say, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.' So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish."

In some translations there...**nonsense!** And so according to the Bible, no matter how good it might look, no matter how much society tries to tell us to the contrary, even the world's most brilliant minds are **nothing** compared to God's wisdom, right? Therefore, who in their right mind would seek counsel from the mind of man over the Word of God, right? Even **secular psychology** which is based on **man's so-called wisdom**, right?

And herein lies our problem. We're tempted to no longer to the Father for wisdom, but to a **Freudian psychologist** for wisdom. Aren't we told by

our society to seek “professional help” not the power of God? But folks, I don’t care how professional something sounds, that still doesn’t make it right **nor** does it make it a wise. And as long as we’d rather listen to a psychologist instead of our Savior, we’re headed for trouble. Why? Because everything they teach is opposite of what the Bible teaches!

- The Bible says that man is the creation of God. But psychology says that man is a creature of evolution.
- The Bible says that man’s purpose is to glorify God. But psychology says man’s purpose is to fit in with their fellow man.
- The Bible says that God is the Ultimate Supreme Authority. But psychology says man is the supreme authority.
- The Bible says that the Word of God is the standard of our behavior. But psychology says the norm of society is the standard of our behavior.
- The Bible says the biggest obstacle in life is sin. But psychology says that life’s biggest obstacle is mental illness.
- The Bible says that bad behavior comes from our internal sin nature. But psychology says it comes from sexual repression and our external environment.
- The Bible says that repentance and faith in Christ can effectively change sinful behavior. But psychology says that the way to change sinful behavior is to place the guilt on others, free your repressed desires, take drugs, or submit to psychoanalysis, sensitivity training, group therapy, etc.
- So the choice is yours. The Holy Bible inspired by Almighty God or modern psychology invented by wicked sinful man.

I don't know about you, but I think I'll stick to the Word of God, how about you? Uh huh! But it gets worse. Not only do the teachings of secular psychology totally contradict the Scripture, as you just saw, but the lives of these secular psychologists are **totally wacked out!** And I'm supposed to listen to them for advice? Let's take a look at the lives of the fathers of **modern secular psychology**, including the teaching of self-love self-esteem and you tell me if they don't need some psychological help!

- SIGMUND FREUD was an evolutionist who believed that man had evolved from lower animals and that the idea of an Almighty God was just a myth made up by our forefathers to cope with life. Freud was also a believer in the positive health benefits of cocaine and was a user himself for many years and had a severe addiction to nicotine to the tune of smoking an average 20 cigars a day, which eventually led to his death. Oh, by the way, Freud refused to be psychoanalyzed himself even by his own teachings.
- ABRAHAM MASLOW said that the motivation for his life's work was his absolute hatred of his mother.
- KAREN HORNEY decided she wasn't happy with her marriage after 2 years so she began a life of constant sexual affairs to which her husband did not object. She also was said to have a serious sexual addiction for young men, which included her students and fellow colleagues, and even had sexual relations with other women as well.
- CARL JUNG made a wooden man out of a ruler that he called Manikin and kept it in a wooden case and frequently talked to it in times of trouble and even had a mystical experience while sitting on a rock where he couldn't tell if he was the rock or the rock was him. Then he later had what he considered a major breakthrough in life when he had a vision of God supposedly going to the bathroom on a Church sanctuary from the sky.

However, what most people don't realize is that Carl Jung was also completely absorbed in the occult and studied their teachings, attending séances, listened to mediums, practiced necromancy, and had daily contact with disembodied spirits, which he called archetypes. In fact, much of what he wrote was inspired by such entities, one of which he called Philemon.

Listen to his own words, "Philemon and other figures of my fantasies brought home to me the crucial insight that there are things in the psyche which I do not produce, but which produce themselves and have their own life. Philemon represented a force, which was not myself. In my fantasies I held conversations with him, and he said things, which I had not consciously thought. For I observed clearly that it was he who spoke, not I. Philemon was a mysterious figure to me. I went walking up and down the garden with him, and to me he was what the Indians call a guru."

Now I don't know about you, But I'd say those psychologists have a few **psychological problems**, how about you? And these are the "founding fathers" of modern secular psychology where this self-love self-esteem teaching came from? And yet, even though it's totally unbiblical, and these people were obviously God-haters, drug-addicts, sexually immoral people, involved in the occult, we still listen to them over the Word of God. Can you believe that?

And they have so convinced us to be lovers of self over lovers of God that we are now being told that we **must do so at all costs**, even if it means ignoring sinful behavior, refraining from discipline, blaming others, and avoiding personal responsibility. Why? Well, they say if we force people to

deal with their own wicked behavior then they will damage their self-esteem, which will ruin all hopes of having a fulfilling life.

And you might think that nobody in their right mind would fall for this nonsense, but it's precisely **because of this self-worship** that parents in Connecticut have taken their son's school to court. Why? Because he was caught destroying school property and was expelled by the school. But the parents say that their son now has "**feelings of unworthiness**" and his "**self-worth**" has been damaged, so they're suing. Oh, but that's not all; in Maine, signs saying "Happy Holidays" and the singing of Christmas carols are being now being banned **for fear of making somebody feel excluded**. In fact, in Manhattan, **Mother's Day** is now being eliminated because some kids may not have a mother and this **could damage their self-esteem**. But apparently so do kickball and dodgeball and similar games. Why? Because they promote competitiveness and make some kids feel excluded and that's no longer tolerated.

And that's not only ludicrous, it's absolutely ridiculous, especially when you look at the track record of this false teaching. It's being sold as the panacea for the ills of society, but does it even work? No! Listen to the results your self! Researchers decided to test the effectiveness of self-esteem teaching in schools by measuring how high the students thought of

themselves academically. As it turned out, **the more highly they thought of themselves** and their supposed abilities, **the less ability they had**. A case in point was how kids in Washington D.C. ranked number one in the country for self-esteem. Yet they came in **second to last** in academic performance.

One researcher simply stated, “Years of self-love propaganda succeeded only in producing self-deluded kids.” In other words, it’s doesn’t work, like this guy shares:

“Society is at an all-time moral low. But statistics show Americans are feeling better about themselves than ever. In a survey conducted in 1940, 11 percent of women and 20 percent of men agreed with the statement. ‘I am an important person.’

In the 1990s, those figures jumped to 66 percent of women and 62 percent of men. Ninety percent of people surveyed in a recent Gallup Poll say their own sense of self-esteem is robust and healthy.

Incredibly, while the moral fabric of society continues to unravel, self-esteem is thriving. All the positive thinking about ourselves seems not to be doing anything to elevate the culture or motivate people to live better lives.

Can it really be that low self-esteem is what is wrong with people today? Does anyone seriously believe that making people feel better about themselves has helped the problems of crime, moral decay, divorce, child abuse, juvenile delinquency, drug addiction, and all other evils that have dragged society down?

Could so much still be wrong in our culture if the assumptions of self-esteem will finally solve society’s problems? Is there any shred of evidence that would support such a belief? Absolutely none. The notion that self-esteem makes people better is simply a matter of blind religious faith.

Not only that, it is a religion that is antithetical to Christianity, because it is predicted on the unbiblical presupposition that people are basically good and need to recognize their own goodness.”

You know, like satan. And we have the audacity to ask, “Why God, why? How did we fall? How did this happen? How did our once Great and Mighty Christian Nation turn into this society of such wickedness and rebellion?” I’ll tell you why? Because we allowed the infiltration of a **wicked worship** in our schools, in our media, and in our Churches that promotes self-love self-esteem and self-worship above God! And the Bible says once you become a society of people who are **lovers of themselves** instead of lovers of God you better watch out! It’s not only a sign you’re living in the Last Days, but it’s going to open the floodgates to all kinds of wicked behavior you can’t even dream of, and everything will start falling apart! And it’s high time that we the Church get back on track and lead the way back with what needs to come **first**... Savior-Love, Savior-Esteem, and Savior-Respect if there’s any hope for our nation! Amen?

But that’s not all. The **3rd reason** we became lovers of selves instead of lovers of God is because **We Listened to the Twistings of Scripture instead of the Word of God**. You see folks, as if what we’ve already seen wasn’t bad enough, what’s even crazier is that some people in the Church have actually **twisted the Scripture** to try to **make** the Bible say that we

should love ourselves. Even though it's clearly satanic in origin and it's being promoted by secular men who were atheists and were involved in the occult, not to mention it doesn't even work, here's one of their favorite passages they try to twist.

Matthew 22:37-39 “Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Well folks, there you have it. We need to love ourselves more than God, and certainly much more than other people, right? I mean, it said right there we need to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, right? Wrong! That's what they twist it to mean, but that's not at all what the context means! First of all, **if you read the context**, you'll see it's the by-product of **loving God first** that gives us the ability to love our neighbors, hello! And **two**, if we're honest, it's not that we have difficulty in loving ourselves. Are you kidding me? Ask anybody who's married, what causes half of all marital problems. It's because somebody's being selfish! Give me a break! And for those of you who say, “Well, I know somebody who doesn't love themselves. They actually hate themselves!” But people, stop and think about it. This is still a preoccupation with self.

“Dr. Martin Bobgan's book *Prophets of PsychoHeresy II* regarding self-hatred: ‘Now we are not saying that there are no individuals who genuinely think that they hate themselves.’

However, what they generally hate is something about themselves or their circumstances. They exhibit actual love for themselves in that they continue to spend most of their time concerned about themselves, even if it is with unhappy thoughts.

They generally get to the point where they are unhappy about themselves because a discrepancy exists between their aspirations or desires and their performance or condition. This intensive hate is evidence of high self-interest.””

Therefore, the challenge as the Bible says, is to take this natural ongoing inclination to love ourselves first, no matter how you want to mask it, and now extend it to others! That’s the pathway to happiness! It’s outside of you! And **three**, notice there are only **two** commandments that Jesus gave there, not three. One: Love God. Two: Love your neighbor. That’s it, right? Jesus **did not say** there were three and He certainly did not say that third one was to love yourself first! Are you kidding me! And yet, the self-love/self-esteem proponents not only create this third supposed commandment out of the two, they even go so far as to say unless you do this third commandment, i.e. love yourself first, then you won’t have the ability to do the other two, i.e. love God and your neighbor! Can you believe that? You talk about twisting the Scripture! No wonder there’s so much rebellion and unhappiness in people’s lives!

But that’s not all. The **second verse** they twist is in **Matthew 10**.
Let’s take a look at that one:

Matthew 10:29-31 “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Well folks, there you have it. We need to acknowledge our self-worth, right? I mean, what did it say? We **are worth more** than many sparrows, therefore we need to acknowledge how incredibly worthy we really are, right? Wrong! That’s what they twist it to mean, but that’s not at all what the context means! First of all, **if you read the context**, you’ll see clearly that Jesus is saying that two sparrows are sold for how much? A penny, right? Now anybody with an accounting degree can tell you that this **is not** going to add up to a **great worth!** Are you kidding? Do the math! If your “many sparrows” meant let’s say 500 sparrows, how much are you worth? That’s right, at one penny per two sparrows you’d be worth about \$2.50! Or hey, maybe you’ve been real good lately so your “many sparrows” adds up to be 1,000 sparrows. Sounds like a lot, right? But hello! Do the math, you’re now worth about \$5 bucks! Read the context. That passage is not dealing with the so-called great worth of us, **but rather the greatness of God’s great providential care for us!**

And then, for some reason, I think I know why, they also **turn a blind eye** to obvious passages in the Bible that teach us just the opposite...to **not to love ourselves** and instead deal honestly with our sin.

Ezekiel 20:43 “There you will remember your conduct and all the actions by which you have defiled yourselves, and you will loathe yourselves for all the evil you have done.”

Romans 7:18, 24 “I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”

Ezekiel 36:31-32 “Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. Be ashamed and disgraced for your conduct, O House of Israel!”

Job 42:6 “Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

2 Corinthians 5:15 “And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

1 Corinthians 13:4 “Love is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.”

Philippians 2:3 “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.”

Matthew 16:24 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”

Folks, as you can see, the Bible plainly says **to be honest and deal with our sinful behavior**. We are not to excuse it or blame others. And we certainly are not supposed to sue others who **rightfully** discipline us for bad behavior. And people, I’m telling you this false teaching of self-love/self-esteem is actually ripping us off of the greater news of where our real identity lies. It’s not in our own self-inflated self-important statements of self-love. No! It’s in being forgiven, accepted, and loved by God through

Jesus Christ; and that's what give us **eternal value!** And because of that I am now...what?

“I am His beloved, I am His child, I'm an ambassador for the King of Kings and the Lord of Lord, I am blameless, spotless, without blemish and considered a beautiful Bride.

I am blessed in the heavenly realms, I am born again and I belong to God. I cannot be separated. He calls me a saint and I'm now a citizen of heaven. I cannot lose my salvation. I'm complete in Christ and I cannot be condemned

I am dearly loved, I'm delivered and I have direct access to the throne of grace. I am dead to sin. I am healed from sin and I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me.

I'm a friend of Jesus. I've been forgiven by Jesus. I am established, anointed and sealed by God.

I'm free from the past. I'm kept by God's power. I'm prayed for by Christ and I'm not going to hell! Why? Because 19 years ago God had mercy upon me, and made me a new creation in Christ! That's where our value lies!”

It's in Him, and what He has made me, not in my own self-inflated self-important statements of self-love, **apart** from Him. Are you kidding me! One give glory to **God**, the other gives glory to **self**, just like **satan!** But if you, even a born again Christian, want to listen to this false teaching from satan called self-love/self-esteem, and be a **lover of self** rather than a lover of God, then be prepared to reap what you sow.

“D. Martin Lloyd-Jones says, ‘The real cause of failure, ultimately, in marriage is always self, and the various manifestations of self. Of course that is the cause of trouble everywhere and in every realm.

Self and selfishness are the greatest disrupting forces in the world. All the major problems confronting the world, whether you look at the matter from the standpoint of nations and statesmen, or from the standpoint of industry and social conditions, or from any other standpoint - all these troubles ultimately come back to self, to 'my rights,' to 'what I want,' and to 'who is he?' or 'who is she?'

Self, with its horrid manifestations, always leads to trouble, because if two 'selves' come into opposition there is bound to be a clash. Self always wants everything for it-self. That is true of my self, but it is equally true of your self. You at once have two autonomous powers, each deriving from self, and a clash is inevitable.

Such clashes occur at every level, from two people right up to great communities and empires and nations."

Self-esteem teachings distort the Bible, reflect the world, and appeal to the natural man. The Bible teaches believers to esteem others better than self, to love one another as we already love ourselves, and to deny our self daily."

Why? Because this is why great nations, great countries, great families, great marriages, and great businesses and even great Churches fall apart! Why do they fail? Why do they crumble? Why do they go out of existence? Where did all this wickedness come from? Why is it getting so bad! Why are people being so evil! I'll tell you why! Because we allowed the infiltration of a **satanic self-worship** into every aspect of our society and the Bible says once you become a society of **lovers of self** instead of lovers of God.

And this is precisely why, if you're here today and you're not a Christian. What more does God have to do? He loves you! This is why He's

given you all these signs today of the **Rise of Wickedness** to show you that the Tribulation is near and the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ is rapidly approaching. And that's why Jesus Himself said:

Luke 21:28 "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

In other words, if you're not a Christian, you better become one **now!** It's getting close! His return is just around the corner and you don't want to miss the rapture! Therefore, I beg you, please, heed the signs...heed the warnings...give your life to Jesus **today**...because tomorrow may be too late!

But if you're here today and you are a Christian, then one last time, what more is it going to take to get us motivated? We have got to get back on track and show our country the way back out of the mess were in. And that's done when we start promoting Savior Love **first**, Savior Esteem **first**, and Savior Respect **first**, Jesus Christ comes **first**, not ourselves! We need to lead the way back by example! Why? Because even satan admits that a life of **total self-centeredness** leads to a life of **totally slavery and depravity**. But don't take my word for it. Let's listen to his.

AND NOW A WORD FROM THE FATHER OF LIES...

I've been here since the beginning
 Know exactly how you work
 I know all of your cravings

Know what makes you go berserk
Been lying from the start just to make you play a part in my infinite rebellion
against the Father God

Hate
Everything he is
And I make you hate him too
Make you hate him with your actions it's so easy for me to do
'Cause you like it...
Sin feels good for the ego...
You love it...
Oh, come on baby let your hair go

And all the time, I'm winding you up
Like my perfect little puppet, you're my favorite robot, welcome to the show
but I'm watching you and all of hell is with me too, helping me make my
lies look true

Oh and there is a lie that works for everyone, everyone
A lie that opens your hearts so I can get me some more of your free will
I'm winding you
Winding you
Give me the control that's why I'm telling you
Selling you
Anything
Everything
Appealing to your human way of being and I use it all against you to just
keep your eyes from seeing past the life you're living
Past the moment you're in
Past the pleasure of your sin

Or the cigarette you're smoking
Choking on your lust
I'll make you drunk with pride
So deeply spun into my system that you won't see the light
Never mind that I'm drowning you
I keep deceiving you...

But I'll say that millions of years ago an accident exploded
And you're the result of this cosmic unknown with no real purpose

Created for no real intent
The reason for your living is just coincidence
So all the remains is what you can gain
Whatever meaning you attach to your days you decide
Mmm, but I help you recognize the important things in life
Introducing money, it's the root of all, evil they say so
I attach your self worth to the salary you're paid, be a slave to your property
Your jewelry
Your cars and things
Advertise that lie up on the TV so you want that bling
Selling bit by bit the little pieces of your soul
Climbing up the ladder of economic control
Oh, the greed of man makes it so easy to pervert the Father's plan

Or I'll tell you...
There is a heaven but there's many ways to get in
Keep you so confused that you stay bound to your sin
Tell you there are many ways to the same God
Keep you distracted with your methods so your heart stays hard,
I'll make you think you've got spirituality, but it's really just emotional
alchemy
Oh, the vanity of self-idoltary I never let you see that it breeds
Hedonism! Whoo!
And it's the anthem of this generation
Come on, drink it, snort it, smoke it, swallow it
Chew on my illusion of freedom til you vomit it

And still I don't tell you
Bout the God in heaven
Who loves you
Who yearns for you
No I don't tell you
Bout the freedom of forgiveness and truth
Why would I tell you?
Why would I tell you the truth?

To find the way to God, to understand the *truth* of God's Word, and to received the gift of eternal *life*, begin by repentance and faith through a prayer like this:

“Dear God, I understand that I have broken Your Law and sinned against You. Please forgive my sins. Thank You that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place. I now place my trust in Him as My Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.”
