Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - 15 April 2022

Greetings from Tyler,

Revelations about the Shanghai lock down are just unbelievable. People face arrest if they venture out for any reason. Their screams from windows and balconies sound like nothing you've ever heard. Twenty five million people are not allowed out of their dwellings. The streets are empty. The COVID must be really bad! It never got quite that bad in California, but another wave is in the wings. The Mid Term variant. Some cities are already demanding masks be worn at all indoor facilities, or you can't come in. It's just great for business.

The Chinese don't seem to care if their citizens are miserable, or starving. Judging from the nightmarish soundtrack, they're not happy. Nobody within earshot is happy. At least we can hit the mute button, change the channel or turn the noise off.

The brutality being visited upon people's pets, should they test positive, is abhorrent to Western sensibilities. But they've opted for zero COVID, regardless. We're not going to say what they're doing to people's pets after they test positive here. The media, the administration and the obnoxious Dr. won't say a cross word, or even anything that could be construed as criticism of the regime. There's an obvious relationship to protect, now matter *what* they do. It's starting to look like they have *Carte Blanche*. Where's Jimmy Carter and his human rights crusade? The left has changed. A lot.

Fauci is all over the place, again, warning and explaining as if we're interested. He doesn't show up anywhere that might ask him about the communications we've been shown. But he reserves the right to revisit the darkest mandates of the pandemic. Oh yeah, they just might be necessary. You almost hope he tries some draconian nonsense. Then the occupant would have to read it off a teleprompter, embarrassing everybody but himself.

Some places still have many people roaming around in public, and driving solo, with their masks securely in place. Either they've been frightened by the experts, or they're modern Pharisees. We could never be THAT righteous. But alas, the

experts may emerge to declare another health emergency. It worked last time.

You might have seen the skit the Saudi's put on television. If not you probably will. It's too depressing to be funny. It makes you wonder how it's received by the other world leaders. It's just too close to the truth. He's at a podium trying to say something coherent, and the actor playing Kamala is a dude in make-up and pantsuit. Saudi Arabia is an ally. Nothing like this happens without approval from the ruling class. It's sad that they found it funny, but now the whole world is watching. They probably already were.

Governor Abbott made good on his promise to bus illegals to Washington D. C. None are going against their will, and presumably they're treating it like tourism, glad to be among the gleaming monuments rather than running in the mud along the Rio Grand. As the redhead said, illegals are free to travel throughout the country. That alone shows how much this bunch cares for the citizens. But at least some of the "migrants" are out of Texas. Send them to Baltimore or Philadelphia. If they thought it was dangerous where they came from... The enhanced inspections of big rigs at the border turned out to be a bust, and is in the process of being reversed. Turns out it was going to hurt American citizens and Texans, so the governor dropped it.

The pope is talking, well, something we never heard of and don't want to know about. Hopefully, he doesn't know what he's talking about. If he does, he must keep some pretty sick company. You're forgiven if you fail to be interested.

A pollster that worked for Bill and Hillary has said with current ratings that it's utterly impossible a second term is in the offing. We're still wondering about the impossibility of the first term! Now *that* was impossible!

As for Elon Musk buying Twitter wholesale, we'll have to wait. There are shoes yet to drop, and the Washington agencies have started some investigations to turn him into a criminal. Over Tesla! These electric cars aren't about the save the planet, and I'm not going to Mars. In fact with the continuation of the stupid mandates, I'm not flying either. It was already stupid, But they've made it unbearable.

There are fireworks on the Temple Mount, literally. Turns out Ramadan and the Passover fell at the same time this year. It must be the third or fourth generation of rock throwers against rubber bullets. Still, they haven't learned a thing.

The war in Ukraine? We're starting to lose interest, or willingness to expose our senses to the madness of it all. But don't worry, the fake administration is on top of it. Let's hope it doesn't escalate. The Bible doesn't say it can't.

Mark

PS: We observed the Passover last evening, and had a great turnout for the cookout and game day today. The kids are exhausted. We're meeting for dinner tonight when more will arrive. The First Day of Unleavened Bread starts at sundown tonight, and it is an annual Holy Day.

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