

# Chapter 5: Family-Clan-Tribe



Exploring the role of morals, economics, and politics.



"This then was the lot of the tribe (tribe, clan, extended family, community, genetic-racial-ethnic group...)  
Of the children of Judah (extended family, genetic-tribal group...)  
By their families (marriage, extended family, clan, tribe, genetic-racial-ethnic group);  
Even to the border (territory, land ownership, nationalism) of Edom,...  
And their south border (territory, nationalism)  
Was from the shore of the salt sea.."  
Joshua 15:1,2.

# Lightning bolt society:

**HISTORY:** Thousands of years ago, we had families, clans, and tribes. When agriculture started, alcohol was quickly discovered, and human culture got a jolt of war, crime, economic swindle, class war, and damage to higher states of consciousness.

**STEP ONE: FAMILIES-CLANS-TRIBES-NATIONS:** The ancient system is still powerful in much of the world. The USA and Europe have the least tribalism, except for Jewish groups, whose tribalism could be a partial guide for others...

**VARIATION OF STEP ONE: TEMPLE COMMUNITIES, RELIGIOUS HEALTH COMMUNITIES:** It may be new for a lot of people, and take a certain amount of "attitude adjustment", but there is power in learning to work as a social team.

**STEP TWO: INDIVIDUALISM:** In the USA, a religious work ethic, combined with individualism and a good patent system, has led to some of the highest prosperity ever. Weaknesses include isolated individuals being vulnerable to those who are organized.

**STEP THREE: LARGE ORGANIZATIONS:** Religion, government, business, military. These have sometime been centers of great architecture and learning, but as centers of power, they have also been centers of war, swindle, and endless oppression.

**STEP FOUR: COMBINATION:** Start with families-tribes-health communities, balance with individualism as another pole of a social magnet. Afterward, these two together, at the local level, form a social magnet with larger central organizations.

**THEORY: MAGNETIC BALANCE OF POWERS:** This is a pattern demanded by God and nature, so that that all power systems can quickly stay in balance with each other. They all tend to get stronger and weaker together, hopefully in an upward spiral.

## Lightning bolts: bottom-up first, then top-down.

**DEEPER LEVELS:** Notice the obvious in the above list: If any person starts with the family-clan-tribe, and the religious-temple-health communities first, they have almost automatically solved a lot of social problems: They have put religion, ethnic-tribal identity, family, health, and religious-cultural-tribal loyalty ahead of an often swindling big money economic and political order. A healthy attitude adjustment just happens.

# "Divorce by former live-ins likelier"

**REFERENCE: *The Ledger*, 2-3-99**

"A growing body of research has found that... people who live together before marriage are more likely than other couples to divorce.

"According to a report released this week from the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University, studies done over the past decade found the same connection between living together before marriage and splitting up after.

"Researchers say people who live together are less committed to marriage."

**University study: free sex = higher divorce**

# “Individualism vs. collectivism”

**MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE, 1-3-91, from the NEW YORK TIMES**

“While Americans say the squeaky wheel gets the grease, in Japan the maxim is ‘the nail that stands out gets pounded down.’”

“The work contrasts individualism with ‘collectivism,’ in which a person’s loyalty to a group such as a family or a tribe overrides personal goals... ‘this outlook predominates in most cultures of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.’”

“... such societies have among the lowest rates of homicide, suicide, juvenile delinquency, divorce, child abuse and alcoholism. They also tend to have lower economic productivity...”

“The collectivist cultures make up about 70 percent of the world’s population...”

**“‘There are many kinds of individualism’...”**

“... the role of the collectivist outlook in generating friction between ethnic groups.”

“While collectivists are very nice to... members of their own groups, they can be very nasty, competitive and uncooperative toward those who belong to other groups... There is an unquestioned obedience to one’s own group... and a distrust of those in other groups.” ... “This attitude... encourages the kind of ethnic fighting common in many parts of the world, including sub-Saharan Africa, India and the Middle East.”

**“People with a collective focus tend to think in terms of long-term goals that benefit the whole group... their time frame is likely to include ‘a chain of generations.’** Individualists, by contrast, ‘look for immediate rewards for their efforts.’”

**“In collectivist cultures... family integrity is of the utmost importance.” ... “In earlier days... the individualism in America was one that also honored community values...”** Today we have... a consumer politics in which ‘What’s in it for me’ is all that matters, while considerations of the common good are... irrelevant.”

“There’s perhaps a better model in the democracies of Europe... There you find a strong sense of the dignity of the individual with an equally strong social responsibility.”

## There needs to be a balance.

# **HIV Thins Regions of the Brain**

**REFERENCE: *HealthDay Reporter*, October 11, 2005**

“In disturbing news for HIV patients, research now provides visual evidence that the AIDS virus ravages some parts of the brain, even in those who follow powerful drug regimens to remain healthy.

“By using high-tech scanners, researchers from two American universities found that the brains of HIV patients were 15 percent thinner in areas that control language, planning and movement. It didn't matter if the patients were on a drug regimen known as HAART, which often allows infected individuals to keep the virus from destroying the immune system. "The drugs clearly aren't stopping the destruction of brain tissue," ...

“An estimated 40 million people worldwide are infected with the AIDS virus -- about 1 percent of those aged 15 to 49...

“The thickness of the brain in three areas -- the primary sensor, motor and premotor cortices -- was 15 percent lower in HIV patients.

## **Prevention is better.**

# "Epidemic of sexual diseases"

**REFERENCE: *The Ledger*, 3-25-98**

"Chlamydia: 4 million new cases each year. Gonorrhea: 800,000 new cases a year. Genital herpes: 200,000 to 500,000 new cases.

"...an epidemic of sexual infections has silently surged.

"An estimated 10 million to 12 million new cases of sexual diseases are reported in the United States each year. The rates are highest in the industrialized world, and in some cities, infection rates rival those in poor countries.

"Chlamydia - a parasite - can lead to infertility and tubal pregnancies.

"The costs of treating sexually transmitted diseases reach at least \$10 billion a year..."

**10 to 12 million *new*  
STD's per year, \$10  
billion cost...**

And what about AIDS?

# "Condoms... leakage, breakage, slippage, improper usage."

**REFERENCE: THE NEW REPUBLIC, May 27, 2002**

"In 1986... in Uganda... 18 of the 60 officers were HIV-positive.

"Museveni (the Ugandan dictator)... Within one year he was leading a nationwide mobilization against AIDS that drew in bishops, imams, and public health experts... the programs would become known as ABC, for 'Abstain, Be faithful, or wear a Condom' - very much in order of emphasis.

"... the message, promoted everywhere from Museveni's speeches to elementary school curricula, was that children should abstain from sex until marriage and then practice... fidelity... Billboards with this message are omnipresent in Uganda.

"By last year the number of pregnant Ugandan women testing positive for HIV antibodies had fallen from 21.2 percent... in 1991 to 6.2 percent. By contrast, in neighboring Kenya the rate is roughly 15 percent; in Zimbabwe it stands at 32 percent; and in Botswana fully 38 percent of mothers-to-be are HIV positive... (Senegal, a country with equally strong anti-HIV leadership, has also done well...)

"Condoms had relatively little to do with it. By far the most striking... feature of Uganda's success is the drastic reduction in multiple partnering by Ugandan adults. Among women aged 15 and above, the number reporting multiple sexual partners fell from 18.4 percent in 1989... to 2.5 percent in 2000... the rate of marriage among girls aged 15 to 19 is 76 percent, compared with 37 percent in neighboring Kenya.

"... Uganda's experience suggests that **abstinence and fidelity may be the keys to whipping AIDS in Africa**... According to a study... by former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and... (WHO) epidemiologist Rand Stoneburner, Uganda's prevention model has the potential to reduce the AIDS rate in Africa's worst stricken countries by 80 percent... **if South Africa had employed Uganda's approach... 3.2 million lives would be saved between 2000 and 2010.**

"... Zimbabwe and Botswana... 'Both countries are basket cases,' says (a health official)... 'Condoms are marketed as if they are one hundred percent safe; but there is leakage, breakage, slippage, improper usage...

# **Abstinence can save 3.2 million lives in S.A.**

# **“Fewer teens engaging in sex, study finds”**

**REFERENCE: The Associated Press Dec. 10, 2004**

“WASHINGTON - Fewer teens are engaging in sexual activity than in the past, and those that do are more likely to use contraceptives...

“...for girls aged 15 to 17 the percentage who had ever had intercourse declined from 38 percent in 1995 to 30 percent in 2002. For boys, the agency said, the decline was 43 percent to 31 percent.

“‘There is much good news in these results,’ Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said in a statement. ‘More teenagers are avoiding or postponing sexual activity, which can lead to sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancy or emotional and societal responsibilities for which they are not prepared.’

“...the leading methods of contraception in the United States in 2002 were the oral contraceptive pill, 11.7 million women; female sterilization, 10.3 million; the male condom, 6.9 million; male sterilization, 3.5 million, and the Depo-Provera injectable, 2.0 million.”

## **Focus on morals**



# Marriage is important after all

**REFERENCE: *Society*, Nov/Dec 1999, Rutgers University, Murry**

"As of 1997, more than 1.8 million people were in prisons, jails and juvenile facilities.

"It is a major accomplishment that crime has gone down. It has been achieved not by socializing the underclass, but by putting large numbers of its members behind bars. "

"...it is the prevalence of mother-only homes that determines the nature of a neighborhood and the socialization of the next generation.

"...almost one out of three American babies is now born to an unmarried woman.

"The problems associated with illegitimacy will also continue to increase well into the next century...

"... we know from recent research that the bad effects of single parenting persist for women not on welfare.

"Can the United States retain its political and social culture in the presence of a permanent underclass?

"...American culture... during the past three decades it has increasingly been infiltrated by an underclass subculture that celebrates a bastardized social code - predatory sex and "getting paid."

"The violence and misogyny [hatred of women] that pervade certain forms of popular music reflect these values. So does the hooker look in fashion, and the flaunting of obscenity and vulgarity in comedy.

"European countries with high white illegitimacy ratios offer no comfort. Juvenile crime is increasing rapidly across Europe, along with other indicators of social deterioration in low-income groups.

"Broad swaths of American society are becoming more civil and less vulgar, more responsible and less self-indulgent. The good news is truly good... "

"... a substantial portion of the population cannot be expected to function as citizens."

# Marriage vs. "predatory sex"

# **Abuse common for women on welfare**

**REFERENCE: *The Ledger*, 11-28-99**

"...large numbers of women on welfare were sexually abused as children...

"Women who were raped or molested as children are more likely to become addicted to alcohol or drugs, to suffer battles with anxiety or depression and to become victims of domestic violence.

"...female adults... sexually abused as children... experts now accepted... (an), estimate for the general population, from 20 percent to 25 percent... the median figure in the welfare studies was 33 percent.

"An underlying pattern persists: conflict, defiance and flight.

"The abuse, the depression, the troubled men - the real issues... remained hidden...

"...if the details differ, the resulting instability has been the same."

## **Free sex = problems**

# **"Reversing... out-of-wedlock births"**

**REFERENCE: *The Ledger*, 11-8-99**

"...theories of left and right for reversing the generation-long rise in out-of wedlock births.

"Reducing the number of children born outside of marriage remains one of the country's most-pressing social needs.

"...children raised without the support of two parents are more likely to use drugs, drop out of school or become unmarried parents themselves.

"Just under 30 percent of all children now live in single-parent families.

"...the share of all births to unmarried women has drifted up from 28 percent in 1990 to almost 33 percent now.

"...future progress in discouraging unwed pregnancy may be to follow... expanding opportunity while demanding responsibility."

## **A major social need**

# "Illegitimacy rates spawning disaster"

REFERENCE: *Star Tribune*, 11-1-1993

"Illegitimacy rates spawning disaster... Fifty years ago 5 percent of Americans births were to unmarried women. That began to change in the 1960's... Minority births are primarily responsible... the percentage of births to unmarried women is over 70 percent in Detroit... rising illegitimacy is a self-reinforcing trend... the intergenerational transmission of poverty... People tend to parent as they were parented... The children of unmarried women are particularly apt to be poor. And poverty, with its attendant evils -- ignorance, dropping out of school, domestic and other violence, drug abuse, joblessness -- is unhealthy... a high mortality rate... The most readily identifiable tragedy of modern life is the illegitimate child."

## Free sex = problems

# "The underclass & America's future"

**REFERENCE: *Society*, Nov/Dec 1999, Rutgers**

**"Illusions of Prosperity":** "...The United States will soon be no different socially than a... Latin American country, where the rich live behind walls and private security forces while the urban poor exist in the life of squalor....

"... the broad failure of our basic agents of socialization: families, schools, and churches.

"... *all* of the decrease in "teenage fertility" comes from a startling decline in births to *married* women, mostly ages 18 and 19... a broad retreat from marriage, affecting all age categories...

"... a principal cause of the Clinton Prosperity: the ongoing deconstruction of the American home... Child care, meal preparation, and related family-centric activities moved from the uncounted sphere of home production to the marketplace. This contributed to the illusion of growth in the gross national product, but in fact marked only the growing dysfunction of the home.

"While out-of-wedlock fertility soared, marital fertility fell sharply. Murray sees the American future as one of "custodial democracy," ... where a relatively healthy mainstream population subsidizes... a large underclass. My reading of the social numbers suggests that the mainstream is not healthy enough even for this limited task, once the current retreats from marriage and children run their course. The social sciences already tell us enough... to suggest remedies. These could include... public policy preferences, in tax and housing, for young, married, heterosexual, child-rich couples. The trouble is that these are messages that the majority of the partygoers do not want to hear..."

# "Where the rich live behind walls"

# "Managerial masters"

**REFERENCE: *Society*, Nov-Dec 99, "After Liberalism: Mass Democracy in the Managerial State," Gottfried, Princeton**

"... managerial masters are all too happy to provide our 'material needs.' The price, however, is that they see... us as material for their incessant social and psychological engineering..."

"The nineteenth-century... (was the) heyday of ... 'bourgeois (middle class) liberalism'... Traditional religion... limited government..."

"... the New Deal... committed... the slaying of nineteenth-century liberalism..."

"... democracy... would be connected with 'the iron cage of bureaucracy'..."

"... the result of 'political' war."

"Multi-culturalism... open borders... 'the therapeutic state'... Its goal is an utterly integrated humanity composed of cosmopolitan individuals... finds obstacles in traditional religion, traditional morality..."

"... public administrators have enjoyed the unswerving support of journalists..."

"... gone from being 'citizens to subjects'..."

"... 'citizens' ... are 'increasingly resistant' to such 'social designs' 'pluralists inside and outside of government have pushed' upon us."

"... is there a science... which can generate suitable political forms and that is not at war with religion, traditional morality..."

# "citizens... resistant"

# **"Limit TV for kids"**

**REFERENCE: *The Ledger*, 8-10-99**

"Children can become less active, less imaginative. They may eat more, exercise less and become overweight... more hyperactive.

"...recommendations recently released by the American Academy of Pediatrics...

" 'Children should be limited to one to two hours of quality television a day.'

" 'The media is a very powerful tool. If they see the media portray a certain lifestyle as OK, they're going to try to pursue that lifestyle.'

"... keeping children younger than 2 from watching any television.

" '...babies and toddlers have a critical need for direct interactions with parents and other significant caregivers for healthy brain growth and... social, emotional and cognitive skills...'

"...many doctors and interest groups, such as TV-Free America, praised the recommendations...

"Limiting older children to no more than two hours of media watching, including video games.

"Banning televisions, video games and computers from children's rooms to create 'media free' zones."

## **A battle for the mind**

# Fathers factor big in kid's substance abuse

**REFERENCE:** *The Ledger*, 8-31-99

"... those who don't get along with their fathers are at far greater risk of smoking, drinking and using drugs...

"It matters a lot more that the father not only be present but emotionally engaged... that he knows his children, that he's a friend to his children... if they join with mothers in monitoring their teens' conduct.

"... children who never have dinner with their parents have a 70 percent greater risk of substance abuse.

"... teens who said their fathers have more than two drinks a day have a 71 percent greater risk of substance abuse.

"Parenting advice... Become active participants in your teen's life. Regularly help with home work. Encourage your teen to seek your help on important decisions. Eat dinners frequently as a family. Attend religious services regularly and make religion important to the life of your teen. Praise your teen when merited. Know what your teen is doing after school. Know where your teen is on weekends."

## Be positively involved



# **"Study shows home schoolers perform four grade levels above national average"**

**REFERENCE:** *Colorado Christian News*, Sept/Oct 1999

"In the largest research study to date, home educated students have shown academic performance higher than their counterparts in public and private schools. The recently released study was conducted by... Rudner, Ph.D., compiling test scores from 20,760 students. Rudner found that the average 8th grade home school student performs four grade levels above the national average. Home schooled students rated between the 70th and 90th percentile on average for mathematics, language, and reading in all 12 grades."

## **"Parental involvement"**

# **Bureaucracy in the public schools**

**REFERENCE: *Forbes*, 11-2-98**

"A lot of the waste in the system is the fault of the nonteaching bureaucracy.

"Seven states... (have) more personnel *outside* the classroom than in it.

"...the out-of-the-classroom professionals earn more on average than teachers.

"First-ranked Rhode Island... has the highest proportion of teachers (63.3%)... in last-ranked Michigan only 45.20/0 of educational staff are teachers."

U.S. average: 52.1% of school employees are teachers.

**Nearly as many “top-heavy” bureaucrats as teachers nation-wide**

# Music is a weapon

**REFERENCE:** *The Ledger*, 7 -11-99

"Listening to music is teen-agers top non-school activity... Teen-agers rate music higher than religion or books as influences on their generation. A higher percentage of teen-agers than adults think entertainment influences them to have sex and engage in antisocial activity.

"... music is a powerfully influential factor in human existence... have shown conclusively that television violence begets real-world violence... music is an even greater influence than television in the lives of teen-agers. Studies have shown that music significantly alters moods, attitudes, emotions, and values - foundations of behavior.

"... songs 'are more than just mirrors of society'; they are a potent force in the shaping of it. . .

"The Littleton killers, like other schoolhouse murderers before them, were fans of shock-rocker Marilyn Manson.

"... twice as many blamed violent images in music and television than thought the availability of guns was the culprit.

"Intuition, experience and research confirm that some popular music contributes to youth violence."

## Learn to use it.

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