

THE GREAT AMERICAN CULLING – (AKA) DARWINISM ON STEROIDS

You may not be familiar with what is known as “the culling.” If not, it is time for such an awareness to exist among us who believe in American Democracy. Agriculturally, culling involves the elimination or weeding out of undesirable farm animals from the herd, who are considered to be weak and/or inferior. In the realm of nature, Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution focused on the concept of natural selection. In other words, nature itself will automatically ensure that the process of culling does take place. Darwin referred to it as “survival of the fittest.” However, in the realm of what is considered to be an advanced and civilized society, care is frequently provided for even the weakest among us, so that they may have a chance at surviving. At this particular point in the history of our American Democracy, I would still like to believe that the vast majority of our citizenry would view culling, applied in the human realm, to be unthinkable. But I am writing this article to let you know that there may very well be a distinct minority who are open to the possibility of human culling, as something plausible and even necessary.

Look no further than the example of Nazi Germany and the inhumanity which they perpetrated against the Jewish people known as the Holocaust. Why are there people in our nation who deny that it even happened? The people of modern-day Germany are in no such state of denial. Why are some of us? There have been other genocides throughout human history, justified as a need for ethnic cleansing. But it could never happen here, could it? The seeds of such a development always begin within the attitude of the human heart. Here is one chilling example. I am familiar with a person who, when presented with the plight of the elderly, the infirm and the handicapped among us, and the extensive care which they receive, asked the question, “Why bother?” How could such a response imply anything other than the care being given wasn’t worth the time, effort and cost involved in helping those who are the weakest among us to survive?

We “bother” because we are human beings made in the image of God and not a group of animals in a barbaric jungle environment, where only the strong survive. Nevertheless, to the best of my knowledge, there is a perspective among some who live at the very top of earth’s food chain, that those living below are nothing more than “useless eaters,” who are wasting valuable resources which could be better used for those who are worthy. They have taken Darwin’s theory of natural selection, injected it with a heavy dose of insatiable greed, and turned it into a grotesque effort for willfully depopulating the human race. Or, what I would describe as “Darwinism on steroids.”

As a Christian, what shocks me is that some fellow Evangelicals are leaning in that direction. They want to turn our nation into a Christian Theocracy, rooted in power and privilege. This desire reveals their astonishing two-fold ignorance. First, it violates the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights; prohibiting the government from establishing a state religion. Second, it is repeating the dual sin of Israel, when they came under the judgment of God in both the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities, for idolatry AND social injustice. Yet, isn’t the legislation recently passed into law by the U.S. Congress, also marked by social injustice? Is this not an initial attempt at an American Culling? Their ruthless reasoning is simply this. We are all going to die, anyway. So, why not some sooner, rather than later? Why not? The prophet tells us “Why not” in Isaiah 10:1-3 –

“Woe to those who enact evil statutes and to those who constantly record unjust decisions, so as to deprive the needy of justice and rob the poor of My people of their rights, so that widows may be their spoil and that they may plunder the orphans. Now what will you do in the day of punishment, and the devastation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your wealth?”