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Welcome, oh happy warrior to our Rabbi Daniel Lapin show where I, your Rabbi reveal how the world really works. Does it doesn't irritate you and I say really works. I hope not.

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But one dl wrote and said that it does bother when I do that deal, right? You know, that means write "dear listener", one dear listener one dl said that my really works bothered her somehow but I should stop doing it repeatedly. But surely not I mean, of all the many ways in which I offend people I would have thought that really works is probably among the least offensive things that I say.

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Talking of which happy warriors? Yeah. Here's an interesting angle on it, I think. Think about this. And maybe you'd even want to stop the play at this point and give yourself you know, two or three or four minutes to actually think about it, maybe even write down an answer. What is the measure of human greatness?

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When we say he's a great man, you know, that's a really great woman. What do we really mean by that? Have you have you thought about that? And, you know, does it mean they're huge? They weigh 300 pounds? No, obviously not. When you say a great human being? No, we do not mean a great in terms of physical size. What do we mean, somebody who's very famous with that good? Could that be a great human being? Uh, well, I suppose it depends what they're famous for. Right? But fame surely is not synonymous with greatness.

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And so what is it? What is great. And I will tell you that the the accurate and honest measurement of greatness in a person has nothing to do with the external. It's not what people think it's not the outside things he's done, or she has done. It's, it's certainly not the acclaim in which the public holds them. Right. Being a celebrity isn't the same as being great, not at all, far from it. So what what does being great really mean? What do we mean when we say somebody is a great person. And so I thought I should give you some ideas of what that involves a person who's really great, and has a lot of self discipline. That's the quality of greatness, a person who's great and has very good impulse control. A person whose great is able to defer gratification, right, it can put off the need to feel good, in favor of

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future benefits. So those are some of the things. greatness means being able to do what needs to be done to follow duty and obligation.

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It means loyalty, particularly to family but also to friends. Greatest means resilience, right? It means you can be knocked down 11 times, you'll still pick yourself up and try again the 12th time. Or if you're a sales professional, you know getting six people in a row hang up on you, and still pick up the phone and make one more call.

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Resilience that's a part of human greatness. Do you see what I mean? It's really important to understand that as we aspire to greatness, we are aspiring to things. We have the ability to fix ourselves. It's a level playing field. You cannot claim being a victim. You cannot claim it's anti semitism that's doing it. Now. There is nobody stopping me from becoming a better husband. Nobody's stopping me from becoming a better friend. Nobody's stopping me from developing stronger self discipline. Nobody's stopping me at all, from making myself able to withstand temptation. Right?

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These are things each and every one of us can do in order to become a bigger person. So with that said, I asked you a question. I got two guys in front of me. Tom and Jerry. And Tom and Jerry. look quite different from one another. Tom looks rather pasty. A little bit gone to seed. Very Oh, Wait. And when you see him, Tom is sitting on the couch with a can of beer in one hand, and a chocolate marang pie and the other and he's watching television. That's Tom. Jerry is lean and hungry looking. He is at a very good weight. When you see him, he is at the gym three times a week. And he seems to have excellent body mass and, and good lung capacity. And now I asked you, we don't know any more about them. But which one is more likely to be the greater man? Which one is more likely to be the better man?

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And the answer is Jerry, right? Because he gives himself challenges that he has to stand up to. Tom seems to indulge himself. Self indulgence is contra in to indicative of greatness, self indulgence. That's not a part of being a great human being.

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Discipline demanding more of yourself. So I think although we know very little more about Tom and Jerry, we'd have no trouble saying, you know what, Jerry is probably the bigger man. Jerry is probably the better man. It would seem that Jerry is capable of self discipline. Jerry is capable of deferment of gratification. And Jerry is able to control his impulses, seems like he is more likely to be the better man. Follow. Okay, so here is a question. And please, please, regardless of where you stand on any of these matters, hear me carefully because the climate in the United States at the moment is such that people are seeking to take offense. People are earnestly scrambling through the dirt, hoping to find a golden

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nugget of offense, something they can protest. And so stay calm. Take a deep breath, who is likely to be the better man, the man who's married to a woman, or the man who is married to a man.

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Now, I'm not saying who's the the more moral man. I'm not saying who is the more godly or the more but I'm not saying that. I'm asking you who is likely to be the greater man. The man married to a man or the man married to a woman? And the answer is, you want to write it down?

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What is the answer? The answer is that it's very similar to the two men on the couch and at the gym. The man who demands more of himself is likely to be the better man, the man who doesn't yield. And the man who faces struggle, who confronts challenge with joy in his heart. Like most people who run or exercise or go to the gym. Yeah, you got to force yourself to do it. But there is a deep sense of delight in doing it because deep in your heart, you know, that you are making yourself a better person. You are withstanding temptation. You're deferring gratification, you're exercising considerable discipline. So how about the man married to a man, or a man married to a woman?

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The answer is it is really easy for a man to be married to a man, it demands almost nothing. First of all, society demon is society lionizes as your society loves you,. You stand a far better chance of being popular in a number of different circles, if you are a man married to a man. So from that point of view, it's certainly not a challenge. But on a deeper level. What's more interesting and perhaps more important, is that living with a man is easy, because I know what a man thinks because I is one. And so I know exactly what's in his mind. Most of the time, he knows what's on my mind. And, and I do not have to stretch he and I can enjoy an evening have complete solitude of complete silence where we don't even talk to each other. He's really I'm in no no conversation at all. And we're fine. But a man married to a woman knows that he has to develop his communication skills. because much of the time his wife is going to require him to communicate and talk and that demand something means he has to reach outside of himself.

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become a more a more of a man than he was before. That's right. It is more probable that a man married to a woman is greater than a greater - a better man than a man married to a man. In the same way that a man regularly working out of the gym is likely to be a better man than the man vegging out on the couch with chips and beer. That is the the key thing. And so when I speak of the happy warrior, I'm talking about men and women who are happy to confront challenge, happy to seek challenge, happy to go out of their way to find challenge. You know, I once had a member of my congregation, many years ago, who was a bright guy undeniably bright. And he worked for a bank.

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And he used to, there were no Ubers around at that point. And so he used to go to the go to work every day on a bus. Now in Los Angeles, getting around on a bus is really not simple. And he'd had to take at

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least two buses, and then walk a bit to get to work. And I remember saying to him one point, why don't you get it? I mean, I knew he was making enough money to get a car, why don't you get a car? And his answer stupefied me. He said, you know, a car, is so much responsibility, I going to have to take care of it, I got to remember to fill it with gas, I'm gonna have to get insurance, I probably have to occasionally remember to pay a parking ticket, I'm going to have to take it in for routine maintenance. It's just a whole lot of responsibility. This way I get on a bus, I pay my fare I sit down and I don't have to. And I thought to myself, I'm going to watch him. Because I don't think he's going to thrive in his bank. And sure enough, he didn't. And several people asked me afterwards, you know, what do you think I said, I knew he wasn't going to thrive there. He did everything he could to evade responsibility. You can't do that in business, you certainly can't do it as an employee, because it is the act of seeking out responsibility and discharging it effectively. That makes you a success as an employee and in business, seeking and having responsibilities is good. Assuming obligations is good. And that's why my recommendation always is that a man should ask the woman he wishes to marry, to do me a huge favor.

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And he should say to her, I beseech of you, to grant me the privilege of being chiefly responsible for the support of our future family. You know, we don't have children, you're going to work fine, whatever. But when they're children, and you give me the permission to assume the responsibility and the obligation to support our family. First of all, that frees you to look after our babies. But more importantly, it makes me a bigger man. Because accepting obligation is a fantastic doorway to growth. Do you hear that? Please? Write it down. It's a life changing piece of information.

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Accepting and even embracing new obligation is a doorway to incredible growth. Very important. And so when when I, when I think of happy warriors, listening to the show, you may be listening while you're in a car or in a bus. You might be listening while you're going to sleep at night. You might be listening, while you're exercising in the gym, whatever you're doing. And wherever you're listening, I think of you listening and I think to myself, happy warriors. Yes, people who embrace challenge.

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obligation, right is a challenge. That's what it is. And happy on top of it. Who know that happiness is a decision it's not a state of mind and are able to exercise that and bring it into the forefront of their existence. I take my hat off to you being a happy warrior is really something and the the title of today's shows, you know is I titled it is that so, Is it really so. And what I mean by that is that we human beings, all of us, we are inclined to go with the flow.

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You know, we we need connection and one way we feel connected to other people one way we feel less alone. One way that we feel less alienated is when we share opinions with other people. And this is one of the ways that advertising works. Right? It doesn't mean that everybody who sees an advertisement for a particular product, say a type of car or an item of clothing will rush out and buy that

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object that car or the jacket or the dress. No, but repeated viewings again and again, does have the effect on a certain number of people who may be in the market for a call maybe in the market for a new item of clothing. And then it begins to work on them. And the fact that other people think that's a good con, other people think that's a fine item of clothing helps us to think that as well. It just does my friends now. I know what you're thinking you're thinking, Rabbi Lapin you've misjudged me, I am a happy warrior. And that means I can be original. I am an independent thinker. And indeed, indeed, as a happy warrior. You must be all of those things. That's true. But it's also important to be aware that even as happy warriors, we do share certain weaknesses with the rest of the human race we do. And one can always try and make oneself a bigger and a better person. And one way is by being less susceptible to what the crowd is doing to be a little less susceptible to the tendency to want to go with the flow.

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And so I do understand that we all say, Oh, no, not me. And I'm not like that. None of these things have any effect on me just because a lot of people believe this or that or the other now doesn't work on me. It really does even to a small immeasurable extent. But it adds up. It's very unlikely that any of us are completely 100% immune to the effect of being persuaded by what large numbers of people around us think.

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There was a psychologist, really one of one of the the top, in my view, probably one of the top 10 psychologists of the 20th century. His name was Solomon Asch. And I will mention that he was Jewish. And I mentioned that just because there are so many times I have to tell you that people I'm very embarrassed about being Jewish, like George Soros, the former Hungarian Jew, who settled in the United States become became a financier, and today funds the most destructive far left initiatives and policies, he is responsible for placing very bad prosecutors in position in a number of locales around the United States. And I always have to tell, you know, George Soros is Jewish. Well, let me tell you that Solomon Asch, the 20th century psychologist, was Jewish, and that was, that was okay with me.

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And he became best known for his conformity experiments. And in conformity experiments, he demonstrated the influence of group pressure on our opinions. And I'll give you an example of very just a quick description of one of his most famous experiments.

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What he pioneered, I think, is the technique of setting up a scenario where there are scripted actors in a scene, but where the subject of the psychology test has no idea that he is on if you like the set the stage of a play, he thinks he's actually living out real life. And so Solomon Asch would, first of all, meet with all the collaborators. And I'll just give you an example of one of the things he did, he says, okay, folks, I'm going to draw three or four lines on the board, and I'm going to label them, line a, and then line B, C, and D. And I'm going to ask the audience of which you all will be part to tell me which of the lines b c and d is the same length his line a. One of them is one of them's shorter, one of them's longer

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ones exactly the same as a, he says at certain predetermined times and you and I will will agree which times those are

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You must all of you vote that the correct answer is, shall we say d? When, if you use look at it, you'd know that the correct answer was actually B. But you must all insist that the right answer is D. What we want to measure is whether the subject of this experiment who doesn't know that you and I have made collaborative plans, we want to see if he will be persuaded to also give an obviously wrong answer, because so many of the other people in this test are saying that he starts becoming dubious about his original guess. Well, he, Solomon Asch did this test very, very carefully.

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He regulated it, he made sure that a number of rounds ran normally. So as the subject wouldn't become alarmed. And in the end, what he finally discovered was that at least 23% of people were influenced to give the wrong decision.

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A bigger percentage of people began to doubt their own original choice. And he realized that the group pressure has an enormous impact on our opinions. And it's something that it's worth knowing. Because as you continue the exciting adventure of getting to know yourself, and getting to make of yourself a bigger and better person. And it's valuable to be aware of our flaws and of our weaknesses. And one of them is that on some level or another, we are subject to group pressure. That's right. Be aware of it. And so you've got to know also that when the other people giving the false information are perceived as people of authority, or people who are acclaimed experts, or celebrities, people who are looked up to or you assume or looked up to, then we are likely to be even more susceptible to group pressure.

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So be aware, please, because right now, we are all being told things about public health. Right? We are assured they are scientific facts. But my friends, your Rabbi urges you to be cautious, to be very cautious. And you must ask yourself, Is that so? Is it really so? We're told things about sex, sex, and gender, just social constructs. There's no difference between men and women. We're told things about money, economics and finance. As a matter of fact, this week, Paul Krugman in the New York Times, wrote an article saying, hey, there's no inflation. Not at all, just because President Biden is handing out vast sums of money into the economy that do not exist, they're going to need to be printed. That's no problem.

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That's Paul Krugman, The New York Times. And so a lot of people agree with him. And I might say, Well, I guess, you know, I always thought that when more money is printed than is actually being produced. And it's certainly not hard to see right now. That there's not a whole lot of production going on in the United States of America. And when money is being printed for To that end? Well, it's easy to I always thought that that produces inflation, surely. But no, the highly respected economist Paul

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Krugman, and the well established newspaper, The New York Times, well, they got together and they say, No, there's no inflation, don't worry about a thing. And what's more, we encourage President Biden to give out another \$3 trillion.

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And it's very difficult to retain your opinion, because everyone around you is all saying they're all saying the same thing. And you are being pressured by the group, even in ways that we ourselves are not always sensitive to. We're told things about weather and climate all the time, right. to such an extent that if you even question it in your mind, you start wondering if you're some kind of a nutcase, how can you even question something that is so well established 97% of scientists, etc, etc, etc. Okay, well, yeah, look, science doesn't lie, of course. But scientists do. Absolutely.

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I could show you articles in Scientific American articles in Lancet, the the medical journal, I could show you articles in a variety of scientific papers, all of which made fun, they mocked anybody. This is like a year ago, anybody who suggested that the COVID virus might have come from a Chinese lab, and not from the open air market? And no, this is completely out of the question. And, oh, nature magazine was another one. And they attacked anybody who suggested that maybe we should look inside the lab in Wuhan, the neurological lab in Wuhan for the source of the COVID virus. And these magazines are carried articles by prominent scientists mocking, mercifully mercilessly mocking anybody who suggested maybe we should look at the lab as the source of the virus. And then turns out that the authors were all of them have links to Chinese money, funding grants, corporate ownership, and they're all doing the party line. Yes, scientists do lie. Not all scientists, not all the time. But while science doesn't lie, scientists most assuredly do. in exactly the same way that I would say the Bible does not lie. But some clergy do. There's a woman called Rabbi Oh, Padme Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, am I embarrassed on this one, you should only see me blushing. Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum is the Rabbi of a, again, you'll pardon me, I don't even like saying this stuff, because it's so mad and so insane. She is the Rabbi of a New York City, synagogue, for homosexuals and lesbians and trans trans people.

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It's amazing, you know that, again, from the point of view of biblical authority, you rejected, if you will, I mean, feel free, this is a free country still. And you can believe whatever you wish to believe. But what what you could not deny, is that from a Bible point of view, and the Bible is the Constitution of the Jewish people, from a biblical point of view, having a synagogue for homosexuals, is exactly the same thing as having a synagogue for pork eaters.

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Because the same Bible that prohibits pork prohibits homosexual behavior. Now, you know, rejected, as I say, feel free to reject it, the there's, there's no religious compulsion here, on this show, or anywhere else. But, but at least just from the point of view of honesty, if you are going to have a synagogue as a Jewish organization, then you can't really have a synagogue whose raison d'etre is the gathering together of people who are in violation of the Bible. Maybe you don't like the fact that the

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Bible prohibits homosexual behavior. I'm sure there are many people who don't like that idea. And I understand that. But what I don't understand is the intellectual dishonesty involved in Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum. serving as the spiritual leader of such a congregation Anyway, she has just been appointed, if you don't mind, Commissioner of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, that would be by Joe Biden, the President of the United States of America. So So yes, there's a lot of propaganda out there. I think of it as advertisements for ideas. We see we all we're all familiar, you open a magazine, you go to a website, you got to turn on your television or open a newspaper, you're going to see advertisements for products and services. And we're used to that. As a matter of fact, I think most of us kind of find it interesting. You know, we'd like to know what ingenuity our fellow human beings are applying to come up with ways to be of service to us to come up with goods or services that that will enhance our lives. That's what they're trying to do.

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So we understand the role of advertisements for things. But there's also advertisements for ideas, and advertisements for ideas. Well, that's propaganda. Those are the ideas that are being beamed relentlessly into the culture, about men and women being the same, and money economics and finance and weather and climate, all of these and many, many other things. And so, as a happy warrior, you need to start training yourself to ask the question, Is that so? Is it really so?

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And you have to ask yourself, who benefits from the promotion of this propaganda? Who's this helping? Right, what are the forces that are arrayed in order to push this? And things, you know, climate change the idea that human beings are destroying the climate and causing warming and they're bringing terrible dangers? The the the latest report just came out in the last week or two.

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It's an annual report by the International Committee on climate change. And this is a group that has been caught in hoaxes and in in sheer outright fraud in order to make their point, which is Western industry has shut down immediately, that and that's what they're saying. And you, you got to say, you know who benefits from this stuff? Well, they do imagine, imagine that. You are one of them. 97% of climate scientists. Imagine you work for a university as a climate scientist. What happens to your lab, what happens to your funding? What happens? Your grant? What happens to your students, if you are forced to come out with a definitive statement? Okay, folks, we've all been wrong. This has all been complete rubbish. There may or may not be 1% rise or one degree right? a rise in temperature during the current 100 years. It's certainly not caused by human activity. And in any event, there's no indication that it is a problem in any way whatsoever. What happens if, if that is your career, if you were a professor at a university, or you work for a climate science lab, or you are a consultant to business for how to deal with global warming? What happens if everyone finally decides you know, it's not not a real problem? You do see your life ends, don't you?

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Like, what are you going to do next? Do you think jobs in that field? Are that easy to come by? Oh, no. Which brings us to the next the thing that is worth noting. And that is that? You know, there are lots of ways of dividing up America, you know, red America, blue America, etc. People who voted for President Trump people who love President Trump, people who believe that the Judeo Christian tradition is vital for our nation survival. And on the other side, people who believe that Judeo Christian values are primitive constructs that obstruct progress.

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You got different ways of dividing people? Well, another way of dividing people is by jobs, the job you do or the job that the breadwinner of your family does. Well, there's two kinds of jobs mainly, there's one kind of job that depends on credentials and connections. And there's another kind of job that depends on competence. So, let me try and give you some examples. If you are a climate scientist, right, you are a climatologist, and you are helping to teach of the dangers of global warming. And you are trying to indoctrinate a new generation of college students that the worst thing they can do is help develop industry and the best thing I can do is be an activist against global warming.

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Surely you see that your livelihood the bread you eat every day depends exclusively on credentials and connection. You got credentialed as a climate scientist, the high priests of academia, namely, universities, have given you a piece of paper that says you are a climate scientists, goody, goody, goody. And then you depend on connections.

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And you heard of a friend who heard that at a university in South Dakota, they have an opening for a climate scientist while you go there. And you publish like crazy. You put out articles in nature magazine and in Scientific American in Lancet, how dangerous climate change is. And then little by little, you know, your word gets out and then a University in Chicago hears about you and offers you a job and you Oh, goody, goody, goody, you're moving up in the world. But it's not as if your job depends on proven competency in any area. Your job depends on credentials and connections. On the other hand, think about a plumber. Now, plumber, can be parachuted into any city in the world. And he'll have bread to eat by the end of the day. Do you agree with me?

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You understand what I'm saying? If the climate scientist from the University of South Dakota, gets parachuted into some city, you know, show, you know whatever city you want Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso in West Africa, parachutes into Ouagadougou, do you think he's gonna eat? I don't know if they have a university there. I don't know if they teach climate science. If they do, they're going to give the jobs to their own graduates. And so our climatologist is going to? Well, I think he's gonna stop. How about the plumber who's parachuted into Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso?

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Look, they got water in Burkina Faso, and they got pipes to carry the water. I've never been there. But this I can guarantee you. And those pipes corrode and break. Therefore they need plumbers. And therefore the plumber will find work to do before the day is out. Because the plumber depends on competence. And the climate scientist depends on credentials and connections.

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Okay, what happens if you're a professor of moral philosophy? And you are part of the School of particularism in moral philosophy? What happens if you get parachuted into Capetown or Moscow or Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, you starve to death. Unless your faculty back home happens to know somebody. And then you back on connections. And who knows you may be lucky. But the plumber who's parachuted into Cape Town or to BC or anywhere else, he starts eating right away. The same is true for a doctor, even though he may have to be licensed.

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And the same is true for a carpenter. The same is true for somebody who knows how to operate a factory. Somebody who knows how to program machine tools. You see there's a big difference. Part of America makes us money through competence.

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Right. But the guy who sets up scaffolding, so a building can be built or a nuclear power station chimney can be cleaned. guy who sets up scaffolding is he makes his living through competence. He can be parachuted into any city in the world and he'll be eating dinner before nightfall.

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But if you are, in fact, one of those other categories if you know if you are if you Paul Krugman right, explaining every financial development in terms of left wing, left wing thinking and you get parachuted in somewhere. I think you go hungry. I don't think there's instant work for you. And so, that's one of the interesting divisions I find in America.

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People whose livelihood is based on competence, and people whose livelihood is based on credentials and connections. Universities are obviously very much intertwined with that category of worker, you credential almost always by the university, your connections are almost always through the academic community. And that's how you get to eat. But people whose competency whose livelihood is based on competence, different story entirely.

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So as a happy warrior, you should start always training yourself to constantly ask the question Is that so? Is that really so? and ask yourself who benefits from the promotion of this propaganda. And let me think about how my life would be different if I bought into it and believe that, and how my life might be different if I reject that, as nothing but advertising or false ideas, worthwhile figuring these things out, and as a happy warrior, and confronting them and dealing with them. And as a happy warrior, you

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might well say to yourself, well, these ideas, they may not affect me these wrong ideas, I've identified them as propaganda, I've identified them as advertisement of wrong ideas. I've even figured out who had benefits, and who, who is advantaged by promotion of these ideas. But there's not a huge effect on me. However, there's a huge effect on your children. Because how your children grow up depends on how you raise them, and how you raise them depends on what your beliefs are. And here, my friends, we're not talking about facts, we're talking about beliefs. And understanding that there's a set of beliefs being promoted aggressively by the culture, that would very much have an effect on the sort of lives your children lead. And so it takes us back to the very beginning. And I would say, very clearly and very loudly to anybody who is on the threshold of life, by which I mean, you're looking to get married soon. And what makes a man ready to get married, I don't know why girls seem to have so much trouble understanding the simple thing. Guys are not likely to be ready to be married until they're making some money. Right? This is part of the magical and mystical linkage between money and marriage.

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You don't sometimes goes Oh, he is resistant to commitment or his commitment phobic. We've been dating for 17 years, and he hasn't or whatever. That's an exaggeration. But I do feel ever so sorry, for those women who have been dating for two years, plus three years, four years, five years. And they say, Well, he's just not ready to propose marriage yet. Yeah, I'm sorry for you. I really am. You're not in a good place. And it's just, it's, it's it's understanding how the world really works. Really? Yes. And so it's worthwhile thinking about it, that if you are, in fact, at the threshold of life, because your your life can't really begin until you married, it really can't.

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In many of the most important decisions in life, many of the the most meaningful things that are going to happen in your life, don't happen until you found your partner with whom you are going to walk through life hand in hand, then I would say this, please be strategic about marriage. Think about your marriage very carefully. I'll give you an example of what I mean. In general, in general, gentlemen, in general, a younger woman, is better than an older woman. Right? It's a reality.

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It's nature is cruel. But that is it's a reality. You've got two goals, both equal two ladies, two women, both equally beautiful and wonderful and talented and sweet and kind. But, you know, one is much older than the other. Okay? It's not a hard decision to make but make that decision strategically. In other words, think long term.

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And you got a choice of of two women. One of them comes from a family with a lot of kids one is a single child. Get one, one girl has many siblings, the other one is an only child. Okay, in general. If you have the option of Falling in love with either one. Please pick the girl with a lot of children, it's really going to be better. You got a choice between two women, both excellent. Right? wonderful women, all things equal. One of them had a dreadful relationship with her father or no relationship at all. And the

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other has such a loving relationship with a dad that all she wants to do is find the guy who's like her dad. Not gonna happen, of course. But please think strategically. A girl who didn't who wasn't raised with a close friend, loving Father, girl who didn't have a good relationship with dad. A much tougher marriage prospect, much tougher. Now, these are generalizations.

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Obviously, there are there are exceptions. But like I say, you know, George Burns, smoked two cigars a day and live to be over 100 years old. In general, two cigars a day in general, is not an indicator of a long healthy life. Just is George Burns not accept? Yeah, he's the exception. There are exceptions. Okay. Just just wanting to make that clear.

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Children. Don't put your children in a GIC, why would you put your children in a GIC? Why you have so much invested in your child? I mean, think about this for a moment, who do you have more invested in your wife or your child. And again, please understand what I'm speaking very theoretically here.

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And I'm trying to convey to you a principle, like gravity. But it doesn't mean that I am casting aspersions on on your marriage or your spouse or anything else at all. But in general, you are more invested in your children, gentlemen than in your wife. Because your children represent unrecoverable time. If you've got a five year old, and you decide to abandon your family and start all over again, you can't get a five year old child unless you adopt one. But if you gain to conceive a child, then that child is going to be younger, and therefore you will not live for as much of that child's life as you would have the earlier child. These are just very stark, realistic terms. And so you can replace a wife. Pardon me? And I mean this with no, I mean, this is okay. Just please understand that I'm speaking in principles here. It is possible to replace a wife, because it doesn't represent a wife doesn't necessarily represent any amount of specific time. Right? And what many men sadly do, and it's it's a bad idea, I don't encourage it, you are making a mistake in doing it. But you know, when you get to be middle aged, and your wife is creeping up on middle age, you know, you replace her for a younger model. People do that. There's a lot of reasons why it's a very bad idea. But among all the reasons, it's a very bad idea is not that it's unrecoverable time, because you just get a younger wife.

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That's what people do. Men, naughty men, bad men. But a child is not the time is not recoverable is it got to see that. So you're heavily invested in your children to go and put them in a gig where they're going to be heavily subjected to indoctrination. And given very little in the way of real education.

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Right in the state of Oregon, among other places. Now, it's no longer a requirement to be able to read and do math to get out of high school. So why would you put your child in a GIC? No, homeschool your child, find a private school for your child, do whatever you got to do to make that happen? Somewhere

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where you have real control over what this incredible investment, right? This is worth more than any monetary investment, right? Because you you can't put a figure or a price on a child.

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And that child that the child's relationship with you for the rest of your life is contingent on the values that are important to that child right now. And the values that a geek will impart to your child are not conducive to close family relationships. Because the world of secular fundamentalism, the official state government of the United States of America, the official state, really religion of the government of the United States of America secular fundamentalism, its anti-traditional family. And so obviously, they're going to undo family links to as much as possible to whatever can be done. So don't do that. Educate your child, yourself, you and your wife or you and your husband, figure out how to do it. Believe me, you're you can certainly take your children all the way up into high school.

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homeschooling, even if you yourself never finished high school, you know, you may think, you know, all surely a teacher has to have a training. Look, one of the reasons that the teaching bureaucracy hates homeschoolers is because it says that a mom, with two kids on her knees can do a better job teaching children how to read, than a teacher has gone through three years of Teachers College.

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Yeah, that's true. Now, to teach little kids, all you got to do basically is get out of the way and let their curiosity have free reign. And what GICs do is the exact opposite. They destroy the curiosity. This is your child for God's sake, you don't have a more important investment. By the way, talking the investment in your child, here's another thing you should do. Find the tutor to start teaching your little kid Mandarin. Make sure your little kid grows up able to talk to Chinese people. That's right. It's, it's it's really worthwhile doing.

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I'm just I'm just looking ahead. Your child is going to grow up and is going to need to be able to do business with Chinese people. And with China and companies in China, being able to speak Mandarin, a huge head start telling you and Spanish, no need. And all the Hispanics in America. Guys do yourselves a favor. Join the real world. Right? I mean, Hispanic culture, lovely, beautiful family centric. It's all beautiful. Make sure you can talk proper English. Right do not sound as if you've just come across the border.

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You've got to be able to speak English and for another language. Why don't you try Mandarin? Hard, by the way? From what I understand. I wish I could tell you I'm trying it. I'm not. But I know it's worthwhile doing. Because that is the direction we're going. Will you hear this from Paul Krugman in the New York Times? No, sorry. You won't? And will all the climate scientists who say that America has to shut down emissions, and America must move on to electric cars. Do they talk about the fact that China is building

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a new coal powered electrical generating plant every day? That's right over 300 a year? Did you hear that? It's true.

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And so no, nobody's talking about China. So you might as well know the truth. I mean, think about this. For instance, how many cars do you think America makes a year approximately? Do you think America makes let's go in orders of magnitude of 10, shall we? Do you think America makes 30,000 cars a year? 300,000 cars a year? 3 million cars a year? 13 million cars a year? How many cars a year do you think America manufactures? Approximately?

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Well, the answer 3 million cars made in the United States. You know give or take a few 1000. How about Germany by the way, you want to guess how many cars Germany makes? About double the United States of Germany makes about 6 million cars a year. This is begin to suggest oh you want to know about China? You thought I forgot to tell you about China? No, not at all. How many calls this China make a year? The answer? I need a drumroll here. It's so dramatic. 25 million cars a year being made in China. You hear 3 million in America. 6 million in Germany. 25 million cars here in China.

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How many miles of freeway does the United States have? Look? I know that I'm speaking to listeners in nearly 100 countries now. We got so many listeners in different countries around the world and I love you. Thank you. And I don't have the figures for every country in the world. I speak about America because we are watching America has Over the baton of world leadership to China, that's what's happening.

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And I see absolutely no obstacle to that continuing until it's complete, surprisingly soon, by the way, and I'll, I'll talk about that another time. Because why what will bring about the transition from America as the center of the stage of world's history? to China is not what you think it is. But we'll come back to that. So, America, how many miles of freeway does America have? A little under 50,000 miles of freeway?

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Maybe it's not bad. It's quite about, think about it. It's about shall we say two and a half 1000 miles coast to coast approximately. Right. So you might have thought, Well, a couple of roads coast to coast couple of freeways, couple vertically north to south, you know, say roughly the same distance. So even if you say, okay, you know, two or three East West highways, freeways, 9000 miles, the same vertically, that's 18,000 miles. So we probably got about 18,000 miles of freeway in the United States know about 46,000, actually.

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How many miles of freeway in China 85,000 miles, double the number of miles in the United States. Now, the United States freeway system was done during the 1950s. That's where it was launched the interstate system under President Eisenhower. And so they've been building freeways for a long time. But 67 years, and we've got 46,000 miles of freeway, China had 30 years ago, you know, how many miles of freeway China had? Only 30 years ago? Right? So it's 2021. Now, you know, call it call it 1990. How many miles of freeway to China have in 1990. I'll give you a clue. The number begins with a Z.

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That's right, 00 miles. Now 85,000 miles. That's pretty amazing.

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And communication is the key. You got to be able to get goods and people around different places. Very important. And, you know, I spoke a few weeks ago, pointing out that a lot of people think that electricity is like petroleum, you just fill up your car with electricity, like you fill it up with gas. And now you drive this clean non-poor. A lot of people believe that. And they don't know that there is no reservoir of electricity anywhere, there's no place you can just dig up a whole bunch of electricity and take it in trucks around the country and then put it in people's cars, no electricity has to be generated. And the only ways of meaningfully generating electricity, please do yourself a favor and forget about wind power for electricity, right. It's a non starter. It's, again, what history books will say about the vast amounts of capital that was squandered on making windmills.

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You know, it's it's going to be something to read, your children will enjoy it. And forget about solar. It's not happening in this lifetime. It's really not the only ways to produce electricity now, or through GG fuels God given fuels, like coal, like oil, like natural gas, and that's how the majority of course, nuclear power is a great way to produce electricity. But of course, secular fundamentalism weren't allowed it's against their religion. So no, no nuclear, but if you but if you want electricity, you got to abuse you got to make it by burning Jiji fuels, God given fuels, you got to burn coal, oil, natural gas, or else you got to use nuclear power. It's also a god given fuel, because of the nuclear energy that resides in the uranium atom. Sure, all very important. But that, in other words, there's no free lunch. You can either put the gas in your car and burn it there. Or you can put the gas in a nuclear power station or excuse me in a in a in a in an oil fired power station, produce electricity and then put that electricity in your car. But the electricity is got to be met and a lot of people don't get this. And they also don't get something else, which is that in order for there to be charging stations right at the moment is very hard for anybody to drive cross country in In an electric car, you may find a charging station. But then you're going to need an adapter because it's not, it doesn't fit your brand of car, etc, etc. And so, in order for this to work, they have to be many more charging stations. Not surprisingly, President Biden cheerfully proclaimed that he is going to give lots and lots of money that hasn't yet been produced, but they'll printed pretty darn quick in order to start to create more charging stations. All right, very nice. charging stations take a lot of electrical current, how do you get it to them? Well, it's called high tension power transmission cables.

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I don't have to tell you how many more miles of this China has then the United States, again, many, many, many more miles. In fact, America hasn't even yet started producing high voltage DC power transmission lines. China's doing that already. So you know, it gives me no pleasure. But I do want you to understand this. And are all I want you to be able to incorporate this in your thinking as you strategize, your 5x you strategize to make the best decisions for your family and for your finances. For your friendships, and your physical fitness and your faith. You need to know these things. It's really worthwhile knowing

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President Biden, again, just this last week, gave a detailed plan for to make America use 50% of its cars should be electric in the next nine years. To give you an idea, we're about 2%. Right now, a little under 2% of cars on American roads are electric. But it's it doesn't make sense. economically. electric cars just don't make sense. I mean, I know they're very cool, I get that the idea of very few moving parts, the immediate talk, the acceleration, the power of the how neat it is that it's all run programmatically with a computer, I get it all. And maybe one day, I'd like to get run. But right now, it makes no sense yet. And Biden says nevermind, we're gonna make that make sense. And all I'm telling, you know, something you don't yet know, I'm pretty sure that I'm going to be telling you something new. And that is that. So he says in the next in nine years time 50% of the cars on America's roads are going to be electric. Well, you, how's that going to happen? People are showing very clearly that they're not interested in electric cars. And the answer? Well, it's very simple.

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He says that he's got to make sure that there are enough tax bonuses and tax incentives for people to buy electric cars from Ford, General Motors and Fiat Chrysler. But wait a sec, why didn't Biden also include Hyundai? Or Nissan, or Toyota or BMW, they're also going to be producing electric cars. Why not them?

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Or better yet? How do you explain the absence of Elan musk and Tesla, from that lineup? It's very simple, my friends. And if you if you think about the names, I've given your recognize, Biden says he's only going to help electric car sales from unionized car manufacturers. Tesla is an American car manufacturer, perhaps the most knowledgeable electric car manufacturer in America, but they're not unionized. And neither is BMW, Toyota, Nissan, or Hyundai. And so President Biden makes it absolutely clear that, that the White House and the administration will be helping and encouraging and forcing Americans to buy cars but only from for General Motors and Fiat Chrysler from the union shops and events is even clearer. By the way. I'm astounded that like everybody didn't notice this and go into fits of indignation. But at his white house meeting, President Biden actually said that he is going to app you know, right now, if you buy an electric car, your fellow citizens are subsidizing that your new car by the tune of 70 \$500. That's right. If you could explain to me why. A hard working plumber in Kansas City should have tax money taken away from him and his family to buy you a Tesla in Beverly Hills. God only knows I don't but said

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President, then what's going to happen is that no longer will you get 70 \$500 from your fellow citizens for buying an E car, you'll get \$10,000. However, if you buy a car built by a union, a unionized manufacturer, you'll get 12,500. So you get it. Forget the 70 \$500 subsidy, it's going to go up by 20 \$500, for everybody. But for those of you who buy a car from a union shop, there'll be an extra 20 \$500 for a total of \$5,000 over the 7500 for a total of \$12,500. So this is not the market working.

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This is government manipulation. All right. Why? Well, because we got to save the climate. Oh, wait a moment. Remember what I told you? Do your own investigation into this, start training yourself to answer the question Is that so? Is it really so that's what we all have to do my friends, we really, really have to do that. And, and remember that jobs that depend on competence are not only more easily transportable, but they are also jobs that help you to think straight, because you do not have to curry favor with the credential lists and the connections.

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But if you are a moral philosopher, Professor, you teach moral philosophy at a university somewhere, you really got to stay in good with your employers. And so that means you've got to lean left and become a good secular fundamentalist, you have to do that. Because we all need to eat. And if you antagonize your employers, it's not as if you can just go get a job somewhere else you can't.

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Because when your job is dependent on credentials, and connections, you're basically under the thumb of the man. But if your job is based on competence, it's a different story.

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It's not to say that the you know that, that nobody should go there. Of course not. Life is complicated. And for many, many reasons, you or your children may well decide that a credential connection based job is what you need, right? That may well be right, again, there's no there's no judgment or criticism implied here at all, I just lay out the principles, for you to be able to understand the principles for you to be able to apply as you try and become a bigger human being a better human being. And a great happy warrior. That's, that's what we're talking about here. The tools and the techniques, the strategies and the steps that bring you closer to human bigness. Right? So is that your children, look up and say, you know, my mum is really something now that I'm doing it because you buy them gifts, so you let them eat whatever they want. They do that as they become a little older, when they spot the elements of greatness within you.

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And I, it's how they see you live, it's how they see you behave, it's how they see you conduct yourself. It's how they see you discipline yourself and the things you make yourself do and the things you demand of yourself. Right being happy, is a great gift to your family, for your children to grow up with a

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mother or a father, a mother and a father. And that exudes happiness, instead of instead of inflicting fear and terror. It's a huge blessing and promotes family unity, and promotes children who look up to their parents, and thereby perhaps even unknowingly observing the fifth of the 10 commandments. Friends, I fear that we are coming close to the end.

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We have to we have to, you know, be away even if we were in China. The length of the show can't be altered. China has 18,000 miles of super high voltage DC cable. They built all that up in the last 10 years. Do you hear me 10 years. You want to know how many miles of high voltage DC cable we have in America. Did I tell you earlier? Maybe I didn't. I told you maybe I did.

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Zero? Well, that's the truth, zero miles of high voltage DC cable. So that's so this notion of all we're all going to buy electric cars. But don't you dare try and build a new transmission cable in my backyard? Well, how exactly, exactly are you going to charge up your electric car, if you're not going to let us build high voltage DC transmission cables to carry the electricity from where it's produced, to where it's needed. Because electricity isn't mined, it's not drilled for it's produced by big, noisy, what machines that burn God given fuels. That's how it works. And that's how the world really works. It's true. It really, really is.

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Those 18,000 miles of super high voltage DC cable that China's got built in only 10 years. And there's a beautiful bridge, I love bridge, I just find bridges very beautiful things. I like the idea of being able to bridge people, you know, it's producing connections between people. And when you think about it, that's what a bridge does. You know, there's an there's a piece of ocean or there's a river, or there's a gorge or a canyon. And it's very hard for people to get around this one in China particularly. Which is, by the way, if you like bridges at all, do yourself a favor and look on the internet for a picture of this bridge. This is over a gorge that is about 1600 feet deep. Do you know how high that is? That's like, nearly two empire state buildings high. It's very, very far down. And

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I heard a Chinese peasant say that before they built the bridge, it used to take him an hour to go if he wanted to go from his village to a village on the other side to trade or to get vegetables for his chicken eggs. Whatever it is, it used to take him an hour to go down to three or four hours to climb up. And now it takes him 20 minutes to walk across the bridge. They built this bridge, how long did it take them to build the bridge? less than five years? I'll give you the name of the bridge. By the way. There's, there's so many so many bridges they built in China, they build them quickly. Now I understand. Obviously, it's a totalitarian regime. And when they decide to build a bridge, they build a bridge, nobody has to worry about environmental impact studies that go on for 15 years like they did for the Boston engineering project.

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Okay, but don't you think sometimes we've gone a little bit too far, that it's impossible to do anything here at all. I don't think it'd be possible to build a bridge that looks like this in China, in the United States, let alone in four years, five years. By the way, if you want to look it up and see a picture of this bridge. I'll try and describe to you as well, but the name of the bridge is the douche. I'm making a mess of the pronunciation because I did not learn Mandarin yet. Do you G is how it spreads. If you look at the DuPage bridge, China, you'll get it it's the DuPage bridge in by punching

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PIPB ip by punching. And the it's the DuPage bridge Do you G and this it looks like it's held up with spider webs. It's so elegant. And this this orange road way auks across this deep valley that just goes down so far too. You can already see the river at the bottom. And this filigree of steel arcs across the gap. And it's held up by these delicate cables that you kind of barely see. But when you do they form this beautiful, mesmerizing pattern. And it's it's breathtaking. It really is. And

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America hasn't built a big bridge in many, many, many decades. China has built more than a dozen big bridges in the last decade or so. And by the bridges are really important economically right You understand? It means that goods and services can be traded across the country. And that's exactly what they've got the Chinese road system, amazing freeway at 5000 miles freeway.

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all brand new, extraordinary. Now, downside. Almost every intersection has cameras and the cameras have face recognition technology and other artificial intelligent technologies. And so there's an awareness if you're wearing your seatbelt, and you'd better write because if the state is paying for your medical costs then you'd better be wearing a seatbelt and they are watching to see that you're not doing anything wrong that you shouldn't be doing while you're driving, like holding your telephone or anything else. So yes, obviously, there are downsides as well, none of which detracts from my observation that in a very short period of time, China will have seized world control, it'll be proven by the seizure of Taiwan, which will complete the job they took, they took Hong Kong, and now they'll take Taiwan, it'll all be done without firing a shot.

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President Biden or president Harris, whoever it is, will do absolutely nothing whatsoever. And China will run the world, it doesn't mean it's not going to be possible to live very comfortably in the United States, of course, or live very comfortably. And in Germany, or in United Kingdom, or in Ghana, or in South Africa. Yeah, of course. But it's a different calculus going forward, and just help your children learn Mandarin. That's, that's what I'm saying. And I'm smiling, but I'm being very serious. At the same time I'm, there's none of this is a joke. All of this is relevant for you to strategize your five F's made sure that you build your family and grow your family strategically. And that you grow your finances the same way. And you build your network of friends. And you work on your fitness, your health, and tying it all together. That's right. Faith is an essential part of it all. So that's as far as we go, my dear friends, my dear listeners, deals all of you, all you happy warrior deals. Thanks for being part of the show. And I

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haven't thanked you for a while for helping promoted. I don't know if you particularly have done anything on the promotion front. But so many of you have, because I can see the results. So to all of you who have sent a link to a friend and said, Hey, listen to this, to all of you who have been on Facebook or on other social media and, and mentioned the show much appreciation because as I'm sure you can tell, I get a kick out of a growing audience, I get a kick out of the emails I hear and I get from all of you, I get a kick out of those of you who've joined happy warriors, the we happy warriors.com website, we happy warriors.com I get a kick out of the many of you who have downloaded your free copy of the ebook v holistic you. And I get a kick out of all the people who are joining the scrolling through scripture online course. So the more of us they are in this virtual congregation, if you like this virtual community, and it means a lot to me, I mean, I, I had breakfast in New Jersey the other morning with Michael. And Michael tells me that he's got a client, who's a Latter Day Saint in Sweden.

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And the out of the blue this client says to him, Do you know, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, I listened to his podcast? And Michael said, Yeah, I had breakfast with him this morning. That's, you know, that's really beautiful. And it's lovely. And there's a wonderful Museum in Washington DC in the United States called the museum, the Museum of the Bible, created by the green family. And it's a must see, by the way, it is without doubt, in my view, one of the most incredible things to see when your next visual visit America's Capitol, Washington, DC. And just today, I was at the at the funeral of a relative, unfortunately. And somebody came up to me and said, I've got a colleague of the Museum of the Bible. And, and he's a regular listener of your show. So how lovely is that? I appreciate it.

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At a happy family event earlier this week, friends from New York came up to me and they said there is a formerly Russian lady we know very well in California, her name is Ella and she listens to your show. And I realized who she was I realized that I know her actually. So that was a kick and and so anyways to to know that I am part of a growing community of folks who don't agree on everything, obviously, but who are at least interested in the foundational principles of life, taught by ancient Jewish wisdom. That's a wonderful thing. And I hope that we're able to all strengthen each other and encourage each other as well.

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We move forward to another exciting and productive week here and, and we do that with great hope and great optimism with our families and with our finances, with our friendships, with our faith, and without fitness. I'm Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless