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Greetings, happy warriors. And thank you for tuning into the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show where I, your rabbi, and solemnly dedicated to revealing how the world really works. And also for reminding you that the more that things change, the more we need to depend on those things that never change. And one of the things that never changes is that numbers really count. Get see rather, their numbers really count, right? Well, in all seriousness, they really do numbers matter, because people can pull the wool over your eyes, by spinning yawns and telling stories and long words and complicated accounts. But in the final analysis, numbers, tell the truth, numbers don't lie. And numbers do matter. And so with that in mind, and only partially in mind, I want to remind you to please go ahead and subscribe. So as you can help raise our subscription numbers of this show, even more rapidly than they are already rising. And I thank you very much, those of you who've been so very diligent at helping to promote the show and talking about it and telling people about it. I appreciate it, your efforts show and I really do enjoy seeing those subscription numbers go up. So go ahead and hit subscribe. And it doesn't matter what platform you're listening to the show on. Just go ahead and do that. And we'll be in very good shape indeed. So thank you very much indeed for that. And now, the, the details of the war that Israel is waging. And it's an existential war, like all Israel's wars, all because as everybody knows, if the Muslim world put down its weapons, there would be a glorious peace in the Middle East, there would be prosperity. And you can just imagine how prosperous the region would become, as many countries around the world filled with mind-boggling relief. And no longer having to deal with those problems, would be happy, and would enthusiastically fund a rebuilding. But no, that is not going to happen because the jihad world of radical Islam has really picked up on the spiritual characteristics that motivated the Nazis during the middle of the 20th century. And one of those characteristics, which is really very well captured in the fourth part of Richard Wagner's great musical masterpiece, The Ring Cycle. And the first one is does Rhine gold, the the gold of the River Rhine. And that's where we're introduced to the Germanic vision of the Jew, as a dark, dwarf motivated by money who lives underground. And then it finishes with the fourth part of the opera. After you've listened for about 15 hours, go to Dameron Twilight of the Gods.

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And essentially, what happens is Valhalla and the whole everything just goes up in flames. It's all over. And this is very much the way Hitler prosecuted the last months of World War Two, when there was still a chance of at least talking about a surrender and salvaging a little bit of Germany. No Hitler at this point was sending a young 15 and 14-year-old Hitler youths into battle against the Russians in a futile attempt to stop them taking Berlin and essentially, Berlin went up in flames. It was utterly destroyed. The Soviets invaded from the east, raping about 2 million German women, at least I know those numbers sound absolutely stupendous. But, but that's what the Slavic army did, and it inflicted a distraction upon Germany, that pretty much the rest of the world felt they deserved. But that was really a replay of Wagner's *Götterdämmerung* just let, we don't care. It's all gonna go up in flames, nothing matters. If we didn't get our way, we're not able to succeed in destroying the Hebrew people from off the face of the earth, then it doesn't matter come we'll go up in flames. And, and you see exactly the same phenomenon among Islamic jihadists today, which is again, you know, it doesn't matter. It doesn't matter how many Gazans get killed, Hamas doesn't care. It doesn't matter. As long as we never ever surrender our sacred mission of wiping out Israel wiping out the Hebrew people. That's all that matters. And that's, that's all that counts, and so *Götterdämmerung* continues. And we find that the same quality that has shown up in different epochs of Jewish history.

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One of the times, by the way, occurred in present-day Iran used to be known as Persia. And that, of course, is the story of Queen Esther in the Bible in the turn of the book of Esther. But at any rate, what is happening and to tell you all the latest news, I'm not going to do because first of all, by the time you hear this, you know, even hours, let alone days can make a difference weeks I can't even speak about. So you're certainly up on the news as I am. But I will perhaps try and shed a little light on it from a perspective that I hope has not yet crossed your radar screen, so that I can try and bring perhaps just a little value to you on this thing. And, and here's what it is. One of the things that religion does, and I'm saying religion in general, I, when I say that I usually mean Judeo-Christian bible-based religion of Judaism and Christianity. But it's also true for the culture of the Koran. And there are certain things that religion does, and helps to overcome the dangerous trends of secularism, and the trend of a society or a culture to descend into secularism. And I say descend, because for a long time, you know, virtually you could say from the enlightenment, people have assumed that if we can just get rid of religion, when religion dies away, we will have a benign world of scientific driven secularism. But I think that little by little, it's becoming increasingly evident that secularism is very far from benign. One of the things that secularism does is it contracts, a timeframe. Generally speaking, the more secular a person is, the more focused he is on the present, the less aware he is of the future, the more oblivious he is of the past, the present is what matters and the more secular one is, the more focused on the present one is and the more indifferent one is to future and past in real terms, now, secularism is very worried about climate change. But even those who most ardently promote climate change as a great threat to humanity, know perfectly well that it's a hoax. And there's all kinds of evidence for that, but one of the most compelling is that they still buy waterfront property at at full, full price. So they know perfectly well, that, contrary to what they told, I mean, they used to say that by 2012, seaside cities would be underwater. And I'm not speaking about hysterical teenagers like Greta Thornburg. But anybody in politics, I'm speaking about the Al Gore's of the world and the John Kerry's of the world, and many,

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many, many others. They know perfectly well, that climate change is merely another mechanism for gelling a docile populace into huge transfers of wealth. I think by now many people know that the response to the COVID epidemic was yet another huge transfer of wealth and a conditioning of a docile population into the new role of authoritarian government. But suffice it to say that

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When it comes to understanding what is really going on, the trend towards secularism is actually a very important factor. And, and so yes, in real terms, there's no concern, really about the future as much as there is about the present. And, and it's it sort of suggests a, a focus on, you know, eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you die. And that's kind of a large part of what secularism is you only go around once this is it. So you might as well have a good time. And the enormous increase in content, entertainment content. All the different companies who jumped on the streaming bandwagon, often Netflix, and became involved in putting out more and more and more content, you remember the good old days when they were just three main TV networks. And that's all there was, you know, but now you're 100 people in an office could all have been watching entertainment and have no common theme to talk about when they see each other in the morning at the office, because everybody was watching something different like that is an insight entertainment is a way of consuming the present, with absolutely no reference at all to the past or the future. You're not investing in anything, you're not exercising, you're not benefited, there's no benefit you get from being entertained. Now, I realize that, you know, I'm fighting a losing battle here. And so, only for my own family, can I limit, restrict or eliminate screen time, just watching mindless entertainment. And I realized for the population at large, it's, you know, it's it's one of the sad steps on the decline of a great nation, that people are spending so much of their time on mindless entertainment. But again, focus on the present will do that for you. Another thing that secularism does is reduce fertility, making the actual physical survival of the people a questionable, as everybody knows, fertility requires about 2.1 children per woman, to ensure that at least present numbers are maintained. Anyway, today's shows not about population and the threats of dropping population. But just to say that several things go hand in hand as a population becomes secularized. And it loses touch with the future and the past. And it cares little about its own past and even less about its own future. The other thing about happens is that fertility drops. And a third thing that happens is that masculinity fades and is replaced by a feminized culture and a feminized nation.

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So one of the things that religion does, is it helps keep you attuned in time, so you are no longer an orphan of time, but you are aware of the past and of the future. And so religious people see a future there's there's a purpose to things. And you find that among modern industrialized countries, Israel has a very strong sense of itself, its mission, its future and its destiny. And Israel also has a very high fertility rate, in fact, one of the highest, in fact, the highest of the entire industrialized world. It's also interesting that in 1945, and 46, when Jews literally confronted the genocide of of our people, millions had been slaughtered in Nazi death camps in gas chambers. And the tiny remnant of European jury that crawled out of the death camps, were placed in DP camps, displaced persons camps in different parts of Europe. They had one in a big one in Cyprus and in other places. And they were put there because nobody wanted them and nobody knew what to do with them. And the British were not letting

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a flow of Jews into Israel into what was then called Palestine. And so they just didn't know what to do with them would you believe and the most amazing fact, and that is that the highest birth rate in the world, the highest fertility in 1945, postwar 45, what ended in the middle of 45 and 46? Was in the decimated Jewish populations of the death camps. Would you believe under those conditions after what they've gone through, of what the world was looking like, they proceeded to hold marriages, and start families in the death camps. That's, that's what happened. That's what happens to people with a sense of its own future. But if you're secularized, you don't have that. So religion brings fertility, it brings a sense of past and future, right. And for Christians, Jesus is here. And, Christians relate very meaningfully to that, for Jews, the laws of Moses, 3300, and some odd years old and they are still as real as they were then. And, here's the third thing that religion helps, and that is maintenance of masculinity in a people. The general spiritual gravity direction is towards feminization of a culture. And it's not hard to see how America as a culture has become feminized, even to the point that masculinity is derived it and vilified and regarded as toxic, it's horrible, it's dead, it's dreadful. And you just see that self-actualization Oh, my feelings, what I want to be who I want to be that's feminine. Masculine is there's a mission to be done. So you will notice the kinds of people now that are hired in for fire departments, a certain number of women have to be hired and fire for fire departments, you know, as if 190-pound man and 110-pound woman are equally good at dealing with a fire at rescuing survivors and holding the nozzle of a heavy hose that is belching out hundreds of gallons of water a minute and making it harder to hold, then a raging Tiger - makes no difference, man, yeah, because self-actualization is so much more important than the mission. For for masculine. For a masculine human being a man, the mission matters. discipline matters, firmness matters. And that's really a distinction. There's a softness to women. And there's a hard firm rigidity to men in general. And, as I've often explained in the past, the way the good Lord created our bodies is as a visual reflection of the spiritual reality. The spiritual reality of women is soft and yielding. The spiritual reality of men is hard and firm and rigid and unyielding. And for heaven's sake, if biology and anatomy dude could make that any clearer than they do already, for heaven's sake. And so that's one of the reasons that in the in the days when women were still proud housewives and homemakers, and the children came home from school and they misbehaved mother very often would say, Just wait till your father gets home. And a masculine man would come home. And instead of sinking down onto the couch and turning on the TV, he would do what needs to be done, which is his wife would tell him, Johnny needs to be disciplined. And Father accepts that it's his job to do that. Because men cannot be disciplined by women. Men can only be disciplined by men. And yes, I know there was some extraordinary female fighters in the Israeli Defense Force that were in action on that terrible Saturday, October the seventh 2023 and acquitted themselves remarkably. But in all probably they didn't do so at no cost to their feminine femininity. In the in, in general.

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militaries were women are in command of men will not work well. They just won't remember you heard it here first. I can assure you that that is a reliable and an absolutely valid assurance. And that is that men under the command of a woman in a military situation will not work as well as men under the command of men. Now when you see your military as having its prime function, social engineering, and its prime function is to promote transgenderism, whatever that means, then you can afford to play

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around and, and make dreadfully foolish decisions about how to run the military, including putting men under the command of women. But God forbid if that military ever has to actually do some serious fighting. If America is ever in a position, where it really has to pull up its britches, and throw itself into battle. Well, a lot of people are going to be wishing that certain things had not been done. It just doesn't work that way. And so if you've ever wondered why single moms are not able to stop their sons, from falling into trouble with the law, that's the reason I've just told you. It is very difficult, close to impossible for women to command men. And even when the man is her 16-year-old son, and there isn't a man in her house, she's a single mom, good luck to her, she does not stand much of a chance. When it comes to doing that, unless, unless she is religious part of a church family parts are part of a synagogue family. And men, certain men in that faith family, take it upon themselves to help those young boys become men, instead of juvenile delinquents this year, and violent criminals next year. That's that's just a reality. That is what a difference is. And so as a society secular arises, it becomes effeminate, and it becomes much less capable of dealing with reality. Reality is that violence always solves and people say, Oh, violence never solves anything. It's simply not true. Violence almost always solves if not resolves, things, it just does. And, you know, you'll sometimes see two guys squaring up to each other in a bar or at at some event, and you know, in the end, their girlfriends are trying to pull them away and prevent this getting out of hand. And if it does get out of hand, it then gets resolved by violence. And I'm sorry, will be nice if if the world didn't work that way, but my job is to tell you how the world really works. And so yeah, violence is real. And masculinity is the capacity to inflict violence. One of the reasons that deep down women feel safer with strong men, men who are capable and radiate a confidence of being able to defend and protect them is precisely that reason.

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For women feeling safe is of paramount importance. One of the reasons that women have some more satisfying relationships with men to whom they are in good marriages, is they feel safe in a good marriage. If they don't feel safe, everything is everything is off the table. For women. It's a huge thing. And again, in a very sophisticated, developed, industrialized civilization, where everything works well. And you can dial 911 And the police will be there in a few minutes. And their job isn't to catch your murderer, but it's to save your life. Then women can proudly say women need men like a fish needs a bicycle very funny. But it's only true when we have set up cultural institutions and machinery that will take care of women. Yes, we've set up social security and we've set up reliable investment programs. And so yes, women can actually take care of themselves and they don't need a man. Of course, when a woman fulfills her biological desires of having a baby, it's kind of helpful to have a husband around. And that's why it's such nonsense. When you hear people say, oh, you know, today women don't need men. Women need men just as much as men need women. People say, you can't have everything well, you actually can, here's how you can have everything. If you are part of a couple, if you are part of a married couple, you have everything. That's right. It's the only possible way, there's no guarantee. But there's, it's the only possible hope of having everything. As a woman alone, the idea that you can have a fulfilling family, and at the same time, take care of business and work and make a career. And, and by making a career. know women think that that means rising up the chain of being a checkout clerk and then a junior manager at the local grocery market. They all dream of making partner in a big firm, that actually happens to very, very, very few women, I'm sorry to tell you. And those it does happen to have

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long ago renounced any hope of a full and satisfying family life. It seems to work sometimes for short periods of time, doesn't work for very long. It doesn't. And so the idea of having it all, a woman alone doesn't have it all. And a man alone doesn't have it all, either. Obviously, not the only hope is together, united in marriage, and that's what works. What is this all got to do with the Israel and the Muslim conflict in the Middle East? Well, it has to do because religious societies not only tend to have better memories of the past and future, and not only do they tend to, to also be more masculine, but they are also better able to, to fight. You know, it's as simple as that physical ability is actually necessary. Again, you're not in a super sophisticated society that has become effeminate. It kind of doesn't matter. So. So you have nerds and geeks who assume positions of financial power in organizations, and it pretty much works that way. But you will notice that it's not that common for very little guys to reach prominence in politics. Now, why should that be? You know, why is it that there have been very few exceptions in American history, but that the taller of the presidential candidates wins the presidential election. Very few exceptions. Now, that doesn't apply, apply. If they're both, you know, what, one six foot one and one six foot two. But if one is five foot nine, and one is six foot two, there's a very strong tendency for people to vote for the taller one. I don't know if you've noticed, but sometimes in debates, they put boxes for shorter candidates to stand on. being seen as a smaller man is a huge drawback in the real world, if you know what I mean. Yes, in, many, many modern situations, it just doesn't matter. But in politics, where you're kind of choosing the guy who's going to lead you, it's a little bit like joining a military platoon and finding yourself under the command of a very unimposing small, frail-looking guy. And you say to yourself, This is the guy who's got to lead me into combat. I don't think so doesn't work that way. That's just it's not it's not. It's not how men think, at all. And I think women are very unaware of how this works. Women don't know that. Even in semi-civilized situations, I'm not talking about a bar brawl, but even in semi-civilized circumstances, deep inside men's minds when they meet and size one another up is can I take him? If I had a could I take him? Now this is a perfectly civilized situation. Nobody is going to be taking anybody. But

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this is something that men have when they're adolescents, and when they're older as well. It doesn't go away at all. At any rate, another difference between masculinity and femininity is whether the appeal is to the emotions or the intellect. Now, understand what I'm saying, you know, obviously, this isn't to say that women lack intellect, or men lack emotions. I'm simply saying that intuitively, if you're not going to stop and think about it, men's initial impact tends towards an intellectual abstract solution, women's towards an emotional one. And that's why you've, you're all familiar with the old joke in which there's a lot of truth, which is that, that, you know, when one's wife starts telling you about a problem, and you do what we all do, right, we guys, we immediately start thinking of a solution. And, and we don't realize, and, you know, this turns into a trope on the internet, but we don't realize that she, she doesn't want a solution as much as she wants us to listen, that is so feminine, and beautiful, and appealing and lovely. But that same woman is going to be very, very, very happy to have a man next to her, either for defense if the worst comes to the worst, or to fix something, if it needs fixing. And that's just something that comes innately to guys. So if you even notice the appeal to the country to fan, the Ukrainian, futile, war, all emotional. It's all emotional. Nobody has given any explanation for why this funding Ukraine is in America's long term interests. Well, if we show them in Ukraine, we show the Russians in Ukraine,

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well, then the Chinese won't do anything about Taiwan because they'll see what tough guys we are. Now, you don't really believe that, right? It's all emotionalism and, and politicians appeal to people through emotion. Even the legal system is deteriorating, to that of emotion. You know, whether the criminal is actually a poor oppressed victim that we should feel sorry for? No, it's very simple. He committed a crime, your culture will collapse. If you do not have an impartial judicial says, No, but we've got to, we've got to feel the pain that they've experienced. culture becomes more and more effeminate. And it's one of the steps on its journey downhill, from affluence, to oblivion to decadence and to up to actual to air to departure from the world stage. That is in our schools, right. There's no objectivity being taught in the schools, everything is subjective, everything is emotional. We've just become very, very feminine, as the culture has become very secularized. So in other words, being secularized takes away fertility. It takes away understanding and awareness of the past and the future. And it takes away masculinity and allows feminine. I'm not going to talk about now exactly how religion sustains masculine ism. But I will tell you, there's no question that whether the religion is the culture of the Koran, or whether it's the Judeo-Christian-based twin faiths of Judaism, and Christianity, both of them protect masculinity. I don't think anybody will doubt that you just have to look and see. And, you know, that's true. But as the cow as America has become secularized. Well, what do you expect? What happens is, and I should explain this, that in, in a Jewish household, the the particularly the Sabbath meal doesn't begin until the Father has said certain blessings, said a blessing on the wine set a certain blessing on the bread. And as I've often pointed out to guests, do you not think that Susan Lapin knows the blessing on the wine? You think she doesn't know the blessing on the bread? Of course she does. So if I'm late to the table, why doesn't she just go ahead and do it and supper can begin? And the answer is because this is one of many, many, many examples of where the Torah Judaism maintains a very specific role for the man. Another one is the quorum for prayer we need 10 men for prayer services to occur. And so various feminized branches of Judaism like concern bit of Judaism, which is not politically conservative at all, and reformed branches of Judaism started allowing women to count for the making up of a quorum. Now, you would think that they would mean there would be more such prayer meetings in existence, because we've doubled the potential number of people to make them up what happened, they diminished. Because when you take away men's only space, the men quit going. And so sure enough, and I must say, occasionally, I'm at a prayer service in the morning, where there are some women present as well, for one reason or another, it does have a different flavor for it. Look, I love women. I mean, I'm married to one, I'm the father of several others. There's not a problem for me. But there's something that has to be maintained in masculinity. And it thrives in a men-only environment, it does not thrive in a COVID environment. And so a lot about Judaism. I can't speak for any other religions, I don't know them. But in Judaism, there are many particular roles that are locked in exclusively for men, in order to make sure that masculinity is preserved and protected. And that is exactly what happens and exactly what is supposed to happen. And one of the things that makes the current battle in the Middle East and previous battles as well, so incredibly violent and furious, and worrying and existential, is because it is two masculine countries or cultures against one another. When a masculine culture fights a feminine culture, the feminine culture is not likely to do well, in exactly the same way. Right? If, you know if we took a line, I've mentioned this before, if you take a line of 100 men and put a line of 100 women, opposite them, let's say all average size women and average size men, and we ask the 100 women to now take the hardest punch at the man standing in front of them. What

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are we going to get? It's possible that if Michelle Obama is found standing opposite a five-foot-four, man, we're going to have one man knocked to the ground. But in general, out of the 100 women who punch as hard as they can, and red men, I'd say we're going to have 60 sprained wrists 10, broken wrists, all female. And you can basically see a lot of smiling men. What happens if we now ask the men to date their hottest shot at the woman standing in front of them, there'll be some dead women. There's a fundamental difference between masculinity and femininity. And anybody who disputes this is not living in the real world. And so Israel is an incredibly masculine society. And, and nobody can dispute that Muslim jihadists are masculine. And so you've got two masculine forces hurled into warfare at one another. And it's, it's hard, it's bloody and painful, and very, very difficult. But in the end, as always, violence will resolve it. Sorry to say, but that's how the world really works. We know that. And, so that is just a little bit of how important it is to understand the reality of masculinity and femininity, and how it affects militaries and societies and marriages and businesses. It's these basic phenomena are found in all parts of society, and it's only in super sophisticated overdeveloped Western societies, where a lot of those can be camouflaged because of the comfort, luxury, security prosperity of life. But as those things decline as they surely are, it becomes more and more evident that a man needs a woman and a woman needs a man and it becomes more and more evident that a woman wants a man who is a man, she wants a man who can make her

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feel safe. And, a man wants a woman who he doesn't have to fight. He doesn't have to challenge wills with. A woman who is soft and yielding in every way. So, these things are real and reality is what we try and discuss on the rabbi Daniel Lapin show. I do hope that you will go ahead and acquire yourself a copy of our newest book called *The Holistic You* and you will find it at your favorite bookseller, the holistic you go and read about it. And I think you'll see why we wrote it. So everybody that brings us to the end of today's show. Thank you very much for being part of the show. And I wish you a week of great success with your five F's, your families, your finances, your fitness, your faith, and your friendships. Until next time, I'm Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless.