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#### **Daniel Lapin 00:00**

Welcome to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show, a show specifically for the happy warrior, a show in which not only were no animals harmed in the production of, but no electrons were harmed. No trees were chopped down. Yes, this indeed is a sanitized Rabbi Daniel Lapin show, specially for people who either aspire to be happy warriors or who are happy warriors because one thing about happy warriors is they are not. They are not tennis balls floating down the gutter of life. Happy warriors are not people who want to be massaged with one batter. But happy warriors are people who delight in the challenges of life. Happy warriors are people who bounce out of bed every morning eager to tackle the work of the day. Happy warriors are people who realize that happiness is not a passive state of mind. But it is an active decision. It is a purposeful and deliberate determination.

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I am a happy warrior. I am happy to be alive. I am happy to be able to confront the struggles of life and deal them because you have to remember, pain in life is inevitable. Suffering is optional. Pain is just the dealing with life. If you are a runner, pain is what you feel round about the start of the third mile. Suffering is what happens when you don't do anything about it. Pain is getting a flat tire while you're driving to a meeting. Suffering is either trying to drive on the rim or sitting there in the car wondering what you get to do. But when you jump out of the car and change the tire, or when you call for help, and somebody comes to help you, that is alleviating suffering, suffering is optional. Pain is part of the pleasure of life. And no, I'm not masochistic in any way at all. It's just that I relish the feeling in my muscles after a workout. I feel the pain because I remember the great Jack Lane said no pain, no gain. And so the happy warrior confronts the pain but make sure it never turns into suffering. The Happy warrior moves ahead forward, eager and confident in his or her ability to confront the challenges of life ahead. Even when sometimes the pain is caused by unbelievably asinine and moronic statements, even when they come from somebody who has been elevated on high back five and a half years ago, in January on January the 20th 2015. The president the then President of the United States of America, at the start of early in his second term, no middle of his second term, Barack Hussein Obama said the following during the State of the Union speech on Capitol Hill, no challenge, no challenge poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change. That's right, President Obama said no challenge. No challenge at all poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change. And I am here as your rabbi, Rabbi Daniel Lapin reminding you that the more that things change, the more we need to depend upon those things that never change. And silliness and foolishness from highly

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placed individuals is something that never changes. However, let's give him credit. I will give him two words out of three. I don't think that climate change is anywhere near posing the greatest threat to future generations over anything else. I think the statement is truly moronic. But I will say that cultural climate change may well be the biggest threat facing future generations. Children coming of age and looking forward to being able to live in peace and prosperity. They are not being threatened by climate change, I assure you, but they are being threatened by cultural climate change in a very, very serious way. So climate change now, I don't think so. We got to remember that Just a few years ago, they didn't use climate change the term is global warming. Now Now today that's an anachronistic term, right? Because nobody, nobody uses that term global warming that was created to stimulate popular panic by supposedly by talking about a world supposedly heating up very quickly. But the term global warming did not account for the rather inconvenient truth that there has been negligible global temperature change since 1998 22 years. So rather than modifying the phrase to suspected global warming, possible glomming global warming, they came up with the term climate change, and it was designed to replace global warming that way, new realities could emerge to serve the same political purpose, changes of all sorts, historic snow falls, record cold, California drought, California wildfires, Australia wildfires, all could be lumped together supposedly caused by manmade carbon emissions, volatile weather, tornadoes, tsunamis, hurricanes, was suddenly rebranded as climate chaos.

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And all of this is caused by Western industry, and consumer lifestyles. So these things that used to be perfectly normal occurrences and always happened, and always will. or all of a sudden things for which you have to reduce your lifestyle, make your life indescribably more expensive and more uncomfortable, regardless of what China India and other places around the world do. But you as an evil Westerner, your responsibility is to solve the problem of climate change. Well, let's dismiss that as the childish, frivolous foolishness that it is. And let's focus on the real danger. cultural climate change. That's right, significant changes in the culture. And now that really, really does impact us because the culture is really directly what impacts people's lives. And so you just think about it right? Let me describe to women on the surface of it, a very similar, first woman has seven children. Second woman has seven children, they probably only live a mile apart from each other in in many American cities and other places around the world. But here's the thing, the first woman who has seven children, has seven children from seven different men, none of whom she was married to. And those children are being raised by television, by a success by a succession of living boyfriend's notably the most dangerous conditions in which a child can live. And that is right, that is an official figure, an official statistic that the most dangerous place for a child is in a home with mom and her boyfriend. But that's a cultural thing. See, Nobody forced that on that woman. There was a decision she made. And the men who impregnated her made the decision to do what they were doing and to abandon and move on, not just about a mile away lives, another woman with seven children. Now, this woman is a religious woman, she might be a religious Catholic, she might be a religious Jew, she might be anything right. But her, she and her husband, have been married since before the birth of the first child, probably since before the conception of the first child. And they've remained married and the two of them are absolutely committed to one another in their marriage. And they are committed to those children they've given birth to and maybe she's even adopted some children. But there is a complete commitment and and

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that mother and father dedicated to one another knowing full well, that the beauty and passion and commitment of their marriage is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children because one of the most certain indicators of divorce is a person raised in a divorced home. So she and her husband, bestow upon their children a beautiful gift of a loving, stable, beautiful marriage. And they educate those children. They educate them in terms of obligations, not in terms of rights. But in terms of obligations, they raised them to have self discipline, and willpower. And now I ask you take any one of those seven children. And now let's look at any one of the seven children of mother number one, each of whom was conceived by a different man. And in most cases, these children actually do not know who those men really were. As a matter of fact, being raised by this particular single mom, they are probably being raised to consider men to be toxic, vile creatures. Now, I ask you take any one of those seven children, do you think they have the same shot at a life of happiness, fulfillment, peace, tranquility and prosperity, as any one of the children from the other couple I told from the other woman I told you about married to a husband in a long time stable marriage.

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Now, what has changed? Is it some institutional evil? Is it some systemic evil? Is it some widespread evil that causes these people to have a fairly hopeless sheltered life? Or is it the culture, their culture? And I don't think it's hard for anybody who's really honest, to acknowledge that it's not any form of externalism that's causing this problem, because it afflicts people of every color. It affects people in different countries. I've spoken before of how familiar I am with cultural dysfunction in much of England. And what I'm talking about exists exactly the same in England, as it does in the United States of America. It's nothing external, my friends, it's lifestyle choices based on a deeply implanted culture that causes the seven children to have almost no chance of a successful future. You say? Well, it's government's job to make everybody equal government's job is to make sure that those seven children have exactly the same shot as the other seven, at a future life of happiness. That is ridiculous.

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And, and makes as much sense, as it does for me to say that the government has the responsibility of making sure that I have as much chance of being hired as a swimsuit model. As somebody else who actually is hired as a swimsuit model. It's the government's responsibility to make sure that I get a job dancing in a choreographic routine of a Broadway show, as anybody else does. And you might say, well, you're not a child, but it's the government's job to make sure that every child has the same shot as every other child. And the answer is no. Some children win the ovarian lottery, and they grow up to be very good looking. Other children win ovarian lottery, and they are just natural dancers. They're beautiful dancers. And not everybody has that. And it makes as much sense to be able to say that the government should overturn the results of that ovarian lottery, as it makes sense to say that the government has the responsibility of making sure that the seven children of women, number one, have the same shot in life as the seven children of women.

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Number two, it's not doable. For instance, when these children reach school, one of the factors in success in school is not how much money the teachers are paid. It's not even how many children are in

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the class. It's not even how effective the teachers union is, believe it or not. It is a question of whether the home atmosphere supports homework. It's whether the parents read to the child at a young age, television doesn't do it. Please believe me on that. There's a huge difference between a child sitting on its mother's lap and looking at a book and helping to turn the pages as the mother reads to the toddler, as opposed to another toddler who's plunked down in a filthy and badly kept room in front of a noisy television set blaring. It's ridiculous. To say that those two children have the same shot at life, it isn't going to happen. And children of mother number two are raised to defer gratification. That's part of growing up in a functional family, you learn that you don't get exactly what you want now. And you learn that when you're one and two, and three and four years old. And so when those children grow up, do you think they are going to be more likely or less likely to save and invest rather than to spend and consume children of mother number one, do not learn deferment or gratification. As a matter of fact, they are very much focused on getting what they want right now.

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Who do you think is more likely, in grown life to be able to save money and invest it, rather than just consume it and spend it, children have mother number two, they learn that violence is not acceptable very early. Right when a brother pushes Brother, brother pushes Sister Sister pulls hair of brother, that gets stopped very early. And so violence, which is a perfectly natural and normal human response, is tamped down. Because so is relieving yourself whenever you feel like it a perfectly natural and normal human response. But it's something that is not helpful for civilized human society. And so in the same way, children of mother number two learn that as natural as violence might be, it's not practiced. And children have mother number one, practice violence, they actually see it, sometimes they other victims of it from mother's boyfriend. And there it goes. The pattern is predictable. It's true in America, it's true in England, it's becoming true in other countries in Europe. And it's true in other places around the world as well. There are two different types are two different ways of organizing human society. And one of them is based on a culture that produces chaos and hopelessness. And the other is based on a culture that produces stable functional families and durable relationships, and citizens who are an asset to the countries in which they live. This is perhaps best captured by the idea of Jerusalem versus Athens. Why do I say that? Well, because it's so happens that Winston Churchill wrote in his history of the Second World War, he wrote that no two cities have had a greater impact on the world than Jerusalem and Athens. And he was quite right to say that what he didn't speak about because it wasn't relevant to what he was discussing, although I'm sure he probably knew about it, is that Jerusalem and Athens are actually at odds with one another. Jerusalem and Athens provide two opposing and utterly incompatible views of human beings and the societies in which they live. As a matter of fact, I think it's safe to say that women number one, and her seven and disciplined children in their chaotic house are representatives of Athens, while family number two

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is representative of Jerusalem family number two uses as its guide to reality, a book called The Bible. Whereas family number one, excuse me, I'm falling into the trap of the New York Times. I remember a few years ago, when the New York Times made a policy and editorial decision that any group of people living together constitute the word family. I remember when that happened, and what they then were

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able to do and the reason I believe they did it was in order to be able to say that children are at risk and families that fathers often attack their children. Well, the truth is, of course, everybody knows that the very safest place for a child to be, is in a home of its biological parents, the mother and father married to one another who conceived him and brought him into the world, or her that is the most safe place for a child to be the most dangerous. I've said, of course, is mom and boyfriend. But the New York Times wanted to make everything the same. And so they instituted the policy and a new editorial decision that all of these in new in New York Time Stories are going to be referred to as families. And I, your rabbi, who should know so much better than that. You are right to castigate me for that terrible slip up. I should not have said family. Number one, it's woman number one. Well, her Handbook of choice is a book called The Republic by a Greek philosopher by the name of Plato. Now, in all honesty, of course, woman, number one has probably never heard of Plato, or even the word philosophy. So in real terms, she is not in any way using the handbook in the way that family number two, or the family is using the Bible. It's not as if she keeps a copy of Plato's Republic, in her rundown, and badly dysfunctional house she doesn't. But the system that created her, and the system of which she is now a part, believing deeply that none of this is her fault. And that is the book of Plato's Republic, presenting two incompatible views of human society. The Bible describes the culture adopted by the family are described with seven children, where as Plato's Republic speaks about, well, essentially, for convenience sake, I'm going to say, a socialistic world, a world in which government takes upon itself the power and function of a slave owner. And that's really what it does. It's, it's it's taking on the responsibilities of providing employments one of the reasons that the government wants teachers to be government employees, and everyone in the medical profession to be a government employee, because the ultimate dream is that the government is the ultimate employer. And so the biblical view, that individuals are free to sort themselves out into employer and employed, while the government stands on the side, ready in in terms of the community interest, to use its power and ability to maintain the free status of employer and employed when inevitable disagreements arise. It's called having a court system.

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And it's why the founders of the United States of America, were so emphatic, it's also why the Bible speaks in terms of three separate branches of government. That's right back to the Bible again, if you are among the fortunate few, who own Rabbi Daniel Lapin is recommended Bible available on my website, do you need a rabbi.com and then you would turn to page 1285. And there in the book of Isaiah, chapter 33, verse 22, you're going to read for the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our law giver, the Lord is our king. And that is what lay the foundation for the idea of dividing government into the king, the executive, the law giver, right? The law giver, the the Congress, and the judge the judiciary. That's how it works. That's where it actually comes from. And it's in that

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framework of freedom that the family are described live. Now a lot of people think that socialism arose with the, the the evil and destructive dogma of Karl Marx, but that's simply not true. It goes back to the origins of humanity. And in the Bible, Genesis chapter nine, the first 11 verses speak about the Tower of Babel. And if you are interested in knowing more about the spiritual origins of socialism, and how it

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exerts such a fatal and seductive allure for the hearts of mankind, Then you would go to my website and take a look at a two hour audio program called Tower of Power. decoding the secrets of Babel comes with a handbook a guidebook that you'll be able to understand the Hebrew as well. But at any rate, over at Rabbi Daniel lapin.com, Rabbi, Daniel lapin.com, go to the store and look for Tower of Power, decoding the secrets of Babel, if you want to go back to the origins of socialism, and its powerful spiritual attraction, but most people are unaware of that most people assume that socialism goes back way before Karl Marx basically to Plato's Republic. And, and, and there it is, he really lays it out. He was a central planner, that was his whole idea. And, and, and Plato really laid out the blueprint for a communist economy, which is essentially part of this, it is the definition of the state. He also laid out the whole idea of the welfare state. And it's all it is all there. And it's it's, it's, it's rather, it's rather nerve wracking to realize that decades and decades of schoolchildren and college children, university children are raised on Plato as the sort of grand Greek design for human living. That's what people have been taught for 50 years, at least in the United States and in the United Kingdom. So why should anybody be surprised that now, children who were themselves raised in the households of people who bought into this idea, conveyed by the universities that Plato really is the guy we should follow for the perfect layout of human society, that all this freedom stuff just causes the oppression of the underclass, I mean, this stuff is all laid out there. It's all very, very clear. But let's try and understand what the main distinctions are between Athens and Jerusalem. Okay, so Athens only perceives a world of physical reality. That's all there is, Jerusalem, sees a world of spiritual reality as well. Now, there are very real implications here. For instance, the whole environmental movement springs from Athens, in the sense that if you are living in a world that is only physical, then obviously, there is shortage, because physical things are in limited supply. And physical things also do not last forever. All right, there was a certain amount of gold in the ground 1000 years ago, and there is considerably less gold in the ground now, because a whole lot has been taken out. That's right. Time moves along, things change, and physical quantities tend to diminish or even die, they even they go away. And so we've got to understand that there are real life consequences. If you and your family and your neighborhood, in your city in your society, buy into Athens, then you automatically will also find yourself buying into a culture of shortage. And therefore we must recycle. That's a sacred sacrament of the culture of Athens, because we live in a world of shortage. But if you live in a culture of Jerusalem, where the spiritual is as much a reality as the physical, well, then we understand that the true value comes from the creativity of human genius. And that's where it all finds its hot, and that everything flows from that culture. Wealth flows from the culture of Jerusalem, poverty flows from the culture of Athens, poverty for everyone, except the rulers of that is Plato, who was himself of the ruling class in Athens, made quite sure that in his system, the rulers did quite well.

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And so it has been in every Communist or socialist culture since then. The underclass has kept the underclass so that their dependence upon the state will never diminish. Why were as the upper class and so if you've wondered why in the United States of America, you've seen so many cases of governors of states violating their own COVID lockdowns to eat at expensive restaurants or to experience expensive services, it makes perfect sense. They are actually, if not baffled, at least irritated by your indignation, how dare you not understand that the rules are different, Plato laid this out very

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clearly in the Republic, a world in which only the physical was real, there was no spiritual, there's another part of that as well. And that is that, if only the physical matters, and that means we really do live in a world of limitations, then you and your whole culture, and you may not know the reason, and you may not know anything about Plato. And you may not be conscious of how these ideas are implanted in your soul. But nonetheless, you will be agitated by the concept of shortage in the world, because you are a child of Athens. But if you're a child of Jerusalem, then you are taught the infinite and, and by the way, you know, here you might find this interesting. And if any of you are actually allergic to the Bible, then go along and get yourself some coffee for the next three or four minutes while I show you how those people who subscribe to the culture of Jerusalem, and for whom the textbook is not Plato's Republic, but God's Bible. Well, they see something very differently. By the way, if you're neutral about the Bible, then you will find this interesting. In other words, you do not have to buy into my view that the Bible is divine, you don't have to buy into that, you'll nonetheless find it interesting that a book that is set at the epicenter of Western civilization for 2000 years has this rather interesting phenomenon. And that is the following. And in the English language, there is a letter frequency table, right, everybody, I think, certainly, if you ever played codes with your friends, as a child, you probably know that the letter E is number one in the frequency table, if you take any typical passage in English, there will be way more ease than they will be Q's or Z's, right, you know that, as a matter of fact, there'll be way more ease than that all else ends and ends many, many, many more. So you could actually look at a passage, let's say you got a letter written, not in English, but in symbols where every symbol represents an English letter. And if the very first word is four symbols, you might well guess it could be the word dear. And the second letter would be an E. And once you'd identify that you could go and see the other E's, but you don't have to even do that, you could just check out the whole piece, find the symbol that appears more often than any other, put in an E, and you're on your way. And then we know which letters come next, right, ss come next, etc, etc, and you go down the list. And this works for the first four or five, six letters, where the frequency table is really statistically very reliable. In the Lord's language, Hebrew, you will not be horrified to hear that this does not exist. And that pretty much all the letters are used all the time. And, and for those of you who do have some knowledge of Hebrew, you might well say, well wait a sec, valves and haze appear more frequently than others. And that is true, but never in roots. Those are the letters making up the Lord's name. And they do appear as prefixes or suffixes or inserts in words for spiritual reasons. And if you have heard any of my Bible teachings, you'll be much more familiar with that. But the point I'm making is that in Hebrew in a Hebrew text, pretty much all the letters show up around about the same time so you wouldn't be surprised that by the time we've gone through about 12, verses from In the beginning God created in Hebrew bereshit, Bara Elohim, Etosha mind that as you start off, by the time you reach about 12, verses, you've pretty much covered all the letters of the alphabet. And when you do another 12 verses, you know, all the letters are there. But here's the interesting thing, there's one letter missing. Now, the letter missing is the the letter in Hebrew shaped like an O. It doesn't read as an ode reads like the letter S, it has an s sound like sugar, but it's shaped just like you know, it's a circle. And this particular doesn't show up in the first 12 verses. Now, here's the funny thing. Take any of the 12 verses

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in the Bible and all the letters will be there, including this letter. When we go another 12 verses to verse 24. In Genesis, we still have all the other letters many times no letter, it's called the sum up, doesn't appear, do another 12 verses go to 32 or 36 verses in and still absolutely no appearance of this letter. Finally 42 verses in, that's chapter two, verse 11. And again, for you who have made a very, very worthwhile investment in a family heirloom Hebrew Bible, it's a beautiful Bible. And the reasons that I recommend this Bible on made clear at my website, Rabbi Daniel lapin.com, where you can also get the, the Bible, and I'm recording this in the middle of November 2020. And I mentioned that only because I'm telling you that right now, we have only a few more of these Bibles in stock, we've ordered another supply, but it's going to be a couple of months before we have them. And we just don't have an exact arrival date on that. But right now, we still have a few. And if I were you get me and my family one of these right now Rabbi Daniel Lapin.com, it's called Rabbi Daniel Lapin's Recommended Bible. And the reason it's convenient is it goes here on out, I'm going to be giving you page references in this Bible. And that way for those of you are actually interested, you can just dive right in and see what I'm talking about.

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So. So here we go. Finally, we come to verse 11. In chapter two, this is the very first time we see this round o shaped letter. And if you look on the Hebrew side on page six, and you count down 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 lines, and you go to the six word on the line, you will discover that the second letter is the letter I'm talking about, you'll see it's around O's shaped letter. And you will see even by careful examination that this letter has never shown up before. In spite of the fact that from here on out, it shows up at the normal frequency of all other letters. Here's the beautiful thing. You won't be shocked to hear that this is the verse Let me read the English for you that the verse that this letter appears in that it is talking about four rivers coming out of ignorance, it says it is the one that encompasses encompasses the whole land of havila that word compasses mean surrounds what could be more appropriate than that the very first appearance of a letter shaped like an O, whose shape screams out the idea of surround you can hear the word around right in there. And it appears in the word that says surround In other words, my friends, you're gonna love this, you're gonna love it. This letter stands for confinement, limitation limit. In other words, if somebody you know, draws a circle around you and says stay in that circle, as children doing games, then you are limited by that circle. Anytime there is an encirclement, you are confined. And so this letter has as its meaning consistently throughout all of Scripture, that when this letter appears, it signifies confinement. So much so by the way, and I'm not going to go deeply into this now, but later on, when expansion expansiveness has been described, as as growth and fertility are described later in the book of Deuteronomy. And the Bible goes to great lengths to avoid the use of this letter, using bizarre words, only there because you cannot use this letter when you're talking about limitlessness.

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And so the Bible shows that this letter speaking about limits and encirclement and confinement and restriction, this doesn't show up till way into the 42nd verse, up till then, it's postponed in all that you should understand that those who shaped their culture, according to this book, namely the culture of Jerusalem versus Athens, this book we don't recognize limit, there is no limitation. And sure enough, it's not a surprise that those who live according to the culture of Jerusalem, do not teach their children

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about shortage and limitation and confinement, they teach their children about a world of opportunity and possibility and potential and options and everything is an opportunity. Is it any wonder that the children of Jerusalem are more prosperous than the children of Athens? Of course it isn't. It makes perfect sense. In the Athens world view, youth is worshipped. Age is viewed as just an unfortunate, and best ignored episode, youth is worshipped, age a whole lot differently. The in the Jerusalem scenario, you would look at an older couple sitting down maybe with four generations of their descendants. And if you were part of the Jerusalem culture, you'd see beauty you'd see in the lion faces the years of love and sacrifice and accumulated wisdom and memories. And your response would be, how beautiful is that? But if you're part of Athens culture, you put a photograph of a vapid, self indulgent, self absorbed and underdressed young woman on the cover of a magazine. And millions of Athenians genuflect as they pick it up at the newsstand. You know, Jerusalem used to be a sort of code word, that meant God's blueprint for how people can best live in the early 17th century. One of the people who came to settle North America, one of the pilgrims by the name of John Winthrop, he told those about to travel with him to America, that they are going to this new land to be building a shining city upon a hill. And almost everybody in his audience would have realized that he meant a new Jerusalem in the new world, the old world, that is to say England also knew that Jerusalem meant a godly and ideal way of life. William Blake was an English poet who wrote a poem, you'd probably enjoy reading, and it was called the New Jerusalem. Let me read the closing lines.

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I will not cease from mental fights, nor shall my sword sleep in my hand, till we have built Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land. You follow what I'm trying to convey to you that we live today in an extraordinary moment in the last 2000 years of human history, in that you have influential people and even people we regard as educated, who literally do not know anything at all about the Bible. They literally do not know if Leviticus is an aftershave lotion, or a book, they literally don't know that. But it wasn't always this way. Once upon a time people knew what Jerusalem signified, and then you what Adams signified. And so all I'm really doing is restoring your natural legacy. I'm telling you the things that your ancestors knew. And that is that the choice facing everybody all the time, is do you want to live in Athens? Or do you want to live in Jerusalem? Now, not every exponent of Jerusalem is a beautiful, noble, ideal person. I mean, even King David himself had flaws, was part of the reason he wasn't able to be the one to build the temple. It was his son, Solomon who did that. And Solomon was not without his flaws. Sometimes people who do great things for Jerusalem are flawed people, like we all are. And sometimes not everybody who builds Athens and not everybody who promotes an advocate for Athens is a horrible human being many times they are, but sometimes they're very nice people. But none of that matters. Because it's not whether the person himself is perfect or flawed. The issue is the culture, what is being promoted as the model for human living, Athens, or Jerusalem? And you got to say, is youth promoted? Or is age seen as venerable and valuable, and an appreciation of wisdom? You see, the problem? If you are Athenian, and you adhere to the physical view of reality, then you understand that you probably hit perfection at about the age of 18. Would you agree? And then from then onwards, I'm sorry to tell you this, but from then onwards, it's pretty much downhill. Right? out how can how can even a man or a woman in good physical shape at the age of 52 compare to themselves at age, shall we say, 19. It doesn't work. It simply isn't how the world really works, but it if

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you live in Jerusalem, well, then the spiritual really matters. And so yes, it's a bit sad that I'm not quite as good looking as I was when I was 19. But it's okay, because I have so many compensating advantages. I'm not nearly as dumb as I was when I was 19, I have acquired some wisdom. And in addition to that, I have built a family. And I have built some finances and all these things matter, not just the physical. That's if you live in Jerusalem. But if you live in Athens, well, then only the physical matters. And you want to preserve that as long as possible, with all kinds of expensive treatments in order to maintain the physical. As a matter of fact, one of the medications for preventing men from revealing their age by means of graying hair is a hair dye for men called appropriately Grecian formula.

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How could it possibly be more appropriate? It is the Athenian way, you try and preserve these things forever, you know, in the early 1800s, for a very short time, there lived a another English poet. I spoke before about William Blake in New Jerusalem. This guy's name was John Keats, and he lived in the early 1800s. And he wrote a poem called ODE on a Grecian urn. And it captures so beautifully the Athenian culture, that time mustn't pass the passage of time is a tragedy for an Athenian, everything must sort of stay in the state of physical perfection in which it now is, and he writes this beautiful poem about a Grecian urn in which there is a picture of a boy chasing a girl through the woods, and his Aline stands in the middle of the poem, bold lover, never, never can stout kiss, though winning near the goal, yet, do not grieve, she cannot fade, though thou has not by bliss, forever without love, and she be fair, she'll be beautiful forever, she'll be a cover model for a magazine forever. Now there are disadvantages and that you'll never consummate your passion for but so what at least you understand that this will all last forever. And then the poem ends in the best part of it the the climax, the closing two lines of the poem. Listen to this carefully, because I want you to know how incredibly dangerously destructive this really is. Here are the closing lines of John Keats, ODE on a Grecian beauty is truth. Truth is beauty. That's all, you know, on earth. And, you know, I read that really badly. Try to get beauty is truth, truth, beauty. That is all you know, on earth. And all you need to know. Is that really true? Is beauty and truth. Absolutely interchangeable. Yes. If you are an Athenian, it really is. And that's why art is venerated no matter how disgusting it is. Much of Modern Art doesn't matter, artists venerated, and there is an entire culture with its own temples called art galleries, all dedicated to this Athenian culture. Beauty is truth, truth, beauty, that's all you know, on earth, and all you need to know really, you never met any beautiful, truly evil people. Really? No, not true at all. But it is part of the culture of Athens. And hows about the idea of courage and cowardice? Yeah. Again, a physical view of reality based in Athens means that physical survival is more important than anything else. And therefore cowardice is the way to go run from a fight. Doesn't matter live another day. But the idea of honor and shame, the honor, the the idea of standing up for a value and value is spiritual. So there are no such things as values in Athenian culture. And so cowardice is elevated to a moral goodness, they call it pacifism, we're against war, and they elevate their own failure by giving it new names. And that is where it's courage is very much an aspect of a dream. Islam Bible based world view. And

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another aspect of it is that the, that Athens prefers sentiments, to strategies, because sentiments are always beautiful. But in the real world, very often in order to produce beauty that involves a certain

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amount of struggle they involve sometimes even a certain amount of ugliness, yes. In other words, for in modern day Israel, for the beauty of Jerusalem to stand on its hills Today, many, many, many men have shed their blood. And that is true in the United States of America, where every Veterans Day, people gather to remember that the beauties of America are only there you like national parks in America? Well, you can only go to them, because so many people spill their blood. You want to make a nice garden? Well, you have to dig up the weeds. And for those people are like weeds, it's a tragedy. And then you got to throw down manure, and it smells, fertilizer smells, but the result is a rosebush. At the end. Jerusalem recognizes that strategies are meaningful sentiments are nonsensical, there's no value to a sentiment, oh, I think they should be listened to a beauty pageant winner, I want to see an end to hunger. Very nice. That's the sentiment, any ideas on how you're going to bring that about? Make sure you understand the difference between sentiments and strategies. Athens specializes in sentiments. Jerusalem insists on strategies. And learning.

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Let me give you a tweet from the woman who would be vice president in a Biden America. On November 12 2020, she tweeted the following Please listen carefully to this. Here it comes: "hope, unity, decency, truth, these are the ideals that will guide a Biden Harris administration". Get it? Hope, unity. Do you remember President Obama's hope and change? And everybody said, Yeah, yeah. Everyone who subscribed to the world of Athens thought hope and change was a wonderful way for a new president to announce his plans for America.

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The people who live in Jerusalem, Americans who live in Jerusalem spiritually, they shook their heads and said, sentiments, not strategies, that's not going to help at all. Athenians hate strategies. One of the reasons that they hated President Trump and still do is because he focused on strategies, he didn't know much about pretty sentiments. He actually specifically said what he would do, and they hated that, because Athenians prefer sentiments to strategies. I should mention that George Orwell's genius book, entitled 1984, written actually, in the 1940s was a brilliant exposition of how socialism gains power. And he he actually speaks very eloquently about this concept, not in so many words in turn, as I put it, in terms of, of sentiment versus strategy, but he shows how the minds of people are so easily influenced by pretty sentiments. So please, in your life, running your business, taking care of your family, interacting with friends, do not mistake, sentiment for strategy. The two are very different. And the two are very, very important. Athens loves sentiment, and they all applauded, they jump up and down with excitement, because everything is going to be so beautiful. It's all gonna be about hope, and unity and decency and empathy and truth. Yeah, right. Exactly. And we're gonna follow science. Yeah, that's right. I've spoken about this before. If you are an Athenian and you live in a world that is only physical in nature, then nothing is more important than physical survival. And therefore, the world of public health is paramount. And that means that when public health experts speak, the rest of us have to genuflect and obey. But if you live in Jerusalem, then the quality of life involves spiritual realities as well. And part of that is human interaction. And automatically we have Jerusalem Know that economic prosperity results only from interaction of human beings. The only time money is brought into existence is when one human being serves another human being either by providing him with goods or with

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services. And that's when wealth is created. When we are reduced in our ability to do that by an Athenian tyranny, well, then don't be surprised if economic reduction is an automatic consequence it has to be. That's part of the difference and the incompatibility between Jerusalem and Athens, another part of Athens, which Plato is very strong on in the Republic, his idea of internationalism, nationalism is a bad word among Athenians. But it's a wonderful word among Jerusalemites. It doesn't mean that we hate other nations. It's that we accord them the respect of national sovereignty. You are your nation by a mighty nation. We've got our way of running our society and our lives, you have your way, and we're happy to proceed on that basis, we're pretty confident that ours will produce the superior nation. But when people come to us and say, well, you're different from other nations, Jerusalem, I'd say, Yep, you're right about that outside. But Athenians Say what? We're causing separation between nations, it's the worst possible thing. We believe in internationalism. And here is one of the most beautiful pieces of evidence. And, you know, I'm always assuming that there are some people listening to my voice right now, who are rolling their eyes and say, I can't believe this. This is Yeah, this is too simplistic that the world, the culture conflict in humanity today is between Athens and Jerusalem. And Athens pushes internationalism, while Jerusalem pushes nationalism. Well, that's exactly true. It's not an accident that the song of communism was called the International. And it's not an accident, that a guy who is already appointed to Joe Biden's future in his mind.

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Board of national health is a guy called Zico Emanuel, who's a brother of Rahm Emanuel, who was one of the architects of the Obama administration. So Ezekiel Emanuel has written an article called an ethical framework for global vaccine allocation. You hear that? So America is expanding billions of dollars which had come from hard working American citizens who paid often confiscatory rates of taxation. And exactly manual says you might have thought, right, you might have thought that since America developed the vaccine, well, then we should make sure all Americans get it. We're talking about COVID-19 By the way, if you happen to be listening a little bit down the road, and I now have to tell you what the article Scientific American if you're interested, and magazine, which has really deteriorated and fallen down the abyss of poor journalism, because it's become a voice piece for Athens instead of a voice piece just for science. And here's what oncologist Dr. Zeke Emanuel, one of 10 advisory board members name to democratic president elect joe biden's Coronavirus Task Force, and he has pushed the United States not to hoard a Coronavirus.

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Here's what one of the key architects of the Obamacare medical act in the Obama administration has written he said he wants everybody to follow in America a fair priority model which calls for a fair international distribution of vaccine rather than what he calls vaccine nationalism. You get that? Now, is it any wonder to you that the Rosenbergs, there were a couple who were deeply committed socialists at the time of World War Two, as America discovered the atom bomb, do you think that that should have been distributed to all nations on earth? No, the world did much better by America trying to keep the atom bomb for itself. It was also better for Americans. But the Rosenbergs because they were Athenians. They took it and handed the secrets of the bomb over to Joseph Stalin in the Soviet Union. And very quickly, Russia joined America in the nuclear club that was not good for the world that

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resulted in decades of the cold War. You've got to ask yourself, what sort of world would you be more comfortable when Iran has the bomb, or Canada has the bomb? There's a difference between Iran and Canada. Because we recognize nations exist and nations are different. And it is good that we live in a world of different nations. But Athens believes only in the international model, all the same. And in the same way, as the traders, Rosenberg calls Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, they decided that it's not right for America to hoard nuclear secrets. And they distributed his ecola manual says, Hey, even if many Americans die, it would still be wrong to hold it in a form of what he called vaccine nationalism. The yes, some Americans will die. But it's more correct. It's fair, it's appropriate to distribute the vaccine internationally. So it should remain equal, because Athens believes in equality, and Jerusalem believes in freedom. These are very, very major differences. Athens believes in the sanctity of government, and in government education. And Jerusalemites in the United States of America at any rate, in a fatal and fateful decision, going back more than 50 years, decided to hand over education in America to Athens. And so for more than 50 years, children growing into adults have been educated by Athenians, and no surprise, now, your 2020 they're doing everything they can to turn America into an Athenian model, instead of a Jerusalem model. That is what has happened because Athens, venerates government and universities, not surprisingly, universities are really the home of Greek Athenian thinking. So one of the reasons that in some of the great universities in America, the main building is built to resemble the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens. And it's why something called the Greek system is set up in universities, where people are part of houses that are given Greek letter names, or because in a way that may be a lot less known to most people today. But once upon a time was clearly understood. Athens stands for very specific set of values that I am endeavoring to impart to you today. So not surprisingly, universities as the place where government perpetuates its worldview of venerated but Jerusalem venerates, the home and the family. It could not be more different. And so yes, all of these aspects of Jerusalem and Athens are what shape exactly what's going on in the culture today, whether it's Jerusalem, and Athens, in America, or Jerusalem and Athens in the United Kingdom. Consider, for example, the whole Brexit controversy. The whole controversy was whether England should remain part of the economic union of Europe, or whether they should be their own nation. And for people who believed in Jerusalem in the United Kingdom. They said, It's enough we've handed the sovereignty to Brussels, a united nations of Europe has the power to decide what sort of light bulbs we can put in our homes and what sort of showerheads must be in our bathrooms? Yes, just like America, and so Britain's ordinary Britons and I say ordinary because they are usually not the so called ruling elite because Plato made clear that the ruling elite his crowd would have the power. But the ordinary Jerusalemites in England said, you know enough of that, and we want out of the EU. And so they called it the Brexit movement. And the ruling class in England was outraged and highly indignant that people couldn't understand how important it was to do away with nationalism. And we should all be one United Nations. Yes, that's one of the reasons Athenians love the United States. They have an almost childlike faith in the UN in the United Nations. And Jerusalemites, we Jerusalemites know full well, what a complete and utter force is the expensive and totally unnecessary organization known as the United Nations. They couldn't even Do the Coronavirus, right. The World Health Organization made a complete mess of that as well. Any attempt to do away with nationalism to do away with nations to try and turn nationalism into a bad word, that's part of Athens.

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You got to recognize that, but Jerusalem, well, Jerusalem gets it right. Now, I should definitely mention that. This is very much on my mind, because at the time I'm recording this, we happen to be just a couple of weeks out from the Festival of Lights called Hanukkah. And it is a time of the year when we Hebrews focus very much on the gap between Jerusalem and Athens, between the incompatible and opposing moral visions of Jerusalem and Athens, the incompatible and opposing views of human beings in human society, all of that very much a part of Hanukkah. And we created a very beautiful, very condensed and packed audio teaching program called Festival of Lights, transform your 24 seven existence into a 25/8 life. Right 24/7 25/8. When you hear the program you'll understand the significance but it's called Festival of Lights, transform your 24/7 existence into a 25/8 life and you want to get hold of it. It's It's very inexpensive the cost of a cup of coffee. If you go to a certain unnamed coffee outlet that has yet to become a sponsor of this program, that hence I will not name their name. But if you do go over to Rabbi Daniel Lapin.com, you will be able to see not only Rabbi Daniel Lapin his recommended Bible, but you'll be able to download right now here now. With no delay. The audio program called Festival of Lights, transform your 24/7 into a 25/8 life and you will not be sorry, it will open your eyes even beyond way beyond what I have covered in today's episode of the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show. So, my friends, I appreciate you being part of the show and thank you so much for sharing news on the show. Just Just before I prepared the show got an email from Zeke in Malaysia listens to the show regularly over there in Malaysia Zeke, thanks for writing. And again over at Rabbi Daniel Lapin calm, not only will you see the Bible rod and Latins recommended Bible, not only will you see the audio program Festival of Lights transform your 24/7 existence into a 25/8 life, you will also be able to send me a communication or Mrs. Lapin we usually read them together.

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difficult and more important than ever, we are feeling our way into better ways in order for us to remain in touch with those people who are most important to us and that is you happy warriors. So until next week, when I once again, look forward to the privilege of spending a little more time together with you. I wish you a week of very good times. Good times with your family good times with your faith. Good times with your friendships, good times with your finances, and good times with your fitness. I'm Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless