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LIVING IN AWE

Church Party Line insists on Bible reading, prayer, church attendance, and hymn singing as necessary ingredients of a healthy Christian spiritual life. I must add to that list one more thing—living in awe. What do you think?

One day I got so angry with myself that I couldn't stand it. I shouted how dumb I was. Ellen heard me. She got real angry and shouted, "Don't say you're dumb. You're not dumb. Don't ever say you're dumb."

I said: "I'm so dumb, I forget to live in awe, in awe of the immensity of the universe we live in—the moon, the sun, the planets, the Milky Way, the galaxies, the black holes, the unthinkable distances—a thousand light years. One light year is the distance that light travels in one year. That is beyond what my mind can think. Every day I should look up in the sky and be in awe."

I'm so dumb I forget to be in awe of this miraculous human body that we have borrowed from God. My lungs breathe in and out every minute from birth to death. My lungs breathe even when I'm asleep. My heart pumps blood with oxygen and nourishment through my arteries to all the cells of my body—even when I'm asleep. I didn't tell my lungs to breathe or my heart to pump. That is the point about the body. Our hair and finger nails grow without our command. It works even without our knowledge. The body is more intent on survival than we are. I had open heart surgery 10 years ago. The doctor cuts here and there and the body heals itself. Isn't that amazing that the body heals itself! I'm so dumb, I forget to be in awe of my human body that I have borrowed from God.

Then I had to do some damage control. I had made Ellen so angry. I said, "I'm dumb, but I'm not dumb-dumb. If you're dumb and you know you're dumb, you're just dumb. But if you're dumb and you don't know you're dumb, then you're **dumb-dumb**." And Ellen laughed and laughed and laughed.

I need to develop a habit of living in awe. The awe of how big and wonderful is the universe. The awe of the thousands of miracles happening every minute in my body to keep me alive. And the awe of the love of God who walks with me from birth to death and beyond. Join me in living in awe.

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What Happened to America?

Dr. William Malcomson

According to our understanding of America, there is an "American Dream". The American Dream is thought of as the possibility for everyone that if you keep your nose clean (don't land yourself in jail) you can use all of your talents and become a success in whatever you choose to do, make enough money to live on, retire on, and buy a single family house for you and your children.

However, the "American Dream" is dead. It was based on the "Protestant Ethic." It also is for white people, as very few non-white people experience the so called "American Dream". The new America is a "multi-America." It is "multi-religious," "multi-ethnic," and "multi-sexual". The new America is for all people, not just white protestants. It is "Multi- Religious" in that more and more people are coming from overseas to live in the United States, many of whom are Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim.

In the new America, people have a choice what religious affiliation they want, if any. So the days of dominance by white protestants are gone. This will be difficult for white protestants because white privilege feels good. "Multi-Religious" America may seem strange to white people, because they are not dominant any more.

We are also becoming a "multi-ethnic" America. The multi-ethnicity is becoming more visible as African American people are gaining more power and becoming more honest about the discrimination that they experience every day. This is also true of Muslim and Asian Americans. The Catholic Church is now dominated by Latino-Americans. In time, there will be many more non-white members of Congress and non-white Executives of Large Corporations. This will be the end of white power in the United States.

Finally the new America is "Multi-Sexual". By that I mean that people of all sexual orientations (gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, trans-sexual, queer) will be accepted as persons who are able to move into important political and economic positions. This is already happening. More and more people in this country are "coming out" as to their sexual orientation.

In summary the new America will be multi-religious, multi-ethnic and multi-sexual. The age of white dominance is over. All of us will need to get used to the new America. It is coming and there is no way to stop it. This should be exciting. How Does that Grab You?

Bill

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Roman Catholic Brethren #1

By Dickson K. Yagi

When I was a Southern Baptist in Jr. High, I hated Catholics. It was mainly because of Protestant missionaries being harassed or killed by villagers led by Catholic priests in Latin America. But after many decades of Protestant evangelism in Latin America (traditional Catholic territory), an amazing number of Catholics and those neglected by the Catholic church have become Protestants. These are almost all Pentecostal type Protestants energized by the Holy Spirit for enthusiastic (emotional) lively worship and speaking in tongues.

Besides such success of Pentecostal Protestants, there has also been major changes in the Roman Catholic Church that has brought Protestants and Catholics together as brothers. I don't hate Catholics anymore. Some of my best friends in ministry and friendship are now Catholic.

Slogan One: "By faith alone; by grace alone."

The rebellion of Martin Luther against the Roman Catholic Church (called the **Reformation**) was because of his study of the **Epistle to the Romans** in the Bible. There Luther found the principle of "salvation by faith alone," rejecting "salvation by works" (Obeying the Old Testament Law).

That is, we cannot be saved by our own effort in trying to earn our own salvation. That might lead to our bragging. On the human side, we are saved only by trusting faith; which on Christ's side is saving grace. The Protestant slogan against Catholics was **sola fidei** (by faith alone) and **sola gratia** (by grace alone). This was a battering ram of Luther against the Catholic teaching of that time of salvation by "**faith and works**," (**synergism**).

As long as Protestants and Catholics were intent on fighting each other, they could not release their weapons of **faith alone**, and **faith plus works**. But after several hundred years it felt like the battle was over. Then they could release their weapons and notice something else for the first time. It was the central New Testament teaching on **Love**. The Gospel of John, the Epistle of John, the 13th Chapter of Romans, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and the Parable of Jesus about feeding the hungry and the thirsty; visiting those in prison, clothing the naked (Matthew 25:31-46)—that these simple deeds of love were the definition of who was a true disciple of Jesus. Against the Protestant and Catholic weapons of old, **Love** requires both inner attitude (**faith**) and outward action (**works**).

These simple words, "**I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink**" are the Bible words framed and hanging on the wall of Mother Teresa's Mother House. I volunteered in Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying (**Nirmal Hriday**) for four days in Calcutta (Kolkata) about 30 years ago. Dropping their weapons Protestants and Catholics today are beloved brethren through their new path of living lives of **Love**. Mother Teresa was Catholic.

Of all those I met in over 30 years of missionary work in Japan, the one I admired most was Father Franco Sottocornola. He was a Professor of Liturgy in a seminary in Italy. He came to Japan. He spoke 5 languages fluently. Through his mountain retreat in Kumamoto, he won Buddhist and Shinto clergy by friendship evangelism in love. I brought my students to his retreat center yearly. He was Roman Catholic. We still correspond today at Christmas time. Did you know that Protestants and Catholics today often work together as companion brothers? What do you think?

Roman Catholic Brethren #2

By Dickson K. Yagi

Slogan Two: Protestant Bible vs. Catholic Pope.

Martin Luther using the Bible against the teachings of the Catholic Church brought on another slogan of the Reformation—**Protestant Bible vs. Catholic Pope**. The Catholic Church perhaps from 100 years ago began a thorough-going Bible movement. Perhaps the center is the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. Some 50 years ago the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville invited Dr. Raymond Brown for one week of lectures on the Gospel of John during the chapel hour. (I was there.) He was invited because he was the best scholar on the Gospel of John. Raymond Brown was Catholic. So much for Protestant Bible against Catholic Pope.

A prominent member of our missionary study group in Fukuoka, Japan, was **Father Yelle**. Father Yelle was a Catholic seminary professor in Biblical Studies in Japan. Perhaps he was the President of the Catholic seminary? In arguments with us Baptists, he always said, “You are wrong because you don’t know the Bible enough!!!” He did have a quiet, creative sense of humor with a strong French accent.

Dr. Masaaki Honda was the Professor of Religion in a medical school training doctors. He was the one person bringing a religious perspective (Buddhist and Christian) to these future doctors. He became one of my best friends as we, with Prof. Kazuo Nakamura, created a Buddhist Christian Dialogue for professors at my university. We had about 12 scholars and priests in our study group; about 6 Christians and 6 Buddhists. A Buddhist priest proudly promoted the ministry of his Catholic wife within his temple! Before marriage she had been a candidate as a Catholic nun. Both attended our Dialogue. We met every other month for two hours. Honda was a leading Christian in the dialogue with Buddhists in Japan. Masaaki Honda was Catholic. I have been blessed by wonderful Catholics who are my closest friends.

Details Only For Those Really Interested

Note 1. Baptists submerge new adult believers under water in the baptismal pool upon their confession of faith. Catholics and most other Protestants merely pour or sprinkle water over their babies’ heads. But now some Catholic cathedrals under authority of the bishop also baptize adults by immersion if the adult candidate so chooses. They have baptismal pools built into the floor of the cathedral. I saw it with my own eyes in Honolulu. Few Baptist pastors know that Catholics now can baptize adults by immersion.

Note 2. Catholic priests turned their backs to the congregation to face God in doing the service, talking to the wall. But now Catholic priests have changed to face the congregation like Protestants.

Note 3. Protestant clergy are married. Catholic priests are celibate. But Eastern Rite Catholic priests can marry. Yet their Bishops are chosen only from celibate priests. (Eastern Rite Catholics are from traditional Eastern Orthodox Churches.) Eastern Orthodox Christians do the sign of the Cross Up-Down, Right-Left. Western Catholics do the sign of the Cross Up-Down; Left-Right.

Note 4. “Outside the (Catholic) Church there is no salvation.” This was a major Catholic slogan during the struggles of the Reformation. Protestants opposed that teaching by the slogan of “**Priesthood of the Believer**.” That is, every believer is his own priest, a rejection of priests and clergy. Protestants preached freedom of the **Individual Conscience**.

But over the centuries since the Reformation, a professional clergy has developed within Protestant churches with seminary training in Bible, historical theology, systematic theology, philosophy, church history, pastoral psychology, and clinical pastoral training. Despite their denominational slogans about Priesthood of the Believer, almost all churches have unconsciously developed a heavy dependence upon this professional clergy whom they “**ordain**” for church leadership. The superior status of their clergy is emphasized by artful clerical robes and stoles of attractive colors (So. Baptist clergy are exceptions who usually preach in regular business suits). That is, against their doctrinal stand against the Catholic priesthood, Protestants over the centuries have developed their own brand of lay/clergy hierarchy.

The slogan of Priesthood of the Believer is maintained in Protestant church politics by restricting the pastor's vote only to equal one layman's vote. It is a shock for Protestants to actually see churches without any clergy. That would be the **Quakers, Brethren, and Mormons** (if Mormons are considered Protestants). With the actual absence of a professional clergy, the lay congregation comes alive to function without professional clergy leadership—a real Priesthood of Believers!

Note 5. The bulk of outdated Catholic doctrine is ignored by **non-enforcement**, like outdated traffic rules. There is the doctrine of the **"Infallibility of the Pope"** when he speaks *ex cathedra*. Most disregard this as outdated and no longer enforced. But nobody really knows since it has never been recinded. A possible exception might be the doctrine of **Limbo for Infants**, that deceased infants without baptism go to Limbo, a state of questionable blessing or punishment. Perhaps a decade ago newspapers clearly announced that Limbo for infants had been recinded by the Catholic Church. But Wikipedia denies any clear Catholic decision.

Note 6. Protestants in the past had a two storey house when dying—heaven and hell. Catholics had a three storey house—heaven, hell, and purgatory. Almost all Catholics were thought to go temporarily through the 2nd floor of purgatory to be purified (purged) for heaven. Progressive Protestants believing in a Father God negate a functioning hell. Against popular views of hell where Satan with a tail enjoys torturing people with a pitch fork, God the Father is in charge in hell. Would a Father God enjoy stabbing people in hell?

Note 7. Baptism of Desire: Those in non-Christian cultures are saved by Christ even if they don't know Jesus. It is assumed that they would have believed if they had heard the Gospel of Jesus. This is a generous teaching of Catholics not usually taught by Protestants.

Note 8. Catholics and Episcopalians traditionally believed in **Apostolic Succession**. That is: Jesus appointed Peter as Pope. So all priests ordained by Peter and his successor priests are in the line of authoritative Priesthood. Protestant pastors ordained outside that line are illegitimate. Many Catholics may not believe that any more.

Note 9. Protestants use **contraceptives** so sex is not only to produce children, but also recreation. The Catholic Church still forbids usual contraceptives, but it is common knowledge that Catholic believers pay no attention to this prohibition in the U.S. American Catholics in a culture of "rugged individualism" think for themselves and don't obey unreasonable teachings. Not so in the "group societies" of Mexico and the Philippines where church pressure seems stronger than individual thinking. My Catholic friend said his parents in Mexico separated to avoid birth of more children. It was not acceptable for them to use contraceptives. That would be so also in the Philippines of yesterday?

Note 10. Catholics allow **no divorce**. Even those divorced by the state and remarried are still considered bound by their first marriage in the eyes of the Catholic Church. But marriages can be dissolved (annulled) if there was fraud. With the multitude of divorces today, there are thousands of divorcees who are not free to remarry in the eyes of the Catholic Church. It is doubtful they could participate in the Mass if they remarry without their first marriage being annulled. But the process of annulment may be a hassle they have tried to avoid.

Note 11. Catholic Saints. Protestants worship only God and Jesus. But Catholics venerate a whole community of spiritual heroes who have earned special status as **Saints**. That is, Catholics pray to individual saints as well as pray to God and Jesus. Protestants misunderstand and accuse Catholics of worshipping Mary and the Saints as is forbidden. But really Catholics **worship** God and Jesus and **venerate** Mary and the Saints. Protestants misunderstand because they have no concept of venerating human beings. That is, Catholics do not **worship** Mary and the Saints; they **venerate** Mary and the Saints.

Note 12. Mary, Mother of God (Mariolatry). I have not learned why and how Catholics came to focus so much devotion to Mother Mary. Rather than Mother of Jesus, Mary has been awarded the title **Theotokos, "Mother of God."** **Notre Dame University** is named after Mother Mary (Notre Dame=Our Lady). A long and strong devotional tradition is centered on the **Sacred Heart of Mary** (not the Sacred Heart of Jesus).

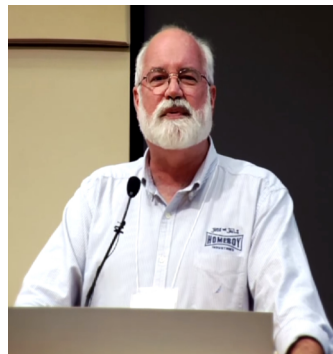
The traditional condemnation of Mariolatry by Protestants has fundamentally diminished today because the Women's Liberation Movement (Protestants and Catholics) saw the elevation of Mary as the elevation of all women. Few Protestant men would risk the anger of the Women's Liberation Movement. The Catholic elevation of Mary can be a **healing direction** in the

light of the extreme male domination of the power posts in the Church—Protestant and Catholic paternalism.

When will we see a woman as President of Southern Baptists? It is only within my lifetime that United Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and some other Progressives have opened their churches to women pastors, women bishops, and women chaplains in hospitals and the military. [The split in the Southern Baptist Convention involved the demand that churches with women pastors be ousted and that women chaplains serving the military reject their own ordination. Of course, the women chaplains simply transferred membership to the American Baptist Convention.]

Note 13. The Jewels of the Catholic Church. For several years I taught the course “Christian Personalities” in the Japanese university. In many ways the inspiring vision of Christ can be more powerfully caught through the lives of extraordinary Christian leaders than through systems of theology or Bible study. I was amazed, though, that my Champions of the Faith were overwhelmingly Catholic—Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Father Damien of Kalaupapa. [Protestants were Toyohiko Kagawa and Martin Luther King, Jr.] Today I would have added Dorothy Day of the Catholic Worker Movement, and Father Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries, both Catholics. Then, of course, there are the brave heroes of Liberation Theology in Latin America. (The Pope demanded that Jesuits within the leadership of revolutionary forces, Sandinistas(?), lay down their machine guns. But, of course, they could not. Revolution means machine guns, canons, hand grenades, bombs, killing and being killed.)

In religion, if you look for junk, you will find junk. If you look for jewels you will find jewels. I find the most inspiring jewels of Jesus in the social justice tradition of Roman Catholics aiding the poor, the abused, the sick, and the dying. Of course, the Roman Catholic nuns are an army of compassion for Christ. Why can't we Protestants have a comparable army of compassionate self-sacrificing nuns?



Father Greg Boyle
Homeboy Industries



“Deus Aderit”: LEARNING FROM CARL JUNG

By Dr. Leroy Seat

Jung’s Formative Years

Jung was born 145 years ago (on July 26, 1875) in a city about 50 miles northeast of Zürich, Switzerland. His father was a Swiss Reformed Church pastor, and his mother was the daughter of a distinguished churchman and academic—but she was also emotionally unbalanced when Jung was young. Carl initially wanted to become a pastor, but he decided against the path of religious traditionalism and decided instead to pursue psychiatry and medicine. Consequently, at the age of 20 he began to study medicine at the University of Basel.

In 1900, Jung moved to Zürich and began working in a psychiatric hospital. Three years later he married Emma Rauschenbach, the daughter of a wealthy industrialist.

Jung met Sigmund Freud in 1907 and the two psychiatrists had a close relationship until 1912. They met for the last time in 1913, when Freud wrote, “We took leave from one another without feeling the need to meet again.”

In 1908 the Jungs bought land near Lake Zürich in Küsnacht, Switzerland, and had a large three-story house constructed there with money Emma had inherited. That was Carl’s home until his death in June 1961. (Emma died in 1955).

Above the entrance doorway, the Jungs had these words permanently inscribed: **VOCATUS ATQUE NON VOCATUS DEUS ADERIT**: “Invoked or not invoked, God is present.” Those Latin words are also engraved on Jung’s tombstone.

Jung’s Productive Years

During the first half of his adult life, Jung developed an approach toward understanding the human psyche that contrasted that of Sigmund Freud. His important books during this time are *Psychology of the Unconscious* (1912), *Psychological Types* (1921), and *Psychology and Religion* (1938). During these productive years, Jung introduced such terms as “archetypes, collective unconscious, introvert and extrovert (originally extravert), persona, and shadow.”

Unlike Freud, who understood God as a human fabrication, the infantile projection of the human need for protection, Jung was primarily positive toward religion and the reality of God. ([Click here](#) to access my 10/15/14 blog post titled “Was Freud a Fraud?” In that article, I question Freud’s assertion that belief in God is just wish fulfillment and that religion is “the universal obsessional neurosis of humanity.”)

Jung’s Reflective Years

While Jung’s concept of God wasn’t necessarily that of traditional Christianity, neither was it oppositional. His position seems clearly to have been starkly in contrast to Freud’s.

In 1952, when he was past 75, he wrote to a clergyman, “I find that all my thoughts circle around God like the planets around the sun, and are as irresistibly attracted to Him.” Seven years later in a BBC “Face to Face” interview, Jung was asked if he believed in God. He replied, “I don’t need to believe, I know.”

According to psychologist Steve Myers, in that statement Jung affirmed God as “a certainty” that was “based on evidence. His practice as a psychotherapist and his mythological research had convinced him of God’s existence.”

It was my reading of the highly respected (by me and many others) Richard Rohr that prompted this article on Jung. In his 2019 book ***The Universal Christ***, Rohr has a three-page subsection about Jung and later cites the Latin inscription above the doorway to Jung’s house.

In his “daily meditation” for 1/2/15, Rohr writes about his “wisdom lineage.” He refers to “the brilliant psychology of Carl Jung,” and that is the only twentieth-century name mentioned. The world would be better off if more people would spurn Freud and learn from Jung. Everyone needs to realize, as Jung evidently did, that **Deus Aderit: God is present, whether invoked or not.**

Dr. Leroy Seat and I studied together under the same professors for some years in graduate school in Louisville. Then we taught together for several decades on the same faculty of Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan. An outstanding professor, pastor, and administrator, he was elevated as Chancellor of the university for many years. You can enjoy the inspiring and insightful writings of this incurable reformer, creative thinker, and follower of Jesus by reading his blog. *D.K. Yagi*

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Selling pottery at Pilgrim Place Festival



LETTING GO

by Dickson Kazuo Yagi

David, one of my best friends, suddenly suffered a brain aneurism. He was rushed to Emergency in intense pain and lost consciousness. He died a day or two later without regaining consciousness. I attended the Los Angeles memorial service at the Buddhist university where he was central in building their new religion department. He was a co-founder of the Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies. He was Professor of Chinese Buddhism at University of Hawaii. The Buddhist university auditorium was full of eminent professors in both religions.

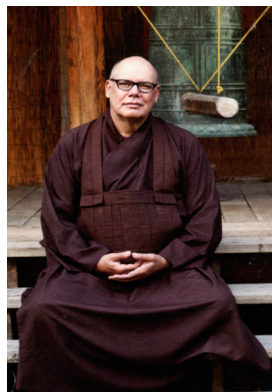
I was devastated as David and I and our wives were in the habit of enjoying dinner at a restaurant twice a year in Hawaii and Los Angeles. It was my turn to pay at our next dinner. David had been my teacher in graduate seminars in Buddhism.

In the memorial service something unplanned happened. David, an ordained Canadian Christian minister, had one leg deep into Buddhism. His Buddhist mentor in Taiwan sent a farewell message through Ruben Habito, a Zen Master and professor at Southern Methodist University. This message was read at the microphone very deliberately.

“David, let go, let go, let go! David, let go of everything. David, let go.”

The words were so brief, words I need **to die by**, when my time comes. But also words I need **to live by now**, while still tied to the projects of my life-long calling and still tied to my children. I need to let go of everything and everybody every night before falling asleep. Then pick them up again in the morning for the battles of a new day—if God gives me another day. May I not be caught asleep or facing death still tied to my attachments.

There is no peace in Christ for those who forgot to untie their attachments in sleep or death. Peace means that we grab hold of Christ with **both hands**, and so we must let go of everything else. My niece at the last stages of cancer held on for years, waiting for her son to graduate high school. Upon his graduation, she finally let go and died. **“Let go, let go, let go.”**



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Reform Police Brutality. (No choke holds, forbid no knock entries, no quasi police immunity, nat'l data base so convicted police cannot be hired in the next city, no shootings without body cameras, no rubber bullets, no political donations by police unions, no private prisons, social worker specialists replace police dealing with homeless and mentally ill.

Protecting Mother Earth, our only Space Ship

Keep the oil in the ground.
Stop the Keystone XL Pipeline.
Protect the Arctic Sanctuary from oil drilling.
Protect National Parks and Monuments (Trump Administration opened Bear Ears and Grand Staircase-Excalante to oil drilling, fracking, and mining, 2/10/20).

Gender Equality

Equality for LGBTQ. (Supreme Court ruled LGBTQ cannot be fired from work for being gay 6/20.)

Equal pay for equal work (US women's soccer?)

Citizenship for DACA. (Supreme Court temporarily stopped DACA deportation 6/20).

America's Original Sins:

Stealing land from Native Americans by betraying treaties and genocide.

National economy built on 400 years of Black slave labor.

No Separation of Children from Refugee Parents on Southern Border. Numerous large detention centers are being built to warehouse these children. These replicate WW2 concentration camps for Japanese Americans.

Racial Equality: No White Supremacy

No racial profiling by police stop-and-search (vs. Afro-Americans).
No infiltration of mosques by FBI, CIA, Homeland Security.
Equal pay for Blacks for equal work with Whites.
No mass incarceration of Afro-Americans through unfair drug laws. (Rehabilitation instead of incarceration, fix drug laws.)

Freedom of Religion

Freedom for Uyghur Muslims in Xinjian Province.
Freedom for Tibetans in religion and politics.
Freedom for Rohingyas in Rakhine Province in Myanmar.
Equality for minority Muslims in Hindu dominant India under BJP rule.

Religions waging peace, instead of war.

Preemptive strikes as crimes against humanity. (Iraq invasion)
Nuclear Weapons, Biological Weapons, Chemical Weapons, Neutron Bombs as Crimes Against Humanity.
Disarmament of Nuclear Weapons (No More Hiroshima-Nagasaki)
Religions networking for social justice in major cities (Jews, Muslims, Christians. Buddhists, Hindus together).

Power to the People, democracy.

Priority of the Poor. (Safety nets for the poor and vulnerable, Social Security, Medicare, food stamps, food banks)

No US Visa Bans against Muslim majority nations.

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