

Perspective

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Human Trafficking Exemplifies the Evil Deeds of Men

We live our lives each day, not realizing the immense suffering of some who are kidnapped for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced slavery, or even organ harvesting. While in the twenty first century, it is inconceivable to most people that such barbaric practices exist anywhere, but they do. Some have said, millions disappear every year because they are abducted by aliens from outer space, but that in reality is a smoke screen. The real reason is more sinister, and likely they are kidnapped by the depraved evil practice of human traffickers. We wonder, how can people be so evil as to enslave another person? And yet it thrives. Sometimes, astoundingly, even national governments are a part of this horrible crime. How real is this heinous blot on human existence?

The worst countries for human trafficking

Human trafficking has been likened to “modern slavery”, and the U.S. government defines it as a criminal offense when, “traffickers exploit and profit at the expense of adults or children by compelling them to perform labor or engage in commercial sex.”

Through force, blackmail, fraud, and coercion, they are made to toil in fields and factories, in restaurants and residences. Traffickers prey on some of the world’s most marginalized and vulnerable individuals, profiting from their plight. The human trafficking industry generates between \$ 236 - 245 billion in profit annually, making it a lucrative illegal operation for criminals. Human trafficking takes place in many countries around the world.

The Bible upholds the sanctity of life

Proverbs 31:8-9 shows the kindness God commanded toward those who were unable to defend themselves: *“Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”*

Psalms 82:3, a Psalm of Asaph, condemns an evil person who would take advantage of those who are weak and defenseless: *“Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy.”* (Psalms 82:3)

USNews.com published an article on July 10, 2024, titled, “The 19 Worst Countries for Human Trafficking.” The article states: “...the State Department assesses 188 countries and territories on the ‘extent of government efforts’ to meet the minimum standards set out in the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to eliminate human trafficking. In evaluating each country’s efforts to fight human trafficking, they are placed into several tiers. In the lowest – or worst – group, Tier 3, are 19 countries and 2 territories that the State Department currently deems are not fully meeting those minimum standards and ‘not making significant efforts to do so.’ The State Department clarifies that a country’s placement in Tier 3 is not based on the size of its problem, but rather on the extent of its government’s efforts to meet those standards. U.S. News focused on the 19 countries within Tier 3 (leaving out the territories Macau and Saint Maarten which are also in Tier 3).”

These are a few of the worst countries for human trafficking, according to U.S. State Department: Afghanistan, Belarus, Ukraine, Libya, Eritrea, and Yemen. The Global Organized Crime Index assesses the criminality level of 193 countries, along with their resilience to organized crime. According to the 2021 report, human trafficking has become the most pervasive criminal activity in the world. Informed by qualitative and quantitative measures and expert input, the five worst-scoring countries for human trafficking are: Libya, Eritrea, Yemen, United Arab Emirates, and Turkmenistan.

Around the globe, an estimated 27 million people are exploited for labor, services, and commercial sex. In certain jurisdictions in the United States, kidnapping, when it involves interstate and foreign commerce, is generally considered a capital offense punishable by death.

Immediate death penalty for kidnapping

Anyone found guilty of human trafficking under God’s laws would be executed. Exodus 21:16 plainly declares: *“He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.”*

Deuteronomy 24:7 restates this law: *“If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; and you shall put away the evil from among you.”*

The U.S. State department reported, “Human trafficking is a stain on the conscience of our society. It fuels crime, corruption, and violence. It distorts our economies and harms our workers. And it violates the fundamental right of all people to be free.”

Trafficking to harvest organs

It is demoralizing to realize how wicked human beings can be; there are people who exist who have no regard for the life of others. Abortions in the United States alone were around 1.1 million, according to the Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI). This suggests a 20% rise in U.S. abortions from 2017 to 2023, reversing a 30-year decline. With this kind of disregard for the sanctity of human life, it is no wonder that traffickers exist.

On July 25, 2025, “The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the leadership of Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr... announced a major initiative to begin reforming the organ transplant system following an investigation by its Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) that revealed disturbing practices by a major organ procurement organization.”

“Our findings show that hospitals allowed the organ procurement process to begin when patients showed signs of life, and this is horrifying,” Secretary Kennedy said. “The organ procurement organizations that coordinate access to transplants will be held accountable. The entire system must be fixed to ensure that every potential donor’s life is treated with the sanctity it deserves.”

There seems to be ample evidence to show that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) sanctions the harvesting of the organs of its citizens. The McCain Institute reported, “As of 2015, China declared that all organ donations would be ‘sourced from voluntary donors,’ repealing an earlier policy that allowed the government to source organs from death row prisoners. Accordingly, in 2017, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) reported that the voluntary organ donor list of approximately 375,000 people ‘yielded 5,146 “eligible” organ donors,’ resulting in over 16,000 organ transplants. Yet scholars and experts, such as those who form the China Tribunal, an international organization tasked with investigating transplant practices in China, find a different reality. They estimate from data, including hospital bed counts and medical personnel, that China conducts between 60,000 to upwards of 100,000 organ transplants annually. Given the overwhelming gap in these statistics, from where did China source tens of thousands of organs? The answer lies in the illegal operation of forced organ harvesting. Recent congressional testimonies estimate that 25,000 to 50,000 prisoners in China undergo forced organ transplants annually.”

Imprisoned and detained religious and ethnic groups, like the Falun Gong, including the Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities, account for the majority of victims. Many of these individuals face torture and die in custody, while others are “murdered by medical professionals for their vital organs.” This same practice continues in China.

Babylon is fallen, and the kingdom of God will rise

In regard to Israel, God says, *“Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faints. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment.”* (Isaiah 1:5-6)

Modern Israel and this whole world are sick from head to toe. The world champions greed. Gordon Gekko's famous quote from the movie, *Wall Street*, mirrors the thinking of carnal men: "Greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right, greed works, greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit." He expanded this to include "greed for life, for money, for love, knowledge" as driving human progress.

This attitude is evidenced in the Beast and the Babylonish system in the future. Gekko says what Satan, as the god of this world, would say. When the whole Babylonian economic system crashes into oblivion, the world will grieve: *“And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.”* (Revelation 18:11-13)

The “bodies and souls of men” are included as part of the merchandising of the Babylonish system, an economic system where slavery, trafficking in human beings, and the harvesting of organs are all a part of their way of life; this, of all things, shows the utter depravity of man in those days. Man’s system must fall, and God will raise up His kingdom. God will break away the shackles on all prisoners of human trafficking, and they will go free (Isaiah 61:1; 42:7; Jeremiah 30:8). No longer will men prey upon others for profit. The way of love will be taught and the value and sanctity of every human life!