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Resistance Is **NOT** Futile

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The COVID-BLM Borg has spoken!

Confession: I was never a big fan of the *Star Trek* mega-franchise; however, the entry of the Borg into a few episodes of the ever-evolving space opera did indeed catch my attention. The Borg, for those uninitiated into the trekkie subculture, is a terrifying predatory entity of cyborg marauders — part organic, part mechanical — that spread a reign of terror throughout the universe. They travel in their

“Cube,” a gigantic, planet-sized vessel, operated by their collective hive mind, conquering all in their path: planets, civilizations, solar systems, starships, and federations. Not merely *conquering*, but *transforming* — “absorbing” and “assimilating” — their victims into mindless, compliant, cybernetic drones. “Resistance is futile,” they tell their targeted victims. “You will be assimilated.”

The Borg does appear to be omnipotent, unstoppable, irresistible. Rather than face annihilation, whole planets take a knee, bow before the Borg, and are assimilated. However, Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the USS *Enterprise* prove that it is possible to resist the Borg and to avoid being absorbed into the Collective.

Resistance by small groups fighting for right being successful against overwhelming odds is a recurring theme in classical literature and popular entertainment: Hobbits and the folk of Middle Earth vs. the Dark Lord Sauron and his mighty hordes, and the Jedi vs. Sith in *Star Wars* being just a couple of popular examples.

The point is, in our fallen world, truth and freedom ever have been — and ever will be — under sustained deadly assault by the forces of deceit and tyranny, which, in the 20th and 21st centuries have plumbed murderous new depths. Communism, socialism, fascism, and more recently, a revived, militant Islamism, have piled up corpses by the tens of millions, have caused tens of millions more of terror-driven refugees to flee their homelands, and have “assimilated” billions of souls into their hellish, Borg-like collectives. But brave, heroic souls have repeatedly arisen to defy the assimilators and to champion the cause of freedom. Many of these heroes have sacrificed everything, including even their earthly lives, to preserve the spark of freedom that future generations might enkindle anew this celestial gift.

The year 2020 began with an unprecedented and totally unexpected global assault on freedom, the so-called COVID-19 pandemic. Virtually overnight an oppressive regime descended on our entire planet, as national and local “health authorities”



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began implementing edicts in accordance with warnings and dictates issued by the United Nations’ World Health Organization. Constitutional limits on government, the rule of law, God-given rights, and normal activities of every type were suddenly, peremptorily suspended. Businesses, schools, legislatures, and even houses of worship were forced to close. Travel and movement were prohibited or greatly restricted. Mask mandates and quarantines were imposed. For the first time in human history, entire economies and production systems (including

food production) were, for the most part, shut down. The shut-downs came despite the fact that even early on in the pandemic, it became apparent that most of those dying were elderly and they would likely have died within the year anyway. And it was evident to anyone who understood markets that the lockdowns would ruin livelihoods and kill people by the hundreds of thousands worldwide from lack of healthcare, suicides, starvation, and more. At first, these “lockdown” measures were only going to be temporary, for “the common good” so hospitals wouldn’t get overwhelmed. But soon we were told this Communist Chinese style of totalitarian governance was “the new normal.” Refusal to assimilate into this new order, we are warned, will not be tolerated. “Resistance is futile. You will be assimilated.”

While still reeling from the COVID Borg attack, the world was hit with another catastrophe: a global outbreak of “spontaneous” race riots in response to the death of George Floyd, a black man, at the hands of a white police officer. Overnight, the leaders of Black Lives Matter, who admit to being “trained Marxists,” were given command over our cities and our culture, and allowed to destroy law, order, and everything sacred. To many, resistance to the BLM Borg appears to be futile, as elected officials, celebrities, and corporate leaders grovel before their BLM masters and capitulate to their outrageous demands.

But you are not alone. The prophet Elijah, facing off against the seemingly all-powerful King Ahab, despaired, believing himself to be the last Israelite left that had not worshiped Baal, the false god to which Ahab and his wife Jezebel offered human sacrifice. Not so, the Lord God told Elijah, for “I will leave me seven thousand men in Israel, whose knees have not been bowed before Baal.”

Not mere thousands, but millions, of courageous souls have refused to bow before the COVID-BLM Borg. Resistance is NOT futile. Failure to resist is servile. Resistance to tyranny is the sacred duty of every God-fearing, freedom-loving soul. ■