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Remember the 1950s television sitcom *Father Knows Best*? Robert Young starred as the mythical father of the Anderson family. His wife was a homemaker and mother to their three children. Each week an opportunity arose for "Dad" to solve a problem.

What happened to those wonderfully innocent and uplifting days?

But what kind of fathers are portrayed on television today? Homer Simpson, simple-minded buffoon, or the jovial Dr. Cliff Huxtable, dominated by his wife and manipulated by his children. Or worst of all, the male-chauvinist, crude, and perverse Al Bundy.

What has happened to fathers in our society? Have you ever stopped to think of the diminished role fathers now play in Western civilization? For many in Western society, men have become nothing more than sperm banks! Life as we have known it is deteriorating rapidly decaying from within. The basic building block of society, the family, is being destroyed. We can lay much of the blame for this at the feet of fathers who are not fulfilling their responsibilities.

Quayle Vs. Brown

Years ago, former Vice President Dan Quayle made comments about the television show *Murphy Brown* during a speech. This is a typical sitcom where the heroine, Murphy Brown, is intelligent, articulate, independent, and self-sufficient. The men around her are depicted as fools, idiots, or otherwise unrealistic. At the time of the Vice President's speech, Murphy

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(unmarried) became pregnant and decided that she would "have" this baby, but she had no need of a man as a father to the child or a husband to her.

Mr. Quayle remarked that it was this kind of example that helped to destroy traditional family values. As soon as the words left his mouth, he was absolutely vilified in the American media. Editorials and talk shows argued about his statement for weeks. Media reports to the contrary, he was right on the money with his comments.

Over twenty-five hundred years ago, the prophet Isaiah predicted that men would abdicate their rightful roles. He writes, "As for My people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them" (Isaiah 3:12). Despite what "enlightened society" would have you believe, the Bible teaches that a father is meant to be a loving authority figure, the head of his home, his wife, and his children.

Yet in today's world, many families do not contain a father, or if they do, the father does not properly fulfill his role. Increasingly, we see one-parent families with that one parent being the mother. In 90% of divorces in America, mothers are awarded sole custody of the children.

The word translated "fatherless" in the Bible comes from Hebrew and Greek words meaning "orphans." In current language, an orphan is "a child deprived by death of one or usually both parents." But to God, an orphan is a child without a father, which should give us some idea of the importance He places on the father and his role in the family and society.

In no way does He diminish the role of the mother. From necessity in many cases, she has taken on the role of both parents. The mother is every bit as vital to the family as the father. And that is the point! Families—especially the children—*need* both parents.

But more and more often, families in American society do not contain a father. Some 35% of all children now live apart from their biological fathers, according to *Washington Post* writer Paul Taylor (*Charlotte Observer*, "When Fathers No Longer Figure," June 21, 1992). Furthermore, says Mr. Taylor, a white child born today has only one chance in two of living continuously with a biological father through age 18. A black child has one chance in 12.

Why are so many of our families without fathers? Husbands and fathers have abandoned their God-given responsibilities as leaders, guides, and establishers and maintainers of standards in their families. As a result, wives and children fill the void. Without fathers in the position of final arbiter, families are chaotic, their children out of control. Isaiah also foretold this result: "The child will be insolent toward the elder" (Isaiah 3:5). In other words, children will be disrespectful to adults. While much of the day-to-day childrearing may fall to the mother, the support and strength of the father are necessary to raise balanced, obedient children.

Again, quoting from Mr. Taylor's article, "Fatherlessness consigns children to poverty; children in father-absent households are six times more likely to be poor. Anthropological studies have suggested that it may lead boys in particular to become hypermasculine and violence prone. It deprives inner-city neighborhoods of the quasi-policing function played by good family men." It is almost humorous that mankind needs an "anthropological study" to tell them what any Bible student already knows: A family without a father is unbalanced and ripe for problems.

Satan Hates Families

Why have so many fathers run from their responsibilities? Why have they let their shoes be filled by others? It is simple, really. Satan. Satan hates the very thought of a happy, healthy, and whole family. He will do everything in his power to destroy it.

Consider one of the major foundations of this world: Nimrod and the Babylonian Mystery Religion. It began as the worship of Nimrod. Idolatry is bad enough, but it soon evolved into the worship of Semiramis, Nimrod's spouse and mother of Tammuz. There is considerable reason to think this evolution was directed to obscure and counter the worship of God the Father!

In the first century AD, the New Testament church began. But, over a period of many years and after many changes, the Catholic church, with its worship of the Virgin Mary and the Christ-child, appears and dominates Christendom. Satan has turned this world from a proper worship of God to that of worshiping women and children. When today's religions mention Him at all, God the Father is pictured as a cruel, harsh individual, while the Virgin Mary—and even Christ Himself!—are feminine, forgiving, gentle images.

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Satan does not want us to have a relationship with our Father. He would have us believe that a mother is all that is necessary. Though the expression "The church 'is the mother of us all'" is biblical (Galatians 4:26), Satan twists and perverts its meaning in his religions. Some of the New Age religions revolve around mother goddesses like Gaia.

Throughout history Satan has attacked the father. Wars kill mostly men in their prime, fathers and potential fathers. Homosexuality is practiced mostly by men. Satan inspires actions that take men from their rightful positions.

In today's society only about 10% of the families in America are traditional father-breadwinner, mother-homemaker families. Those types of families are portrayed in the media as dinosaurs—something to ridicule. Men are shown as either bumbling idiots (e.g., Dagwood Bumstead and Homer Simpson) or too cool for the mundane job of fatherhood (James Bond and Thomas Magnum). Yet the wives, if they have them, are always smart and so very kind to carry the deadbeat husband through life.

Take Action!

What can we do about this sad state of affairs? First of all, be aware of the subtle influences of this world! Everywhere we turn it seems that men in general and fathers in particular are being subtly undercut. Radio commercials, movies, newspapers, magazines, and advertising—all are guilty of portraying men negatively and women positively.

Second, understand that everyone has a God-ordained job to do. In my family, my wife fulfills her role as mother and homemaker in an exemplary manner. I could not do her job nearly as well. Fathers have been given the responsibilities of providers, protectors, and leaders. Sometimes these are thankless, grueling, unexciting jobs. Fathers need support, understanding, and appreciation from wives and children. As big and gruff as they are, men often have fragile egos! Let them know they are appreciated.

Third, follow the guidelines God sets forth for fathers. For example, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Fathers have to fill their role in self-control, not being so harsh as to alienate, anger, and frustrate their children, but raising them with discipline, instruction, and guidelines.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The Jewish Publication Society translation correctly includes the word "even," rendering the second clause as "even when he is old . . ." This translation stresses that with right leadership and instruction by parents in agreement, a child reared in God's way will not depart from it, even in old age.

The family, whose structure mirrors that of God's government, should function as God's Kingdom in microcosm. How well we fulfill our responsibilities as fathers will partly determine our places in the Kingdom. It is that important.

In our families, we must ignore a society ruled by Satan that has largely replaced fathers with welfare systems and pray daily for more of God's Holy Spirit to give fathers the strength and wisdom to do their jobs correctly. We must not bend to Satan's view of the family but stand firm in God's Word. If we do these things, "the father of the righteous will greatly rejoice" (Proverbs 23:24).

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Are the Sabbath and Holy Days a Burden?
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The days mentioned in Galatians 4 have all the trappings of being the Sabbath, new moons, holy days and special years such as seventh year and jubilee.

But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. But now after you have

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known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain (Galatians 4:8 - 11, NKJV).

These verses are used by preachers to dissuade people from keeping the Bible Sabbath and annual Holy Days God commanded in Leviticus 23 and elsewhere. Because it is so obvious that the Galatians were trying to be as Jewish as possible, it is an easy scripture to misapply.

Some who wish to defend Holy Day keeping state that the days mentioned in Galatians 4 were pagan days. Their argument to support this belief is that Paul would certainly not call the Holy Days, etc. 'weak and beggarly elements.'

A Double Reverse Argument

In high school I was on the wrestling team. We had a move called a double reverse. When you were on top of your opponent, you were in the winning position, so to speak. When he got a "reverse" he was on top, and he scored points.

In a double reverse, you used your opponent's momentum as he was gaining a reverse on you (essentially rolling you over) to continue the motion and roll him right back to the bottom. You went from top to bottom and back to top again. Let's give those who say that the days of Galatians 4:10 are Holy Days a "reverse" argument.

What are the days?

. . . My offering . . . shall ye OBSERVE to offer unto me in their due season . . . day by DAY. . . and on the Sabbath DAY two lambs of the first year . . . (Numbers 28:2 - 3, 9).

What are the months?

. . . and in the beginning of your MONTHS ye shall offer a burnt offering . . . (Numbers 28:11)

What are the times (or seasons)?

Three TIMES in a year shall all the males appear before the lord . . . the feast of unleavened bread . . . the feast of weeks . . . the feast of tabernacles . . . (Deuteronomy 16:16).

Note that the Greek word for "times" in Galatians 4:10 (*kairos*, Strong's #G2540) is translated "due season" in Luke 12:42, ". . . meat in due season." and other places.

. . . My offering . . . in their due SEASON (Numbers 28:2).

Note that Numbers 28:16 to 29:39 show the details of the offerings.

. . . these things ye shall do unto the lord in your set feasts . . . (Numbers 29:39).

So, the order is the same as is stated in Galatians 4:10, "Ye observe days (including Sabbath) and months (new moons) and times (seasons or Holy Days) and years." Let us now notice 2Chronicles 31:3.

He appointed . . . for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and for the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths (days) and the new moons (months), and for the set feasts (seasons), as it is written in the law of Moses.

What? Have those who deny the need to keep the Holy Days been right all along? So, it seems - until the key to Galatians 4 verse 10 is revealed.

Touché! The Double Reverse

Yes, they are the Holy Days of the Old Covenant. However, the word for "observe" in Galatians 4:10 has a prefix. The word for observe is normally *tereo* in the Greek (Strong's Concordance #5083). The word here is *paratero* (#3906).

Para is a prefix with a broad meaning, strongly modifying the word. *Paratero* means to "observe scrupulously" or

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"observe in addition to," among other meanings. *Paratereo* is used in Luke 20:20 and translated "watched" in the King James Version Bible. Here the spies were watching Jesus scrupulously to see if they could find the slightest accusation against him.

What were the Galatians doing then? How were they "scrupulously" observing these days? The New World Translation has picked up this connotation of *paratereo*, even though it is missed in the Interlinear Bible. Strong's Concordance clearly shows the word in Galatians 4:10 and Luke 6:7, 14:1, 20:20, Mark 3:2 is #3906 (*paratereo*) which is different than to observe commands as in Matthew 23:3, 28:20, Acts 21:25 (*tereo*).

Galatians 3:3 makes it clear how the Galatians were scrupulously observing days. Paul asks "are ye so foolish? having begun in the spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"

What flesh is he talking about here? In Hebrews 9 we find a discussion of the first covenant and its "worldly sanctuary" (verse 1). In Hebrews 10:6 we find the flesh offerings, "sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared for me." Also, the worldly sanctuary had "gifts according to the law" (Hebrews 8:4).

The Galatians had come to think that they had to offer animal sacrifices to be perfect with God, that believing in Christ was good, but believing in Christ and offering sacrifices was better. Notice Paul's question in verse 2, "This would I learn of you, received ye the spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

In 2:16 he is telling them ". . . a man is not justified by the works of the law" but by "the faith of Christ." Man cannot be justified by the offering of animals' blood, as "It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sin" (Hebrews 10:4).

The Galatians were thinking that they needed to be as "Jewish" as possible. Notice they were pushing circumcision (see Galatians 5:2). Paul told them he was a strict Jew (Galatians 1:13, 14) and even Titus was not compelled to be circumcised (Galatians 2:3).

What, then, was Paul's concern for those in Galatia? Notice he was afraid for them. He did not say what they were doing was outright sin, but he was afraid they were looking to those fleshly offerings and not to Christ. He was not saying don't observe the annual Sabbaths or it's now all right to work on these Sabbath days of God!

Is Paul blameless?

Paul says that he was ". . . touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless" (Philippians 3:6). How was he blameless? Because he had offered all the commanded sacrifices for his transgressions under the law. Notice Ezra 10:19 which states, ". . . and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass."

Certainly, there were some who did not confess their sins and offer the sacrifices. But those that did among the Jews were considered righteous.

Notice Leviticus 4:3, 13, 14, 20, 27, 31, 35. If someone offered an offering for their sin according to the law, it says, "it shall be forgiven them." The law was indebted to forgive that one occasion even though the offering could not purge the conscience. See Romans 4:4 "reward is . . . reckoned of debt."

Weak and Beggarly Elements

One area that is misunderstood in an attempt to say that Galatians 4:10 is talking of pagan days is based on verses 8 and 9. In verse 8 Paul reminds the Galatians that they, in the past, offered sacrifices to idols.

Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods (Galatians 4:8, KJV).

In verse 9 he says, ". . . how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?"

Was the law of carnal ordinances weak? See Hebrews 7:13, 16, 27 and especially verse 18 ". . . for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof." Just like the animals offered to idols, the animals offered by the Levites were earthly, came

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from the dust and returned to dust (ashes). Notice the word "elements" is the same word Paul uses about his bondage to the Jewish religion (Galatians 4:3).

Another overlooked point in understanding what Galatians 4:8 - 9 means is that the second use of the word "again" in, ". . . again to be in bondage" (verse 9) is not just one word but two.

In the first use of the word again ("how turn ye again") in verse 9 the Greek word *palin* is used. *Palin* is commonly translated as "again." The second use ("whereunto ye desire again") of the word again is from the Greek *palin anothēn*. *Anothēn* is translated in scriptures two ways, "again" and "from above." So, Paul is saying ". . . how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again from above (Moses got the law from God above) to be in bondage?"

Yes, offering animal sacrifices daily, monthly, yearly was a form of bondage as we see Paul summarizing in Galatians 4:24 - 25.

". . . for these are the two covenants . . . one from the mount Sinai . . . and answereth to the Jerusalem which now is and is in bondage with her children."

Now notice Romans 8:15 which states, "for ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear . . ."

The Sabbath and annual Holy (Feast) Days were (and are) not weak and beggarly elements but the animal sacrifices performed on them were.

The days of Galatians 4:10 are Sabbaths and new moons and Holy Days and jubilee years. The apostle Paul was not saying in Galatians to not observe them. He was saying he was afraid they were looking to and offering animal sacrifices on them as a supplement to Jesus' sacrifice.

A Part of Something Larger!
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As we entered the new year of 2011 it had to be said that the state of the Church of God is not good. One of the more significant parts of the church, the United Church of God is dividing into two parts with the members being scattered and having to take sides, with no clear reason as to why it is happening. It is a strange phenomenon, but it was prophesied long ago by Jeremiah that the Church of God would continue to splinter into smaller and smaller pieces. This is what God says as He inspired Jeremiah to write "*My people have been lost [straying] sheep: their shepherds [ministers] have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away [spiritual danger] on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill [ever smaller scattered flocks], they have forgotten **their resting-place.***" (Jeremiah 50:6) The ministry is not pointing the brethren to Jesus Christ, their proper *resting-place*, as they should. "**Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.**" (Psalm 37:7)

These things would not have occurred if everyone was looking to God and loving one another as brethren. This separation, any separation within the overall church, would not happen if members of the body of Christ really were willing to lay down their lives for one another (1 John 3:16). Doctrine that is not put into practice is no doctrine at all. Here's a red flag warning: Instead of returning to the Lord – and His basic Christian principles – confused members are returning to the same faulty mind-set that does not have looking to God and accepting the unity that results as its prime result. Scattered congregations initially welcome a sense of freedom but in fact are once again vulnerable to faulty leadership.

These same confused members are then visited by men going from location to location asking the question: "**Would you like to be a part of something larger?**" Essentially, they are actually promoting a new corporate organization offering winter weekends and summer camps. Those are enticing words. Who wouldn't want to be a part of something bigger and better? Something nice for the young people, for the teenagers. But members of the church of God should beware. If we would understand the words of Jesus Christ, **we are already** a part of something much, much greater – and something much better – the Body of Christ – and we cannot imagine what all that entails. "*Eye hath not seen, nor ear*

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heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9)

We need to understand that all the members of the church of God **are already** intricately woven into something much greater – we need to remember that. We are all fellow citizens with **all of the saints**; we are of the **household of God**; we are the **temple of the living God**, and our **citizenship is in heaven**. That is what we want to be a part of – not something less (Ephesians 2:19, Philippians 3:20, 2 Corinthians 6:16). We should not consider ourselves a part of corporate organizations that exclude other spirit led brethren – that is not scriptural. We all know that Jesus would never be a part of a group that was not inclusive of all the saints. Think about it. *“There is ... One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”* (Ephesians 4:5)

We are by definition **already a part of something larger**. We were called into one Body – that is Christ’s body, the Church of God. (Colossians 3:15). Where is the true Godly concern for all the others? We should not lightly discard this Great Commandment to love our fellow man, that defines what a Christian is to be (Matthew 22:39). These corporate organizations will not let members of God’s church keep Passover together or keep the Feast together – is that God’s will and desire? Certainly not! Does Christ want the brethren to exclude some of God’s people in favour of others? Of course not! It is unthinkable! God is not a respecter of persons – neither can we be! No one who is a member of the Church of God can be! Joining opposing corporate organizations, competitive structures, giving loyalty to one corporate organization over another is division, pure and simple. Why aren’t the brethren, the members of the body of Christ, being made to understand that our citizenship in heaven comes before participation in corporate organizations?

Jesus Christ is not divided. Jesus hates division. By definition, Jesus Christ has only one Church, one Body and one Spirit. *“... The Body of Christ ... is the Church.”* (Colossians 1:24) Therefore, there is **only one True Church**. *“There is one Body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”* (Ephesians 4:4-6) (Ephesians 5:30) (1 Corinthians 12:12, 13, 20) The fundamental cause of break-ups is this: God is not first. If God were first, the brethren would be taught to love one another – and all that necessitates – forgiveness, reconciliation, and humbly serving one another by laying down their lives (John 15:13).

Paul asked the question, *“Is Christ divided?”* (1 Corinthians 1:13) We should know what the answer is to that rhetorical question. “No, Christ is not divided.” But if we would honestly look at the divided condition of the church of God today, we would be forced to come to one of two conclusions: Either, Christ’s Body is divided, or, not all of us are of Christ. Now, that is a scary scenario, no matter which one you choose. And Paul would agree. He wrote that if we are not properly discerning the Lord’s body, we are eating and drinking damnation to ourselves (Corinthians 11:29). Brethren, members of the church of God, this is a time for prayer, fasting and reflection.

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Seven Trumpets of Revelation

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The Seven Trumpets described in the Book of Revelation will begin to sound in the final year before Christ's return. In chapter eight, the first four trumpets sound one right after the other. Revelation 8:13 then declares: "Woe! Woe! Woe to those who dwell upon the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the remaining three angels."

The last three trumpets are called woes. This reveals a **pattern of four** followed by **three**. This same **pattern** is also formed by the Seven Annual Sabbaths according to the Civil or Regnal year which begins in the autumn with the Feast of **Trumpets**. Thus, in the autumn, we have Trumpets, Atonement, First Day of Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day. Approximately, five or six months later in the spring, we have First of ULB, Last ULB, and Pentecost.

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Is it possible that the Seven Trumpets of Revelation will sound on each one of these annual Sabbaths in the future leading to the Resurrection?

Many believe that the Seventh Trumpet described in the Book of Revelation will sound on the Feast of Trumpets. However, we need to consider when the other six trumpets will sound. It is highly unlikely that all seven trumpets will sound on the same day. Rather than the Feast of Trumpets marking the end of the sounding of the trumpets, it better pictures the **beginning** of the sounding of the seven trumpets since it also marks the **beginning** of a new calendar year.

Yes, God told Moses that Abib or Nisan would be the first month for God's people (Exodus 12:2). Why? The fulfillment of the Holy Days as listed in Leviticus 23 are being fulfilled by God in that order with the beginning of Passover. We know that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Passover lamb. Without the sacrifice of Jesus for our redemption, nothing else would follow. Jesus Christ is the "first and the last" (Revelation 22:13). Also, recall that a Jubilee year began in the autumn (See Leviticus 25).

If the Seven Trumpets of Revelation begin to sound on a future Feast of Trumpets, then the last or seventh trumpet will sound on Pentecost and not the Feast of Trumpets. This means that the Resurrection will occur on a future Pentecost rather than Trumpets. With the Resurrection on Pentecost, Christ will take His Bride to heaven for a marriage feast. Didn't God enter into a marriage covenant with Israel on Pentecost or the Feast of Firstfruits? Will the marriage of the Lamb occur on a future Pentecost? Think about it.

After the Resurrection, the wrath of God is poured out upon the rebellious nations on the earth. This is described in Revelation 15 and 16. This pouring out of the seven last plagues of God's wrath will occur between Pentecost and Trumpets. It will cause the nations of the world to join together to fight against this space invader. Christ will return from heaven on a white horse on the Feast of Trumpets to fight against the armies of those rebellious nations as described in Revelation 19. This is also described by Zechariah 14 and Revelation 14. On the Feast of Trumpets that will follow Resurrection Pentecost, Christ with His resurrected saints will come to the Mount of Olives at Jerusalem. From there, they will launch their campaign to capture Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. This is why Revelation 14 pictures Jesus, the Lamb, with the 144,000 on Mount Zion.

The final battle commonly known as "Armageddon" will occur on the Day of Atonement. This is when Christ will defeat the defiant armies in the Valley of Jehoshaphat or the Kidron Valley between the Temple Mount and the Mount of Olives. Their blood will flow for miles. It is this spilling of blood to purge the earth of the sin of rebellion which is pictured by the goat that is slain by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement as described in Leviticus 16. The High Priest pictures what Christ will do on a future Atonement.

Christ along with His Bride will rule from Jerusalem for a thousand years which is pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles.

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In his blockbuster new book, [*American Marxism*](#), Mark Levin warns that Marxist ideology has now permeated every facet of American society, including the educational systems, the media, corporations, Hollywood, and politics. He obviously touched on a deep, felt need for the book shot to #1 on Amazon before it was ever released.

That America is deeply concerned was confirmed in a recent NPR poll in which people were asked if they thought that American democracy was "alive and well" or "under threat." Sixty-seven percent of the respondents said they believed American democracy to be "under threat."

Marxism Requires Atheism

This battle for the heart and soul of America is spiritual in nature, which is why the answer does not lie with the White House, but with God's House. The greatest weapon against the Marxist agenda is a genuine, national spiritual awakening

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wherein the masses renew their faith in the God of the Bible. This would spell the end of Marxism in America for Marxism cannot exist without atheism.

Karl Marx himself arrogantly declared, “The abolition of religion as the illusory happiness of the people is the demand for their real happiness.” In other words, for Marx, abolishing faith in God was a necessary component for securing “real” happiness through his communist system.

In Marxism, the state is god and the people are made wards of the state. They must look to the state for healthcare, childcare, homecare, and their every need. Christians and their faith in God are perceived as threats to such a Marxist, statist vision because their trust is in the living God, not the state.

The god of Marxism is a jealous god and will tolerate no rivals. This is why Marxist regimes, whether the Old Soviet Union, or Mao’s China, or Castro’s Cuba, have all been hostile toward people of a genuine, living faith.

Marxism and Atheism in America

Over the past 60 years, we have seen this same hostility arising toward people of faith in America. The forced removal of crosses and Christian symbols from public venues and the banning of prayer and Bible reading from public schools are clear signs of this atheistic trend. The secularizing of Christmas with nativity scenes being banned from public properties and Christmas trees being called “holiday trees” are more clear indications that America is being groomed for a socialist/atheistic society.

It is, therefore, not surprising that in 2019 the Democrat National Committee (DNC), the voice of the party of Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and Nancy Pelosi, unanimously passed a resolution in which they affirmed atheism and declared that neither Christianity nor any religion is necessary for morality and patriotism.

Since not a single Democrat leader has expressed opposition to this party resolution, their individual expressions of faith must be interpreted as mere window-dressing. It is another sign that America is being pushed toward an atheistic, Marxist society.

We Must Have a Christian Awakening

Yes, I believe Marxism will be defeated, but not at the White House. Marxism will be defeated at God's house. What will turn the Marxist dream for America into a nightmare is a Christian awakening wherein America’s national motto is renewed—a motto from earlier and more faithful times that simply reads, “In God We Trust.”

When faith in God is awakened, people are set free from dependence on government. Their faith is now in a higher Power. They want government, not to nanny them, but to protect their God-given, Constitutional rights of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Let us, therefore, ask God to renew our own personal faith and then ask Him to visit this nation once again with another Great Awakening. Such an Awakening will renew Christian faith, hope, and love and be Marxism’s worst nightmare.

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Holy Days 2022

Passover – April 16, 2022 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Unleavened Bread – April 16-22, 2022

Pentecost – June 5, 2022

Trumpets - September 26, 2022

Atonement – October 5, 2022

Tabernacles – October 10-16, 2022

Last Great Day – October 17, 2022

The 13th grade: It's killing us (Copyright) by Curtis Dahlgren (Stephenson, Michigan)

"Few in their after years have occasion to revise their college opinions." – Thomas Jefferson

AN ANALOGY THAT DESCRIBES TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE:

"Scientists have discovered a tiny creature that lives in the lips of a North Atlantic lobster that it is unique in that its brain completely disappears at the onset of adolescence and doesn't reappear until adulthood."

Eighteen-year-olds in college aren't mature adults, and academia takes advantage of that fact. This is a book review of "How to Survive Your Freshman Year" by "Hundreds of College Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors Who Did."* Just in time for spring break, it covers every topic from what to bring to school to what not to bring home, such as bad memories (it includes advice from dropouts who didn't make it through 13th grade). The chapter "Parties 101" contains this quote:

"Don't party before tests. It really does impair your ability."

DUH. Just because you got admitted to an elite institution doesn't necessarily mean you're the brightest bulb in the Christmas tree lights. NOT YET. A few more quotes from the book:

"Stay away from the boys on the athletic teams; they think they're really cool, and they take advantage of the freshman girls." – Georgetown

"It may look like the girls who are out partying are the ones getting the guys. But they're not really. Also, the nice boys are not on sports teams." – Georgetown

"Don't date anyone on your dorm floor, and don't date three guys at the same time who are all on the soccer team together." – Cal State, Fullerton

"My sister is a freshman. I told her not to hook up with a lot of guys, not to get a bad reputation, because you can't shake it. It follows you everywhere." – Georgetown

"Don't date people from your dorm, especially if you're just hooking up after a party. There will be a breakup and therefore awkward moments. You'll step into the elevator, and they'll be there and everything goes silent." – James Madison Univ.

"Do not have one-night stands with anyone in your dorm. You won't want to see them the next day. I recommend dating." – Emory Univ.

NOTE: Even most kids who CARE about it, don't realize that "adultery" doesn't just apply to married people and extra-marital affairs. Benjamin Franklin and others have said "Sin isn't harmful because it's forbidden; it is forbidden because it is harmful." An extreme example:

"Don't do anything with a girl who's not making rational decisions; that's a good way to get thrown in jail." – U. of Rochester

After a ten-year absence, I registered at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a recreation major (aren't they all), and on the first day of landscaping 101, the professor attacked my religion, blaming the book of Genesis for pollution of the world ("subdue the earth").

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Other Items

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Old!

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Have you ever had one of those days when you don't quite feel like yourself? The saying, "You are as young as you feel," has become my reality.

