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Every step of your future life will be guided by God - if you decide to be a godly person. It is the one who *honours* God who gets the best in life - not the clever one, or the rich one, or the genius, or the one who gets lucky breaks in life. All insecurity regarding the future comes when we do not choose godliness as a way of life. So, decide to honour God at all times. He will then give you the best spiritually, and at the same time, all that is necessary materially and physically in this world too. I have found this to be true during the last 50 years of my life. God will guide you in everything — from your college courses and in the profession that you should choose, to employment and in marriage later on — if you just make one decision now and stand by it always: that you will honour God in all things and be a godly person.

"It is God's desire that your entire life proclaim the gospel of victory over sin and death to Self."

That means to be faithful in the *little* things. Never take anything that doesn't belong to you - from a person or a house or a college or an office or from anywhere - not even a cheap pen or a pencil. Never cheat anyone even in the smallest of matters. And as we have taught you in your schooldays, never cheat even in the smallest way in your examinations. It is better to fail than to cheat and pass. It is better to be poor than to cheat and be rich. Stop reading literature and looking at TV programs that pollute your mind. Keep your conscience absolutely clear in all matters. Those who live like this get God's best in life - in every generation - even in times of high inflation and recession.

That doesn't mean that you never fall or fail. But you must mourn each time you fail. Even if you fail for the 1000th time in any area (whether spiritual or academic), you must just get up and continue running. You must not allow your past failures to haunt you. The fear of failure is a haunting fear that you must shake off. All you have to do is exercise your will and reject every thought of past failures, whenever they come to your mind. If you are faithful in doing this, you will find after some time, that such thoughts will occur only rarely - and finally stop altogether. This is what it means to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Thus, you can be a living demonstration to an unbelieving generation that it goes well with the righteous and that God honours those who honour Him. Yearn with all your heart that you will be such a living testimony for God in this world

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rather than impressing this world with your cleverness or your accomplishments. Be careful also that outdoor activities never take such a place in your life that they become your god!

It is God's desire that your entire life proclaim the gospel of victory over sin and death to Self (by having experienced the reality of this yourself), and that you fulfil your God-appointed ministry in the Body of Christ (whatever that may be), while earning your own living with a secular job - serving the Lord like Paul did, at your own expense, without being dependent on anyone. This is what the world needs to see, and this is my greatest longing for all of you. I know that only those who consistently seek the kingdom of God first and His righteousness first, will have no regrets when Jesus returns.

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Our Planned Future

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Armed conflict disrupts the lives of millions of earth's populace—though ‘the West’ has been blessed with more than half a century of relative tranquility, with a welcome rise in living standards. But inequalities persist, and world leaders are behind the scenes planning radical change, change that will affect all of mankind.

Our track record down the centuries, however, raises a red warning flag. After six millennia of civilization, governments have utterly failed to implement utopia; ‘...*the way of peace they have not known*’. For every ‘solution’ is undermined by human nature and scorn for foundation principles.

Right v. Wrong

Civilization—and its governing laws—is formulated on the basis of majority opinion driven (despite democratic elections!) by those who wield power—overtly or from behind the scenes. Their agenda, however, sprouts from fallen human nature—which cannot discern right from wrong.

To discern *right* from *wrong* demands a recognizable universal standard based on the divine ‘*law of love*’ as summarized in the Decalogue—all ten of God's guiding principles.

The imposition of the humanly devised standards has now devolved to a global level, with the ‘United Nations’ and its covert sponsors dictating the agenda for all nations from behind closed doors, with national governments, local councils—and the public— as enforcement pawns.

Future Shock

Our new rulers present their agenda as benign paternal leadership dedicated to the welfare of all mankind. Their clearly stated plan can be summed up as ‘net zero by 2050’, with implementation of most measures by 2030: A laudable end to destructive air and water and agricultural pollution. An end to poverty and recurring pandemics and to the housing shortage. Sounds good!

The shock comes, as always, in the detail. Public transport replaces cars. Air and sea travel curtailed. Food and water rationed. Meat banned. Animal husbandry eliminated. Hi-tech GM food. ‘Smart’ cities. Reliance on (fragile) internet technology. A cashless society. Behavioral monitoring *via* intrusive surveillance on our smartphones and TVs, Alexa, cctv *etc*.

But such aims can be achieved only by *coercion*. Indeed, plans for this are well advanced as digital IDs are being imposed and an army of ‘hit squads’ recruited to monitor our spending, behavior, our recycling, our eating habits, our travel.

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Christian Values

Such humanist attempts to solve man’s challenges are the focus of Isaiah’s analysis (as quoted earlier). That is, the rejection of our Creator and His guidance. Man was created as a perfect, rational, sentient being created from earth’s elements but with an in-built guiding spirit (the ‘*spirit in man*’) and described as being ‘...*in the image of God*’ (Genesis 1:27). His purpose is we become, through our life experiences, restored to that character image.

Our ‘operating system’ was *ahab, agape*—love, defined as total harmony with the divine mind, the force that maintains our relationship with the Father and keeps us on the straight and narrow. Our rejection of that pathway (‘sin’) and our dependence on distorted human reasoning required the direct intervention of the Godhead: ‘...*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone believing into Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*’ (John 3:16).

It is ‘the way of the world’—a world rejected by those who are ‘in Christ: ‘...*Who but the man that believes that Jesus is the Son of God overcomes the world?*’ (I John 5:5). Our mission as Christians is to ‘walk as Jesus walked’— to overcome the world and its ways, as did our Savior: ‘...*I have spoken these things to you that you may have peace in Me. You have distress in the world; but be encouraged, I have overcome the world*’ (John 16:33).

Much of society presently stumbles through a fog of fear—fear of a virus, fear of hospitals, fear of touching something, fear of being locked up for a so-called ‘violation’ of an edict, fear of climate change.

But that’s not for us, for ‘...*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love*’. Paul adds: ‘...***So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me***’ (Hebrews 13:6).

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What is a jot and tittle?

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What is a jot and tittle? Why did Jesus use them in his Sermon on the Mount? Why is it critical to understand their meaning in relation to living forever?

The words jot (*iota*, Strong's Concordance #G2503) and tittle (*keriaia*, Strong's #G2762) appear only once in the Bible. Jesus' statement using jot and tittle occurs near the beginning of his famous Sermon on the Mount likely given from Mt. Eremos.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled (Matthew 5:17 - 18, KJV).

What are they?

Jot is the English translation of the Greek *iota*, which itself was derived from the Hebrew letter *yod* (yodh). Both the letters *iota* and *yod* are the smallest of their respective alphabets.

iota, from the fourth century B.C. forward, was the ninth letter of the classical Greek alphabet. When it was used to symbolize a number, however, it represented 10 (Universal History of Numbers, section on Greek alphabetical numerals). *Yod* is the tenth of twenty-two Hebrew letters and represents the number 10.

Tittle, which comes from *keriaia*, means "a little horn," "horn like" or an apex or point. It can refer to a diacritical dot placed over abbreviated words and some letters. It can also reference the apex or point of certain Hebrew letters called a *tag* (taga). A *tag* is a small decorative "crown" placed on letters to distinguish them from others in the alphabet.

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Sometimes more than one crown or tittle is drawn (1906 Jewish Encyclopedia on Tagin).

Why are they used?

Jesus, before launching into the main teaching section of his Sermon on the Mount, makes it plain that he did not come to do away with (abolish) God's commandments or to remove the requirement to keep them. He came, rather, to be a perfect example of how to live life based on every word that proceeds from God (Matthew 4:4).

Don't suppose (most Christians do the exact opposite!) that I came to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I DID NOT COME TO DO AWAY WITH THEM, but to give them their full (spiritual) meaning. Heaven and earth may disappear. But I promise you that not even a period (jot) or comma (tittle) will ever disappear from the Law . . . (Matthew 5:17 - 18, CEV).

The Lord used a jot and tittle, the smallest letters, and marks, to underscore his life and teachings should NOT be interpreted as annulling God's law. The necessity of learning and obeying the commandments continued during his life, was required of the New Testament church, and continues today into the future (see Revelation 12:17, 14:12). Those who refuse to keep the commandments will not be in God's Kingdom (22:14 - 15)!

Did you know . . .

If a scribe, making a copy of God's law, was found to have omitted a tag (tittle) from a particular page his entire work would be destroyed (People's Dictionary of the Bible).

Surprisingly, English has several idioms related to jot and tittle. The phrase "not one iota" is used to relate that not a single tiny bit of something will be used. Another phrase is "dot the i's and cross the t's." It is used to delineate taking care of every detail or being completely thorough (e.g., the creation of terms in a legal contract). The phrase "to a T" is used to describe something that is perfect, exact or complete (e.g., the clothes a person wears fits them in every detail). The likely source for using the letter T in this idiom is the word tittle (World Wide Words).

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The Iron Pen: Who is Writing on Your Heart? by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)

Jeremiah 17:1 "The sin of Judah is written with an - Iron Pen - and the point of a diamond: it is engraved upon the tables of their hearts." This kind of language indicates total rejection of God's Word. Their national and religious leaders were leading the people in rebellion against God. Isaiah 3:9 "They parade their sin like Sodom. Jeremiah wrote these words just before the destruction of the nation. The same thing is happening today in America. Our national leaders, lawmakers and judges have written into law, rebellion against the word of God.

National leaders, educators and media are applauding and praising the, LBGT den of deviates; describing them as victims; evidently, of those who believe the Word of God. Americas perverted leaders have directly attacked, God and all who believe God, by legalizing homosexual depravity. Inspired by Satan, they are attempting to silence anyone who dares to disapprove of homosexuality. The Devil has written on their hearts, love and devotion for - His - perverted children, and is using our judges and lawmakers, to write on the hearts of all Americans acceptance of those God condemns as evil – Leviticus 20:13. To prolong Americas' prosperity and safety, our leaders should call on homosexuals and all who defend them, to repent, instead of showering them with praises and special protection as victims.

The Iron Pen of Satan is now in the hands of our media, lawmakers and educators. They are intimidating and pounding into a mold designed by Satan, both young and old, into accepting as good the perverted lifestyle of the Devils' children. Some of us just surrender to the Devil and declare – write on me; my heart is open. Recently a state governor, when asked what he thought of the ruling, by the court, making same sex marriage legal said: "the supreme court has ruled and I accept that." Satan has written on the hearts of lawmakers; for it is their responsibility to make law not judges; but we do not hear a whimper in protest from them; they surrendered to the Devils' allies. Most religious leaders today have

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opened their hearts to Satan’s Iron Pen; they have been - disarmed - and have trampled to the ground the Sword of Truth. Not one well known Christian preacher has - publicly – in the media, called on homosexuals and those who support them to repent.

Genesis 19:14, Lot warned his two sons-in-law, telling them to leave, “because, God is about to “destroy the city.” They evidently were self-satisfied and smug; acceptance of the wickedness of the city, was impressed on them, so they thought Lot was joking. They died a fiery death. Genesis 18:20, The Lord said “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous”; but Lots’ sons-in-law, were not angered or grieved because of the wicked lifestyles of their neighbors. If they were they would have left the city and saved their lives. That same attitude permeates most Americans, professing Christians and Christian leaders today; they do not call for repentance and in fact many of them welcome openly homosexuals, - Satan Evangelist - as fellow Christians. What does God say about that? 1 Corinthians 5:11 “You must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral.”

Sadly, many Americans and Christians accept government leaders today, promoting and providing special protections for homosexuals, instead of being grieved, angered and outraged. And those who speak out against, special laws, protecting and defending homosexuality are ridiculed, by Satan’s faithful. Christian leaders have opened their hearts to Satan’s Gospel; that is: “Do not discriminate”; accept evil as good. They are easily intimidated by the Devils’ children. They have closed their eyes to God’s word and have been silenced. Some Christian leaders resent people expressing disapproval over the depraved wickedness, of homosexuality, being praised, promoted and defended in America. Something is Spiritually wrong with most Americans today; they are honoring Satanic values, that have been embraced by our judges and legislators; instead of honoring the true timeless values, based on Gods’ Word. Openly homosexual people are - Satan’s-evangelist - and the media has become their mad apostles of intellectual-slavery. All must confess Satan’s depraved values and honor his perverted children or be silenced.

God is also writing on the hearts of those who believe His Word: Hebrews 10:16 – God promises to “put his laws in our hearts and write them in our minds.” 2 Corinthians 2:2-3 “You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but tablets of human hearts.

Satan is using his LGBT den of deviates, media, judges and lawmakers to write on the hearts of Americans, acceptance of sexual depravity. Total rebellion against God has been written into law and on the hearts of Americans, turning those who believe God, speak out, and call for repentance, into criminals. Americas religious and national leaders will be held accountable on God’s Judgment Day. Ezekiel 3:18-19 “When I say to the wicked man, ‘You will surely die’ and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways – in order to save his life – that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.”

Tragically, most of Americas’ ruling elites have been turned into Satan’s LGBT choir; they are gleefully singing the praises of his perverted children. Their hearts have been captured by the Devil, who will deliver them to the “Lake of Fire” on that great Judgment Day, when there will be “weeping and gnashing of teeth” John 5:28-29.

Repent America: The remedy, that cleanses hearts and minds, and provides salvation for all, has been provided. Our Father in heaven has paid our debt of sin and rebellion by the sacrifice of his Son, Christ Jesus. He has made the body and blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, the food and drink of salvation from sin and death. Believe that good news, sent by our Heavenly Father; repent and pray for mercy. WHO IS WRITING ON YOUR HEART? Either Almighty God is - or those who are experts in twisting hearts and minds; political leaders, Congress, educators, judges, and the media, are.

Psalm 12:8 “The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men.

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“The past will not tell us what we ought to do, but what we ought to avoid.” – Jose Ortega y Gasset

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"A fool contributes nothing worth hearing and takes offense at everything" ... "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" ... "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."
– Aristotle

"In keeping silent about evil, in burying it so deep within us that no sign of it appears on the surface, we are implanting it, and it will rise up a thousand-fold in the future. When we neither punish nor reproach evildoers, we are not simply protecting their trivial old age, we are thereby ripping the foundations of justice from beneath new generations." ~ Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*

"Whenever law ends, tyranny begins." – John Locke

"If the truth shall kill them, let them die." – Immanuel Kant

I think he meant that rejecting the truth would kill them. Many have said, in various ways, "Sin isn't hurtful because it's forbidden; it's forbidden because it's hurtful."

"Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance." – George Bernard Shaw

"The aim of totalitarian education has never been to instill convictions but to destroy the capacity to form any." – Hannah Arendt

"You can have your experience or your perspective. But there is no such thing as 'your truth' or 'my truth.' There is only the truth." – PragerU

"Reality doesn't go away when it is ignored." – Thomas Sowell

"Wrong does not cease to be wrong [just] because the majority share in it." – Leo Tolstoy

"The fact that a majority of a community dislikes an opinion gives it no right to interfere with those who hold it." – Bertrand Russell

"As the months passed, friends and colleagues of mine who were highly educated, and who had been lifelong critical thinkers, *journalists, editors, researchers, doctors, philanthropists, teachers, psychologists*, all began to repeat only talking points from MSNBC and CNN, and soon overtly refused to look at any sources, even peer-reviewed sources in medical journals, *even CDC data*, that contradicted those talking points. These people literally said to me, "I don't want to see that; don't show it to me." It became clear soon enough that if they absorbed information contradictory to "the narrative" that was consolidating, they risked losing social status, maybe even jobs; doors would close, opportunities would be lost. One well-educated woman told me she did not want to see any unsanctioned information because she was afraid of being disinvited from her bridge group... "

- Naomi Wolf, bestselling author, columnist, and professor; a graduate of Yale University and received a D.Phil. in English language and literature from Oxford University where she was a Rhodes Scholar John Stuart Mill warned us about the "tyranny of prevailing public opinion." Now it's the "silent majority's" opinion versus the *perceived* "approved" narratives of the elite political class: "Settled science" and politically correct public policies, the majority be damned.

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it." – Joseph Joubert (1774-1824)

Heterodoxacademy.org says that in 2021, 88% of students agreed that colleges should encourage students – and professors – to interact respectfully with people whose beliefs differ from their own. But how much of that tolerance actually still exists in practice on the campus? More than one student has heard from the podium: **"When are you going to quit believing that crap your parents tell you?"**

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One more from heterodoxacademy.org:

"Threats to open inquiry (the ability to ask genuine questions and share ideas without fear of rebuke or censure), however, are not new, . . . Our 2020 [Campus Expression Survey](#) data show that roughly half of undergraduate students in the U.S., regardless of their political ideology, agreed that the climate on their campus prevents people from saying things because others may find them offensive. Many faculty members, administrators, and staff at universities have expressed [similar concerns](#) . . ."

CONCLUSION: Regardless of ideology though, who are the people afraid to say, "men can't get pregnant"? **The people on the LEFT.**

I CALL IT THE TYRANNY OF "PEER FEAR."

P.S. To paraphrase John Stuart Mill, if only one person on the planet disagreed with the "consensus," it would be wrong to use force to silence him (or her). Remember the Emperor has no clothes.

PPS: But that brings up the topic of "right and wrong," a whole 'nother subject.

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The most wicked take power – Why? Left, Right and Religious: Believe the Devil?

by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)

God is Rebuking America: Citizens have Become - Mind Slaves of the State? Who you must Love or Hate the State will Dictate? **Has God concluded?** America: Since you Love - those who Force feed you Diabolical Sexual Depravity. Church and State Leaders both Honor Sexual Perverts. And politicians - close their eyes to - or approve of abortion, killing the innocent. Yet in this Darkness - No Religious or Political Leaders are Publicly Calling for - Nationwide Repentance. I will give you over to those you Love; the most wicked among them will - **Subjugate and Dominate** you!

God Describes today's Politicians and Judges. Jeremiah 23:14 **"They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that No one turns from his wickedness."** Job 9:24 "When the land falls into the hands of the Wicked, God Blindfolds its Judge" they "Close their eyes." Judges and Citizens minds are being Tested. Isaiah 59:14 **"Justice is driven back, righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the street, honesty Not welcomed."** Daniel 4:17 - God is sovereign in the Nations and gives them to any one he wishes and sets over them the "Lowliest of Mankind."

Driven by the Mad Left Media: Americans Right - Left - and Religious - have rejected God and embraced the Devil. National Leaders: Are **Eating the "Forbidden Fruit"** resulting in Embracing - Diabolic Deception. The "Forbidden Fruit" is: Believing the Devil - Genesis 3:4-6. Most Americans today have Learned to Praise the Devil: By honoring his in your face - Sexual Perverts. And insist Frankenstein's who desecrate the God given distinction between male and female and perform Abortions - must be honored. Psalms 12:8 NIV **"The wicked freely Strut about when what is Vile is honored among men."**

Americas State Religion is: "Discriminate" against God and all who believe God. Judges and Politicians: "Discriminate" against all who believe God - by making law Compelling all to Honor - Sexual Perversions. Unconstitutionally Establishing: Believing God - Against the Law. They proclaim what is Vile must be honored? Then accuse Christians who believe God of "Discriminating"? Who is Really "Discriminating"? Those who believe God or those who believe the Devil? Or should both be free to Discriminate and promote what they believe? No. State officials Shout: The Devil - demand total Compliance - Sexual Perverts - must be honored.

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The State Believes in Worshipping the Devil - By Making Same Sex Marriage Legal. All the western nations are United, in the same depravity. Intimidated by the Devil's Shouts in the Mad Left Media: Church Leaders have been Muzzled. They will Not Publicly Call on National Leaders and Judges - by Name - to Repent. Isaiah 58:1 “Shout it Aloud, do Not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet Declare to my people their Rebellion.” Instead of calling on - Sexual Perverts and their - devotees to “repent” church Leaders invite them into their churches. Preachers open your eyes: Thieves who repent and “believe” do Not identify themselves as thieves.

The State has given: Special Attack Rights to LGBT - Why? To Discriminate against Christians who believe God and Repeal their freedom of speech. And Christian Leaders - Failed: For a generation to Publicly - Shine the Light of God's Truth - in the faces of Presidents, Judges, Politicians and Media. The easily intimidated - Dimwitted Right media and Conservative Talk Media “Believe the Devil” Also. They proudly proclaim, “I am Not Homophobic.” That statement is **Blasphemy** and will condemn them: For admitting I do Not believe God but believe the Devil instead. It is Calling all who believe God Insane and is the Same as Calling God Insane.

Most Americans Today: Right - Left and Religious are - Fatally Homophobic: **Homophobia Really is** - Fear of being Criticized for **Not Honoring Sexual Perverts**. Many who claim to believe God, really Believe the Devil. They have been LGBT-Sensitized and get offended if one calls on them to “repent.” They use the PC-Sweet talk word “gay.” If someone refers to sexual pervers as “sexual Perverts” they honor what God Condemns - Mask the Evil and call them “Gay.”

I used the word “Fatally” because God Reads your Heart. If - Respect and Honor for those God said are Vile - Sexual Perverts - finds a home, there: Judgment Day will Condemn you. Isaiah 3:9 - Men “Parade their sin like Sodom” tragically, Americans **Left - Right and Religious** - Join the Parade. The Apostles warning: Romans 1:28 - Reject the “knowledge of God” Results in “Depraved Minds.”

Ezekiel 3:18-19 “When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do Not warn him or Speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order **to save his life**, that wicked man will die for his sin, but I will hold you Accountable for his blood.” But if you do warn the wicked man and he does Not turn from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have Saved Yourself.”

Media Driven Praise and Honor for, what God Condemns INFEST most Americans hearts and minds. Truth is a foreign language to the Devil's faithful. The Criminal organization called the Democratic Party - God has given Power. Their Specialty is: Hate and accuse your Neighbor and Dominate them. To Democratic party leaders and media: Deception is truth, Darkness is light and imposing darkness on the masses Heaven. Hearts are being – Tested. Will you Bow and Submit to their - Depraved Diabolic Folly or shine the Light of God's Truth in their faces?

How can America seek God's blessing and be a Light to the world? Truth and the “fear of God” is the Remedy. National and Religious Leaders should Publicly Propose a Day of Repentance and Self-Examination for Politicians and Judges. Asking them these questions: Do your Judgments Compel Americans to Believe and worship God or the Devil? Do you Believe God or the Devil? Does Media Approve of your Judgments? If Yes - would that mean You Believe the Devil? Who do You Believe? The one you Believe: Is the one you worship.

Citizens of America: Is God your Master or the Devil Worshiping - State? State Subjugation of hearts and Domination of minds: Repeals freedom of speech, thought and “Religion”. State officials use words like “Love and Freedom” as justification for Dominating Laws and policy. When Pandering to the Devil's faithful and Hate for God and all who believe God is the real motive. May God inspire - Politicians, Judges and Christian Leaders to Repent. Church Leaders - Publicly Speak Out - instead of Closing your Eyes - when Devils in Congress “Discriminate” against God and those who believe God by making Law in the defense of evil at the expense of good. Embrace Life: Believe Christ Jesus Crucified: Paid our debt of sin. The Son of God - Is Light that Shines Beyond the Grave. Praise God.

The Disastrous Failure in Afghanistan (Part One)

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The words “shocking,” “dismayed,” and “complete surprise,” have been expressed as the Taliban have swept across Afghanistan in blitzkrieg fashion, and provincial capitals have fallen like dominoes. In all actuality, what’s happening is tragic, disgraceful, and a global embarrassment, but it will never be admitted by the Biden administration.

America’s allies are now questioning whether the United States can be relied upon, and is it simply a superpower in name only? Afghanistan will now be a training ground for terrorists and a safe haven. Not only is the region going to experience terrorist attacks, but America, Canada, and Britain will be targeted as well. It is not a matter of if, but when attacks become a reality in the West.

Nothing positive has resulted from the longest war in America’s history. Any advances made for the Afghan people are now quickly being dismantled and destroyed. The moment America’s footprint was placed upon Afghan soil, it was inevitable that its presence would end up being a dismal failure. America no longer wins wars, but it is a superpower only when it comes to starting them.

According to the Associated Press, August 14, 2021, “In all, 2,448 American troops, 1,144 service members from NATO and other allied countries, more than 47,000 Afghan civilians and at least 66,000 Afghan military and police died, according to the Pentagon and to the Costs of War project.” All for what?

Multiple tours have taken a tragic toll on American soldiers who have returned home with the loss of arms and legs. Many are suffering from PTSD and will have mental problems the rest of their lives. The financial cost of between \$1 trillion and \$2 trillion has been completely wasted by a corrupt Afghan government that has viewed the American presence as a treasure chest. America’s presence simply staved off the inevitable. The war on terror is a dismal failure.

The following report is equivalent to reading an obituary of the greatest foreign policy blunder in U. S. history.

Longest War: Was America’s Decades in Afghanistan Worth It? (Part Two)

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The Associated Press Saturday, August 14, 2021

“The U. S. war left the Taliban undefeated and failed to secure a political settlement. Taliban forces this past week have swept across two-thirds of the country and captured provincial capitals, on the path of victory before U. S. combat forces even complete their pullout. On many fronts, the Taliban are rolling over Afghanistan security forces that U. S. and NATO forces spent two decades working to build.”

“This swift advance sets up a last stand in Kabul, where most Afghans live. It threatens to clamp the country under the Taliban’s strict interpretation of religious law, raising much of the gains.”

“America expended the most lives, and dollars, on the most inclusive years of the war.”

“The strain of fighting two post-9/11 wars at once with an all-volunteer military meant more than half of the 2.8 million American servicemen and women who deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq served two or more times, according to the Cold War project at Brown University.”

“The repeated deployments contributed to disability rates in those veterans that are more than double that of Vietnam veterans, says Linda Bilmes, a senior lecturer in public policy at Harvard University.”

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“Bilmes calculates the U. S. will spend more than \$2 trillion just caring for and supporting Afghanistan and Iraq veterans as they age, with costs peaking 30 years to 40 years from now.”

“That’s on top of \$1 trillion in Pentagon and State Department costs in Afghanistan since 2001. Because the U. S. borrowed rather than raised taxes to pay for the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, interest payments are estimated to cost succeeding generations of Americans trillions of dollars more still.”

Personal comments:

America’s failure to finish what it started will haunt the country for years to come. What’s taking place is far more significant than what many Americans realize.

America’s pride has been broken. Leviticus 26:19- “And I will break the pride of your power...” It is worth noting that drought conditions are described in the same verse, the very conditions now facing the country. “...and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass.” Verse 20 states financial problems will plague the U. S., and drought will occur. “And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.”

Why is America under curses instead of blessings from God? Leviticus 26:15, 16- “And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhors (hates) my judgments, so that you will not do my commandments, but that you break my covenant. (16) I also will do this unto you...” The rest of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 explains in detail what is going to happen to the United States, the British descended peoples, and the Jewish people for disobeying God. America is now entering a time in which God’s judgment is upon the country. The disaster in Afghanistan is only the beginning of catastrophic setbacks for the U. S.

Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

**People who should be
contacted for old and rare WCG/AC materials**
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It is very important to find rare and old WCG & AC papers, handouts, theses, video sermons/lectures (by Hoeh, McNair, Neff etc) and especially the pre-1970 ‘Ministerial Letter.’ To achieve this the family of those listed below (and probably others) need to be contacted asap to see what they might have.

Can you help please? Let me know first so that there is no or little duplication of efforts.

A list of what I am seeking (and there is no doubt more) may be found here

http://www.friendsofsabbath.org/list_of_theses_that_we_are_attempting_to_find.htm

- Basil Wolverton
- Billy Alvey
- Bob Fahey
- Calvin Cole
- Carl Franklin
- Charles Dorothy
- Don Hunter (who did HWA’s recordings in the 1930s. Though deceased, his family might have them or they might be in State archives. Details about him [here](#))
- Ernest Martin
- Gene Hogberg (still alive?)
- George Dellinger (still alive?)
- Herman Hoeh

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- Leroy Neff
- Raymond and Burke McNair
- Richard Rice
- Rick Sherrod
- Robert McDonald
- Roy Schulz
- And any other old-time ministers and members

We need to preserve as much as we can. Unfortunately, GCI will not release HWA's personal archives which they have kept. These archives include many valuable items such as his original manuscript on the tribes of Israel, but we can still seek out and find other items. Hopefully GCI will eventually donate HWA's archives to a university for safe keeping and for research purposes. What I have can be found here:

<http://www.friendsofsabbath.org/ABC/HWAP/HWAP.html>

Smell the Roses

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