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END TIME SIGNS OF SOCIETY

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From the Editor



In 1970, Jim Lovell, Fred Haise, and Jack Swigert were hurling through space at thousands of miles an hour on their way to the moon. Lovell had orbited just before Christmas in 1968, and two other crews had already landed on the moon and returned safely to earth.



Apollo 13 crew

But when Swigert conducted a routine stir of the liquid oxygen tanks, an electrical short caused an explosion that crippled the spacecraft and threatened the survival of the crew. Quickly assessing the seriousness of the situation, Lovell uttered words that are as memorable as they were understated: “Houston, we have a problem.”

Thanks to the skill and dedication of a huge team of engineers and mission con-

trollers, Apollo 13 made it home safely—although that crew never got to walk on the moon.

For many years our society has been hurling toward a secularized, pagan future. In spite of isolated events to jar the spiritual consciousness of our nation, America has consistently refused to recognize, “we have a problem.” Instead, like a frog in a pot, we’ve witnessed and lived through changes so gradual that they were almost imperceptible at first. Of late, those changes are accelerating wildly, and a growing number of people are beginning to realize that we are headed toward disaster.

The Signs of Society are even more obvious in many ways than the Signs of Nature. What is harder to pinpoint is the root cause of a given moral and societal change. Obviously, sin is at the heart of all our problems. But individual hearts committing—or tolerating—sin builds into a force that is pushing us all on a disastrous trajectory.

Looking back, it is apparent how far we have fallen in just the past 20-30 years. What lies ahead? God’s Word offers prophetic insight to those with eyes to see. It also lays down a challenge to anyone who would seek to serve as Salt and Light—and aspires to be an overcomer.

Steel yourself for this edition of the *Lamplighter* that will examine where we have been, where we are, and where we are heading. In fact, this issue might be best read on your knees, prayerfully asking God to strengthen your heart and embolden your witness in a world that is growing darker by the day.



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TIM MOORE

AMERICA, we have a problem

The letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3 offer both timeless encouragement and a warning to churches and individual Christians. While two churches received only encouragement from the Lord Himself, the other five found themselves strongly rebuked.

Jesus' words to the church in Ephesus in Revelation 2:5 are instructive to us still today. This beloved church, planted by the Apostle Paul, was the first to be called out by name in Revelation.

The Lord first lauded their deeds, toil, and perseverance. He also noted that they did not tolerate evil men. However, His grievance against that church was that they had abandoned their First Love.

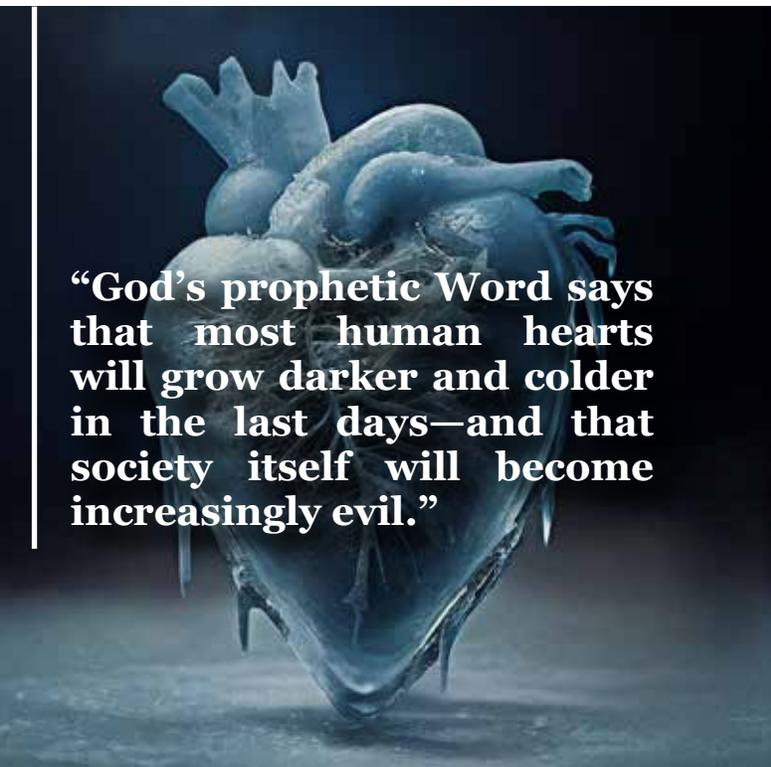
Without question, God is justifiably offended when those who know Him—and should know better—turn their backs on Him and violate the relationship into which He has called them. And that is not only true for individuals. When a nation or society that once respected and honored the Lord strays from Him, insult is added to injury, grieving the heart of God.

We tend to see with physical eyes, measuring a nation's health by its economic vitality or its citizens' life expectancy. Those indicators have merit, but just as God told Samuel not to look at outward appearance when anointing a king from among Jesse's sons, God still "sees not as a man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

God's prophetic Word says that most human hearts will grow darker and colder in the last days—and that society itself will become increasingly evil. We refer to this category of End Times signs portending the Lord's return as "Signs of Society." And America is following the tragic trajectory of ancient Judah right now.

SET APART AND BLESSED WITH GRACE

Too often, we are deluded into thinking that our nation is blessed because we deserve God's blessing. With shouts of "USA! USA!" ringing in our ears, we figuratively thump our chests and tout the worthiness of our nation, forgetting that





Katharine Lee Bates

even our national hymn, “America the Beautiful,” repeats the line “God shed His grace on thee” six times. Few reflect today that Katharine Lee Bates’ poem was meant to inspire humility and thanksgiving to Almighty God.

Older Americans were raised to think ours is “the greatest nation on the earth” (if not the greatest nation ever). I would agree with that sentiment when it comes to the ordered liberty that marked the American experiment for its first 200 years or so—not because our “more perfect union” was indeed perfect. Instead, our nation longingly aspired toward perfection,

respecting as Bates did the Source of our greatness:

*God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!*

*May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!*

Over the past century, few could dispute the unprecedented prosperity our society has enjoyed. But, sadly, that prosperity morphed into a sense of entitlement, self-importance, and self-sufficiency that has led America grievously astray.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

David Barton and other Christian scholars offer clear evidence of the Judeo-Christian foundations of our society. Men such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and yes, even Thomas Jefferson, could not have imagined crafting a nation without underpinning it on Christian faith.

Some would retort that those men were hypocrites when it came to following the law of God. I would agree. All of us are hypocrites to some degree, and the founders were guilty of some glaring oversights and inconsistencies. But that realization still cannot detract from the ideals they collectively agreed to pursue—or the system of government that they established to honor “Nature’s God” and the rights of His most elevated creature.

Over time, our nation endured tremendous growing pains. The most pronounced happened less than four-score and seven years after the original establishment of the United States. Reflecting on the horrible tragedy of the Civil War and the scourge of slavery itself, Abraham Lincoln observed, “The Almighty has His own purposes. ‘Woe unto the world because of offenses! For it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh!...the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether’ ” (Second Inaugural Address).



**Their feet run to evil,
and they hasten to shed
innocent blood; their
thoughts are thoughts
of iniquity.**

Isaiah 59:7



A CHRISTIAN NATION?

There is no doubt that America was founded on Christian principles. The Bible was once taught in every public school classroom alongside primers like the McGuffey Readers. Our laws and our collective morality were unapologetically shaped by the Word of God. But no more.

Some Christians still want to maintain that this is a Christian nation. I find this to be an offensive assertion. Would a Christian nation tolerate, let alone encourage:

- ◆ Unfettered sexual licentiousness
- ◆ Flagrant homosexuality and a willful appropriation of the rainbow (ordained by God) to convey enthusiasm toward sodomy and sin
- ◆ Confusion over basic creation truths like the biological distinction between men and women
- ◆ An epidemic of family-shattering divorce, though hated by God
- ◆ Rampant mind-numbing drug use—prescribed or “recreational”
- ◆ Millions of babies murdered in their mothers’ wombs.
- ◆ Professing churches denigrating Christ’s deity and His Word.
- ◆ National leaders flaunting their deceitfulness and sin that impoverishes future generations in violation of biblical principles.

I could go on and on, describing in heart-wrenching detail the transgressions against Heaven that are multiplying every day. Instead of focusing on the litany of transgressions, I’ll simply ask: Would God label our nation as a Christian nation, or would He be offended that such a people co-mingled the Name of His Son with their



manifest perversions and celebration of wickedness?

It is not my point to prove here that America was founded as a Christian nation. The question that hangs over our heads today is: how did we get to where we are today?

THERE ROSE UP ANOTHER GENERATION

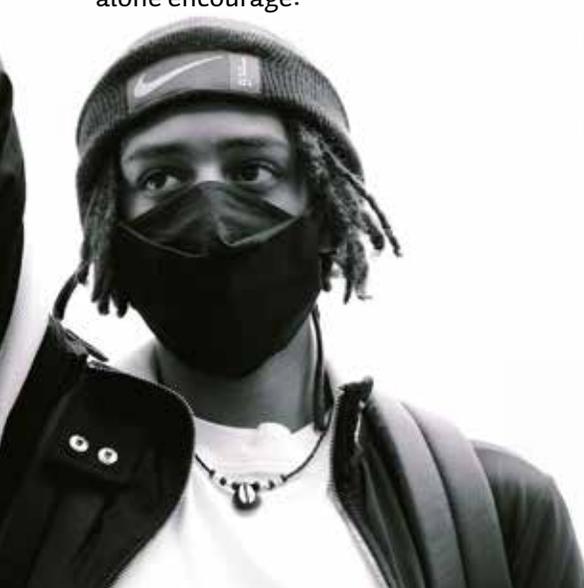
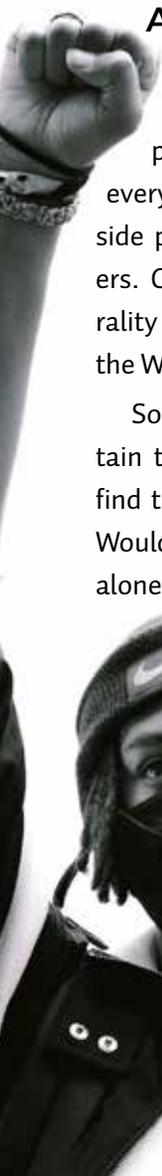
Scripture plainly describes what happened in ancient Israel. “All that generation [those who had personally witnessed God’s faithfulness through the 40 years of wandering and the initial conquest of Canaan] also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, not yet the work which He had done for Israel” (Judges 2:10).

What a tragic indictment. Whose fault was it that the next generation did not know the LORD or what He had done for His people?

It is easy to blame “the next generation,” because they will always appear to be softer and less motivated than the ones who came before. But the next generation is raised by the previous generation. God was adamant in commanding His people to pass down their faith; pouring knowledge about the Holy One of Israel into that next generation.

Regarding His revealed words, the LORD commanded, “..you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall ask of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Writing those words on doorposts and gates and binding them to arms and foreheads was an outward indication of the call to imprint them on their hearts.





The point is that when Joshua uttered his challenge to the people of Israel, they wholeheartedly responded, “We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God” (Joshua 24:18). Yet only a few generations later, that fervent faith gave way to apathetic abandonment of the true and living God.

By the time Elijah was proclaiming the Word of the Lord, God testified that only 7,000 remained who had not bowed to Baal and kissed that detestable idol (1 Kings 19:18). Tellingly, when Elijah called on the sons of Israel to choose who they would serve, the LORD God or Baal (in a prophetic repetition of the choice Joshua posed just a few generations earlier), “the people did not answer him a word” (1 Kings 18:21). The pitiful atrophying of faith in the land was demonstrated by a deafening sound of silence.

Songwriter Neil Peart captured the implications of such apparent indecision: “If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice.” The people of ancient Israel, like today’s so-called “nones,” have indeed made a choice.

Perhaps the only thing worse than silence in the face of such a dramatic option is to falsely claim something that contradicts a person’s living testimony. Jesus called out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and scribes when He said, “...rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrine the precepts of men’” (Matthew 15:7-9).

CAUGHT IN A RAGING STORM

Where are we today? Our society is caught in a raging storm of violence, chaos, and wickedness. Each month, I choose “signs of the times” to high-

light in our bimonthly *Lamplighter*, realizing that more outrageous examples will manifest themselves before we can even go to print.

The storm analogy offers insight. Mighty and destructive thunderstorms, hurricanes, and tornadoes begin as small atmospheric disturbances. What starts as a low-pressure weather event eventually morphs into a monster that cannot be controlled or avoided. The only thing people can do is hunker down and pray or flee to another location.

Over the course of the past century, disdain for moral norms was manifested in seeds of depravity being sown in the 1960s. And we tolerated it all. America’s moral compass was shattered by elected leaders who practiced deception to pursue selfish ambition and bankrupt policies. The spiritual foundations of our nation were undermined by Supreme Court decisions eliminating prayer and relegating Christian faith to the outskirts of society. The fabric of the family was irreparably torn by laws endorsing no-fault divorce and policies encouraging infidelity and single-parent child-raising.

In a headlong rush to push the boundaries of liberation, radicals are now proclaiming all Judeo-Christian values to be patriarchal and oppressive—plainly stating their rejection of the God of Scripture and His laws. In practical fulfillment of Psalm 2:2-3, our own elected leaders attempt to appease the restless masses by rejecting the LORD and His Anointed as they

gleefully attempt to “tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!”

Like a fool who sails out of a safe harbor or casts himself adrift from a secure mooring, our nation is now being tossed about on a sea of moral relativity and swamped by waves of crime, anxiety, and despair.

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

The only way to escape the self-destructive path we are on is first to recognize our plight. Like the Apollo 13 astronauts, we must grasp the bleak reality that “we have a problem.” Counselors will tell you that is the hardest part of changing the trajectory of someone addicted to alcohol or drugs. In their self-delusion, self-destructive people refuse to accept that they have a problem.

If our society—from our national leaders to everyday citizens—will first recognize our spiritual problem, the next challenge is to understand that self-sufficiency is not an absolute virtue. Our political leaders are quick to tout our ability to overcome any challenge, reaching within and pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps. But such an attitude is pointedly unbiblical. We need God.

Even if our nation turned from denial, accepted a biblical self-awareness, and recognized its own need, would the overwhelming majority turn back to Christ? The rebellion has become so widespread and the prioritization of

ecumenicalism so entrenched that our cultural drivers will embrace any spiritual fad before they revere the true and living God and His revealed Word.

To visualize the necessary trajectory, America needs to

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realize it has a spiritual problem.

The wicked will return to Sheol, even all the nations who forget God.

Psalm 9:17

02

come to the end of itself and confess its great need.

Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have no need of anything," and you do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked...

Rev. 3:17

03

turn to God and embrace Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...

Psalm 33:12a

Though I am convinced that America's self-inflicted wound is incurable (Jeremiah 30:12-13), we faithful Christians strive to act as salt and light—working for the welfare of this pagan land. As Jeremiah told the exiles living in Babylon, "in its welfare [we] will have welfare" (Jeremiah 29:7). We seek the welfare of our nation, and the state and city and neighborhood in which we live, in order to support conduits of blessing to people near and far.

As we do that, we must contend with another problem.

EXILES AND STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND

Peter referred to followers of Jesus Christ as living stones that are rejected by men (1 Peter 2:4). Although we are joined to the Choice Stone—our precious Cornerstone, in this world we live as "aliens and strangers" (2:11).

This language was all too familiar to Peter's Jewish listeners and readers. Jews identify with Abraham's wandering as a sojourner in Canaan because as a people they awaited rescue from bondage in Egypt. They lived as exiles in Babylon, longing for their deliverance from captivity. American Christians presume that we are entitled to live in a society that honors God and respects our

faith—quite oblivious to the fact that this has seldom been the experience of the saints of God.

On a deeply introspective level, it is time to realize that, like generations of the elect who have gone before us, in this world we also have a problem. Jesus told us as much. He said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33). More often than not, we will be persecuted, prosecuted, and put upon. This present darkness will give way to an even more horrific future; during the Tribulation the Antichrist will seek to destroy all who worship the Lamb. Revelation 6:9-11 describes the outcry of all those martyred for maintaining their testimony of faith.

So, brothers and sisters, let us understand that we are not immune from the hostility of the world. That hostility will grow and metastasize as the end draws near, leading to greater ostracization for us as followers of Christ. That is not only our looming and growing problem, it is our great privilege and opportunity.

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU WALK

"For this reason the Bible says, 'Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:14-16).

Seizing this realization is not a defeatist attitude. It is the necessary first step in steeling ourselves for our upward call in Christ in such a time as this. Instead of clinging to a Pollyanna vision of ascendancy in the world's eyes, we can focus on honoring and serving our heavenly Father—even as we advocate for godliness and Christ-honoring policies and laws and

institutions. We are called to be a restraining force on evil and beacons of hope until we are collectively Raptured out of the world.

We need to regain the bold confidence of the Apostles and early Christians who saw themselves as privileged to suffer on behalf of Christ. Paul encouraged the Philippian church to “conduct [themselves] in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ” in the face of great opposition (Philippians 1:27-28). He said, “for to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake” (1:29). Likewise, Peter and the other Apostles, after being flogged for teaching in Jesus’ name, went on their way “rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name” (Acts 5:41).

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

Speaking of considering, in this twilight hour it is critical that we apply the admonition given to the Jewish people through the prophet Haggai. Twice, the LORD told His people to, “Consider your ways!” The NASB notes that in both instances, the original text emphasizes that people should “set their heart upon” considering their ways. Other translations render this as, “Think carefully about your ways” (i.e., the CSB). The Lord is clearly stressing the importance of His people stepping back from their routine to consider how they should proceed.

In that spirit, we need only weigh Jesus’ words regarding faith and love. He rhetorically asked, “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). He also warned that as apostasy and persecution increase, “many will fall away,” and “because lawlessness is increased, the love of most people will grow cold”

(Matthew 24:9-12).

I used to think those verses applied to the unbelieving world, but I now consider them warnings to Christians. Christ’s concern was for His sheep. The danger of our love growing cold in the face of rising anarchy touches on the criticism He leveled at Ephesus—the first church in Revelation 2-3. The key to avoiding those pitfalls is to cling to the third leg of Paul’s three-legged stool: faith, hope, and love.

Peter tells us that the result of active faith is love (2 Peter 1:5-7), while Hebrews 11:1 characterizes faith as “confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” We do not yet see Christ face-to-face; do you hope for Him with such assurance that your heart resonates with anticipation of His coming?

AN ADMONITION TO INDIVIDUALS

It is not enough to just reclaim our society. If you do not know Jesus as Savior and Lord your own eternal destiny is horrific beyond words. Like our society itself, you need to:

1. Realize you have a spiritual problem
2. Come to the end of yourself and confess your great need (in the spirit of Revelation 3:17)
3. Turn to God, and embrace Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord

Time is of the essence. Jesus is at the gates of Heaven, ready for His Father to send Him forth to collect His Bride, the Church. It can happen any day!

However, you are not guaranteed another day—or even another hour. Call upon the Name of the Lord right now and you will be saved. Join all of us who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and love Him with all our hearts, souls,

and minds. Then, together we can proclaim the Good News that He has come, He has paid the penalty for sin, and He is coming again soon!

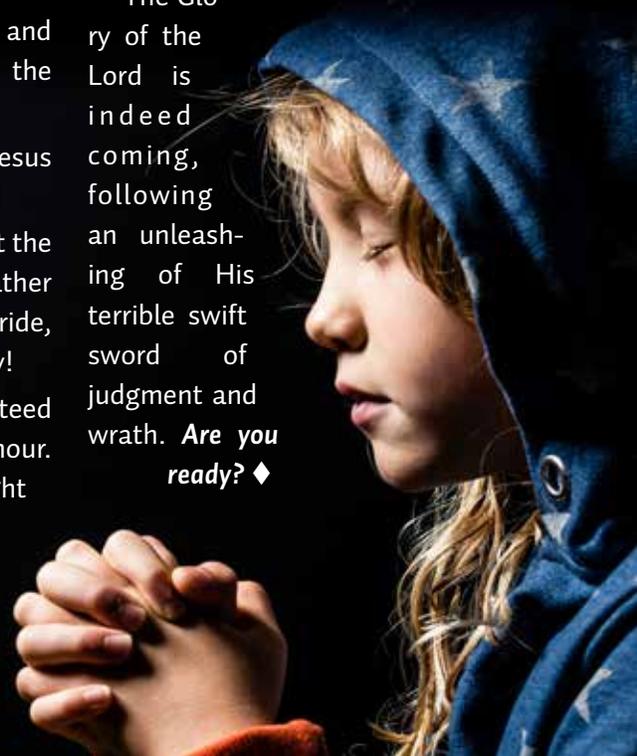
RETURN TO YOUR FIRST LOVE

So, we end up where we began—with Jesus’ admonition to the church at Ephesus. He lauded their toil and perseverance. He praised the church’s unwillingness to succumb to toleration in order to please the hell-bound world. He commended their discernment and perseverance. But His rebuke poses a challenge to each of us as the days grow longer and darker: will we stay true to our first Love—to Christ our Savior and Lord?

America is manifesting all the heartbreaking Signs of Society that prophetically mark the approaching Day of the Lord. Like Judah of old, our wound appears to be incurable as our nation shuns the God Who blessed us.

The signs of our own society offer a cautionary note to those of us who aspire to follow Christ. Day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute—choose whether to stay true and follow Him.

The Glory of the Lord is indeed coming, following an unleashing of His terrible swift sword of judgment and wrath. **Are you ready? ♦**



Is There Any Hope for *America?*

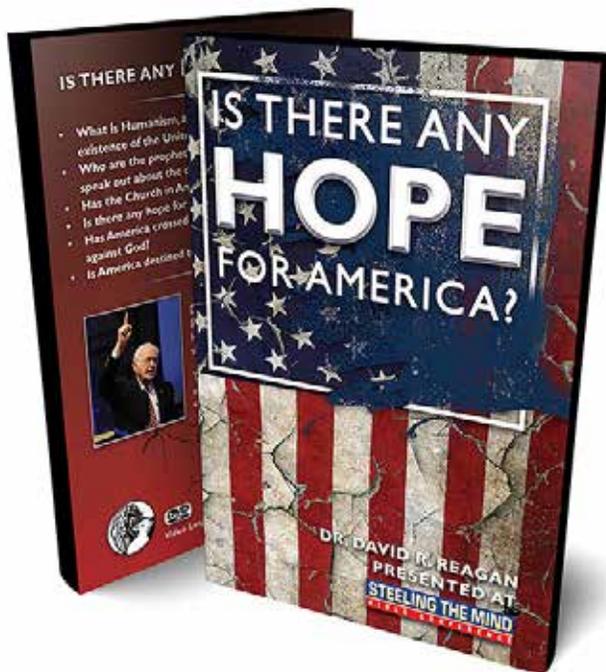
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Read Their Writings!



David Barton of Wallbuilders specializes in defending the Christian foundations of America. He unapologetically details the Judeo-Christian principles woven into the very fabric of our society—and once universally respected by our citizens and our leaders alike.

This article, reprinted and adapted from Wallbuilders' newsletter archive, reminds us of the heights from which we have fallen—and the urgency of reclaiming the godly aspirations that were once our birthright. David will be a featured speaker at our Bible Conference in June.

Among the liberties protected by our Constitution is the First Amendment's "free exercise of religion." Yet, over the past half-century, that once inalienable liberty has been greatly subjugated to the arbitrary whims of Supreme Court Justices by a series of hostile and absurd Court decisions. In fact, the Supreme Court's micromanagement of religious expressions once prompted Justice Anthony Kennedy to characterize it as a "national theology board." [County of Allegheny v. ACLU]

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There have been moments of national outrage at judicial and civil attempts to limit public religious expression and to vilify people of faith. At times, public pushback to a growing encroachment on faith in America has manifested in many ways, including:

- ♦ election victories for candidates pledged to defend religious liberty;
- ♦ widespread support for constitutional amendments to protect religious liberty; and,
- ♦ growing cries of alarm when national leaders threaten American freedoms.

However, there are groups and individuals whose goal of a secular society is consuming and whose advocacy is unrelenting. How are they endeavoring to erode public support for religion in general and Christianity in particular? They do what they have always done: mis-portray, distort, and/or ignore the truth. Those who become particularly skillful at this are termed “revisionists.”

THE PLOYS OF REVISIONISTS

When revisionists attempt to concoct support for their viewpoints, they often vilify figures—past or present—who embrace the position they reject. Beginning in the 1990s, another revisionist tactic was to claim that America’s success was due to its long-standing tradition of secularism.

For example, Canadian Atheist Steven Morris wrote an article for the Los Angeles Times in 1995 that was reprinted in scores of American newspapers. Entitled “America’s Unchristian Beginnings,” it was loaded with deliberate falsehoods to “prove” America’s Founders were purely secular. For instance, concerning John Adams, Morris claimed:

Late in life, he wrote, “Twenty times in the course of my late reading have I been upon the point of breaking out, ‘This would be the best of all possible worlds if there were no religion in it!!!’ ”

THE REST OF THE STORY

Adams’ statement appears in a letter to Thomas Jefferson dated April 19, 1817, in which Adams recounted a conversation between Joseph Cleverly and Lemuel Bryant—a schoolmaster and a minister he had known. Disgusted by the petty religious bickering displayed by those two, Adams declared to Jefferson, “Twenty times in the course of my late reading have I been on the point of breaking out, ‘This would be the best of all possible worlds, if there were no religion in it!!!’ But in this exclamation I would have been as fanatical as Bryant or Cleverly. Without religion this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company, I mean hell.”

In reality, revisionists like Steven Morris (and modern secularists spawned from the group calling itself American Atheists) deliberately reverse Adams’ position. Not only did Adams declare that it would be “fanatical” to desire a world without religion, emphatically stated that such a world would be “hell.” On May 5, 1817, Jefferson wrote back to Adams and said that he agreed! What makes revisionism so effective is that few citizens actually take the time to confirm revisionists’ claims or proclaim to the public the real facts.

SPEAKING FOR THEMSELVES

Since the goal of Morris and others like him is to “prove” that people of faith have no precedent for being involved in politics, he characterizes the Founders’ general religious beliefs with the same false summary that most revisionists—both in academia and media—often proclaim:

The early presidents and patriots were generally Deists or Unitarians, believing in some form of impersonal Providence but rejecting Jesus’ divinity and the relevance of the Bible.

Yet, the Founders’ own declarations (in their last wills and testaments) disprove those assertions and speak loud and clear that the great majority of our Founders were indeed believers in Jesus Christ. For example:



First of all, I . . . rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.

~Samuel Adams,
Signer of the Declaration



To my Creator I resign myself, humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through Jesus Christ for the events of eternity.

~John Dickinson,
Signer of the Constitution



I resign my soul into the hands of the Almighty who gave it in humble hopes of His mercy through our Savior Jesus Christ.

~Gabriel Duvall,
U.S. Supreme Court Justice; selected as delegate to Constitutional Convention



This is all the inheritance I can give to my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed.

~Patrick Henry,
Founding Father



I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved Son. . . . Blessed be His Holy Name.

~John Jay,
Original Chief-Justice
U.S. Supreme Court



I am constrained to express my adoration of . . . the Author of my existence . . . [for] His forgiving mercy revealed to the world through Jesus Christ, through whom I hope for never ending happiness in a future state.

~Robert Paine,
Signer of the Declaration



I think it proper here not only to subscribe to . . . doctrines of the Christian religion . . . but also, in the bowels of a father's affection, to exhort and charge them [my children] that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, that the way of life held up in the Christian system is calculated for the most complete happiness.

~Richard Stockton,
Signer of the Declaration



These represent only a few examples from many with the identical tone. Furthermore, the personal writings of numerous other Founders contain equally strong declarations. Notice:

My hopes of a future life are all founded upon the Gospel of Christ and I cannot cavil or quibble away [evade or object to]. . . . the whole tenor of His conduct by which He sometimes positively asserted and at others countenances [permits] His disciples in asserting that He was God.

~John Quincy Adams



Now to the triune God, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honor and dominion, forevermore; Amen.

~Gunning Bedford,
Signer of the Constitution



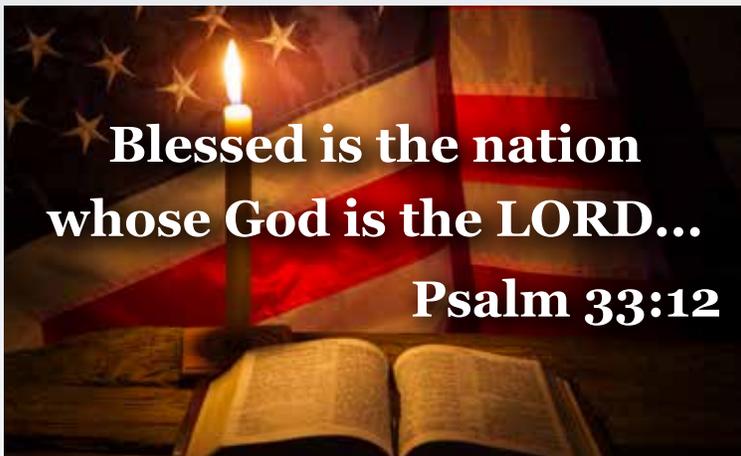
You have been instructed from your childhood in the knowledge of your lost state by nature—the absolute necessity of a change of heart, and an entire renovation of soul to the image of Jesus Christ; of salvation thro' His meritorious righteousness only—and the indispensable necessity of personal holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

~Elias Boudinot,
Revolutionary Officer and President of the Continental Congress



You do well to learn . . . above all the religion of Jesus Christ.

~George Washington



**Blessed is the nation
whose God is the LORD...
Psalm 33:12**



Don't forget to be a Christian. I have said much to you on this head [topic of discourse] and I hope an indelible impression is made.

~Jacob Broom,
Signer of the Constitution (to his son)



On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts.

~Charles Carroll,
Signer of the Declaration



I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ.

~Thomas Jefferson



I think the Christian religion is a Divine institution; and I pray to God that I may never forget the precepts of His religion or suffer the appearance of an inconsistency in my principles and practice.

~James Iredell,
U.S. Supreme Court Justice
under George Washington



My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the Cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!

~Benjamin Rush,
Signer of the Declaration



I believe that there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. That the Scriptures of the old and new testaments are a revelation from God and a complete rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

~Roger Sherman,
Signer of the Declaration and the Constitution



I shall now entreat . . . you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ, for "there is no salvation in any other" [Acts 4:12]. . . . If you are not clothed with the spotless robe of His righteousness, you must forever perish.

~John Witherspoon,
Signer of the Declaration

There are many other examples.

STANDING ON THE ROCK

The evidence is clear; the revisionists are wrong. Although there was some anti-organized-religion sentiment among the Founders (e.g., Thomas Paine, Ethan Allen, Charles Lee, Henry Dearborn), those with such views were a small minority and, in fact, often were strongly criticized by others for those beliefs.

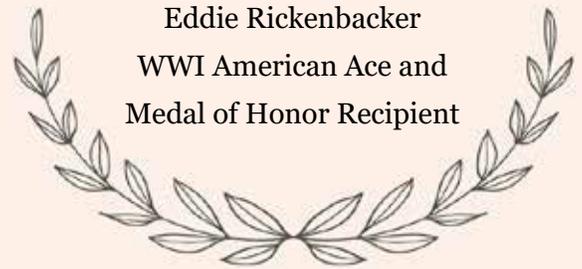
It is time that Christians retake the academic high ground. When historically false editorials or letters-to-the-editor are written, or when call-in programs make reckless charges, we need to stand up and confront those errors. This will provide an opportunity for those who are undecided on the issue of public religious expressions to formulate their opinions from accurate information rather than from revisionist trash. The most effective defense against revisionism is aggressive truth—and lots of it! If we will faithfully present the truth, the Scriptures assure us that it will eventually prevail. ♦



My experiences and the suffering through which I have passed taught me that faith in God is the answer to life.

If you have not had an experience of God in your life, my advice is to get busy and get yourself one. For that is the sure way to win victories over inner defeat. It is the way a humble man meets life or death.

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OBSERVATIONS ON QUEEN ELIZABETH



Queen Elizabeth II passed away on September 8th, 2022.

During her storied lifetime, she reigned as Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms, including 32 sovereign states.

At 70 years and 214 days, she was the longest reigning British monarch in history.



Elizabeth ascended to the throne on the heels of Great Britain's critical role in the Allied victory over Nazi Germany in WWII. And yet her reign saw the global decline of the British empire—and the near total collapse of Christian faith in the island nation.

At Elizabeth's coronation in 1952, the Archbishop of Canterbury asked her, "Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your ability maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law?" The young queen did not hesitate when she affirmed her commitment to those responsibilities.

In response to her affirmation of the duty of Britain's monarch to preserve and defend the Christian faith, she was presented with a Bible as these words of encouragement were offered:

Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God.

England has undeniably devolved into a post-Christian society. Soon, Elizabeth's son Charles will be crowned as King. His rejection of Chris-

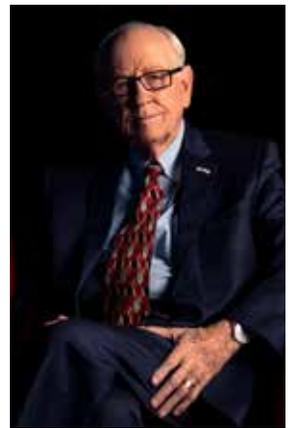


tian faith as the sole path to God is well-documented. It is unlikely that he will even tolerate words like the ones above being included in his coronation, let alone pledge his devotion to upholding Christian faith.

As England has gone, so America is going. ♦

AMERICA'S SUICIDAL TRAJECTORY

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Donald Trump swept into office in 2016 promising to “Make America Great Again!” He campaigned on his intention to create jobs, stop illegal immigration, bring American corporations back home, and rebuild our military.

It sounded great to many Americans, but there was no way he could truly succeed. The reason is simple. We as a nation have turned our back on God. We are in the process of thumbing our nose at the very One who made our nation the greatest one the world has ever known.

CITY ON A HILL?

The characterization of America as the “shining city upon a hill” has been traced to the Puritan leader, John Winthrop. He used the phrase in a sermon delivered in 1630 on the ship *Arbella* while it was en route to the New World. He told his future Massachusetts Bay colonists that their new community would be “as a city upon a hill” that would



John Winthrop



be watched by the world. It was one of the earliest examples of what would come to be known as the concept of “American Exceptionalism.”

The concept proved to be true as God poured out His blessings on the fledgling new nation. America became a shining example of freedom, prosperity and hope. People came from all over the world seeking an opportunity to escape from tyranny and poverty. Americans responded to their God-given blessings by sending out Christian missionaries all over the world and by printing and distributing Bibles in many languages.

As the 20th Century dawned, we became the “Arsenal of Democracy” as we came to the rescue of Europe in World War I and then fought in both Asia and Europe during World War II to defend the world against German and Japanese Fascism. By the end of the Second World War, we were the dominant power in the world.

But at the height of our glory, we took our eyes off God and began to revel in the pride of our accomplishments. The decade of the 60s proved to be the turning point as we thrust aside God’s Word and launched a sexual revolution. Our society exchanged respect for God and His Word for unbounded liberty that exalted Man in place of God.



Immigrants arriving at Ellis Island



Landing Craft delivering Troops to Omaha Beach during D-Day, World War II

The result so far has been a plague of homosexuality, the abomination of same-sex marriage, and rampant confusion over the basic distinction between men and women. And the revolution keeps rolling along.

The “shining city upon a hill” has become a darkened slum whose light has gone out. Our large cities are cesspools of crime and teeming with drugs and homelessness.



The “Shining City on a Hill” has become a darkened slum whose light has gone out.

THE JUDICIAL ASSAULT

Meanwhile, our Supreme Court became determined to secularize our nation. Whereas the Court had ruled in 1892 (in the case of *Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States*) that “this is a Christian nation,” in the last half of the 20th Century, the Court made several crucial decisions designed to put a wall of separation between Christianity and society.

Prior to the mid-20th Century, the ruling principle had been separation of church and state, in the sense that there could be no official state church. But the Court suddenly began to interpret the Constitution to mean there must be a separation of religion from the state.



The crucial decisions were as follows:

Engel v. Vitale

The Court outlawed prayer in the public schools.

Roe v. Wade

The Court legalized abortion.

Stone v. Graham

The Court outlawed the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools.

Lawrence and Gamer v. State of Texas

The Court struck down anti-sodomy laws and thus legalized homosexual behavior.

Obergefell v. Hodges

The Court legalized same-sex marriage.

1962
1973
1980
2003
2015

The Court, in effect, declared war on the Judeo-Christian heritage of our nation which is the reason God lifted us up to be “a shining city on a hill.” The Court’s intent was made plain in its declared reasoning for outlawing the posting of the Ten Commandments:

If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all, it will induce the school children to read, meditate upon, perhaps venerate and obey the Commandments. This is not a permissible state objective under the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

Unbelievable! The 10 Commandments serve as the cornerstone of Western civilization and law, and yet our children are denied exposure to them on the basis that they might obey them!

It is illuminating to consider the fact that ever since prayer and the Ten Commandments were banned from our schools, our educational institutions have become jungles of violence.

RAMPANT APOSTASY INFECTS THE CHURCH

Meanwhile, The Church began adapting to the paganization of our nation as it sought the approval of society. So-called Evangelical leaders launched the Emergent Church Movement which is designed to bring about a Second Reformation by abandoning the authority of the Bible, elevating the importance of feelings, and denying the existence of absolute truths.

At the same time, the “seeker-sensitive movement” sought to downplay the offensive nature of the Gospel by camouflaging the Church as a social organization designed to provide entertainment and social services.

The overall result was the abandonment of biblical preaching in favor of warmed-over self-help homilies. Church members were rendered biblically ignorant, and thus they fell prey to all sorts of apostasy. Before long, Christians were also embracing homosexuality, same-sex marriage, gambling and even abortion. Liberal churches began to ordain practicing homosexuals and persons who did not even believe in the deity of Jesus.

In summary, the professing Church got in bed with the world and ceased to have any meaningful impact on society—which accelerated the secularization and paganization of our society.

The irony is that none of this seemed to placate the haters of Christianity. In fact, as secularists witnessed Church leaders giving in to their demands, they started making even more outlandish demands. Whereas the Judeo-Christian faith had always been the foundation of American society, by 2010, it had been abandoned in favor of a Humanist and Hedonistic culture.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF REBELLION

What the vast majority of Americans do not understand is that when a nation that is favored with God’s blessings decides to rebel against the One that has blessed it, severe consequences will result because “to those to whom much is given, much is expected” (Luke 12:48).

The average American voter today seems interested only in the economy and jobs. There appears to be little, if any, interest in social and moral issues like abortion and sexual perversion—

“It is illuminating to consider that ever since prayer and the Ten Commandments were banned from our schools, our educational institutions have become jungles of violence.”





God will not stand idly by when a society wallows in sexual perversion and spills the blood of the innocent.

as demonstrated in recent ballot initiatives. But God is very interested. He is a God of righteousness and holiness, and He will not stand idly by when a society wallows in sexual perversion and spills the blood of the innocent.

That's why political promises for economic prosperity and national resurgence ring hollow. God will not allow it as long as we are rebelling against Him.

God in His grace and mercy has sent prophetic voices to call this nation to repentance—voices like Dave Wilkerson, David Jeremiah, and Franklin Graham. But America refused to listen to their pleas for repentance. So, God also sent remedial judgments like the Vietnam War, the 9/11 terrorists attacks, and devastating storms and natural disasters.

But we have stiffened our resistance to God and have dug in our heels, determined to have our own way.

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

— John Adams, second President of the United States

TIPPING POINT

Now it appears that we have reached the point of no return. Be assured that there is such a point. Romans 1:18–28 explains it in detail.

This passage of Scripture tells us that when a nation commits itself to ungodliness and unrighteousness, it provokes the wrath of God (verse 18). It then reveals that God's first step is to lower the hedge of protection around the nation, allowing a sexual revolution to break out (verses 24–25). This occurred in our nation in the decade of the 1960s.

If this does not prompt repentance, then God will take a second step back, lower the hedge further, and a plague of homosexuality will be inflicted (verses 26–27), as happened in our nation in the 1980s.

If the nation persists in its rebellion, God will take a third and final step back, lower the hedge again, and the nation will be delivered over to a “depraved mind” (verse 28). That is where we are now as our national government promotes gender confusion and even tries to encourage transgenderism among our children.

Just think for a moment about the insanity of this new pagan demand. Transgenderers are mentally-ill people who are delusional, like a person who thinks he is Napoleon or Lincoln. Instead of trying to get them mental and spiritual help, our society has decided that their insanity must be applauded and enforced upon all of us.

There is a point at which God delivers a rebellious society from judgment to destruction. The Bible reveals that God will destroy a nation when its rebellion reaches a point of no return. The trigger point that motivates God to deliver a nation from judgment to destruction is revealed in the book of Nahum.

The prophet Nahum came on the scene 150 years after Jonah. Like Jonah, he was called of God to preach to Nineveh. But, unlike Jonah, he was not sent to call the people to repentance. Rather, he was told to inform them that the time had arrived for their destruction. This warning was in accordance with God's character, for He never pours out His wrath without warning.

In Nahum 1:11 God reveals the reason for His unalterable decision to destroy the city and its empire: “From you has gone forth one who plotted evil against the Lord, a wicked counselor.” Thus, the trigger point of God's wrath is when neglect or rejection of Him turns to war against Him. In response, God declared, “Your wound is incurable” (Nahum 3:19). In short, their fate was sealed.

Nahum's contemporary, the prophet Jeremiah, spoke of the same principle regarding God's relationship to Judah. He proclaimed that the nation's wound was “incurable” (Jeremiah 30:12). He added, “There is no one to plead your cause, no healing for your sore, no recovery for you” (Jeremiah 30:13).

THE POINT OF NO RETURN

One chilling point is that the Bible teaches that when a nation reaches this point of no return—this point where “the wound becomes incur-

able”—prayer is no longer of any avail. Thus, Jeremiah was told by God that he was not to pray for the deliverance of Judah! “Do not pray for this people, and do not lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you” (Jeremiah 7:16). Later, God made this same point in even stronger terms: “Even though Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My heart would not be with this people; send them away from My presence and let them go!” (Jeremiah 15:1). That is hopeless!

Ezekiel was told the same thing when he tried to pray for Judah, but in even stronger terms. God named three of the most righteous men who had ever lived—Job, Noah, and Daniel—and He told Ezekiel that even their prayers could not deliver the nation from His wrath (Ezekiel 14:12-21). “I have set My face against them,” the Lord concluded (Ezekiel 15:7).

God is patient and longsuffering. But He cannot be mocked. “Whatever you devise against the Lord, He will make a complete end of it” (Nahum 1:9). God will ultimately deal with the sin of every nation. “The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished” (Nahum 1:3). Some nations will be destroyed before the Great Tribulation begins, but all nations will taste God’s wrath during that terrible period of international judgment.

AMERICA’S CURRENT POSITION

I believe our nation has reached the point of no return. We have the blood of 64 million aborted babies on our hands. We are polluting the world with our violent, immoral and blasphemous television programs and movies. We have become obsessed with sex, and

we are hooked on drugs.

“The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.”

— **John Quincy Adams (1767- 1848), member of Congress and sixth United States President**

To illustrate how bad the situation is, let me share with you the story of a prayer. The story began in 1995 when a great prayer was written by Bob Russell. At the time he served as pastor of Southeast Christian Church, one of our nation’s largest churches. The prayer was written in response to an invitation to pray at a breakfast hosted by the Governor of Kentucky.



Pastor Joe Wright

to deliver the same prayer, with some minor changes, before the House of Representatives of the Kansas Legislature. It garnered nationwide attention when the Democrat leaders in the legislature called a press conference and condemned the prayer!

When it was later read by Paul Harvey on his radio program, it prompted the largest response in the history of the program as thousands wrote in requesting copies:

Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and seek Your direction and guidance. We know

Your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good,” but that’s exactly what we’ve done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it “moral pluralism.” We have worshiped other gods and called it “multi-culturalism.”

We have endorsed perversion and called it “an alternative lifestyle.” We have exploited the poor and called it “the lottery.”

We have neglected the needy and called it “self-preservation.”

We have rewarded laziness and called it “welfare.” We have killed our unborn and called it “freedom of choice.”

We have shot abortionists and called it “justifiable.”

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it “building esteem.” We have abused power and called it “political savvy.”

We have coveted our neighbors’ possessions and called it “ambition.”

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it “freedom of expression.”

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it “enlightenment.”

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas and who have been ordained by You to govern this great state. Grant them Your wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will.

I ask this in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The public outcry of condemnation over this prayer was swift and vehement. Elected leaders in Kansas and around the country expressed shock and disgust, attempting to distance themselves from such a judgmental expression of disapproval over the trajectory they set our society upon. But, if anything, in the past 27 years our nation's moral deterioration has only accelerated.

I believe we have reached the point where evil has become so entwined in the fabric of our nation that "our wound has become incurable." I see no hope for us because we have turned our back on our only Hope—the Lord Jesus Christ.

HOPE IN THE MIDST OF DESPAIR

The "city on a hill" is no longer sending forth any light. This point was emphasized by Messianic Rabbi Jonathan Cahn of New Jersey in the sermon he delivered at the Presidential Inauguration Breakfast in 2013 (which President Obama skipped). Here's what Rabbi Cahn had to say:

The "city on a hill" has grown dark. Its lamp has grown dim. America's glory is fading. For God is not mocked. No nation can war against the very source of its blessings and expect those blessings to remain. And as it was with ancient Israel, the city on the hill now stands under the shadow of judgment.



Even the dismal leadership our nation now suffers under is a form of God's judgment. He has given us the kind of leaders we deserve.

What is a Christian to do? Be salt and light wherever God has placed you. Advocate for godliness in every sphere. Do not lose heart, even as society grows more wicked by the day. Instead, keep your eyes on Jesus—our Blessed Hope—and pray earnestly for the Rapture! ♦

End Times Signs are converging and the pieces rapidly falling into place for Jesus' imminent return!

Are we as a nation begging for God's destruction to fall on us?

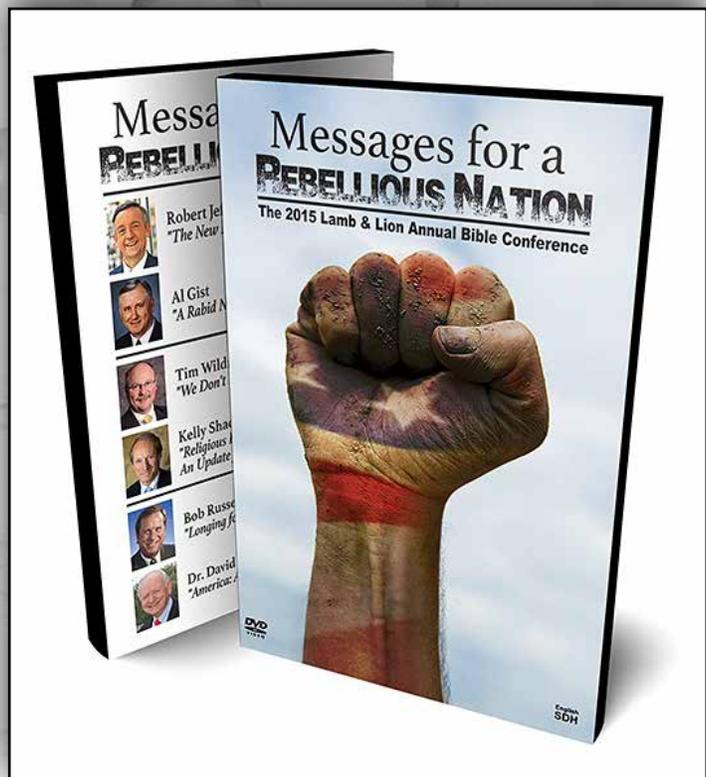
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THE ECLIPSE OF GOD



C.S. Lewis wrote, “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

But what happens when there is an eclipse of the sun? The moon comes between the earth and the sun; the light of the sun is hidden, the moon is seen, but the sun is not. This does not mean that the sun no longer shines; it simply means that its light is blocked; sometimes the earth (or parts of it) is almost totally dark; at other times there are glimmers of light, enough to navigate but not enough to read a book or even to tread confidently. Even semi-darkness makes us unsure of our step or unsure of our direction.

GROPING IN THE DARKNESS

Today the moon of radical secularism has obscured the light of God; God is still God, but our nation no longer sees Him as such. Equally devastating, we are invited to accept false gods who can neither give us light, or give us answers to life’s most basic questions. As a result, we are floundering as individuals, as families, and as a nation. And, when God is not welcome in our culture, we find people live randomly, not knowing their ultimate purpose, but waking up each day with faint hope, eking out whatever pleasure they can find as they pass through their lives in a meaningless quest for significance.

God Himself explains the reason for this eclipse, “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or His ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear” ((Isaiah 59:1-3, RSV)). And when God hides His face, the people willingly wander in darkness, fearing the light:

We must grieve for this generation. They seek hope and meaning in all the wrong places; “The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.”

Proverbs 4:19

“People loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil” (John 3:19).

We must grieve for this generation. They seek hope and meaning in all the wrong places; “The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble” (Proverbs 4:19, RSV). In the darkness, you can’t tell the difference between an ordinary brick and a piece of gold; you can’t tell whether you are holding a diamond or bit of iron ore.

When God hides His face from us, we are left without a rudder, without a map, and without a purpose. And the consequences are devastating. With the God of the Bible abandoned, we have no choice but to look to ourselves for guidance and meaning. So, we are tempted to choose gods that are much more to our liking. We choose gods we can control; gods that will not judge us but affirm us; gods who do not demand repentance. Such a god does not create us; we create him/her/them.

God becomes a figment of our imagination, fashioned according to whatever we want Him to be.

NEARER MY GOD TO ME?

Yes, God is becoming just like us, affirming, inclusive, and culturally progressive.

The Economist is one of the most influential periodicals in the world, and each year they come out with a special volume titled: “The Year Ahead.” Looking into 2022, they highlighted an article titled: “Nearer My God to Me—why God is becoming More Liberal,” by Catherine Nixey, a British correspondent.

Specifically, referring to God as portrayed in the Old Testament, she writes “Smiting used to be so simple. God smote and the people trembled, and they sometimes died. He smote the rebellious Israelites, and tens of thousands died. And the Philistines, they got hemorrhoids. The Sodomites suffered a particularly striking smiting. In Genesis, the men of Sodom are exceedingly wicked sinners before the Lord. So God rained brimstone and fire upon Sodom.”

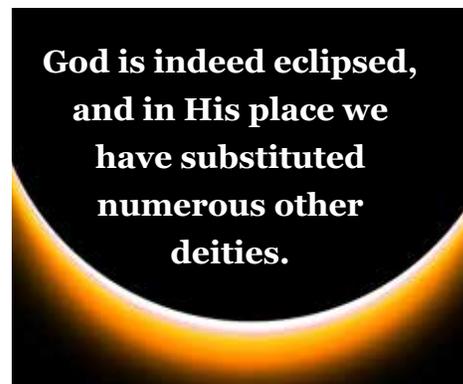
Her point is clear: In our day there is no such thing as a God who would smite anyone. And she says what is sadly true: that few in Britain “celebrate a smitey Almighty.” Which, of course, means that few people in Britain actually believe in the God of the Bible—especially a God who judges sinners.

Nixey goes on to say that Methodists in Britain voted “after prayerful consideration” to allow same-sex marriages. She points out that this step

is in contrast to the book of Leviticus, so this is proof that God is becoming “more liberal” more accepting, more inclusive.

So, this writer warns that as God is remade according to modern sensibilities, God’s Word, which clearly states, “ ‘You shall not lie with a man as with a woman. It is an abomination,’ may [soon] be used to justify same sex blessings in the Church of England. And traditionalists,” she warns, “should brace themselves for even more change.”

Yes, more change is to be expected.



WHAT HATH WE WROUGHT?

God is indeed eclipsed, and in His place we have substituted numerous other deities. People today are into spirituality; they pick and choose what they believe about God in a virtual buffet of religious options. And as each individual passes through the buffet, they might choose something very different than their friends, and almost certainly their spiritual menu will be quite different than that of their parents. A god suitable for who they are and who they want to become.

Spirituality is religion without God; it is self-acceptance without confronting sin; it is self-redemption without the need for Christ. It is words without meaning and experience without substance. And it is the pretense of

religion without having to believe anything significant. In short, it is atheism without the stigma and self-exaltation hidden behind platitudes.

LESSONS FOR AMERICA

Where does this leave us as a nation?

1. Without God as Creator, we can abandon the created order of reality and mold it into whatever we wish. Men can be women, women can be fathers, and children can be taught in the earliest years to question their gender. Genital mutilation is called gender affirmation. And with the devaluation of human life (having evolved through the animal world), the right to die soon becomes the duty to die.
2. Without God as the standard for truth, truth becomes “truthiness” which means, I have my truth and you have yours. Even when the Constitution is read, it is not to be viewed objectively; rather it is a “living document” interpreted according to my circumstances and racial history. Its meaning depends on what I want to see in it. I remain in charge of whatever I want the document to say.
3. Without God as lawgiver, pre-born infants can be wantonly killed, and those who try to counsel children about the dangers of transgender surgery can be prosecuted. Criminals can be defended, and victims left to fend for themselves. Pedophilia can be normalized. Evil can be called good and good can be called evil.
4. Without God as Redeemer, there is no one to forgive our sins. As Nietzsche said regarding God, “We have killed Him....Who will wipe this blood off us?”

This list, could of course, be expanded. But clearly the eclipse of God creates a darkness that has no boundaries, that can prevent no evil, and that can justify perversities of every sort. In the place of ordered liberty, there is the ruthless quest for power; deceit becomes common place and evil grows exponentially.

I am often asked if I think that God will someday judge America. But America is already being judged; in fact, proof of this is our moral depravity. Three times we read in Romans 1 that God “gave them up” a reference to people who rejoice in unnatural and perverse sexual activity. But please note, He gave them up to this depravity; this means God’s judgment has led to our depravity. In other words, God “gave them up” to do what we see every day on the news.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Where does this leave us as believers? We have the privilege of shedding light in the growing darkness. Significantly, in John’s vision of Jesus, our Lord is seen walking among the seven lampstands which represent the seven churches. If our light flickers, if we find that the winds of culture have blown out our lampstand, we have nothing to say to this generation.

Without a sure word from God, we will simply give the culture whatever it wants. We will accept the eclipse for what it is and hide in our small corner doing the best to manage the darkness. I am reminded of the words of Woody Allen, “Mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and [the other] to utter hopelessness....Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly.”

As a nation we are at the crossroads: Will we face the future with

optimism because of our faith in fallen humanity or will we be optimistic because we believe in God and that history will unfold according to His plan?

Our churches, and we as individuals, must seriously evaluate our lives and ministries. This is not a time for the trumpet to give an uncertain sound; it is not a time for our lights to dim and grow weary in well-doing. It is a time to renew our faith in a sovereign God who has brought us to this moment to represent Him at a time when nations rage, but “He who sits in the heavens laughs” (Psalm 2:4).

We do not have to dominate the culture in order to be faithful to God. We must be both bold and loving; we must be courageous and sensitive; we must grieve without rancor. We must cling to the gospel, sharing the redemption of Christ with as many as will hear; we must point men and women to the Light of the World and be willing to suffer the consequences of our identification with the One who died that we might have life. This is a tall order but this is the task to which we have been called.

Let us remember that the sun is still shining behind the eclipse. “Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!” (Psalm 80:19, ESV).

Faithful is He who calls you, Who also will do it. ♦





IS AMERICA WORTH SAVING?

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Is America worth saving? Saving from what, you might ask. Is America worth saving from self-destruction? Maybe that's a better question to ask.

The next question must be: How do we save America? Being active in the political arena, being a good citizen, and being a productive member of society are important. But prayer is a key that we must not neglect.

Civilizations have risen and fallen through the ages. Countries have been birthed, and countries have died. I believe the United States of America was birthed by the God of the Bible primarily for the purpose of advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ, both here and around the world unlike any other country in history.

Even before we won our independence from England, the Christian faith had begun to spread like wildfire across the land. My dad, a United Methodist minister, used to tell me stories about the legendary circuit riders who later traveled on horseback to evangelize the new nation. These men would brave whatever was in front of them to carry the message of Jesus Christ throughout the New World. Other denominations trail-blazed the gospel as well, and soon our country became recognized both here and abroad as a distinctly Christian nation. The evidence was so overwhelming that in 1892 the Supreme Court wrote in the *Church of the Holy Trinity v. The United States* decision: "These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation."





DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Our country has known individual freedom unlike any other country in history. Quite frankly, the idea was novel that people could govern themselves. In order for freedom to be sustained, the masses had to be willing to act morally and lawfully by their own volition or else society would crumble from within. The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount were how we judged good and evil, right and wrong. Some of that still remains, but respect for those teachings and reverence for the God who spoke them is deteriorating at a very rapid rate.

In America today, there is very little shame anymore. Most Americans have lost their fear of God. We are on the road to self-destruction.

Secularists mock the idea of God. Judges forbid even the acknowledgment of God in many public places. Many in the media elite make fun of Christians. The entertainment industry promotes sex without moral standards day after day, movie after movie, song after song – influencing our young people and society at large beyond measure. Try to raise any objection to this tide of immorality and you are quickly shouted down, ridiculed, and called a prude, a hater, a religious nut, a censor, or a fundamentalist.

What we are experiencing today in America is unbridled selfishness and licentiousness, and the results are manifesting themselves in many terrible ways that will only get worse if things don't change.

For the Christian in America today, there is only so much we can do. Only 43% of our fellow countrymen go to church today. We are now outnumbered. But that which we can do, we must do. We can pray to God that He might send revival to America. We can continue to build strong Christian families. We can put our denominational barriers aside when there are issues that affect the moral health of our nation. We can continue to hold high the standard of righteousness, even if we are rejected by the world around us, and we can vote for candidates who best reflect our values. There are no perfect candidates, but we are a nation of laws, so we must elect the best available lawmakers to govern us, pray for them, and hold them accountable.

Yes, America is worth saving. For our children, grandchildren, and generations to come. There is nowhere else to start over. There is no other New World to which we can sail. ♦

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STRATEGY FOR RECLAIMING THE CHRISTIAN CULTURE

What can I do to reclaim the Christian culture?

The Bible clearly indicates that in the last days before Jesus' return, the following paradigm shifts will occur to remove the biblical worldview from the overall culture:

MANKIND

Love for one's family and fellow man will grow cold, replaced by love only for oneself.

Matthew 24:12;
2 Timothy 3:1-4

CHURCH

In the last days, the Church will primarily be defined by its apathy and falling away from sound doctrine.

2 Timothy 4:3-4
Revelation 3:15-18

SOCIETY

Society will devolve immorally back to the days of Noah.

Luke 17:26
2 Peter 2:5

Bible prophecy indicates that society will break down in the last days. These tragic signs of the times point to the very soon return of Jesus Christ, even though they do not pinpoint when that day will arrive. As we await His arrival, we are commanded by Jesus to live on as lights in the world (Mat. 5:13-6). Therefore, we must fight for what's biblical, moral, and God-honoring.

What would it take to reclaim a Christian culture—a culture of worship of Jesus Christ alone, where the Bible is the foundation of morality and law, and where people love others more than themselves? Here's the strategy:

1 Start with You

a. Commit to Christ

True revival begins with the Holy Spirit working in the human heart. Is Jesus Christ your Savior? Is He Lord of every area of your life, controlling the thoughts and intents of your heart? If not, renew your relationship with Him.

b. Be the Example

The world is going to look at

how you live your life as an example of the genuineness of the message you are proclaiming. If it sees hypocrisy, your message will be ignored. Strive towards becoming Christ-like.

c. Share Christ

Secularism and paganism thrive when people reject Christianity or when people don't know who Jesus Christ is—the Son of God and Savior of our souls. Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ can be scary, but scarier still are people going to Hell while we sit on the sidelines and watch. Have you shared your faith in Christ with someone this week? Instead of yielding to fear or resigning yourself to watching our culture slip away, use your God-given spirit of power, love, and self-discipline (2 Tim. 1:7).

2 Secure Your Family for Christ

a. Invite Jesus to be a Family Member

A family where Jesus isn't a

IT STARTS WITH YOU!



member of the family is missing its most important member. A family where Jesus is palpably present lays a rock-solid foundation that will influence one's children long after they've left home.

b. Get Right With Your Spouse

Most of the evils in society today—fear of commitment, perpetually broken relationships, loneliness, sexual promiscuity, drugs, and suicide—are rooted in Dad and Mom's marriage. Christian husbands and wives must reject divorce! They must put each other's needs first before their own. They must reconcile and forgive. Society will not heal unless the family heals first.

c. Throw Out the Trash

If pornography, lewd music, and violent games are in your home, they are cancer rotting out your family's morality and unity. Dispose of them permanently!

3 Revitalize the Local Church

a. Know Your Bible

You won't know if the messages from the pulpit are doctrinally sound if you don't know what the Bible teaches. Equipping

yourself in the "full armor of God" of Bible study and prayer will help you detect heresy.

b. Go to Church

If you are not where other believers are, then you're disconnected from Jesus' primary change engine in this age. Whether it's a large mega-church or a tiny home study, it's where God wants you to be for Christian fellowship, accountability, and worship (Heb. 10:25).

c. Engage Within

If you are directly involved in growing a church, then you've earned the right to have the pastor's ear when it comes to charting the church's course. Encourage your local body to have a passion for Jesus Christ. Insist on doctrinal soundness, equipping believers, and reaching out to those who have yet to meet their Savior.

4 Reclaim the Culture

a. Take a Stand

A society that doesn't know Christ has lost its ability to discern right from wrong. When was the last time you made a public stand for Christ against something that was blatantly

evil? One person can make a difference if they speak up and act.

b. Help Those in Need

Jesus' ministry was spent helping those in need, both spiritually and physically. His actions caught the people's attention so they would listen to His message. Claim that right to be heard by being involved in showing Christ's compassion and love, and you will point lives towards the Cross.

c. Lead

Society goes where its leaders' vision takes it. If you are the one setting the vision for a Christian culture, then assuming a leadership role in society will give you the opportunity to act on that vision.

Do you want a Christian cultural revolution? While it may not happen on a national scale, it can certainly happen within your circle of influence. But it won't happen nationally or locally if Bible-believing Christians remain inactive.

Our culture will certainly not change if we are not actively engaging it. Nobody is going to do the work for us. Engaging society towards reclaiming its Christian culture is up to every one of us who call Christ, Savior. ♦

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Do not be deceived. Kim Petras (pictured left with Sam Smith) is a man who calls himself a transgender woman.

I did not intend to include a Sign of Society in our “Signs of the Times” section, because this entire magazine issue has focused on that topic. But, just in time for this edition of the *Lamplighter*, our culture has reached another new low.

At the 2023 Grammy Awards broadcast in early February, the producers presented Sam Smith and Kim Petras with an award for their boundary-shattering song, “Unholy.” Then, they featured the pair performing their ode to Satan for a national television audience—accompanied by two men in drag cavorting as devils.

Costumed in a red patent-leather outfit complete with horns, the non-binary Smith tweeted that his performance was “going to be special”—adding a devil emoji to capture the mood. CBS, the network that broadcast

the show, responded online, “You can say that again. We are ready to worship!”

Conservative commentator Matt Walsh, whose documentary “What is a Woman?” punctured the absurdity of our cultural confusion over sex and gender, observed, “It’s not surprising to see a satanic ritual at the Grammy’s. Satanism is the worship of the self. Much of modern pop music is satanic in this sense. Leftism is satanism. The only change is that now they’re being more explicit about it.”

Not long ago, the very idea of such a performance being lauded on national TV would have been unthinkable. But now, CBS airs such abominable entertainment shamelessly. In fact, the only blowback for this vile incident came from cultural elites on the Left (the ones producing the

movies and television shows and online content America’s young people are absorbing every day). They were outraged that Conservative Christians dared question this advancement toward a progressive future.

Wake up America! Our culture is now embracing satanic worship and proclaiming it normal and good. Unholy is certainly the perfect description for our cultural trajectory.



Sam Smith, Kim Petras (a man) and their entourage of male drag queen dancers on the red carpet.

NATURE -

▶ Catastrophic government policies, extreme weather, regional famine, and pestilence heavily impact food production, threatening to send rising food prices and inflation through the roof (i.e. chicken and egg supply).

▶ While terrestrial disasters increase in frequency and magnitude, news outlets are turning their attention (and human fears) toward cosmic threats—including asteroids like Apophos (expected to pass close to the Earth in April, 2029).



SPIRITUAL -

▶ The Church of England has ordained a reverend named Bingo Allison, who professes to be “gender queer” and advocates introducing children to non-binary gender fluidity.

▶ (On a positive note) As 2023 begins, through generational missions and Bible translation efforts, the Church is on the cusp of reaching the last people groups (unique in language and culture) with the Gospel—fulfilling one aspect of Matthew 24:14.



WORLD POLITICS -

▶ As global alarmists become even more extreme, liberal progressives in this country staunchly advocate abdicating American sovereignty to increase our subservience to international norms.

▶ Tensions with China skyrocket with top American generals and foreign policy experts warning of near-term military conflict over Taiwan and other Pacific flashpoints. Chinese spy balloon and other objects pierce US airspace with slow response from the Biden administration.



TECHNOLOGY -

▶ Both Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos have poured millions of dollars into research to wire the human brain with tiny electrodes without the need for drilling through the skull. Touted as a means for restoring communication among paralyzed patients, the technology would also hard-wire people to the web or other computer interfaces.



▶ After pursuing the most current, sophisticated military hardware for generations, the US Army's top four vendors in FY21 were pharmaceutical companies—reflecting a fixation on vaccines and new medical technologies.

ISRAEL

▶ The right-leaning coalition government headed by Bibi Netanyahu has made it clear that Iran's continued nuclear threat will not be tolerated, even as it eyes increasing unrest close to home with the weakening of Mahmoud Abbas' control over the Palestinian Authority.

▶ Owing to increasing isolation and perpetual fomenting by Palestinian leaders (let alone radical groups like Hamas), Palestinian terrorists are ramping up violent attacks on innocent Israelis.



But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God....

-2 Timothy 3:1-4

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