

IN *THESE LAST DAYS*

GREAT FAITH IS NEEDED



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Author's Preface

In these last days the administrative and psychological neutering of males has been going on across America. It has greatly weakened our nation. The feminist movement was the point of the spear of this unholy assault that has caused our country great harm. It has turned life upside down. I noticed the change as a Vietnam war veteran coming home from overseas. Things were progressively worse each time I returned from overseas. Political correctness is an attack on Christianity for sure. It now has a death grip on our nation. We should be profiling in this time of war with terrorism, but the reverse is true. Its Christians who are being turned into the bad guys. Preaching the great Christian truths has largely disappeared from our culture. Things have been turned upside down. We are made to feel like aliens in our own land. As born again Christians we are the head not the tail. How is this possible in these last days? It is my great hope this book will bring hope and comfort to my brothers and sisters in Christ in these perilous times. Any Christian who tries to fit in with the new norm will lose. God is coming for us really soon. In the meantime there are personal changes we need to make to appropriate what Christ has done for us. We need to overcome until we are raptured to heaven.

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These are the last days

“The last days!” This is an anonymous biblical phrase. Are we in these days the Bible speaks so plainly about? Can anything useful, for daily living be learned for such a time as this? We will look at these three words in scripture. Why? I was driving along two days ago concentrating on what I was doing. Suddenly a phrase dropped into my mind: “***In these last days great faith is needed.***”

Frankly I didn't think I would write another book. But this is such an interesting topic. Books I have written in the past, all found free on my website, began with a similar “ah ha” moment. I like to think such revelations are downloaded from heaven. Do you want to make a difference in this life? I do! My wife has such moments too. I am sure we all do. The key for me is to hang on to them long enough to share with others. I wish to see no one I know in hell.

I have found I need to write such revelations down, or they vaporize. I must ingrain them into my thinking so it will change my life so they can impact others. Karen, my wife, is able to recall such downloads without writing them down. I can't do this.

I don't know about you, but I need such moments. They help me to stand on my own two feet against the incoming tide of evil sweeping across our world. I am not clever enough to know how to make effective, lasting changes in my own life that can really make a difference. I write these books first for myself

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They help me to make necessary personal changes. I like to share them with others. What I write, I believe is inspired by God. Frankly I need his divine help. If you do too than read on....

interesting insight for our times

The first verse we find with this interesting phrase is in **Genesis 49:1**:

“And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.”

Following this verse are, twenty eight verses in all, of an ancient prophecy telling of Jacob's family's particular future in these last days in which we now live. How interesting: that God would tell us about what will befall all of Jacob's sons (now grown to the size of nations) in these last days. The news headlines are full of what is happening in and around Israel. Truthfully the family of Israel is to be found in many nations including the U.S.A. . They have not all returned in the Holy Land. What happens to Israel affects us all.

We see an important biblical principle in operation in each of these prophecies: these twelve sons now are in these last days *“reaping with they have sown.”* This entire chapter of Genesis is worth studying for clues as to what will happen in our generation. Israel (Jacob) is our sign post for the things that the Bible tells us are coming upon the earth.

To wet your appetite: verses 16 and 17, seem to give us a 'pick a boo' look at what life will be like for Israel under the oppressive weight of the anti-christ evil rule. Verse 18 seems to be their cry of desperation to God for deliverance.

"I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD."
Genesis 49:18

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They are still waiting.... Now jump forward a few books to find the next verse with that phrase. It is in Isaiah.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."
Isaiah 2:2

This seems to refer to the coming down out of heaven of New *Jerusalem* described in the last book of the Bible. What an exciting and glorious time for all God's people through all the generations who were over comers and didn't let sin over come them. God repeats this wonderful picture of what will happen in the future following the seven years of Tribulation, word for word in **Micah 4:1**

The next verse we find is in **Acts 2:17**:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:"

The last 2,000 years, it is believed by many, are the last days spoken of. If that is the case, we are in the very last of these last

days. God has been picking out of each of these generations a people for himself. This Age of Grace that started with his first coming, is now drawing to a close. The chance to be part of the bride for God's only Son, Jesus Christ is almost over. It should be every true believer's great hope that he or she will be found worthy of so special an honor.

Certainly we have heard of dreams and visions given by God to people in our generation. This has certainly been true for the church since the Holy Ghost fell in the upper room at Pentecost on the 120 disciples of Jesus Christ who had gathered there and had waited ten days. My wife has had several prophetic dreams. I have had two amazing visions myself. Some of our sons

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and daughters have shared dreams or visions they too have had. Such experiences convince those in our family that we are indeed in the very last days.

The next verse speaks clearly of the evil of the time we are now in:

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.”
II Timothy 3:1

This passage goes on to describe too perfectly the times we live in to not be prophetic. The entire passage is really worth opening your Bible to read.

Very descriptive words are used to describe our particular generation: lovers of selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient, unthankful, unholy, without natural affections, truce breakers, false accusers, fierce, dispisers, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures, a form of godliness but denying the power. We are strongly admonished to turn away from such people. The daily news is full of stories of

these kinds of people. I am quite confident we all unfortunately know personally some that fit such descriptions. Quite damning don't you think!

In the last 2,000 years we all know stories of great tragedy and triumph as evil men have tried to shut out God and destroy the people of the book. The next verse speaks of this time eloquently.

“Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”

Hebrews 1:2

This passage goes on to describe the greatness of the Son of God. It shows the terrible folly coming on all God haters trying to take over the planet with the active cooperation of Satan, his fallen angels and hordes of demons.

Anyone paying attention certainly sees what is now happening economically, politically and religiously. The tragedy is that so few are paying attention.

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Most are caught up in distractions. Such people are soon to be in terrible shock: wondering how they missed what was happening before their eyes. How could they have not seen or hear. This next verse tells of the fate of those whose eyes were first and foremost on amassing worldly treasure.

“And your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.”

James 5:3

Now we are at the last verse in this short study.

“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,”

II Peter 3:3

If you are trying to serve Jesus Christ and trying to set a godly example and make a difference in this world, you have certainly experienced the scorn of the mockers and scoffers. Some who you thought loved you. I am sure it has hurt your heart to experience close up and personal their deception and betrayal.

So what can we conclude from the above discussion? It is important for a believer to follow God's advice given to every generation, to watch for his second coming. This act is so important it is deemed worthy of a heavenly crown (I Thes. 2:19), one of only five clearly listed in scripture. It is certainly part of what it takes to be considered part of the bride that Jesus is returning for. Even if he doesn't come in our lifetime (but based on the signs I am seeing, odds are great we will see his physical return soon) we learn in Paul's epistle to the Thessalonians that the dead in Christ are caught up first. Jesus Christ, himself, said so recorded by Luke:

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of

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man.”

Luke 21:36

If you feel as I do that we are in the very last days, then certainly the verse below is a cry for these times:

“Deliver me from the oppression of man; so will I keep thy precepts.”

Psalms 119:134

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change is needed

Barack Hussein Obamas road into presidential office in 2008 was based on his exciting promise of HOPE AND CHANGE. He did an infomercial that was carried live on seven different television news outlets just before the national election in 2008 that made this promise to America. But in hindsight it seems he had our enemies

in mind not us. Enough people in America went along with the wild excitement his campaign promise generated to propel him into office. Not just once but twice. That is powerful deception.

the lie was embraced

I remember the news stories of women near the front of stages where he appeared swooning with excitement as he spoke. Such stories (like with Frank Sinatra) helped create a “rock star” atmosphere everywhere he went. I suspect these were deliberate acts to provide stories to take the focus off the insanity of what this unknown and mysterious person was promising. Liberal news outlets went wild publishing democratic campaign releases. They were always treated like news. No discernment or investigation necessary.

Seven years later it's our enemies who are full of HOPE. The world has certainly CHANGED but for the worse all around us. Obama popularity is on life support here in America. The middle class is rapidly shrinking in size. Increasing numbers are ending up in the lower class wondering how it happened. Major liberal media outlets and their left leaning pollsters struggle to keep him propped up with lying polls, lying statistics and self professed experts.

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Oh boy did the public get the CHANGE the democrats promised. But it was the exact opposite of the change those duped (enough of the silent majority), expected when they helped vote him into office; not once but twice.

The main stream press, who believed in him and bought his lies hook, line and sinker, are now frantically trying to explain what is happening in glowing terms. Can they hold it all together long

enough to one more time blame it on conservative Americans before everything falls apart as it obviously will? We will soon see.

We are rapidly becoming a joke as Obama becomes a "lame duck." Will the establishment Republicans once again fail to hold him accountable and keep him propped up? Growing numbers are starting to see through the lies of the establishment. In the month of December our new Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, lead the successful effort to do just that. Another huge spending bill that is leading all of America into the poor house.

where is God?

Things look increasingly bad from my perspective. Where is God in all of this? I don't see people turning back to God. His written word assures us he is fully in control. And he is. America is getting what it deserves. The question is not really will the sleeping church wake up, repent, and start praying.... Scripture doesn't indicate it will.

Most American Christians, it is increasingly clear, won't wakeup at all. Until too late for the nation! We saw this happen with the nation of Israel at Christ's first coming. Stubbornness is an awful personal and national trait. Especially when mixed with religious pride and zeal.

My wife and I were studying **Exodus chapter 32** this morning. This is the chapter where Moses goes up the mountain to commune with God. He is up there for 40 days communing with God and receiving the Two Tables

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engraved by the finger of God with the ten laws of God.

When Moses came down off the mountain he found the people had given up on him (and God). With the help of Aaron they had

fashioned a golden calf. An idol to worship! They had been overcome by deception and apostasy. So sad! It seems to me much of the American church is in the same condition today. Our heathen culture while maybe a bit more sophisticated has overcome the church, just as paganism overcame the Israelites so long ago. We don't seem to be able to learn from history. Too many of us are in some form of deception and apostasy. Can you see it?

Much needs to change personally once an individual accepts Christ as his personal savior. Up to the point of conversion, Satan has been working on our minds all of our lives to our long term detriment. He has constructed in our minds, concepts and principles to guide us that we believe are true. But they don't line up perfectly with scriptural truth.

Great personal discipline and will power are needed to change our deceived thinking, our wrong attitudes and our destructive behaviors learned before our full commitment to Christ. If we are to become more Christ like, once we are born again, personal changes are needed. Satan will fight to get us back to our old way of behavior and thinking once we turn toward Christ. He sees that we are serious about correcting what is wrong in our lives and so we become a real danger to him.

tooth and nail

He hates it when we take seriously the mandate to renew our minds in Christ Jesus:

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Romans 12:2

He will use every wrong thinking family or friend we have to get us turned back around in the world's direction. Also our old nature is a very formidable foe. It wants to stay in charge; to lead us astray.

There is a new battle that ensues once we are “born again.” It is not the battle to assist the Holy Spirit in bringing righteous change in others. But to first change ourselves. The natural man is dominated by selfish personal interests. No matter how well or poorly one's parents applied and instilled some good habits, personal discipline and morality into our lives. All their good works often unravel quickly once we are off on our own, if we are not submitted to the Holy Ghost and fully aware of the deceptive spirits around us.

oh that more were open to salvation

Only God himself can bring about lasting change. It requires that we first be born again. Only God can bring about lasting righteous change.

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:45

Only when a person makes the personal decision to line up with the Spirit of Christ, can lasting personal change begin in an individual. The words written in Exodus 32 are still true today:

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.”

Exodus 32: 33

These are very scary words. Personal repentance is still needed. Even though we are in the Age of Grace we need to know this is how God deals with his people. These were religious people he was referring to back then. Still today there is no difference with religious people. Their old natures will still take

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them to hell. Only the “born again” experience Jesus talked about with

Nicodemus in **John, chapter 3** changes a religious person into a “new spiritual creation in Christ Jesus.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

II Corinthians 5:17

the real war

At the point of real conversion in one's life a new war starts up inside: flesh against spirit. Who will the mind ultimately cooperate with? It certainly will be back and forth for awhile. Satan the master programmer has all of us on the broad path headed for destruction before this life changing conversion. It's human nature to identify with one's flesh. It takes more than discipline and will power to line up against one's own flesh. To set course in a new direction (the narrow path following conversion). It takes the new birth plus God's help. Its like turning around and trying to swim back up stream. What is needed to really begin walking in a way that is pleasing to God is divine help and power.

It is hard work to change personal habits. Most habits are deeply ingrained by the time of our conversions. Since Satan is behind a lot of what is not good in our lives, our old ways can seem OK even after conversion. It makes sense to me that using what God has gifted us with in the supernatural realm, is needed to

overcome what Satan has built around and in us to keep us under his direct or indirect control.

God's Word and his Name are powerful tools to help us. But we must learn to use these wonderful gifts. It is the "fruit" that counts not so much our spiritual "gifts." Also there is angelic help available when asked for. Scripture places responsibility squarely on our shoulders, once we accept Christ and make the decision to follow him. The life of a believer is not an easy road to be on. But staying on the broad path with unbelievers, while it is familiar and

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may seem the easier path, is vastly more difficult in the long run. And it leads

to spiritual death. Appearances are very deceiving indeed. Much of the religious church world really seems to have no idea of what is really going on in my view and experience since my conversion.

scripture says to

"Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."

II Corinthians 13:5

It doesn't say to rely on others in spiritual leadership above you.

We can't leave our needed personal change up to others. We have to embark on a new

course that few travel in this life, the narrow path talked about by the Bible. I have learned from personal experience that one important key to success is to develop quickly the habit of the daily reading of God's Word. That source is a true guide that will help put us on the right path and help keep us there. Also to daily invite the Holy Spirit afresh into our lives to help and guide us in this lonely journey is important. The Holy Spirit is a real person. A true friend!

Whether or not our secular nation as a whole comes to such a saving knowledge is irrelevant. If Israel, God's elect, were not able to accomplish this task for that special nation, the apple of God's eye; is it improbable that enough believers in this church age will see the light to ensure the majority of the nation will also see the light in a way that influences politics, business and social behavior to bring positive change to the culture at large. Prophecy says it won't happen.

closed minds

Where biblical truth is concerned more have closed minds than open ones. One with a closed mind holds to an idea without consideration for new evidence. Another way to say it is that they have an unteachable spirit.

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe

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not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

II Corinthians 4:4

Several years ago my wife received two powerful prophetic dreams from the Lord. After prayer we thought she should approach the pastor of the church we were attending and share them publicly on a Sunday night. He said no. We soon left that church. It started shrinking in size and visitors came and went like they had a revolving door. We left about six years ago. The Pastor and his wife stepped down from ministry earlier this year. Sad! They weren't open to the Holy Spirit's help.

Change was needed but the pastor and his wife were comfortable with the way things were. The two dreams were both short. They

had to do with the spirit of deception working in our midst. These two dreams would have presented truth to those open who heard them, I am sure.

another important cry

“Help us O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.”

Psalm 79:9

It seems that one of the principalities ruling our nation right now is STRONG DELUSION. What is delusion? It is an erroneous belief held in the face of evidence to the contrary. Why are so many rejecting the Word of God? Because of strong delusion!

In the Old Testament we see the apple of God's eye overcome by strong delusion too often. After God brought his people out of bondage, in the next 40 years only two: Joshua and Caleb were found worthy to cross the Jordon River into the land of promise. The rest fell into strong delusion.

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“Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in their heart, and they have not known my ways.”

Hebrews 3:10

An entire generation had no discernment. Are we in a better place with God today in America? Obviously not!

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sliding towards hell

The title says it all. What a word picture! Why would an individual, whole nations, the world be one a slide towards hell? It's a simple answer. They have rejected the truth. They prefer living the lie. Real truth is not easy to find. It requires an honest, diligent investigation. A turning away from sin.

Jesus told us that we must hunger and thirst for the truth, or we will miss it. The Bible talks a lot about the world. It is obvious to the honest inquirer that what the world thinks is truth is not the

truth at all. Reality is not what it seems to be. The world's credibility over and over has been proven bankrupt. Most buy into immorality not morality.

Who trusts what the world promises? Certainly the obvious fools do! But also many who would not consider themselves to be foolish in their lifestyle. Most people that on the surface seem to be reasonable. Who is the main representative of the world? Governments! The sad thing is this. The slope of the world slide is increasing. We are picking up steam heading towards the edge of the abyss. While the world parties on! Our own national culture is certainly on this slide too. It is about to become a really wild ride in 2016. And who will most people be desperately hanging on to? Why does the government train for their security: not the Living God.

So few know we are heading in the wrong direction. Their trust is misplaced. Does it really seem to you that things can be turned around in 2016? This change away from God to a dependence on government has been so slowly and carefully crafted by those in charge, that most of us never really noticed the change in direction to the wrong way.

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Hell is in the exact opposite direction from Heaven. Hell is now where society is headed. Jesus Christ spoke much about hell. He came down from heaven because of his great love and spoke the truth, but so few believed. Why does the world feel so comfortable rejecting him and going in the direction they are going?

“Jesus said unto them, if God were your Father ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer

from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.”

John 8:42-45

hell is real

The Bible clearly states that hell is a real place. It should scare us that most of the world is going there (Matthew 7:13-14). Yet most people in the world remain clueless. Have no idea! So most would not be motivated to help bring about real change to the direction of march. Even when directly alerted to the dangers that lie ahead (Matthew 15:14); such is the strength of human nature.

Apostasy and deception have been widespread in every generation if we are to believe the Bible. Our own eyes and ears should confirm this reality. Sin is epidemic in our generation. Yet one seldom if ever hears this word (sin) used anymore in polite conversations. A pew sitter can go weeks before hearing it from most pulpits in modern day churches. The world uses “hell” as a swear word. But few seem to really think there is an actual place that unrepented sinners go to after death. You must read the Bible on your own to find out how often the word “sin” is actually used. We find it 757 times in the Bible. The very first time is quite instructive:

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“If thou doest well, shall thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.”

Genesis 4:7

I have never followed that word through the Bible. It would be a very long study. I expect it would show us clearly why hell is the destiny of most people. Is there anything separating me from their behavior? This is a very important question to ask.

the devil is very busy

Why is sin so rampant in our generation? Certainly the devil's time is short. He is very, very busy in these last days leading people astray and preparing for the prophesied destructions to begin very soon. The growing moral darkness coming out of Hollywood is helping many to stay in that darkness. Hatred of the God of Abraham, Isaiah and Jacob has never been more evident to those really "watching."

tempers rising

The Bible has 54 references to the word "hell." This terrible place of everlasting judgment has other names as well, also found in scripture. We find this particular word used nine times in the book of Matthew alone. Here is the first time it is recorded that Jesus Christ used the word:

"But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

Matthew 5:22

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Have you ever been angry enough to call someone a fool and wish them in

hell? I have! If we take the words of the Bible seriously we all have cause to repent. This is not something that is easy for our fallen natures to do. It feels so normal. I know from personal experience.

America is a place where just about everything someone in leadership says is now being captured by some bystander's recorder. Some of what is captured is aired on television, or posted on an internet website. Somewhere it is being blogged about. Its hard to hide anything these days. Most everyone carries a cell phone which can record and take pictures too.

Every day we hear one or more important people calling someone, they disagree with, a fool or worse. Once in awhile important people are caught. Then there can be such a ground swell they are forced to "walk back their comments." Not repent of them and being ashamed of them and humbling themselves and truly changing! No just change their words for the public record: We are accepting their lies that aren't being caught. One is either a liar or he is not. Its a heart thing!

And many of us love to repeat their lies. When the late night comedians get a hold of their indiscretions they have a field day. Their audiences erupt in laughter. It is hard to go through the day and not hear some public person libeled or made fun of to their own folly.

divisive behavior

Division, not unity, is on the increase across America. Anger increases all around us. I write this just before Thanksgiving. Chicago has erupted in anger for the second day. A video has been released of a white police officer killing a black man over a year ago. The video was hidden by the police until they were forced by court action to release it.

Being a white police officer these days has got to be one of the toughest jobs in the world; especially in cities like Chicago with significant minority

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populations. Most people don't appear to be willfully bad in an evil way. So I expect that most police are trying to do an honest, decent job day by day. But of late their expectation is that if they make a mistake in judgment and their mistake is exposed they won't be given a fair shake by the administrators. This is a very sad thing for our nation. The police are the thin blue line separating most of us from the increasing numbers of criminals to be found in every community.

WWIII just ahead

No where on earth is there more anger right now than in the Middle East. This was prophesized by Zechariah, the Prophet and elsewhere in God's written word. The media publishes frequent news items about Israelites being attacked by knife wielding Palestinian Islamic assassins. This is a recent, new tactic by the Palestinians. The old and the frail are especially vulnerable to these vicious attacks. We see young soldiers being attacked too, even by women. Awful! These lone wolf attackers, in my view, demonstrate it can't be much longer before we see World War III kick started in a big way.

Why do I think this? Individuals attacking individuals as part of a cult of hatred tells me that many are totally demon possessed, desperate people with a feeling they have nothing to lose. If solo individuals can do such insane things and are cheered by the masses, it can't be long before nations get up the courage to attack Israel once again. These growing signs of desperation show that a

growing mass of people are willing to behave irrationally when triggered.

Add to this the increasing masses of people migrating into more civil nations by illegally crossing national borders fleeing from ISIS, poverty and terrible oppression, and it demonstrates the lack of hope across the world. It is not hard to imagine that world war III is in the air and just around the corner.

Nothing can take large numbers of people to hell quicker than war. War has

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the added bonus of being followed by famines plagues, and pestilence. The four horsemen of the Apocalypse are mounted and starting to ride. Those who want to reduce the world's population are excited. Their long delayed plans are now bearing poison fruit.

Can the world be saved? Not with poison fruit. Also Jesus clearly tells us that he doesn't pray for the world, so we shouldn't either.

"I pray for them; I pray not for the world but for them which thou hast given me; for they are mine."

John 17:9

We see this word, *world*, mentioned 260 times in the KJV Bible. The word is used by John 59 times in his gospel. We are clearly told to separate from and come out of the world. We see God's plan in the next verse.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

John 3:17

He says it again in **John 12:47** so it really is his plan to save the world. We can't save the world, but he can. We see that the world by wisdom can't know God.

“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”

I Corinthians 1:21

Paul had this to say on the subject:

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the World to save sinners; of whom I am the chief.”

I Timothy 1:15

We see God did not spare the world before.

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“And spared not the old world but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.”

II Peter 2:5

Look what God did to the world when its cup of iniquity was full: the flood. So these efforts of men to save the world are folly. Only God can save the world. He chooses to go after sinners who repent and turn to him; not the world. We are to follow his example.

What about saving a city? We see from the story of Nineveh what it takes. It is not an easy task.

“and should I not spare Nineveh, where in, are more than six score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?”

Jonah 4:11

What's the deal about good works with no mention of the gospel attached to them? Is this folly? How do we distance ourselves from this slide the world and our nation are on? Solomon, who the Bible calls the wisest man who ever lived, said this:

“Whoso keeps the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wiseman's heart discerns both time and judgment.”

Ecclesiastes 8:5

It is easy to examine whether or not we are true followers of Jesus Christ. Can any hypocrisy be found in us with respect to the Bible's clear teachings? No! We are to discern the time and the approaching judgment. If our main focus is on worldly matters we will miss what is about to broadside us. There are so many distractions tempting us. It is not surprising that the Bible tells us most have forsaken the right way and are gone astray. Are you discerning the times correctly? Is judgment at the door?

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“Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness.”

II Peter 2:15

Are you discerning correctly? These are very unrighteous times we live in. Are you sure you are on the narrow path and not sliding towards hell with the majority?

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can the world be saved?

Can the world be saved? I need to really hammer the true answer. For it is obvious most in the church by their good works and lack of boldness really think that is the church's mission. The Bible makes it clear the world won't be saved. But praise God people can be saved, but only through a presentation of the gospel. One sinner at a time. When the Bible uses the word "*world*" it has something different than the word "**earth**." It implies "the order of things."

global warming

The term “global warming” is used in the context of saving the earth. It is a growing governmental mass movement that says we intend to save the world by getting mankind to become better stewards of their environment. On the surface this effort to save the world from destruction seems reasonable. The world elite have been promoting this idea the last thirty years of my life with a very hard sell. The gist of the argument is that we irresponsible humans are the chief cause of global warming; and that we need to become more responsible before it is too late.

Good science has to be ignored all together to promote this very flawed idea that carbon emissions are the primary cause of what is happening to our climate. Certainly humans have done some very terrible things to the environment. But next to the effects of the sun and maybe an incoming large body that is now disturbing our solar system called by various names: Planet X, Nibiru, Wormwood, Hercolubus, Marduk, the Destroyer, the Red Star, the great Red Dragon, the 12th Planet by many prior civilizations when it came

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through the last time; we humans are collectively just new on the block. So what is the real reason behind this movement? Increasing the tax to fund their global agenda which is their survival and severe population reduction.

There has been such an intense effort nationally and internationally to promote global warming to scare us into submission that it is not politically correct to come against this movement in anyway. The brain washing begins in elementary school with our children. By the time most come out of college they are true believers. So many

people have been fooled by the propaganda that some who know the truth just go along. But many more choose to believe government instead of the Bible and good science; lock, stock and barrel. It is a fact that the greatest effect on the weather patterns across the earth is the sun.

Yet the average Christian buys in to this grand hoax and joins those who promote this scheme to save the world. It is a massive tax raising scheme and attempt to bring the governments of the world under one central authority, probably the United Nations controlled by the world elites.

all kinds of approved good works

Of course there are all kinds of other so called good works, this being just the main one. All are reasonable on the surface; but most have no connection to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Either we trust God or we don't. Most don't!

Look at church activity across America. Good hearted people devote a lot of their spare time to doing "good works." Their efforts are very commendable and decent. But such efforts have little to do with the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is what we as Christians have been commissioned to do.

"Good works" should be a byproduct of our salvation experience. Good works were never meant to be our primary task and focus. The great commission is all about evangelization: promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How does a life of good works profit the soul, if no one you help ever makes

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a decision for Jesus Christ because you never asked them to? What does the Bible tell us is the true work of God? Jesus answered this question very specifically:

“Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”

John 6:29

One who truly believes is compelled to share the gospel with others. Look critically at most good works being done by the church. If one looks just at the weekly church bulletins across the land where activities are listed, many chores on the list do not seem to be tied directly to the spreading of the gospel message. In fact much of our church leadership across America in our day frowns at any mention of the Name of Jesus while undertaking established works of charity. It seems to me we have become an arm of secular government here in America because of the 501c3 regulations.

I understand completely the desire of people to not want to offend others. I know from personal experience that that Name does offend many. Many institutions of good works that started off devoted to that Name have so distanced themselves from the true work of God, that their long dead founders would roll over in their graves if they knew how secular the institution they established has become.

Few today understand the underlying motives that started many great movements of God: hospitals, universities and great works of charity in the first place. This is a very sad fact in today's world.

mercy and compassion

Mercy and compassion are wonderful traits. But like all traits they can be carried to extremes and interrupt the judgment of God. We see politicians right now insisting we bring to our shores people who hate us, are bent on converting us (or killing us in the name of their god), and have no intention to

integrate into our society. It is insane that we allow such people to come in in the name of kindness and mercy.

When government starts dictating who gets treated with mercy and compassion in a biased manner, things quickly can get out of balance. Are they are now out of balance? Yes! Only 3 % of the Syrians admitted to our nation are Christian. There are many suffering Christians in Syria and that is who we should concentrate on.

Mercy and compassion must be dispensed at the level of the local family and neighborhood. Motives are so critical in dispensing charity. It should be a matter of the heart. When government starts regulating these human traits through taxation and reallocation of resources things get messed up quickly. Real justice is lost in the shuffle.

one by one

The gospel is very personal. I don't see how a reader cannot be effected when reading scripture, when he is really searching for truth. Christianity is not about building a great empire. It is a call to preach, evangelize and disciple. When a soul does come to Christ they need to be disciplined to become mature in the LORD. Only then will they be strong and wise enough to go out and do the same thing for another. Certainly if enough people come to Christ and reproduce themselves it can affect the culture, the nation and the world for good theoretically. God said to go into the world, but evangelism is not about changing the world, but one person at a time.

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked have rule the people mourn.”

Proverbs 29:2

The righteous are increasingly mourning. The world can't be changed until the second coming of Jesus Christ. The world is under the control of human nature and Satan. He at present, not the Creator, is the god of this world. It

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will take the real God to depose him. No great effort on the part of mankind can do it.

One important task is to restrain the Devil through prayer until God removes us from this world to complete his plan to save Israel and eventually the world.

The world is hell bent on dying. The world can't be saved. By this I mean the systems of men. They have been corrupted and so must be destroyed. That is what prophecy tells us. It must be true.

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what can a believer do?

Anything done in man's name ultimately turns out to be useless in the light of heaven's rewards. That has been my experience so far in life. Scripture tells us this:

“I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?”

John 5:43-4

in man's name

This verse certainly speaks of those Jews who rejected Christ at his first coming. The passage tells us that most in the culture of his day believed not in him. Two thousand years later most Jews across the world are still blind for our sakes (Romans 11:7-8).

“What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeks for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.”

Romans 11:7-8

Can we learn anything from their blindness that might apply to us now in our struggles? Yes! I see that blindness comes on every non Jew who clearly

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rejects Christ. Those in the Gentile nations who are still open are clearly decreasing rapidly in numbers.

My wife had a vision several years ago of Jesus drawing a line on the ground. Then she saw people moving back and forth across the line he had drawn. Suddenly the ground parted along the line leaving a very wide, unbridgeable crevice. People could no longer be lukewarm having been marooned on one side or the other!

As did ancient Israel, are proving as a nation that we too are largely ruled by our passions (human nature). Most want to continue down the broad path they are on. Most seem destined to make the same fatal mistake most Jews made two thousand years ago. Rejecting Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.

By rejecting God's Son they also rejected his Father in Heaven and the Holy Spirit. American Christians while accepting Jesus Christ are in effect making the same mistake as did the Jews. When Jesus left to go back to the Father in heaven he send the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit in his place.

Largely I see the church rejecting the Holy Spirit. How so? Much of Christianity doesn't really believe in miracles, healings, deliverances, and other such essential doctrines of Christ needed for holy living in today's world.

Instead we run to our doctors, lawyers, counselors and other professionals at the very hint of earthly problems we can't solve. Only as a last resort do most ever turn to God in prayer and their

unbelief usually hinders God's ability to answer the prayer. Don't we reject the Father and the Son when we reject the Holy Ghost who is ready, able and willing to help us in all things?

There is a principle in operation underlining John 5:43-44 above at the start of the chapter. It is this. Personal selfishness, not God Almighty, dictates much of what goes on in the lives of Christians across America and across the world. The influence of institutional Christianity is waxing less and less. Why? Because of this rejection that is bringing this present age to a close.

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Can anyone really doubt this is so?

our loss of influence

The Christian faith certainly is losing its influence on western civilization. I used to find this very perplexing. More and more we are threatened by the growth and spread of Islam and its government, Sharia Law. Islam is primarily a governmental system with a religious component. That is what makes it so dangerous. We give it a pass because of this religious component too our demise.

This religion comes in another man's name. It is an antichrist culture. And it is on the move in democracies across the world in the form of mass migration across national boundaries threatening every non Islamic nation on the earth.

It is the religion behind every war on the planet. Strife in every nation on earth can be traced back to this anti-Christ system. Do you doubt this? Yet our government calls it a religion of peace. Name me a war or act of terrorism globally that is not the result of radical Islam. It's goal is world domination. Radical and Islam cannot be separated.

So the above verse applies to Islam too. They reject Jesus Christ and his Father. They proclaim that Allah alone is god. This false god is certainly not the one we profess as God. Yet the Roman Pope says differently. It is another name than Jesus Christ! The Islamic people are told very clearly in the Koran to not respect anyone who does not believe in Allah and in his prophet, Mohammed.

Even within institutional Christianity this verse seems to increasingly apply across a wide spectrum of so called Christian activities. The Name above all names is not to be mentioned publicly. The believer or believers doing good works increasingly are leaving out this vital name. In effect they take credit for the good works in their own names. Isn't this so?

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Many pastors go out of their way on Sunday mornings to try and not offend new visitors to their churches. You can hear an entire sermon without the open mention of the Name of Jesus or any of his controversial doctrines.

Words like hell, sin, repentance, the second coming, the rapture are increasingly “hot potatoes” not to be touched. Most Sunday messages preached today are done in a way that will not offend the sensibilities of first time visitors. The assumption is they will be offended if the pastor is too bold.

The gospel is quite simple. It is this: **Christ died, Christ was buried. Christ rose again three days later. Forty days later Christ ascended back to Heaven. Christ is soon to come again.**

We know that that Name above all names will offend most non believers. The cardinal sin today in many churches is tolerance of

others at the expense of Christ. We don't want to be intolerant. And so are led by our leaders into political correctness in the name of peace.

in the name of tolerance

That Most Wonderful Name that was the great secret in making this nation great, is being systematically removed from the public arenas across America. It's being done socially because people don't want to offend. It's being done politically in the name of tolerance. It's being done educationally because liberalism dominates this important process. In every other way possible it is done so as not to offend.

In the name of tolerance the effect of Christianity on our culture is being eliminated. And with its demise this once greatest of nations is being wasted. The great good that bold Christians of the past have done is being undone at lightning quick speed because of fear and timidity amongst those who call themselves our brethren.

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This used to shock me. Now it is just very disappointing to see in a fellow believer. But Jesus Christ said this would happen. Very boldly he told us this fact in the opening verse above (John 5:43-4). It is happening right in front of our eyes in our generation, and few seem to notice. Tragic!

can anything be done?

If the end of this age is at hand, and I think it is, than the growing darkness I am seeing is all a part of God's plan to bring this present age to a close. It will close out with a bang. Lights out! The whole world gets to wait for the Son of God's lightning like reappearance seven years later.

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great faith needed

I find it interesting! The only two times Jesus, clearly a Jew by birth, recognized a person having great faith was with two non-Jews. In **Matthew 8:10**, he talked about the great faith of the Centurion military commander, a non-Jew. Also, the women of Canaan, a distraught mother, in **Matthew 15:28**. In both cases because of the great faith required in coming to a non Jew for help, their requests were granted. Both of them were authorities in their own right: one a centurion leader of combat soldiers asking supernatural help for a servant; the other, a mother, asking for

supernatural help for a crazed daughter. Both had to greatly humble themselves to come to Jesus.

Who recorded and witnessed these two encounters? Jews; disciples of Jesus. Children of Israel! Yet he recognized no Israelite directly at his first coming for having such a faith. Strange! Was this an oversight? Or did he have a reason for doing this?

to encourage you and me

I expect he had a reason. Probably to encourage you and me. These two stories are not told and retold within the Jewish culture of today. They are still blinded. We see throughout the Old Testament that some Israelites had such a faith. Joshua for sure. What a warrior and leader he was. The man who led the Israelites across the Jordan into the land of the giants. Certainly the prophets of old.

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what is needed?

Are the giants spoken of in the Old Testament about to return? Why have the elites carefully hidden the record of their existence? What is needed for a believer to keep from being overcome by fear in these last days? Evil is growing stronger before our very eyes. In every generation since Christ's first coming some believers have need increased faith. Biblical Faith is essential to the ability of believers to overcome great difficulties. At times we need miracles. Every generation has had its challenges, but the last generation will be especially tested according to scripture. It seems to me this is the last generation spoken about.

Why so? Because the level, and sophistication of deception and ability to brain wash, is so much greater than it has ever been. The lie is gaining power over the truth if that is possible. Could it be that fallen angel and demonic influence is growing greater in our day than since the time of Noah before the flood?

Jesus tells us what will happen in the end times in great detail. It is recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 in what we call the Olivet Discourse. One thing he says will be needed to get through to the end. Faith! The way he says it tells us a greater faith will be needed.

"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:8

they set themselves against the truth

Americans who have a lifestyle of lying are setting themselves against the truth and gaining power over truth tellers in ways prior generations of Americans would not have believed possible. It is hard to understand how different things are now from when my parents were still alive. My dad died in 1981; my mom in 1996. My parents would not believe the changes to our nation in just the few short decades since their deaths. Both made great

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personal sacrifices as did many in their generation,. The rigors of the great depression followed by WWII and the Korean War wore out many. My dad was a professional Marine career officer. Some of his exploits are recorded in the history books.

do you see through the lies?

My wife had a revelation last week. Those who overcome in our generation are the ones who see through the anti-christ lies now

being spread widely across our culture. Political correctness has shut the mouths of most Christians. Few share Christ openly or respond directly to the lies as they are being told. The ability to see the truth is important. But then it takes courage and boldness to express the truth when lies are being told to your face.

The rapture is very soon. War is in the air. Believers should be heeding the clear warning to watch such as in **Mark 13:37**. Many in the church today have been overcome by lies, and have no interest whatsoever in end time prophecy. Increasing numbers look elsewhere for their hope, than to the “*blessed hope*” promised in **Titus 2:13** and elsewhere.

“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”

1 Thessalonians 1:10

are you waiting

Are you waiting? Or have the multitude of distractions in the world clouded your focus? It takes greater revelation in these last days to stand against the onslaught of lies from all the establishments of men who have turned their backs on Christ. The world works hard to create the illusion that times are normal. But hardly anything is normal these days. What keeps these establishments from completely collapsing from the growing weight of inefficiency and ineffectiveness based on the growing lack of integrity? It's

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not the great and swelling lies from their leaders. I believe it's God's last days mercy.

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Are you giving the benefit of the doubt to the scores of liars in leadership? In politics, In the main stream media, In our professional education systems. In Washington D.C.? In too many of our State Capitols? Many of these liars even claim to be Christians. Their fruit: available with just a little investigation; exposes their underlying natures for all who want to see the truth.

“Perverse disputes of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.”

I Timothy 5:5

clever manipulations

One form of lying is very effective. Those who listen to clever deceivers need to be aware of this. They never openly deny certain essential truths of Christian doctrine. If they expressed their true hearts in such matters it would expose them. Even the very naive might see what was hidden in their hearts. Smart liars seldom talk openly about certain essential truths with which they are in hidden disagreement. You have to pay close attention to what they don't say to figure them out. It is a very effective form of lying!

We don't tend to believe that those who use such techniques could be heretics since they don't openly deny certain truths. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is such a truth. Most assume when they never discuss such truths that they just don't want to offend non-Christians by discussing something so controversial.

But isn't that what so many of us are doing these days? When we bend over

backwards not to offend non-believers how can they really know what we truly believe? Masterful liars let others talk when controversial topics come up. They change topics at convenient points. Silence is their response. Never public denial! Such tactics deceive many; especially those who want to be deceived. This seems to be half the people according to scripture and many polls.

Unfortunately we see these techniques in far too many church pulpits across America. I have visited many different churches in the last 35 years. I have often asked myself while listening to a sermon, why didn't he say this or that or use this scripture? Successful charismatic leaders know how to charm an audience while avoiding essential Christian truths. Overtime, if a leader is a heretic, one should be able to tell. They dodge or ignore important essential truths.

hanging in there

Karen and I have been hanging in there with a Sunday home worship group that denys the closeness of the rapture. What connects this group is the hope of the soon coming global currency reset. They are heavily invested in foreign currency. We arrived a few minutes late at a recent Sunday worship get together. They were listening to a phone up date from the leader who is out of town for a period of time.

As we walked in he was bad mouthing those who were expecting a soon coming rapture in a mocking tone. The only ones I know in that group who are pre-tribulation in their doctrine are Karen and I. He must have known we were not there. We like these people. We don't doubt they are believers. But we have decided to back away. Their focus is too different from ours in this one area. We don't like the mocking....

There is a separation going on among Christians everywhere. It is the spirit of the age. It seems to me Christians can be separated into several groups: Those who aren't aware of the times, and those who are. And among those who are 44

somewhat aware of the times there is also a separation going on. Those who are looking primarily to the natural (i.e., return on investment) realm to solve the growing crisis, and those who are looking to the supernatural realm for relief.

Isaiah was homesick; Elisha was not

Isaiah grew tired of the deadness of the people's faith. He just wanted to go home to heaven. But his younger assistant: Elisha wanted a double anointing of Isaiah's power to do "greater works."

We tend to get what we look for in this life. Perilous times are upon us all. Certainly this world has some charms left for us. But what in this world could be greater than heaven? To "suddenly" be with Jesus for all eternity? Or to remain behind and ultimately die a martyr's death?

Be careful what you wish for...

be careful what you wish for

What takes greater faith? To take part in the rapture of the saints? Or to have some investment you took a risk in come to fruition thinking it will enable you to endure in evil times and do greater works? And scripture tells us there is a time coming when no man can work. I would think that would be following the rapture.

"I must work the works of him that sent me., while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

John 9:4

I believe between the faith of Isaiah and the faith of Elisha that Isaiah got the better deal. God gave both men the desires of their heart. Both were men of faith. Both did mighty works. I don't disparage those who want to stay behind

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to do great works. But I don't see scripture supporting their view. I don't think such believers really know how bad it's going to get.

Things are not getting better. Yes it is fun to be around very enthusiastic, upbeat people. But what if their enthusiasm is not based on reality? What happens if their brave talk is just natural strength speaking, and God is not going to back them up?

The Bible doesn't say things get better. It clearly says things get worse for the last generation. So bad that Jesus questions whether there will be faith on the earth when he returns. I chose to believe the written word of God. What my eyes and ears are telling me is that those evil days are almost upon us. I don't see any conditions for any great revival. I don't trust what the world's leaders want us to believe.

Come quickly LORD Jesus.

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Living with Apostacy

The Prophet Daniel proved one can live inside an apostate system, keep his beliefs, his life and be productive. His three Hebrew friends also accomplished this amazing feat. All went through many trials. How did they do it? It was only possible with God's supernatural power and help. Miracle power faith!

Could a time be upon us now where we are inside such a system of developing apostacy, where to survive after the rapture a believer will need a similar faith as Daniel's and divine help? I believe so....

“Though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.”

Isaiah 14:14

“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”

Revelations 13:7

“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name.”

Revelation 13:17

This time (the Tribulation) is fast approaching. Paul Begley posted a video on YouTube several years ago. Since then it's had 1.3 + million hits. Its title? *"It's Coming Dec 31, 2017 Micro-Chip Obamacare 666"*.

If one is living and working inside such an apostate system the next verse is

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the kind of assurance such a person needs:

"And the LORD shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom."

II Timothy 4:18

seeking assurance

How does one come by such an assurance? That is a very good question. We all need to know the answer, to keep our faith in Jesus Christ until the time of the rapture. Here is what Jesus says about his sheep:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

John 10:27

If Jesus knows you and you are one of his sheep then you should have the confidence to believe in his many promises. One of my favorites is this one:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper: and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shall condemn."

Isaiah 54:17

an inside look

Inside most of America's systems of men in these last days bold faith in Jesus Christ is being snuffed out through changes in policy as we transition from a nation where Christianity had favor to a nation that condemns such a faith. Wherever boldness in Christ is openly confessed it is being challenged.

In the name of political correctness this is happening increasingly across America. Is this the main purpose of political correctness: to stamp out Christianity? The major weapon of those who attack our faith are law suits,

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firings, and the cold shoulder of fellowship. It will get worse as we approach the start of the tribulation.

I have a master's degree in human resources management from Pepperdine University. I got the degree in 1977. It was supposed to be the top degree to transition into civilian life for those retiring from active military service. I did so in 1983. I was a career Marine officer retiring from active military service and needed a good profession where leaders were appreciated.

I found out when I started applying in the Greater Seattle area that it was a very good degree if you were a woman, a non white male, and not a Christian. This was not pointed out to me while earning this degree. If you look today at who is running the HR Departments across the land its not white males over forty or Christians except in maybe a very few conservative regions. The HR Department I suspect is the point of the spear for bringing in political correctness across our land. A liberal tactic for attacking our faith.

It was very strange getting out and trying to transition into civilian life in the 1980s on the heels of what the “hippy anti war protestors” had done to our culture starting in the 1960s. Surreal! They had done such a good job lying about what the military was trying to accomplish in South East Asia, that I felt very unwelcomed job hunting in my own nation in large corporations. I had to hid my background to get by the first interview by rewording my resume. Finally I took an independent contractor job just to work.

I did confine my job hunting to Washington state, one of the most liberal states in our nation, which didn't help me for sure. My dad and my father in law had recently died and we had two widows living in Washington State who needed our support. I never did work within this field as a civilian.

I have watched in the last decade as the Iraqi and Afganistan War veterans have come home. It seems things are not much changed from the way it was for Vietnam veterans back when I was leaving active service. The power of political correctness has not been good for America. It certainly wasn't good for my family or me. But God is good! I have grown in Christ as the

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result of the adversity I experienced during those times. I have overcome all obstacles in Christ. There were many to overcome.

Look honestly at how things have changed overtime for you. Tell me! Was life better for your family in your grandparents prime, your parents prime or now for you? Looking at this spand of time from the perspective of how the Christian faith has impacted the culture, it seems to me that someone has been working hard behind the scenes to stamp out Christianity across America. It seems to me that our organizational atmospheres inside America evidences an

increasing culture of lies and liars. Truth and truth tellers are having less impact on outcomes.

Our individual freedoms are under attack in a way I never thought possible in my earlier years. A culture of lies has largely replaced the culture of Christianity in many places across America. The truth is being exchanged for the lie.

my parents would be shocked

There is a level of deception and apostasy in our society today that my parents and grandparents would be at a total loss to explain rationally if they were suddenly transported back to life. God said it would happen.

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight”

Isaiah 5:20

This whole chapter of Isaiah is full of woes spoken by God through his prophet to his day. They did not heed God's words. What happened? Terrible destruction. We are in a similar day. I see such blindness and deafness in the church. It's just like in Jeremiah's day.

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Things in my view are so bad inside many churches today that those who confess Christ are conditioned to expect political correctness even inside church walls. It is the new norm. The Laodician Church spoken of by God in the seventh letter in Revelation, chapter three! With out

massive change in our nation the destruction Isaiah saw in his time is coming to America.

When many Christians come together in fellowship the conversations going on, are not much different than in non-christian groupings. I am not even sure that Christians would come across as nicer and more polite these days.

“With lies have you made the heart of the righteous sad.”

Ezekiel 13:22

The Bible tells us that the beginning of all wisdom is the fear of the Lord. Am I alone in seeing the disappearance of the fear of the Lord inside many church cultures? As it has disappeared inside the church paganism has flourished in the outside culture. This is the new America. I have come to the conclusion nothing that needs repairing in our culture can be fixed by the flesh, i.e. natural means. We need supernatural help.

I see why our ancestors migrated to this nation from Europe. It was to get away from the evil in their lands, that had become unbearable (the dark ages that lasted a thousand years). Things are becoming unbearable for many in America. Not so much in a material or physical comfort sense. The LORD is good to those who fear him (**Matthew 6:30**) who act as a covering for the society at large. But that covering is being removed.

I don't like much of the change that has come to our nation. I would like to migrate somewhere else. But there is no where else to go where things don't seem to be as bad or worse. I have tried to do my part to effect positive change here. I have devoted years of public service during my productive years to help make things better for those less fortunate. But its like a drop in a bucket of water. Hasn't really changed things at all over the long haul. Evil

marches on....

There is no changing our culture, and no place better to go. The only thing left to do is come out of this deteriorating situation that I see going on around me in a different way.

the different way

“Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.”

1 Timothy 6:5

The only thing to do in such a situation is to change yourself, and that is what the Bible tells us to do. I must train myself to realize that in Christ I am complete in him. Changing my thinking so that I can live in this strange culture, yet not be apart of it. Taking care to not buy into the deception that is increasing every day all around me. We are not creating a brave new world that is better then it was when Christianity had such a marked influence. We must resist the constant brainwashing that goes on.

“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.”

Colossians 2:10

“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies.”

Psalms 18:3

Back in the past when I was younger I felt more like I really fit in. When I was young I convinced myself I was a part of something great and could help make it greater. But that was

when Christianity influenced our culture. What motivates me now is to keep myself pure in Christ, and to try to help

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specific individuals around me who are absorbed in the culture at large that the Holy Spirit points me to.

Believers should have the “mind of Christ,” not the mind of the world. So

many are in some kind of obvious bondage. Their focused attentions are on other things than trying to please the Lord. We all are born with the same nature. We have like passions: lusts, fixations, ambitions, loyalties, grudges, etc. Things that bind men to the various world systems that they try to control through self restraint.

We who are Christ's and have reached maturity have the freedom to help such people when led by the Lord. That focus can take our minds off how different we are from the many, in terms of our spiritual bent. Being born again and being baptized in the Spirit makes all the difference in this corrupt world.

Keeping our focus on the things of God enables us to live inside the particular apostate system we are in, so that it doesn't start to rule our lives just as Daniel did back in his day. The book of Daniel is very relevant in our day. For that reason the keys to understanding this important end time book have been unlocked. (**Daniel 12**). In my Bible it opens up with the sub title: *“the end times.”*

Look what Joshua, the overcomer wrote:

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but Thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou observe to do according to all that is written therein for then thou shall make thy way prosperous and then Thou shalt have good success.”

Joshua 1:8

Sound advice for tough times from one who overcame the darkness surrounding and pressing in on him. We don't have much longer before the rapture so keep looking up. Our redemption draws nigh.

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