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Greetings in Christ.

The first month of a new year is in history already. I'm certain that anyone with just an inkling of common sense, historical or Biblical knowledge can see our nation sliding into destruction and chaos. If you have any desire to know, as we all should, the course of America's prophesied demise, then this months' edition of our monthly magazine will greatly enlighten your understanding.

There is no need for me to write a prolonged personal letter concerning the topic of this months' issue. Please read it and pass it on to everyone on your email list! Help us reach all we can as soon as we can! We *are* running out of time!

In closing, I am just going to offer, once more, a teaching that we did several months ago that, unless you understand, you will *never* truly understand prophecy! You will continue to fall for the false doctrines of dispensationalism! *Please*, for your sake, get this teaching on DVD or CD!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Butch

Pastor Butch Paugh

History Pictures

October 1, 2025 ·

Reverend Amos was known on the Nebraska Plains in 1869 for his quiet sermons and gentle words. He told his flock that forgiveness was stronger than fury, that a man's soul could be saved no matter the sin. Folks trusted him, leaned on his faith, and never imagined he'd take to violence.

But when raiders torched his little church and dragged a young girl screaming into the night, the reverend's hands shook in a different way. He strapped on a six-shooter, saddled his horse, and rode hard beneath the stars. By dawn, smoke from his gun hung heavy in the air. Two men lay lifeless in the dust, and the girl stumbled free into his arms.

When he returned to town, blood still on his coat, no one asked questions. Amos laid his Bible back on the pulpit and preached as before. Yet some said they noticed a new weight in his voice — as if he knew that sometimes the line between prayer and a pistol was thinner than scripture ever dared admit.



I cor. 16:13-14 where have the Godly men
I tim. 5-8 gone?! I cor. 6: 9:10

" Liberty, peace and order, or tyranny, evil and
chaos ALL emanate from the church pulpits."
Pro. 14:34 Pastor Butch

The Fearful American — The Reason Charlie Kirk Is Today Dead

By Allan Steve

When you say, "No" to a face mask, it is so much more.

When you say, "No" to the death jab, it is so much more.

When you say, "No" to your child for wanting something bad for him, it is so much more.

When you say, "No" to your neighbor when he starts talking about things that you do not want to be a part of, it is so much more.

When you say, "No" to a stranger misbehaving in public, it is so much more.

You are an adult.

You live in a free place.

Freedom is not free.

It costs.

Every society needs order.

Every society will have order.

It will have order through the civil ways that society can do that, or it will have order through the point of a gun. Those are our choices.

America has numerous founding documents, the most fundamental of those is the Bible. Appropriately, America's second president, John Adams, wrote in 1798 in a letter to the Massachusetts Militia, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Freedom and morality are partners, freedom cannot exist absent morality.

When you say, "Yes" to a child who needs to be told no, it is so much more.

When you say, "Yes" to a stranger misbehaving, it is so much more.

Your bold presence and your calm authority is needed everywhere you go.

There may be penalties for that. In fact, that is what most people say to me when I say that. They bring up the penalties that come with upright behavior.

Well, the fact that you bring up penalties in response to my insistence that you do the right thing, is simply proof that you are among the problem. You are among the fearful Americans — those who live in what is arguably the most free culture that has ever existed, arguably the most well-developed civilization on the planet, and you do not promote that, but you cower in fear. You fear what someone will say to you. You fear what someone will do to you. You shirk from responsibility, "so you can live to fight another day." You shirk from responsibility so there "can be peace in my day."

The coward is a moral cheapskate. He is unwilling to spend the capital. He is unwilling to spend the capital that it takes to build an upright society. He is very much willing to live in one, but when he is called on to build that society, he all of a sudden has nothing to offer.

And you see, the year is not 1953 anymore, nor is it 1973, nor 1993. Behaving yourself does not cut it. Back in the day when you were a mooch, living off the upright moral courage of others, maybe that did the job, but not today. An upright society is not formed by simply behaving. And we have a society that is today not upright, and that needs very much to return to being upright — and without a totalitarian to bring it to that place.

Because then, freedom is lost. Freedom is lost if we turn it all over to the strongman and ask us to build it for us. We will have neither freedom nor security from that cowardice.

When tasked with that work, you say it is just too expensive for you to stop and correct every misbehaving person in your life, it is too expensive for you to only stay silent around upright behavior. You profess freedom, but you show an unwillingness to do what it takes to return to freedom. If all you can do is to yourself behave upright and to be silent whenever anyone misbehaves around you, again, you are very much part of the problem of this era we live in.

You are the one who has always been a problem in a free society, because without your willingness to pay a price, there will be no freedom in your midst in your life. I am not saying there needs to be 51% of the population that behaves a certain way or 33% or 3% or any other number. That is a fatally flawed collectivist way of seeing the world. The world simply does not work that way. The way you behave impacts how the world around you treats you. That is how the world works — whether there be a so-called “critical mass” of people doing the same thing or not.

You, on your own, can be a leader walking through the world as a responsible man and consequently as a free man, or you can be an unfree man in the world. The rest of the world will tend to give you back what you give to it. The world may not like how you treat it. The world may wince or react loudly or violently at how you treat it. But you will generally be treated just as well as you treat the world around you. You will generally receive the standard back that you allow around you.

When you say nothing to a face mask, absolutely nothing, to a face mask worn in your presence, it is so much more.

When you say nothing to a child who needs to be told, “No,” it is so much more.

When you say nothing to a stranger misbehaving, it is so much more.

Those are the moments where society is formed. Those are the moments when an upright people are shaped. Those little areas of cultural pushback are times when you are able to grow the increasingly stronger spine that you need to live an upright life and to lead others.

This is not about a face mask.

This is about so much more.

“It is not my job!” you throw your hands up and say when a ghetto dweller acts ghetto in your presence, in a place that is not the ghetto. No, Sir, it is your job. It is your job to tell him to behave himself or to get out of there. Might you get shot

when you do that. Maybe. But probably not. The more practice you get, the less likely you getting hurt becomes.

Again, the fact that you bring up penalties in response to my insistence that you do the right thing, is simple proof that you are among the problem. You are among the fearful Americans.

"It is not my job!" you throw your hands up and say when a child misbehaves in your presence and a parent does nothing. No, Sir, it is your job. It is your job to tell him to behave himself or to get out of there. It is your job to scold the parent for what takes place too. Might you get shot when you do that. Maybe. But probably not.

Again, the fact that you bring up penalties in response to my insistence that you do the right thing, is simple proof that you are among the problem. You are among the fearful Americans. When you stand up in such moments, you become better at standing up in such moments. When you speak bravely in such moments, you become better at speaking bravely in such moments. When you insist on a certain standard around you, you become better at insisting on a certain standard around you.

We are in a point in time where there are no standards.

People have the spurious debate about whether one should back the blue and have stricter policing or whether cops need to be more strictly watched for misfeasance. Both are true. The police need to be watched carefully and kept decent in their behavior, and there needs to be strict policing of crime. However, the police are not the answer. The totalitarian approach of stricter policing solving the problem of a morally lax people is a cat-and-mouse game that never works and that leads society down a bad path.

A more moral people is the real answer, a more moral people is the real answer that is needed from that distracting and spurious debate. If you are caught in that debate, you are missing the real answer. It can hardly be a surprise that such a debate is so often thrust in front of the public — because it never leads to the right answer.

The right answer is to work on yourself, and to lead everywhere you go, by example, but with more, with a much more important step — by not allowing nonsense in your presence.

The stop-gap answer is more policing. It's not enough. It can help in an emergency. It's not enough.

Having an upright man in a community is needed — a man who understands freedom, who understands morality, and who demands a modicum of each from all of those who wish to be around him. I am talking all day long. All day long, if there is another human being around you, it is your job to have a modicum of freedom

and a modicum of decency from that person. And if there is not, it is your job to speak up.

The Karens are to be lauded, because they speak up.
The BLM protestors and cancel culture mob are laudable because they speak up.
The trannies who parade around the way they wish to are laudable because they speak up.

These people show the right behaviors required for shaping a society, only they tend to lack the moral underpinning in what they are doing.

That is where you come in.

"Live and let live," may be a great saying when it comes to government regulation, but that is not what I am talking about. I am talking about how to have a functioning society that does not need the government regulation. To have a day around other people that is "live and let live," is a day in which you abrogate responsibility.

When you know that something is right or wrong, you need to speak that openly when aberrant behavior presents itself.

The time for coasting on the foundations built a century or more ago has passed.

I do not need to know who shot Charlie Kirk.
I do not care what lie I may or may not be told when the news starts to tell a story about who killed Charlie Kirk.
I know I live in a fearful America, a place that fears consequences too greatly to say, "No" to evil.
I know how significant that is.
That daily behavior, that daily unwillingness of upright man to communicate to his environment what is right and what is wrong, daily, all day long, leads to a decay that leads to the Charlie Kirk assassination and worse.

America is in a dark, dark place.
You do not realize the role you play in it when you abrogate responsibility.
You do not realize how hard it is to get back to what we had.

My Muslim friends, my Jewish friends, my atheist friends might not like this, but that will not stop me from pointing out a further detail of this dissolution of values and courage in America.

America does not need Trump, nor does it need any other man to save it.

America needs Jesus.

And America needs men who will stand up and stop letting everything around them fall apart. You can lead those in your midst, or you can watch those around you be led by the worst of influences. That choice is yours.

That choice is entirely yours.

Charlie Kirk's lifeless body is in a casket because Americans lost the ability to identify evil and to denounce it in their midst.

What comes next in your life is up to you.

You can't change the whole world.

But you can shape the part of the world that you interact with.

That choice is entirely yours.

Rw-21:8

**"We shall have no real hope to survive the enemies arranged against us until we hang the traitors lurking among us."
~ Thomas Paine**



■ A 67-year-old Chinese man who was hospitalized with excruciating abdominal pain was stunned to learn the source—a cigarette lighter he'd swallowed on a drunken dare 30 years earlier. Identified by the surname Deng, the man underwent a gastroscopy to find the source of the pain, and doctors noted a blackened object corroded by stomach acid. After retrieving it, they found to their astonishment that the lighter still worked. Deng said he'd forgotten all about swallowing the lighter. "I thought it would pass naturally. I didn't expect it to just stay there."

"If I were the devil, I'd destroy the next generation not by terror or violence, but by distraction, disconnection, and slow erosion of meaning."
ChatGPT, quoted in The Free Press

"There is no flag large enough to cover the shame of killing innocent people."
Historian Howard Zinn, quoted in Common Dreams

"Good advice is always certain to be ignored, but that's no reason not to give it."
Agatha Christie, quoted in The Knowledge

SCOTUS Declines To Review Kim Davis' Obergefell Challenge

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we need to make God's word our only sovereign authority! NOT the U.S. constitution! IT IS NOT inspired!

WASHINGTON D.C. – Today, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review Liberty Counsel's petition for writ of certiorari in *Davis v. Ermold*, the case involving former Rowan County Kentucky Clerk Kim Davis. The High Court's denial of the review was without a ruling on the merits. By declining to hear the case, SCOTUS leaves the wrongly decided *Obergefell* opinion in place. The Court also leaves unresolved an important constitutional question of whether the First Amendment's complementary protections of Free Speech and Free Exercise Clause protect government officials sued in their individual capacity for actions taken based on their religious beliefs.

without out the bible the constitution will NOT work!

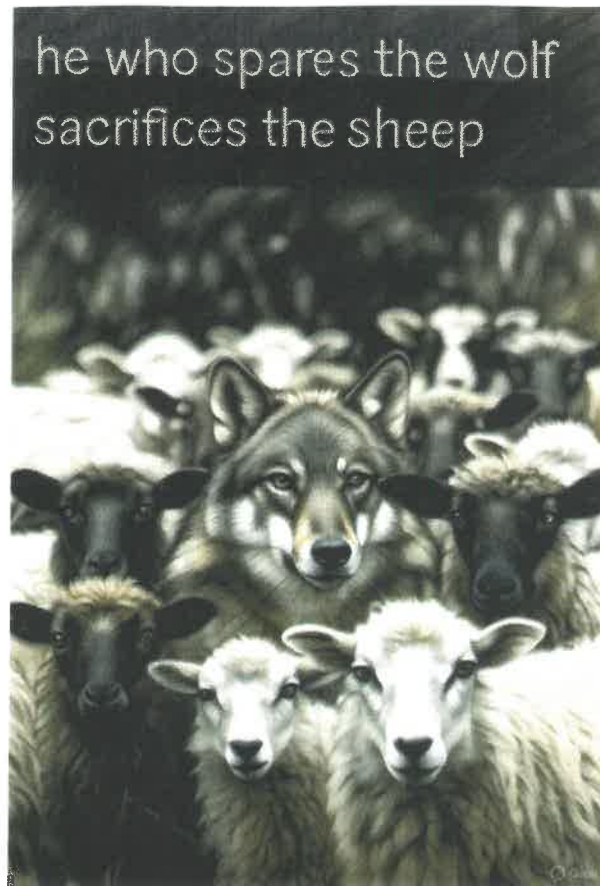
The denial also leaves in place a Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that held Davis personally liable for a same-sex couple's "hurt feelings" from not getting a marriage license from Davis due to her upholding her religious views on marriage.

Believing marriage as a union between one man and one woman, Davis ceased issuing any marriage licenses from June 29 to early September 2015 while she sought an accommodation for her religious beliefs. But two sets of plaintiffs, including David Ermold and David Moore, sought to mock Davis' Christian faith by forcing her name on their marriage license through litigation. Their attempt failed when Gov. Steven Beshear agreed that the altered license without Davis' name was valid. From early September onward, licenses were issued without Davis' name on them. In December 2015, newly elected Governor Matt Bevin issued an executive order granting the accommodation Davis sought. Then in April 2016, the Kentucky legislature unanimously codified the religious exemption by removing the names of all clerks from the state's marriage licenses.

Prior to this, however, the courts used *Obergefell* to deny her a religious accommodation that unconstitutionally forced her to choose between her religious beliefs and her livelihood. Ermold and Moore could have gone to any number of nearby clerks to get a marriage license. But they wanted **Davis'** name on their license. In 2017, Ermold and Moore amended their complaint and sued Davis in her individual capacity for emotional distress for "hurt feelings." In addition to six days in jail, Davis was held liable for \$360,000 in damages and attorney's fees over their "hurt feelings" stemming from her religious expression.

Liberty Counsel's petition cited several dissenting Justices from the 5-4 *Obergefell* opinion who predicted it would threaten the religious liberty of those who believe that marriage is a sacred institution between one man and one woman. Notably, Justice Clarence Thomas said that *Obergefell* would have "potentially ruinous consequences for religious liberty." Justice Thomas' prediction rang true for Davis.

Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, "Davis was jailed, hauled before a jury, and now faces crippling monetary damages based on nothing more than purported hurt feelings. By denying this petition, the High Court has let stand a decision to strip a government defendant of their immunity and any personal First Amendment defense for their religious expression. This cannot be right because government officials do not shed their constitutional rights upon election. Like the abortion decision in *Roe v. Wade*, *Obergefell* was egregiously wrong from the start. This opinion has no basis in the Constitution. We will continue to work to overturn *Obergefell*. It is not a matter of if, but when the Supreme Court will overturn *Obergefell*."



Glock Pistols And The Matthew Henry Study Bible

By Chuck Baldwin

I can hear the outbursts: What in the world do Glock pistols and a study Bible have to do with each other? Stay with me.

Both the Glock pistol and Matthew Henry Study Bible were at the very top of their respective fields. They had no peers.

I know. I know. All the “gun guys” out there who don’t like Glocks are now going crazy. Settle down, guys, and let me explain.

The great trifecta of gun inventors comprises Sam Colt, John Moses Browning and Gaston Glock. I am speaking specifically regarding handguns available to the general public for self-defense.

Sam Colt invented the modern revolver; John Browning invented the Model 1911 semi-automatic, single action pistol; and Gaston Glock invented the Glock double action pistol—a lightweight polymer framed, striker fired (no external hammer), extremely durable and reliable pistol with a high-capacity magazine that revolutionized the handgun world forever.

Since Glock’s overwhelming success, most major gun manufacturers have cloned—and some even improved—the Glock pistol. I think it’s probably safe to say that the vast majority of handguns sold in America today are either Glocks or Glock clones.

Almost everyone is familiar with the ageless adage: “God created all men; and Sam Colt made them equal.” If Sam Colt made them equal, Gaston Glock made them ubiquitous.

From the revolver to the 1911 to the Glock pistol, the handgun gave average, ordinary, everyday people the ability to protect themselves against the biggest, meanest, most violent offender.

Professor Gregory Kleck’s exhaustive research has proven that a law-abiding would-be victim-citizen defends him or herself with a firearm against a violent criminal attack [over 2 million times](#) a year in America. And the vast majority of those attacks are defeated by a handgun (as opposed to a rifle or shotgun).

Now, when I say that the Glock pistol is at the top of the field, I’m not saying that Glocks are the best pistols—or even handguns—in the field. When it comes to which handgun, which caliber, which bullet, which sights, which action, which frame, which barrel, which trigger, ad infinitum, is best, the answer depends upon who is talking. Those debates are interminable and not germane to this discussion.

Glocks are at the top of the field in that more people—including police officers—are carrying Glock pistols on their hip or in their pocket or in a shoulder holster or on their ankle or in their purse or shoulder bag than any other brand.

Glocks are to citizens what the Matthew Henry Study Bible was to Christians. Both were the common man's "go-to" resource.

Speaking of the Matthew Henry commentaries, the "Prince of Preachers" Charles Spurgeon said this:

First among the mighty for general usefulness we are bound to mention the man whose name is a household word, Matthew Henry. He is most pious and pithy, sound and sensible, suggestive and sober, terse and trustworthy. You will find him to be glittering with metaphors, rich in analogies, overflowing with illustrations, superabundant in reflections. It is the poor man's commentary, the old Christian's companion, suitable to everybody, instructive to all.

Matthew Henry began writing his commentaries in 1707. From the time of their publication, they have been the gold standard of Bible commentaries. In my view, they have no equal. Of course, this is not to impugn several other great post-Reformation scholars who penned diamonds of Biblical expositions, such as Albert Barnes, Adam Clarke, Jamieson, Faucett and Brown, John Gill, et al.

Speaking of Gill (who was Spurgeon's predecessor), one of the pithiest sayings to come out of 19th-century England—comparable to the popular dictum in 20th- and 21st-century America, "Is the pope Catholic?"—was the maxim, "Is Dr. Gill in his study?"

In 1994, Kenneth Abraham condensed the massive volumes of Matthew Henry commentaries into a study Bible known fittingly as the Matthew Henry Study Bible. This was the finest study Bible ever published. It dwarfs modern (i.e., 20th- and 21st-century) commentaries.

Most modern commentaries are nothing but pathetic clones of the Scofield Reference Bible and promote the devilish doctrines of Christian Zionism. But Christian Zionism (aka Scofield Futurism, Prophetic Dispensationalism, etc.) was unknown in the days of Henry. For that matter, it was unknown to the New Covenant Church for over 1,800 years, specifically until 1909, when the Zionists at Oxford University published Scofield's heretical book.

Years ago, we became a distributor for the Matthew Henry Study Bible (MHSB) and quickly became one of its largest distributors. Then, shockingly, we received news that the great Matthew Henry Study Bible was being discontinued. The publisher was packing it in. No more MHSBs would be printed.

The English-speaking church lost its finest study Bible—the only comprehensive study Bible (of a practical size) that I know about that does NOT promote Christian Zionism,

Scofieldism, Darbyism, Prophetic Dispensationalism, etc. (The Geneva Bible is fantastic, but it's the size of a dictionary and one needs a magnifying glass to read the text.)

And now, just a few months later, we learn that Glock is discontinuing almost all of their pistols. We are told that they are introducing a redesigned (aka politically correct) model, one that caters to gun-hating states such as California.

Many in the industry are saying that this unexpected and unprecedented change occurred because the State of California will ban Glocks from being sold to the citizens of the communist state beginning in July of next year. Of course, law enforcement personnel can still carry Glocks in California. Yet another example of the "we can, but you can't" big-government ideologues.

I believe it would have been infinitely better for freedom nationwide if Glock executives had replied to Governor Gavin Newsome's tyranny: "You're banning our pistols from the citizens of California? Fine! We're banning California's law enforcement personnel from our pistols."

I personally do not believe it is coincidental that Glock's capitulation is taking place only two years after Glock's founder, Gaston Glock, passed away at the age of 94 in 2023.

I'm hearing many pro-Second Amendment podcasters and writers say that Glock, Inc. is being "smart" and is simply "getting ahead" of anti-gun lawsuits coming from stridently anti-Second Amendment states and municipalities around the country.

That might be Glock's thinking, but if it is, it isn't giving any consideration to the domino effect that follows from giving in to gun grabbers. Gun manufacturers giving in to the demands of gun grabbers is tantamount to the Palestinians giving in to the demands of the Israelis.

The Israelis won't be satisfied until all Palestinians are either killed or completely ethnically cleansed from their homeland. And even if they succeeded in that endeavor (which they won't), they still wouldn't be satisfied. They would then attempt to slaughter the rest of their Arab neighbors. And gun grabbers won't be satisfied until all firearms are removed from the citizenry. And if they succeeded in their endeavor (which they won't), they still wouldn't be satisfied. They would then attempt to ban bows and arrows. And after that, Bowie knives. People who are drunk with power will never stop themselves. They will only be stopped if someone else stops them.

Making deals with gun grabbers or Israelis is making deals with devils.

People who are illegally modifying Glock pistols to convert them to full auto are already breaking the law. Does anyone really believe that people will not be able to find ways to illegally modify Glock's new "V" models? Nonsense! Smart people are on both sides of the law.

There isn't a door made that cannot be broken down. There isn't an alarm made that can't be turned off. There isn't an ignition system made that can't be started without a key. There isn't a safe made that can't be gotten into. And there isn't a semi-automatic firearm that can't be illegally converted to full auto.

And that's the point, isn't it? For the gun grabbers, Glock's capitulation gives them grounds to make the argument that ALL semi-automatic firearms (pistols, rifles and shotguns) must be banned, because all of them are susceptible to a smart bad guy figuring out a way to bypass whatever mechanical "fixes" are created.

Deals with devils only benefit devils.

And I'm not even addressing here the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of banning fully automatic firearms. The point is, authoritarians are never satisfied until they have total and absolute control over the citizenry, and ridding society of its ability to defend itself is always priority Number One.

And speaking of authoritarians, is Donald Trump intentionally manipulating the American people into a state of anarchy and civil unrest? Are all his plans to send military troops into America's cities to do civilian policing a precursor to a manufactured crisis justifying martial law?

Without arguing the right and wrong of Lyndon Johnson's "Great [Welfare] Society," over 40 million Americans are living off government food stamps. If the government shutdown continues, food stamps will be terminated the day after tomorrow (November 1). That means over 40 million people are going to begin running short of food SOON.

Again, I'm not debating the right and wrong of the welfare system. I think most readers know my position on these matters. I'm simply facing reality. When people start going hungry, things get ugly fast.

Is Trump and Company deliberately manipulating people to riot so it can implement martial law? It's just a question. Time will tell.

The point I'm trying to make is that the collapse of Glock (as we know it) and the Matthew Henry Study Bible within only a few months of each other is not coincidental. Both institutions (if we can call a gun company or a Bible commentary an institution) are the supreme symbols of 1) a great societal tool of protection, and 2) a great spiritual tool of protection.

There is one noticeable difference between the two: One's collapse was orchestrated by forces outside the ones who benefited from the institution (Glock). The other (MHSB) was willingly and deliberately abandoned by the ones who needed it the most.

For example, last week I received a hostile letter from a "Christian" lady excoriating me for my anti-Zionist position. In making her argument, she accused me of using "perverted Bible commentaries."

I think that letter is a microcosm of the spiritual condition of today's evangelicals. They are so "dumbed down" scripturally that they don't even recognize sacred truth when they see it. Even worse, they brazenly call good evil and evil good. (Isaiah 5:20)

The Matthew Henry Study Bibles are gone. And the *real* Glocks are slated for extinction on December 1.

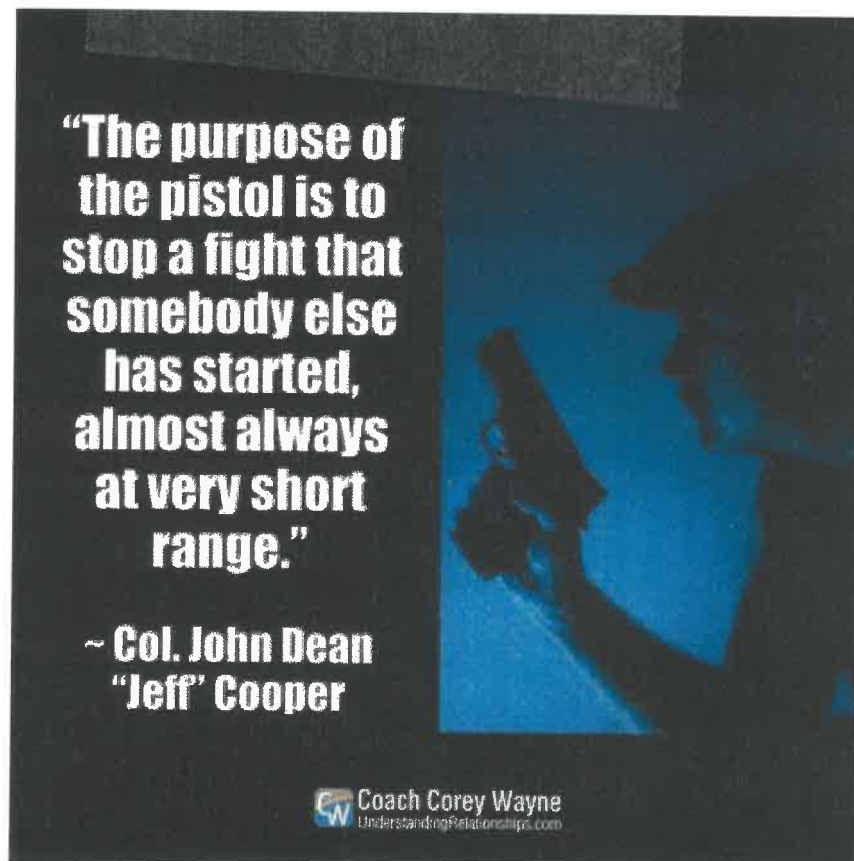
Folks, when you find something of value, something really good, something that you trust and rely on, you need to buy as much of it as you can, because the forces of darkness intend to take everything good away from us.

Even the shampoo I've depended on for over 40 years has been discontinued. And the socks I've happily worn for decades are gone. My gloves? Gone! My favorite shirt? Gone! My wife can't find dishwashing liquid that stays sudsy for more than thirty minutes. We're paying twice as much for products that are half as good. Oh! My favorite boots? They're gone!

I'm getting depressed!

I'm so glad I bought my Glocks when I did.

Now I feel better.



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“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.” (Revelation 2:26)

In memoriam to
Texe Marrs

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A NATION OF HALFS

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”

—Revelation 3:15-16

“And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

—Hebrews 6-11-12



Jerry Barrett

“halfs.” Our political leaders—local, state, and federal—deem themselves the all-knowing and thus all-powerful potentates who are to rule over us. Many of these politicians have neglected to remember what the Preamble of the Constitution states:

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Michael Hopf, in his novel *Those Who Remain* wrote: “Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. And, weak men create hard times.”

American history personifies this statement. From its inception, our founding fathers lived through the hard times under King George. Their strength propelled them to write the Declaration of Independence and strike out for a democratic republic.

Throughout our nation’s history we have suffered through tough times and come out on the other side a much stronger country. Sadly, this author believes that the good times we have been blessed with has created weak men, and we are headed for hard times.

Recall the bleakness of the “Great Depression” of the 1930s, the dust bowl era, and the strength of character that many men displayed in bringing our nation back to full strength. Some historians will have you believe it was the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt that led to our resurgence—forgetting the fact that these so-called leaders ushered in socialist doctrines.

The men of this era were tough-minded individuals. Many refused the handouts offered through Roosevelt’s socialist “jobs” programs. These men put the burden of restoring our nation on their backs and pushed forward.

Half-Wits in Positions of Power

As the title for this article suggests, we are a nation of

Moreover, many of the citizens of this country have failed to realize the gravity with which we have a responsibility to uphold. This question has been posed many times wherein this author has asked, “How many politicians would you trust to babysit your children?” More times than not, the replies have been *maybe* one or two.

This begs the following question then: why do we keep putting these people in office? How many dim-wits would



The Great Depression yielded tough-minded individuals.

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you care to work for, let alone with? More and more Americans have started asking why these so-called leaders have not been able to balance the budget for this nation?

The obvious answer is POWER! This has become an inherent problem with politicians on both sides of the aisle. Many of these so-called statesmen have never owned or run a business, managed a payroll, paid bills, and felt the struggle of small business owners across this nation of trying to keep the doors open.

The Blind Leading the Blind

Instead, they come from the prestigious halls of academia, where theory holds more weight than facts. Likewise, the professors educating our future leaders have secured their fiefdoms with tenured positions, without having experienced real world problems.

It is extremely possible that the good times our current crop of politicians have lived through has made them weak. In turn, this weakness will lead us all into a period of hard times.

After suffering through the scandemic lock downs—on a local and national level—as well as mandates forcing the common folks to get a job that was neither effective or healthy, those with a strong backbone started to push back.

Unfortunately, the sycophants that have received indoctrination through education and controlled media will continue to support these half-wits in office. Some, feeling a sense of superiority over their neighbors, may be inclined to throw their hat in the ring for upcoming local elections.

Going Halfway Should Not Be An Option

Growing up, my brothers and I were taught that if you were going to do a job, you should do it to completion. Half-steps were not an option. We were also taught to take pride in doing a job well.

Today's society, where good is good enough, is another reflection on good times making weak men. We seem to have forgotten the fact that doing anything halfway only yields marginal benefits.

In *Deuteronomy 8:17-18*, Moses explains that the blessings given unto us are from God:

"And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth..."

How quickly man forgets these things. It seems to be human nature to feel that success is from single-mindedness of purpose. Hubris denies the innate fact that it comes from God.

In *Hebrews 6:9-12*, it reaffirms that it is due diligence from which we receive our blessings from God:

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Likewise, Christ had no use for those who only went halfway. In *Revelation 3:15-16* we read:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

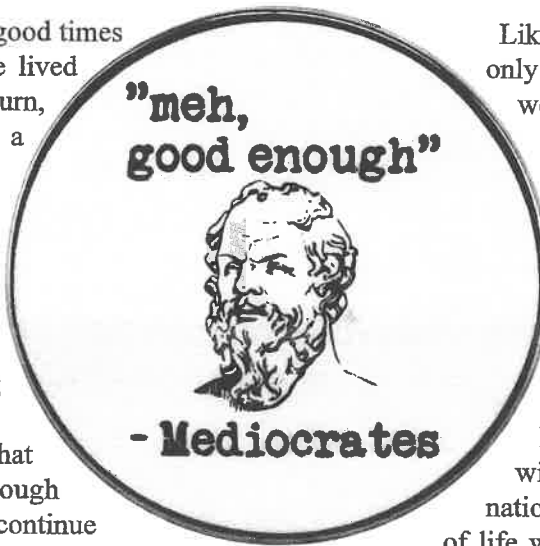
Stand and Be Counted for God

It should not come as a shock to those with eyes to see and ears to hear. Our nation has become perverted in many facets of life wherein it is okay to be mediocre. We continually accept our elected leaders for doing just enough to get by.

Likewise, we continue to watch and financially award lukewarm pastors who spew messages of love, happiness, and joy without giving out the requirements put forth in His Holy Word. Did not Paul teach the Ephesian elders the whole truth of God?

"For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:27-28).

It is high time that strong men come to the fore, lest this nation become an effeminate, weak, and addle-brained group of lost souls. The signs are all about us, but what are we to do about it? It is imperative that the blood-bought, born again believers right the path of this nation.



CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EMPIRE

"IF YOUR GOD IS NOT YOUR KING

THEN YOUR KING BECOMES YOUR GOD"

An empire assumes the divine attributes of:

- 1. Indivisibility**
- 2. Infallibility**
- 3. Irresistibility**

1. Exercises political control or influence over vast expanded territories beyond its natural or original boundaries -- *i.e., Puerto Rico, Philippines, Samoa.*
2. Meddles politically in the affairs of foreign nations.
3. Maintains military posts or bases throughout the world.
4. Conducts wars of aggression on foreign soil rather than be restricted to defensive wars only for its own protection.
5. Plays the role of 'world policeman' in order to maintain political stability in a region for its own self interest.
6. Has self-assumed powers or interest in the social, physical, economic and educational welfare of the citizens of smaller or lesser nations, *i.e., Peace Corps Program.*
7. Annexes or offers statehood to nations or territories comprised of alien people – *i.e., Hawaii, Alaska.*
8. Has an expanded immigration policy.
9. Accepts foreigners into its realm as unskilled laborers.
10. Original citizenry becomes rich, lazy, fat and demands "bread and circuses" (aka "*pleasure-treasure*" mentality).
11. Has an ostensibly successful economy while national debt increases.
12. Personal wealth increases while personal debt and bankruptcies greatly increase.
13. Economic disparity widens between its citizens, rich and poor ("*homeless*").
14. Social classes result - *3 classes in Rome* -
 - a. *Patricians (elite)*
 - b. *Equites (middle class)*
 - c. *Plebeians (lower class) sometimes known as bourgeoisie and proletariats.*
15. Stipulates and regulates a national health care program, *i.e., Medicare, Medicaid.*
16. Regulates and manages a state-run "free" public educational system. *In 1863 during the Lincoln administration, the U.S. Department of Education was established with five employees. Its only original official purpose was for the collection of statistics.*
17. Pretends to protect the citizens from themselves by removal of their means of protection – *i.e., firearms.*

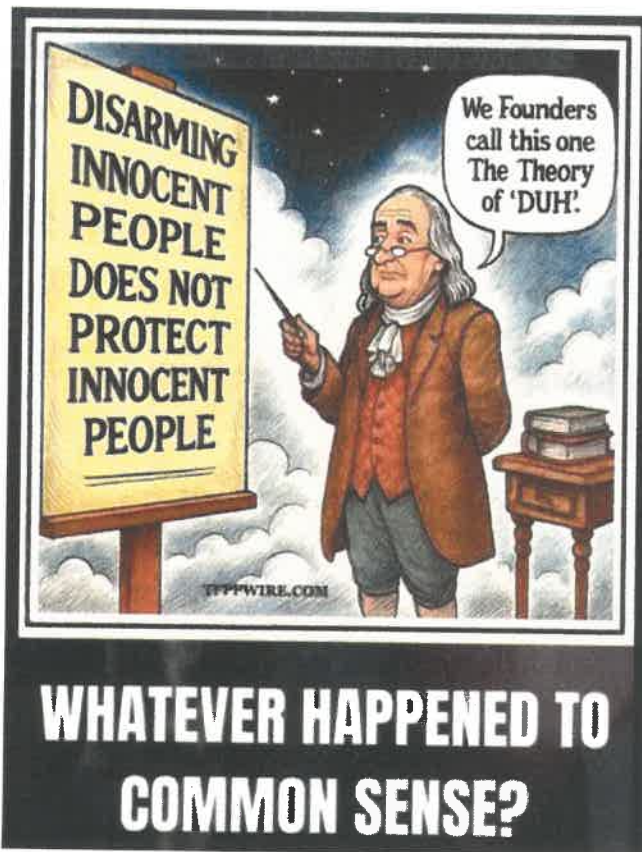
18. The centralized government becomes top-heavy, self-serving and is the largest employer in the empire. It then is replete with graft, fraud, waste and inefficiency.
19. Has a powerful foreign political influence exerted upon its leaders in order to influence foreign policy and even to grant favors, *i.e. China and Israeli states*.
20. Has an abundance of laws (legislative acts, bureaucratic regulations, executive orders and judicial edicts) in order to control the masses and to strengthen its own position claiming infallibility and irresistibility.
21. Continues to make demands upon its citizens to pay for expanded imperial governmental projects by a progressive and gradual increase of a wide range of taxes, duties, imposts and fees.
22. Offers benefits to non-citizens: financial, medical, social, and so forth; largesse which acts as an attraction for increased alien immigration.
23. The size of government is so vast that it cannot effectively "police" its own bureaus, departments and employees so that it creates an ideal climate for political corruption.
24. Gives legal license for moral corruption among its citizens, *i.e., judicial decisions such as Roe vs. Wade and the giving to homosexuals a protected class status*.
25. Maintains a vast social welfare system, thus creating an atmosphere which greatly fosters and encourages governmental dependence within the minds of its citizen recipients.
26. Creates and maintains a central government "statist" mentality in the minds of its citizens by means of a vast propaganda campaign.
27. The empire's fiat currency, economy and the government's treasury are controlled by a usurious central banking system.
28. Regulates and manages a vast agricultural program, *i.e., In 1862 during the Lincoln administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture was established with ten employees. Its only official original purpose was for the collection of statistics*.
29. Builds and maintains a vast highway transportation system. *The Romans were master road builders and thus the origin of the phrase "all roads lead to Rome." The original purpose of both the Roman and American "super highway" system was for the rapid and uninterrupted movement of military troops.*
30. Decreases the value of human life (*abortion and euthanasia*).
31. Has a large and pernicious criminal element which results in the empire maintaining a vast domestic police force.
32. Creates and maintains internal civil strife between different ethnic groups due to cultural conflicts and the struggle for ethnic superiority.
33. The descendants of the original citizens eventually become a dispossessed element in society.
34. The religious belief system of its founders and forefathers loses its controlling influence and is replaced with an opposing religion.
35. The memory of its original heritage and the exploits of its ancestral heroes are eventually minimized, diminished, despised and/or simply forgotten while make-believe "heroes" with perverse values are manufactured and; therefore, portrayed as the ideal of the imperial dream.
36. Miscegenation among its subjects is allowed and even encouraged by its political, social, academic and religious leaders.

Historical and current empires may differ from each other in their peculiar characteristics but the one common element that all empires possess is that they are held together by **FORCE**. This force may take the form of economic, political and/or educational coercion, but it always finally results in brutal **military** force. This force is eventually turned inward upon its own subjects (citizens) in order to demand total allegiance to the state as being supreme.

History proves that once a nation has descended into becoming an empire, there is very little hope for its recovery. In the case of the United States, the only hope for redemption is found in genuine individual and national repentance:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

-- 2 Chronicles 7:14



Truth Never Changes

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Do you ever wish there were at least some things in the world that didn't change? At least *some* things that were not destroyed by the ever-twisting depravity of our modern culture? I do.

I just returned from the UPS Store, where I was berated by a woman for five full minutes and I still don't know what I did wrong. Here's what happened. First of all, I should tell you that I hate going to the UPS Store because the line is always long; usually extending all the way from the counter to the entry door. That was the case again today.

As I approached the building, I noticed a young woman in her twenties also headed for the door. She was struggling with three large boxes, as anyone would be, because the boxes were cumbersome. Trying to be a gentleman, I rushed ahead and held the door open for her. I thought she'd appreciate the help and maybe even say "thank you."

But that's when it started. She snarled at me and asked, "You think I'm not capable of opening my own door?" I replied that I was just trying to be helpful and thought it would be a nice gesture to not only get the door for her, but let her step in the long line ahead of me.

"Don't speak to me," she yelled sternly, now starting to cause a scene. "I never gave you permission to speak to me, and I don't need your chauvinistic 'toxic masculinity' either." All I did was hold the door open for her, and let her go ahead of me in line. I thought that was the end of it, but then as we were both in line in the crowded store, with her in front of me, she whipped her head around once more, and then told me to not stand so close to her. Believe me, I didn't want to stand anywhere near her, but the line of customers was now so long I had no choice, other than to stand outside; which is what I did.

With no room left inside the store, I went and stood in the freezing drizzle, with other waiting customers, until I felt she was sufficiently forward in the line that I wouldn't offend her with my presence. By the time she concluded her business, I was inside again, waiting my turn, and though I was next in line, I stood about ten feet behind her. As she left, she deliberately bumped into me — hard. I'm pretty sure she would have physically attacked me if she thought she could get away with it. In her mind, I had committed a "hate crime" against her, simply by holding the door and allowing her to go ahead of me. All I did was hold the door for someone struggling with a bunch of heavy boxes. I would have done the same for anyone in the same situation. But apparently, that offended her. Others in line didn't seem to know what her problem was either.

The incident left me wondering, what in the world has happened to common courtesy? I also wondered what sort of trauma she must have endured in order to end up the way she is. Over the years I've learned that "hurt" people, hurt people. Or perhaps there never was any trauma. Maybe she's just the product of the new societal norms, instilled in her mind by school, college and social media influencers. Who knows? But I *have* observed that people in general are not nearly as friendly as they once were. "Common courtesy" is not very common anymore.

I encounter hostile people everywhere these days. There's road rage on the highways. Store clerks are rude. When I'm working on the road, and go to a fast-food drive through, most times the people at the windows never say a word, except to announce the price. If I ever need to deal with a customer service rep over the phone for *anything*, I feel like a huge burden just for needing assistance. I wonder — are any of those calls (which are always recorded) *ever* used for "quality assurance or training purposes?"

Maybe I'm just getting old but I do long for the days when a person's job depended on them being friendly, nice and kind to the customers. When it was ok to lend a hand to a stranger in need. When people could be civil to one another, rather than fly into a rage for no apparent reason. When, even if we had opposing viewpoints, we could agree to disagree and move on, instead of forcing our opponents to accept our position and keep our mouths shut, or run the real risk of a physical attack, confrontation or riot.

I didn't particularly like the old TV show "All In the Family," but some of the lyrics from the theme song certainly ring more true today than they did when the program aired between 1971 and '79... "*And you knew who you were then. Girls were girls and men were men...*" And, "*Didn't need no welfare states. Everybody pulled his weight.*" Yes, those were the days, and they've been gone now for more than fifty years.

Today, a girl *might* be a girl, or might not. Men *might* be men...or they might not. After all, we now have 72 officially recognized and distinct different "genders." As far as welfare, we're now in a place where multiple generations know no other way of life. So, it's no wonder we're headed so quickly toward full acceptance of Socialism, Communism and even heavier government control of our lives. But I digress.

Things have certainly changed in America during my lifetime, and not for the better. All the advancements in technology and all the "knowledge" we're so proud of has led us no closer to true wisdom. We worship at the altar of convenience, comfort and ease, as we forfeit our Constitutional freedoms. We shout about "equality" and "tolerance," but our society is more hostile, violent and narcissistic than ever. Thinking ourselves to be wise, we've become fools, as we create gods for ourselves with our perverse imaginations.

With very few exceptions, the changes we've seen in our nation and our world have not been positive. But there *is* something in the world that's never changed. Malachi 3:6, "*I am the Lord, I change not.*" Hebrews 13:8, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*" Matthew 24:35, "*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.*" Psalm 119:89, "*Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven.*" Isaiah 40:8, "*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand forever.*" John 17:17, "*...Thy Word is truth.*"

Modern day "churches" can hang all the rainbow flags they want, but just because a former house of worship has been conquered by the LGBTQP+ and transgender cults, that doesn't change the fact that the Word of our God shall stand forever. What our Creator called "an abomination" then is still an abomination now, no matter how hard mankind works to twist the Word of the God to fit their reprobate minds. Even the highest court in the land cannot undo God's natural order or nullify the commands of God Almighty.

You see, there still is such a thing as absolute truth. Preach all the "moral relativism" you like, but truth is truth and it does not change. You'll hear many say, "that may be true for you, but it's not true for me." These are fools, choosing to believe the lies of Satan to appease their tortured souls and minds. Truth is truth and there's no changing it.

What's so disturbing is that God has made it so simple for us...even the most simple imbecile can understand the commands of God. Yet, in our own power, we're unable to follow them. Because, "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.*" He simplified His commandments down to only ten things, "*Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present age.*" And still, we all fail. Let's look at the Ten. With His own finger, He wrote:

1) "*Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.*" 2). Make no graven images or idols to bow down and worship them. 3). Don't take the Lord's name in vain. 4). Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. 5). Honor your parents. 6). Don't kill. 7). Don't commit adultery. 8). Don't steal. 9). Don't bear false witness against your neighbor. And 10). Don't covet anything that doesn't belong to you.

Surely all of mankind can agree on these ten points. Surely they're simple enough, sensible enough and worthy to be taught to our children, so that generation after generation can know and obey the simple commands of God our Creator. Imagine if we followed just these ten simple laws of God.

Instead, we have millions of *man-made* laws — many that contradict and pervert the laws of God. Today, we even have God-hating liberals who've used the carnal "legal" system" to *ban* God's simple Ten Commandments from public view — especially in our public schools, where surely the children would greatly benefit from their teaching. Way back in 1980, the US Supreme Court, in the case of *Stone v. Graham*, struck down a Kentucky statute that required a copy of the Ten Commandments to be posted on the wall of every public school classroom.

What was the main objection? The Court noted that by posting the Ten Commandments, it might, (and I quote), "...induce the schoolchildren to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments." Oh, surely we couldn't stand for that!

A statewide reporting system for "behavior incidents" was not established in Kentucky until the late 1990s, so we have no idea how bad things have gotten since the Supreme Court ruling on this in 1980. But we do know that in the 2024-25 school year, Kentucky public schools reported 257,290 so-called "behavior events," which included assaults, violence, weapons incidents, bullying and other hostilities perpetrated by students.

Now, just imagine how different things might be all these years later, if, in 1980, the Ten Commandments had been posted, and the students in Kentucky *did* meditate upon and perhaps obey the Commandments. Instead, we "venerate and obey" the secular "wisdom" of these people in black robes releasing judicial decrees across our nation that go completely contrary to the will and commands of God.

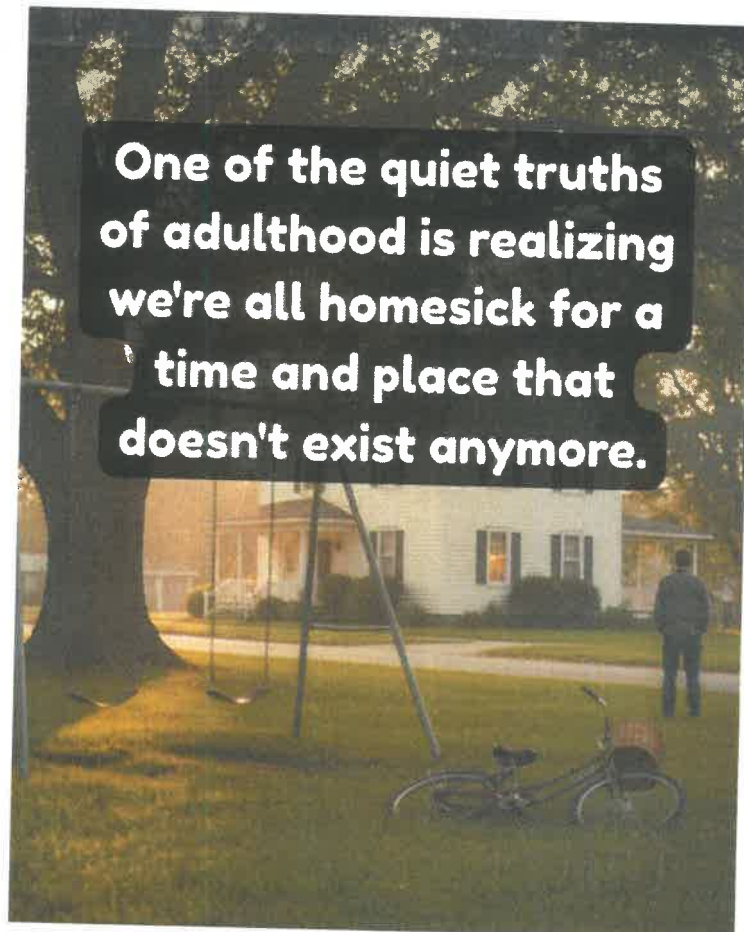
So, I ask you... how many sports teams do we make idols of, create graven images for and worship fanatically? How often is our Lord's name used as a curse word, or how often do people claim the name of Christ — claiming to be "Christians," while acting like anything *but* a Christ-follower? That's taking His name in vain.

How many of us keep the Sabbath Day holy and dedicate one day in seven to God? How many kids today honor their parents, or for that matter, how many adult children even bother with a card or a phone call on Mother's Day or Father's Day? We're lucky to get a text. Murder has become a daily occurrence in cities and towns nationwide. Adultery has become not just commonplace, but basically expected. Marriage vows, which used to include the words, "as long as we both shall live," are now often changed to "as long as we both shall love." In other words, "as long as we feel like it."

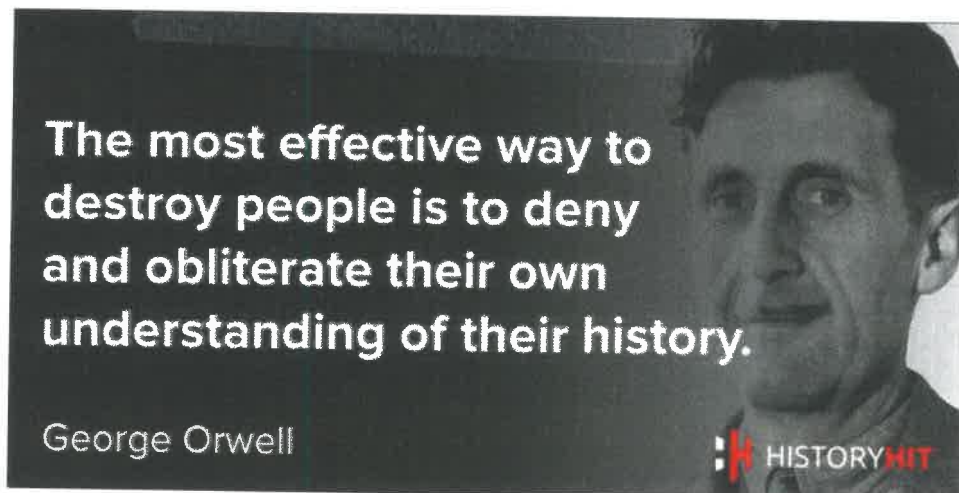
What about stealing? Theft has gotten so out of control that police no longer respond and thieves are no longer charged, if the theft is less than a thousand dollars. Bearing false witness? Happens everyday, from simple false accusations to perjury in court. And coveting... in recent years, people have been murdered on the streets of our cities because someone wanted their high-end shoes.

We live in an age of moral relativism, where anything goes and the so-called "truth" is always changing, as our carnal, lustful hearts grow ever darker. Today, there can be just as many "truths" as unrepentant sinners believe there are "ways to God." But the fact is, truth never changes. And neither does God or His Word.

Our Heavenly Father has given us the most simplified version of His commandments possible. So simple, natural and sensible there should be no debate as to the wisdom of following them. But knowing that we're even too hard-hearted to follow those ten simple rules, He's even made a way, through the sacrifice of His only Son, for the penalty of our sins to be paid for us. Still, we ignore and despise Him. There will be great weeping and gnashing of teeth when so many kneel before Him, and are without excuse.



Heaven is sounding sweeter all the time!



It's No Better To Be 'Safe' Than Sorry'

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The creed of slaves!

No "politics." No "religion." That's the new proper etiquette we have now here in America. It's been going on for decades, but today, it's at a whole new level. Whether you're out with a group of colleagues from work or even attending a family meal or gathering, the "polite" rule is, "No politics, no religion" allowed for discussion.

The trouble is, what's defined today as "politics" really has nothing at all to do with politics. These are moral issues, which have become weaponized and politicized by the radical Left. Our newspaper, *Wisconsin Christian News*, is rejected by more than 99% of pastors who lead churches where "politics" is off limits. Yes, we do sometimes publish articles that deal with genuine political matters. But most of what these pastors object to isn't political, it's moral.

I'm talking about the extremely serious, dangerous and demonic cultural issues our nation is laboring under. The destruction of the natural family, the indoctrination and brainwashing of our children in public schools. The sexual grooming and exploitation of our children at drag queen events that are now labeled "family friendly" and held in public parks. The ongoing murder of millions of babies through the barbaric act of abortion. The long list of "special" rights — not "equal" rights — of homosexuals. The radical LGBTQP+ cult that continues to recruit young, impressionable minds everywhere it can. The vilification of loving parents who object to teachers and schools dragging their kids into the confusion of "gender dysphoria" and transgenderism. The deliberate maiming and sterilization of young people who've been persuaded they were born in the wrong bodies.

I could go on. But none of these things I just mentioned are "political." They're absolutely moral issues. Spiritual issues. And now, we're so far down the rabbit hole with all this stuff I doubt we'll ever find our way back to reality because we've lost our moral compass. Most Americans have been given over to depraved minds.

Cultural changes happen through advertising, propaganda and mind manipulation of those who hold influence...facilitated by those who have the money and the means to push their agendas. As my friend, Coach Dave Daubenmire, has stated — “Christians give their money to churches. Leftists give their money to causes.” So, if you’re wondering why our nation is so confused and deluded, follow the money. While churches use the majority of their funds to pay salaries, maintain buildings and host “programs” that never leave the four walls of their stained-glass “safe spaces,” (except, *perhaps*, to fund an overseas missionary or two), the Left never stops raising money to push all this anti-Christ wickedness down the throats of mainstream America.

So, is it any wonder that an average of 72% of regular church-goers now believe same-sex so-called “marriage” is perfectly ok? Just a perfectly acceptable “alternative lifestyle.” We’re talking about sodomy here. I won’t describe it, but you can look it up. Is it any wonder that a majority of regular church-goers now question the inerrancy of the Bible? Why so many professing “Christians” now believe in the so-called “settled science” of evolution? Why you can’t find one out of a hundred faithful church-goers willing to speak the truth about so-called “political” issues, even as their own children are being dragged away to hell?

There was a time when it was a *good* thing to be a Christian in America. Young women sought out a “good Christian man.” Young men hoped to marry a “nice Christian girl.” The Bible was called “The Good Book.” Church was a place of reverence, where you wore your “Sunday Best,” not to impress others, but to put forth the very best of yourself in *honor* of our Heavenly Father. Christianity, essentially, was the cornerstone of a solid family and a moral society.

In those days, it was sort of hard to relate to the words of Jesus in Matthew 10 when He said, “*And ye shall be hated of all men for My name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.*” Or from John 15, “*If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*” Maybe a small minority of the world hated us back then. But today, we dare not even voice an *opinion* because of the furious, hateful backlash that’s sure to come our way if we do.

So many professing “Christians” are so fearful of being seen as “intolerant,” “bigoted,” “hateful,” or even called “Nazis,” that they’ve now become ashamed of the very Word of God they claim to believe and follow. Yes, in most cases, if the truth be told, professing Christians are ashamed of Christ. At the very least, they’re too afraid of what others might think of them if they’d dare open their mouths and speak the truth against the rampant, pure evil that’s invaded our land. You know I’m right.

How many times have you seen wickedness and evil taking place right in your own hometown, yet have chosen to just “stay out of it?” How many times have you heard or seen someone speaking abominable lies and told yourself, “Just keep your mouth shut?”

Faithful church-goers have been well trained to just keep their mouths shut. Instead of being trained up for the work of the ministry, these apostate so-called “houses of worship” have become what I call “de-boning” facilities. Let me explain. Your pastor may encourage you to invite others to church. “You catch ‘em, we’ll clean ‘em,” he says. You may even somehow muster the courage to do that, and maybe your guests do take you up on the offer and show up. You may think you’ve made a disciple. You may think, now that you’ve gotten them to church, they’ll “get saved.” In most cases, you’d be wrong.

Instead of being taught sound, Biblical truth and Scripture, and then trained up for the work of the ministry, provided they spend enough time at that de-boning facility you call a “church,” they’ll soon find they’ve had their backbones removed and are now just as afraid as you are of proclaiming God’s Word and truth. Just as afraid as you are of talking about “politics” or “religion” in public, on social media, or even in your own home if you have guests over who may be unbelievers.

If you’re a true Christ-follower, then you’re what people call a “Conservative Christian,” and you’re not afraid of what the world thinks of you. Obedience to your Savior vastly outweighs the “sticks and stones” you may have to endure from the world. And as such, with a Christian, Conservative worldview, our opinions and the ideas we present are sensible, thoughtful, based on Scripture, even quite scientific and educated. Yet the “other side,” those who oppose us so strongly, portray us as a bunch of ignorant, intolerant, uneducated morons who are so arrogant we constantly force our “religion” down the throats of everyone else. I have to ask: *who’s forcing what down whose*

throats? Of course, we're also called "haters," "homophobes," "hypocrites," and many other things. Why does that surprise you? And why do you care?

Is it not infinitely more important that you're following in the footsteps of Christ Himself, carrying the cross He's called you to bear? And let's be honest here: the "persecution" you may face in this country is nothing compared to what our brothers and sisters in other lands endure — and yet *they* have the courage to speak, share their testimonies, and proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Christ at every opportunity, even though it may cost them their very lives.

Hebrews 11 lists a partial "hall of fame" of faithful followers of God, many of whom labored in obscurity the whole of their lives, without seeing the fruit of their service to Christ. And at the end of the chapter, we read about those good and faithful servants who were truly persecuted, yet they persevered. Let's read together: *"...And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth."*

Doesn't sound much like "your best life now" that the majority of modern American pastors and churches promise, does it? Obedience to Christ comes with a cost. Being a Christian is the ultimate in being "counter-cultural" — the ultimate rebellion in this world ruled by Satan. And understand this: God doesn't want *anything* from you that doesn't cost you *something*!

Many times, you'll find, those who hate you the most for being a faithful servant of the Most High, will be those who stand and sing on cue every Sunday morning, but would never dare speak the name of Jesus outside of their "safe spaces" — unless they're using His name as a curse word. Those early disciples found that out. Just like Jesus Himself, they were considered "enemies" — not just by the world, but more so by the religious leaders. In Acts 17, those panicked religious leaders declared of the Christ-followers, "*These that have turned the world upside down are come here also!*"

Does your pastor teach you — and encourage you — to go out of those four walls and turn the world upside down? Does he lead you out of the church house to the city council or school board meetings? Does he stand with you as you intercede at the baby killing facilities or against the drag queens and other reprobates as they twist the minds and souls of your children? Does he do *anything* to seek and save the lost and perishing in your own hometown, other than deliver a 15-minute feel-good “message” on Sunday? And if you embrace the courage of your convictions that God’s given you, and start a ministry that actually *does* something, does he back you up and encourage you? Or does he *discourage* you from doing anything of substance, and tell others to stay away from you because you’re a “radical?”

I once had a pastor call me a “Christian Activist.” He meant it as a derogatory term. He said it with disdain for me. I wore those words as a badge of honor.

In Revelation 2 and 3, we read the risen Christ’s words to the Seven Churches. He had some dire warnings for them. Perhaps you see your own church described in one or more of these. But I think the church most like our modern American churches is the Church of Laodicea. Laodicea, which was located in modern-day Turkey, was a wealthy city on major trade routes that connected it to Ephesus, Smyrna and Sardis. It was also a center of textile production and banking. Big money, lavish lifestyles, a center of commerce. Much like America.

But here’s what Christ had to say about the church there: *“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, ‘I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;’ and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.”*

Later, in Revelation 21:8, we read about the souls of those that will be forever tormented in the lake of fire. Those include the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars. But the *first* on that list are the “fearful and unbelieving.” In other words, the cowards. If you’re ashamed of your Savior, He’s not your Savior. Not all who say ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of heaven. This should concern you. Understand — though you may think otherwise — it’s no better to be “safe” than sorry. We have but one life to serve the King of kings and Lord of lords. He’s commanded us to do so, and equipped us with courage, power, love and sound

minds to seek, learn, understand and then speak the truth of His word — gently, humbly and patiently — to a lost and dying world. Still going to keep your mouth shut and play it “safe?” If so, then one day, you *will* be very sorry.

If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.



■ A raccoon broke into a Virginia liquor store and smashed open numerous bottles of whiskey before passing out drunk on the bathroom floor. “He fell through one of the ceiling tiles and went on a full-blown rampage, drinking everything,” said Samantha Martin, a local animal control officer. An employee who arrived the next morning found the raccoon sleeping off his binge. Martin brought him to the shelter, where he sobered up and was released into the wild with no signs of injury “other than maybe a hangover and poor life choices,” said the Hanover County Animal Protection and Shelter.

Statements of Wisdom and Instruction



"You cannot win a righteous battle with an unrighteous army." *Jos. 5:6*

"He is not a Christian or a patriot that decries righteous judgment on evil men." *Ecc. 8:11*

"To condone sin in a person's life, whether your own or another's, is the epitome of hate." *Eze. 33:7-8*

"Obedience is worship." *I Sam. 15:22*

"To say you love God and *posely* disobey His commandments is mockery and hypocrisy." *John 14:15*

"There comes a time when patience ceases to be a virtue and becomes an excuse for cowardliness." *Pro. 24:11-12*

"The love of the *truth* is the only key to communion with God." *II Thes. 2:10, John 14:5*

"Evil can only breed and spread in an atmosphere of ignorance and apathy." *Hos. 4:6*

"It's not how long a life you live, but rather how well you live your life." *I Cor. 10:31, Heb. 9:27, Ecc. 9:10*

"As Christians, we must obey civil authority that is promoting righteousness under Godly law! Any other obedience is either our of mere courtesy, when possible, or outright sin, if such laws violate Holy writ!" *II Kings 11:17, Acts 5:29*

"The ruler, who governs the least, governs the best. Those who need no ruler are truly free." *Pro. 28:2, II Cor. 3:17*

"Ignorance of God's law is the breeding ground of tyranny." *Hos. 4:6*

"Men who are not willing to 'die for' their convictions certainly will not 'live by' them. In truth, these men 'have' no convictions." *Jude 3, Mt. 15:7, Job 27:8*

"To walk in spiritual blindness is much preferred by those who would rather be ruled over and cared for by man. (Tyranny)." *I Samuel 8*

"Only the most brutish of men prefer the security of servitude, rather than the excitement of the responsibility of self-government. (Liberty)" *I Samuel 8*

"There is no such thing as good government where the people are not well armed to preserve it." *Neh. 4:13, Luke 11:21*

"Government is only as good as the people it governs." *Jer. 5:31*

"The primary responsibility of defending one's self, family and property is a divine commandment of personal accountability." *Ex. 22:2, Neh. 4:13-14, Luke 22:36, I Tim. 5:8*

"To trade the heritage of liberty for temporary security, peace and prosperity, is the greatest crime man could commit against his posterity." *Hos. 4:7*

"We are taught to tolerate wrong as long as wrongs are sufferable. To go beyond that point is gross cowardice and an unforgiveable sin." *Rom. 12:18*

"Without Godly morality, no people can long remain free. Nations are ruled internally by Godly principles or externally by a tyrannical law system." *II Cor. 3:17*

"Salvation is by grace through faith, not of works, but salvation by grace through faith, will bring forth good works." *Mt. 7:16, James 2:18*

"You cannot hear righteous instructions from God if your mind is cluttered with sin or worldly concerns." *Ps. 66:18, Mt. 6:31-33*

"An education that's not founded on God-given principles is an education of fools." *Ps. 14:1*

"Knowledge without the guidance of Godly wisdom and charity always tends to evil." *I Cor. 8:1*

"Worldly philosophy is the creed of fools, and religion without Christ is vanity." *II Kings 17:15, Ps. 4:2*

"Truth, like strong medicine, is not always pleasant to receive, but it is the only cure for a sin sick soul." *John 14:4, John 8:32*

"It is an honor and privilege to be counted worthy to receive the gift of suffering for the cause and glory of Christ. Christ knows the ones who are able to receive the gift of suffering." *Phil. 1:29, Acts 5:41, II Thes. 1:5*

"Prosperity without Godly morality will destroy any people." *Hosea 4:7*

"A decadent people will not only lose their own souls, but damn the future of their posterity." *Hosea 4:6*

"A righteous people *cannot* peacefully co-exist with evil!" *II Cor. 6:14-16, Mt. 10:34-39*

"To acquiescence to evil is a deadly and damning sin." *Eph. 4:27*

"Evil, like darkness, can only exist in the absence of the light of righteousness." *II Cor. 6:14*

"We are called to be servants of Christ, not slaves to evil men. We are to be sheep before God, but righteous *men* before the wicked." *Acts 5:29*

"If a society tolerates and does not destroy evil, then evil will certainly destroy that society." *Ps. 10:15, Rom. 12:21*

"The will of the people should not overrule God's will *for* the people." *Mt. 6:10 & 26:39*

* If there is no final place for civil disobedience then the government has been made autonomous & as such put in the place of the living God. The thrust of this is as relevant to the secular as to Christians for if you dont have a defensible bottom line you have just made government your personal God. The context of this quote is the rule of law in our culture. This is embodied in the US Constitution here & is the supreme law & our relevant bottom line from a secular government perspective.

Theologian Francis Schaeffer

* Statecraft is soulcraft. The moral premises embedded in the legal & social fabric of any political system provide direction & sustenance for the beliefs & character of its citizens. That what is tacitly accepted by a people & its institutions, in its practices & peoples will tell us more about it embraces as good true & beautiful then all of its verbal declarations to the contrary.- Aristotle In other words actions speak louder than words or talk is cheap. Down with DC/DT now.

* Civil disobedience is the duty of all men when breaking mans law is done to comply with & preserve Gods divine law. -Jerry Falwell
or put another way resistance to tyrants is obedience to God & nonresistance to them is disobedience to God & sinful.

War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself. (sounds just like US we the sheeple) Impeachment & secession time.

Guess we the sheeple know better than them all today & are more enlightened smarter & wiser than they -NOT. The American people need to wake up. This is a warning about where we are headed as a house divided will not stand. Fear pushes people to care only about their money & families but when fear turns inward & self preservation & greed replace moral courage evil goes unchallenged. All thats required for evil to triumph is for people to DO NOTHING .



The results of an anemic, sick, weak → Police State church! (3)

The War Against Will



The modern world will allow you to join any of a thousand collectives, but it will punish you for standing on your own, as a self-willed entity. People who commit this crime understand that they are outlaws in the present world. And if at first they don't understand that, the world makes sure they know.

The world as it is, then, is the enemy of will. This is nothing new, of course, governments have been at war against will since they began: How else can you get people to blindly obey you, to hand over half their income, and to thank you for it? People who possess a full and active will must be convinced to do things, and governments couldn't function if they had to do that.

The present world is built around the restraint of will, and not just on the government level. Advertising, for example, is more or less devoted to implanting subconscious desires and subverting the will with them. In dysfunctional families, manipulating one another – whether by guilt, ridicule, being left out of Papa's will or whatever – is the currency of the realm.

And so obedience, consumption and acquiescence have become cardinal virtues, and the avoidance of immediate pain the prime directive.

The Willful, For Whom Heaven And Earth Were Created

All human creativity functions on individual will. Everyone interested in creativity knows this, and here are just a couple of passages to make the point:

Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.

— Albert Einstein

This I believe: that the free, exploring mind of the individual human is the most valuable thing in the world.

— John Steinbeck

It is the active will of individuals that has created everything good in this world. Really, life comes down to a choice between creativity and entropy:

- The world (the realm of officialdom, acquiescence and so on) is an incarnation of entropy, winding down and collapsing once the fuel left to it by creative men and women of the past burns out.
- The creatives, who are willing to take blows in defense of their willfulness, and who bless the world in myriad ways

The willful, then, are creativity incarnate; the universe is and ought to be dedicated to beings of their type. It should also be populated by beings of their type, and I think someday shall be.

This is not to say that entropic people can't make their way out of entropy and join the creatives; in fact they can, and do, on a daily basis. Still, it is a gulf that must be crossed, and the only way across is to act on one's own will, alone, and for purely self-generated reasons. That is the price.

We Are Inherently Creative

Humans are inherently creative beings. We cannot create matter out of nothing, but we can mold it to an infinite number and variety of uses. We are the fountains of new and beneficial action in the universe. And we ought to function that way.

I'll leave you with a few words from Albert Schweitzer:

Civilization can only revive when there shall come into being in a number of individuals a new tone of mind independent of the one prevalent among the crowd and in opposition to it... It is only an ethical movement which can rescue us from the slough of barbarism, and the ethical comes into existence only in individuals.

This is what we need... and we need it now.

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Giving Thanks for Our Blessings Means Saying 'No Thanks' to Police State Tyranny

By John & Nisha Whitehead

"Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster, and what has happened once in 6000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world."—Daniel Webster

We find ourselves approaching that time of year when, as [George Washington](#) and [Abraham Lincoln](#) proclaimed, we're supposed to give thanks as a nation and as individuals for our safety and our freedoms.

It's not an easy undertaking.

The contrast between George Washington's first Thanksgiving proclamation and the state of the nation today reveals how far we have drifted—and how low we have fallen—since Washington called upon early Americans (a nation of immigrants) to give thanks for a government that protected their safety and happiness, and for a Constitution designed to safeguard civil and religious liberty.

But how do you give thanks for freedoms that are constantly being eroded?

How do you express gratitude for one's safety when the perils posed by the American police state grow more treacherous by the day?

How do you come together as a nation in thanksgiving when the powers-that-be continue to polarize and divide us into warring factions?

To our collective misfortune, we have been saddled with a government that is a far cry from Washington's vision: governed by wise, just, constitutional laws; faithfully executed by principled public servants; promoting peace, virtue, and liberty; and fostering the prosperity of the nation.

Instead, the U.S. government has become a warring empire: lawless in its ambitions, militarized in its posture, abusive in its policing, and increasingly hostile to conscience, truth, and constitutional limits.

Washington never intended Thanksgiving to be a day of glib platitudes—a moment to be grateful for whatever crumbs the government chooses to bestow upon us. He intended it to be a day of reflection, honesty, and moral accounting, a day when the nation examines its failures, acknowledges its wrongs, and commits to restoring liberty in the year ahead.

If Thanksgiving is to mean anything in times such as these, it must also compel us to speak plainly about the forces that threaten our freedom. Giving thanks for our blessings requires the courage to say “no thanks” to the very forces working to strip away the blessings we claim to celebrate.

In that true spirit of Thanksgiving, here is a sobering list of things for which we should *not* give thanks in this age of the American police state.

Say “no thanks” to oligarchy and self-serving, pay-to-play politics. A pay-to-play culture now permeates the highest levels of government, dominated by a mindset that money—not law—defines the boundaries of power. America is being bought and sold by corporate elites and political cronies. “We the People” have been pushed into a permanent underclass, ruled by a political machine that monetizes every aspect of governance—surveillance, policing, incarceration, immigration enforcement, even war itself. Our elected officials increasingly represent the interests of the wealthy and well-connected rather than the rights and needs of the citizenry. This is oligarchy masquerading as representative government.

Say “no thanks” to an imperial presidency that rules by fiat. Executive power has metastasized into something the Framers would not recognize. In 2025 alone, we have seen:

- sweeping executive orders redefining law without Congress' oversight or

approval,

- federal agencies weaponized against political enemies,
- unilateral decisions to deploy federal troops domestically,
- and attempts to redefine constitutional rights by proclamation.

Whether the occupant of the Oval Office is a Republican or Democrat, the result is the same: presidents now behave as lawmakers, judges, and enforcers combined — a constitutional impossibility and a recipe for dictatorship. The Founders warned us plainly: when one person claims the authority to rule by decree, liberty is already in mortal danger.

Say “no thanks” to martial law and standing armies used against the American people. What once would have been unthinkable is now routine. National Guard units have been federalized to police protests. Tactical teams roam American streets outfitted like combat forces. A generation of Americans is growing up under the shadow of armored vehicles and militarized responses to ordinary civil unrest. This year’s federal deployments in California and elsewhere following ICE raids—justified by vague claims of “restoring order”—are only the latest sign. A government comfortable using soldiers against its own citizens is a government that has abandoned the constitutional line between civilian authority and military force.

Say “no thanks” to the government’s fear tactics. Fear is the oldest tool of tyranny. We have seen fear weaponized to justify:

- speech crackdowns,
- “domestic threat” watchlists,
- expanded surveillance authorities,
- “emergency powers” without end,
- and the rounding up of vulnerable populations under the guise of safety.

From mental-health “round-ups” to demands that soldiers obey unlawful commands without question, fear has become the operating currency of government power. When the people are afraid, they can be controlled. When one’s right to conscience is criminalized, that conscience can be silenced.

Say “no thanks” to endless wars. For more than two decades, the U.S. has been mired in endless wars without clear objectives, limits, or endpoints. The war footing has become perpetual—an unbroken justification for secrecy, surveillance, militarization, and unchecked executive power. Wars abroad have consequences at home: they brutalize our politics, exhaust our populace, expand federal power, and normalize the idea that violence—rather than diplomacy, law, or liberty—is the default solution for national problems.

Say “no thanks” to everywhere wars. When government can label anyone, anywhere, an “enemy” in order to wage war, we are all in danger. That danger is no longer theoretical. In the same breath that the administration touts lethal military strikes against Venezuelan boats in Caribbean waters, federal agents are conducting coordinated militarized raids on communities across the country. The lesson to be learned: a nation permanently on war footing eventually turns its war machinery inward.

Say “no thanks” to the transformation of domestic police into extensions of the military. For decades, billions in Pentagon gear—tanks, drones, armored carriers, battlefield weapons — have been funneled to local police under the 1033 military surplus program. Training once reserved for war zones has become standard for domestic policing. The results are unmistakable:

- SWAT raids for routine warrants,
- trigger-happy policing,
- a “kill or be killed” mentality,
- and communities patrolled like occupied territories.

The police are no longer peace officers. They are an occupying force.

Say “no thanks” to ICE raids that trample constitutional rights and terrorize communities. What began as an agency tasked with immigration enforcement has mutated into something far darker: a roaming domestic strike force. ICE’s quota-driven model incentivizes arrests at all costs, creating a bounty-hunter culture in which constitutional rights are obstacles, not guarantees. From coast to coast, ICE goon squads—incognito, thuggish, fueled by profit-driven incentives and outlandish quotas, and empowered by the Trump administration to act as if

they are untouchable—are prowling neighborhoods, churches, courthouses, hospitals, bus stops, and worksites, anywhere “suspected” migrants might be present, snatching people first and asking questions later. No one is off limits—not even American citizens.

Say “no thanks” to a government mindset that seeks to transform the nation into a prison state. From the creation of Alligator Alcatraz to the administration’s \$170 billion plan for megaprisons, the U.S. incarceration system is being expanded at breakneck speed. Combined with predictive enforcement, surveillance dragnets, and limits on due process, the United States is rapidly becoming a prison state — one that cages not only bodies, but autonomy, dissent, and opportunity.

Say “no thanks” to a surveillance state that has become a fourth branch of government. We now live in a world in which everything—your words, your purchases, your location, your associations—is recorded, stored, and weaponized by the government and its corporate partners in crime. The surveillance state watches, catalogs, and predicts everything we do. This year alone has seen the normalization of:

- Palantir-powered national tracking systems,
- AI threat-scoring of ordinary Americans,
- geofence warrants turning whole neighborhoods into suspects,
- biometric mandates proposed as “public health tools,”
- and the creation of federal databases of “pre-crime indicators.”

Say “no thanks” to a government that punishes the poor. 2025 has brought a brutal resurgence of debtors’ courts, cash-bail coercion, poverty penalties, and retaliatory prosecutions. The criminal legal system has become a two-tiered caste structure—harsh for the poor, lenient for the powerful.

Say “no thanks” to policies that muzzle dissent. Whistleblowers, journalists, activists, and critics continue to find themselves targeted for speaking truth to power. In a climate where thought crimes and “dangerous ideas” are policed, those who criticize the government are increasingly being portrayed as traitors and subjected to investigation and prosecution.

Say “no thanks” to courts that rubber-stamp government power. Time and again, the courts have chosen order over justice, secrecy over transparency, and government power over constitutional rights—refusing to rein in geofence warrants, no-knock raids, military deployments, or the ever-expanding surveillance state.

Say “no thanks” to a government that criminalizes the rights enshrined in the Constitution. Perhaps the most alarming development of all is the growing chorus of political voices calling for the arrest—even the execution—of those who urge members of the military to follow their conscience and refuse *unlawful, unconstitutional* orders. Let us be clear: the American military’s oath is to the Constitution—not to any president, political agenda, or unlawful order. Anyone who suggests otherwise should be court-martialed.

Say “no thanks” to government theft disguised as fines, fees, taxes, and forfeitures. When the government can seize your home, your car, your money, or your property without due process, you are no longer a free citizen—you are a subject. Asset forfeiture, civil penalties, red-light cameras, code-enforcement schemes, and debt-trap fines have turned the government at all levels into a predatory revenue machine. The line between public property and private property has vanished. This is legalized theft.

At some point, we’ve got to face up to the uncomfortable truth that freedom is slipping through our fingers, and that the government now poses a greater threat to our safety than any outside force ever could.

We cannot keep pretending that “it can’t happen here” while it is happening all around us.

There comes a point at which no people—not even a patient, hopeful, long-suffering people—can continue pretending that the crumbs of liberty left to them constitute freedom.

Thanksgiving is supposed to remind us of our blessings. But it is also meant to remind us of our responsibilities.

A free people must do more than count their blessings.

We must guard them. We must assert them. We must defend them—even when doing so is dangerous, costly, or unpopular.

There is still time to turn back from the brink, but the hour is late.

If we want future generations to enjoy even a measure of the freedom we inherited, then “We the People” must refuse to go quietly into the machinery of the police state.

We must refuse to be governed by fear.

We must refuse to surrender our rights for the illusion of safety.

And we must refuse to bow to those who insist that conscience is treason and obedience is the highest virtue.

The Founders gave us a constitutional republic on the condition that we fight to keep it. That responsibility cannot be outsourced to politicians, courts, or parties. It rests squarely with the people themselves, with those who refuse to surrender conscience, rights, or truth to the demands of tyrants.

As I make clear in my book [*Battlefield America: The War on the American People*](#) and in its fictional counterpart [*The Erik Blair Diaries*](#), the only force strong enough to restrain government overreach is an informed, engaged, and courageous citizenry that will not trade its birthright for the hollow comforts of authoritarianism.

The future of freedom depends not on presidents or parties but on “We the People”—ordinary individuals who refuse to be silent, refuse to be intimidated, and refuse to give up on the promise of America.

So this Thanksgiving, let us give thanks. But let us also say—with clarity and

conviction—no thanks to tyranny, in whatever form it takes.



Judge, Jury, Executioner: When the Government Decides Who Lives or Dies

By John & Nisha Whitehead

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“How many times can a man turn his head and pretend that he just doesn't see?”—Bob Dylan, “Blowin' in the Wind”

What does it say about a political movement that demands absolute reverence for life in the womb yet shrugs when the government kills, cages, or brutalizes the living?

What does it say about a government—and a political movement—that claims to value the unborn, but once you are born, that concern evaporates?

When life upon birth becomes expendable, subject to force, punishment, neglect, and death so long as it serves “law and order,” “national security,” or political convenience—when you can be shot by the police state, executed by the police state, starved, surveilled, displaced, raided, abused, or discarded by the police state—and this is treated not as a moral failure but as policy and doctrine, then you're not dealing with a government that is truly pro-life.

It is pro-control.

If the measure of a society's morality is how it treats its most vulnerable—the living, breathing, conscious—then a worldview that sanctifies life before birth but abandons it afterward is morally hollow.

Consider that on January 24, 2026—one day after the Trump administration paid lip service to the [annual March for Life](#) in Washington, DC—[37-year-old Minneapolis resident Alex Jeffrey Pretti](#), an intensive care nurse who worked at a Veterans Affairs hospital, was shot and killed by an ICE agent during a federal immigration enforcement operation that exemplified the militarized, unaccountable force that has come to characterize ICE's tactics.

Pretti's death has sparked widespread protests, legal challenges, and national outrage, especially as videos and eyewitness accounts appear to contradict official claims about how the encounter unfolded.

The Pretti shooting did not occur in a vacuum.

It was the second federal agent-involved shooting of an American citizen in Minneapolis in January alone, part of the Trump Administration's Operation Metro Surge that brought more than 3,000 federal agents into the city and ignited protests nationwide.

Yet the problem is not merely who occupies the Oval Office. It is a bipartisan willingness to trade constitutional restraint for raw power—and to accept human casualties as the price of governance.

While President Trump has been particularly vocal about his willingness to act on his lack of respect for the lives of those he perceives as enemies, the erosion of respect for life all along the spectrum has accelerated under presidents of both parties, through expanded executive power, militarized enforcement, surveillance, detention, and lethal force in the name of safety, efficiency, or order.

When the government claims the power to decide whose life has value and whose does not—who may live and who may die in the name of “security,” “order,” or “efficiency”—it is no longer governing. It is playing god.

A government that acts as if freedoms—and life, in turn—are privileges granted by the state has abandoned the foundational principle that rights are inherent and inalienable.

The danger deepens when religion is weaponized to sanctify state power: blessing some lives while discounting others, condemning abortion while excusing executions, mourning the unborn while rationalizing the killing of the living.

A belief system that claims moral authority yet remains silent—or worse, approving—when the state kills, cages, and brutalizes human beings is not pro-life.

Any theology that requires qualifying whose lives are worthy of protection has allowed itself to become a political tool.

This slippery slope is how religion loses its moral compass.

We see it in a system that celebrates the sanctity of life before birth while expanding the machinery of death after birth—through executions carried out in the name of justice, militarized policing carried out in the name of order, indefinite detention carried out in the name of security, shoot-first enforcement regimes that treat civilians as threats rather than human beings, and endless wars driven by greed, profit and ego.

State-sanctioned murder in the form of the death penalty is perhaps the clearest example of the government playing god: a system that asserts the moral authority to decide when a human life is no longer worthy of existence, despite well-documented errors, racial disparities, and irreversible consequences. In Texas alone, it took more than 70 years for the state to acknowledge that it had [wrongfully executed an innocent young man](#).

Nor are these executions limited to death chambers.

As the [killing of Renée Good](#) makes clear, the modern police state now carries out executions in the streets—without trial, without jury, and without meaningful accountability.

When government agents act as judge, jury, and executioner, the distinction between capital punishment and law enforcement violence collapses.

Both rest on the same premise: that the state has the moral authority to decide, unilaterally and irrevocably, that a human life is no longer worthy of protection.

We see it in a bureaucracy that has armed itself like an occupying force—federal agencies equipped with military-grade weapons, surveillance tools, and near-total immunity—while insisting that this concentration of power is necessary for our safety.

We see it in the normalization of state violence: no-knock raids, warrantless searches, armed enforcement actions carried out in residential neighborhoods, and the fatal shootings of U.S. citizens during domestic enforcement operations that resemble a military deployment more than civilian law enforcement.

Alex Pretti's death was the foreseeable end result of a system that normalizes state violence, immunizes authority from accountability, and treats human life as collateral damage.

In the aftermath of these killings, the Trump camp and its supporters have been quick to argue that those who are injured—or killed—would have been safer if they had simply stayed home, stayed quiet, and stayed out of the government's way.

This is just a variation on the familiar rebuke offered up whenever Americans are injured or killed by police: comply, cooperate, obey. Do not resist. Do not argue. Do not question. Do not move suddenly. Do not make yourself noticeable.

The implication is clear: comply or die.

Yet in the American police state, compliance is no guarantee of survival.

Americans have been [shot and killed while unarmed and compliant](#)—while holding cell phones, opening their front doors, standing in so-called “shooting stances,” carrying everyday objects, moving too slowly or too quickly, appearing confused, frightened, homeless, elderly, disabled, or simply present at the wrong moment.

To suggest that obedience will save us is not only recklessly irresponsible—it is dangerously delusional.

A system of governance that requires silence, submission, and invisibility in exchange for the mere *possibility* of survival is profoundly immoral and utterly unlawful.

A government cannot be held accountable—legally or morally—if its actions are hidden from view.

Of course, the police state understands that, which is why it wants the public to look away.

For those who answer a higher call, the moral imperative requires us to *see suffering, to name wrongdoing, and to stand with those who are harmed by unjust power.*

Likewise, Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan is not a lesson in minding one's own business. It is a condemnation of those who passed by on the other side.

Legal observers, journalists, and ordinary citizens who document government misconduct are not obstructing justice—they are performing one of the oldest safeguards against tyranny: they are standing guard and bearing witness. They are insisting that government power not be exercised in secret, that force not be deployed without scrutiny, and that authority be subject to public judgment.

Alex Pretti was doing what a free people must do if freedom is to survive: refusing to let the government carry out its actions unseen and unchallenged.

When we tell citizens that they should stay home, stay silent, and avert their eyes if they want to remain safe, what we are really saying is that safety requires complicity through silence.

That is not order. That is not justice. That is not liberty.

As Dietrich Bonhoeffer warned, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not

hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak, not to act is to act.”

Albert Einstein echoed the warning: “The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.”

Both men witnessed firsthand how silence, indifference, and obedience allowed unspeakable atrocities to unfold in Nazi Germany.

This is how silence becomes entrenched government policy and how moral authority, once surrendered, is replaced by unchecked state power.

This is how life becomes negotiable: when a government can proclaim itself “pro-life” while funding wars, expanding execution chambers, starving the poor, criminalizing homelessness, militarizing police, and deploying armed agents into communities with little regard for collateral damage.

This is how a political movement can mourn unborn lives while dismissing the deaths of the living as unfortunate but acceptable casualties of enforcement.

And this is how constitutional protections—due process, the presumption of innocence, the right to be left alone—are quietly rebranded as obstacles to national security rather than safeguards of liberty.

Once government is allowed to decide whose life matters, no life is safe.

History confirms this truth again and again: the power to decide who deserves protection inevitably becomes the power to decide who does not.

The Constitution was meant to stop this.

The Constitution was written precisely to prevent the concentration of god-like power in the hands of fallible, self-interested officials.

It divides power. It restrains force. It assumes human imperfection. It rejects the notion that any person or institution should wield unchecked authority over life and death.

The moment government agents are permitted to take life without due process, judicial oversight, and genuine accountability, the Constitution's promise of equal protection and the rule of law ceases to exist in practice.

When federal agencies become standing armies, when enforcement replaces justice, when force substitutes for law, and when accountability disappears behind claims of immunity and national security, the Constitution is no longer functioning as intended.

What happened to Alex Pretti is what happens when those guardrails fail.

This moment cannot be treated as a footnote.

It demands a reckoning with how much power we have surrendered to the state and the even more dangerous idea that government can be trusted to wield absolute power benevolently.

So where do we go from here?

We must start by rejecting any government that defaults to force and asserts its dominance at gunpoint.

A constitutional government exercises restraint. It recognizes limits. It understands that power—especially the power to use violence—must be constrained, questioned, and accountable at every turn.

There is no way around it: we must dismantle the machinery of control that has normalized state violence.

That means ending the routine deployment of armed federal agents into civilian

communities as though they were enemy territory. It means demilitarizing domestic enforcement agencies whose weapons, tactics, and mindset increasingly resemble those of standing armies rather than peace officers. It means rejecting enforcement regimes that treat human beings as threats to be neutralized instead of citizens entitled to due process and dignity.

Demilitarization is not radical. It is constitutional.

The Founders warned explicitly against standing armies, unchecked executive force, and centralized power precisely because they understood how quickly fear and authority combine to justify cruelty. Civilian law enforcement was never meant to operate as a battlefield force, nor were federal agencies meant to accumulate arsenals, surveillance powers, and immunity beyond meaningful oversight.

Yet that is exactly where we are.

If we are serious about restoring a government of laws rather than force, then we must roll back militarized policing, end warrantless and no-knock raids, restore strict limits on federal enforcement authority, and hold agents accountable when they abuse power—without exception.

Scaling back the massive funding for ICE and the DHS would be a good place to start.

The Constitution was not written to make government efficient. It was written as a restraint on government power. Its purpose is not to empower the state to act swiftly, decisively, or violently, but to restrain it from acting unjustly. Due process, the presumption of innocence, the right to be left alone, and the right to life itself are not inconveniences to be bypassed in the name of security. They are the very reason government exists at all.

When those protections are treated as optional, the Constitution becomes a relic.

Once we allow the government to treat any life as expendable, no one is beyond

reach.

This is the line that must be drawn.

Not between unborn and born. Not between citizen and non-citizen. Not between order and chaos. But between a government that serves life—and a government that claims the power to take it, one “justified” killing at a time.

As I make clear in [*Battlefield America: The War on the American People*](#) and in its fictional counterpart [*The Erik Blair Diaries*](#), anything less leads straight to the gas chambers.

The choice before us is simple, even if the work is not: restraint over force, accountability over immunity, and constitutional limits over godlike power.





The Ruthlessness and Brutality of the U.S. Government

by [Jacob G. Hornberger](#)

January 26, 2026

I am NOT a libertarian! I am a born again believer in and on Jesus christ! All men and earthly governments are to obey God's Kingdom laws! BUT, Mr. Hornberger makes some valid points. P.B.

I have long maintained that one of the big obstacles libertarians face in the achievement of a genuinely free society is the fact that most Americans honestly believe they are free. When people are convinced they are free, they have no reason to want to join up with us libertarians in our effort to establish a genuinely free society. Instead, they simply view libertarianism as a “weird” philosophy that purports to achieve what we already have — a free society.

One can only hope that the recent killings of 37-year-old Renée Good and 37-year-old Alex Pretti in Minneapolis, both of whom were regular American citizens, will enable at least some Americans to break through the inches-thick indoctrination that has encased their minds and that has convinced them that they live in a free society. After all, how can a society genuinely be considered free when the government wields the omnipotent power to kill anyone it wants?

And make no mistake about it: As we have seen, U.S. officials have the omnipotent power to kill any American they want. That’s a harsh reality that so many Americans still do not want to accept. They’d rather remain convinced that they live under the same governmental structure on which our nation was founded, one in which the federal government’s powers were limited and restricted by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

So many Americans do not want to face reality — that this is a very different type of government — one that is every bit as brutal and ruthless as totalitarian-like regimes throughout history and one that wields such omnipotent powers as killing, torture, and indefinite detention without due process and trial by jury.

Consider the drug war, one of the most tyrannical powers that any totalitarian-like government, even one whose officials are democratically elected, can wield against its own citizens. Look at how many people they have killed over the years with this aberrant governmental program.

Indeed, just look at those 100-plus people they’ve just killed in cold blood on the high seas using the drug war as their justification. That’s what’s called the exercise of brutal and ruthless omnipotent power. No one is ever going to be prosecuted or convicted for killing those people.

But Americans have let them get away with drug-war ruthlessness and brutality, year after year, decade after decade. Never mind that U.S. officials never get even close to

“winning” their drug war. What matters is that U.S. officials be permitted to continue waging it, even if that has meant the destruction of our very own freedom at the hands of our very own government.

A dark irony in the destruction of our freedom is the fact that the federal government oftentimes creates the problem that it then uses as the excuse to further destroy our freedom. For example, take drug cartels. They don't exist in a genuinely free society because drugs are legal in a genuinely free society. Thus, in a free society, drugs are sold by pharmacies and other reputable businesses, and drug cartels and drug gangs simply do not exist.

Seizing on drug addiction as a societal problem that the government supposedly needs to resolve (but never can do so), the government declares the sale of drugs to be illegal. Immediately, the drug cartels come into existence as part of the black-market effort to meet the demand of drug consumers. Rather than repeal the drug laws that bring this black market into existence, the government instead uses the existence of the drug cartels to expand its powers, including, as we have seen, the omnipotent power to kill people who the government suspects are violating its drug laws.

If anyone thinks that the government's omnipotent power to kill drug-war suspects on the high seas is limited to foreigners, he is living in a world of hyper-naiveté and delusion. With those killings in cold blood on the high seas, the U.S. government, especially the Pentagon, the CIA, and the NSA, are sending a powerful message to the American people: “We are in charge. What we are doing here on the high seas, we can do anywhere and to anyone, including Americans, and there isn't anything anyone can do to stop us. Get used to it.”

In 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr., pointed out that the U.S. government had become the greatest purveyor of violence in the world. What so many Americans do not wish to confront is that nothing has changed and, in fact, the problem has only gotten worse and worse. Over the years, it has been foreign citizens who have borne the brunt of the ruthlessness and brutality of the U.S. regime, but what so many Americans have simply blocked out of their minds is the fact that the power to exercise that ruthlessness and brutality against Americans has always been there, like a sword ever ready to be unsheathed when necessary.

We are now witnessing this phenomenon in the war on illegal immigration. ICE agents and the Border Patrol have the power to kill any American protestor they want. No one can stop them. No one can prosecute them. No one can convict them. The killers are fully protected, even if that means lies, cover-ups, pardons, defense, and support. Just get used to it. Even if the ICE and Border Patrol killings (of both immigrants and Americans) subside, the power to kill with impunity and immunity will continue to be wielded, ready to be exercised again whenever necessary.

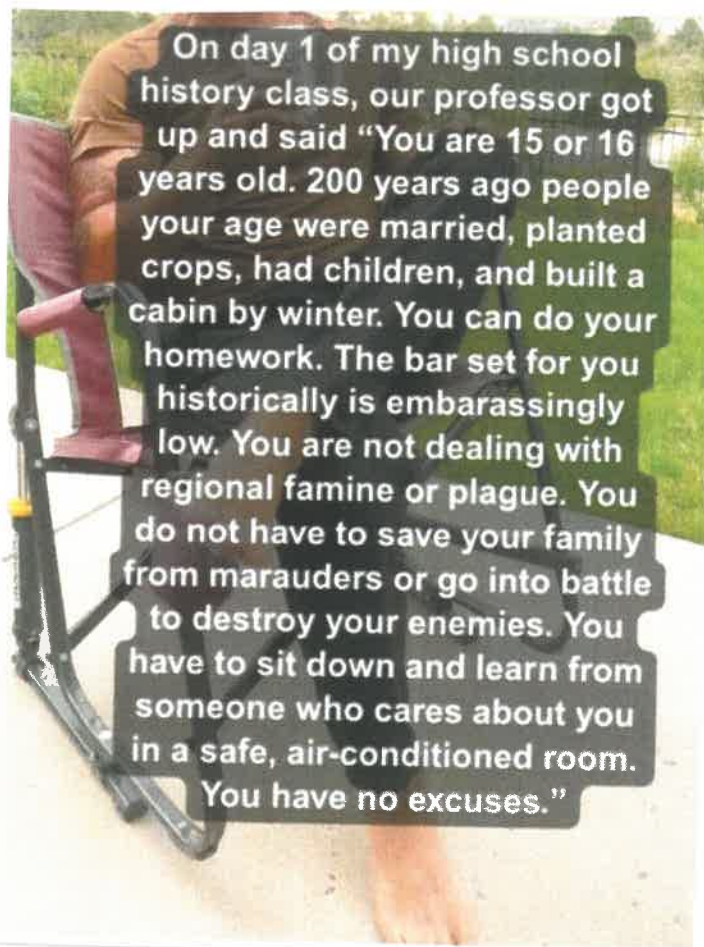
From time to time, the American people need to be reminded (e.g., Waco and Ruby Ridge) who is the boss. The boss is the U.S. government. The citizenry are the serfs,



the servants, the subordinates. The job of the citizenry is to work and produce wealth so that there are always sufficient tax revenues to support the masters. The job of the federal government is to rule and govern. That sometimes entails ruthlessness and brutality, but that's just the way it is. Get used to it.

The easiest thing for people who are breaking free of the "we are free" indoctrination that has encased their minds is to assume that the problem is Donald Trump, ICE, the Border Patrol, the DEA, or military or CIA "overreach." They are mistaken. The problem is not the people running the illegitimate systems. The problem is the systems themselves, including drug prohibition and America's socialist system of border controls, that have attached themselves to the federal government, much as a malignant cancer attaches itself to a person's body.

To achieve a genuinely free society, it is necessary for a critical mass of Americans to come to the realization that the solution lies not in reforming these malignant systems or in getting "better" people to run them. The solution lies instead in fully and completely excising all of the wrongful, destructive, and malignant systems that have attached themselves to the federal government.



An AGW Interaction

By
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I got “pulled over” – it sounds so benign, like paying *your* taxes – by an armed government worker yesterday. Not because I was “speeding” – oh, the humanity! – or because I’d failed to come to a complete stop at a Stop sign or because I hadn’t used a turn signal or some other penny ante “moving violation” – but because I drove past a parked AGW who noticed (as he informed me after he “pulled me over) that my old truck



lacked an inspection sticker.

The sticker that some people equate with a vehicle being “safe” to drive. And not-safe if your vehicle hasn’t got one. Or it’s not an up-to-date sticker.

Never mind that a vehicle with such a sticker may have bald tires and toasted brakes. So long as it passed the inspection last month, it'll pass muster with an AGW parked by the side of the road – because the sticker says it's "safe" to drive for the next 11 months. It can pass inspection – the inspector is *required* to pass it – even if the brakes are *almost* toast and the tires are nearly bald on the day the vehicle is inspected.

Anyhow, I got "pulled over" for this.

I pointed out the *law* to the law enforcer. The law being that old trucks with Farm tags are not required to display inspection stickers. Nonetheless, I found myself "pulled over" – never a pleasant experience and always a dangerous one – for us.

It is a common issue that law enforcement – as they like to style themselves – does not actually know what the law is. So I had to "pull over" and hand over my "papers" to a law enforcer and waste ten minutes of *my* time while he looked up what the law is.

On the upside, I did not get what they call a "ticket" – another term we've gotten used to using, much the same as a horse gets used to being saddled and bridled. A "ticket" being a demand note for money; i.e., legalized extortion. It is made to seem something other than highway robbery by not having the AGW demand you hand *him* the money. Instead, he hands you the "ticket" and you are expected – you are ordered – to hand the money over to the government, after some legal folderol. But the end result is the same. You are compelled to hand over the money. Handing it over directly to the AGW would be more direct – and more honest. It would cut out all the paperwork folderol.

But the forms must be maintained.

There was also some “safety” kabuki. As the AGW approached my truck, he touched the tailgate – to assure he’d left evidence of himself on my truck, in case I shot the AGW for “pulling me over.” They do this now routinely, apparently as a matter of procedure. It helps heighten their paranoia, apparently – always a good thing when dealing with us “civilians.”

AGWs are encouraged to be afraid of us. To regard us much the same as soldiers sent to a foreign country are taught to be wary of the “indigs.”

It begs the question, doesn’t it? Maybe they’d be less afraid of us if they didn’t see us all as “threats to their “safety” and if they weren’t constantly hassling (and mulcting) us over nonsense “offenses” and enforcing what isn’t even the law, as in my case.

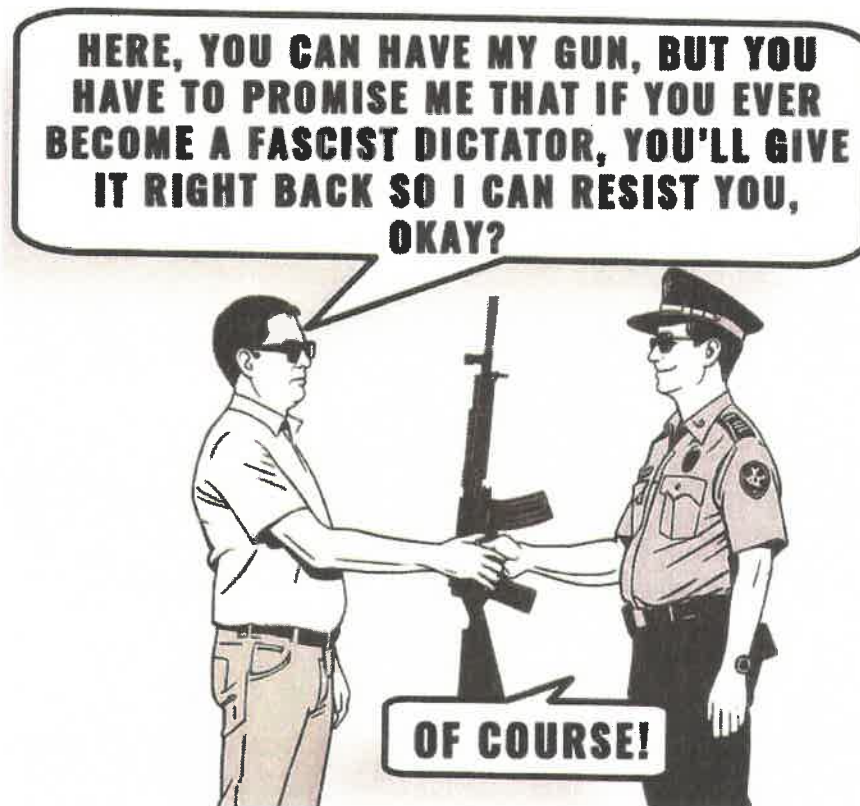
The good news is I ended up not getting a “ticket” – even though he could have issued me one because I wasn’t “buckled up” for “safety.” Somehow, our “safety” has become a law enforcement matter, even when we are in no way constituting a threat to the “safety” of anyone else.

The AGW was cordial enough. If you disregard the being “pulled over” by an AGW, which is never *cordial*, no matter how cordial the AGW is because you are being explicitly threatened with murderous violence if you don’t “pull over.” It is not a friendly – a voluntary – interaction, in other words.

I wonder whether these AGWs ever wonder what it’d be like to be peace keepers rather than law enforcers? In which case, they’d have much less cause to worry about their “safety” because 95 percent of us aren’t *criminals*. Unless you think it is a “crime” to not have the required stickers (even when you are not required to have them) or are not “buckled up” for “safety.”

The problem is state has made all of us into “criminals” by criminalizing practically everything, such that it is nigh impossible for anyone to avoid having to deal with AGWs (and AGWs with us). There is always a reason to “pull over” someone if the AGW feels like “pulling over” someone.

It'd be safer – as well as far more pleasant – for everyone if the 95 percent of us who aren't causing any harm to anyone never had to worry about dealing with AGWs, because there were no AGWs anymore, but just peace keepers instead.



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How to maintain liberty Sec. 5

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American Minute with Bill Federer Prov. 28:2

October 11

On October 11, 1798, President John Adams wrote to the 1st Brigade of the 3rd Division of the Militia of Massachusetts: "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net."

Adams continued: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

British Statesman Edmund Burke told the National Assembly, 1791:

"What is liberty without virtue? It is the greatest of all possible evils...madness without restraint. Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites."

Edmund Burke continued: "Society cannot exist, unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere; and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without."

U.S. Speaker of the House Robert Winthrop stated on May 28, 1849: "Men, in a word, must be controlled either by a power within them, or a power without them; either by the word of God, or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible or by the bayonet."

How to maintain liberty Secs 2

"When God is separated from government we are forced to accept arbitrary laws. **Either** God is the lawgiver or man is (Ed.: the lawgiver); **either** we derive our laws from theistic universal values, or we say that the individual countries or cultures are the lawgivers. **Either** God is supreme or the state is supreme." -- Erwin W. Lutzer ("When a Nation Forgets God: 7 Lessons We Must Learn from Nazi Germany", 2010; Publisher: Moody Publishers, Chicago. IL 60610; Page 61)

"When the Pilgrims came to the United States, they had some definite ideas about God, law, and politics. They came from England where freedom of worship was severely restricted. Reacting against formality and the strictures of the state church, they firmly intended to establish a country based upon principles of freedom. But where could such principles be found? They understood that belief in God was necessary if freedom were to survive. If the state were absolute, it would replace God as the Supreme lawgiver." -- Erwin W. Lutzer ("When a Nation Forgets God: 7 Lessons We Must Learn from Nazi Germany", 2010; Publisher: Moody Publishers, Chicago. IL 60610; Page 62)

If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation."

Charles G. Finney

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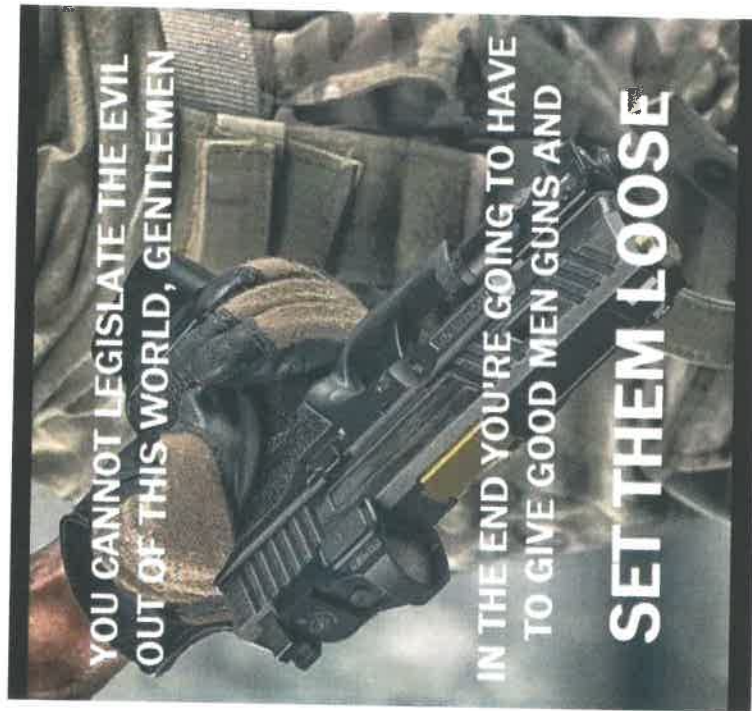
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PRO. 29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just; and ~~the~~ he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point. -- Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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" A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats!"
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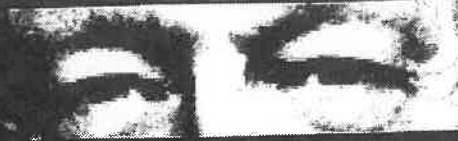
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