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The Upside Downing of Christmas by Catherine C. Kroeger (Brewster, Massachusetts)

The young woman stood uncertainly on the threshold of her cousin's house and drew a deep breath. The time had come when she must reveal to someone that she was pregnant out of wedlock and here she was on the doorstep of a profoundly righteous couple, famed for their scrupulous observation of the Law. They had had no children of their own, and how could they possibly understand?

She had as yet told no one of her condition and yet the angel had said that Elizabeth too was expecting a child. Mary stood there a moment, with only the angelic promise to fortify her, sure of the promise, but unsure of the reception that she might receive.

Timidly she called out her greeting and waited for a response. She heard a rush of feet that were no longer accustomed to moving at so swift a pace, and the door was tugged open by impatient hands.

Before her stood the elderly Elizabeth, her face transfixed with rapture. She gave a great whoop of joy as she exclaimed "*Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the child in your womb*" Mary was overwhelmed. How could Elizabeth know? How could she affirm what Mary had expected her to misunderstand and condemn? As the old woman stood there, there was an opportunity to make out the contours of her figure. Yes, despite her age she was indeed expecting a child.

"How is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" she questioned while her young cousin was filled with a wondrous sense of confirmation. Here was the echo of the angel's promise, not only that both women should bear a child, each to be a chosen instrument in God's Kingdom, but that the son of Mary would be the Holy One of Israel.

"The moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy!" Mary began to tremble with relief and awe and joy. She could never have convinced Elizabeth or her priestly husband Zacharias, but from within her womb had come authentication. Who could ever have believed all this?

"Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled" continued the old woman. One miracle had followed another: that of her own pregnancy after so many years of waiting and now the visit of the expectant Mary. What questions must fill the mind of this young mother-to-be? How much they would have to discuss!

Suddenly all of Mary's reticence faded away, and she was able to give voice to all the perplexities that she had carried in her soul. How could it be that someone of such humble circumstances would be considered worthy to bear the Messiah? Surely the king should be born into a royal status, not to come as the son of an unmarried peasant maid. The rich and powerful did not seem to factor at all into God's design but rather those who were least likely to oppress or abuse others. How was one to understand the mind of the Almighty? How was she to look with new eyes at old sources of injustice?

The words welled up inside her "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my Savior; because he has looked upon his handmaid." Even an unwed mother, for all her obscurity, might explore the ramifications

of a God who had turned the power structure upside down. Those who were considered of least importance suddenly found themselves in positions of dignity and spiritual significance.

"Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me:" She had overcome so many doubts and uncertainties to reach this point, to accept God's place and plan for her. In this she is a model for abused women who find no meaning in their own lives. Mary knew that it was God who had transformed her questionable circumstances into a glorious mission.

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"Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him." Weaving together lines from the songs and from the ancient song of Hannah the mother of Samuel, she found truth in the ancient scriptures and courage to move on into an uncertain future. She did not know where she might find shelter or help for her delivery, whether or not Joseph could come to understand and accept God's work in her life, how she could manage to provide for the child. And yet she clung joyously to the everlasting mercy of God.

"He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart" With eyes of faith, Mary perceived that God's power was often at direct variance with the wrongful use of human power. She was witnessing the beginning of a new order.

Frequently abused women have been so humiliated, frightened and demeaned that they cannot see their own worth or the purposes that God may have for their lives. All too often they blame themselves for the abuse that they receive, and often they feel incompetent to take any steps to try to help themselves. Like Mary they can be challenged to understand that God is in the business of "upside downing" issues of power and control.

"He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away." Pride and power are disqualifications for doing God's work in the Kingdom of Heaven. To this day Mary's praise song speaks to those living in terror, oppression, and degradation. It speaks as well to women who have fled an abusive situation and must face issues of survival, of providing for themselves and their children. Where there is despair, God offers hope. Where there is degradation God gives dignity. Where there is dire need, there are still servants of God willing to render assistance and a listening ear.

"He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy" according to the promise he made to our ancestors, of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants forever. The promises of God are still valid, the biblical condemnations of abuse still stand, and the call still compelling to bring peace and justice to troubled families.

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Editor's Note:

Not sure what message she is trying to send by the title. Christmas is not in the Bible as a celebration and this article is not about Christmas. Laura Lee

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"To Him are all things" (Rom. 11:36). God is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning, and the End, the First and the Last. And so, as all things of an eternal nature originate in Him, they find their consummation in Him too. All things were created by God to bring glory to Him. This is not because God selfishly desires our glory. He is completely self-sufficient

in Himself, and there is nothing that we can offer Him that can add to His sufficiency. When He calls us to seek His glory, it is because that is the way for our own highest good. We would be self-centered and miserable otherwise.

"One supreme passion governed the life of the Lord Jesus - the Father's glory."

To be centered in Him is a law that God has built into creation. That law can be violated only by moral creatures with a free will. Inanimate creation joyfully obeys its Creator and glorifies Him. But Adam disobeyed that law, and we see the consequences in the misery of humanity.

In the prayer that the Lord taught His disciples to pray, the very first request is, "Hallowed be Thy name" (Matthew 6:9). This was the primary longing in the heart of the Lord Jesus. He prayed "Father, glorify Thy name," and chose the way of the Cross since that was to the Father's glory (John. 12:27,28).

One supreme passion governed the life of the Lord Jesus - the Father's glory. Everything He did was for the Father's glory. There were no separate sacred and secular compartments in His life. Everything was sacred. He made stools and benches for the glory of God as much as He preached and healed the sick for the glory of God. Every day was equally sacred to Him; and money spent on the necessities of daily living was as sacred as money given to God's work or to the poor.

Jesus lived in perfect rest of heart at all times, because He sought only the Father's glory and cared only for His Father's approval. He lived before the face of His Father and did not care for the honour or praise of men. *"He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory,"* said Jesus (*John. 7:18*).

The soulish Christian, however much he may appear or pretend to be seeking the glory of God, is really, deep down, interested in his own honour. Jesus on the other hand, never sought any honour for Himself. That which originates in man's cleverness and is carried out through human ingenuity and talents, will always end in glorifying man. That which begins in the soul will only glorify the creature. But there will be nothing in heaven or in earth in the ages of eternity that will bring honour or glory to any man. Everything that survives time and enters the portals of eternity will be what was from God, through God and to God.

It is the motive behind an action that gives value and merit to that action, as far as God is concerned. What we do is important, but why we do it is far more important.

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Stand athwart history and yell stop! (Copyright) by Curtis Dahlgren (Stephenson, Michigan)

"Over the last [year], Americans have lived through what is arguably the most consequential period of government malfeasance in U.S. history. Public officials' overreaction to the novel coronavirus put American cities into a coma; those same officials' passivity in the face of widespread rioting threatens to deliver the *coup de grace."* - Heather MacDonald, *Imprimis* (May-June 2020)

CALL IT MALPRACTICE by the governors' mansions and well-to-do mayors. Their "concern for human life" rings hollow. In Italy, the median age for virus fatalities was 80, and the Left had legalized assisted suicide on our Left coast. MacDonald says: "The politicians' ignorance about the complexity of economic life was stunning, as was their hypocrisy. Every elected official, public health expert, and media pundit who lectured Americans about the need for an indefinite lockdown had a secure('essential') job."

She mentions the March 30 Imperial College London model that predicted 2.2 million deaths in the U.S. by September 1, absent government action: "That prediction was absurd on its face, given the dispersal of the U.S. population and the fact that China's coronavirus death toll had already leveled off. The lead author of the Imperial College model has admitted that up to two-thirds of all coronavirus fatalities would have died from their co-morbidities by the end of 2020 anyway. [But] being fantastically risk averse is now a badge of honor."

"While the U.S. death toll from the virus has been demographically circumscribed and lower than the previous flu pandemics of 1918, 1956, and 1968 when adjusted for population, the economic toll has cut across every sector of the country and every population group . . .

"And what has been the response to this economic carnage on the part of our ruling class? Branding strategies! Politicians have put cute names on what has been a taking of private property on an unprecedented scale. New York governor Cuomo calls the state lockdowns "New York on Pause," as if commerce can be indefinitely suspended and then magically resuscitated with the flick of a switch."

BUT THE RIOTERS? "Blue state governors and mayors ordered law enforcement to stand down or use at most, in New York City mayor de Blasio's words, 'a light touch' with the rioters [but] the fire of sadism and hatred could not be contained. Soon cities across the country became scenes of feral savagery.

"The human lust for violence, the sheer joy of plunder and destruction, were unleashed without check."

P.S. And it has accomplished nothing for the good of the human race. "Revolution is not a dinner party, nor an essay, nor a painting, nor a piece of embroidery; it cannot be advanced softly, gradually, carefully, considerately, respectfully, politely, plainly, or modestly." – Mao Tse-tung

The war on police amounts to an enabling of an attempted revolution. A Michigan police officer wrote the following: "I delivered a baby while the mother was pinned in a car after an accident. I pulled out an unconscious man from a burning car. I crawled through windows of mangled wrecks (one to retrieve a 5 year old lone survivor of a head-on collision) . . . I've been the first on scene and triaged who to treat first after a several car pileup. I've recovered drowning victims. . . I've pulled out unrecognizable victims from wrecks only to find out I went to high school with them... I've responded to a desperate call for 'bodies in the roadway' and no way to stop traffic coming over a hill in the dead of night... "

[Many of the worst accidents happen during storms in the middle of winter too. Would YOU do that job, young smarty-pants?]

PPS: More shootings, even in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I periodically post the following on Facebook: FOR ANYONE GRIEVING My shepherd is the God of love, and He's your Shepherd too. Are you apart from one you love? No warmth, no ease, no butterflies, no trees? Me thought I heard One calling "Child," And I replied: "Adonai, el Shaddai! Sweet Spirt comfort me, O God above. And He replied: "I move in mysterious ways, My Wonders to perform;I plant my footprints on the sand, and ride upon the storm, So focus on Me, not your enemies." And I replied, on bended knees, "The God of love my Shepherd is." [Those are the combined words of Herrick, Herbert, Hood, and Cowper (paraphrased). Please pass it on.]

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Holy Days 2022

Passover – April 16, 2022 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before) Unleavened Bread – April 16-22, 2022 Pentecost – June 5, 2022

Trumpets - September 26, 2022 Atonement – October 5, 2022 Tabernacles – October 10-16, 2022 Last Great Day – October 17, 2022

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American leaders—particularly those on the political left and ostensibly concerned about managing climate change—are poised to rewrite the longstanding energy paradigm responsible for fueling the enviable lifestyle and productivity enjoyed by the United States since the Industrial Revolution. By outlawing or harshly regulating traditional means of power and fuel generation and promoting renewable but unreliable "green" technologies, these leaders look to "pull the plug" on the fossil fuel industry. Doing so will dictate wholesale changes in how we live, work, play, produce, and consume.

While the politics behind these changes can be complicated, there is growing zeal for eliminating all so-called carbon pollution. Advocates would eliminate coal, natural gas, and oil for electricity generation and replace them primarily with wind and solar power. For most modes of transportation, this means disposing of the gasoline or diesel-burning internal combustion engine in favor of electric vehicles.

A social justice element is also at work, with supporters calling for a comprehensive reset in how society conducts its affairs. But as high-minded as these ideas and goals might be, a rather large fly is struggling in the ointment. In their rush to dispense with all fossil fuels and their carbon emissions, green energy enthusiasts have seriously overestimated the new technologies' capacity to take over the world's energy needs. At the same time, they have underestimated the value of fossil fuel's availability, reliability, and affordability, especially during challenging times. Along with its growing reticence for more nuclear energy, the world is witnessing the onset of severe shortages of both electrical power and transportation fuels—and alarming price increases for both.

The COVID-19 lockdowns of 2020 and 2021 shut down much of global industry, hitting energy sectors particularly hard. Furthermore, the current American administration is openly utilizing the pandemic crisis to accelerate the eradication of all fossil fuels from the U.S. market. By increasing burdensome restrictions and canceling the construction of badly needed oil and gas pipelines, federal and state governments appear ready to force a calamitous transition on the oil and gas industries, regardless of the costs to the American people.

In response, oil industry CEOs and stockholders demanded a reduction of costs necessary to maintain profitability for not only the duration of the pandemic but also into the future. Doing so necessitated shutting down or curtailing exploration, research and development, drilling, refining, and distribution, with considerable emphasis on an already strained refining sector. To date, no new refineries have been brought online in the U.S. since 1977, and the industry holds out little hope of receiving a green light to build any others. Even if political sentiment suddenly changed in favor of fossil fuels, it would take a decade or more to add significant refining capacity.

The same holds true for the local electric company that once provided plentiful electricity from various combinations of coal, natural gas, oil, hydroelectric, or nuclear power. Excepting hydroelectric, all the other forms of traditional power generation are under regulatory fire from numerous political sources, and the national electrical grid grows more fragile, outdated, and unreliable.

Power companies are learning that converting coal, oil, and natural gas plants to utilize wind and solar energy puts a tremendous strain on an already stressed power grid. Moreover, with the ongoing droughts in the American West, hydroelectric generation is also under threat when it is needed most. Water volumes flowing through the rivers and into reservoirs for electricity production are dropping at an alarming rate. Already power generation from these natural sources is down and, in certain instances, may cease altogether unless the skies bring needed relief. Industry leaders are warning Americans who live in western states—and even the Great Lakes region! —to expect rolling brownouts and perhaps blackouts this summer and beyond.

Despite the anti-fossil fuel fervor, energy demand continues to roar back worldwide much faster than anticipated since the pandemic's subsidence in late 2021. However, the damage is done. Energy producers everywhere struggle to regain their footing while dealing with the aforementioned refinery and pipeline shortages, labor shortages, rapidly rising costs, supply-chain issues, and continued regulatory abuse from a short-sighted and unfriendly government.

Renewable power sources are nowhere near ready to replace fossil fuels in generating power for our homes and industries. Wind and solar technologies are too unreliable and uncontrollable to provide for peak demand or to scale back temporarily when demand drops. They also tend to produce more energy during the spring and fall, when overall demand is much lower.

Likewise, electric vehicles are still too unreliable and expensive today. The charging infrastructure required to keep these vehicles on the road will take many years and likely trillions of dollars to build. While progressing in the last decade, critical battery technology is still woefully lacking and, ironically, brings about its own set of ecological challenges.

A strong dose of common sense—which comes with acknowledging and obeying God—is necessary to reverse the nearirreparable damage wreaked on American energy producers (Deuteronomy 28:1-2; Proverbs 14:34). Once the envy of the world, they faithfully provided Americans with cheap, plentiful, and readily available power for homes, industries, and transportation. Sadly, they may soon struggle to keep the lights on, the workplace productive, and the cars, trucks, and trains rolling if righteous action is not forthcoming to avoid the oncoming catastrophe (Deuteronomy 28:45-47).

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You may, or may not, be familiar with the example of the lobster in the pot. This has been used in times past as an example of how things, events, will creep up upon you until finally it is too late to change them. You fill a cooking pot with water, place a live lobster in it and turn the heat on. We assume the lobster could get out of the pot, but it doesn't. It may feel the water getting hot, but it feels comfortable and so stays in the pot. The water slowly rises to the boiling point and

cooks the lobster. It was killed because it didn't understand gradualism! Similarly, people don't realise how much the principle is a part of today's world.

It effectively entered the political consciousness through the efforts back in the 1920's of Beatrice Webb, who along with her husband Sidney, was an early socialist thinker. In her presidential address to the British Labour Party Congress of 1923, she called it "the inevitability of gradualness." Pavlov picked up on this and referred to gradualness when talking to Russian students in 1936 as an important condition of fruitful scientific work. We are familiar with the habit in today's world of forever coining new words so we might use the word "gradualism". It is also referred to, but in other words, in the bible. In 2nd Peter, chapter 3 verses 3 and 4 it says this: "knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days, scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying "where is the promise of his coming? For all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." Its speaking of gradualness, or gradualism!

The Webbs saw the principle of gradualism as working in favour of the inevitable triumph of socialism. Pavlov saw it as a scientific principle. The bible, God's word, sees it as a reality of the human condition. A reality that the world needs to be reminded of and warned about. That situations can develop in such a way that they will creep up upon an individual until it's too late to do anything about it. Even then, most will ignore the warnings. A bit like a bus-driver who normally drives a single deck bus. One day, exceptionally but on the same route, he is driving a double-deck bus. He sees, as normal, the sign saying, "low bridge" and forgets he is driving a double decker! His mind is on something else. He might be listening to the radio. Everything has been lulling him into a false sense of security. The inevitable occurs and he and his bus end up jammed under the bridge with the upper deck torn away! A victim of gradualism.

Gradualism tends to develop within human beings the state of torpor. Or you might say, intellectual or spiritual lethargy, apathy, dullness, and indifference. Ronald Wright in his book "A Short History of Progress" quoted an American secretary of the interior who told Congress not to bother with the environment because, in his words, "I don't know how many future generations we can count on until the Lord returns." Another quote was from Adolf Hitler on coming to power in Germany. He said, "What luck for the rulers that the people do not think!" Mr Wright in his book then commented: "What can we do when the rulers *will* not think!" Today, in every part of this planet all the professing Christian churches and, regrettably, a number of the splintered churches of God as well, here is a mass contemplating the nave!! A mass ignoring of what is staring us in the face! A mass lack of thinking and awareness. Ronald Wright refers to today's society, the world in which you, and I, live, as a "suicide machine." And the rulers do not think!

And it isn't as though we haven't been told! Jesus Christ told us clearly what the world would be like just before his return. In Matthew chapter 24 he said, "Many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Professing Christian groups and churches, including the Church of England and the Catholic Church, abound today and say they come in Christ's name, but ignore everything he said. They embrace doctrines that are pagan in origin and have no connection with anything Jesus Christ did or said. Christ warned of wars and rumours of wars. He said that nation would arise against nation, kingdom against kingdom. There would be famines, pestilences, earthquakes everywhere and at an intensity and frequency never known before. He said that these things would be the beginning of sorrows. Are these things now a reality or not! Or have they all crept up on us, so that we don't realise we are standing on the edge! On the edge of world annihilation.

I was once a witness to an H bomb test at Christmas Island in the Pacific. It was the last one Britain ever carried out. It was an awe-inspiring event. But, compared with the explosives at the disposal of certainly 10 nations today it was just a firecracker! There should be no such thing as nuclear weapons. We cannot fool ourselves and say, well, it would be unlikely that they would ever be used in war! They HAVE been used in war or have we so soon forgotten Nagasaki and Hiroshima! Today there are even more sophisticated weapons of mass destruction. Do you think they will never be used? Do you think war as a means of settling disputes between nations has ended? Tell that to the families of the thousands of young Britons and young Americans who have died or were savagely maimed, needlessly in Afghanistan and Iraq. Thousands upon thousands of Iraqis died, all victims of a political war. A war that was based on an outright lie, for which there has not even been an apology! Tell it to the families of the young Israelis and young Arabs who have similarly died and suffered in the Middle East. Then there are the wars throughout Africa – another lethal war is constantly threatened between the two Koreas. And Argentina has not forgotten the Falkland Islands are still there and given the opportunity would soon invade once more. Especially as Britain no longer has an operational aircraft carrier and is steadily reducing the navy.

Another example of gradualism is that of global warming or climate change. Certainly, five years ago, warnings were being given. The environmental alarm bells were ringing loud and clear, changes were already becoming apparent. And rather than global warming it was becoming clear that what was happening was a change to the world's climate. Five years ago, the Arctic Sea ice was seen to have thinned by roughly half over the previous 30 years. Five years ago, it was also being forecast that floods would come upon major cities. It was also pointed out that London had, in the 70s, been within one inch of inundation and that unless the Thames barrier was urgently replaced or increased in size there would be disastrous flooding. It was also reported that the world's forests were being destroyed, and more of the fish important to man's diet were being lost. Five years ago, the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution said that "the wrecking of the seas was the world's gravest environmental problem after climate change."

What is the position now? Recently it has been emphasised that the Thames barrier must, as a matter of urgency either be upgraded or a new and larger one built. London, otherwise, can expect to find the central area subject to flooding. Five years on, cities are suffering major floods. Pakistan has recently suffered catastrophic flooding and now we have news of the dreadful flooding in Queensland, Australia, over an area which equals the combined land area of France and Germany. The latest news is flooding in the major city of Brisbane. Thousands facing the loss of home and possessions. Reports are also coming in of a number of deaths as a result of the floods. Last year there was severe drought in another area of Australia. Shortage of fresh water is now, five years later, becoming a problem. In December last year in southern California there were unseasonable heavy rains throughout the area.

Heavy snowfalls also hit the New York area and further north, disrupting flights in and out of the nation. This followed unusually severe snow and extremely low temperatures which virtually crippled all transport by land or air in and out of Britain.

Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are becoming more and more frequent and severe. Over the past 18 months or so there have been a number. An eruption in Iceland stopped almost all flights throughout Europe and transatlantic ones. Within a very short time heavy snowfalls on the east coast of the United States stopped flights in and out of the whole area. Consistently these weather patterns have been described by meteorologists as the worst on record, worst in living memory or similar comments. The present floods in Queensland are described as the worst for 100 years. It is generally accepted that there is something exceptional happening. And from all the available evidence it would appear that the climate is changing. And changing as a result of what mankind has done to the environment.

An article in an Independent climate supplement said this: "If we think we can stave off climate catastrophe simply by raising public awareness, we are deceiving ourselves – the truth is, only urgent and ruthless government action will do." But do you imagine for a moment we are going to see urgent and ruthless government action either in the United Kingdom or in the United States. You know the answer.

However, these things, along with wars, are only the beginning of sorrows. We are so used to gradualism. The old Australian cry of "she'll be right, mate!" I'm afraid is not going to mean anything. There is so much happening now. Happening at the same time. Yet so many of those of the various churches of God to whom has been given an incredible understanding of prophecy have gone to sleep at the switch. Around this world, the governments, and peoples of the nations of this planet have got to wake up! Wake up and repent of breaking God's laws. The churches of God have got to wake up as to what is happening and begin to preach the soon coming return of Jesus Christ. Without that being a reality, we are doomed to become yet another moment of incandescence in the universe, soon to blink out and become yet another dead planet.

We have almost run out of time. We, individually and collectively, need to turn to our God – to repent of breaking His laws, while it is still day. The night is coming upon us very, very quickly.

The Devils Wine

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Believe God's Judgment: Judge accordingly or close your eyes. <u>Deceivers Proclaim: Close your eyes to sin and "Do Not Judge</u>". But God teaches Christians to "make right judgments". 1 Corinthians 6:2-3 "Do you not know that the saints will

judge the world, and are you not competent to judge trivial cases? We will judge angels; How much more the things of this life?"

Revelation 2:26-27 "To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations; he will rule them with an iron scepter". That would be "Authority" to administer God's Judgment.

1 Corinthians 2:15 "The spiritual makes Judgments about All things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment. If the Spirit of God is in, you: You will make Judgments according to the Word of God. Jesus heals a man and is accused of breaking the Sabbath. He tells his accusers, John 7:24 "Stop judging by mere appearance, and "Make a right judgment."

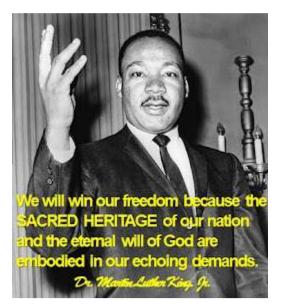
Ezekiel 3:18-19 "When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he <u>does Not turn</u> from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have <u>saved yourself</u>."

Drunk on the Devil's Poisoned Wine: The Devils Gospel is: "Do Not Discriminate" Close your eyes and heart to sin. <u>Satan has Shut the Mouths of National, Jewish and Christian Leaders with that: Deceptive Psychological Poison</u>. Those who drink that wine are incapable of making a distinction between "good and evil". They will not call on the wicked and those who defend and praise them to "Repent". Instead, they will defend them with the words "do not judge."

May God have mercy on those who are Drunk on the Devils Wine!

Why America's Survival Depends on the Recovery of Her "Sacred Heritage"

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America's founders were far from perfect, but they established the nation on Judeo/Christian principles that they believed would serve as a moral compass to guide the nation through any difficulty or crisis she might face.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. understood this and writing from the Birmingham city jail, where he had been incarcerated, he

acknowledged the nation's "sacred heritage" and declared it to be a basis for his confidence the fight for racial equality would succeed. He wrote,

We will reach the goal of freedom in Birmingham, and all over the nation, because the goal of America is freedom. Abused and scorned though we may be our destiny is tied up with the destiny of America . . . We will win our freedom because the SACRED HERITAGE of our nation and the eternal will of God are embodied in our echoing demands.

Dr. King was very aware of America's flawed and sinful history, but he also saw that there was something sacred, holy, and of God in her founding. In this same letter he speaks with pride and respect of the Pilgrims, Thomas Jefferson, the 'majestic' Declaration of Independence, and Abraham Lincoln.

He also alluded to this "sacred heritage" in his famous "I Have a Dream Speech." Speaking from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he declared, "I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream."

Each Generation Must Learn About this "Sacred Heritage"

Dr. King considered the opposition to his demands, and the ensuing turmoil in America, to be signs she had fallen away from her founding principles. She had lost sight of her "sacred heritage" and he called for a return to those founding principles of faith and freedom.

Each generation of Americans must, in fact, be reminded of our country's "sacred heritage," for as Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation away from extinction."

Each new generation likes to think that wisdom and virtue has begun with it and that former generations were inferior in virtue and understanding. This is the case in America today and was the case in Israel during the time of Jeremiah the prophet. In Jeremiah 6:16, the prophet declared to King Josiah and all the people,

Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls.

Just as Israel had strayed from the good way that had produced peace and prosperity, America has strayed from the way that made her the freest and most prosperous nation in history. She has strayed from the founding principles that brought about the end of slavery, passed Civil Rights legislation, defeated Nazism, and brought down the evil Soviet empire.

The Biblical moral compass put in place by the founders has been trashed and in its place a secularist/Marxist ideology is being propagated in our schools, in colleges, in Hollywood, and in Washington, D.C. Now we are seeing the nation unravelling both within and without on the world stage.

The Way Forward from Here

All, however, is not lost! We can take back our land, but the church must arise. We must recover that "sacred heritage" of which Dr. King spoke. This "sacred heritage" is being demonized today by those who want to transform America into a godless/Marxist state. They want to destroy this heritage because, as Karl Marx said, "People without a heritage are easily persuaded."

We must, therefore, redouble our efforts to teach this generation about America's "sacred heritage." Understanding our "sacred heritage," along with Biblical promises such as II Chronicles 7:14, will provide a solid foundation of faith to pray for another Great Awakening to roll across our land like a mighty tsunami wave.

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