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***But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,  
an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show  
forth the praises of him who hath called you out of  
darkness into his marvelous light . . ."***

I Peter — 2:9

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## A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

There is a planetary movement today toward a lasting secure peace. It is a tumult of such great significance that it behooves one to search the Scriptures with such an intensity so as to come away with either a solidified embracement of this movement or a staunch rejection of it.

The God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob is a God of Peace. He is *Yahweh-shalom*. Even so, is the Holy One of Israel the foundation upon which this peace has been sought by so many the world over? Or could it be that the secure peace being quested for at the present hour is but the epoch old extenuation of an elaborate hoax from the premier magician of the ages, namely Lucifer?

Is it truly the Spirit of Jesus Christ who is driving so many to unite under a common banner of *peace & security* at this time in man's history or might it be another spirit? —A spirit ***"whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."***

These questions beg to be answered correctly. For if, indeed, the world is witnessing the ultimate preparations to the reign of the final antichrist and his seeming kingdom of "righteousness" (as many believe) then one must be certain to make the right decision. For should the wrong "christ" be worshipped by a person — the eternal ramification for such a decision will be ***"the resurrection of damnation."***

Therefore, it is not a light thing in considering the current work of ecumenism in the churches bearing the name of Jesus Christ at the close of this 20th century. This writer does not name individuals in the following short treatise in order to consign them to the aforementioned fate - but to make the reader aware of who the people are today inside the professing churches of Christ the LORD which are purposely moving history toward the prelude of the final war between light and dark, evil and good, God and Satan.

Many sincerely genuine brothers and sisters in Christ are being besieged by ***"ministers of righteousness"*** and ***"angels of light"*** that they might accept the coming "peace age" of love and brotherhood, not realizing the emissaries of such are leading them into everlasting destruction. It is my solemn prayer that this simple work, built upon the underpinnings of many who have gone on before, will call the chosen of the Father back to Him that they might be once again able to discern evil from good. And that their stand will become one of humility before the Word of God, . . .

. . . Jesus Christ the righteous.

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# KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT?

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PERHAPS THAT THEY ARE SO OFTEN repeated Christian believers have tended to grow indifferent to their overwhelming relevance to the time in which we currently find ourselves. I speak of those words of Jeremiah when he addressed the children of Benjamin, his own people in the midst of Israel who had been relentlessly pursued by Babylon until every last visage of their presence was wiped out. Yet, even in the midst of the carnage they still had a soft spot for "optimistic preachers". I wonder how many of them thought to themselves, *"If we just pretend to ignore it, maybe it will go away."* Sound familiar? Jeremiah cried concerning these prophets of peace, *"They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace,"* (Jeremiah 6:14).

These same types of people typified by the children of Israel of old are still with us. This time, however, they're found in the tribe of Judah, as well. How many Christians today, like the proverbial ostrich with it's head buried in the sand, stand aloof to the cries of the modern Jeremiah's clamoring aloud the LORD's warning, *"My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place,"* (Jer. 50:6).

What is going on that so many sincere believers in Christ Jesus cannot discern the times? May I remind the reader of our Redeemer's words in the book of Matthew — *"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect,"* (Matthew 24:24) This is another verse that seems to carelessly fall by the wayside. This is a verse which can't possibly pertain to the very times we currently find ourselves embroiled in (or so some think). The deceptions will be so great, and are so great currently, that whether the true saints of God can be deceived is not really the immediate question; —the important issue at hand is remembering that without the Spirit of Christ leading one's discernment, many Christians are (and will continue to be) deceived apart from the revelation of God in their midst!

In the book, *War on the Saints (1912)*, Jesse Pan Lewis wrote that 'since deception is based on ignorance, and not on the moral character, a Christian who is "true" and "faithful" up to the knowledge he has, must be open to deception in the sphere where he is ignorant of the "devices" of the devil, and what he is able to do. A "true" and "faithful" Christian is liable to be deceived by the devil because of his ignorance.' Although many will ardently deny the possibility that

a Christian could be deceived to the point where they might become susceptible to the phantasms of the devil, the fact remains, ***"because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved . . . for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."*** (II Thessalonians 2:10b-12) Continuing with his thought, the apostle Paul did give a safeguard to combat the delusion sent from God. He said, ***"stand fast, and hold the [teachings] which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."*** (vs. 15) Clearly then, it can only be by one's strict adherence to the Word of God and His revelation of Scripture that true sanctuary from deception can be secured.

One of the surest ways to fall into deception is to lose sight of the cross of Christ. As many professors in the Faith of Jesus from Nazareth progressively seek to eschew His work at Golgotha — they open themselves up to the wiles of the enemy. The LORD Jesus Christ gives the perfect illustration of this. When our beloved brother, Simon Peter, rebuked the Savior of mankind for insisting He shall offer up His life to give ***"himself a ransom for all,"*** the LORD quickly turned to the fisherman and said, ***"Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things of God, but those that be of men. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."*** (Matthew 16:23-24)

Although on the surface it may appear that many people are seeking heavenly peace by furthering the kingdom of God on the earth and doing His will throughout the nations of the world, the opposite, in many cases, is actually the truth. Men have abandoned God's way and instead have turned aside to the great deceiver of mankind and are following his satanic will, instead. A number who claim to walk by the Spirit of Christ have abandoned, in some regard, the very prerequisite for doing so; vis., ***"let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."***

For example, one of the areas of great demonic duplicity today in many churches is in the realm of biblical dominion, or in other words, the scriptural references to both the kingdoms of God and Heaven and how they are to be obtained. Rather than pursuing Christ by denying themselves and taking up their cross many Christians are denying Christ and exchanging His cross for a steel sword and are heading off into the world of carnal warfare in order to bring about God's everlasting kingdom in the earth apart from His assistance. And it is by no means just a few. The overwhelming tides in the sea of Christianity today are crashing against secular society in such a way as if to say — ***"We're God's people and we are not going to lay down our lives! We will do nothing but fight! We are going to wage war until every last enemy of God is wiped clean off the face of the earth!"*** Such arrogance comes not from the Prince of peace but from the adversary. Satan is the lord and master of many zealous and deceived Christians in the world today who are strutting about in their ignorance proclaiming to give God the glory by "Christianizing" the planet for Him. When the truth of the matter is they are unknowingly, in most cases, helping to solidify the kingdom of the final antichrist.

It is so important to rightly divide the Word of Truth. We must discern what the Kingdom is and what it is not. Without really realizing it, I believe, a

lot who name the Name of Jesus Christ are continually being swept into that false version of Christianity which originated in Alexandria, Egypt, many centuries ago. Hellenistic Gnosticism gained a strong following in second-century Christianity, this being very simply the belief that the material world was all evil and the spiritual realm perfectly divine. Or that one could "perfect" themselves with an ascension to right thought and knowledge apart from that of right behavior. This produced "lawlessness." One could conceivably fornicate with the world but as long as their thought processes were "divine" they could be excused, so to speak. Attaining "spiritual" perfection outweighed the seeking to annul their "physical" transgressions through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. From this thinking has come the idea that the kingdom of God is entirely spiritual and that the only literal kingdom which will come is that which mankind determines to come. In short, Man determines his own destiny.

An early church father, Origen (circa 185-254 AD), although not a diehard Gnostic, did subscribe to the divinity of perfect thought. He tried to merge Greek philosophy (like that of Aristotle and Plato) with the Christian faith. One of the byproducts of this synthesis was that the Kingdom of heaven was only a spiritual reality in the mind and soul of Man and that the literal prophecies foretelling a "Kingdom Age" or "Millennium" of a 1000 year reign of Christ were to be allegorically interpreted rather than be literally applied to some future time in the plan of God. As a result, Origen linked himself with the Gnostics who utterly rejected the notion of an earthly Kingdom Age of God. This has resulted in a mass amount of confusion concerning the gospel of the Kingdom.

The confusion in certain circles today, however, is when in fact does His earthly Kingdom come? Is mankind already experiencing the kingdom in all it's glory and grandeur and simply awaiting the rightful king to take his seat? Or, is mankind experiencing the counterfeit kingdom of antichrist which will lead the whole world astray?

To fully understand how men have confused this issue we must start with what the Holy Bible refers to as the *millennium* or the *one thousand year reign of Christ* on the earth. ***"And I [John the Apostle] saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their right hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished . . . and when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations . . ."*** (The Revelation of Jesus Christ - 20:4, 7-8)

Concerning the *millennium*, there are three main views. They are, premillennialism, the doctrine stating that after the physical second coming of Christ He will reign for a thousand years over the earth before the final consummation of God's redemptive purpose in the new heavens and the new earth of the ageless eons to come. Next is postmillennialism, which in contrast to premillennialism explains that the kingdom of God is now being extended through Christian teaching and preaching and this will ultimately result in a Christianized world of peace and prosperity referred to in the Bible as the *millennium*. This new age to come will not be essentially different from the present. It emerges as an increasing pro-

portion of the world's inhabitants are converted to Christianity. Evil is not eliminated but restrained and the Church gains influence to the point of solving many social, economic, and political problems. This 'new age' ends with the second coming of Jesus Christ. Postmillennialism could be said to adhere to a Darwinian philosophy. That is, things overall are to evolve from "better" to "best" according to the postmillennialist. In other words, as Augustine (354-430) summed up during the council of Nicaea - "*The coming of the Savior, which continually comes, occurs in His Church . . . Little by Little, Piece by Piece . . .*" (City of God, Book 20, Chapter 5)

Finally, amillennialism holds that the Bible does not predict a period of universal peace and righteousness before the end of the world but that there will be a continuous growth of good and evil in the world which will culminate in the second coming of Jesus Christ when the dead shall be raised and the last judgment held. Most amillennialists hold that the kingdom of God is now present in the world as the victorious Christ is ruling his people by his Word and Spirit, though they also look forward to a future, glorious and perfect kingdom on the new earth in the life to come. The above Scripture in the book of Revelation is believed to describe the present reign of the souls of deceased believers with Christ in heaven.

Where men err is when they believe one must hold to *one* view, exclusively. A person should be able to pull the truth from all three. For, within each of these three systems of theology is comprised many peripheral beliefs, some of which are beneficial and others which can be severely damaging to the proper exegesis of Scripture. Such as Dispensationalism — which sees a clear distinction between the physical line of Abraham [i.e. "Jewish" Israel] and the spiritual Israel, [eg. the new Testament body of Jesus Christ].

Another description defining the supposed conflicts concerning the "Millennium" or "Kingdom Age" comes from a proponent of cultic Unitarianism and the "Manifest Sons of God" doctrine most prominent among aberrant Charismatics. Christian Identity teacher, J. Preston Eby, makes some very valid points concerning the Kingdom of God. This writer uses him as a legitimate source simply because, on this issue, he uses keen insights that many "evangelicals" apparently find too difficult to grasp. It is this writer's prayer that by using one of "their own" - those inside the Christian Identity/British Israelism movements will "*study to show [themselves] approved unto God, work[men] that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. [And that they will] shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker . . . Who concerning the truth have erred, . . . and overthrow the faith of some.*" (II Timothy 2:15-18).

With all this considered, Eby writes that 'the prophets of Old Testament times regarded the Kingdom of God as an event of the future. It was for them something yet to be achieved. They looked forward earnestly to the time when God would arise and come to judge the earth. They saw in vision the day when all nations of men would live in peace; when strife, war, tyranny, injustice, sorrow, hunger, want, pain, and death would be vanquished. That age of perfection would bring blessings unparalleled and would be the rule of God in the midst of men. These beautiful dreams of an age to come of heavenly bliss on

earth are among the most enchanting passages in the Bible.

There are two errors abroad in the land today in respect to the Kingdom of God. There is a tendency among God's people to limit the Kingdom either to *this age* of the Church, or to the *next age* called the Millennium of the Kingdom Age. The first group can see nothing in the Kingdom beyond our present experience. To these the Kingdom is identical with our salvation experience and the many gifts, blessings, provisions, and benefits of the Church age. This concept views the Kingdom as a "little flock" right up to the end of time, in the world, coexisting as it were with the world, yet not of the world, but never triumphing over the world. The Church and the world, or the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the devil both continue as they now are right up to the end of time when Jesus comes again and terminates the whole program, destroying the present heavens and earth, casting the wicked into everlasting hell fire and shipping the saints off to glory in eternal heaven. In this view there is no ultimate triumph of the Kingdom of God over the kingdom of darkness, no consummation of the Kingdom where God becomes all-in-all. Instead of *consummation* these dear people settle for *termination*. God just "winds things up" and the whole program on earth comes to a jarring halt. According to this scheme the prophecy of Daniel will never be fulfilled; ***"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."*** (Daniel 2:44) Nor, if these brethren are right, can the prophecy in Revelation 11:15 come to pass: ***"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."***

The second error recognizes no present literal Kingdom of God on earth, pushing the Kingdom off into a future age, making its present reality utterly meaningless. Men with their human theology have imagined that the Kingdom of God has not yet come on the earth and that it remains to be "established" during the "Millennium." People often declare in no uncertain terms that Jesus is returning to "set up" the Kingdom. They proclaim that the Kingdom is an "age" of one thousand years duration . . . [However] The Kingdom of God is a present reality to those who have been caught up into the high places of the Spirit! It is not a matter of *this* or *that*, *now* or *then*, *this age* or the *next age*. The Kingdom is none of these things. It is more than all. It is this *and* that, now *and* then, this age *and* the next - and much, much more!

As one Christian researcher further notes, 'All things work in accordance with God's plan for His entire Kingdom; the events which transpire upon the earth at His initiation are Kingdom-centered, not earth centered.

So because the Church at large has viewed the Kingdom of God in terms of its benefit to the earth rather than in terms of the earth's benefit to the Kingdom, those who hold intractable positions on both sides of the eschatological question have proven themselves in error to some degree.'

Disciples of Christ must remember constantly that just like the Ancient of Days, His Kingdom is also eternal. The plain truth of the matter is that God is currently reigning in the hearts of His people. As Jesus Christ said to His disciples, ***"The kingdom of God is within you."*** (Luke 17:21). However, this does

not take away from the fact that His kingdom will also manifest itself on the earth during the so-called "Kingdom Age." Most of the confusion relative to the Kingdom centers around the terms 'God' and 'Heaven'. For example, in Matthew chapter three we find John the Baptist preaching the Kingdom, "**And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**" (vs. 2). Yet, after the Baptist was put into prison here comes Christ Jesus preaching in Galilee, "**And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**" (Mark 1:15). To make matters even more seemingly unclear, Matthew records Jesus as saying, "**Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**" (Matt. 4:17). As we move into another chapter we will see the results of what happens when the majority of Christianity equates "God" with "Heaven." That is to say, although there is only ONE Kingdom - it has two distinctly separate functions. As one man rightly observed, 'Things different are not equal. . . GOD is not Heaven, and Heaven is not GOD.' Therefore, although the Kingdom of heaven and the Kingdom of God are in perfect harmony they are not the same thing! And because of their ignorance of this fact many people have gone about trying to establish the kingdom of Heaven on earth not realizing that ONLY God in the person of Jesus Christ will bring in the kingdom to the world, not man! Confused yet? Just keep in mind that the kingdom of Heaven is always an earthly, literal, visible, physical manifestation of the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is currently a spiritual reality in the hearts of believers but in the future, this spiritual reality will indeed manifest itself in the earth at the second coming of Christ in power and great glory. Thus, the kingdom of Heaven again returns to planet earth after it's long hiatus since it's last appearance back in the Garden of Eden.

Because we know that Satan is currently the 'god of this world' it should come to us as no big surprise why we pray the prayer our LORD gave us to pray, "**Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy KINGDOM come. They will be done in EARTH, as it is in HEAVEN.**" (Matthew 6:9-10 •emphasis added)

If only more Christians would read the Holy Writ they would find that what is currently being fostered upon them is not God's will for His kingdom - but man's. More than being solely a schema from the mind of Man, however - it is the spirit behind these men, namely Lucifer; the satanic spirit of the soon coming antichrist, that is leading the charge.

Just as there was no righteous king in Israel in the day of the Judges so shall it be at the end of this present age. The kingdoms of this world will once again scream like the Israelites before them . . . "**now make us a king to judge us like all the nations . . . Give us a king to judge us . . . we will have a king over us; that we may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.**" (I Samuel 8:5,7, 19-20)

And just like God did before, He will do again. "**And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king.**" (vs. 22) However, before the King of kings and LORD of lords (*the only truly righteous ruler*) appears in clouds of glory, the earth will welcome the Luciferian king of Babylon yet one more time, unfortunately. And where the deception will bare itself out is in whether the children of light will submit to this evil lord or resist him. On the

mere surface it would appear to be an effortless decision — for don't the scriptures patently state, **"We ought to obey God rather than men"**? (cf. Acts 5:29). Well, of course they do! Christians must resist! Even so, one must not forget the aforementioned verse in Matthew which we many times relegate to the "glossed over" file. That is to say, **"if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."** Can we really grasp what Christ was saying here? His chosen priesthood, the "called out" from among the nations, His "peculiar people" could be deceived. Is this possible? Again, the question is not if this is possible but more importantly, how possible is it? To state it a different way, might the deception be so grand, so thorough - that the faithful remnant of the LORD would be snared?

Could it be even conceivable that God's will for the Christian Church, (the body of Christ Jesus which is to enter the great tribulation) is to submit to the dictates of the final antichrist? Now, we know very well from scripture that a true disciple of Christ is not to **"worship the image of the beast"** nor must he **"receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand."** If one forgoes these commands than **"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, . . ."** (The Revelation 14:10-11).

None the less, should the Christian seek to fight the system of the beast with carnal weapons and seek to subdue the beast? Are the biblical prophecies concerning the end of the age self-fulfilling? If so, then they can be altered, right? Instead of submitting to the beast the Church can rise up to challenge him and overcome him, yes? Sadly, some have been led to believe just this. The truth of the matter is the Church **"ought to obey God rather than men."**

The God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob — *El Olam*, the Eternal God - is demanding that His children go into captivity once more. For their sins have reached heaven and it must be this way if the Bride of Christ is to be brought forth without spot or wrinkle. As the well-worn verse stated by Peter reads, **"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God."**

Contrary to the opinions of those who would tell us the Christian's duty is to subdue the antichrist kingdom of the beast — to "win the world for Christ" - and to hell with the demonic forces of darkness, so to speak, are failing to recognize that it is the opposite which holds true. When king Nebuchadnezzar carried God's children captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, the LORD spoke to them through the prophet Jeremiah and told them to submit to their captors. Because they had transgressed His holy Law, God ordained Babylon to take them into 70 years of captivity.

**"And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve him. And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with**

*the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand."*

(Jeremiah 27:6-8).

Yet, just like the unbelievers, some in the Church are walking as other Gentiles walk, *"in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness,"* (Ephesians 4:17-19). In a matter of speaking, some "Christians" have proved no different than the people of Judah before them, whom God called rebellious children *"that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin,"* (Isaiah 30:1). Instead of seeking refuge in God they have allied themselves with Egypt and with Babylon. God says *"That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."* (Is. 30:9-11).

Before restoration can come God must purge His "royal priesthood". Therefore, it is to our extreme benefit that we allow His words, spoken through Jeremiah, to sink deep into the recesses of our mind - *"... thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD."* (Jeremiah 29:8-9)

The deception in these last days is so intense that in order to escape the *"snare of the fowler and the [deadly] pestilence"* (Psalms 91:3), it is not an option to WEAR the armament of the LORD if one sincerely seeks to be delivered from the coming wrath.

The persecution of the Church is not defeat! It is the glorification of our mortal bodies. Martyrdom for the Faith will reward the Christian with a glorified body more beautifully adorned than the bodies of those who did not have the opportunity given them to lay down their physical life for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

At this hour in time it is so utterly important for the child who is straining to hear the voice of the Lamb to, first of all, silence all the competing voices out there trying to win his undying affections. The way to the kingdom comes only by way of Christ's cross. Any other way to God's kingdom is a fraud. It is a lying deception from the fangs of the serpent - a hiss of poison designed to render it's prey totally incapacitated from their rightful rulership in His kingdom to come. In order to discern where the Church is going, she must remember her past in the hope that she, as the wife of the Lamb, will not bow her heart to the kingdom of the beast. And it is in this past that the truth of the future can ultimately be ferreted out.

In the next chapter we shall find that the kingdom of God is not what it has been presented to be. Especially here in this *"land of the free"* and *"home of the brave"* we call—America. Truly our Islamic Arab enemies have given us a most appropriate designation, for very sadly indeed, our nation is—*the great Satan*.

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# ANOTHER GENESIS

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THE QUOTES PRESENTED ON THE following page are from a fictional writing entitled *The End Of The Age*, by Pat Robertson. Although Robertson is well known to employ the penning of "ghost writers" for most of his works - this particular novel seems to come straight from the hand of the onetime chairman of both the Christian Coalition and Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), himself.

While Pat Robertson came in a distant third behind Vice-President George Bush and Senator Bob Dole for the Republican nomination for the Presidency of the United States 10 years ago (1988) — one mustn't underestimate the powerful influence this political Ananias still wields on the Beltway. But more than just Pat Robertson are the people and the belief systems this man has come to epitomize; the "right-wing", as it were.

As the cries for peace ring out not only in Washington D.C., but from every capital of nearly every country on the face of the earth, men like Robertson stand ready to strike. Waiting in the wings of the next great paradigm of peace are devious men who fully intend to appease those pleas with their counterfeit solutions. Could it be that the "hypothetical" quotes from Robertson's book might become an all-to-real impending possibility?

Although this should come as no surprise to the discerning Christian, seeing the Bible has given us all very ample warnings that these things would, indeed, become so; it is quite intriguing and extremely disheartening to see that the majority of people within the churches of America which call themselves Christians really have no idea what is about to occur, nor have they comprehended, it seems, what has been occurring since the foundation of America was laid almost three centuries ago. In fact, because they do not fully fathom the gravity of the situation developing in the present hour it only should go to prove one thing — they really have never heard the truth behind the phenomenon known as the *United States of America*.

In order to understand where we are going as a nation we must know where we have come from. Many very gullible people (such as myself), were led to believe for numerous years that America was a divine experiment by God. We were asked to digest the fact that this country had truly become the greatest Christian nation on the planet at the time of it's official genesis in 1776. And although in less than 200 years this place called America has degenerated into the most vile and lured country on the face of the earth at the present time, quicker even than the political and moral disintegration of Sodom or Rome - it's leaders, both religious and secular, would have us to believe it is not yet beyond salvation.



"I speak to you tonight, my very dear friends, not as citizens of the United States or Great Britain or Germany or China or any single nation, but as citizens of the world. For we have suffered together, we have toiled together, we have wept and worked together for one great and noble end — the healing of a broken world. Tonight I speak to you all as one people, one race, one generation dedicated to transforming that which is dead and dying, and destined by our fate and our common fortunes to make a world where men and women can live together in harmony.

"You and I have survived a time of tragedy by the very will of God who has given us a new mandate to unite as one, as brothers and sisters around the world. We are one, we are the world — we are the family of all mankind."

"Tonight I stand before you in the name of a new order of unity and cooperation in the world and a new alliance of peace that will affirm what you and I believe. No more divisions that separate us. No more wars that destroy us. No more starvation or famine or pain."

"What I bring you tonight, my dear friends, is a message of hope for a world dedicated to peace; and thus, I am announcing the formation of a new coalition — a world Union for Peace. Instead of the United Nations, which has failed time and time again to deliver the unity it has so often promised, I lift up to you the Union for Peace."

"Security is not a remote or regional concern, but a common bond, and instead of giving allegiance to single nations with private armies, our worldwide Union for Peace will guarantee that peace is universal. A world at peace . . . a world united . . . a world that is one."

Mark Beaulieu  
President of the United States of America — 2000 C.E.

*(Addressing a joint session of Congress in the House of Representatives)*



However, the undeniable truth is that America was never a Christian nation nor a divine experiment by God. The "holy experiment" idea came from William Penn who used it as the designation pertaining to his colonization of the west bank of the Delaware River. It was his training before this by a man named, Moses Amyraut, that gave Penn his strong Calvinist leanings. And thus his idea for individual religious freedom called *the Holy Experiment* was initiated at his colony upon his arrival on October 27, 1682. William Penn gave us many great works and served many years in English prisons for the convictions of his faith, praise God! He was personally responsible for seeing that Parliament in England passed the 'Toleration Act' which established religious liberty by law. As is he equally credited with bringing many Quakers and Mennonites from Germany, Holland, and Britain to Pennsylvania. Even so, the entirety of America cannot be equated with what Penn had tried to on the shores of the Delaware.

America, quite sadly, has become a trial gone drastically wrong. What she was and is has become all too apparent to the discerning eye. America exchanged the cross of Christ at her inception for the crown of the New Age. The kingdom she established on the foundation of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was that of Satan, not God.

Now before some may become offended, allow me to state that not all of our Quaker and Puritan forefathers had been given a demonic vision as to their hand in the future machinations of America. Many of the initiators of the process of illumination to the nations were sincere in their efforts to establish America as the cornerstone from which to take Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth. If it was not for many of them and their undying fortitude given for the sake of liberty, many of the freedoms we currently enjoy in this country would be non-existent. Even so, unbeknownst to many was the fact that the father of lies had developed his ultimate prototype to court the rest of the planet into the *New Age*. His "hallowed experiment" became known as the 'New Israel of God.' But had America truly become a New Jerusalem in the New World or was this a pilot design by the 'enlightened' to bring redemption to the world through peace and prosperity? Is America a genuine covenant between God and Man or have men just simply erred and accepted that which their true Savior did not? In other words, have we bought a counterfeit lie? ***"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."*** (Matthew 4:8-10)

The fact of the matter is this — in their zealously to serve God, some of the Puritans bowed their knees to Baal and accepted his offer of inheriting the kingdoms of this world in exchange for their exclusive worship directed to him. It is true that America has been divinely inspired to offer the hope of freedom and peaceful liberty to the world. Unfortunately, this inspirational 'divinity' is called "Providence", not Yahweh. The so-called, *Divine Hand of Providence* (according to the Masonic record) is none other than the god of this world. And it is he who rules America - not the God of the Universe. It is Satan who leads the democracies of the world toward the establishment of his kingdom of 'fraternity

and equality', not the authentic LORD of peace. It is very true that *El Shaddai*, the Almighty God, gives His servant, Satan, the power to deceive the nations - but this deception is allowed because the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob; the God of Peter, James, and John is testing His people. He wants to know in whom will we trust. Will we serve His Christ or Satan's christ? Will it be the God of Heaven or the god of Earth, namely 'mammon'? We will place our citizenship in America or in Heaven?

In order to fully grasp why men are intent on "setting up" the kingdom of Heaven prior to God, Himself, physically establishing it upon the earth through His Son, our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ the Righteous - we must delve deep into the 'counterfeit' kingdom that we may better pinpoint our own ignorance.

Is it just mere coincidence that there were 13 colonies that became the 13 united *States of America* in the unanimous Declaration of Independence from Britain? Thirteen is the number which represents rebellion in the Bible. Ironically, the foundation of America was writhing in rebellion rather than independence. The scriptures command "**Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.**" (Romans 13:1-2).

Interesting that the men who divided the New Testament into chapters and verses just happened to include this section of the Holy Writ into a designation of 13. Men for centuries have been leading us to believe that this portion of Scripture only pertains to "righteous" leaders and therefore, when the leaders become tyrannical it is the God-given duty of every man to resist that tyranny. The above scriptures plainly state, "**For there is NO power but of God: THE POWERS THAT BE are ordained of God,**" (vs. 1 - emphasis added).

How about that wonderful Holy Ghost inspired dissertation from our beloved brother Simon Peter to the churches at large? — "**Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to EVERY ordinance of MAN for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour ALL men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. HONOUR the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, BUT ALSO TO THE FROWARD [harsh]. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering WRONGFULLY. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted [beaten] for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye DO WELL, AND SUFFER FOR IT, YET TAKE IT PATIENTLY, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS: who did not sin,**

**NEITHER WAS GUILF FOUND in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled [insulted], reviled not again; when he suffered, HE THREATENED NOT; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, BEING DEAD TO SINS, SHOULD LIVE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS: by whose stripes ye were healed."**

(1 Peter 2:11-24 - emphasis added). May God have mercy on the founders of America who determined to discard the portions of Scripture which did not fit their own illustrious plans.

Stephen Hopkins (1701-1785), wrote in 1764 -*The Rights of Colonies Examined*. This was one work which represented accurately the duty of the Christian to God and to His ordained powers that be. Hopkins wrote this with the approval of the Rhode Island legislature while he was State governor. Later, he was involved in the First and Second Continental Congresses. Hopkins was also a contributing writer to the Articles of Confederation and was a signatory to the Declaration of Independence, as well. In the conclusion of his pamphlet, *The Rights of Colonies Examined*, Hopkins wrote, "We finally beg leave to assert that the first planters of these colonies were pious Christians, were faithful subjects who, with a fortitude and perseverance little known and less considered, settled these wild countries, by God's goodness and their own amazing labors, thereby added a most valuable dependence to the crown of Great Britain; were ever dutifully subservient to her interests; so taught their children that not one has been disaffected to this day, but all have honestly obeyed every royal command and cheerfully avoided every offensive measure and every interdicted manufacture; have risked their lives as they have been ordered, and furnished their money when it has been called for; have never been troublesome or expensive to the mother country; have kept due order and supported a regular government; have maintained peace and practiced Christianity; and in all conditions, and in every relation, have demeaned themselves as loyal, as dutiful, and as faithful subjects ought; and that no kingdom or state hath, or ever had, colonies more quiet, more obedient, or more profitable than these have ever been."

What then happened in the space of 12 years, from 1764 to 1776, that the colonies abandoned the deferential loyalty of Stephen Hopkins and began to embrace the idea of "rebellion against tyranny"? What, or who caused so many in the new Testament body of Christ to abandon their Messiah's words given in the book of Matthew? "**But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.**" (10:23) Now, it is quite true that many of the faithful remnant amongst Quakerism, who were opposed to war even as a means of defense, emigrated to Canada - thus believing the command to flee. Yet, many became determined to stay. To pick up the musket and the sword and to kill for their religious and political freedom. Why? Did God ordain this action?

Samuel West (1730-1807), a revered and influential man of clergy in New England wrote, *On The Right to Rebel Against Governors*, while serving behind the pulpit in Dartmouth, Massachusetts (later called New Bedford). He delivered this 'election day sermon' in front of the House of Representatives in Boston in the year 1776. He goes into great detail on his interpretations of

Romans 13 and I Peter chapter 2. In some respects, he makes a very sizable amount of sense. What West calls '*slavish principles*' and '*the absurd doctrine of unlimited passive obedience and non-resistance*' is open to biblical debate, however. None the less, I believe it was his foundation that led the majority of our Puritan forefathers to embrace the American Revolution and the "right" to murder one's enemies in a "just war" perceivably sanctioned by the LORD of hosts.

W. Graham Scroggie once said, "*We are not only to yield to love, we are to guard its holiness. At the very center of love is light. That is not true love which sacrifices doctrine and principle. God has never acted in love at the expense of light.*" It is the light of God shed abroad in the heart of regenerate man that gives him the wisdom to choose wisely and not selfishly. Everything about America in the beginning was based on "self." *Self-government, self-realization, self-defense, self-discipline, self-chastisement, self-evident, etc.* Samuel West was one who believed in *self-vindication*.

Although West's sermon is nearly 40 pages of fine print and it would be out of context to simply pull a line or two from his work to support this writer's thesis that West is actually wrong in certain of his justifications of resisting tyranny, I present to you the following as representative of his whole argument.

West states, "*There are some who pretend that it is against their consciences to take up arms in defense of their country; but can any rational being suppose that Deity can require us to contradict the law of nature which he has written in our hearts, a part of which I am sure is the principle of self-defense, which strongly prompts us all to oppose any power that would take away our lives, or the lives of our friends? Now, for men to take pains to destroy the tender feelings of human nature, and to eradicate the principles of self-preservation, and then to persuade themselves that in so doing they submit to and obey the will of God, is a plain proof how easily men may be led to pervert the very first and plainest principles of reason and common sense, and argues a gross corruption of the human mind. We find such persons are very inconsistent with themselves; for no men are more zealous to defend their property, and to secure their estates from the encroachments of others, while they refuse to defend their persons, their wives, their children, and their country, against the assaults of the enemy. We see to what unaccountable lengths men will run when once they leave the plain road of common sense, and violate the law which God has written in the heart. Thus some have thought they did God service when they unmercifully butchered and destroyed the lives of the servants of God; while others, upon the contrary extreme, believe that they please God while they sit still and quietly behold their friends and brethren killed by their unmerciful enemies, without endeavoring to defend or rescue them. The one is a sin of omission, and the other is a sin of commission, and it may perhaps be difficult to say, under certain circumstances, which is the most criminal in the sight of Heaven. Of this I am sure, that they are, both of them, great violations of the law of God.*"

Now, it is important for the reader to realize that Samuel West represents a great school of thought even up until the present time, *i.e. the militia movement based upon the colonial militias, militant Christian Identity, and rebellious British Israelism*, to name just a few. Before explaining what these belief systems have in common concerning the establishment of God's kingdom on planet earth allow just one more source of quotation, if you will.

Nathanael Emmons (1745-1840), studied at Yale, served for 50 years as a minister in the village of Franklin, Massachusetts, near Rhode Island, and was one of the most sought after men of his time for instruction in theology and the art of preaching. One of his favorite phrases was: *'Have something to say; say it.'* From Wrentham, Massachusetts, in 1799 - Emmons gave a speech entitled, *A Discourse Delivered on the National Fast*. It was primarily about civil disobedience.

His text was drawn from the book of Titus, chapter 3, verse 1. *"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work."* The gist of his sermon was to present the idea that men must obey their leaders, *"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."* He takes this verse plainly out of context to prove the following conclusion - *"It appears from what has been said in this discourse, that Christianity is calculated to strengthen the sinews of government. It commands rulers to be faithful to their trusts, and subjects to be obedient to all in authority. And it enforces these commands, by the weighty motives of eternity. It is also the dictate of reason, that the spirit of Christianity, which is the spirit of pure disinterested benevolence, forms the best rulers, and the best subjects, and eminently qualifies both for the different stations they hold in society. And when or where was it ever found, by experience, that atheism, deism, or infidelity had a favorable influence upon the peace and happiness of a civilized people? But one nation in the world have made the experiment, and they have nothing to boast of their new discovery. What tremendous havoc has infidelity made among all orders and classes of men in the French nation, and in all the nations, whom they have sacreligiously regenerated? . . . Can you hesitate a moment, whether it be possible to maintain your national independence, without being armed, both by land and sea, against both foreign and domestic enemies? Where can be our safety, if the navies of Europe are suffered to sail into our ports and harbors, without the least obstruction? What can hinder a sudden and awful revolution of government, if the counsels of those be followed, who are insidiously aiming to bring about such a dreadful catastrophe?"*

If anything can more accurately sum up what men like Samuel West and Nathanael Emmons were blind to, as well as the majority of Christian leaders today who are leading the churches to fight for America and take her back from the oppressors, it would be those unremembered words of the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, when he spoke to the Southern Kingdom of Judah and said, *"And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant . . . And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit . . . For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water . . . And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to*

*drink the waters of the river? Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.*" (Jeremiah 1:9b-10; 2:7-8, 13, 18-19)

Men are sold out to America, not Jesus Christ. This is understandable. But men INSIDE the churches sold out to America? Whom do we serve? Do we serve God and country? Or just God? Or just country? Which country? Which god?

The Christian cannot serve two masters! Period. Amen! For as the Bible says, *"for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."* (ref. Matthew 6:24)

The founders of this nation, whether Deists, Agnostics, or Christians, had some extremely mixed loyalties. Because of this it was very easy for the enemy to come in and sow discord, deception, and pride. The idolatry of America is best represented in the following words, *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government become destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness . . .*

These words are "divinely inspired" to some Christian ears. Their eyes have been so blinded to their idolatry that they believe it is in dutiful obedience to their covenant relationship to God to fight for America. Samuel West related this when he asked how *". . . can any rational being suppose that Deity can require us to contradict the law of nature which he has written in our hearts, a part of which I am sure is the principle of self-defense, which strongly prompts us all to oppose any power that would take away our lives, or the lives of our friends?"*

Many ignorant Christians have been misled while being taught American history. They have either been made to believe that the formation of America was a result of religious persecution or that it was a divine experiment in Theocracy. Neither of which is true. The 'enlightened rationalism' of the deist came together with the Puritan's Christian religion in the 1700's to bring us the concept of Natural Law or the 'law of nature.' Truth becomes "self-evident" rather than "God-breathed". Therefore, the natural man is able to reason within himself from the observation of the laws of nature, "Nature's God", and subsequently, "enlightenment" comes not from God's Word but from the "Divine Hand of Providence." In other words, Man recognizes his unalienable rights from nature's law instead of seeing the one true God. In whom do we trust; the God of the Bible or Nature's god of "Divine Providence"? What about, *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* (1 Corinthians 2:11). Don't you consider it quite cynical for the U.S. Treasury to print "In God We Trust" on our Federal Reserve currency and coins when it is the very god of mammon in which they've placed their exclusive trust?

If, according to the founding fathers of America, it is a Christian duty to protect our country, defend our rights to life, liberty, religious freedom and happiness even unto death; to rebel against harsh authorities, and resist tyranny with deadly force — what then do we do with *"for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword," - "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it" - "For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods," - "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil" but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also"*. What do we do with all these verses and many others which run quite contrary to the wisdom of America's founding fathers?

The Bible gave the Puritan Christians the only comforting wisdom they needed to battle against Great Britain via the voice of the apostle James but many did not heed it and ventured to take vengeance upon their suppressers themselves. How much more damage could they have done to the King of England by simply repeating, *"Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and HE DOTHT NOT RESIST YOU."* (James 5:4-6 - emphasis added)

What would have happened if more Puritan Christians would have let the heathen rage and simply gone about fulfilling the Great Commission, leaving the political maneuverings to the unregenerate? Well, for starters, some of us wouldn't have such a hard time today trying to wake-up the deceived brethren who are convinced that what they see in the ecumenical "Kingdom Now" and Dominion theology camps is the "Divine" will straight from the Throne of grace. When in reality, they are just a couple of the very real manifestations of the final beast system of the last antichrist.

The 19th century French statesman, Alexis De Tocqueville, a well-trained political lawyer wrote in his work *"Democracy In America"* (1848), the very rightly observed fact that *"in the United States, patriotism continually adds fuel to the fires of religious zeal. You will be mistaken if you think that such men are guided only by thoughts of the future life; eternity is only one of the things that concern them. If you talk to these missionaries of Christian civilization you will be surprised to hear them so often speaking of the goods of this world and to meet a politician where you expected to find a priest."*

Because of a tainted view of the kingdom of God many ignorant Puritan religionists were absorbed into a system of belief which portrayed America as God's New Jerusalem. It was from this foundation that they set out to build their "Christian" nation. They did not realize they were rebelling against God's proclaimed tenet which stated, *"At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, . . . For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."* (Isaiah 17:7-8; Hebrews 11:10)

It is God's plan to bring in the kingdom through the hearts of His people now, this much is indeed true. However, it is not for man to decide when

the physical aspect of the kingdom of God will manifest itself in the earth and when it will not. The kingdom of Heaven will come when Christ Jesus returns bodily to this earth and no sooner. Being able to discern the deceptions of the devil is the only way one can expect not to be taken in by the wrong 'Christ'.

For Christians today to be kept from the soon coming hour of temptation closing in upon the whole world will stem from their strict obedience to God's Word rather than in their setting themselves up in rebellion against Him.

*" . . . Despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile . . ." (Romans 2:4-9)*

*" . . . Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king."*

(1 Samuel 15:22-24)

The Laodicean churches today tolerating the "kingdom" doctrine of the Nicolaitans are positioning themselves toward their prophesied end of being spewn from the LORD's mouth, and they know it not. Because they stomach what Jesus states He hates they have found themselves at odds with God and are in rebellion. In the words of one modern-day teacher, 'the church of the Laodiceans is a prophetic paradox. It thinks itself to be rich, yet is poor. It thinks it sees, but is blind. It thinks itself clothed, yet is naked. It does not even know that it is wretched and miserable.' How much more appropriately could our day and age be described but as Laodicean. Either way you choose to define *Laodicea* - whether the "power of the people (laity)" or as "power over the people (laity)" both stand in captivity to Satan and not God. The perfect law of liberty is not democracy. This "power of the people" will always turn into "power over the people."

A lot of Christianity today is falling into the same trap the hunter of men's souls laid for John Calvin over 400 years ago. It is the trap of lukewarm theology. It is a belief that says we can obey God and man. And if man dictates something we believe God has not said than we have the "right" to kill that man. Whether America is, was, or will be again, a constitutional Republic or a socialized Democracy does not matter. For both fall well short of a Theocracy. And men realize this. Therefore, they have gained the "power over the people" and are convincing them that God has given them America and it is up to them to establish His kingdom in all the nations on earth until every last visage of resistance to democracy is quelled. They're told not to stop until every nation on earth is ruled by the law of God.

This is the same lie that Satan has infused into Judaism. Through "works" the Talmudic/Kabbalistic Jew will be able to create a *messianic age* with

themselves as the ruling "elite." One of the basic tenets of Judaism to this day is that only the descendants of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob are created in the image of God and therefore salvation through the Jewish messiah is only available to them.

As true Christians, we must hold firmly aloft the real Truth. His name is Jesus, the Christ. ***"Neither is there salvation is any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*** (Acts 4:12) And He is not respecter of persons. The Illuminati, with it's Judaic roots, wants a global kingdom. The Christians, with their pride and joy- *America*, want a global kingdom. Are these two systems really at odds with one another or are they unknowingly being aligned toward the same end?

Is America unfeignedly a godsend to the world? Are we God's "New Israel" destined to enlighten the earth with our torch of freedom? Or, have we been so subtlety deceived that what we perceive to be the furthering of God's kingdom is, in reality, our own part in spreading the lies of Satan? Has the United States covenanted with God or has she made a pact with Sheol?

One of the few things God hates is the doctrine of the Nicolaitane. God has the power, not the Church. He is holding the sword! Therefore, if the churches have determined to wield it in His name and on His behalf, they had better be quite sure they have been given the authority to do so. And on the contrary, the churches only bring death to millions when they attempt to use the divine sword in order to bring in the kingdom of Heaven and as a result, they have opened themselves up to swift destruction from the Almighty. If the "Christian Right" will not abscond from the doctrine of the Nicolaitans then the warning shall not be lifted. It has been given by the Chief Justice, as it were, ***"Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."*** (The Revelation 2:16-17a)

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*"The world's major religions in the end all want the same thing, even though they were born in different places and circumstances on this planet. What the world needs today is a convergence of the different religions in the search for and definition of the cosmic or divine laws which ought to regulate our behavior on this planet. World-wide spiritual ecumenism, expressed in new forms of religious cooperation and institutions, would probably be closest to the heart of the resurrected Christ.*

*There is a famous painting and poster which shows Christ knocking at the tall United Nations building, wanting to enter it.*

*I often visualize in my mind another even more accurate painting: that of a United Nations which would be the body of Christ.*

*I would also like to see someday a Bible which would show how the United Nations is a modern biblical institution, bent on implementing world-wide the wise precepts and divine commandments of the Bible."*

Robert Muller  
Former Assistant Secretary-General of the UN  
*"the philosopher of the United Nations and its prophet of hope"*

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WHILE THE MASSES GROW RESTLESS on the eve of the second American Revolution it behooves the churches in this nation to awake to righteousness and begin to deliver the deceived throngs from their own impending peril. Translation? Many within the militant arms of Protestantism are truly ignorant of their history and it is up to the remainder of the Christians which claim to love "the brethren" who must be the bearers of bad news, so to speak, at this time.

For if this country is to truly fulfill it's destiny as Satan's counterfeit kingdom spreading "peace and security" to the nations of the earth — then we mustn't needlessly squander precious time arguing over the validity of preserving this present evil world or the finer detailed 3-point theories on overtaking unrighteous governments. We must show the Christian patriots the *real* fallacy in Protestant theology. This being the establishment of Christ's heavenly kingdom on Earth apart from His bodily oversight upon the throne of David from the city of Peace; Jerusalem.

Again, without deliberately trying to offend those who may see things from a different perspective, allow this writer to be quite frank in his observations. Let us review the facts, shall we? Not empty conjecture, mere speculation, or tenacious revisionist history - but the cold, hard particulars of how we got 'here' from 'there'. Because there will be a "Christ" which will sit upon the throne of David in Jerusalem in the near future the importance of determining *which* Christ is the authentic and which is the spurious will hinge only upon one's spiritual discernment from Above.

The Dominionist today is one who does not fully understand the gravity of their situation. Likewise, the Reconstructionist, also, has not completely garnered the appropriate data in order to make the most godly decision relative to the kingdom of God.

The roots of bringing in the "kingdom" ourselves can most reliably be traced (in this era) back to the Protestant reformer, John Calvin (1509-1564). While this man must be thanked tremendously for listening to the Spirit of Christ and his subsequent determination to depart from Roman Catholicism at His command, John Calvin took with him many false Roman beliefs to the detriment of the "diehard" Protestant in the present time. Let us never forget the Holy Word, *"Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness . . ."* (Jeremiah 17:5-6).

As one brother stated a few years ago, *"Obedience to God's word is the*

*strongest statement of protest we can make. It instantly convicts; yet we ourselves are right before God in that our opposition stems from obedience, not rebellion.*" Calvin's position concerning political tyranny was rooted in rebellion against God. Calvin believed that Christians must rebel against tyranny in order to establish God's kingdom on earth and it was his belief that this kingdom was a social political order based on the moral law of God. As a quick aside, it is of interest to the reader to note that an excerpt from an article by the American Institute of Judaism in a December 1942 issue of *The New York Times* stated that, *"the spiritual teachings of religion must become the foundation for the new world order and that national sovereignty must be subordinate to the higher moral law of God."* It was this same belief that previously propelled Calvin's establishment of a "Christian" political government in Geneva, Switzerland - which prior to the founding of America, was to be the center of democratic illumination to the world. Interesting, is it not, that most of the "world" to this day goes to Geneva to plan the future of this planet and to settle its disputes at the bequest of the UN? John Calvin was, in some respects, the primary reason why so-called "Protestant" Christians today are so entrenched in building the "kingdom of God" and yet they know not that the kingdom some of them are helping to build is the very one that will destroy many of them in the end.

In his short essay, *"Community of Democratic Nations,"* Pat Robertson parlays the new age lie of America being God's destiny for mankind. He wrote, concerning this nation's founders, that *"We as a nation believed that our example of freedom and human dignity would guide other nations on the path of peace and prosperity."* A Christian political activist in the state of Washington said a few years ago that it was his *"own personal opinion that a great deal of Christians have lost their saltiness (by not being informed and involved in this "IN GOD WE TRUST" nation) and as a result Christ's Church is being trampled underfoot by men."* Is this really the cause that Christian's have had their witness to the lost tarnished; because we have neglected our political duty?

In a recent edition of *USA TODAY*, Focus On The Family & the Family Research Council took out a full-page advertisement of which its intent was to call America back to righteousness. On the surface, to the casual observer, this may appear to be commendable - however, in the conclusion of the article its authors, Dr. James Dobson and Gary L. Bauer, proudly displayed their "dominionist roots" by stating that if America will adopt their principals ". . . [w]e can start to restore the qualities that prompted Abraham Lincoln to call us an 'almost chosen people'." They closed with ". . . Let's make America a 'shinning city upon a hill' once more." (*USA TODAY* - April 7, 1998; pg. 12A).

These men are by no means amongst a small minority voice. Dr. D. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries in Florida is one of today's leading advocates of Dominion theology. In his short publication - "America: A Christian Nation", he writes of the purported voluminous documentary evidence which delineates America as a Christian nation. For example, he quotes the study done by the Supreme Court of the United States in 1892 and its subsequent ruling known as the 'Trinity Decision.' They stated that: *"These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass or organic utterances that this is a Christian nation."* Kennedy went on to call Charles Hodge *"probably the greatest*

theologian America ever produced, the glory and jewel and crown of Princeton Theological Seminary, [who] said, 'the proposition that the United States of America is a Christian and Protestant nation is not so much the assertion of a principle, as the statement of fact.' Toward his conclusion, Kennedy wrote (concerning America), that "if it was created for such noble purposes as the advancement of the kingdom of Jesus Christ and the glory of God, then indeed such a nation deserves our sacrifice and our support. . . America, A Christian nation, demands an equal sacrifice from each of us."

Interesting, also, is the letterhead of *Christian Voice* (another modern-day political action group) which depicts a New England style chapel with the sun in the backdrop and it's illuminating rays shining from behind the center of the steeple. This organization boasts of it's passive endorsements from Senator Jesse Helms (R - NC) {a 33° freemason} to Dan Rather of CBS News. And from Newsweek and US News & World Report magazines, of which the latter stated, '*Conservative, ministers, and lobbyists are out to arouse the sleeping giant of American politics . . . millions of evangelical Christians who say they have enough votes to change the course of US history . . . In the vanguard of the drive is a fast-growing political action group called the Christian Voice.*' Also, 60 Minutes was quoted as saying -'*Millions of Christians appear to be coming together to form a powerful force . . . [Christian Voice] is being heard in Washington loud and clear!*' Is John Calvin really responsible for leading so many astray - to the point of believing that we defy God's will by forsaking America?

Built upon Calvin's foundation of the Church bringing political salvation to the nations, Boston minister Increase Mather believed that America, as he stated in 1676, was the forerunner, or "type," of the New Jerusalem. About that same time, Samuel Sewall, a political leader in Boston wrote in 1697 that America could very well be "*the seat of the Divine Metropolis*" in the Kingdom Age. Pat Robertson's theology is derived from Mather's son, Cotton (1663-1728), who stated that Christ's kingdom would bring not only social harmony and economic justice, but the destruction of lying merchants and politicians, as well. In modern times, this thought continues throughout the leaders of the world. For example, via the current communist president of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, came the quote in an October 1994 issue of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* which stated that the "*new world order that is in the making must focus on the creation of a world of democracy, peace and prosperity for all.*"

In the style of his father, Cotton Mather wrote in his *Magnalia*, that New England, amongst being a bulwark against Antichrist, might possibly be "*the Spot of Earth, which the God of Heaven 'spied out'*" as the capital of the millennial kingdom. From a 1709 sermon came his idea . . . "*that our glorious LORD, will have an Holy city in America, a City, the Street whereof will be pure Gold.*" It is important to note that Cotton Mather was a false prophet in his date setting, as well. The years 1697, 1716, and 1736 were all dates set as the "beginning of the end."

Not unlike the current ecumenical gatherings today, 70 New England pastors in 1743 signed a manifesto that the "Great Awakening" was a sign that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Interestingly is the conclusion of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), perhaps one of the greatest preachers in modern times who believed like his contemporary, Samuel Sewall, that the year 2000 might initiate the Millennium. He also believed that America would be the seat of Christ's millennial kingdom. Jonathan Edwards had a grandson, Timothy Dwight, who wrote in 1771 a poem entitled

America." At the age of 19 and a college student at Yale, Dwight may have tipped his hat, so to speak, when from that poem came, *O Land supremely blest! to thee 'tis given, To taste the choicest joys of bounteous heaven; Thy rising Glory shall expand its rays, And lands and times unknown rehearse thine endless praise.* Even more frightening is what he said at the age of 24. He believed history would reach its climax in America at the fulfillment of "that remarkable Jewish tradition" of a thousand years of "peace, purity, and felicity." Using the words of the prophet Isaiah, Timothy Dwight hailed America to "**Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.**" (Isaiah 60:1). It is again revealing to note that Dwight believed that the year 2000 would usher in the "star-spangled Millennium" brought about by Yale-trained lawyers, physicians, amongst many other "wonderful" professionals. Dare I remind the reader of secret societies which exist to this day at Yale, namely the "Skull & Bones", which mimic Dwight's belief?

The political involvement necessary to bring about a "new age" of Kingdom principals is nothing exclusive to modern-day "dominionist" teachers like Pat Robertson, Dr. Rousas J. Rushdoony, Greg Bahsen, R.E. McMaster, Jr., or Gary North and Gary DeMar. It began well over 200 years ago. In 1776, Thomas Paine was quoted as saying that in America, "*We have it in our power to begin the world over again.*" What did he mean?

Could it be, (as one present-day writer has suggested), that "*The endtimes deception is this. Democracy does not stand in the way of the future Antichrist. It is the government of the Antichrist. And Capitalism does not stand in the way of the Antichrist's economic system. It is the Antichrist's economic system. America does not stand in the way of the Antichrist as God's special Christian nation. America is the kingdom that leads the whole world astray and enthrones the Antichrist.*"

Whatever the case my ultimately be, one thing is extremely certain. As the father-in-law of Gary North, Rousas J. Rushdoony stated (as a Reconstructionist) that: "*Our goal is world domination under Christ's lordship, a 'world takeover' if you will . . . We are the shapers of world history.*" He also made the very bold statement that "[a] godly law order will work to disinherit, execute, and supplant the ungodly and to confirm the godly in their inheritance. For Christians to work for anything less is to deny God." Pat Robertson, four years prior to his candidacy for President in 1988, asked in Dallas, Texas: "*Now what do you do? What do I do? What do all of us do? we get ready to take dominion! We get ready to take dominion! It is all going to be ours — I'm talking about all of it. Everything that you would say is a good part of the secular world. Every means of communication, the news, the television, the radio, the cinema, the arts, the government, the finance — it's going to be ours! God's going to give it to His people. We should prepare to reign and rule with Jesus Christ.*" And if that statement alone was not enough to cement the true intent of the "militant" arm of Protestantism - how about the following from David Chilton? In his work, *Paradise Restored*, Chilton seems to echo Rushdoony by writing - "*Our goal is world domination under Christ's lordship, a 'world takeover; but our strategy begins with the reformation and reconstruction of the Church. From that will flow social and political reconstruction, indeed a flowering of Christian civilization . . .*"

If only these men would take to heart the words spoken many centuries ago by Desiderius Erasmus (1469-1536), who said "*When faith is in the mouth rather than in*

the heart, when the solid knowledge of Sacred Scripture fails us, nevertheless by terrorization we drive men to believe what they do not believe, to love what they do not love, to know what they do not know. That which is forced cannot be sincere, and that which is not voluntary cannot please God." As Albert James Dager points out in his book, "Vengeance Is Ours", . . . "Augustine's 'City of God' will become a reality through the spread of another gospel: a gospel predicated not upon the blood of Jesus for the salvation of souls, but upon the unification of the churches to bring the Kingdom of God to earth." Oh how much the men of 'Promise Keepers' need to hear this today - or the women of 'Renewing the Heart'. The ecumenists today are totally blinded to their part in building the kingdom of the beast. As the Scripture says, **"Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished."** (Proverbs 16:5). And as Dager so accurately points out, ". . . those who will not go along with the Plan will find themselves on the black lists of the established churches." How about it? Have you made the 'black list' yet?

How many of us have been utterly lied to about the true history of America? For instance, Christopher Columbus was not the "saint" many have made him out to be. Nor is he guilty of what the Liberals would have us to believe, either. None the less, Columbus used the medium of witchcraft at many times in his life. He was an overt occultist and relied heavily upon those influences to guide his destiny. Nearing the end of his life came the following words of Christopher Columbus, *"God made me the messenger of the new heaven and the new earth of which he spoke in the Apocalypse of St. John after having spoken of it through the mouth of Isaiah; and he showed me the spot where to find it."* Guess where?

Back to Jonathan Edwards for a moment. He described America in his *"Thoughts on the Revival of Religion in New England"* (1742), as the place where the LORD could *"begin a new world in a spiritual respect, when he creates the new heavens and new earth."* Twenty-three years later in 1765, John Adams wrote in one of his diary entries that the settlement from Europe in America was as *"the opening of a grand scene and design in Providence for the illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth."* Interestingly, is the fact that at this same time the original design of the Great Seal of the United States was drawn up which is displayed today on the back of the \$1 Federal Reserve Note which has the Latin inscription underneath the Illuminist pyramid, *NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM*, meaning "the new order of the world [secular]" or most plainly, the "new world order."

The reason the churches of Christ need to quickly reach those within the churches of America with the truth is because, at this writing, we find ourselves less than 2 years away from the year 2000. One thing British/Israelism, Talmudic Judaism, Mormonism, Armstrongism, Identity, Reconstructionism, Dominionism and many other wayward beliefs have in common is that at their core, even though they hold to many peripheral truths, is the idea of a "man-initiated" kingdom of Heaven being brought into fruition. For instance, the *Book of Mormon* (1830) in I and II Nephi tells of Columbus as one who *"went forth upon the many waters"* into a promised *"land of liberty."* America, according to the Mormon religion, became God's focus. *"And I will fortify this land against all other nations. And he that fighteth against Zion shall*

*perish, saith God.*" In 1855 Mormon leader Parley Pratt called "the discovery of America" a "preparatory step" for the ingathering of the New Zion. Not unlike their Identity and British Israelism counterparts from Europe, many Americans began to embrace the United States of America as God's "New Israel." In his writing, *"Our Country: Its Possible Future and Its Present Crisis,"* Josiah Strong wrote in 1886 that *"God is training the Anglo-Saxon race for its mission."* About 40 years later in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson, speaking of the men who gave their lives in France for the defense of their country in World War I - said that it depends upon Americans to accept *"the moral obligation that rests upon us not to go back on those boys, but to see the thing through . . . and make good their redemption of the world. For nothing less depends upon this decision, nothing less than the liberation and salvation of the world."* Have you drawn any contemporary parallels in light of today's headlines?

Although he held to many erroneous beliefs, Cyrus Scofield rightly observed that *"The true mission of the church is not the reformation of society."* And even though a lot of his false beliefs originated with a young woman nearly 100 years before named Margaret MacDonald, she, too, rightly observed in 1830 that according to a vision given to her: *"It was first the awful state of the land that was pressed upon me. I saw the blindness and infatuation of the people to be very great. I felt the cry of Liberty just to be the hiss of the serpent, to drown them in perdition."*

One of the rallying cries of the "Christian" in the dominionist camp today is from the biblical book of Leviticus. They all hail the verse which states in part, *" . . . proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof. . ."* (25:10). This verse is used to suggest that political and religious liberty are divine mandates. And therefore, to deny one their "unalienable" rights is to defy God, as previously mentioned. However, it is the opposite that holds true. Those who fight to maintain their liberty are the very ones who have been sidetracked from the Word. They forget that God rules the nations not men! ***He ruleth by his power for ever: his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.*** (Psalms 66:7).

Marvin J. Rosenthal, speaking on rebellion, once stated that *"Nimrod, whose very name probably meant 'revolt,' built the Tower of Babel to establish a one-world government. God confounded their language and scattered the multitudes abroad to frustrate Nimrod's plans. The centralization of power and the commonalty of religion will be the hallmark of Antichrist at the end of the age. It will be a return to Babylonianism."* Is it just a coincidence that the 'hunter of men's souls' has again, at least in spirit, come forth to take hostage an undiscerning church of doctrinal babies ready to be aborted by the demonic practitioners of the beast?

Many of us who once cherished this land called, America, held very close to our hearts the many freedoms we had been given. The epitomical symbol of which was embodied in that large copper statue on Liberty island in New York Harbor. Yet, how many to this day still do not really understand what that woman signifies? Is she representative of Christianity and religious liberty being spread to the nations of the earth symbolized by her torch of freedom? Is she holding the 'law' which will bring peace and prosperity to the world via democracy or something completely different? We must realize that if America is to usher in the new world order and spread the false beliefs of the beast through a perceived "righteous Christianity" than the spirit of Babylon would have to be resurrected.

The Statue of Liberty does not hold in her hand the torch of freedom, but rather a chalice filled with the abominations of the earth. It is not the flame of liberty shining forth, reflecting off her crown of sun rays, but a Promethean torch of Satanic illumination. Our 'lady of Lourdes,' so to speak, isn't burning bright the flame of liberty but the fire of death. The harlot which stands in American waters is no purveyor of justice, she is a not lady - but a whore! And not just any Babylonian prostitute, but one that is drunk with the blood of her citizens. The 'spirit of liberty' she is not! Rather, the woman in the harbor is a deceptively crowned wraith of the coming antichrist.

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ we read, concerning the final remnant of Christian believers upon the earth, that they overcame Satan "by **the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**" (12:11). Despite the best intentions of America's founding fathers, they rebelled against the true Faith. They murdered their enemies for religious freedom and killed those who fought against them in their pursuit for liberty. True liberty is worth dying for, indeed. "**But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.**" (James 1:25) However, earthly liberty and freedom from oppression are often times given by God and taken away by Him at His command. And for one to kill to maintain those freedoms is to find oneself at odds with God.

Many would like us to believe that America simply lost it's stronghold - that the darkside of Illuminism won out and that we can still reclaim this land for liberty and freedom. When the fact of the matter is that the great deceiver has been playing both ends against the middle. Whether it is through communistic oppression, religious Roman tyranny, with it's homogenized evangelical puppets, or reformed democracy, the end result will always be the same. Real peace will always be elusive. Genuine security will never be fully realized. And Satan will remain the god of this world until the true King of Righteous dwells from the heavenly city of Jerusalem. Meanwhile, in the midst of the subterfuge, true Christians will again become victuals for the beasts of the earth. They have waved good-bye to the "red, white, and blue" once and for all, praise God!

The Western based governments of Roman Democratic architecture are falling in droves to the apostate beliefs so prevalent in Catholicism, Protestantism, Evangelicalism, and Orthodoxy. The conglomeration of Roman paganism, Babylonian idolatry, and Indian, Egyptian, and Far-East mysticism are all combining with Judaism, Islam, and world-wide 'Christendom' to bring about that enigmatic entity known in Scripture as - Babylon The Great.

As the philosophers, kings, presidents, religious leaders, and remaining hosts of global luminaries and their subjects all prepare to welcome the coming 'prince of perpetual peace' —let the faithful remnant remain true. May they only embrace the real and not the counterfeit. May they recognize the profane from the righteous. May they stand incorruptible unto the end. And above all, may they call on the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob to save them from the Luciferian new age dawning.

Many are faithfully leading us to believe that "*the hour is wonderfully nigh at hand when the great company of the manifested sons of God shall arise to deliver creation from the long tyranny of sin, sorrow and death.*" They're telling us "*the time*

*is coming when the United States of America and China and India and Asia and Africa and Russia and Europe and all other nations small and great and the isles of the sea shall relinquish their governments unto the hands of God's many membered Christ."* Although 'tis true that the sons of God will indeed be made manifest in the age to come, and that the body of Christ is many membered, we must remember that without the Head, without THEE Christ —we can do nothing! Let us always draw a most certain distinction between the Head and the body! The One *is not* the other. Let us not exchange the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, in order that we may wield the carnal sword many so-called sons of the Kingdom are exercising today. The kingdom priests of Melchizedek know that the kingdom of Heaven only comes by way of the Cross of Christ Jesus, the LORD. Not via the crusading steel swords of self-ambition. The line between faith and presumption, esoterica and wisdom, is a superfine wrinkle in the broad face of humanity. Only by God's grace can one choose to place themselves correctly. More truer words cannot be said . . . "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*"

***"Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust . . . He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight . . . His name shall endure forever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen."***

(Psalms 72:1-9, 14, 17-19)

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**To God be the glory!**

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