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“AND STRAIGHTWAY THEY FORSOOK THEIR NETS, AND FOLLOWED HIM” (MARK 1:18).

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The Godfather of Today's Political Liberalism

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Presently our country is experiencing the radical powers of not only the Antifa and Black Lives Matter movements but also the political beasts of the Washington swamp with its social media cohorts. Their overwhelming forceful, demonically energized anger against America and its Constitution is found throughout the boisterous political spectrum of liberalism; all are seeking a complete overthrow of the America we once knew. Today, in America we are in the throes of a revolutionary movement of “cancel culture.” The current Covid-19 pandemic has been politically manipulated to catapult our nation into a sweeping and aggressive movement to destroy and redefine this once-honored country. The Covid-19 crisis is being used to fuel atheistic Marxism, which is determined to “burn America to the ground.” Communism has consistently used the belief that “out of chaos comes cosmos (order)”; this concept of conquest goes all the way back to the Assyrian Empire. In other words,

it seeks to thrust a country into utter lawlessness and chaos and then, out of the resulting rubble, rebuild it in a new contrary image. The Liberals are determined to bring America into utter chaos nationwide and then build what they believe to be the perfect utopia of atheistic socialism and totalitarianism.

It is for this reason that Liberals intensely hate President Donald Trump. His administration has exposed the “swamp” of Washington’s Deep State that has worked long to destroy from within this nation, to bring it to its knees, and finally to cause it to submit to the god of socialism and the totalitarianism of communism. It was a miracle that brought Donald Trump into the White House, and it can only be a Sovereign God Who will keep him there for another four years. Despite what we think of President Trump’s crudeness and bold candidness, it took a man such as he to confront the lewd, oppressive, immoral, debauched powers that pervade Washington. No

other kind of man (in the natural world) could have taken on the political swamp and fake news without his thick-skin rawness. For the first time in American history, today we are witnessing an open display of the powers of darkness vying to annihilate the powers of natural light. And amidst the blatant, alcoholic, demonic corruption that pervades our nation's capital, only God knows the outcome of November's election if providence even permits it to occur.

What are we now witnessing in the burning of America and lawlessness ruling the land? These actions are the result of decades of political and immoral undercurrents pulling our nation into ideologies that seek to escalate globalist powers for a coming Antichrist rule. Historic America must

be dismantled for globalism to ensue. Nevertheless, God seems to be permitting a final attempt of a ray of light to overcome the inevitable darkness.

The Godfather of Our Present-Day Chaos

The Bible speaks of "the power" behind the powers of a nation's leader (Isa. 14:4, 12; Ezek. 28:2, 12, the prince behind the king; Satan behind the king of Babylon). It also speaks of the teacher behind the student (Paul behind Timothy) and the father behind the son (David behind Solomon, Book of Proverbs). Whatever the ideological thought that rules a nation or a movement, there are certain individuals who must be viewed as the matrix (or the mind) from which an ideological thought has been birthed. These are the godfathers of an ideology.

A godfather is commonly considered the man who presents a child at baptism and promises to take responsibility for his religious education. However, *godfather* is also a term used of an individual who is the originator or principal shaper of a movement or organization. It is in this latter definition that we introduce Saul D. Alinsky and his powerful influence in both the thinking and the actions of Liberalism and the Leftist movements of the political world.

Born in 1909, Saul Alinsky was the child of poor Russian Jewish immigrants. He majored in archaeology at

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the University of Chicago and later became a criminologist. During this time, he spent two to three years interviewing the Al Capone gang in Chicago. In the late 1930s he worked as a labor organizer, particularly in the communities of Chicago. Mentored by the labor leader John L. Lewis, he began the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). This foundation began training community organizers around the country. Financially assisted by the liberal millionaire Marshall Field III, Alinsky began expanding his influence in the inspiration and organization of urban communities across America.

Although in 1946 he wrote *Reveille for Radicals*, he is best known by his second book *Rules for Radicals* (1971). Written a year before his death, in this book he acknowledged Lucifer:

Lest we forget at last an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all the legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins—or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at last won his own kingdom—Lucifer.

The Liberal crowd and its news media have been committed to keeping cloaked the reality of Saul Alinsky and his powerful influence in organizing rebellious movements in urban America. He has been the Pied Piper of the tactics being perpetrated throughout

our country by liberal leaders, especially since the days of Jimmy Carter.

Even the embryonic influence of Alinsky can be seen as far back as the 1960s, when he set up institutes to train other organizers. He has become the godfather of the Marxist movement of the twentieth century. In 1969, Hillary Clinton (as a college student) chose Alinsky's work as the topic for her Wellesley College thesis. She described him as "that rare specimen, the successful radical." (A *radical* is one who attacks the *root* of a matter.) The worldview of Saul Alinsky has become the polluting cesspool of today's radical movements in all their sundry forms. Although Alinsky never admitted to being a communist, he never denied he was a socialist. In fact he embraced the term *socialist*, which originates from a Marxist worldview. In Alinsky's early years, he was captivated by social works that denied the existence of God; his thoughts and writings presented the social sciences from purely a secular context.

Marxist culture has infiltrated at least three major areas in our country—the mega film industry, the public educational system, and the news media empires. Marxism initially arose in the Frankfurt School, founded by German Marxists following the Russian Revolution (1917-1923). These Marxists initiated what has become known as the "sexual revolution."

A second powerful influence came through the Italian communist Antonio Gramsci, who focused Marxism's attack on religion generally and God directly, with the purpose to secularize society. Finally, Fabian socialism arose and founded the London School of Economics. This school sought to establish a so-called democratic socialism that would gradually destabilize the American economic system.

Many historians of socialism, however, view Alinsky's worldview as existing before Marxism. In many ways the emerging socialist thoughts coming from the mid-1800s found their roots going back to the birth of the French Revolution. Motivated by a hatred for God and the institutional church, the French Revolution was determined for society not only to deny the reality of God but also to embrace the belief that society is saved through its self-made ideologies (including secular "religious" ideas). Such an approach is similar to the oldest philosophical enemy of Christianity dating back to the first century—Gnosticism. Gnosticism was based only on ideology, not theology. The French Revolution glorified man's power of intellect and reason while denouncing Jesus Christ.

In history books Alinsky is portrayed as the "father of community organizing"; in this capacity Alinsky has profoundly affected Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. Never identifying himself as a communist,

Alinsky was bold in declaring himself a radical and a man of the Left. Hillary Clinton (who knew him personally) and Barack Obama were both seriously taken by his ideas. Thus, it is befitting to clearly identify Alinsky with present-day liberalism of the Democratic Party. It was during the administrations of Bill Clinton and Barack Obama that Alinsky's socialism gained national influence through the White House. As we have noted, before Hillary Clinton rose to prominence, she wrote her senior thesis about Alinsky, interviewing him in the process. In David Brock's 1996 biography of Hillary Clinton, *The Seduction of Hillary Rodham*, he dubbed her "Alinsky's daughter." It is interesting to note that the late conservative writer Barbara Olson began each chapter of her 1999 book *Hell to Pay* on Clinton with a quote from Alinsky, arguing that Alinsky's strategic theories directly influenced Hillary's behavior during her husband's presidency.

It is also interesting to note that Clinton asked Wellesley College to seal her thesis for the duration of her husband's presidency—which it willingly did. In 2001, access to her thesis was restored. Then as Barack Obama's candidacy gained momentum (eventually defeating Clinton), attention shifted to Obama's ties to Alinsky and to other Alinsky-trained organizers. In September 2008, Rudy Giuliani attacked Obama for being "educated

in the Saul Alinsky methods." Many conservative political commentators saw the strong influence of Alinsky in the political platform of Barack Obama. One conservative asked,

*Has [Obama] ever had an original idea—by that, I mean something not found in **The Communist Manifesto**? Has he? Has he simply had an idea not found in Saul Alinsky's **Rules for Radicals**?"*

It was clearly indicative that Alinsky laid the blueprint for Obama and that Alinsky's radicalism became the heart of Obama.

Shortly before his death, Saul Alinsky granted an interview with *Playboy* magazine that was publicly distributed on the internet. Towards the end of the lengthy interview, he stated, "Let's say that if there is an afterlife, and I have anything to say about it, I will unreservedly choose to go to hell." The interviewer then asked him, "Why?" He responded,

Hell would be heaven for me. All my life I've been with the have-nots. Over here, if you're a have-not, you're short of dough. If you're a have-not in hell, you're short of virtue. Once I get into hell, I'll start organizing the have-nots over there.

The interviewer then asked, "Why them?" He simply responded, "They're my kind of people."

The Rules for Radicals

As we have noted, *Rules for Radicals*

was Saul Alinsky's last book, completed the year before his death. Within this book he reveals his worldview or what has been called his "power tactics." These tactics are the basic guidelines for radical organizers and activists today.

(1) Power is not only what you have but what the enemy thinks you have. Power is derived from 2 main sources: money and people. "Have-nots" must build power from "flesh and blood."

(2) Never go outside the expertise of your people. It results in confusion, fear and retreat. Feeling secure adds to the backbone of anyone.

[Businesses and corporations under attack today wonder why radicals don't address the "real" issues. This is why. They avoid things where they have no knowledge.]

(3) Whenever possible, go outside the expertise of the enemy. Look for ways to increase insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty.

(4) Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules. If the rule is that every letter gets a reply, send 30,000 letters. You can kill them with this because no one can possibly obey all their own rules.

(5) Ridicule is man's most potent weapon. There is no defense. It's irrational. It's infuriating. It also

works as a key pressure point to force the enemy into concessions. It is almost impossible to counter-attack ridicule. Also it infuriates the opposition, who then react to your advantage.

- (6) A good tactic is one your people enjoy. They'll keep doing it without urging and come back to do more. They're doing their thing, and will even suggest better ones.
- (7) A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag. Don't become old news.
- (8) Keep the pressure on. Never let up. Keep trying new things to keep the opposition off balance. As the opposition masters one approach, hit them from the flank with something new. (Attack, attack, attack from all sides, never giving the reeling enemy a chance to rest, regroup, recover, and re-strategize.)
- (9) The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself. Imagination and ego can dream up many more consequences than any activist.
- (10) If you push a negative hard enough, it will push through and become a positive. Violence from the other side can win the public to your side because the public sympathizes with the underdog.
- (11) The price of a successful attack is

a constructive alternative. Never let the enemy score points because you are caught without a solution to the problem.

- (12) Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it. Cut off the support network and isolate the target from sympathy. Go after people and not institutions; people hurt faster than institutions. (This is cruel, but very effective. Direct personalized criticism and ridicule works.)

Alinsky in His Day versus Today

The present-day Democratic Party is not the Democratic Party of fifty years ago. It is not the Party of Harry Truman or even John F. Kennedy. The Party of today is the Party of Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, and newer rising socialists. How did such a change occur within the Party? And who brought the change?

If the Democratic Party is much different today than it was decades ago, what brought about the change, and what are the characteristics that mark this present Party? Perhaps at one time the Party had in mind a good end for America, though differing regarding the means to that end. However, the Party today has radically changed to a systematic, intentional deployment of lawlessness. We saw this "radical" change take place in the days of former President Obama, who boldly rendered such lawlessness when he

acted opposite to America's immigration laws. Regarding marriage laws, Obama flaunted and promoted same gender marriage until the Supreme Court yielded. Obama projected the belief that the President's office was above the law, and that law was simply a tool to a means.

However, another characteristic that has become a part of the Democratic Party has more recently arisen—using the power of the State against your political enemy. In the Obama administration, the FBI and other government entities (including the IRS) were used to “spy” on its opponents. Most notably has been the use of the FBI to spy on the Donald Trump campaign, forcing some individuals to submit to their politics. Democratic governors and mayors have taken similar bold tactics this year by using their governmental powers to mandate their desires upon their constituents, even forcing into submission churches in their state or cities. Such tyrannical, oppressive governmental authority has never been exercised to such extent as it has been by today's Democratic Party. The crying out for public killings, hatred, and flagrant stripping away of the rights of its citizens have not been witnessed before. They openly break the law or overturn the law for their own diabolical purposes. State mandates were illegally forced upon the public, bypassing state legislation, inevitably creating new laws of the land.

At the same time, we have also witnessed these radical politicians becoming multi-millionaires through government shakedowns, placing authoritative pressures upon companies and organizations to financially support them personally as well as in their private ventures. We witnessed the hundreds of millions of dollars pressed into the slush fund of the Clinton Foundation, even manipulated from foreign governments who were promised “favors” when the Clintons got into power. It is something to note that though Barack Obama was “viewed” as a public organizer among the poor in his early days leading up to and into the Senate, we no longer see him among the poor. He and his wife have been escalated into the power of big money, and they live far away from the poor. This has become the “new” Democratic Party of the twenty-first century.

And how did this new Democratic Party come into existence? It has been through the powerful persuasiveness of their Saul Alinsky tactics. Alinsky was a political scam artist that forced people into the socialistic mold. He began first as a teacher with his students, with those students then becoming national scam artists in various public arenas to remake America.

Saul Alinsky was an atheist; therefore, he would not even believe in the Devil (though he mentioned the Devil and hell in his writings in a mocking

context). Revelations concerning the dark and diabolical extent of his tactics are selectively few in his books. He believed one should never tell everything, thus keeping some “cards up his sleeve.” But before he died, his in-depth interview with *Playboy* magazine revealed his evil, sinister heart and his political scamming ploys. As previously mentioned, he met with the Al Capone mafia in Chicago and grew greatly impressed by how they shook up their enemies with aggressive, threatening tactics (like beating up or killing some). Alinsky believed such mafia tactics approach could be used in organizing movements to bring persuasive power over not only society in general but also one’s political opponents in government. He believed whatever rhetoric it took to control his opponents and society (even deceptively using the opposite of his actual intentions) was permissible. Although he was opposed to the businesses of capitalism and the so-called entrepreneurs (believing they did not have the right to wealth), he welcomed outside socialist elites seizing power and taking all the wealth for themselves.

These words describe the Democratic Party of today! These are the Liberals, the Progressives, who believe they must control all the wealth of the country as well as every minute detail of its citizen’s existence. They are a powerful force in America, and anyone who stands in their way must

fall! And, in their thinking, whatever it takes, even lawlessness, the end will always justify the means they use.

Conclusion

Saul Alinsky’s plan has become the “bible” of the Democratic Party of today! This is the reality behind over one thousand cities in America that have experienced burnings, riots, looting, and killings in their streets. This is the political ideological force of Saul Alinsky! Beyond the Covid-19 being used as a political ploy to bring martial law in Democratic states and cities, we have witnessed the godless militia of the Democratic Party (in Antifa and Black Lives Matters) take control of cities with Democratic mayors freely permitting them to force portions of our country into oppressive obedience and submission.

Though not specifically authored by Alinsky, the following can be said to succinctly outline the doctrines being embraced by the Democratic Party to overthrow a free nation and create a socialist state.

- (1) Healthcare—control healthcare and you control the people.
- (2) Poverty—increase the poverty level as high as possible. Poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.
- (3) Debt—increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are

able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.

- (4) Gun Control—remove the ability to defend themselves from the government. That way you are able to create a police state.
- (5) Welfare—take control of every aspect of their lives (food, housing, and income).
- (6) Education—take control of what people read and listen to; take control of what children learn in school.
- (7) Religion—remove the belief in God from the government and schools.
- (8) Class Warfare—divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent, and it will be easier to take (or tax) the wealthy with the support of the poor.

Though (according to the prophetic Scriptures) America must be overthrown, God's people must not be blind to the ideologies that are rising in our country today. We believe all this is part of the End Time of the last days. As the last bastion of Western civilization remaining, America must eventually fall. As many antichrists are increasing, their lawlessness is becoming the law of the land. While we must understand these appointed times, we must look to God for how we should live in these appointed times. Whatever God's will may be for the

November election, we will witness the increase of hatred against God, His people, and His moral righteousness in the earth!

We dare not pray for God to bless America, for He will not bless a mess! Even the concept of true, biblical Christianity as a public voice is now dead. The voice of neo-Christianity now declares a new Jesus and gospel as the public Christian voice. It is sad but true that America must fall to resolve this planet for the coming of Antichrist. But we must pray for the biblical remnant that remains in this country; we must pray that their desire to be ready for the secret coming of the Lord in the air will continue to burn. The secret coming of Christ will initiate the Tribulation Period, bringing global judgment upon the chaff of Gentile governments. Once this world system and its governments of apostasy are judged, our blessed Saviour will openly return to set up His perfect Kingdom! And the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

What a day that will be! A day when Christ's love, His peace, and His Word will cover the earth like the waters cover the sea. Thus, we pray for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven! But until then, may we live by the precious, infallible Word of God, and not succumb to the utopian hopes of fallen,

sinful man. As our country has looked to a godfather of ideology, we look to the only one “God” and one “eternal

Father.” It is in His plan for this planet that we place our hope.



Facing Radical Changes in End-Time Culture

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Since the turn of the twenty-first century, our beloved country has experienced a silent, growing revolution in American culture that has evolved this year into an explosive, oppressive, and intentionally harmful culture that is being forced upon America and its citizens. This cultural revolution has surpassed the turbulent cultural wars of the 1960s. Though this cultural revolution began as a slow, hidden (but radical) change promoted through our government, it has now entered a nightmare of terroristic evil that is bringing about the birth of a new America. This new ideological culture has taken place in the hearts and minds of a growing segment of our nation. Sadly, most did not discern these damaging changes of heart and mind until they were engrafted into the very fabric of our society. American society has come to an hour when it refuses to judge others for anything, even if what they are doing is destructive. This chosen ignorance has manifested itself amidst recent riots and burnings in over 1,000 cities, where over 750 police have been beaten, shot, or killed while endeavoring to control this mad,

repugnant hate crime against America. Compared to just a few years ago, we have a completely different set of ideas about what constitutes acceptable societal behavior. As the human inversion manifested in Caitlyn Jenner declared in his (or her) reality show, “I’m the new normal.”

What we as Christians are now facing is a culture revolution that continues to radically mutate amidst the abounding of iniquity. From the changes of morals in society to the politically correct demands, to the ever-encroaching hate crime bills, these dark powers are ever descending upon us to destroy biblical Christianity and its allegiance to the principles of the Scriptures.

Christ—Character—Culture

Before an individual comes to know Christ as Saviour, his life has been an integral part of the world system:

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversa-

tion in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others (Eph. 2:2, 3).

But the moment he repents of his sins and trusts Christ as his Saviour from those sins, Christ comes into his heart. Christ's intent is to bring him to a life where he gladly says, "Not I, but Christ" as His presence and influence flows through the many outlets of his heart. This new-birth reality is to bring him to biblical *character*.

Biblical character is an inward life (heart, mind, conscience, and self) that is dominated by the principles of God's Word. Nevertheless, there is a final frontier after character that needs to be conquered: our culture. Christian culture bespeaks the outworking of Christ in our character in the way we live in every compartment of life.

Although we were once of the world system's culture, our culture (the outworking of inner principles) became Christian culture. We once were dominated by the principle of sin within; this principle was a powerful ally with the world without. Through this principle we lived by the culture of the world. But after we came to know this most important transformation of heart and life, we were caught between the culture of the world and the culture of Christ. This culture of Christ was calling upon every outworking of our

living to be governed by Christ and His Word.

We may ask, what is the Christian's perspective of culture amidst a world system context and its culture? Culture (no matter where it is found) is the creation of men; it is a creation of human societies who live together long enough to develop a distinctive moral and natural language and way of life. Nevertheless, God has played some part in creating the cultures of men, for God gave all men a degree of revelation through nature, the general primer revelation of God. We must realize that much of what His law requires is written on the hearts of men—their consciences. However, this conscience can be reeducated in another direction. This is what has happened throughout history and around the world. Man has steadily seen the good and done evil. He has known of God's invisible nature and power and deity, yet made idols of men, beasts, and reptiles. Man has known that kindness is better than cruelty and yet has been inexpressibly cruel.

To some degree, God has played a part in man's culture, but He has given man liberty with his will. In that liberty man with his sin nature has pursued realms that are against God in His appointed culture for humanity. If a segment of mankind consciously would pattern its life after the natural belief of God, then culture would be

patterned more after a consciousness of God. He, therefore, would providentially play a greater part in that society.

Since Christian culture can arise in vastly different geographies, climates, customs, and economies, a society will inevitably change as it discovers God's will and Word. True Christianity is to change not only the life of the individual but also the very culture of a people or nation into conformity to God's Word. This too is part of the appointment of the Gospel message among men.

The Present Perspective of Christianity

We may stand in wonder of how our country has become so debilitated as we witness its public wickedness. But the Scriptures make all things clear: our nation's political and Christian leadership has left God. There is no biblical spiritual power to keep these evil forces away. When we are told that only 5 percent of Protestants today believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ and His sinless life, this at least results in the fact that 95 percent of Protestants are not Christians. An individual must believe in the fundamentals of the Christian Faith to be truly born again. Most priests and teachers in Roman Catholic seminaries are Marxists; they are only Christians existentially (with a high percentage involved in sodomy). We dare not count such a segment of the

public "Christian" Church as Christian. Additionally, the cultural living of professing Evangelicals abounds in worldliness and carnality. As society has radically changed, so has public Christianity.

One of the influential voices in the emerging church movement has been Brian McLaren, who proclaims the desperate need for a radical change in Christianity:

You see, if we have a new world, we will need a new church. We won't need a new religion per se, but a new framework for our theology. Not a new Spirit, but a new spirituality. Not a new Christ, but a new Christian. Not a new denomination, but a new kind of Church in every denomination.

This statement is an insight to rising Contextual Theology, a theology that seeks to re-image Christianity for the contemporary. This method of theology seeks to take into account the spirit and message of the gospel and adjust it in the light of a desired context. From this perspective the Bible is not viewed as the autonomous authority for the living of a society of people; rather, the Bible is to be interpreted and declared according to the culture of the people. Thus, the Gospel message must be adjusted to fit the people and their culture; the Gospel is not to change them to conform to the message of the Bible. Inevitably, they proclaim that the Bible is totally ineffective without this contextualization

in its presentation to men.

In contrast, the words of our Lord are very clear:

Enter ye in at the strait [narrow] gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matt. 7:13,14).

This passage is very clear and forthright as to the reality of Christ's Gospel. Nonetheless, the powers of ecumenicity have pressed to redefine this strait gate and narrow way to a "wide gate and broad way" to include everyone in the identification of Christianity. This is not only true for individuals but also for all concepts of religion to be assimilated into Christianity. This radical change of principle has now become the new form or "root" principle of Christianity and must replace the biblical faith with the understanding that anyone can find his own path to God. To these radicals, heaven is not the goal; heaven is the hope to bring about a perfect kingdom of God on the earth.

The true Christian must remember that we now live in a postmodern world:

A broad, diverse, and often dialectical, emerging culture defined as having passed through modernity [reason and logic], but now is ready to move

to something better beyond it.

President Donald Trump basically lives by the old way of life, by logical reason and the principles of capitalism, traditions, and nationalism. He is being pressed and severely intimidated into becoming a globalist, one who denounces nationalism. He does not fit into the postmodern globalist agenda.

Once there are enough foreigners living in our country who know absolutely nothing of America's past, they will successfully press for progressivism, radically changing the "old" America to establish a "new" America that has no historical roots or purpose. Once again, everything today is being forced to change from the "modern," or historical reasoning and living, into the postmodern, which demands no logic and no moorings of history to sustain us.

In *The Church on the Other Side*, Brian McLaren states the following:

We are exploring off the map, looking into mysterious territory beyond our familiar world on this side of the river, this side of the ocean, this side of the boundary between modern and postmodern worlds. We are looking into an exciting, unmapped world on the other side of all we know so far.

To him (and many others) the future must be without roots, without foundation, and without any stable voice like the infallible Word of God. In a Post-Christian World, pluralism is the norm

of society. In such a pluralistic world, religious culture can have no absoluteness; all religions must be viewed equally. This is part of the liberal cry of “Equality, Fraternity, and Liberation.” Thus, Buddhism, Wicca, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, or any eclectic blend of religious thought must become the ecumenical soil of the American religious culture.

America in its basic religious thinking has shifted from the logical and rational to the realm of the delusional, subjective experiences, and a self-interpreted mysticism. Yet even this postmodern perspective is ever changing. Political leaders today believe that historic Christianity has no life influence for contemporary cultural society because it is identified with the past, the ancient, and thus has become dead for our present society. As one author observed:

In recent decades every major sphere of life has evolved to become post-modern—movies, literature, art, architecture, business, and politics. Everything, that is except the Church. In many ways, the church is the last bastion of modernism in our culture.

The contemporary has called for the Church to enter the fluid and unstable ocean of the world’s postmodern culture.

Now that public Christianity (identified as “the Church”) has already entered the culture of postmodernism,

along with the rest of society’s religious perspective, they have carefully graven a new god for their culture, along with a new Jesus, a new gospel, a new worship and spirituality, and a new purpose for the existence of the Church. Postmodern Christianity now abhors the Word of God; they embrace a bible diluted and rewritten in the vulgar, contemporary language. The so-called message of salvation of the postmodern church is found only in dialogue, not doctrine. They are ever searching but never finding, or as the apostle Paul described them, “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Tim. 3:7). Dear reader, public Christianity has entered the nebulous cultural tide of End-time humanity that will ever be changing with the ever-mutating End-time culture.

The Powers of the Social Media Cultivating Our Culture World

Even Christianity has embraced its own delusional lies, stealing from the secular ideologies, and Christianizing their message for popular appeal. This phenomenon has been called *permissiveness* and has become a cultural offspring of *relativism* and *dialecticism*.

There is a growing passion among professing Christians to enter the secular, cultural, self-centered arena of social media showing and telling everything about themselves and their families. There is a boldness to “bare

all” on Facebook, Twitter, and other popular phone apps that create today’s internet culture. Like the world’s culture to gab about personal trifling matters, Christians seem preoccupied with revealing everything from our baby’s burp, what we ate for breakfast, and our new clothes, to the personal details of our family’s comings and goings. Yes, the culture of our time has excitingly enticed us into a “tell-all” culture, no matter what it is, and how it is said, effortlessly enabled by social media empires. This is an hour of self-centered promotion from politicians down to the preteen and teenage blogs which have mingled themselves into the massive, pervasive powers of the internet cultural world. Christian wives and mothers have been ignorantly drawn into the End-time “share all.” All this has become a part of our “culture.” Sad to say, the ongoing provision of information from our private homes is making its way into the mega-media and onto the collection servers.

The Culture of Political Correctness

Political correctness has become a most oppressive, intimidating influence on our culture today. Motivated and implemented by liberal think tanks, it has come to dominate public institutions and corporations. Especially since the administration of Obama, political correctness has been used by government to forcefully control parts of American culture.

The term *political correctness* first appeared in the Marxist-Leninist vocabulary following the coup known as the Russian Revolution of 1917 to describe strict adherence to policies and principles of the Soviet Union’s Communist Party. *Political correctness* was invented by the communists to camouflage the truth about events and policies in the Soviet Union that had resulted in mass murders, the starvation of millions, and massive slave labor camps. It was considered politically incorrect to reveal such facts. All truly loyal to the communist party chose to promote the same politically correct truths about the “good life” under totalitarian government. In addition, political correctness entailed strict adherence to the Soviet Union’s current foreign policy at that time.

Initially, American communists firmly opposed our military preparedness against Nazi Germany during the operation of the Nazi-Soviet Pact (1939). However, once Germany invaded Russia in 1941, the American communists did a swift turnabout becoming pro-war against Germany. How could a practice so contrary to American principles of freedom of speech and the press come to be widely tolerated in American society, especially in academia several decades later? The early 1990’s witnessed the rise on college campuses of politicized curricula (typically on behalf of causes advocated by the political Left) espe-

cially in issues relating to race, class, and gender. Students were increasingly taught that the United States is an inherently racist society; that, contrary to the claims made in the Declaration of Independence, our political regime was designed to serve the interests of a rich minority at the expense of other citizens, and that Western society as a whole was intrinsically “patriarchal,” benefiting male oppressors at the expense of women. Perhaps more importantly, an increasing number of college faculty made clear to their students that any expression of dissent from these liberal views would cause the students’ grades to suffer. Even when professors’ claims went directly contrary to known facts (such as that the greatest known emancipation of slaves in world history occurred in the United States; that America’s free economy has offered historically unparalleled opportunities for hundreds of millions of immigrants and their descendants to rise in economic and social status, along with political influence; and that women in the Western world enjoy far greater freedoms than their sisters in less-developed societies), it was made clear that the open statement of these facts was denounced, lest it interfere with the advancement of favored “liberationist” causes.

In these most recent decades, the reign of political correctness (PC) extends well beyond the colleges and universities and has become a part of

our ordinary language in the name of not giving offense to selected groups. Hence, a blind person should be called *visually impaired* (or, better, *differently abled*); homeless people are *temporarily displaced*; illegal aliens should be called *undocumented immigrants*. Asking a stranger where he’s from is now considered a *microaggression* implying that he doesn’t belong here. Yet, meanwhile, back in the ivory tower of professors and the Ivy League ruling class, they were directed to add *trigger warnings* to their syllabuses, warning students that course readings might include materials (e.g. *Huckleberry Finn*) that might distress them. Similarly, law schools could avoid teaching courses dealing with rape, for the same reason. The number of offenses has continued to grow over the twenty-first century, feeding on the successes of PC censors.

A “woke” person keeps up with the list of offenses and adds to them, hoping that by altering language, one can change beliefs and overcome all inconvenient facts of the actual truth of the matters. But *political correctness* now entails much more than transforming the meaning of words. It also means “prohibiting the appropriation of another’s culture.” It is now improper for children to dress up in the costume of another ethnicity, such as dressing as an Indian (or Native American) at Thanksgiving. Political correctness has also become synonymous with an

unwillingness to engage in discussion with those who are judged to hold non-PC views. Such intolerance for the expression of dissenting views reveals the false claim of the PC crowd to be standing up for “tolerance” and “diversity.” By their own acknowledgment, the only speakers who should be tolerated are those who agree with them. PC has been carried to such extremes that it has the capacity to destroy Western culture entirely.

The powers of political correctness have now proven that everything in society’s culture must be political. By any consistent standard of political correctness, Shakespeare is certainly non-PC. To cursory readers and audiences, *The Taming of the Shrew* promotes misogyny; *Othello* contains racist remarks; *The Merchant of Venice* contains an anti-Semitic strain. (Only a close study of the plays, of the sort most contemporary English professors avoid, would overcome these impressions.) More recently Kate Smith’s “God Bless America” was dropped from the Yankee Stadium soundtrack because in the past she recorded songs that are now regarded as racist. Yet amidst all this reckless abandonment of sanity and reason, rap singers who celebrate sexual subjugation of women and use words like “ho” and the otherwise dreaded N-word receive a free pass to do and say what they will.

We have also witnessed the pressure of political correctness during the

Obama administration as to the term *Christmas*. This has profoundly affected manger scenes, Christmas carols sung in public, and certain Christmas decorations. These overt changes have been under the guise of harassment and intimidation of religion. During the Obama regime there were many Christmas identifications that became silent in our country out of fear of political correctness. But it has been in the days of President Donald Trump that both the word and its tangible identifications have openly and publicly returned to America. Even the honorable salutation “Merry Christmas” has become a warm refreshment to hear, being declared without fear. This has also been true of the fear to acknowledge that abortion is murder and an attack on the innocent. He has also been a president who has not been timid or intimidated to use the name of God in honor and respect.

But, despite our President’s bold usage of politically incorrect terms, PC still has an oppressive rule in America. If the so-called PC purity test continues to rule, we will see the day when all libraries, museums, concert halls, and all the churches will be closed due to the offense everything has become in the name of culture—except that which is part of the correctness of the political party in power.

Conclusion

We may soon witness political cor-

rectness become so overpowering in our country that we will not be allowed to mention publicly the name of *God* again. We may not even be able to use the pronoun *He* in identifying this “personal God” but have to change the pronoun *He* to *she* or *it* (as the Christian liberals have already undertaken in certain versions of their Bible). Will we be permitted to have an honorable, subdued prayer in restaurants before our meals? Will we be forced to change our conservative attire to conform to the casual culture of our day? As we are hearing of sensitivity training under the guise of racism, will such sensitivity training be forced upon all Christians, including their children, to detox their minds of belief in God? How many of our hymns will have to be thrown away simply because they are offensive to some? The list of political correctness is unending. It will force a nation’s citizens to bow the knee to the political ideology in vogue. And the Bible itself may simply become a museum artifact.

The Progressives and Liberals were the key ones who went back into history and drew from tactics of the Communists as well as the intimidation ploys of Saul Alinsky and re-introduced this mind-controlling political correctness in our country. They have used it to reshape our culture by intimidating anyone who is contrary to their thinking. Such key politicians who dominate Washington

and the governors’ mansions across our country have become the people best positioned to impose their attitudes and ideologies upon the public (due to their domination of the mainstream media and the public schools and universities across the country). The battle of the cultures is actually the battle of principles which produce and govern the culture of a society, of a nation’s people.

The Devil has many antichrists who are empowered with satanic wisdom to make ready the world prepared for the coming of the Antichrist. He also has a diversity of advocates who have given their lives and hearts to bring about a final one-world assault against God and His people. The days have declined to the point of “raging” and “imagining” the vain thing (Ps. 2) to overthrow God in society and its culture. They are “setting themselves” and taking “council together” against the God of heaven and against those who identify with Him on earth. America is witnessing the confrontation of unrighteousness against natural righteousness, of error and the Lie against the Truth, of immorality against morality. According to Scripture, only the coming of the Lord will right all the wrong. It must get worse—much worse—before Christ comes to be the Emancipator of mankind from the destruction of himself. Yes, Christ must come back to save the world from its own destruction. Daniel 2 concludes

the dream of Nebuchadnezzar with the Stone coming out of heaven destroying the Image made by the Gentile world. We long for the day when this will become a reality.

But what must the Christian do while waiting for the trumpet to sound and Christ's promise to be fulfilled, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3)? Until then, we must ever live the Christ culture by living through the principles of His Word. We must not let this world system squeeze us into its mold; we cannot be taken captive in the web of its herd ideologies. In becoming a Christian, we continue to live in the world, but we are not to be of the world. We must not be "conformed to this world": we must not imitate the manner and culture of this world's system, "but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2). We must never let this world control our thinking, to say nothing of our living. Every word we use (nouns, verbs, and even pronouns) and what we do (including social distancing and the mark of the mask) are being scrutinized now by the political correctness of our day. How far does a Christian submit to the powers of this world before Christ no longer is living our life? When is it sadly clear one has submitted to the culture of dictatorial political correctness?

Paul declared, "For to me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21). The word *live* demands that the very living of my life moment by moment is to be the Christ within. May God grant us both the grace and wisdom to live the Christ of Scripture in our present age; and may our personal culture, our biblical culture, the very culture dictated by God's Word, be the outliving of the Christ within. **S**

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Preparing for Our Appointed Times

Is the First Amendment of Our Constitution Now Being Viewed Differently?

Dr. H. T. Spence

The article "Preparing for Our Appointed Times" first appeared in a *Straightway* edition in 2000 (rpt. 2013). Reflecting upon this article, we believe another reprint of its message would be most appropriate in the light of the present distress. The year 2020 is the product of the gathering momentum of previous years, and we are amazed how pertinent our burden from 2000 is for today. May the Lord bless its truth for this hour in history as we witness the worsening of our government's Deep State intrusion into areas of the Christian life that only God should control.

We as Christians in the United States of America now stand in obviously ominous days. An unknown, dark future lies ahead of us as a country. We are far from the shore of morality and righteousness. The billows and engulfing waves of the high seas of humanity are filling up the boat that was launched some 224 years ago when our country became a nation. We have often read the prophecy of Luke 21:25, 26,

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of

heaven shall be shaken.

We have arrived at such an hour.

Without being a pessimist or an optimist but desiring to be a biblical realist, we must briefly view the sobering hour in which we as Christians live in this generation and at this time in history. Amidst the gathering clouds of darkness and burden for life itself, we must realize that God has prophesied of such days to come. He has given many details of the satanic drama that would finally unfold into unprecedented power in the final generation. He gave such prophecies to prepare His people for the days that are soon to come upon the earth. But with these prophecies, God has given the Blessed Hope, The Great Expectation of the coming of His Son to claim a people being prepared for Him. To these saints He cries, "Let not your hearts be troubled." The Greek word *tarasso* for "troubled" carries the understanding of not allowing our hearts to be disturbed, agitated, or subverted with fear. It was in this context of John 14, of troublesome times, that the promise of His coming was given. Though we grieve over what is happening in our nation and are caught in the dismantling of our freedoms, we want to completely trust in God at this time.

America's Founding Government

It is becoming more and more evident that our beloved country is in the throes of an overwhelming collapse. The powers that be are becoming the powers that are enemies of God and His people both in heaven and earth. The spiritual warfare is increasing against the saints as the reality of Psalm 2 becomes paramount. The growing hatred and bigotry against the Christian faith in America is escalating. Though we have greatly grieved over the administration that has been in the White House, we are not so impulsive to state that this president is to blame for the moral state and spiritual condition of our society. Insanity has been setting in for decades in our country. The life, words, and actions of our nation's president are simply making vivid how far we have fallen away from the original principles upon which this great country was founded. Yet the history textbooks and writers of our day are destroying the literary legacy of our past. This is being done through either intentional absence of the truth or a rewriting of our country's history to distort and pervert its spiritual legacy.

Some eight years ago while passing through Washington, Pennsylvania, I visited an old book store and secured for a dollar a book on the life of George Washington printed in 1833. It was written by Aaron Bancroft, a Congregational Pastor. Bancroft's work

contains stories of our country's father which continued to appear in American textbooks until 1940, when they mysteriously disappeared. One such story comes to mind which occurred during the French and Indian War in 1755. George Washington, a colonel at that time, sided with General Brodick of the English army against the French and the Indians. The battle took place in the surrounding woods near Fort DuQuane (Pittsburgh). At the end of a two-hour battle, 714 out of 1300 American/British soldiers were shot down; only 30 of the French and Indians were killed. Of the 86 American/British officers, only George Washington had not been shot down. They retreated and went to Fort Cumberland in Maryland. George Washington wrote his mother and brother a letter that evening. Though no bullet had touched him, he told them he had found four bullet holes after taking off his coat following the battle. When he rubbed his hands through his hair bullet fragments came pouring out. Several horses had been shot out from underneath him, but no harm had come to him. He wrote, "God kept me and preserved me through the battle." In 1770, George Washington and a friend Dr. Craig returned to those same woods. An old Indian chief, hearing that Washington had come back, traveled a distance to meet the great American leader. When he met him, the chief said, "Fifteen years

ago, you and I were in these woods together. I was the head chief of the Indians who fought. I saw you riding and told my braves if they would kill you, the troops would scatter. I told them to single you out." The chief went on to state that he personally had fired at George Washington 17 different times; his braves kept firing, but none of the bullets were having any effect. He told his braves to quit firing at him. He then concluded his story with these words, "I have traveled all this way to meet the man that God would not let die in battle." Such stories are numerous of our country's beginning.

Some years ago the University of Houston undertook a ten-year research on the founding of our country. This research was to discover what the primary influence of our country's beginning was. Out of some 15,000 documents written by the founding fathers which they collected, 3,154 writings were narrowed down as key writings. The three most often quoted were John Locke, Montesquieu, and Blackstone. But the research revealed that 16 times more often than any of these men were quotations from the Bible. Blackstone, probably the greatest authority on law, printed his commentaries for Law in 1758. These were a major influence to the founding fathers of our country. Of his quotations, 94 percent were from the Bible. His commentaries are so permeated by the principles of Scripture that Charles

G. Finney became a Christian while studying Blackstone's commentaries in preparation to become a lawyer. No historian can get away from the fact that our country was founded upon the belief of the Scriptures and the principles contained therein.

Separation of Church and State?

In recent days my heart has been drawn to the first part of the First Amendment of the Constitution of our United States: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise thereof." This amendment is being destroyed in our country today by certain individuals and political powers slowly manipulating the people to believe it means that Bible principles are to be separated from the government. We hear today of "separation of church and state." It has become so common a phrase that a recent survey found that 67 percent of those polled believed that this statement was found in the First Amendment. But it is not! In fact, the words *separation*, *church* and *state* do not ever appear in the Constitution.

If this is true, from where did the statement come? Before Congress passed the wording of the Constitution, they went through twelve iterations, which were to make the intent of the wording clear. The iteration for this particular amendment was simply that "no one denomination or religious sect was to be above another." They

did not want to repeat the religious apostasy of England with a State Church. In 1801, The Danbury Connecticut Baptist Church wrote a letter to then President Thomas Jefferson, as they were concerned over a rumor that the Congregational Church was going to become the National Church. On January 1, 1802, President Jefferson came to Danbury, Connecticut, and addressed the Baptists there. He stated in that address, "The First Amendment has erected a wall of separation of church and state, but that wall is a one directional wall. It keeps the government from running the church, but it makes sure Biblical principles will always stay in government." This was his statement: "God's principles were to always remain in government, but the government must not interfere with the Church."

In 1853, a group of citizens came to Congress and stated they wanted separation of the Church and State in the principles used by the State. This request was referred both to the House and Judiciary Committees for one year in order to study if there could be separation of biblical principles from the government. The House Judiciary Committee on March 27, 1854 stated the following:

Had the people during the revolution had any suspicion of any attempt to wage war against the Bible that revolution would have been strangled in its cradle. . . . At the time of the

Constitution and its amendments the universal sentiment was that the Bible and Christianity should be encouraged but not any one sect. . . . In this age there can be no substitute for the Bible and that was the belief of the founders of the Republic, and they expected it to be the belief of their descendants. . . . The Great vital and conservative element of our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and divine truths of Scripture.

Later, between 1870 and 1890, the question arose again. This time the Supreme Court dealt with it in 1878 in the trial of Reynolds vs. United States. The judges went back to Thomas Jefferson's speech in its entirety. They once again agreed that although the State was not to interfere with the Church, biblical principles were never to be separated from the government.

However, when the issue returned to the Supreme Court in 1947, the court for the first time in our history referred only to eight words out of Jefferson's speech. It was in the court trial of Everson vs. The Board of Education. This was their ruling: "The First Amendment has erected a wall between Church and State. That wall must be kept high and impregnable." This was the first time in our history that it was questioned; in fact the Supreme Court reversed it, to keep biblical principles out of government. This introduced to our judicial system a new philosophy. William James, the

Father of Modern Psychology and a key influence upon the members of the Supreme Court at that time, stated, "There is nothing so absurd, that if you repeated it often enough people will believe it." In 1958 one of the Chief Justices stated to the other judges in the case of *Bore vs. Coldwater*, "If you do not stop talking about separation of Church and State someone will believe it is part of the Constitution." Yet they talked the more about it. Finally in 1962, in the *Engel vs. Vitale* case, for the first time a ruling was given to separate Bible principles from education. The first separation of religious principles was to be seen in public education. When this ruling was made the judges did NOT quote from legal or historical precedents; this practice was unheard of for a court decision. They simply gave opinion. Even the *World Book Encyclopedia*, printed the following year (1963), stated this was the first time we have had separation of Church and State. The ignoring of legal or historical precedent must also be realized in the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Law in 1983, when they ruled against Bob Jones University declaring "public policy" as their statute.

Liberty Redefined

Dear reader, in spite of liberal or conservative presidents, we are witnessing the dismantling of every principle our country's forefathers gave

us as a legacy. Our American President believes he has political power to change the law of morality. The lines are being drawn by his Attorney General, to use the legal system to get around the Senate and Congress and to try to reinterpret the law in the Courts to do away with the principles of God. Marquis de Sade stated, "The goal of humanism must be the death of God. Man will not be free until God is abolished, until there is total freedom to believe and live anything and everything contrary to the Bible." It is interesting to note that for a century and a half De Sade's writings were forbidden by every civilized country in the world. Even the corrupt French monarchy found him so dangerous, they kept him in prison. Revolutionists worked for his release, and when they found out what he was, they imprisoned him. Subsequently Napoleon did the same. But now, De Sade is being heralded in our country as a liberator and champion of mankind and his works openly published. Liberty is being more and more interpreted as freedom to sin.

Hatred and warfare against God will lead only to death. Nietzsche and De Sade found their final end in suicide. A very moving book I read some years ago was *From Under the Rubble* written by Soviet Union Christians. One of the writers was a Soviet mathematician, Igor Savavich, who made the following statement:

Humanism and socialism seek the death of property, religion, the family, marriage, and finally the death of man. The revolution accomplished fully would amount to the destruction of man, the withering of all mankind and its death.

Another book that should be a warning to us is Samuel Warner's writing *The Urge To Mass Destruction*. This contemporary psychologist observed the following:

What our modern age has become possessed with is the suicidal impulse for self and world. And so we have the politics of mass destruction, the economics of mass destruction, religion of mass destruction – secular humanism. It follows the tempter, and says to God, "Thou shalt not touch us."

We must not leave out the famous atheistic poet Shelley, who was expelled from Oxford for publishing a pamphlet defending atheism in 1811. He stated, "Mankind had only to will that there should be no evil and there would be none." The generations have brought us to the longing to sin any sin without consequence—this is really the desired utopia of man. But for man to say there is no judgment or there is no hell will never do away with the reality of both judgment and hell. The brainwashing of the media, music, politics, education, lifestyle, art, etc. have brought the world to the desire to proclaim boldly, "Let God give us up, we will make us a name."

The Christian and End-Time Governments

I personally cannot envision America's returning to its former roots of principle and God, but I do pray for America. I believe there has been so much mixture of error with religious truth by the modern American-religious manner that we as a country will never see the purity of the Gospel again. But I dare not look at our times as hopeless; for I see a remnant that is desiring to live right, to do right, to fight right, to be militant against the apostasy in all its forms, but seeking magnificence of spirit in the life. There is no hope for this world, for it is to be judged by God Almighty. But I pray for souls plucked out of the burning of this last generation who have left one burning and have been given another burning—a burning heart for God.

An ideal view of government is given to us in Romans 13. We are called upon by the Apostle Paul to "be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Paul continues to unfold the principles of government in the light of what God intended for government to be to the people. Likewise, 1 Peter 2:13–17 gives us an ideal view of the government over the people. But what if the government is bad? What if it becomes antichrist in system oppressing its people? If this be the case, then there are other pas-

sages of Scripture we must take into consideration. When the government becomes anti-God as in Daniel 3 and Revelation 13, we must consider passages such as Acts 4:18–20:

And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

There is also Acts 5:27–29:

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.


There must come a time in human history when God gives the governments and systems over to the Antichrist system to prepare for his coming. This will include the loss of the First Amendment of our Constitution. When that time comes, and it may happen before the Rapture of the saints, we must turn to Scripture to find out what we must do in such a government context. We must draw from passages such as Daniel 1:8:

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank.” There is also the needed truth of Daniel 3:16–18:

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

As Christians, if we cannot satisfy the law of man by doing what it commands, then we must satisfy the law by yielding to its punishment.

The Christian cause has now become the prey for an “open hunting season” by the powers of the government and media. Only God knows what we must face before the coming of our Blessed Lord. But we must not allow the world to pressure us into change or compromise. If this happens, we lose the protection of God. We must dare to name the Name of Christ in this last, end-time generation. We must save ourselves from this untoward generation and rest in the Beloved, Who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

Let us pray for one another as we now face the deepening, aggressive powers of global assimilation and ecumenicity. When it seems that pandemonium is breaking loose upon us and our freedoms are being taken away one by one, may God the Holy Spirit empower us to remain committed to God's Infallible Word and a consecrated life. This is part of the legacy of a biblical Fundamentalist in our time. 

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