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

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Conspiracy in History

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We believe we are living amidst End-time conspiratorial powers that are seeking to prepare the people of this world for the coming of Antichrist. The following article, originally written in 2003, appears to us pertinent at this critical time in November 2020.

One of history's great conspiracies is found in the story of the birth of Christ. In Matthew 2 when the Magi came to Jerusalem, they had an audience with Herod, the Roman-appointed King of the Jews. They inquired of where the Christ-child should be born. When the Sanhedrin gave the prophecy of Micah to him, Herod proceeded to speak kindly to the Magi saying, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also" (Matt. 2:8). Herod claimed a desire to worship the baby born king, convincing the Magi that his motive was sincere. Because of his guile, they knew

not the conspiracy he cleverly had plotted against the Christ-child. They did not read his evil heart. Nevertheless, through a dream God warned the Magi to go home another way.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men (Matt. 2:16).

Bethlehem's children became the first martyrs for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Conspiracies in Recent History

A conspiracy is the secret planning to do something wrong against the government or a public person. It is an agreement by two or more persons to act unlawfully and then to conceal the matter.

"Rumors" of a number of conspiracies have filled the conversations of

the last century in our world. Perhaps more than people are aware, conspiracies have been a major part of human history in its promotion of evil. Even so, there must be faith in the Sovereignty of God, knowing that He is overruling the affairs of men amidst the conspiracies of men.

One popular conspiracy still very much alive involves the connections among Aristotle Onassis, Howard Hughes, Jackie Kennedy, and the assassination of J. F. Kennedy. The *Gemstone File*, a document circulated in the 1970s, claimed to reveal the identity of the JFK assassination conspirators, placing Onassis and Hughes fully in the mix. In 1994 the claims made in the *Gemstone File* were cross-referenced by Gerald Carroll in his book *Project Seek*. Howard Hughes'

disappearance during the spring and summer of 1957 has led to great speculation among researchers. Photos of the moment of JFK's assassination have led some writers to speculate that three shots came from three different geographies. Even today, mysteries surround his hospitalization in Dallas, the events on the plane returning to Washington, D.C., and the man in the wheelchair, with a covered face, at the Kennedy-Onassis wedding. Perhaps only eternity will reveal the truth of these matters.

Another popular conspiracy concerns the shooting of John Lennon by Mark David Chapman. After shooting John Lennon with four devastating hollow-point bullets, Chapman did not make an easy nighttime escape. Instead he waited patiently for the New York City police to arrive, calmly reading *The Catcher in the Rye*. No commission ever investigated this murder; it was not filmed or photographed. And the alleged assassin avoided a trial by pleading guilty. Consequently, there is little available evidence. But a London lawyer Fenton Bresler in his book *Who Killed John Lennon* seemed to give convincing evidence of a conspiracy.

The unique death of Mary Jo Kopecne, Bobby Kennedy's secretary, in the Chappaquiddick River continues to bring speculation in regard to the political attacks of the third Kennedy brother Ted. New England assassino-

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logist R. B. Cutler places this incident as a CIA ambush rather than an accident. Although the evidence states that Miss Kopechne was beaten before being placed in the car and pushed into the river, there was no evidence that Ted Kennedy was in the car when it went into the river. A number of hours passed before the matter was reported. There was no autopsy, the family was paid handsomely for not pursuing the matter in court, and there was no indictment of Ted Kennedy. Was there a conspiracy in this matter?

Other conspiracies that still are topics of discussion surround the deaths of Marilyn Monroe, Bobby Kennedy, and even the poisoning of Pope John Paul I. Each of these deaths was followed by a quick cover-up and no investigation.

Conspiracies in Scripture

Numerous conspiracies presented in the Bible are perpetrated by the wicked against the godly. Their subtle tactics of plotting against those whom they hate are often carried out in the most exquisite fashion of innocency and sincerity.

Since the days of the fall of Adam, man has conspired to cover up evil. Adam and Eve conspired to cover up their wrong by shifting blame. This principle of conspiracy rose to another level when Cain conspired to kill his brother. But how would this act of

violence be done? Getting Abel into the field in order to commit the crime would be no easy task. Does 1 John 3 give us an insight of how the conspiracy was accomplished? Did he use the guise of “brotherly love” to get Abel into the field (1 John 3:11, 12)? Once the task of getting him alone was fulfilled, he violently killed his brother and then endeavored to cover up the body by burying it in the ground. Yet the blood of Abel cried unto the Lord, and the conspiracy became known. It is evident that even Cain’s parents learned Abel had been murdered through fratricide (Gen. 4:25).

Genesis 37 presents the conspiracy against young Joseph by his brothers. Genesis 37:18 states, “And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.” They then took him and placed him in a pit, and later sold him to Midianites, going down into Egypt. There is no evidence that they told Reuben what they had done with Joseph (37:30). But we read of their cover-up:

And they took Joseph’s coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son’s coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son’s coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. And Jacob rent

his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days (37:31–34).

They did not have to verbally lie to their father; they allowed the conspiracy to deceptively speak. Jacob naturally came to a conclusion that his son had been killed.

The Old Testament further gives a number of conspiracies such as the following: the conspiracy of Absalom against his father David (2 Sam. 15:12, 31); the conspiracy of Joash's servants to kill him (2 Kings 12:20); the conspiracy to kill Amaziah (2 Kings 14:19); the conspiracy against Shallum (2 Kings 15:13–15); the conspiracy against Amon by his servants (2 Chron. 33:24, 25); a conspiracy against the Lord (Jer. 11:9); the list continues with at least sixteen other conspiracies mentioned in the Old Testament.

We read in Ezekiel 22:25 of the priests, princes, and the false prophets:

There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

Conspiracies take place within the very temple of God against God and against His people. Nehemiah 4:8, 9 speaks of Tobiah and Sanballat:

And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem,

and to hinder it. Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

Naboth's refusal to sell his birthright to Ahab marks one of the notorious conspiracies of the Old Testament (1 Kings 21). The conspiracy began when Jezebel "wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth" (21:8). A fast was proclaimed, Naboth was set on high among the people, two sons of Belial bore false witness against him saying, "Thou didst blaspheme God and the king" (21:10). "Then they carried him [Naboth] forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died" (21:13), and his sons also. Thus, the vineyard was confiscated by the State (Ahab). Although this conspiracy was completed, God brought the blood of Naboth back on Ahab, Jezebel, and their entire house.

The Old Testament also indicates a universal conspiracy against God and His people. Note David's words in Psalm 2:

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

But God knows of these conspiracies: “He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.”

The Conspiracy of Christ’s Death

In the last of the four gospels, John gave us insight into the growing conspiracy against Christ by the Jewish leaders. Note the volume of words John the Beloved gives to this behind-the-scenes plotting, scheming, and manipulation of circumstances to put Christ to death: John 6:15; 7:11, 19, 25, 30, 44; 8:20, 37, 40, 59; 10:31, 32, 39; 11:8, 53, 56; 12:10; and 13:21.

Luke 22:1–6 presents the conspiracy that took place on Tuesday of Passion Week with Judas and the Sanhedrin Court. Later in that same chapter the conspiracy unfolds in the garden with Judas and the soldiers. Six court trials were orchestrated against Him:

Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses (Matt. 26:59, 60).

Then came the crucifixion, and His death, after which Christ was laid in a tomb. But we once again read of a cover-up when Christ was resurrected from the dead:

Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city,

and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day (Matt. 28:11–15).

This great conspiracy was against the Christ from His infancy until His death; yet, God triumphed over the conspiracy of man:

Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done (Acts 4:25–28).

Conspiracies Against God’s People

Throughout the Book of Acts, conspiracies against God’s saints continue from the stoning of Stephen to the incarceration of Paul. The conspiracies in early church history were perpetrated to destroy and discredit the

Christians. During the ten Imperial persecutions, Satan conspired with the leaders of Rome to destroy the Christians, the early church, and the Scriptures. When Nero wanted to build a new Rome, he endeavored to burn the empire capital and blame it on the Christians, inciting riot against them. During the days of Bloody Mary in England (1553–1558), John Foxe escaped with his life and was moved of God to write what became known as *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*. He wanted to show the great inquisitions against God's people, preserving their stories for posterity. Groups like the Huguenots and the Lollards, men like Huss, Luther, Jerome of Prague, and myriad others were always found being plotted against in the conspiracies of the Roman Catholic Church and its influential powers over the State.

The End-Time Conspiracy

We are presently in the end time of the Laodicean Institutional Church Age; we believe a rapture awaits the saints. Yet we are facing the final conspiracy of this world to destroy God's saints before their catching away. These are days when God's people cannot afford to be spiritually asleep or paralyzed by apathy. We must "be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8).

Revelation 12 shows the Dragon

poised over the woman "which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born" (Rev. 12:4). There are those who dispensationally believe the woman is Israel and that the man-child is Christ. Although that may be an Old Testament perspective, the word *Israel* is not mentioned in the chapter. The woman in the New Testament is the Church, and the man-child could be the saints who will rule with a rod of iron (Rev. 2:27, though of Christ in 19:15). There is both a conspiracy in the Laodicean church, that is in pain to be delivered of this man-child, and a conspiracy in the world system through the Devil to destroy him. This conspiracy has the ingredients of Matthew 10:16–42.

The End Time of the Church Age is also in the conspiracy of deception and the powers to thwart the righteous living of the saints (Luke 21:8–19). This continuing conspiracy, which has included the death of many saints (Heb. 11:34–38), is coming to a great climax in the End Time. The hatred contained in this conspiracy against the saints will turn to the sword for its fulfillment; it will even include family member against family member. The rise of the aggressive evil of the sodomites is part of this conspiracy to turn against and to destroy the Elect of God. The evil that is being planned is so dark and devastating that if God would pull back the cloak of this conspiracy, it may cause our heart to fail

because of fear.

Yet, we must understand that these will be days that God will give over to the final preparation of the foolish shepherd to rule the earth (Zech. 11:15). The child of God will outwardly begin to lose more and more before the world. It will become more evident, "As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter" (Rom. 8:36). But the words of Romans 8:31–39 will become more of an anchor to the soul in these days when God will become more silent in the earth:

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? . . . Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . In all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life . . . nor principalities, nor powers . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We must ready our hearts for these days of a great conspiracy against God and His people. And we must be ever looking upward for His call home to glory. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

Appended Conclusion

Amidst the most corrupt hour in our nation's history, the election of 2020

is proving that the Deep State (which Donald Trump has uncovered) is endeavoring to bring about a coup d'état. We may be witnessing its apex in these coming days of wholesale deception, corruption, fraud, and unfathomable wickedness. The hatred for Trump by the Deep State and the swamp of Washington is antithetical to the love that has been poured out upon him during these weeks leading up to the election. We have never witnessed such an unnatural and malicious hatred against a man by the Deep State, and simultaneously we have never witnessed the manifested love expressed by the people for a president as this one. But the Democratic Party is committed in its anathema against Donald Trump's re-election. They are willing to commit any crime needed to make sure he does not return. They hate everything he stands for and all who supported him; they will not rest until this man is ousted, defamed, disgraced, denounced, shamed, and brought to absolute ruin. Getting him out of office will not be enough for them; their hatred is so intense they will endeavor to bring him to utter humiliation and damnation. They believe he must be defeated in effigy so that his memory will never be memorialized in history. We are now confronting the greatest political iniquity and sabotage of character and reputation that has been known in our history. These evil politicians, in league with the Devil, will do

all they can, legally and illegally, to overthrow the country's desire to get back to some semblance of righteousness and moral integrity.

Despite all the Liberals' solemn claims of devotion to the U.S. Constitution, what we are really witnessing in the year 2020 is their wholesale defiance of it. To them the Constitution is just a piece of paper under glass at the National Museum in Washington, D.C.

Our hope is in a greater writing—the writing of God's Word; though heaven and earth may pass away, the sacred Word of God will endure forever. We look to the hope of Isaiah 26:12–14:

LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

And as they shall rise in their boast and pride (as Lucifer of old), God will declare these words to such ungodly men and women:

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man [or woman] that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? (Isa. 14:15–17).

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen [nations] for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him (Ps. 2:4–12). S

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The “Transition Integrity Project”: Revealing the Present Distress of the 2020 Election

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To know through Scripture where we are in history is a great strength to the heart. While this is the greatest hour to be a Christian, it is also the most difficult hour to be a Christian. Every Christian throughout history has been divinely appointed to live proving God’s grace in his unique generation. We are to live this Christian life with and for the Saviour to His glory. At the same time, we are called upon by God’s grace in our appointed generation to be *light* to this world and *salt* to this earth. Being a light to our generation is not simply sharing the Gospel in evangelism; we are to be a light against sin, error, and the apostasy. Accompanying light is salt; we must be a restrainer of all evil and wrong against God.

The End of an Age

We often remind our readers that we are in the End Time of the last days. The end of something is not only a culmination of many things but also the beginning of something else. Daniel spoke of “the end” in his prophecies (Dan. 8, 9, 11, and 12). Christ also spoke of an end in the Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24). There are basically three “ends” that rise up in prophecy; each of these “ends” close an age: (1) the end of the Church Ages resolved

by the secret Rapture, (2) the end of the Tribulation Period resolved by the Battle of Armageddon, and (3) the end of the world (as we know it within the Millennium) resolved by a new heaven and new earth.

The Bible reveals a great sifting and shaking that will occur at these crucial transitions. Hebrews 12:25–29 speaks of a shaking of earth and heaven. In this text, the apostle Paul returns to the terrifying scene of Mount Sinai previously addressed. However, now he brings forth the promise that the voice of God will cause not only the earth to be shaken again but also heaven. He hastens to explain that this means the removing of those things which can be shaken. Following this shaking, only the abiding and eternal things will remain. We truly are living in the day of God’s shakings. Amos 9 reveals tremendous detail about how God will shake Israel as in a sieve, while promising that the least grain will not fall through (Amos 9:9). In contrast, the shaking of Hebrews 12 is a warning to the church. The rapid and radical changes coming to the churches across the world are an evidence of God’s mighty shakings. His shaking is separating out all the Elect in anticipation of His secret coming in the Rapture. At that point in time, all but the Elect

will have fallen away. Who or what will be left standing when God is finished?

For the Christian these shakings are to extract from our lives all that is not truly identified with Christ. In the words of 2 Peter 3:10–13, it seems that the shaking Peter reveals will take place at the end of the history of the world as we know it. Nevertheless, there will be spiritual shakings before the Rapture of the Elect. Note the declaration of Christ to the Laodicean church in Revelation 3:16: “I will spue thee out of my mouth.” The word *spue* is a first aorist active infinitive of *emeo*, meaning “to vomit, to reject with extreme disgust.” When will this spewing take place? Is this spewing part of the shaking that has already taken place in the dismantling of Fundamentalism—yea, throughout all Christendom?

The cultural lifestyle of humanity is also radically changing in the earth. This indicates that the inner principle or character of humanity is becoming more and more sordid, wretched, and lawless; such humanity will ultimately defy and deny the biblical God and His Son.

Principles are what control people’s lives; thus, if principles change, then the outworking of those principles in life change too. This can be clearly seen in the proclivities of Western civilization. Since the Protestant Reformation, God’s Revelation (the Scriptures)

has been a strong, dominating influence in Western civilization in various compartments of life. But Western civilization first left God’s revelation and resorted to reason. And since the early 1950s, our country has left reason and has progressively entered subjectivism and existentialism, now bringing our society into Postmodernism. More and more the global society is living with a rejection of law, order, design, purpose, and beauty. Thus, lawlessness and moral, spiritual, and emotional insanity are currently controlling the world.

Shockingly, these recent months have revealed radically different ideological candidates running for the presidency and vying for control of our society. To such people, freedom for humanity, including freedom of speech, of religion, of possessions, and of worship are not cherished but hated. Pride of man and his intense covetousness for control consume them. While one candidate wants to return us to our freedoms and liberties, the other boldly seeks greater control of our lives, even to the point of absolute control over everything that touches our lives, including our thinking and belief in God.

Truly, our country, yea, the world is in overwhelming transition. What will this transition finally yield? Transitions are brought about by epochs, either taking place in a notoriously influential person or in a crucial event

that forces the change. This year our country entered an epoch, one of global proportion in influence, which we were told was commenced by the pandemic and all its draconian governmental side effects. This presidential election will be an epoch, not only for this nation but also the world.

The Transition Integrity Project

A revelation of the present distress in our country at the time of the 2020 election is found in the document entitled the Transition Integrity Project (TIP) that first made its appearance in 2019. This writing has emerged from a think tank of those who obsessively hate Donald Trump and deeply desire to destroy him and his administration no matter what happens in the November election. Such intent had been in planning for several years, but it has finally been voiced in a formal, written document. The Transition Integrity Project is the product of one hundred Liberals and Leftists who are former government officials, educators, and other prominent leaders, including many who were under President Barack Hussein Obama.

This former president ran on the promise that he would “radically change America.” Although many “radical” changes came during his administration, God’s providence did not permit a full overthrow of America. Instead, God shocked the world with a non-politician entering the White

House named Donald John Trump, who became immediately the Liberals’ worst nightmare and ideological enemy. The Democratic Party has become a radically changed political party from its earlier days; it is presently the ideological product of the Obamas and the Clintons. They had hoped that the Constitution and governing principles of the United States would have been overthrown during Obama’s administration, but that did not happen. Thus, the surprise overthrow of the presidential candidate Hillary Clinton by Donald Trump has provoked the anger of the Liberals and the Deep State, who have determined that this will never happen again.

Simultaneously, they diabolically have planned several scenarios of strategy, depending on the outcome of the November election. If Donald Trump wins the election, they are determined to overthrow his presidency and to ensure the impossibility of such a thing ever happening again. Their plans are written down and entitled the “Transition Integrity Project.” These men and women have worked on their battle plan for what they view as a “political war game” for each of four possible scenarios: (1) a large Biden victory; (2) a narrow Biden win; (3) an indeterminate result; or, (4) a large or narrow Trump win.

So much intense anger, corruption, deception, and lying have been fomented in our nation that there

will be an explosion no matter what scenario resolves about the elections. If there is a narrow victory by Biden/Harris, Donald Trump may refuse to concede defeat with the belief there has been voter fraud in the deluge of mail-in ballots (and perhaps other influences suspected). After all, we have witnessed this year thousands of voting ballots thrown away, discarded in rooms in post offices, and thrown into dumpsters. What if this continues for the next two months leading up to Inauguration Day in January? Yes, this could go on for months with huge protests in the streets on both sides. Or, if Trump wins, even overwhelmingly, we will see riots in the streets, and potentially a coup d'état attempt. Who will the police or military side with? "We anticipate lawsuits, divergent media narratives, attempts to stop the counting of ballots, and protests drawing people from both sides," TIP writes in a post-exercise report summarizing their findings. "The potential for violent conflict is high." Hillary Clinton has pressed Biden, if he loses, not to concede; and there are those who have suggested the same to Trump if he loses.

This document is a blueprint of treason and sedition that reflects how the liberal Democratic Party will respond seeking to overthrow government. It is not so much an objective account of what might happen, but a subjective account of what they hope will happen.

It is very clear they will contest the election-day results if Donald Trump wins. It will be their intent to drag the election period into November and December continuing to foment chaos across the country.

The Governing Principles of TIP

Coming out of the Transition Integrity Project are the following implications forwarded by the Leftists and Liberals:

1. To "delegitimize" the election and its result.
2. Be unwilling to abide by the election results (this they have been openly speaking of for months).
3. They will try to get battleground states governed by Democrats to offer competing slates of electors in order to confuse the Electoral College and will use legal (and illegal) means to do so.
4. They will create a political sit-down and force Trump to enter a compromise that alters the government in fundamental ways that ensure the Democratic Party will rule indefinitely.
5. They plan an unprecedented assault on the election outcome to try to do away with the election night results.
6. They will promote propaganda to portray and try to convince the country that the results will be

dangerous for America.

7. They want an indefinite period to count mail-in ballots. They want to make voter fraud work to their advantage. They will try to halt ballot counts using the courts.
8. They will call for public protests across the country, thereby creating mayhem.
9. They will try to get military leaders on their side, or at least not at the disposal of Trump's use to maintain order.
10. They plan to prevent a peaceful administrative transition and to disrupt it.
11. They will seek a totalitarianism to prioritize their own personal, atheistic ideologies and financial gains over the voting public.
12. If needed, they will attempt to throw the election into the Pelosi-controlled House.
13. They will spread fear and panic across the country so that a fair election may take months.
14. They will be out to benefit themselves financially. They seek to be back in positions of power.
15. They have already proven how far they will go in rioting, burnings, and destruction of property as well as polluting the country with their vile intimidation to create utter chaos in the nation. They will use any means necessary to get their way and re-establish themselves in leadership in this country.
16. They will financially sustain political battles extending at least through the end of January.
17. They will contest elections at the state level using Democrats in power. They plan to claim irregularities to prolong the count. (Their radical revolution they envisage will take time.)
18. From now on, they will downplay the notion that mail-in ballots and other loose voting practices are causes of fraud. They will continue to claim that protests are peaceful and call for more of them.
19. They plan to use the next two months to spread their propaganda to the public, to the sympathetic media, and to permeate the Democrats' campaign.
20. They are aiming to undermine the core norms of the republic and the rule of law. They stand for corrupt and authoritarian practices. They are against free and fair elections and peaceful transitions of power. The only administrative stability they support is for their own left-wing people, commonly known today as the Deep State, remaining in government through thick and thin.

The Chaotic Civil War That May Be Ahead

By contesting the win of Donald Trump (should he do so), the TIP planners will continue the assault on Trump from the left that began as far back as 2015. The leftist revolutionary forces have never let up. The fake Russia collusion project went on for years, followed by the corruption of the Mueller investigation, the incredible lies of Adam Schiff, the corruption of the FBI and Obama in spying on Trump, the futile impeachment, and now the blame being placed on Trump for COVID deaths.

On October 17, 2020, Former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich (under Obama) stated on his Tweet account:

When this nightmare is over [the Trump presidency] we need a post voting day of a "Truth and Reconciliation Commission." Such a Commission would erase Trump's lies, comfort those who have been harmed by his hatefulness, and name every official, politician, executive, and media mogul whose greed and cowardice enabled this catastrophe. . . . We must do all that we can to make sure this never happens again.

The Democratic Party is determined to accomplish five things if they take over the presidency. And, if Donald Trump wins again, they will not submit to him unless he supports these five demands:

1. Expand the Supreme Court of the United States and require retirement at the age of 70.
2. Abolish the Electoral College.
3. Grant statehood to the District of Columbia (which is given to Democrat voting) and Puerto Rico.
4. Divide California into five states.
5. End the Filibuster.

They believe these five demands will guarantee their party the perpetual preeminence of power over the government.

If Donald Trump is voted back in as president, the Antifa and Black Lives Matter (arms of the Democratic Party) have vowed through creating chaos to force a totalitarian government upon us. One reporter cogently observed the following:

Many buildings are hiring off duty cops instead of private security companies because they fear a repeat of Denver, where a private guard shot and killed a protester, said one real estate insider. The NYPD is advising buildings to get the extra security. They've never done this before. Other top buildings, such as 220 Central Park South, which is home to hedge funder Ken Griffin's \$238 million condo, say they are already well guarded but will take extra precautions, like keeping entrances locked at night, and only open to residents. How sad is it that folks

are terrified about their physical safety and for the property they own simply because of a national election, which is one of the many privileges of living in a republic?

We, unlike many nations, get to choose our leaders, and thus, the direction we go as a country. But now, thanks to the hate mongers in the mainstream media who have stirred up the masses to hate President Donald Trump with false narratives, folks on the left have come to see the destruction of property and violence against those who disagree with them as acceptable means of dealing with ideological diversity.

Conclusion

When these four years of Donald Trump's presidency have ended, we may have witnessed from the Leftists and Socialists their greatest contributions to "The Lie" furthering the corruption of our country. Whatever may be said of the man Donald Trump, it is evident that God has used Donald Trump to force to the surface from "the political swamp" of our government the most wicked men and women; additionally, he has revealed the Deep State and their powerful arm of "fake news" that has become the prelude to the embodiment of the End-time Lie in the coming of Antichrist. The powers in Washington, D.C., have now risen with bold, arrogant, haughty, lying words to forcefully do away with

righteousness in the earth. Truly, the kings of the earth are taking counsel together against the Lord and His anointed.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [hindereth] will let [hinder], until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, 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. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie [Greek, the lie]: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thess. 2:7-12). **S**

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The Prime Meridian of Human History

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American history will mark the year 2020 as its most crucial year yet. This year has seen state powers manifesting mandates that literally have altered the living of its citizens, even boldly attacking many churches through heavy fines or closings (comfortably ignored by the media). These mandates also extended to closing or limiting attendance to small businesses in many states. Some governors confined travel and even dictated what could or could not be purchased. With all their mandates, still well over one thousand cities were subjected to burnings, riots, and destruction from so-called “peaceful demonstrations” by Marxist organizations (and financially sponsored by billionaires who sympathize with America’s overthrow). The statistics of COVID-19 have been greatly exaggerated to extend and maintain control of the people. (Only about twenty percent of North Carolina COVID-19 deaths were actually caused by the virus.) The social(ism) distancing and the “mark of the mask” have become a powerful weapon for political correctness. And now the social media has entered a frenzy on the day of the election to inform us that the virus has “spiked out of control,” to induce continued fear and panic.

Amidst all that has happened this year, we now witness the utter confu-

sion that reigns through the manipulative Liberals concerning the 2020 elections. Only providence knows the future, and what crucial events will take place in these coming days. Has the Coronavirus been a mysterious conspiracy planted by the Liberals and Progressives even in crucial areas where they knew that the President, his wife, and other members of his cabinet could be infected? Or is it a sabotage in chemical warfare by the Chinese in retaliation to the President? Or is it a paradoxical providence that God Himself has brought about through a unique series of events that culminated at the last moment? Truly, only He alone knows how it happened and what its outcome will be? If it is a conspiracy by the Democrats, or even sabotage by China, the matter was permitted by a sovereign God. What will the final outcome of the voting be for this final downfall of Western civilization? This truly is an hour when the Devil’s advocates are endeavoring to press the reset button that will radically change the world for the global government of the coming Antichrist.

The Prime Meridian of History

Is 2020 the pivotal year in biblical history where the unfolding civilizations of Daniel’s image (Dan. 2) will now transition from the ankles of iron

into the feet of iron and clay (the time of the Antichrist)? Although the Bible was completed some two thousand years ago, it has already revealed a coming crucial, global-changing event. Perhaps an observation in the concept of time would provide an allegory for us concerning Heaven's view.

One of the thirty-two boroughs in Greater London, England, is Greenwich located on the south bank of the Thames River. Henry VIII was born there and married four times at this geographical borough. Its prominence in history dates back to A.D. 900; it later became crucial in England's maritime expansion. In 1423, a watchtower was erected that eventually became the Royal Observatory (this observatory was moved to Sussex in 1958). When Britain became the foremost maritime province of Europe (1700s), Greenwich became the center or the hub of navigational charting and mapping. Other nations began to accept Greenwich as the prime meridian for longitude reference for the world's navigation. An imaginary North-South line on the earth's surface was drawn through Greenwich, London, and both geographic poles. Greenwich was 0 degrees longitude, and all other points of longitudes (east and west) were measured from it. All time factors are measured from the high noon of Greenwich, and twenty-four longitude lines were drawn for navigation and time. The world's time

is primarily based on Greenwich as the "prime meridian."

Similar to the world's prime meridian of Greenwich, God has established a prime meridian of historical time. Heaven's line was drawn by God when He sent His Son to this earth. This is reflected in our calendar with the abbreviations B.C. and A.D. (As Christians, we do not use the politically correct terminology of B.C.E. and C.E.)

The Bible is very clear that all points of history and time are toward Him or from Him. The Faith of man in the eternal, sovereign, and personal God begins with Adam and continues down through six millennia. For the first four millennia, it was prophetic faith in the first coming of Christ and His death. Since Christ's death and resurrection, historic faith looks back to His first coming. In God's sight there was no other event that became the axial moment of all history; the coming of His Son has been the prime meridian of the ages!

When man fell into sin, the fountain of his being, his spiritual heart, the seat of self became immediately depraved. Innately, left alone man is unable to do any spiritual good in the sight of God. This powerful root of sin can in time interweave itself with the Devil, ultimately destroying all humanity. Man's heart, even at its best is altogether vanity.

The Heart of Man versus the Heart of God

The first and fourth times that the word *heart* is mentioned in Scripture are most noteworthy. The first is found in Genesis 6:5: "The imagination of the thoughts of his [man's] heart was only evil continually." There are theological systems that believe that men prior to the death of Christ were saved by the keeping of the Law. This error forces a belief of Pelagianism (that man is born sinless) or Semi-Pelagianism (that man is born with the capability to work out merit before God for salvation). The biblical condition of man's fallen heart is clarified in the crucial verse of Genesis 6:5 ("only evil continually").

The fourth time the word *heart* is mentioned is in Genesis 8:21: "For the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." The Hebrew word for *youth* is *neurim*, speaking of a child from around the age of four leading up to nearly twenty-one. This plural word speaks of the stages of youth that manifest the heart of youth. We must remember that man is polluted at the center of his being (the heart); all issues of his life flow from that polluted fountain. This condition of the heart is unalterable by man.

In contrast, the Bible's second and third mentioning of the word *heart* is in the context of God's heart. Genesis 6:6 declares, "And it repented the

LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." The Hebrew word *grieved* means that it "pained" God at His heart. The intrinsic holiness and righteousness of God was pained, deeply grieved over the sin of man. The third time *heart* is mentioned is in Genesis 8:21: "And the LORD smelled a sweet savour, and the LORD, said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake." This second glimpse of God's heart reveals His great grace amidst His grieved heart for man. *Grace* is the term covering all benefits given by God to fallen man on this fallen planet. Truly grace is the aftermath of judgment.

We are also drawn to other words of importance in Genesis 24:27 spoken by Abraham's unnamed servant in prayer (after he discerned at a well that Rebekah was the answer to his prayer for a bride for Isaac): "Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth." God has always been truthful with man. This precious word *truth* means "not to cover," "not to escape notice," or "not to forget." Truth must triumph! As man tries to cover what is evil, God will not allow such covering. He sends the Law to reveal sin. Note John 15:22, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin."

With sin's revelation, God will not leave us destitute of mercy; this expression is an outward manifestation of His pity. Yet, we read in Psalm 85:10, "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Mercy and truth met at the Prime Meridian of Calvary for our redemption. It was there that righteousness and peace kissed each other!

The Prime Meridian of Redemption

What prompted God's heart to establish a *prime meridian* for all humanity to know this meeting of mercy and truth, where righteousness and peace kissed one another? In this hell-bent age, when the powers of evil and wickedness are converging upon God and His anointed, the motive of God is clearly revealed in 1 John 4:9, 10:

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

God would not spare His Son but delivered Him into the hands of justice, to die in the room and stead of sinners! Love was the motive in the heart of God to erect this high-noon prime-meridian redemption.

Additionally, we also read that the grace of God was involved in Christ's dying for the ungodly:

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man (Heb. 2:9).

God "gave" and "then" sent His Apostle, His Son, to die; the grace of God was the cause! Luke 1:72 reveals that it was "to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant." We who were appointed to wrath became vessels of mercy in the sight of God! He was moved by the love, grace, and mercy within Himself to work His all-wise prime-meridian appointment of Redemption.

But what was the procuring cause? The author of redemption is Christ. The Father loved the Son and appointed Him. It was likewise love, grace, and mercy that wrought in the heart of the Son to accept this call of the Father and to engage in this prime-meridian work of redemption. The Son's delighting love for the Father led Him to give Himself to sanctify us. Christ gave Himself fully first to His Father whereby then He gave Himself for mankind. Without any merit, we have received grace from Him Who is full of grace.

The hour of this prime-meridian moment was high noon on the cross of Calvary. At the sixth hour (12:00 noon) when all became dark, Christ became the worm of sin (Ps. 22:6), was

made sin for every man (2 Cor. 5:21), and bore in His body our sins (1 Pet. 2:24). He drank the fullness of the cup of God's immeasurable wrath; He died the death of hell for us. So often we view God the Father as a spectator of the cross scene that Good Friday; or, we see Him as the Judge with vehement wrath. We should see that the Father "was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them" (2 Cor. 5:19)!

Conclusion

Hebrews 1:2 states, "[God] hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he had appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" [or, the Received Text Greek rendering, "through whom indeed the ages he made"]. This text declares that God has ordained the ages! These ages are ordained in His Son! As one writer of the past stated,

Time is a relation of succession between events or phenomena; duration is the attribute of continuance in events or phenomena; eternity is the attribute of unlimited duration in Infinite and Absolute Being.

There is but one Being without beginning or end—God. Eternity is an attribute of God. We are not to discuss anything beyond *one* eternity, for there are not *eternities*. We may speak of eternity past and of eternity future because time is natural to earthly thinking. With God there is only one

eternity; yet, time is fragmentary in that for man it is broken up into ages.

Whereas *eternity* had no beginning, there was a beginning for *time*. Within time there is a duration which can be called an *age*. The Bible speaks of "the age," "the ages," and "the ages of the ages." An age is only a fragment of time. The ages have been arranged by God within the duration of time. And God ordained the ages. What does this mean?

Somewhere in eternity God through His Son planned the ages to come in time; God settled and established all the ages of history. It seems that no two ages are of the same duration, and yet God has appointed the time when each age shall close.

All history and humanity are seen by God through the precious work of His Son at the cross of Calvary. All time and ages flow either to the First Coming of Christ or away from that Work. The glorious Second Coming of Christ and its consummation in the Millennium are all contingent upon the prime meridian of the First Coming.

We must remember that the earth will be forever. Although there are a great number of passages in the New Testament that refer to the "end of the world," in each and every case the Greek word for world is *aion*, or the "end of the age." Time is divided into many different ages, and this pres-

ent age surely will come to a close; however, there is no scripture to teach that this earth will ever be destroyed permanently. We are to be looking for new heavens and a new earth “wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2 Pet. 3:13). As for the perpetuity of the earth, there are many scriptures that speak of this (Ps. 119:90; 104:5; Eccles. 1:4).

Out of the planets and heavenly systems of the universe, God loves this planet above all. Here His Son came and lived among men; here His Son gave Himself as a supreme love sacrifice to the Father and a supreme vicarious sacrifice for all humanity; here His Son revealed the Father in a perfect human life; here He revealed a perfect gospel; here the resurrection of His Son took place; and here His Son will return and reign. This planet is the love-gift of the Father to the Son; the title deed of humanity was taken by Him as the worthy One to do so (Rev. 5:9). Though we as children of God go to heaven when we die or will be taken there through the Rapture, we will return to the earth for the Battle of Armageddon and for the Millennial Reign of Christ. When God makes the new earth, we will inherit it for all eternity. Earth has been our home where we met Christ and lived for Him; it is where His character was forged in us; and it is where God will bring His throne—from heaven to earth (Rev. 22:3). This footstool of God will finally

become the throne room of God, the center of the universe!

No matter what happens in the consummation of the year 2020, God is still on His Throne! He views this planet singularly through the prime-meridian event of His Son’s coming to this earth some two thousand years ago. It is this event that all history either points forward to or points back to. The earth is still “the LORD’S, . . . the world, and they that dwell therein.” (Ps. 24:1). The kings of the earth today denounce God’s ownership of this planet and are aggressively motivated to take it away from Him for themselves. But Christ, the Prime Meridian of all history will come back one day, and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. All other lords will find their place with the Devil in the Lake of Fire—forever! But until then, amidst the abounding of iniquity within the governments of this world in the End Time, we must endure unto the end and make ourselves ready, a people prepared for the Lord. A Tribulation Period is yet ahead for this world system and its governments. The powers of darkness have now entered a collaborating covenant with the world’s leadership; it is an affront against God and His righteousness as well as the saints of God. Our only hope is the secret coming of our Beloved Saviour. We pray, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”

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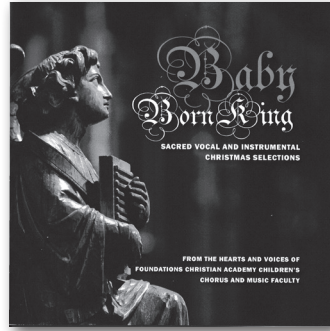
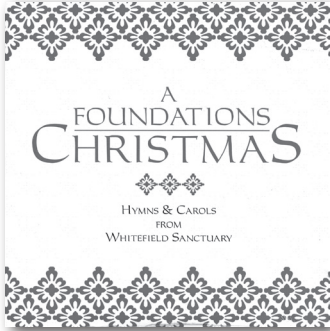
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