America 2020

A Call For Action To Restore Our Nation

A Patriot's Essay & Plan

To Identify & Prioritize our Problems

To Define Causes & Suggest Solutions

To Afix Responsibility & Call For Action

America 2020 Coalition Cumming, GA

Copyright © 2020 by Thomas B. McDonald III Colonel USA(Ret) USMA '57

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the author.

070820

Third Edition

Printed in the United States of America

⊗This paper meets the requirements of ANSI/NISO Z39.48-1992 (Permanence of Paper)

Before reading this document, we need to have **A Fundamental Understanding**.

We the writers are committed American Patriots. Your political affiliation, religious beliefs, and ethnic origins make no difference to us. We do hope you are an American citizen who loves this country, and who is deeply saddened by the accelerating moral collapse of our once-great country. And whether you believe in God or not is indeed important for you personally, but not paramount to reading and understanding this document, and understanding the foundational principles expressed.

What is important at this moment is that you approach this Work with the mind of a sincere American patriot, one who can see the moral damage to our culture, and who wants better for us all – even wishes that there was a way to restore our nation to its very special place in the world. Too many of "we the people" have turned away from the God-given founding principles of our nation. And, yes, we have been led improperly by some of our elected and appointed leaders at the national and state levels, and were taught "revisionist history" in many of our public universities, secondary, and elementary schools. To express it clearly, those who are now the "millennials", GenXer's, and GenZer's were not, and are not being taught the truth about our nation's historical foundations and biblical principles of government.

Before going on, we need to support the statement that our nation's founding principles were God-inspired. In the late 1700s, God was invited by the 55 men, we now call our "Founding Fathers" or "The Framers" to guide them in crafting what became our US Constitution, one of the most profoundly wise documents in the history of man. And there is abundant proof that most of these men held a reverence and respect for God, some were fundamentalist Christians, and some were simply Deists, as you will see as you read the next page and Appendix 2.

What the principal writer (bio-App 7) wants to make crystal clear is that there definitely is a God who deeply cares about each of us. I met Him up close and personal at age forty and He turned my life completely and gloriously around spiritually. A few years after that, the Lord healed my back instantly before surgery from an old parachuting injury; a hospital janitress prayed for God to heal me. So, I *know* there is a God in heaven; He's a loving, caring God. The special life-changing incidents in my life are why I am able to write so passionately as a patriot about our need to return to that awesome God *and our original foundational principles*. And returning to reclaim what made us great in the first place is not retreat but is Victory. Just look at us today – divided, angry, and politically polarized. However, "when a man's ways please the Lord, it makes even his enemies to be at peace with him".

What we write about here is not about you, us, or labels. It is about restoring our nation's biblical foundation, its enlightened governance, and the moral fiber of our people. We invite you to join us. We welcome you, to be part of this truly courageous endeavor to restore America to greatness now, and for future generations.

As you read and then act, Pray for God's Insight and His Wisdom!

Notable Quotes from Five of our Founding Fathers and from one of our greatest Presidents.

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

George Washington. Commander in Chief in the American Revolution, Signer of the Constitution, First President of the United States.

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

John Adams. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. One of the two signers of the Bill of Rights. Second President of the United States.

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gifts of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

Thomas Jefferson. Signer and principal author of the Declaration of Independence. Third President of the United States.

"Before any man can be considered a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe."

James Madison. Signer of the Constitution. Fourth President of the United States.

"Is it not that in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? — That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? — that it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"

John Quincy Adams. Statesman, Diplomat, Sixth President of the United States.

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

Ahraham Lincoln. Sixteenth President of the United States

The Truth About America's Only Hope

Since the beginning of time God has made His great creative and sustaining power plainly known to all of mankind. Yet many refuse to believe Him as God or even that there is a God. In His inspired Word, Psalm 53 clearly states, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God."

America was established by our Founding Fathers as a nation whose people were primarily Christian or Deist. There is ample evidence in the Federalist Papers and in their many other writings to support this fact. Yet there has been a steady erosion of the principles and processes of the Holy Bible in the governance of America by persons, organizations, and governments (judicial, executive, and legislative) at the national, state and local levels. We were never perfect, but we were never in all our checkered past as truly bad as we are today.

Laws in a righteously governed nation are for the purpose of promoting morality or prohibiting immorality and other harmful behavior. Many of our nation's leaders make not even a pretense of righteously governing this nation. They pass laws or find "strange authority" in our once-hallowed US Constitution (or even in foreign law) to ban prayer in classrooms, to force immorality upon the nation, to ban the symbol of Christianity from our public lands, to allow citizens to sue others frivolously with impunity, and even to ban the display of the Ten Commandments in courts and schools. Such defiance-of-God behavior has emboldened the highest court in our land to legalize same-sex "marriage". Our leaders rightly condemn terrible mass killings such as those in Aurora, CO and Newport, CT but wrongly condone the more horrific murder-in-the-womb of a million plus children each year.

Our leaders rightly make it clear that freedom of religion means that all peaceful religions are welcome to practice their faiths here. Yet, as a further assault on our heritage as a moral people, they increasingly hobble the practice of the one and only Faith upon which this nation and its morality were founded — Christianity and the Holy Bible. That hypocrisy has become the handmaiden of evil.

Make no mistake; this is a defiant mocking of God who has made His standards abundantly clear. The Bible says in Galatians 6:7, "Do not be misled – you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant." Unrepentant evil-doers are punished after death. Nations have no after-life; God punishes them in this life. Such terrible punishment is revealed in His Word for the nation of His special people, the Israelites, as well as for many gentile nations – of which we are now a modern one. Therefore, the root of America's problem is not absurd economics, corrupt politics, corrupt Judiciary, poor education, aliens, drug-abuse, unnatural disasters, lying officials, incompetent government-run organizations and schools, etc.

It is the disintegration of morality in our culture and, sadly, in some segments of the Christian church, as well!

Our problem is - SIN...

"that hideous monster we so much dislike hearing about, and which we are so ready to gloss over and excuse." (Rev A.W. Pink)

The <u>proof of this bold assertion</u> is simple! When most of our people and especially our leaders worshipped, prayed to, and followed the God of the Bible, we became the greatest nation ever on the earth. When we began to chase after other gods (money, power/self, sex, hedonism, alien ideologies, etc.) we tipped over and began our now precipitous fall.

"What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter. What sorrow for those who are wise in their own eyes and think themselves so clever." Isaiah 5:20,21 (NLT)

<u>Is it too late for America? Emphatically NO!</u> If we, the people and the leaders of America, confess our sins to God, turn from them in genuine repentance, humbly ask His forgiveness, and ask Him to become our Savior, God, and guide again – *He promises* He will do all that and more. He will help us become a more righteous people and a Godly nation again – for His Glory, not ours!

We must PRAY for our nation's wayward churches and our secular leaders to turn around to prosper with God – or continue to wither and die without Him. The choice is that stark! In the Bible, nations like Nineveh that repented and turned back to God were redeemed. That same God will redeem America – if we repent and return to Him – His Word guarantees it. God has not and will not lie.

The great problems and evil in America are at their center spiritual issues. It will take a strong spiritual stand by our President to root them all out. To think that mere man can correct the mess that we created by listening to voices other than God's, is the kind of self-centered ignorance that got us into this terrible jam in the first place. Millions of us believe without a doubt that only God can right our ship, our nation. And our leaders must recognize that fact and act accordingly – quickly. America has a monstrous spiritual problem and it can be successfully dealt with only in a spiritual manner!

It is instructive to examine how God dealt with nations in the Bible. Two examples: A king of Judah, Jehoshaphat, prayed to God before all his people to deliver Judah from certain defeat from an army twice the size of his; God did so in amazing fashion. King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, knelt and prayed to God before all his people to dedicate the newly completed Temple in Jerusalem to God and to refresh Israel's pledge to walk with God in wholehearted devotion. God appeared to Solomon one night and told him, "... if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land." God blessed King Solomon's reign with peace, power and wealth because he followed God, if imperfectly, but God was His guiding light.

The God whom King Solomon and all his people worshipped and sought great help from is the same God we claim to Trust; many of us are still His people, called by His name – Christian. Both President Roosevelt and General Eisenhower knew that: when they led the nation and the Normandy Invasion troops, respectively, in public prayer before that great invasion – God gave us the amazing victory in Europe in WWII. If any of our leaders prayed for victory in subsequent wars, we never heard about it – and we have never won a clear-cut victory again.

Therefore, it seems very reasonable for us now to ask our President to call the nation to pray to God for deliverance from the evil idolatries in America.

We believe our President should:

Call all like-minded members of the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch of our Federal Government, and all like-minded state Governors plus Senior Christian Clergy to come to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. to pray...

Our President should stand before these people and <u>all the people</u> of America to ask our Almighty Holy God...

To Forgive us our Sins as a People and a Nation

To Revive His Church in America to Holiness

To Awaken us all to come back to Worship Him

To Restore our Nation to Seek His Righteousness

To Heal our Land that the Church may again become the beacon of light to all our people – and the world.

Our President should close by asking God to give him and all the leaders gathered there with him, the knowledge to govern with God's Wisdom, Maturity, Humility, Firmness, and Justice tempered by Mercy...

Someone, perhaps the Senate Chaplain, should close with the benediction from Numbers 6:24-26 (NLT).

"Turn to the Lord now while there is time. Give Him your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping & mourning. Return to the Lord your God, for He is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish." Joel 2:12,13

We must become a God-fearing and God-following nation again – or we will die a nation gone wrong! "Neither a nation nor a house divided against itself will stand." (Mark 3:24,25 paraphrase)

The next 36 pages identify our Nation's Problem areas most urgently in need of correction/solution/redress, and with suggestions for solutions.

Before going there it would be wise to look briefly at the topic of Ethics and Morals in Appendix 1. Ethics support and inform an honorable person's behavior - a refresher.

<u>America's Issues Needing Urgent Redress</u>

<u>S(</u>	ocial & Moral Issues	<u>Page Nr.</u>
1.	Religion	3
2.	Aborticide	7
3.	Education	9
4.	Sexual Immorality	13
5.	Addictions.	15
National Defense & Governance Issues		
6.	National Defense Preparedness	19
7.	Financial Management Reform	21
8.	2 nd Amendment Protections	27
9.	Political Polarization/Partisanship	29
10. Judicial Branch/Appointments		33
11	. Immigration Reform	35
<u>Ar</u>	pendices List	37
1:	Ethics, Morals and Honor – A Refresher	
2:	Defining a Christian Nation	
3:	What Abolishing Classroom Prayer Did to Us	
4.	"Islam Unmasked" by Y.R. Utnec III	
5:	Gaming the System	
6:	Second Amendment Original Intent	
7:	A word about the principal writer	

Before you read the entry entitled "Religion", we thought it helpful and wise to show you what the "Father of our Country", George Washington, had to say about Religion and its fundamental importance to our Nation's foundation in Strength and Liberty.

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, <u>religion and morality</u> are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens.Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

G. Washington - Farewell Address, September 19, 1796

For much more about the Biblical basis of the founding of this great nation, we suggest you spend some time reading through our Appendix 2 – Defining a Christian Nation. You will discover that the true beginning of our journey toward God's intended Federal Republic based on His Bible's principles was in 1620 when the Pilgrims landed at Cape Cod. Before embarking onto the terrain of the New World, they wrote and covenanted with each other what has come to be known as the Mayflower Compact. It clearly and strongly lays out the FACT that they came at God's bidding to establish on this continent a new nation "for the glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith".

Now you're ready to read...

******* Social & Moral Issues *********

Religion

"Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. In this sense and to this extent, our civilizations and our institutions are emphatically Christian."

Supreme Court Decision, 1892. Church of the Holy Trinity V. United States

While the spiritual heritage of the United States was decidedly Christian as expressed by and exhibited through the lives, character, and expressions of "The Framers" (see Appendix 2, Defining a Christian Nation), the First Amendment to the Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or the free exercise thereof." This was originally added to the Constitution to keep the federal government from establishing a national religion, and to stop it from interfering with establishment of religion in the states. Today however, the amendment is often used to keep religion out of government spaces such as public schools, libraries, and courtrooms. Challenges to religion in schools grew in the Twentieth Century for two reasons: The growth of public schools in the twentieth century, combined with the Supreme Court's use of the Fourteenth Amendment to apply First Amendment limitations to the states. In Engel v. Vitale, the Court in 1962, ruled that for public schools to hold official recitation of prayers violated the Establishment Clause. (See Appendix 3, What Abolishing Classroom Prayer Did to Us) This does not however, prohibit students from praying individually or in small informal groups, establishing voluntary bible clubs, or voluntarily gathering around the flagpole for prayer on a designated day.

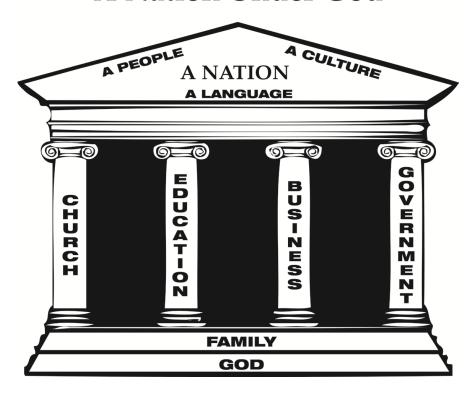
However, secular humanist educators and school boards at the elementary, secondary, and university levels, augmented by text book publishers, took the establishment clause to distorted extremes, by removing virtually all references to the clearly demonstrated Christian origins, character attributes and public statements of not only "The Founders", but influential civic and political leaders at the national, state and local government levels for many years up through the Engle v. Vitale decision. This clandestine distortion of fact and truth was done for fear of promoting or sanctioning Christianity as a national religion and offending those with other or no personal faith or religion.

Given adequate time for the pervasive spread of this determined humanistic influence throughout all levels of the American educational environment, we are now witnessing the secularization of American society.

The first of the two images below depicts how a nation under God is constructed and remains strong. That was America when we were first established as a nation under God according to the wise precepts of our US Constitution as articulated by The Founders. Again, remember what George Washington said, concerning the

administration of government and society: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, *religion and morality* are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens".

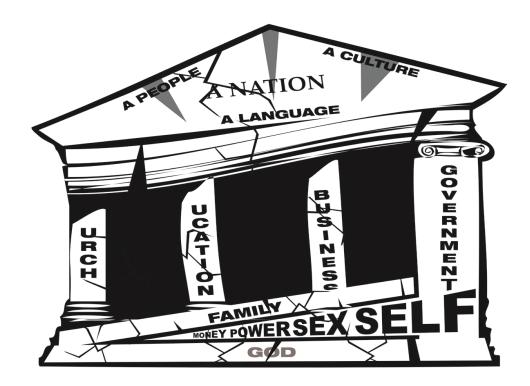
A Nation Under God



A People with their Culture and Language form a Nation. That Nation is supported, in the main, by the Pillars of Church, Education, Business, and Government. They all rest upon the Family from which all activities within any Nation spring. The Family, in turn, rests upon the strong and firm foundation of God Himself. Men of Integrity and Godly Character being raised in such families and later working in Church, Education, Business, and Government help keep the Pillars in balance with one another so that the fundamental structure of the Nation and its People and its Culture are not damaged. <u>A nation founded upon God, whose people worship Jesus Christ, enjoys Peace, Prosperity, and the Protection of God in ultimate victory.</u>

The next diagram depicts what happens when a nation gets out of balance and allows government to intrude corrosively into the lives of people (and the family) with no counterweight being provided by the Pillars of Business, Education, or the Church. It is clearly where we are today. If we are serious about reclaiming our nation and her people into the future, we must, with God's merciful help allied with our peoples' committed prayer, begin rebuilding the pillars of limited government, national purpose and religious freedom.

A Nation Under Idols



When the Pillars of Church, Education, and Business, begin to "allow" Government to intrude more and more deeply into the activities of Business, Education, and the Church, secularization begins to take place. People are enticed to turn away from their dependence upon God and the Church for their support and foundation. The Family is wedged loose from its moorings, its moral foundations through the invasive influences shown in the diagram caused by the forces shown and by secular education, the violent and sensual content of our many forms of media, the internet, and the socialistic influence on once-acceptable standards and forms of behavior. *A nation founded upon idols, whose people practice immorality, suffers Strife, Poverty and the Presence of Evil in ultimate Defeat*.

Solution:

A revised Supreme Court decision and interpretation of the first amendment's "establishment clause" must support and encourage the lawful practice of all legitimate religions EXCEPT those that openly or clandestinely intend to overthrow our government, destroy our society and culture, or refuse to assimilate into American society. As one example, the influence, spread, and politicization of Islam is a mortal threat to our society, as well as the societies of our allies and friends in Europe and the Pacific Rim. The law should state that we will not allow people from such identified religions into our nation to visit or immigrate. (See Appendix 4, *Islam Unmasked*) We must remember that to do nothing about the religious radicals among

us, who eventually seek world domination, is to forget what the live-and-let-live citizens of Nazi Germany, Red China, Communist Russia, Pol Pot's Cambodia, etc. suffered when the strength and true intent of the radical forces, became horribly manifest.

Those who say that our First Amendment "Freedom of Religion" protects even militant religions are misled; the protection of our nation and its people supersedes all other requirements under our Constitution. The establishment clause of the First Amendment makes use of the meaning of "establishment" as was in common usage at the time. That definition is captured in our first dictionary of American usage by Noah Webster in 1828. It said, among several definitions, "that which is fixed or established. Also: the episcopal (hierarchically organized) form of religion." The point is that the intent of the wording in the First Amendment is that our government may not make any law about, against, or for any peaceful religion. The Law must remove all federal restrictions on the activities of any Christian church, especially as it relates to teaching/preaching on political candidates and issues – an activity protected by "Freedom of Speech". The Law must state that no legitimate religion is subservient to any government, nor shall the government tax or otherwise restrain a church in its legal, faith-based activity – unless among those activities a religion advocates and works for the overthrow of our nation or other peace-loving religions. The right to pray in school classrooms shall also be restored.

Responsibility:

The Executive must mount a determined effort to see that the Legislative Branch passes legislation as outlined above and sends it to him for signature as a matter of utmost urgency.

Aborticide

God's Word, the Bible, does <u>not</u> say that a woman has the right to kill her baby, in or out of the womb. God addressed this in His 6th Commandment – You shall not murder. Neither men nor women have been given the "right" or authority to unilaterally or personally decide who should live or die. God reserves that authority to Himself, and to duly appointed Courts of Law as it affects capital punishment. The wicked authority to abort a child is murder in the womb and must be immediately withdrawn. Those who are found to continue this practice must be charged with premeditated murder and tried.

Solution:

Reverse Roe vs. Wade and deny forever by law any acts such as aborticide, infanticide, assisted suicide, and similar to ever be practiced or allowed.

Responsibility:

Executive must press this to success with urgency. Legislative Branch must pass appropriate legislation rapidly and send it to the President for signature.

Education

One of the major issues in our nation revolves around the increasingly poor performance of our educational system in our schools, colleges and universities. We all know it; we all have seen the statistics on how we are no longer the best in most areas of academics when compared to where we used to routinely be in the world rankings. Our children and young adults are not as well educated as they should and must be. We see it because many parents, fed up with the government school system, have decided to Home School their children, or pay the extra for Private Schooling, or opt-in for Charter Schools where offered. Sadly, many educators and their unions fight against such attempts of parents to give their children a better educational start in life. There is also the equally damaging situation in many of our Colleges and Universities where many courses offered are fake and revisionist academics and many professors are vocally anti-American and pro-socialist, no matter what course of study they might be teaching.

In short, in too many of our institutions there seems to be more indoctrination (even intimidation) taking place than there is good solid academic teaching. Free Speech is lauded everywhere in America, except on many college campuses, and in many public radical groups. "Sixty-seven percent of our public universities have speech codes that either restrict or prohibit constitutionally protected free speech." (p139,Faith in America, Steve Green). If we are to continue to succeed as a world power, to advance as a free society and to keep ourselves free from conquest, we must begin to solidly educate our young people so they know well their subject material, as well as know, respect and honor our national heritage to be worth fighting for. A strong course on accurate American History and Civics should be mandated in our school systems (and for all who enter our country seeking citizenship).

Solution:

We suggest the US Department of Education do a wholesale, top to bottom, nation-wide review of our education system to find and fix our weaknesses (some of which are listed below) and to assist those Schools, Colleges and Universities in removing those teachers and professors who are anti-American. Some may think this last suggestion is draconian, or that it flies in the face of "free-speech". But others more knowledgeable about these things would say such teachers are Seditious. (Seditious def: Disposed to excite violent or irregular opposition to law or lawful authority). Consider this; if we don't rid ourselves of our domestic enemies, those who appear dead set on destroying our nation from within, what will we look like in another decade or two, if we last that long?

Responsibility:

The Executive must vigorously pursue and accomplish those actions listed below, and work with the Congress closely to remake the appropriate laws.

Actions that must be DONE

1. Reinstate prayer in our Schools. It is no surprise that our national performance in the SATs dropped significantly after school students were not allowed to start their school day with prayer. Check it out yourself in key excerpts from Dr. David Barton's book, "America: To Pray or Not To Pray?" (Appendix 3). This book shows the terrible effects of abolishing prayer in schools as it horribly impacts: child-abuse, corruption among governmental officials, drug use, illiteracy, illicit sex, etc.

- 2. Teach again the great truths of origins and the great moral codes as presented in the Bible. Recall, for example, that one of the earliest actions by the Continental Congress was to purchase (with Tax money) several thousand Bibles for use as textbooks by American school students.
- 3. Teach again the great truths of our nation's history so that our young citizens will be proud of our forefathers; not hateful of them, based on lies about our history.
- 4. Teach again applied logic, <u>critical thinking</u>, and personal self-discipline. Frankly, Universal Military Training would be a giant step toward that latter suggestion. (UMT means two years of military training for every US citizen at age 18.)
- 5. The teaching of STEM subjects is a much-needed initiative, but the teaching methodologies must be relevant, valid, useful, and practical in the actual work environments that such subjects prepare them for.
- 6. Reinstate the authority of teachers to administer discipline including corporal punishment in the classroom. Nineteen states apparently by law allow teachers to use corporal punishment in classroom BUT it's rarely used because of bureaucratic regulation and threat of lawsuits. We must put our judicial system back into its restrained and prudent constitutional box. School systems must once again hold the parents responsible for their child's behavior.
- 7. At every teaching opportunity emphasize our founding form of government as a Federal Republic (not a Democracy) and our marketplace as a Free-Market System. Some call the latter "Capitalism", but that is not accurate.
- 8. Considering the benefits of the states' management of schools (K-12) such management must be returned to states.
- 9. Speech control at all levels and in all places in our country must be stopped. It especially must be outlawed in schools, colleges and universities. There should be stiff penalties for those who attempt to stop others from speaking their mind about an issue. Free Speech is one of the cornerstones of why our nation became great in the first place. We should consider stiff penalties for organizations or groups or individuals who foster, support, or tolerate so-called "diversity", "political correctness", "tolerance" (of immoral behavior and ideas [and intolerance of moral ideas and behaviors]), labels like "hate speech", "hate crime", etc. There is far too much division, anger, and hate among groups advocating "Speech Control" that punishes wholesome speech but supports, even cheers, corruptive speech. Our leaders at all levels must begin to exhibit in their own behavior a desire for unity by proclaiming at every public opportunity a genuine desire to heal our nation. Leaders should always lead toward the Light of Teamwork and not toward the Darkness of Division.

A partial list of what our education system should NOT DO ...

- 1. It should not lie about our discovery, founding and historical events as a nation. The rewriting of the history of our nation is to ensure our youth today believe a lie about our true history...and the enemies of our governmental system want our youth to believe a Federal Republic form of government is not "equal" for all and that it must be replaced by socialism. Statists, which many of the teachers appear to be today, know that if they can get away with a rewrite of history, they can cause our students to believe what they want them to believe. And their Big Lie is that socialism works, yet history continues to show that it is an utter and miserable failure every time and everywhere it is attempted. But that too is beside the point. The point of all this in this paper is that the revisionist thinking we are seeing in our land is not, is NOT, what our wise Founding Fathers set us up to be. If there is any hope for our future then we must return to our roots, our foundation as a moral and clear-thinking people.
- 2. It should not teach the Theory of Evolution as fact when it has already proven itself to be a false system by Darwin's two stated tests for its failure (complexity in the species and no missing links). Those who do insist on teaching it as though a fact are simply trying to mislead our students into not seeing our universe as having been created by a mighty Creator God as presented in His Bible. If you ask some of those who espouse that incorrect view of origins, they might indirectly suggest that they have created their elaborate and fallacious scheme so they will not be "forced" to recognize that there is indeed an all-powerful, sovereign god.
- 3. Somehow, we should have a way of dealing with and dismissing teachers and professors who are deliberately anti-American and/or pro-Socialist or pro-Communist. To have it recommended to our students as a benevolent and successful method of governing a free people, is by all the lessons of both history and today, not true, and if taught, must be taught truthfully. To a young mind with little experience in the world, such systems of government are deceptively enticing and inviting. Yet, as past history and today show, they are destructive of any sort of normal or happy life; e.g. North Korea, Red China, Cuba, Venezuela, Vietnam, Nicaragua, and, possibly, the resurging Russia under Vladimir Putin.
- 4. Mentally handicapped students should not be main lined in classrooms of regular students. Their special needs impede the pace of learning by regular students because the continuity and pace of such classrooms are repeatedly interrupted. In addition, their special needs are not adequately met in regular classrooms. Separating them will be a win-win situation.
- 5. Teaching unnatural alternative lifestyles must be disallowed. God's Bible makes it abundantly clear that there is one true marriage between a man and a woman. Anything else is wrong, fraudulent, and a sin in God's eyes (Gen 1:28).
- 6. Consideration should be given to abolishing teachers' unions. If not abolished, their activities must be limited. Citizens who pay for their children's education in taxes are the only ones who should have a say in their children's education not an education or teachers' union. See item 8 on page 10 about returning the administration of all schools to the states and away from the Federal Government.

Sexual Immorality

Our nation has lost its way in many areas of life, but none are more far afield than the area of sexual immorality. Trying to define one's sex as anything other than what God has assigned to a person is to deny reality. There are only two created genders or sexes, as is decisively determined by a person's genitalia and genetics (DNA). To claim that there are more than two sexes or genders simply defies the truth.

The LGBTQ movement is an example of "cognitive dissonance". And because it is a mental departure from what is real or true, it is a type of derangement. Most of those who practice these damaging deviancies know they are wrong — or they wouldn't be so angrily militant and in-your-face about their sinful behavior. They insist on everyone approving what they do, while at the same time vehemently deriding anyone who tries to show them the truth. One of their frequent responses is to say that those who challenge their homosexuality is a "hater", and that to speak against their chosen lifestyle is a "hate crime".

The truth is that those of us who do try to have them face their sexual immorality are actually loving them by the very attempt to help them see that they are counter to God's law and need to come back to reality, to His righteousness, to His forgiveness. The Bible even predicted what would happen to those who practice such things: "Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved." One could conclude that explains the penalty of AIDS.

Solution:

Our leaders should make laws to reverse the recent law approving same-sex marriage, as well as transgender change, sodomy, and other sex deviancies so as to be in accord with God's law and will. There should also be effective counselling offered to help those who are deluded that their perversion is okay. As part of nationally addressing the correction to this widespread problem, the following issues should be made into law as true and right:

- Only a person's birth gender or sex will be recognized, period.
- People must use restroom facilities according to their birth sex/gender.
- Sex change surgeries and hormone supplementation for sex modification purposes must cease immediately.
- All sex dysphoria including especially transgenderism must be labeled an unlawful activity and prosecuted as such and punished severely.
- Laws which forbid someone who feels trapped in sex dysphoria from seeking professional or other recognized help to transition out of deviancy, must be rescinded.

{There is an organization known as "CHANGED Movement", a Christ-centered network of men and women who have left the LGBTQ subculture behind and are dedicated to helping others who feel trapped. There are probably other such organizations in the nation that could help with this recovery effort. The fact that "41% of people who identify as transgender attempt suicide at

some point in their lives, is a solid indication that they're clearly distressed in their own flesh." (p.21, AFA Journal, Jan/Feb 2020)}

- All paper and computer forms in business, medicine, government, etc.
 will acknowledge only two genders male and female.
- In sports, athletes will perform on teams of their birth gender and will use birth-sex-segregated locker rooms.
- Schools must be disallowed the teaching of human sexuality; that is a subject for parents in the home to explain and not the school which is too often "captivated" by false movements such as homosexuality and the entire LGBTQ movement.
- There are perhaps many other practices caused by this movement that need to be changed, but the few listed here show the way to go.

Responsibility:

Executive Branch must lead strongly to get this done. Legislative Branch must draft and pass appropriate legislation to achieve the proper result into law.

Now here are some words that, as one man said, could have been taken from the daily newspaper today.

"For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature. So, they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

So, God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. They traded the truth about God for a lie. So, they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, He abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too." Romans 1:20-32/NLT

Addictions

Drugs & Homelessness, Entertainment [TV, Movies, Games, Pornography], Sports & Gambling

The addictions of far too many of our people to all sorts of distractions from wholesome living and working has begun to seriously erode the fabric of this nation to the point that there is a genuine concern. We must make the eradication of these addictions one of our top priorities. To those addicted, their addictive thing has become an idol, which the dictionary defines as anything on which we set our affection; anything to which we indulge an excessive and sinful attachment. It is also defined as anything which usurps the place of God in the hearts of His rational creatures. For too many of our fellow citizens, they are there.

Let us now define what these *things* are and determine to take the best possible measures throughout our nation to stop or control the availability to each such *thing*.

One of the most damaging "things" to our people and the nation is **drug abuse**. The term "**Drugs**" encompasses soft or gateway drugs like Alcohol, Nicotine, Marijuana; hard or injectable drugs like Cocaine, Heroin, crystal methamphetamine; Opioids like hydrocodone, oxycodone, fentanyl. Currently in this country Alcohol and Nicotine are legal drugs. In some states, Marijuana is legal; that decision must be revisited with the new understanding of how harmful MJ is to the behavior of users; thinking in particular of those driving impaired on the highway among the rest of us.

We shall deal with the illegal drug categories here, but not without a word about the so-called soft drugs. The soft drugs have been shown to be a gateway drug for some people. All drugs stimulate the pleasure centers of the brain. Some people want to go beyond the soft drugs to get a bigger rush, a larger stimulation of their pleasure centers. So, they begin to get into illegal hard drugs, becoming more firmly addicted.

Let it be said at the outset that all drugs, if abused (used in too great a quantity), can lead to impaired physical and mental performance.

It is that impairment that is so pleasurable that they often seek more potent drugs to receive an even higher "pleasure" and an even greater impairment. Many such people become too weak to fend off the use of such powerful drugs and so they become hopelessly addicted and, sad to say, irreversibly impaired. Some of these hard drugs if abused too often, can actually damage the brain and permanently alter the person's ability to think rationally. Some addicts in this state will do anything to get their drugs, to include robbery, burglary, carjacking and murder. Most in this state are unable to work and so become in essence a ward of the state or become homeless. The expense to our nation in broken lives, broken homes, crime, healthcare, and lost workers is enormous. There must be an <u>all-out effort</u> on the part of our national, state, county, city, town governments <u>to coordinate a nationwide campaign to rid the streets of drugs</u>. It will be costly but it must be done because to not do so will be even more costly, perhaps ruinous. The sad thing is that the desire for hard drugs by the hard-core addict is such that he will fight to the death anyone who will prevent him/her from getting their "fix". It will indeed be a war.

Another of the drug categories that has tripped up many people, some unwittingly, is Opioids – powerful painkillers that also are known to give some people enough pleasure that they become addicted to them. The overdose death rates are high in most states, but there is recent news that the overdose death rates are coming down significantly in some fourteen states. A recent editorial in the Wall Street Journal entitled "Opioid Inflection Point" states, "The Drug Enforcement Administration has reduced its opioid production quota, and the Justice Department has prosecuted doctors and pharmacists who moonlight as drug dealers. Most states have made the anti-overdose drug naloxone available over the counter, and many have established drug courts to encourage addicts to enter rehab." Some progress is being made but surely much more needs to be done.

<u>Solution</u>: The Executive Branch must devise, mount, and execute a nation-wide long-term, hard-hitting, <u>information campaign</u> to be an <u>education/indoctrination</u> <u>program</u> about the serious damaging or fatal effects of each such drug and make it age-group appropriate. Then, without let-up, hammer it home so that all our people (young and old) will know the bald truth about the terrible effects of each drug. The program could be similar to the highly effective anti-VD films the military used during WWII and later.

The program must be accurately presented in schools and colleges to inform all our young citizens of the real and devastating damage that drugs can do to them. Erecting a wall at our southern border is sure to stop some of the availability of drugs, but the real help must come from creating strict new and successful drug interdiction programs to stop the drugs from hitting our streets and prisons.

There must be developed a new nation-wide, zero-tolerance <u>law-enforcement</u> <u>program</u> about drug abuse. There will be a need to develop new laws about this pandemic. <u>One of the tenets of this new program must be a mandatory death penalty for anyone caught selling, distributing, or aiding in the sale or distribution of drugs to <u>users</u>. Why so severe? Because distributors have most likely caused many deaths; such a stiff penalty may stop some of those who are thinking about getting into the distribution business. This program must be coordinated with as many other nations who will participate with us to stop the availability of such drugs in our nation and the world. <u>This issue is the War that could bring America down without a fight! So, we have no choice, we must fight it and we must win!</u></u>

Of prime importance, adopt the MAT solution to the drug-induced **homelessness** problem described the major topic of **Financial Management Reform.** (near bottom of page 23)

<u>Responsibility</u>: Executive Branch must lead strongly and be supported wholeheartedly by the Legislative and Judicial Branches.

Another of the "things" that has become a serious addiction to our people and not just among the young people is the type of sordid fare that the **entertainment industry** has served up to the nation. Movies, TV, and electronic games, have embedded in our culture all manner of foul language, disobedient and/or sinful behaviors. The entertainment industry should not be proud of what they have done to

us. That industry's interest appears to be money only so they pander to our baser instincts knowing that it is rotten and damaging (especially to young psyches) and that it is what they believe the public wants. Their sights need to be raised for the good of the country's morals and character. One man described his revulsion of what TV has become by saying, "Turning on the TV is like opening an electronic sewer into my living room." And the same can be said about much of the movie fare as well.

If we don't soon begin to reverse the currently "allowed" damaging inputs of our movies, TV, computer games, internet temptations (**pornography**, sex trafficking, etc.), we will simply fall into worse depths of evil behavior and depravity than we're in now as a nation. From research done on this problem, too much <u>exposure to bloody murder</u>, <u>maimings</u>, <u>killings</u>, <u>shootings</u>, and other violence can desensitize a person to its "wrongness" and lower the restraint threshold that normally prevents someone from doing violence to others</u>. The shootings at parties, in parking lots, during arguments, etc. is testimony to the truth of that observation.

Freedom of speech does not and should not allow these sorts of damaging inputs to our systems, any more than it allows falsely yelling "Fire" in a crowded theater. We must protect our citizens and especially our children from these deeply damaging inputs. The incessant input of such destructive fare can warp a mind into an evil mind, especially for those with a weak mind. An evil mind is one which can no longer determine the difference between right and wrong. The point is: we are affected by what we ingest, whether it is food, drink, chemicals, visuals, sounds. A constant diet of the wrong things including rampant public use of profanity and obscenity, will do us harm by changing us into something more base, even evil. And it has...

Alex de Tocqueville visited early America and wrote a book on what he saw. He said, "America is great because America is good (meaning we were mostly a church-going, God worshipping people); if she ceases to be good, she shall cease to be great." We are there now in 2020. We must pull back immediately in all these areas or we shall spiral further down. Establishing a higher order of speech and behavior is not an infringement upon the rights of our citizens. It is, in fact, what responsible leaders should do to help save our once great nation from its baser notions and behaviors.

<u>Solution</u>: Concerning filth on our airwaves, the FCC must begin to assert the power they already have to deny broadcast licenses to any station that allows such destructive fare on their stations. Devise a readily understood rating code for all types of entertainment much like the old movie code of the mid-twentieth century and apply it to every form of electronic entertainment (including especially electronic games), so there is one code, not several as today. The rating board could be peopled with parents and psychologists, for one-year "tours of duty". We must actually outlaw those types of violent visual and audio inputs that are known by psychologists to be harmful to the minds of certain age-groups. Damaging fare as this (including the searing, mind-altering effects of pornography) <u>ought to be outlawed</u>; no one should be allowed to ingest it. Though no longer the arbiter of the Internet (ICANN), we should strongly petition ICANN to pull down unacceptable portions of the Internet. It can be done, of course, because communist nations do so as a matter of course to prevent their people from viewing things they don't want them to see. We should

absolutely pull down all pornography and other known harmful fare on the Internet. There must be strong punishment for producers, distributors and broadcasters of this damaging filth. *Where is our courage to face down evil?*

<u>Responsibility</u>: Again, the Executive Branch must take the lead, and work closely with its regulatory agencies to form the new "rules of engagement" and then vigorously implement them. The Legislative branch must support this with appropriate new laws.

Then there is the issue of **Sports** and **Gambling**. There is little doubt that many people have made an idol of one or more sport teams, from their rabid behavior at a stadium to the clothing that has their hallowed team's name or logo emblazoned on it. Team spirit is fine but it can quickly get out of hand. The only thing we want to say here is that making an idol of anything is simply bad judgment and can and will lead to a skewed view of the world. And that leads to still more hedonistic behavior.

Gambling is a terrible destroyer. Several studies of the effects of gambling on a town or a group of people reveal that divorces increase, alcoholism increases, loan defaults increase, bankruptcies increase, suicides increase. Too high a price to pay for a little "fun". Yet too many people become addicted to gambling once it is approved by law. Our hedonistic society does not seem to learn that you can't play with fire and not get burned. It is a dangerous addiction and must be avoided at all costs. *Gambling must be lawfully banned in this country at every level*.

Solution:

The Executive Branch must devote priority resources to vigorously pursue solutions to these areas of addiction. Their objective must be to find viable solutions that do not contravene the freedoms of our Constitution, and yet bring these destructive behaviors under moral control.

Responsibility:

The Executive Branch must take the initiative here. A nation with as many good people as we have who are qualified to study this problem, should be able to discover the right combination of options to bring these unbalanced behaviors under solid moral control.

***** National Defense & Governance Issues *****

National Defense Preparedness

Immediately ramp up the US Military, Naval and Space Force strengths in manpower, sophisticated weaponry, pay, lifetime medical care, and new flexible military strategies. The money comes from doing those things listed in this paper which will reap savings. This is the absolute first priority under the Constitution — Protect the nation...

Responsibility:

The Executive Branch must rigorously initiate and vigorously sustain all efforts to accomplish this essential objective. It must immediately find common ground with the Congress to achieve this.

An area of great danger to our nation, is the increasing number of damaging foreign **cyber-attacks** against our intelligence agencies, our industrial base, our military, our governments, our research entities, and our utilities. Another great danger is that a determined enemy with two or three well-targeted **EMP nuclear weapons** delivered high above America could immediately terminate virtually all electric power in North America, rendering us a blind, defenseless sitting duck.

Solution:

The Federal Government with Industry, <u>as a matter of the highest priority</u>, must design, develop and field an impregnable anti-hacking system for all US & State agencies, businesses, etc. We must vigorously implement a nation-wide project to EMP-harden critical portions of our electric power grid. In addition, all power companies must be directed to protect all their generating, transmission, and switching stations, and all substations from small-arms fire and grenades/bombs.

Responsibility:

Executive and Legislative Branches must make this happen on the highest of priorities.

This next issue is from a speech by LTG Steven L. Kwast, USAF (Ret.) at Hillsdale College Nov 20, 2019 entitled, *The Urgent Need for a United States Space Force.*In June 2018, President Trump directed the Department of Defense to "begin the process necessary to establish a space force as the sixth branch of the armed forces." The reason for a **Space Force** is simple: space is the strategic high ground from which all future wars will be fought. If we do not master space, our nation will become indefensible. America's greatest competitor for the high ground of space is Communist China, which is already fully engaged in building effective space capabilities. America is not, and unless it gets off the mark soon, China will dominate the economy and domain of space. China is winning the space race not because it makes better equipment, but because it has a superior strategy. The Chinese are open about their plan to become the dominant power in space by 2049.

Solution and Responsibility:

To develop a proper and winning Space Force, the President and Congress should immediately enact four simple measures:

- 1) Congress should assign the Space Force the mission to defend commerce in space.
- 2) Congress should give the Space Force complete independence from the US Air Force so that funds are not diverted from the former to the latter, and so the Space Force isn't developed as a mere support function for air power.
- 3) The President should issue an executive order protecting the space industry from China's predatory practices.
- 4) The President should promote policies and strategies to maximize the contribution of the private sector, such as directing the Space Development Agency to partner with private companies to develop new space capabilities.

Allow no **women in the fighting elements** which are routinely in direct enemy contact. Why? Because it has been <u>proven</u> that women in ground combat roles are a serious detriment to unit cohesion. Unit cohesion is essential to focused, violent application of combat power.

Responsibility:

Executive Branch must make this their policy priority.

The Legislative Branch with the Defense Department have been trying for many years to **diminish Medical Care** for Retired Veterans (TRICARE for Life), using the <u>false</u> logic that such costs are escalating; this promise of retired medical care after honorable service must not be compromised or diminished.

Responsibility:

Executive Branch must spearhead this effort with the full support of the Congress.

Our government must do a much better job of providing **care for our veterans**. It is shameful what has been discovered about the incompetent management of the medical care of our veterans. There are good steps now being taken to fix the Veteran's Administration, but they <u>must continue</u> to get the hard-nosed leadership, the money and qualified medical and other staff people they need to do the kind of work that a totally Volunteer Military demands. To do otherwise can seriously jeopardize attracting the numbers of skilled people we need to defend us properly. But of equal importance, we are obligated to take the very best care of our veterans; they offered their lives to protect our liberties – we owe them all this and more.

Responsibility:

Executive Branch must continue to purge the Veterans Administration of incompetent/weak leadership, and to promulgate new policies that will provide the new leaders the tools they must have to rid the VA of endemic incompetence and bad attitudes.

Financial Management Reform

(Taxes, Spending, Borrowing, Foreign Loans, Grants, Aid, Welfare, Government Employees, Federal Overreach, Man-made Global Warming)

Taxes: "...the federal government should raise revenue only to fund those activities that the Constitution authorizes and no others. Otherwise, what are the limits on the Statist's power to tax and regulate the individual's labor and, ultimately, enslave him" (p. 64, Liberty and Tyranny by Mark Levin). Replace the IRS with a small office (within the Treasury Department) to receive, tabulate and deposit into the Treasury, taxes paid across the nation on items purchased. Remove ALL Federal income and estate taxes, fees, tariffs, burdens, etc. from all people and businesses, and replace them with a single flat federal consumption/sales tax of 15% on all purchases by any citizen. It shall apply to all Internet purchases, as well. There shall be no federal consumption tax on food. Businesses, utilities, and governments at all levels are to be disallowed their tactic of inserting fees, taxes, surcharges and other such "takings" into their bills/invoices; all charges except the new national consumption/sales tax and appropriate profit must be for authenticated expenses for providing the goods and/or services.

The absolute fairest tax is a consumption tax; we all consume, we all pay - no exemptions, no exceptions. This will obviate the need for citizens to file annual income taxes because the income tax will have been terminated. Any increase to the 15% national consumption/sales tax must be approved by 80% of the people voting through the formal device of a national referendum.

Set the corporate tax at 12% of net income (gross revenue less expenses), allowing no exemptions. Corporate tax rate may never exceed 18% without approval of 80% of the people voting in a formal national referendum.

Solution:

Rescind the 16th Amendment to the Constitution. Structure a new amendment to the Constitution to adopt National Consumption/Sales Tax and new Corporate Tax described above.

Responsibility:

Legislative Branch passes and Executive signs the new Amendment as stated above, then send to the States for ratification. Upon ratification of the new amendment, the 16th Amendment is rescinded.

Spending: We must spend no more than is received from the national tax. Monies for expenditures authorized by appropriations from Congress and authenticated by Presidential signature are the only monies that may legally be spent; monies may not be spent legally on any items not so authorized. Legislative Branch must be disallowed appropriating more money than is taken in by the government, and the Executive Branch must be disallowed, by new laws, from spending more than is taken in. As part of this new process, the President will be granted line-item veto authority.

Borrowing through bonds or any other means must be forbidden. We must stop sending money to foreign governments, whether allies or not. Allies needing our help to defend themselves, will be allowed *loans* to buy our military equipment, which is cheaper than sending our own forces overseas to defend them.

In a recent World Magazine article entitled "A Reckless Path", Dr. Vito Tanzi (Harvard PhD and Honorary President of the International Institute of Public Finance, formerly a senior member for 27 years of the International Monetary Fund), was interviewed by Marvin Olasky (Editor in Chief of World Magazine, 02/01/20).

MO: "What lesson does the experience of Argentina hold for the United States?"

VT: "Bad habits: too much spending in relation to taxes. If you spend too much and don't have a high saving rate, you have to sell more and more bonds. The public debt of the U.S. is slowly approaching the level of Italy. You project this for 10 years more and you could have a disastrous situation where the debt has grown so much that people would not want to buy it anymore."

MO: "Then comes hyperinflation. Argentina President Juan Peron, who kept expanding the welfare state, dies in 1974. Inflation in Argentina hits 183 percent in 1975, 444 percent in 1976. How does that happen?"

VT: "Two things. First, the central bank creates more and more money to finance the fiscal deficit. People begin to anticipate that prices will be higher next month than they are today, so they buy all kinds of things, essentially running away from money, and inflation starts zooming up. The moment this happens is always uncertain."

MO: "So, the U.S. has a big junk bond problem now?"

VT: "Definitely. It's a huge amount of debt. Investment companies say they spread the risk over many giant bonds so if one goes broke, they still get from the other. That ignores the systemic risk when you have a recession that affects everybody."

These are well known facts about spending more than you bring in. Regardless of what our "Federal spenders" say about all this, the facts are that you cannot forever spend more than you make. There will be a time of reckoning. It is a longer dwell time for national governments than it is for families, individuals and lower level governments, but there is a day of reckoning. For national governments it is brutal and causes widespread chaos, violence and rioting, as the nation's economy collapses. We must correct our drunken spending as a nation now.

Grants of any kind whether domestic or international must stop. *Financial aid* for humanitarian purposes (domestic or foreign) is authorized but only insofar as it is less than the balance in the Federal Aid Fund established for such Aid. <u>All of this will take up to ten years to phase in but begin now with earnest vigor we must.</u>

Responsibility:

The Legislative Branch should pass and the Executive sign and the States approve a new Amendment to the US Constitution to accomplish all this.

Welfare: Our citizens' Freedoms are: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness – as bravely and correctly laid out in our Declaration of Independence. So, we must eliminate, over a five-year period, the Federal funding for all our programs of welfare, food stamps, unemployment, drug treatment programs, routine and so-called "emergency" medical treatment, health care, education, farm subsidies, etc. None of these sorts of things are "rights" and must not be considered or labelled as "entitlements" any longer. They are, in fact, the personal responsibility of every citizen. These are NOT the Federal or any government's responsibility. (One particular scam that some of our citizens [and perhaps aliens] are perpetrating against the government is attached as Appendix 5 "Gaming the System") These socialistic/communistic activities within our Federal government must cease. All support for illegal aliens should be immediately terminated. States are free to consider such citizen-support programs but we will need a Federal Law that says such states shall not be bailed out by the Federal government if the program goes "bust" and the state goes bankrupt; some states and a few cities are close to that now. Special law should be created for the temporary limited support of aliens until they are expeditiously sent back home.

The only true "**entitlements**" are those programs toward which citizens have contributed; e.g. Social Security, MEDICARE, military & civil service pensions, etc. These are correctly called "entitlements" because by virtue of citizens contributing into them, they are *entitled* to receive income from them. Frankly, we cannot trust our government to dependably treat such funds honorably. For these funds to be properly managed, perhaps it is time to consider transferring them to a commercial entity to manage and grow them as such entities now do for the private personal investments of many of us. There will be need to establish appropriate overwatch by the government (even that is fraught with potential mischief – sad to say).

In addition, it is now time to **remove the federal vote** from any citizen who is under any of the welfare programs until they have been off welfare for six months. The reason for this should be obvious; people will continue to vote for those politicians who promise them all sorts of "gifts" (from the public treasury) if people will vote for them – which <u>destroys the fidelity of the voting system</u>. When these programs are abolished by the end of the fifth year of phase-out, this requirement becomes void.

Going forward, States, Corporations, and the Churches must be responsible to develop local programs to train and retrain people who have obsolescing skills. We must reestablish the fact that every able-bodied and able-minded citizen knows they must work if they want to eat. Figure out support programs at that level for the mentally and physically infirm while ensuring that all (ALL) insane and severely mentally impaired citizens are appropriately maintained in physically secured facilities. For the homeless-persons problem (usually drug-induced), settle upon the best solution of the several working solutions that are out there and implement it vigorously below the Federal level. One of the best is the MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) program in Providence, R.I. It is based on 1) Enforcement and 2) Treatment. View a compelling hour-long presentation of MAT at www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpAi70WWBlw. All these steps to reform welfare and indigent and/or handicapped persons support should greatly reduce the amount of overspending at the Federal level.

Government Employees: Permanently disallow unionization of employees of any Federal, State, County or city governmental commission, office, department, agency, etc. By the device of establishing "parasitic" pension plans, such unions have doomed the citizens of such governments to ruinous taxation to support such pensions. In addition, it is clear that such union pension plans discourage such workers from saving toward their own retirement, as most of us must. This one action will reduce great amounts of present and future spending. Require members of the US Congress (and ALL federal employees) to be subject to all laws and regulations they pass for citizens - no exceptions (e.g. no special health-care plans). Enforce all laws on the books; if a law is no longer useful, do not ignore it but rescind it. Any state or city that will not abide by Federal Law should be called to legal account and disciplined, as should be the case with the "sanctuary" city/state issue previously discussed.

Federal Overreach: Ensure the Federal Government does only what the US Constitution gives it authority to do - and no more (Ref: Art I, sec. 8,9; Art II, sec. 2; Art III, sec. 2 & Art IV, sec. 4 of US Constitution). As stated in Amendment X to the US Constitution, the states were to do all else. This will be a huge effort to undo all the areas into which the US government has unconstitutionally inserted itself. As an example, "the Constitutions interstate commerce clause had as its purpose the promotion of commerce and trade among the states. However, in 1942 the Supreme Court ruled in Wickard v. Filburn that a farmer growing wheat on his land and for his own use was still subject to federal production limits, even though none of his wheat ever left the state. The SCOTUS "reasoned" that by withholding his wheat from interstate commerce, he was affecting interstate commerce, even though there was no commerce, let alone interstate commerce." (p. 53, Liberty and Tyranny by Mark R. Levin). This kind of nonsense and other examples have caused many federal-driven problems in our economy by inserting the federal government into private enterprise at the local level.

These sorts of assaults upon rational financial management of our national economy must all be located and reversed. We must stop the nonsense of according captured enemies and illegal immigrants "rights" under our Constitution; our Constitution applies solely to the citizens and agencies of the United States of America – none other. This, too, will significantly decrease the spending from the Federal level and put such activities back into the State, County and Local levels where they belong according to the increasingly obvious wisdom of our Founding Fathers.

We must say a word about **Man-made Global Warming**. Yes, there has been warming on our planet. It is a cyclical event. There are macro-cycles of some 1320 years, as some scientists calculate, and there are smaller cycles of, say, 178 years, as other scientists claim. Then there are the Sunspot cycles of some 11 years, which some say is the prime measure of what causes our warming and cooling cycles. There are those who claim that methane and carbon dioxide gas production (caused by some industrial processes, burning hydro-carbon fuel, plant decay, as well as by animal and human flatulence) is one of the more serious causes of climate warming. Some climatologists say, therefore, that we must severely limit and control the amount of CO2 gas that is allowed into the atmosphere. That essentially ignores the fact that CO2 is used by plants, in a process named photosynthesis, to produce the O2 that all

air-breathing creatures need to live. Calling for the reduction of CO2 gas without knowing the amount that should be eliminated could prove to be a life-threatening issue.

So, there are competing claims about the cause or causes (green-house gases, sunspots, other ideas) of the climate change that is real enough. And though climate change and global warming are not quite the same thing, we must do much more definitive research before we launch out and begin some draconian solution that proves bogus – but will have wasted billions of dollars pursuing that bogus process. Finding the true cause is essential before we can label it "man-made". And if not man-made, then there is no program that needs to be adopted to control it. We strongly recommend that we spend the requisite funds to discover what truly IS causing the warming cycle and why before we do anything else. In addition, the carbon credit gambit seems to be ill-advised and should be stopped now until more is known.

Solution:

Executive Branch must quickly execute a top to bottom review of all programs discussed here and others like them according to the tenets of each of the above discussions. They must examine all such programs with the view toward abolishing them, downsizing them, or combining them with another to achieve the overall goal of substantially decreasing the Federal-level expenditures for them. They must work with the Legislative Branch to ensure appropriate new laws are written and then passed to ensure solvency of such programs into the future – or to dissolve certain programs (e.g. Federal Welfare out in five years) in an orderly manner.

Responsibility:

Executive Branch has the primary responsibility to see that this is aggressively driven to completion; the Legislative Branch has the major role to draft and pass the appropriate legislation to see this through back to the Executive for signature.

2nd Amendment Protections

Those against guns think, erroneously, that banning or controlling guns will stop criminals and others from using them illegally. Criminals, aka outlaws, pay no attention to laws that stand in the way of what they want; that's why we call them outlaws. Only law-abiding people pay attention to laws; therefore, laws only affect those who are already abiding by the laws. And frankly, the lawmakers know this; they just use that argument in hopes that we won't see through their distraction. *The real reason behind those who are determined to take away our guns is they know it would be impossible to take this country into socialism, communism, or other liberty-denying autocratic form of government without first disarming our freedom-loving citizenry.* George Washington, said, "Armed people are citizens. Disarmed people are subjects."

The most important thought and fact of all in dealing with this problem is that <u>guns do</u> <u>not kill anyone – people with guns kill other people.</u> It's people that kill people, so we should stop looking at controlling the tool, the gun, and look at what must be done about the people who are so badly bent. We must address the serious, horrific killing that these deranged people are determined to bring on us. There needs to be a two-step approach to preventing crazed killers from killing.

First, we must protect our schools and churches, the so-called gun-free zones, the soft-targets that attract killers with guns. For ideas, we should look at how we protect other high priority areas of our lives, like banks and certain types of businesses. How about embassies, pharmaceutical or cyber-security firms, or jails, or high-tech R&D facilities? What we need to do is develop and implement a good solid security system at each of our school and church facilities around the nation. Some schools, and even some churches, are already protected in such a manner. Eliminate "gun-free" zones.

Second, we must do something sensible about the 0.1% of us who are mentally deranged enough to entertain such horrid thoughts as shooting up a school, church, concert, theater or sports event. We must be encouraged to call the 911 system to report apparently deranged people. Such people should be picked up and professionally examined. Such a procedure should probably involve a team of three professionals before a person can be certified as mentally deranged. When so identified, that person must (MUST) be removed from the general population. To continue to allow such people who are dangerous to themselves and others, to walk among us as though normal – is, well, crazy!

Some groups are so intent on removing the 2nd Amendment from our Constitution they try all sorts of absurd tactics. The latest is to hold the manufacturers of guns responsible for the use of one of their guns in a crime. That's fine as long as we hold all other manufacturers responsible for deaths with their products – like cars/trucks, boats, airplanes, toasters, microwave ovens, bicycles, skis, etc.; you see the absurdity, of course. (See Appendix 6 Second Amendment's Original Intent)

Solution:

Pass and enforce a law that makes it illegal (with stiff penalties) for any government at any level in the United States of America to make any law that would in any way

restrict a sane, law-abiding US citizen (21 or older) from owning, bearing, shooting, carrying, concealing, or displaying any firearm or any ammunition of any caliber or gauge used in sports, hunting, or self-defense or would in any way restrict a lawful business from designing, manufacturing, marketing and selling any such firearm or ammunition. Nor will any court of law entertain any lawsuit that purports to hold the makers of firearms responsible for the misuse of such firearms. Nor will any such manufacturer be denied the legal right to pursue such a business. All existing laws shall continue to be upheld, unless they conflict with some we discussed here.

Responsibility:

Executive and Legislative Branches must pass and implement laws that stop all judicial "attacks" on citizens, sellers and manufacturers for enjoying the freedoms of our Constitution's 2nd Amendment. They should adopt the wording of the "Solution" above. In addition, the Legislative and Executive Branch must define and implement the two-part solution to the shootings protection problem outlined earlier.

Political Polarization/Partisanship

"The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it. When we resist, therefore, the concentration of power, we are resisting the powers of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human liberties". President Woodrow Wilson

"There's no evidence from decades of Pew Research surveys that public opinion, in the aggregate, is more extreme now than in the past. But what has changed – and pretty dramatically – is the growing tendency of people to sort themselves into political parties based on their ideological differences." Pew Research Center, The Next America: Boomers, Millennials, and the Looming Generational Showdown

"We believe that the *rise of political careerism* in modern Washington is a drastic departure from what the founders intended of our federal governing bodies. To effectively 'drain the swamp,' we believe it is past time to enact term limits for Congress." Ron Desantis - Florida Governor and Former Congressman

Democrats and Republicans in the US Congress are probably as ideologically divided as they have ever been in our nation's history. Both houses in the US Congress have grown more ideologically polarized, and more overtly partisan, since the presidential election of 2008. Parties have grown increasingly divided on all major policy dimensions in American politics. Democrats have become more liberal, now moving as far left as to advance a socialist agenda, while Republicans have become generally more conservative – though some say they, too, have drifted a bit to the Left.

Whenever there is a political divide in the House and the Senate, it makes reaching compromise intensely difficult, and often leads to gridlock. When parties are in a gridlock, it results in nothing constructive being accomplished because votes are unrelentingly polarized. Building large majorities becomes harder when administrative and policy interests of Congressman and Senators, are going in different directions, heavily influenced by lobbyists. The fact that Democrats and Republicans cannot come up with some sort of compromise on the vital critical issues that would be beneficial for both Parties and the American people, should be of serious concern – unacceptable to the American people.

Following the election of 2016, the intense and virulent political partisanship in our national government regressed to levels from which it seems virtually impossible to recover. The intensely partisan motivations behind the impeachment of the president, lend unmistakable credence to this deterioration in our political discourse. Another extremely distasteful example of this hostility of liberals toward conservatives was the Congressional hearing to consider Consent to the Presidential appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. To publicly castigate someone without evidence is the most heinous of dastardly crimes. This sordid manner of dealing with someone you don't like was visited also upon Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas. There needs to be a law in accord with the meaning of the Fifth Amendment to our Constitution that levies a severe punishment upon anyone, Congressmen included, who brings a

charge against another citizen without that charge having first been vetted by a Grand Jury. Another more recent example of this intense partisan polarization: the Democrat Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, in ill-temper, tore up the House's copy of the President's State of the Union Address, in full view of those seated in the House chamber and millions of American's watching by television. Another example: Democrat Senator Schumer made a thinly veiled threat to Justices of the US Supreme Court. Egregious, even dangerous, behavior and was not disciplined for it.

If still available via internet, the reader would be advised to view the five minute presentation to the Congress by a citizen about this ideological schism we discuss here. Type in "Term Limits Advocate2.mp4".

The political divide seems to us to be impassable. The demographic, social, ideological, and political polarization in our country, is becoming wider, deeper, and increasingly solidified. It will take leadership of uncommon character, temperament, vision, determination, and truly balanced political objectives, to lead our country to what the Founders originally intended, a government that derives its powers from the consent of the governed. This hostile polarization will not change without the engagement of, and pressure from, the American people. We suggest the following solution be implemented within the year. It will require an amendment to the US Constitution with its necessary ratification by the states. We suggest the ratification process be allowed one year for non-ratification. If at the end of the year less than thirteen states have voted to not ratify this amendment, it shall be considered ratified.

Solution:

First, the 17th Amendment must be rescinded and the original language for selection of Senators returned to Article 1, Section 3, the opening paragraph and to the second paragraph as it relates to Vacancies. The States must be given the proper influence in the US Congress that the Framers of the Constitution intended by having the state legislatures select their senators. This will help ameliorate the "swamp" effect.

Second, Congress should draft a proposed amendment to the Constitution to accomplish two objectives: change the length and change the terms of office for both Senators and Congressmen. Currently, Article 1, Sections 2 & 3 of the Constitution prescribe the election of and terms of office for Congressmen and Senators. We recommend that both Congressmen and Senators be elected to four-year terms of office with a limit of no more than three terms for a total of twelve years in Congress. No citizen may serve longer than a total of twelve years in the US Congress.

Amending the Constitution as suggested, will require a well-organized and persistent national initiative applying determined pressure on the House and Senate as well as tirelessly building and working through supportive state groups to accomplish the ratification of the amendment. Recent polls reflect that 82% of the American people from all political persuasions support term limits.

These are our recommendations for necessary conditions of service and remuneration for such service in the US Congress.

- Salary of members of US Congress shall be two-thirds of US President's salary.
- Annual allowances for travel in pursuit of official Congressional duties shall not exceed a hundred percent of the salary; costs beyond that amount shall be borne by the individual Congressman or Senator.
- Annual allowances for staff expenses including office spaces, personnel costs, admin supplies, postage, furniture, etc, shall not exceed seven times the annual salary of any congressman or senator.
- Any costs not named above shall be borne by the Congressman or Senator.
- As citizens, members of Congress shall be subject to every bill signed into law.
- There will be severance of one year's base salary if all 12 years are served, but no severance pay for any service less than 12 years. This is to provide financial assistance while securing follow-on employment.
- No retirement shall be paid, under any circumstances.
- Health benefit plan will be structured similar to Medicare Advantage.
- The financial holdings of all elected congressmen and senators must be placed in a "blind trust". There is to be no fiduciary influence by them while serving.
- No gifts, gratuities, trips, or meals may be accepted from licensed lobbyists.
- Former members of Congress may not lobby Congress on behalf of any group, company or person for five years after leaving office.

All these measures taken together are essential to "draining the swamp" and to break the log-jam of angry, even hostile, partisanship in Washington. Service to our Nation in the Congress was not and is not to become a career.

Responsibility:

The Executive must vigorously pursue this with all the tools available to him. The Legislative Branch will fight this hard in all probability. Self-preservation is, and has been, their foremost consideration. This IS what the people want and must be made so. To return us to a government of, by, and for the people, we must get this done and soon. If Congress won't cooperate, a national referendum will be required.

Addendum:

Just before publication of this document, an excellent address was made by Christopher Caldwell on January 28, 2020 at Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship in Washington, D.C. It is entitled: *The Roots of Our Partisan Divide*. We recommend a reading of this speech as well as Mr. Caldwell's new book, *The Age of Entitlement: America Since the Sixties*, He is a Senior Fellow of the Claremont Institute.

From this reading, it may become clear that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 divided the country and that a wise and prudent redress of this serious shortcoming needs to be made. To quote from his speech: "To put it bluntly, the effect of these civil rights laws was to take a lot of decisions that had been made in the democratic parts of American government and relocate them to the bureaucracy or the judiciary. Only with that kind of arsenal, Lyndon Johnson and the drafters thought, would it be possible to root out insidious racism."

Judicial Branch/Appointments

"GOD SAVE THESE UNITED STATES AND THIS HONORABLE COURT" Prayer at the daily opening of the SCOTUS

The US Supreme Court has become politicized and is therefore compromised. That was not intended by the Founders because they wanted the President to nominate and the US Senate to advise about and then consent to the nominee if the nominee had the requisite experience as a judge and would cleave to the dictates of the US Constitution. Initially that happened, but as time wore on and politicians wanted to control more and more of the Federal apparatus to advance their social agenda, judges of lower courts and the Justices of the Supreme Court were appointed because of their political and social views which would influence their judicial decisions. Our entire Judicial System was therefore, compromised. This has not changed.

Being clearly fixed in mind and fully accepted, perhaps the single most important power of the American president today is the nomination of Justices to the Supreme Court. Both political sides agree that the future direction of the American republic is at stake, because supreme court appointments, do in fact, determine the political tilt of a judicial body that has become the ultimate arbiter of the laws under which we live.

The Founders or "Framers" would have regarded this situation as dangerously contrary to their intent. The last thing the 38 signers of the Constitution wanted was for the Supreme Court to become "the sovereign" of the Law. They expected that status to belong to Congress. A majority of the Founders thought that each branch of government should decide the scope of its own authority, but be concurred in by the other two branches. The Framers of the Constitution wished to insure that this new government would indeed be a government of, by and for the people. Accountability to "The People" was a paramount concern.

For most of American history, the Supreme Court only infrequently stepped forward to redefine the political and social landscape in decisive fashion. This changed drastically on five (5) more recent and conspicuous occasions, four (4) of which involved truly dreadful American tragedies:

Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857). The ruling in Dred Scott deepened the sectional divide that led to the Civil War, and legal scholars and historians have long considered it one of the worst Supreme Court decisions in American history.

Brown v. Board of Education (1954) This decision signaled a crucial shift in the role of the Court, the first step on its way to becoming the dominant branch of the federal government in deciding the direction of domestic policy; in this case the desegregation of schools.

Engel v. Vitale (1962), was a landmark United States Supreme Court case in which the Court ruled that it is unconstitutional for state officials to compose an official school

prayer and encourage its recitation in public schools. (See Appendix 3 for What Abolishing Classroom Prayer Did to Us)

Roe v. Wade 1973 was a landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in which the Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty or "right" to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction.

Obergefell v. Hodges, 2015 is a landmark civil rights case in which the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by both the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The conservative court opinions appear to align with the founding Biblical principles and thereby the general consensus of the Republican Party, whereas the liberal court opinions clearly align with the progressive/liberal left agenda and the Democratic Party.

Solution:

The three branches of the federal government must find a way to reinstate the neutrality of all judges and Justices in such a way that their politicization is ended. Judges and Justices would do well to observe the tenets of judging as defined in II Chronicles 19:6,7,9. There should be a severe penalty for those who do not execute their responsibility in this manner; to include impeachment and trial by the Legislative Branch if a Justice is found to consistently rule according to his or her political or social views, rather than the US Constitution, and the subsequent laws passed by the Congress and signed into Law by the President.

Responsibility:

Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branches must all be involved, but the Executive must take the lead to get it done.

Frivolous Litigation: An additional issue is the problem of frivolous litigation. It is our view that no court should seriously entertain a case that seeks to extract money from a company or individual for fundamentally trumped up charges. The hot-coffee spill by a clumsy woman at McDonald's comes to mind. More recently, the court awards for some who claim to have caught cancer using Round-Up Weed Killer, when reputable research labs have shown that it is not a cancer causing chemical. How to do that is the challenge. We suggest some...

Possible Solutions.

- 1) Judges must use tougher wisdom in deciding which cases to hear.
- 2) Laws must be passed to place a limit on the amount of a settlement an attorney for the plaintiff can extract from that settlement. Anything above ten percent is an unreasonable amount and must be disallowed. If the Plaintiff's attorney's fees along the way are equal to or more than ten percent of the final settlement figure, then the attorney receives none of the settlement figure.
- 3) If the Plaintiff and his Attorney lose their suit, then the Plaintiff must reimburse the Defendant for all, that's ALL, his fees and costs. In addition, the Attorney for the Plaintiff must, that's MUST, return all fees charged his client.

Responsibility: The Executive must manage this to ensure the Congress passes the necessary bill to him for signature.

Immigration Reform

The laws of our nation concerning legal and illegal immigration are in need of clear, careful, thoughtful redrafting. From time to time they may need to be improved, BUT if it is a law, however imperfect, it must be followed by everyone in this nation. We are a nation that believes in the Rule of Law. Those who choose not to follow our laws, must then be disciplined according to the penalties for not following those laws. Seems to us that the mantra of our people about Immigration should be: "Control legal immigration thoughtfully. Prevent illegal immigration rigorously."

Currently we have several states and cities that believe they are above the immigration laws of this nation and are in violation of them. Such so-called "sanctuary" cities or states should be compelled to follow it or be penalized for their violation of the law. It seems reasonable to require some sort of penalty for such states or cities that defy the Federal Agents who come to enforce the laws. If they resist arrest, then the state's National Guard (or the US Military as an exception to the Posse Comitatus Act) must be called in to quell the resistance.

We must prevent aliens/non-citizens from voting – ever. Every citizen <u>must</u> present an authenticated, government-provided, current picture ID card to be allowed to vote. Those local governments (cities, counties, states) that grant non-citizens a voter's ID Card or driver's license shall be punished as a court of law shall decide.

Finally, it is long past time to make American English the official language of the United States of America. A viable and solid nation is comprised of a People, their Culture and their Language on a specific piece of real estate.

Here is a report that was published in the LA. Times recently:

- 1. 40% of all workers in LA County (10.2 million people) are working for cash; and not paying taxes This is because they are predominantly illegal immigrants, working without a green card. (Donald Trump was right)
- 2. 95% of warrants for murder in Los Angeles are for illegal aliens.
- 3. 75% of people on the most wanted list in Los Angeles are illegal aliens.
- 4. Over 2/3 of all births in Los Angeles County are to illegal alien Mexicans on Medi-Cal, whose births were paid for by taxpayers.
- 5. Nearly 35% of all inmates in California detention centers are Mexican nationals; they are here illegally.
- 6. Over 300,000 illegal aliens in Los Angeles County are living in garages.
- 7. The FBI reports half of all gang members in Los Angeles are most likely illegal aliens from south of the border.
- 8. Nearly 60% of all occupants of HUD properties are illegal.
- 9. 21 radio stations in LA are Spanish-speaking.
- 10. In LA County, 5.1 million people speak English; 3.9 million, speak Spanish. (There are 10.2 million people, in LA County.)

Less than 2% of illegal aliens are picking our crops, but 29% are on welfare.

Over 70% of the United States' annual population growth, (and over 90% of California, Florida, and New York), results from immigration.

Also, 29% of inmates in federal prisons are illegal aliens.

Do any of you in government management see anything here that needs urgent redress?

Legal immigrants from any country must apply for and receive a "Green Card" verifying their identity and location before applying for and receiving state and federal benefits of any kind. They cannot register to vote until after becoming naturalized citizens. In addition, children born to illegal aliens while in this country must NOT be considered US Citizens.

Responsibility:

The Executive must take the vigorous lead in this high priority effort. The Legislative and Judicial Branches must draft, check and pass appropriate legislation for signature by the Executive.

Appendices:

- 1: Ethics, Morals and Honor A Refresher
- 2: Defining a Christian Nation
- 3: What Abolishing Classroom Prayer Did to Us
- 4. "Islam Unmasked" by Y.R. Utnec III
- 5: Gaming the System
- 6: Second Amendment Original Intent
- 7: A word about the principal writer

****** Nothing Follows on This Page ************

Ethics, Morals and Honor - A Refresher

<u>Ethics</u>: "the system or code of morals of a particular person, religion, group, profession, etc." So even "ethics" has a foundation, and it is identified as "morals" from a particular source.

The dictionary defines "morals" as "relating to, dealing with, or capable of making the distinction between right and wrong in conduct."

That suggests that <u>morals themselves are based on a code of right and wrong</u>. And where can we find that code of "right and wrong"? For those in this country – if not now, then from our inception as a nation – <u>our code of right and wrong comes</u> <u>primarily from the Bible</u>. It is our authority for right and wrong thinking and behavior – and it began with the Decalogue, also called the Ten Commandments.

So, the Bible is our primary basis for knowing right and wrong, and therefore forms the basis of our moral outlook on all of life and, in turn, <u>frames our view of ethical conduct in our living every aspect of our lives day to day</u>. If we are ethical in all our affairs with all men throughout our lives, we become known as honorable by reputation. One can't be honorable while being unethical.

Therefore, to be honorable one must be ethical, moral, and adhere to the standards of the Holy Bible in all our conduct. Simple to understand, but not so simple to execute, without a return to the fundamental values and principles upon which our Republic was founded. It's that simple and also that complex.

Nothing follows on this page

Defining a Christian Nation

Before getting into the meat of this Appendix, it would be wise to read a document that was THE ROOT beginning of this nation – The Mayflower Compact. What follows here is the exact Compact with all its original words intact (spelled as we spell them today). Unfortunately, we must observe that the school textbooks of today (if they even include the Compact) omit the key words that are underlined below. It is simply a part of the major effort by the secular humanists to omit anything that might indicate that this nation was and is established to be a Christian nation. So, read on...

The Mayflower Compact

"In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland king, defender of the faith, etc., having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith, and honor of our king & country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly & mutually in the presence of God and one another, covenant & combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering & preservation & furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just & equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King James, of England, France, & Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Ano. Dom. 1620."

"The Compact was very important because for the first time in recorded history, free and equal men voluntarily, in writing, covenanted with God and each other to create their own civil government. It turned out to be the forerunner of the *Declaration of Independence*, but even more important in its historic significance is a little known fact today, but one of which the Pilgrims, great students of the Bible, must have been aware: It was the first time since the Israelites chose to have a king instead of allowing God to rule over them that man had any other government except man over man. (p18, *Celebrations of a Nation*, Lucille Johnson, 1987)

"Having searched the scripture for God's will for them and their children, they were convinced He had brought them into this new land to found a Christian nation which would be a light to the whole world. They were convinced God had a specific "call" on this country and the people who were to inhabit it, and that this call was to be worked out in term of their covenant with Him and each other in direct continuation of the covenant promise of God to Abraham, "in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." (p20/21, *Celebrations of a Nation*, Lucille Johnson, 1987)

From its earliest days and continuing, a nation evidences who it is and what it believes by one or more of nine means: its Foundational Writings, Utterances by Leaders, Public Building Inscriptions, Monuments & Statues, its Laws, Books, Music, Paintings, and by School Curriculums.

Not surprisingly, America proudly used all of these means to declare who she is and what she believes. We shall detail some of these here. The reader is encouraged to continue to make his own discoveries in each of these areas. You will find the continuing search both fascinating and enlightening. You will also find, sadly, there has been an effort to conceal, destroy, diminish or deny all such historical evidences of our having been created as a Biblically based, Christian nation.

America was founded to be a Christian nation, and still is, though the truth compels us to say that the wick burns low on that candle today. It is one of our avowed purposes in this paper to help rekindle the fervor which originally stirred us to be a great people and a great nation – all because we humbly followed a great God of mercy and power.

There are many convincing proofs that the United States of America was formed through the Writings of many Patriotic, Courageous men known as our Founding Fathers, or "The Framers". We present a few of these proofs here to help correct the vision of those who insist that America is nothing more than another secular, pagan nation.

Foundational Writings:

The Constitution of the United States

An Extract from an article by Mason Beasler, entitled *Forgotten or Rejected: America's True Origins*, appearing in the March 2020 issue of the AFA Journal.

"Progressive politicians and the cultural elite are increasingly vocal in alleging that the nation's founding documents, specifically the Constitution, were formed separate from God or any biblical principles. Because of this sinister distortion of truth, many others are misled about where the nation has come from.

The Constitution does not explicitly label America as a Christian nation. However, the Constitution still required a foundation, and significant instances in the Constitution point to Christianity as the bedrock the founders used.

Laws from God

"What separates America from other countries around the world," said Chambers*, is really the fundamental concept that it's rooted in the Bible."

The <u>first</u> of these instances that point to Christianity in the Constitution is the Sunday clause. When the founders wrote the law concerning the manner in which new laws would be

passed, part of that process was the approval or disapproval of the President. The sitting President could pass or veto any bill; however, he had a time limit of 10 days. If the President did not pass or veto the bill after 10 days, the bill automatically passed. Within that time period, however, Sundays were not counted.

An excerpt from a South Carolina court record from 1846 states, "Christianity is part of the common law of the land, with liberty of conscience to all. ... The U.S. Constitution allows it as a part of the common law. The President is allowed 10 days, with the exception of Sunday."

Sunday is the holy day for the Christian faith. This is different than all other belief systems around the world. The Sunday clause is an obvious consideration by the founders to prioritize the Christian faith and allow for it to be practiced even by the leaders of the country.

The <u>second</u> instance that points to Christianity is the law surrounding oaths. Article VI of the Constitution mandates that all members of Congress, as well as any executive officer, swear an oath to protect the Constitution. This has traditionally been done by holding one's left hand on the Bible, one's right hand in the air, and ending the oath by saying, "So help me, God."

Many are unaware that these elements find their origins in Scripture. In Ezekiel 20:5, the Lord says, "On the day I chose Israel, I swore with uplifted hand to the descendants of Jacob." Isaiah 62:8 says, "The Lord has sworn by His right hand." Deuteronomy 10:20 says, "Fear the Lord your God and serve Him. Hold fast to Him and take your oaths in His name."

Rufus King, a signer of the Constitution, assisted in the writing of the oath clause. "In the oath which our laws prescribe," said King, "we appeal to the Supreme Being to deal with us hereafter as we observe the obligation of our oaths. The pagan world [is] without the mighty influence of this principle which is proclaimed in the Christian system."

Links to the Bible

Apart from these two examples, the Constitution also contains language that can be directly linked to laws from Scripture. Article II, Section 1 states that no person born outside the United States, or a non-citizen, is allowed to hold the office of president. Similarly, Deuteronomy 17:15 outlines how God wanted His people to choose a king: "He must be from among your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite."

Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution states that on the topic of treason (an offense punishable by death), one cannot be found guilty unless at least two people testify against that person. Deuteronomy 17:6 states, "On the testimony of two or three witnesses a person is to be put to death, but no one is to be put to death on the testimony of only one witness."

The same section of the Constitution states that, in regard to treason, no bill of attainder shall be passed. This limits the punishment of treason to the individual who committed the crime. Ezekiel 18:20 says, "The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them."

Even with all of these instances of the Constitution's overt biblical references, today's liberal voices still reject – disingenuously – that the nation's founding was clearly based on biblical morality."

*Rob Chambers, AFA director of policy and legislative affairs End of Extract of article from AFA Journal. <u>Declaration of Independence</u> – in Congress, July 4, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Right at the outset it refers to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" and goes on to say, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are <u>endowed by their Creator</u> with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." (underline added)

In the concluding paragraph of this momentous Declaration is written: "We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, <u>appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions</u>, do...etc." (underline added).

In the closing sentence it reads, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." (underline added)

It is clear that our Founders (58 of them signed this document) were most earnest about their intentions and appealed to God for help. Sad to say that in the ensuing American Revolutionary War with Great Britain, most of these men gave their lives, the "last full measure", in full-throated support of what they believed was right, and in Whom they trusted.

The Federalist Papers:

The Federalist stands as the first authoritative interpretation of the Constitution and the first step in the long process of development that has given the Constitution its life, meaning, and importance. The work has acquired all the weight and authority of a judicial decision and has been constantly used to settle constitutional questions. No less a figure than Thomas Jefferson called *The Federalist* "the best commentary on the principles of government that was ever written." Chief Justice John Marshall wrote, "Its intrinsic merit entitles it to this high rank [as a complete commentary on the Constitution], and the part two of its authors performed in framing the Constitution, put it very much in their power to explain the views with which it was framed."

The Federalist consists of 85 essays that originally appeared in several New York newspapers between the autumn of 1787 and the spring of 1788. The essays were political campaign documents designed to persuade the people of New York to ratify the Constitution, which had just been drafted in Philadelphia. Although the essays were written hurriedly for newspaper publication, they were the products of prolonged study, much thought, and extensive experience. Its three authors were quite young—Alexander Hamilton was 30, James Madison, 36, and John Jay, 24—but whether viewed as statesmen, political thinkers, or practical politicians, they were among the most esteemed men of their age. (Pages 1&2, Introduction by Wayne LaPierre to *This Special Edition of The Federalist*, 2000)

Utterances by Leaders:

We believe it will be helpful here to present some notable quotes from several of our Founding Fathers:

"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

"The blessing and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary but especially so in times of public distress and danger. The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor to live and act as becomes a Christian soldier, defending the dearest rights and liberties of his country."

"I now make it my earnest prayer that God would... most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of the mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion."

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

George Washington. Judge. Member of the Continental Congress. Commander in Chief in the American Revolution. President of the Constitutional Convention. Signer of the Constitution. First President of the United States. "Father of his Country"

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

John Adams. Signer of the Declaration of Independence. One of the two signers of the Bill of Rights. Second President of the United States.

"The practice of morality being necessary for the well being of society, He [God] has taken care to impress its precepts so indelibly on our hearts that they shall not be effaced by the subtleties of our brain. We all agree in the obligation of the moral principles of Jesus and nowhere will they be found delivered in greater purity than in His discourses."

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gifts of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

Thomas Jefferson. Signer and principal author of the Declaration of Independence. Diplomat. Governor of Virginia. Secretary of State. Third President of the United States.

"I have sometimes thought there could not be a stronger testimony in favor of religion or against temporal enjoyments, even the most rational and manly, than

for men who occupy the most honorable and gainful departments and [who] are rising in reputation and wealth, publicly to declare their unsatisfactoriness by becoming fervent advocates in the cause of Christ; and I wish you may give in your evidence in this way."

"Before any man can be considered a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe."

James Madison Signer of the Constitution. Author of the Federalist Papers. Framer of the bill of Rights. Secretary of State. Fourth President of the United States.

"Is it not that in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? — that it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? — that it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"

John Quincy Adams. Statesman, Diplomat, Sixth President of the United States.

"I conceive we cannot better express ourselves than by humbly supplicating the Supreme Ruler of the world . . . that the confusions that are and have been among the nations may be overruled by the promoting and speedily bringing in the holy and happy period when the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ may be everywhere established, and the people willingly bow to the scepter of Him who is the Prince of Peace."

Samuel Adams Signer of the Declaration of Independence, "Father of the American Revolution", Ratifier of the US Constitution, Governor Massachusetts

"To the triune God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost – be ascribed all honor and dominion, forevermore – Amen."

Gunning Bedford. Military Officer, Member of the Continental Congress, Signer of the US Constitution, Federal Judge

"Let us enter on this important business under the idea that we are Christians on whom the eyes of the world are now turned... [L]et us earnestly call and beseech Him, for Christ's sake, to preside in our councils. . . . We can only depend on the all powerful influence of the Spirit of God, Whose Divine aid and assistance it becomes us as a Christian people most devoutly to implore. Therefore I move that some minister of the Gospel be requested to attend this Congress every morning. . in order to open the meeting with prayer."

Elias Boudinot. President of Congress, Signed the Peace Treaty to end the American Revolution, First Attorney admitted to the US Supreme Court Bar, Framer of the Bill of Rights; Director of the US Mint.

"As to Jesus of Nazareth, my opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the system of morals and His religion as He left them to us, the best the world ever saw or is likely to see."

Benjamin Franklin. Signer of the Declaration, Diplomat, Printer, Scientist, Signer of the Constitution, Governor of Pennsylvania.

"One other consequence of Hamilton's untimely death was that it permanently halted the formation of a religious society Hamilton had proposed. Hamilton

suggested that it be named the Christian Constitutional Society, and listed two goals for its formation: first, the support of the Christian religion; and second, the support of the Constitution of the United States. This organization was to have numerous clubs throughout each state which would meet regularly and work to elect to office those who reflected the goals of the Christian Constitutional Society." (Reported by one of the two ministers who sat with the dying Hamilton after he was shot by Aaron Burr in their duel.)

Alexander Hamilton Revolutionary General, Signer of the Constitution, Author of the Federalist Papers, Secretary of the Treasury.

"Sensible of the importance of Christian piety and virtue to the order and happiness of a state, I cannot but earnestly commend to you every measure for their support and encouragement."

John Hancock Signer of the Declaration of Independence, President of Congress, Revolutionary General, Governor of Massachusetts.

"The great pillars of all government and of social life [are] virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone, that renders us invincible."

Patrick Henry Revolutionary General, Legislator, "the voice of liberty", Ratifier of the US Constitution, Governor of Virginia.

"I recommend a general and public return of praise and thanksgiving to Him from whose goodness these blessings descend. The most effectual means of securing the continuance of our civil and religious liberties is always to remember with reverence and gratitude the source from which they flow."

John Jay President of Congress, Diplomat, Author of the Federalist Papers, Original Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, Governor of New York.

"There must be religion. When that ligament is torn, society is disjointed and its members perish... [T]he most important of all lessons is the denunciation of ruin to every state that rejects the precepts of religion."

Gouverneur Morris Revolutionary Officer. Member of the Continental Congress. Signer of the Constitution. "Penman of the Constitution". Diplomat. US Senator.

"[O]ur citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament, or the Christian religion. [T]he Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children under a free government ought to be instructed. No truth is more evident than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."

Noah Webster Revolutionary Soldier. Judge. Legislator. Educator. "Schoolmaster to America".

"By renouncing the Bible, philosophers swing from their moorings upon all moral subjects... It is the only correct map of the human heart that ever has been published."

"[T]he greatest discoveries in science have been made by Christian philosophers and . . . there is the most knowledge in those countries where there is the most Christianity. [T]he only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican

forms of government is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible."

"The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effective means of limiting Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools."

"[C]hristianity is the only true and perfect religion; and... in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts, they will be wise and happy."

"The Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in his present state than any other book in the world."

"The Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life... [T]he Bible... should be read in our schools in preference to all other books because it contains the greatest portion of that kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public happiness."

Benjamin Rush Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Surgeon General of the Continental Army. Ratifier of the US Constitution. "Father of American Medicine". Treasurer of the US Mint. "Father of Public Schools under the Constitution"

The following words were written by Meir Soloveichik about <u>Abraham Lincoln</u>, 16th President of the United States (1860-1865).

"When Abraham Lincoln was elected president in 1860, he was certainly not thought of as a man given to religious fervor. But over the next 4½ years, as hundreds of thousands of Americans died in the Civil War, the 16th president evolved into a theologian of the American idea, using the language and concepts of the Bible to reflect on the war's larger meaning. But in an age of declining biblical literacy, we are in danger of losing touch with a key source of his greatness.

[Enroute to his inauguration] Lincoln traveled to Philadelphia, where on Washington's birthday he visited Independence Hall. While bidding good night to a crowd, Lincoln offered an impromptu biblical reflection: "All my political warfare has been in favor of the teachings coming forth from that sacred hall," where the Declaration of Independence was signed. "May my right hand forget its cunning and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if ever I prove false to those teachings."

The audience would have recognized Lincoln's allusion to Psalm 137: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its cunning." In the Bible, Jerusalem was the home of the Ark of the Covenant, the reminder of God's promise to the Israelites. Independence Hall, Lincoln implied, was the American Jerusalem, and the doctrine that "all men are created equal" was the covenant of the "almost chosen people." In the impending civil war, Americans' dedication to that covenant would be tested.

Lincoln's biblical reflections on America reached full flowering in his Second Inaugural Address, delivered in March 1865. More a sermon than a political speech, it is the most remarkable piece of oratory in American history. Lincoln called his country to repentance and described the Civil War as God's punishment for American slavery, concluding with the Psalmist's declaration that "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." The historian Paul Johnson has noted that it is impossible to imagine any other statesman of Lincoln's

time—Disraeli, Napoleon III, Bismarck—giving such a speech; only Americans were accustomed to seeing themselves in such biblical terms."

Public Building Inscriptions:

Washington Monument

On the East Face of the four faced Top Cap are the words, "Laus Deo" which mean, "Praise be to God".

There are 898 steps and 50 landings inside the monument. On many of the Landings, there are inscriptions by various Christian groups.

Landing 12 – A Prayer by the City of Baltimore
Landing 20 – A Prayer by Chinese Christians
Landing 24 – A Presentation by Sunday School Children from NY and
Philadelphia – Proverb 10:7, Luke 18:16 & Prov 22:6
And many others...

Inside the cornerstone is deposited – The Holy Bible.

Capitol Architect Pierre L'Enfant planned for monuments and certain buildings to make a <u>Cross</u>. Those became the Lincoln Memorial on line with the Capitol Building, then those two crossed by the line between the White House and the Jefferson Memorial.

Jefferson Memorial Inscriptions

Under the Dome – "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

Panel One – "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men...". The quote goes on for another sentence or two.

Panel Two — "Almighty God hath created the mind free. All attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burthens...are a departure from the plan of the Holy Author of our religion...No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship or ministry or shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief, but all men shall be free to profess and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion. I know but one code of morality for men whether acting singly or collectively."

Panel Three – "God who gave us life gave us Liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever. Commerce between master and slave is despotism. Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate than that these people are to be free. Establish a law for educating the common people. This it is the business of the state and on a general plan."

Lincoln Memorial

His complete Gettysburg Address is inscribed on one wall. On another is his Second Inaugural Address. A more godly man for our president would be hard to find.

Supreme Court Building

A sculpture group by Herman A. McNeil is located above the east entrance that represents great lawgivers, **Moses**, Confucius, and Solon, flanked by symbolic groups representing Means of Enforcing the Law, Tempering Justice with Mercy, Carrying on Civilization, and Settlement of Disputes Between States.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

"In these days of difficulty we Americans everywhere must and shall choose the path of social justice..the path of faith, the path of hope and the path of love toward our fellow men."

"Freedom of speech Freedom of Worship Freedom from want Freedom from fear"

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

The Nation's Capitol

Cox Corridors

"Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day." *Thomas Jefferson*

Without Freedom of Thought, there can be no such Thing as Wisdom; and no such Thing as publick Liberty, without Freedom of Speech." *Benjamin Franklin*

"Our government conceived in freedom and purchased with blood can be preserved only by constant vigilance." *William Jennings Bryan*

"Whenever a people or an institution forget its hard beginnings, it is beginning to decay." *Carl Sandburg*

"America! God shed his grace on Thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!" *Katharine Lee Bates*

House Chamber

"In God We Trust"

"We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the

general welfare, and secure the blessings of our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

— Preamble of the Constitution of the United States

Senate Chamber

Over east doorway:

"Annuit coeptis" (God has favored our undertakings)

Over south entrance:

"In God we trust"

Over west doorway:

"Novus ordo seclorum" (A new order of the ages [is born])

Prayer Room

"Annuit coeptis" (God has favored our undertakings)

"Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust." Psalm 16:1

Paintings

Rotunda of the US Capitol

The Baptism of Pocahontas
The signing of the Declaration of Independence
Embarkation of the Pilgrims
Landing of Columbus
General Washington resigning his commission
Signing of the Constitution
and others...

School Curriculum

In 1690 The New England *Primer* was the first textbook printed in America. It was used as the first book of instruction for all students entering first grade. The core of the *Primer* – is its rhyming alphabet, its Bible alphabet, its Bible questions, and its Shorter Catechism. It remained virtually unchanged over the 200 years of its widespread use in America. The Founders, as well as most other Americans, learned to read from The New England Primer and the Bible. The 1900 reprint described the impact of the *Primer*: "[It] was one of the greatest books ever published. It reflected in a marvelous way the spirit of the age that produced it, and contributed, perhaps more than any other book except the Bible, to the molding of those sturdy generations that gave to America its Liberty and its Institutions."

In addition, the Second Continental Congress appropriated money to purchase several hundred Bibles for use in schools to teach reading and history.

With diligence the reader will find many other examples of our Christian heritage.

*******	Nothing Follows o	n this Page	********
---------	-------------------	-------------	----------

What Abolishing Classroom Prayer Did to Us

Excerpts from the book, *America: To Pray or Not To Pray* by Dr David Barton, Wallbuilders Press, 1988

Critical Dates:

June 25, 1962. Corporate Vocal Prayer Forbidden in Public Schools. June 17, 1963. Corporate Vocal Prayer Removed from Public Schools. Supreme Court of the US decisions are in three cases they reviewed: Engel v. Vitale, Murray v. Curlett, & Abington v. Schempp.

From the book's Introduction:

"The heritage of this nation is one that, historically, has been indeniably intertwined with religion. Our National Anthem reflects our reliance on God; our coins reflect our faith in God; our Pledge of Allegiance reflects our testimony to God's importance in this nation.

"For years the relationship between God and our schools had been almost inseparable. Our nation's first schools were in churches. They relied on the Bible as the primary instrument to teach not only reading, but character and morals as well. The students were well-rounded and well-equipped, educated in both mind and in character. Noah Webster accurately reflected the nation's beliefs when he stated:

'The moral principles and precepts contained in the scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.'

The church has been the educational and moral leader in the nation for centuries. History applauds the excellent job it did, even though educating students under the most adverse conditions. Nevertheless, in a single day, the Supreme Court divorced this nation's schools from more than two centuries of their heritage. *The Court had forbidden part of the national fabric of life.*"

From Chapter 1 – Overview

"In a single year, 39 million students and over 2 million teachers were barred from doing what had been done since our nation's founding – pray in school. School prayer was part of our national fabric of life, practiced openly in nearly every school distruct in the nation.

"New York students had simply prayed each morning:

'Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our Country.'

"Is it possible that these prayers had any measurable, tangible effect? The decay occurring since millions of students were stopped from praying for these four areas is more than evident. In 1963, a distinct and well-defined new direction was established – 15 to 20 consecutive years of uninterrrupted decay. This new course was not assumed gradually; it did not require years for it to develop. The break happened at a visible point on the charts."

<u>That point was an event – the removal of prayer from schools.</u> It immediately led to shocking results for students, parents, teachers and our country – the four things that used to be prayed for daily.

Results for Students:

SAT Scores dropped from an average 980 in 1963 to 890 in 1980.

Pre-marital Sex Activity for teen females more than doubled from '63 to'81;

For boys it doubled in the same period.

Teen Pregnancies went from 100K in '63 to 540K in '83

STDs cases per 100K population:

Ages 10-14; 14 in '63 to 48 in '79

Ages 15-19; 350 in '63 to 1260 in '75

Suicide cases per 100K population

Ages 15-24; 6.0 in '63 to 12.5 in '81

Results for Parents:

Divorce Rate per 1K pop. 2.4 in '63-'65 to 5.1 in '81-'83

Single Parent Families: 4.6M hhlds in '63/'64 to 10.1M hhlds in '85

Unmarried Couples Living Together: 440K couples in '63 to 1.98M in '85

Results for Teachers:

School Dropouts taking GEDs: 72K in '63 to 799K in '84.

Common Student Behaviors:

In '63 – Talking, chewing gum, making noise...

In '84 – Drug use, disobedience, physical violence...

In '88 – Rape, school violence...

World Ranking is down in almost all subjects. Knowledge of American History is poor.

Result for the Country:

Violent Crime: 255K Offenses in '63 to 1.3M in '85

Productivity: Non-Farm Business: 2% incr/yr from '49 to '63

0.5% incr/yr from '63 to '85

Private Business: 2.3% incr/yr from '49 to '63

0.7% incr/vr from '63 to '85

STD cases per 100K pop: 150 in '63 to 430 in '81

Alcohol Use: 2.1 gallons/person in '63 to 2.7 g/p in '80.

New National Problems:

Child Abuse: 669K in '63 to 1.9M in '85

Child Sexual Abuse cases per 110K pop: 0.86 in '76 to 17.9 in '85 Corruption in Public Officials: 244 indicted in '73 to 1,183 indicted in '85 Youth Drug Abuse: age 18-25; MJ 64% in '82 & Cocaine 28.3% in '82

AIDS: 843 cases in '82 but 48K cases in '87

Illiteracy: Highest among all industrialized nations.

Editorial Note: One cannot help but understand from a quick study of these statistics that by forbidding Prayer from our classrooms in all our government schools, we struck a mortal blow at the one thing that made us an exceptional nation among all the nations of the earth – we told God to "take a hike". Is it any wonder that student performance decreased, that violence visited our schools, and that corruption in business and government became all too commonplace? An obvious question then becomes: "Why didn't the Supreme Court reverse itself when it saw the great damage their "no-prayer" decision caused our nation?"

Islam Unmasked

Y. R. Utnec III *, July 4th

Islam is not a religion, but religion is a component of Islam. Islam is a comprehensive theistic system of governance predicated on the complete thought and behavior control of its subjects from childhood on. Its god is Allah as identified in the Qur'an by its author, a man named Muhammad, who wrote the Qur'an as Allah's only prophet in early 7th century AD. Islam's goal is world domination under their Shariah Law

Islam describes itself as peaceful. Yet, it is a governing juggernaut that has used and will use any means possible to insure it becomes the ruling force in the world. It employs deceit, murder, and lies to achieve its imperialistic goal. As the number of militant Muslims increases in a local area they begin to dominate by establishing no-go zones, employing honor-killings, gang-rapes, riots and fire-bombings. Eventually they vote like-minded militant Muslims into office.

One of the cruelest lies of all induces militant Muslims to commit horrid suicide crimes of destruction against infidels and non-militant Muslims with the promise that those who die to further Allah's kingdom will be rewarded with certain entry into their heaven – and that men will be rewarded there with 72 virgin maidens. How else can they convince Muslims to die for a lie except by promoting an even larger lie – and by offering money for their surviving family members? Islam holds that lying is good if it furthers the goal of Islam. So, lying even to their Muslim subjects is good in the eyes of the leaders of Islam. It's interesting to note that the Holy Bible reveals Satan to be the father of all lies (Jn 8:44).

In the US, Islam insists on calling itself a religion, so it can receive "freedom of religion" protection while it pursues subversion of our government and our way of life using that constitutional protection against us.

To give the reader a more complete list of the tenets of this all-encompassing system of governance, we include here the results of some careful research by a group calling itself VDAL (Veterans in Defense of American Liberties).

Begin Quote

Fundamentals of Shariah Law – A Refresher

Over the years, VDAL has provided papers describing Shariah Law, but the matter is so important that a review seems appropriate. For example, some still believe Islam to be a peaceful religion. There are women's organization who see no harm in submitting to Islam. There are religious leaders who preach that Muslims must be taken into our civilization. There are some government officials who want more Muslims to immigrate. Would they feel this way if they understood Shariah Law?

Islamic Government

- Shariah Law will replace the United States Constitution.
- There is no freedom of religion it is Islam or else.
- There is no freedom of speech speaking against Islam is a crime.
- There is no freedom of art photos and movies are generally prohibited.
- There is no freedom of the press -- government controls what the public is told.
- There is no equality of people -- non-Muslims are never equal to Muslims.

- All governments must be ruled by Shariah Law.
- There is no democracy under Shariah Law and no golden rule.
- Islam is a complete way of life, with a political system, religion, and legal code.
- A non-Muslim may not bear arms makes control rather easy.
- Jihad is obligatory war against non-Muslims purpose is to establish Islam.
- Shariah Law rejects every principle of the US Constitution totally incompatible.



Religion

- All non-Muslims must convert to Islam, pay a special tax, or be killed.
- Must pray five times a day go to Mecca once if possible.
- Those who leave Islam are to be killed.
- Men and women must use separate facilities, including in mosques.
- Shariah Law is not interpretative, and it cannot be changed by man.
- Lying is authorized whenever it benefits Islam an oath means nothing.
- Shariah finance is a workaround that avoids the payment of interest.
- Shariah Law is the highest law in the world and all legal codes must submit.

Family

- Shariah Law authorizes up to four wives per Muslim husband.
- Muslim husbands may physically beat their wives whenever they desire.
- Muslim wives must submit sexually to their husbands whenever he desires.
- Husbands can divorce wives by saying "I divorce you" wives cannot do so.
- There is no penalty for "honor killing" of a family member.

Muslim Women

- There are no equal rights for women equated to slaves and camels.
- Female genital mutation (FGM) is required in many Muslim communities.
- When leaving the house, Muslim women must be escorted by a male relative.
- A woman's defense against rape requires testimony of three male witnesses.
- The penalty for fornication is death by stoning -- if pregnant, after giving birth.
- "Women" as young as six may be married to adult men, with consummation at age nine.
- Women are required to keep their face and extremities covered.
- Only Muslim men may serve as Islamic judges.
- The indemnity for death or injury of a woman is one-half that paid for a man.
- A woman's testimony is worth half that of a Muslim man's.
- A Muslim woman inherits half of a man's share.
- A Muslim husband has the authority to forbid his wife from leaving the home.



Jihad

- All sane, able-bodied, Muslim men must fight even if they do not like to do so.
- Non-Muslims may not be taken as friends find them and kill them wherever they are.
- Violence and terror are sacred to Islam and commanded by the Koran.
- Peace may come only through submission to Islam.
- Killing a non-Muslim entitles the Muslim fighter to all the spoils of war he can acquire.
- Jihad is a demand for total submission, or force will be used.

Courtesy of Veterans in Defense of American Liberties (VDAL)

References: Sharia Law for Non-Muslims, Center for the Study of Political Islam, Bill Warner; Shariah, The Threat to America; An Exercise in Competitive Analysis, Report of Team BII, The Center for Security Policy, 2010 End Quote

Here are some **conclusions** that should lead all Americans to demand immediate and comprehensive corrective action from our leaders at the national and state level.

- a. Islam has already declared war on the USofA by their destroying some 3000 lives in their take-down of the World Trade Center Towers on Sept 11, 2001. Our warlike response has been only overseas. Our national leadership has not yet realized they must with urgency and determined resolve deport the Trojan Horse of militant Islam in America. Those who say that is absurd have only to look at several nations and even some of our states and larger cities that have refused to SEE or STOP the take-over march of militant Muslims, masquerading as and living among non-militant Muslims and their Shariah Law.
- b. As proof of their intent to never assimilate into our culture, militant Muslims have established so-called no-go zones near or in large cities. Infidels are unwelcome there and will be badly treated or killed. Even our own law-enforcement and other public safety officials are too intimidated to enter these zones. It is happening in America.
- c. Islam, hiding behind and under its claim as a religion (now accurately seen as a comprehensive system of barbaric governance), has clearly decided to continue to do all in its power to take down the US government, our Constitution, and our way of life to be replaced by their Shariah Law. Islam is a deadly dagger aimed at America's heart. Taking militant followers of Islam into a nation is more dangerous than taking poisonous snakes into your home and turning them loose. They must be stopped no matter the cost or we will lose America, as we know her and love her.
- d. The US efforts to combat and defeat this deadly intent have been blunted by:
- 1) Bleeding-heart leftists, cowardly conservatives, and Muslims in national leadership positions who embrace Islam because, they say, it is a religion and therefore protected by the

Bill of Rights of our Constitution, a position trumpeted by most of our shamefully compromised media in the US.

- 2) The failure of our leaders at all levels of government to alert and alarm the American people about this deadly threat, and to **lead** us in all the steps necessary to combat and rid us of this barbaric and deadly scourge.
- 3) The deliberate efforts of educators to endorse all efforts to embrace Islam and to delude generations of our children to accept Islam as though it were a transcendent benign "new" religion of peace.
- e. Militant Muslims will "honor-kill" any Muslim who converts out of Islam. They intend to convert all infidels to Islam, and to kill all people who will not convert unless they pay frequent fees to stay alive.
- f. Action must be taken immediately to **rid America of all militant Muslims**. But because a militant Muslim will surely lie that he is not a radical or a militant, how do we decide who must be deported? Simple. All Muslims must go because a peaceful Muslim who is not deported could become radicalized, as has happened already. **Our actions to rid ourselves of them must be as ruthless and thorough as is their intent to take us over**. They only recognize power. To be soft by listening to their lies is to be defeated. **We must wake up and act with forceful resolve**. This is not some political game. It is deadly serious...

We cannot placate, coddle, or make agreements with any group that is willing to die to achieve the destruction of America.

So, what must we citizens do?

- **1.** Pray to Almighty God for all Muslims to find forgiveness, salvation and Peace through the Grace of the one true God, <u>and</u> for America's deliverance from Islam & Shariah Law.
- **2.** Contact all your governing officials to demand they take action to deport all Muslims from America starting with their leaders (Imams, etc). Pray for our governing officials to find the courage to do what is right and just, difficult though it will be.

For more detail, read "Trojan Horses of Islamic Supremacy" by Dr William W. Urban and "Unveiling Islam" by Ergun & Emir Caner

* Y.R. Utnec III is an American patriot who is determined to wake America to the mortal threat to our Liberty and way of life from militant followers of Islam.

The principal writer of this main paper "America 2020 A Call For Action To Restore Our Nation" has found another book on this Islam/Shariah Law issue. It is: "The End of America – The Role of Islam in the End Times" by John Price.

Gaming the System

For a guy and his girlfriend with two kids, all you have to do is follow these proven steps:

- 1. Don't marry her!
- 2. Always use your mom's address to get your mail.
- 3. The guy buys a house.
- 4. The guy rents out the house to his girlfriend with his two kids.
- 5. Section 8 will pay \$900 a month for a 3 bedroom home.
- 6. Girlfriend signs up for Obamacare, so the guy doesn't have to pay for family insurance.
- 7. Girlfriend gets to go to college for free for being a single mother.
- 8. Girlfriend gets \$600 a month for food stamps.
- 9. Girlfriend gets a free cell phone.
- 10. Girlfriend gets free utilities.
- 11. The guy moves into the home but continues to use mom's address for his mail.
- 12. Girlfriend claims one kid and guy claims the other kid on their tax forms. Now both get to claim head of household at \$1800 credit.
- 13. Girlfriend gets \$1800 a month disability for having a "bad back" and never has to work again.

This plan is perfectly legal and is being executed now by millions of people!

A married couple with a stay-at-home mom yields \$0 dollars.

An unmarried couple with a stay-at-home mom nets \$21,600 disability + \$10,800 free housing + \$6,000 free Obamacare + \$6,000 free food+ \$4,800 free utilities + \$6,000 Pell grant money to spend + \$12,000 a year in college tuition free from Pell grant + \$8,800 tax benefit for being a single mother = \$75,000 a year in benefits!

Any idea why our country is over \$20 trillion in debt, and half the population is sitting around letting the other half pay their way?

Note: This is one example of the kinds of things that some of our citizens (and maybe non-citizens) are using to game the system to support themselves. It is one of the many abuses that must be stopped.

Second Amendment's Original Intent

Be not duped by certain politicians on their latest "gun control" crusade. They have almost successfully diverted everyone's attention from the true purpose of the Second Amendment by saying such things as: "large capacity magazines are not needed for hunting", or "you don't need thirty bullets to kill a deer", etc.

The original intent of the Second Amendment to the US Constitution is to ensure the citizens of this nation can arm themselves for personal protection and with firearms (individually or as part of a "Militia") that can be used against a tyrannical government, if need be. That being so, there is also an implied intent of the amendment that citizens be able to arm themselves with firearms comparable in firepower and rate of fire to those weapons a tyrannical government will use. So limiting magazine capacities, denying firearms that "look" like so-called assault rifles, even denying automatic rates of fire (much less the semi-autos) are all leftist exercises to confuse the uninformed and without warrant infringe the Second Amendment.

View this video about the 1946 "Battle of Athens" http://voxvocispublicus.homestead.com/Battle-of-Athens.html This clearly reveals that the unthinkable incidence of a tyrannical government is a real threat — and it has already occurred in this nation at a local level; so it is more than possible.

Then view this video to see what gun confiscation has done in Canada: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmrqT9SIkQw

The Second Amendment is actually the guarantor of all the other Amendments and even the Constitution itself. The Third Amendment greatly assists understanding the original intent of the Second amendment: view this piece to get more about the Third Amendment's meaning – http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F584p5kJL-U&feature=youtu.be We Patriots must keep our focus, for Liberty's sake.

A word about the principal writer, Tom McDonald

I am an ardent, even passionate, supporter of our Nation, especially in its original formulation by our Founders. Along with many, if not most of you, I want much more for her than the angry, hateful and polarized behavior and destructive ideas of so many of our fellow citizens who, I believe, neither genuinely understand what America was created to be, nor what terrible damage their ideas could do to her.

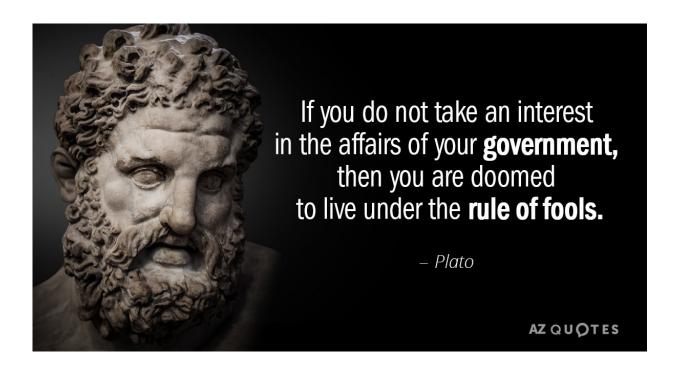
I graduated from the Military Academy at West Point in 1957. I qualified to become an Army Ranger and a Paratrooper. Later I earned a Master's Degree in Systems Engineering. After 27 years of service, I retired as a Colonel from the US Army after serving in several command and senior staff positions, in peace and war, both in the Army and finally as the J6 of a Unified Command (USCENTCOM).

My most life-changing event occurred at the Army War College. It was there that I discovered after going to church for some thirty years that I only knew about the Lord Jesus; I did not know Him personally. So, at forty years of age at the Army's <u>War</u> College I surrendered my life to the Prince of Peace. The irony still brings a smile.

After the Army, I entered the business world for three years, then formed and ran my own company, consulting on design and marketing of large, complex C4 Systems, and in representing foreign C4 Systems companies in the U.S. until my second retirement in 1996.

My military service afforded me the up-close and personal opportunity to observe and interact with men of all ages, especially young men in their teens and early twenties. Those years of experience in great measure informed my insights for my 2012 book, "Sheep to Shepherd", written to come alongside fathers of teenaged sons to help their young man become a man of integrity and Godly character.

The oath I took as part of my commissioning, which is still in effect as a retired officer, contains these words: "...to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic...". I have done my bit on foreign soil on behalf of America. But now our enemies are indeed domestic. Our enemy is within. I shall fight on...



Suggestion for a Revised Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the republic for which it stands. ONE NATION UNDER GOD, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. And blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people He has chosen for His inheritance".