

Let's Reason Together About America!

Let me provide some insights on the deceptions that are being delivered to us Americans by our leaders and others to see if there is a path forward toward resolving our many difficulties. By questioning what is going on, perhaps we may come to agree that there is a great and urgent need to change the direction we are headed and begin to work together to heal our land and not destroy it. Let's proceed then.

Perhaps first, it would be wise to simply lay down the foundational structure of our nation, so we have a basepoint for our way forward. Our nation, as most of us over fifty know, was founded upon Faith and Freedom. We were a nation that in the main worshipped God, the God of the Holy Bible. Our school systems even used the Bible, copies purchased by Congress, as an instructional book, helping to account for most children and adults knowing the Truth about the difference between right and wrong, good and evil. It was well known that when the First Amendment in our Bill of Rights spoke of freedom of expression of our religion, that religion was the Christian Faith and way of life. We were formed as a Christian nation.

And as to Freedom, our Founding Fathers insisted that our citizens be free to pursue their Life as each of us saw fit, to enjoy the benefits of Liberty and to Pursue our own Happiness (if it didn't harm others) without encumbrance from an autocratic government. And all this was to be enabled and guarded by a representative, small national/federal government that would ensure fair trade, the national defense, domestic peace, and the general welfare of the populace. We went from a small group of English colonies to the most powerful benevolent nation on earth.

A major damaging shift in our culture occurred to our family structure primarily because of the impact of WWII. Thousands of women (some moms) went to work in industry to help the war effort and many did not return to their homes after the war. The home was established by God to raise children in the admonition and nurture of the Lord by both a mother and a father. This rupture of the cohesive home is perhaps the most damaging event that prevents us from raising all our children to be solid, mature, honorable citizens of integrity and godly character.

This opened the door so that from about 1960, the moral core of the country came under serious attack. Prayer was outlawed in our schools in 1962/3. Then came the Flower Children, Hippies and Druggies. There also sprang up a marvelous, limited Jesus Revival. But, in the main, morality that was at one time built on a solid Biblical basis of Right and Wrong, became malleable and relative. Folks had their own truth, that might be different from your truth – which completely gutted the meaning of Truth. Once unhinged from absolute Truth, anything goes – and did – and does. Deception was the order of the day.

The drug culture hit the US hard and grew. It has and is causing great damage to our once strong moral culture as a nation. Pornography and its damaging effects spread like

wildfire through photo magazines like Playboy and worse, and now through the internet, movies and "adult" stores. It seems we have lost sight of God, as a people. Yes, America still has fine Christ-centered churches and ministries, but not as many. Many of our people have decided not to go to church or worship God. Sadly, some of our largest and once-strongest main-line churches have embraced the sinful behaviors of the world. Think on this: "The Lord detests the way of the wicked, but He loves those who pursue godliness." (Proverbs 15:9)

Let's settle an important issue right here. The Bible, the source of all Truth, is still the best source for addressing and managing our behavior. Why? Because man's heart (or soul) today is the same as the heart (or soul) of the first humans. Ever since the Fall of Man in the Garden of Eden, God has said of man's heart, that it is "desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9). So yes, the Bible is 100% relevant to us today – and tomorrow – and forever.

Another sad event that came along because of our turning away from God, is that we began to "export" the vileness of our music, our movies, our TV shows, our literature and later our violent computer games, social media sites and other evil sites on-line. We infected the world with our immorality. We have much to answer for to the God who made us and loves us. In fact, in the Bible, He makes it quite clear that He wants none of us to perish in Hell. But because of our bad decision to deny His Truth, His Way and His Life, many of us are headed that way.

It's time for those of us on that wide path to destruction to reconsider. I finally did at forty years old; it's never too late. Hopefully this paper will help you see your need for a new direction for your life if you are on this wrong track. There is an after-life for all of us. Our only choice is will we repent of our way and ask Jesus to lead us on, or will we stay on the wrong way, the devil's way? As a bit of wry humor let me share what I saw on a small country church's front-yard signboard in the mountains of Georgia.

Eternity. Your Choice! Smoking or Non-smoking?

So then – how best to show some of the ugly, harmful and dangerous things going on in America? I thought a list of questions in some of our areas of endeavor as a nation might do it. A wise man once said: "Watch out if you're in step with the world because the world's never been in step with God." Here we go then...

Federal Government:

Is it wise or safe for our highest priority to be Domestic Spending instead of the Constitutionally mandated National Defense and its urgent need now for upgrades? Why isn't it a criminal offense when our government spends more than they take in? Should we immediately replace any armaments we "give" to Ukraine? Should we continue to pay unemployment to people who don't or won't work? Should we continue to pay single moms support monies for each child born to her? Is Health Care a national or a personal responsibility? Is ceding control of our American Health Policy to WHO wise or seriously dangerous?

Should Congress re-assume its proper Constitutional function and deny "law-making" by Executive Agencies? For example: FDA, FTC, FCC, EPA, DHS, etc. issuing regulations they consider having the force of law with stiff penalties but devoid of Due Process? Same question with regard to ordering the cancellation of all Student Debt? Why does our Congress allow the Executive Branch to Legislate by EOs and regulations? Should it be illegal for civil groups or governments to stoke citizen division and unrest via deliberate accusations and charges, whether true or not? Should the pay of members of Congress be permanently impounded from them for the time they fail to perform a basic function on time; e.g. annual appropriations? Should our Government give credence to the One-World Government thinking of the "World Economic Forum"?

Should our Government stop funding the anti-American United Nations? Should judges who *Find* politically and not according to existing law be removed from the bench? Should we establish a process for this action if there is none now? Should the US Borders be closed to all but legally applied and qualified immigrants? Should Executive Branch officials be cited and tried for violating Immigration Laws? Should we complete the wall full length on our southern border? Should we mount an all-out campaign to permanently quash illegal drug trafficking? Should we again declare Marijuana an illegal addictive and debilitating drug? If abortion is murder one, should providers and receivers be punished by death? If same-sex "marriage" is against God's law, should it again be banned? Why is the CDC allowed to lie about the positive statistics of Defensive Gun Use?

National Energy Policy:

Is draining the nation's Strategic Oil Reserves without replacement wise? Is denying our Oil Companies access to the nation's substantial oil fields aiding and abetting our enemies? Is forcing our nation to rely on foreign oil, some from our enemies, wise? Is it reasonable or even lawful that the Executive Branch can decree that all ICE (internal combustion engine) passenger vehicles must be replaced by EVs (Electric Vehicles)? Same question with regard to ordering the replacement of all gas cooking stoves? Will the nation's Base Load Electric Power Grid capacity be sufficient to support such an enormous increase in our electric Base Load requirement? Is the use of Wind and Solar Electric Power generation a reliable and cost-effective way forward (looking at initial cost, repair/replacement cost, and reliability)? Are Nuclear and Hydro Electric Power generation being planned and implemented as the preferred reliable method to increase our Base Load Electric Power Grid capacity? Will the international scramble for Rare Earth Minerals like Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel, etc. lead to ugly confrontations or worse? Has the huge cost to mine, refine, alloy and form such metals into useful products been accommodated in the final cost of vehicles? Have the huge costs to develop and maintain the many safe (leak-proof) dumps for depleted EV batteries and solar panels been accounted in the run-up to all electric?

Shouldn't the Marketplace, not a left-trending Government's edict, decide the future of such an enormous change in our society, culture, energy base and economy? Don't changes of this magnitude need to be carefully considered over a responsible period of time by a consortium of appropriately knowledgeable Federal officials and Executives, Scientists, and Engineers from industry? *(EVs may be a good idea but all the support details must be carefully planned and executed on a coordinated master plan to prevent a disaster to our economy)*

Law Enforcement:

Is defunding and ruining the morale of our Police forces wise public policy?
How can the FBI be honorably re-established?
Is the deliberate easing of criminal sentences for criminals wise public policy?
Is granting bail/release to captured repeat-offenders wise public policy?
Is releasing inmates and prisoners before their sentence is served wise public policy?
Should we arrest anyone who distributes illegal drugs in the US, and when found guilty, execute them because they are surely guilty of causing many deaths?
Should radical leftist Socialists be tried as seditionists?
Should parents of teen-aged criminals be tried as accessories to their child's crimes?
Should paid rioters and those paying them, once captured, be placed in prison for life?

Education:

Is the decline in the teaching content, methods and standards in our universities, colleges, high schools, and grade schools responsible for our national educational quality drop from first place in the world to now just another troubled education system in the world? And should we not do all in our power to reverse it?
Should we allow our schools to teach a false American History...and a dishonest portrayal of socialism, communism, autocracy?
Should all non-academic subjects such as CRT/DEI, ESG, LGBTQ, BLM, SexEd, Transgenderism, etc. be banned from schools?
Should transgender surgery be outlawed?
Is it the leftist indoctrination that has caused our degraded education system to fail to produce the intellectually and morally robust young population in sufficient numbers to resist and refute socialistic thinking at the ballot box? What should be done?
If removing prayer from schools caused a rapid decrease in academic performance and morality, should we insist on returning prayer to the classroom?
Is Education a parent/student responsibility, or the government's?

Environment:

Is there more to environmentalism than clean air and clean water?
Is it wise to allow environmentalists to stop a worthwhile and needed project because "it might" harm some animal/fish/bird species, or take down some trees, or temporarily muddy up a stream or lake?
Is it still the environmentalists' objective to virtually stop all progress by humans to supposedly enable the "environment" and its creatures to "heal", thereby placing the creation above mankind? Is it wise to allow such aberrant behavior?

And isn't that agenda the exact opposite of God's agenda, i.e. man is to be His wise, careful, creative steward of the planet's environment so everything and everyone will thrive in a balanced, harmonious way? Placing the environment above man's needs is not balanced or harmonious.

Do you agree, as some say, that the Global Warming/Green Agenda is a Stalking Horse to draw our attention away from the Left's real agenda which is to destroy the robust free-market economy of the US and collapse us into Communism? And what should we do about it? *The objective of the Leftist Socialists is always total power.*

I think it would be wise at this point to editorialize a bit concerning God's views of the planet He created. Because God created the Universe, including our planet, He is entirely capable of ensuring it is run exactly as He intends. There are many places in the Holy Bible where God has made it abundantly clear that He created this planet and that He is more than capable of running it to our best benefit. But He does make it clear that He wants us to be in partnership with Him as a wise steward in managing it. And we are not to elevate the environment above ourselves; it is to us for us. I enjoy reading how God confronted Job about his view of himself in God's creation: God is addressing Job here – and any of us who think ourselves wiser than God...

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me if you know so much. Who determined its dimensions and laid out the surveying line? Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness? For I locked it behind barred gates limiting its shores. I said, 'This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop.' Have you made daylight spread to the ends of the earth, to bring an end to the night's wickedness? The light disturbs the wicked and stops the arm that is raised in violence. Have you explored the springs from which the seas come? Have you explored their depths? Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom? Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know! Who sends rain to satisfy the parched ground and make the tender grass spring up? Do you know the laws of the universe? Can you use them to regulate the earth? Who gives intuition to the heart and instinct to the mind? Then the Lord said to Job, 'Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God's critic, but do you have the answers? Who has given Me anything that I need to pay back? Everything under Heaven is mine.'" (Job 38:4,5,8-11,13,15-18,27,33,36; 40:1,2; 41:11 [NLT])

For man to think he can upset the plans of God is hubris of a sort rarely seen. There are macro-cycles of some 1320 years, as some scientists calculate, and there are smaller cycles of 178 years, as other scientists claim. There is the Sunspot cycle of some 11 years, which is most probably the prime measure of what causes our warming and cooling cycles. And note this: past warming cycles have been an economic boon to the world, leading to some of the more "frozen-in" seaside communities in the far-North (Arctic) and the far-South (Antarctic) being opened to hugely profitable shipping trade because of global-warming. Warming is a plus, not a negative.

To say that we humans must severely limit our production of CO₂ is an incredibly ignorant idea. It ignores the fact that CO₂ is used by plants in the vital process called photosynthesis, to

produce the O₂ that all humans, animals, birds and fish need to live. Limiting CO₂ is an unnecessary and potentially life-threatening, foolish idea.

Social Media and other Entertainment:

Should violent computer games be banned?

Are salacious (M,X rated) and pornographic "entertainments" spiritually and morally healthy fare for human consumption? Should they be put out of business?

Should all Pornography be banned? Should sites and stores be raided and closed?

Should self-focused social media sites (morally and psychologically unhealthy fare) be banned?

Voting:

Should we allow non-citizens to vote?

Should we stop allowing voting by means other than showing up in person with photo ID, unless physically unable?

Should it be a criminal offense for non-governmental organizations like Facebook, etc. to fund any part of the voting process?

Should it be a criminal offense with stiff penalties for anyone found guilty of interfering in any way with the process of voting in America?

Mental Cases (Demented, Deranged, Psychotic, Irrational, Mentally Ill):

What should we do about those who are a danger to themselves and others?

Should we reestablish Sanitariums to permanently hold those citizens and aliens found to be mentally unstable in one of the above-named categories?

Should the chronically homeless and anyone whose mind is irreparably damaged from drug use be housed permanently away from the public?

Should we do a better job of rehabilitating veterans and others with PTSD?

Other Issues: There are many other issues that need redress; please, identify them and then address them to the proper government office for correction!

What has happened to us as a God-fearing, God-worshipping people?

The answer is in the question! Too many of us have lost our way – we have turned our backs on our Creator God. Over the last 6000 years or so, as recorded in the Bible and countless history books, national situations turn out badly for those nations and peoples who refuse to conduct their lives as God requires. Then why don't we get straightened out? Because usually, until God brings a stiff punishment, mankind goes on doing what comes naturally – sinning, it's called. For those who don't follow God in Christ Jesus, their end is a literal living Hell forever. The solution is obvious for anyone who cares to see it. We must individually and as a people come back to God. People must repent of aberrant behavior, ask God's forgiveness, and accept His Son Jesus as Savior. There is no middle ground; people either belong to God and obey Him, or they belong to and live under Satan's control. Many of us need to change our moral and spiritual direction in life – as though our life forever depends on it... Because it does...

So, What Do We Do?

First: Make sure you have surrendered yourself to our loving, creator God through acceptance of what Jesus did for you (and all of us) on the Cross at Calvary – He died as the only payment-in-full for the penalties for your sins, to clear your way into God’s sinless Heaven after your earthly death.

Second: Pray earnestly with great diligence for the revival of all God’s churches in America to Holiness! And pray for them to become again the Salt (*the Flavor and Preservative*) and Light (*to find the Way*) again for America’s culture. While you’re at it, ask Him to cause another Great Awakening and Revival across all of America!

Third: Pray God will hear yours and all others’ prayers to restore America to its Pursuit of Righteousness. And confess we are sorry for the mess that we have made of it. And share this article with others.

Fourth: To be part of the answer to the prayer in the Third step, identify those persons who are in office now who are advocating for all the wrong things that continue to hurt America – and set your heart to do all in your power to remove them from office at the next election. Also, and this is important: begin to write letters to all those in office who are doing the wrong things and call them out about it – and say you expect them to change their ways, or they’ll be turned out of office. Do it repeatedly and convince all your like-minded friends to do the same. A constant barrage of such correspondence will have the intended effect on public-pressure-sensitive politicians.

Fifth: Identify persons who stand for the right things and then do what you can to see that they are elected to office. And that is not just at the Federal level but also at the State and Local levels, too – especially school boards. We must have a wholesale renewal of our governments by those who stand for what we know our great God requires of us. We must be committed to taking our government back from those who are trashing our Faith and Freedom, and are determined to take us into Communism.

Sixth: Search your own heart about whether God wants you to run for a government office.

Seventh: Do not grow weary in all of this well-doing. It took scores of years to get us to this place we’re in now; it will take many years of determined and persistent prayer and positive action to get it straightened out. So do not grow weary in actively seeking the needed changes for good in civil governments – again and again and again...

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Addendum:

These are placed here to help those who've decided to explore doing something to change their life's direction to something eternally better.

Psalms 33: verses 6 thru 12 and 20 thru 22.

"The Lord merely spoke, and the nations were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs. Let the whole world fear the Lord and let everyone stand in awe of Him. For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command. The Lord frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken. What joy for the nation whose God is the Lord, Whose people He has chosen as His inheritance. We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His Holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone."

Do you want to know God? Read the Biblical selections here to learn more of Him.

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God is . . .

All-knowing and ever present
Beautiful and Desirable
Creator and Spirit
Good and Generous
Great and Sovereign
Holy
Loving and Faithful
Merciful and Forgiving
Powerful
Willing to reveal His will, law, and direction
Righteous and Just

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"Repentance is a rich biblical term that signifies a transformation in someone's mind, heart, and life. When people repent, they turn from walking in one direction to running in the opposite direction. From that point forward, they think differently, believe differently, feel differently, love differently, and live differently." David Platt

To ask God to give you a new direction in life, simply admit to Him you're sorry about your sins and that you want Him to forgive you and be your Savior and Lord. Then read Colossians 3:1-17.

Ezekiel 36:25-27.

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart."

"A Lie doesn't become Truth, Wrong doesn't become Right, and Evil doesn't become Good, just because it's accepted by the Majority."

Rick Warren