

FAITH and FREEDOM

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These Founding Precepts of America are Under Heavy Enemy Fire

The purpose of this article is two-fold.

To present the Truth of the Christian founding and maturing of America upon
Faith in God and Freedom of Endeavor

and, To present the Truth of the history and dangers of
Communist governments in the world to date.

We must counter the lies and indoctrination taught to most of our school and college students for the last 50 plus years in American education on these two topics, as well as the constant lies of our news media.

The lie about our nation's Christian history and the lie of the desirability of communism must be made clear so that all our people will be able to vote knowledgeably for the candidates who do not want to change our once-solid government from a Constitutional Federal Republic to an always-failed Communist government.

Our AMERICAN Heritage

The United States of America is not home to a certain race of people, who live together merely because they are members of the same race. It was founded by people of various lands, creeds and native origins, all in search of the same ideal: Self-Government and Religious Freedom. This intense love of Liberty, united them all in one close unifying brotherhood, and it was from this brotherhood, extending down through the corridor of 246-years, that America now exists.

The Representative Government of this nation was intended to be left almost entirely to the people themselves, which is the basis for the republican form of government. Our entire political creed is briefly summarized in the **Declaration of Independence**.

"We therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do in the name, and by the authority of, the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of a right, ought to be free and independent states. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance upon the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

The United States, in her first century of existence, knew the stinging reality of conflict. There were wars, assassinations, injustices, catastrophes, and plagues of disease. (Sound a bit familiar?). But the young nation endured, for its moral fabric had been woven with the durable threads of Scriptural Truth. Societal injustices, like slavery and racial prejudice, were ultimately recognized for what they were: Violations of God's standard for equality and justice for all His children, regardless of race or nationality.

The historical record for the establishment of America bears the clear stamp of Christian influence. The impact of the Gospel was clearly evident in the leaders chosen, the laws written, and the sweeping changes brought about through the transforming power of Christ in individual lives and corporate experience. America was not formed a nation apart from God - but as a nation under the authority and divine protection of God.

The **Black Robe Regiment** was the name that the British gave our courageous and patriotic American clergy during the Founding Era (a reference to the black robes they wore). The British blamed the Black Robe Regiment for American Independence, and rightfully so, for modern historians have documented that: "There is not a right asserted in the Declaration of Independence which had not been discussed by the New England clergy before 1763."

Among the Founding Fathers, John Adams rejoiced that "**the pulpits have thundered**" in the "awakening and a revival of American principles and feelings" that led to American independence.

The ministers of the Revolution were bold and fearless in the cause of their country. No class of men contributed more to carry forward the Revolution, and to achieve our independence, than did the **Black Robe Regiment**. Through their prayers and patriotic sermons they rendered the highest assistance to the civil government, the army, and the country.

Today, America has fallen into distressing, even evil ways. Since World War II, few pastors have Thundered from their Pulpits about the need to remain faithful to our founding Biblical principles. They make tepid arguments that they are not supposed to involve themselves or their churches in Politics – which, according to Jesus in Acts 9, verse 15, is dead wrong!

To further our understanding of our Christian Founding, here are quotes from some of our national leaders who throughout our nation's history placed strong allegiance to the Biblical values and principles, upon which The United States was founded and sustained for many years.

"Oh, eternal and everlasting God, direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the Lamb and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit. Daily, frame me more and more in the likeness of Thy son, Jesus Christ, that living in Thy fear, and dying in Thy favor, I may in thy appointed time obtain the resurrection of the justified unto eternal life. Bless, O Lord, the whole race of mankind and let the world be filled with the knowledge of Thee and Thy son, Jesus Christ."

George Washington, 1st President of the United States.

"No nation has ever existed or been governed without religion. Nor can be. The Christian religion is the best religion that has been given to man and I, as Chief Magistrate of this nation, am bound to give it the sanction of my example."

Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States

"We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of us, as a group, to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments of God."

James Madison, 4th President of the United States.

"It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures, and proven by all history, that nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord".

Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States

"Our faith teaches us that there is no safer reliance than upon the God of our fathers, Who has so singularly favored the American people in every national trial and Who will not forsake us so long as we obey His commandments and walk humbly in His footsteps"

William McKinley, 25th President of the United States.

"The Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule must stand as the foundation of every successful effort to better either our social or our political life"

Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States.

"The Bible is the one supreme source of revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God, and spiritual nature and needs of men. It is the only guide of life which really leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation. America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of Holy Scripture."

Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States

"If we will not prepare to give all that we have and all that we are, to preserve Christian civilization in our land, we shall go to destruction."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd President of the United States

"The fundamental basis of this nation's laws was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus and Saint Matthew, from Isaiah and Saint Paul.... If we don't have a proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a

totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except the State!"

Harry Truman, 33rd President of the United States.

"Without God there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first, the most basic, expression of Americanism. Thus, the founding fathers of America saw it, and thus with God's help, it will continue to be"

Dwight David Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States

"Let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking for His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth, God's work must truly be our own"

John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States.

"Inside the Bible's pages lie all the answers to all of the problems man has ever known... It is my firm belief that the enduring values presented in its pages have a great meaning for each of us and for our nation. The Bible can touch our hearts, order our minds, and refresh our souls."

Ronald W. Reagan, 40th President of the United States

"Some people seem to believe that freedom of religion requires government to keep our lives free from religion. Well, I believe they are just plain wrong. Our government was formed by Faith. Government must never promote a religion, of course, but it is duty bound to promote religious liberty. And it must never put the believer at a disadvantage because of his or her belief."

George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States.

"We Americans have faith in ourselves, but not in ourselves alone. We do not know--we do not claim to know-- all the ways of Providence, yet we can trust in them, placing our confidence in the loving God behind all of life, and all of history."

George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States

In no other place in the United States are there so many, and such varied official evidence of deep and abiding Faith in God on the part of Government, as there are in Washington, D.C.

The United States Capitol: Every session of the House and the Senate begins with prayer. Each house of Congress has its own Chaplain. The phrase "In God We Trust" is on the wall behind the President of the Senate and also the Speaker of the House.

At the Supreme Court, the Ten Commandments appear above the head of the Chief Justice. The "Crier" who opens each session closes with these words: *"God Save The United States and this Honorable Court"*

On the metal cap of the Washington Monument are engraved the words, *Laus Deo* (Praise be to God), and lining the walls of the stairway are numerous Biblical

quotations, such as: *"Train up a child in the way he shall go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it"*.

Numerous quotations from scripture can be found within the walls of the Library of Congress. As only one example *"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork"*.

Inside the hallowed space of the Lincoln memorial are found these words of our 16th President from his Gettysburg address:

"That this nation under God shall have a new birth of Freedom, and that government of the people, for the people, and by the people, shall not perish from the earth". And from his second inaugural address: "As was said 3,000 years ago, so it still must be said, The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

And then at the Jefferson Memorial are these immortal words, spoken by our 3rd President:

"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, and that His justice cannot sleep forever".

These words of Jefferson are even more profoundly true in our country today.

Here are just a few more of the little-known facts about America's true spiritual core: On May 4th, 2009, the 111th Congress in session, passed House Resolution #397 designating the first week of May annually, as "America's Spiritual Heritage Week", for the appreciation of education on America's history of religious Faith.

In 1954, Congress by law added the phrase "one nation under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. It was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower who said this at the signing ceremony:

"From This Day Forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than to contemplate this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country's true meaning."

Especially is this meaningful as we regard today's world. Over the globe, mankind has been cruelly torn by violence and brutality and, by the millions, deadened in mind and soul by a materialistic philosophy of life. Man everywhere is appalled by the prospect of nuclear war. In this somber setting, this law and its effects today have profound meaning. In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war.

Also in 1954, a special **Congressional Prayer Room** was added to the Capitol with a kneeling bench, an altar, an open Bible, an inspiring stained-glass window showing George Washington kneeling in prayer, with the declaration of Psalm 16:1: "*Preserve me, O God, for in Thee do I put my trust*", and the phrase "*This Nation Under God*".

U.S. Supreme Court stated in the 1892 case of Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States, written by Justice David Josiah Brewer:

"This is a religious people. This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation. Christianity, general Christianity, is, and always has been, a part of the common law ... not Christianity with an established church ... but Christianity with liberty of conscience to all men."

In 1956, Congress, by law, made "*In God We Trust*" the National Motto and added the Phrase to American currency.

And the constitutions of each of the 50 States, either in the preamble or body, explicitly recognize or express gratitude to God.

On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

If all this is true (and it is) what happened? We believe Christians became dangerously complacent about their citizenship rights and responsibilities, while the other side has worked tirelessly for over 60-years to advance their Marxist, amoral, and secular agenda in our schools, universities, Federal, State and local governments, and the national media.

We have now reached a political and spiritual crossroads from which, literally, there may be no return. This is not an exaggeration! We have actually, in reality, reached that point in our history. Our 28th President, Woodrow Wilson said this over 103 years ago and it has direct application today:

"The History of Liberty is a history of the 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".

Since our founding, the goal of institutionalized government has been to be the servant of the people, never our master. The framers of our Constitution advocated that people govern themselves under God's laws. Government should never have the power to deprive individuals of rights that the Constitution stated were "endowed by their Creator". The Declaration of Independence states that "governments derive their just

powers from the consent of the governed." Today we find that our government is threatening our most basic freedoms.

Ronald Reagan, our wise 40th President said:

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

The forces of Progressive Socialism, Secularism, and Radical Racism are purposely and violently advancing to their political goal of dividing and subjugating the American people under government control of our lives. Our society has been deliberately traumatized by radical racial division and senseless violence, misnamed as "peaceful protests". These subversive forces deride the words of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr who said that: *"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war, that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."*

Now to our Second Purpose: The Onrushing Take-Down of America!

We need to tell you with proper proofs about the huge LIE of the so-called beauty of Communism. It is indeed an enormous lie that has destroyed the lives of so many people in the world and is still doing so today.

The Big Lie is that Radicalism in any of its many forms (Liberalism, Progressivism, Socialism or Communism) (LPSC) is a beautiful system where everyone has a wonderful life. But the FACTS, the TRUTH, about the supposed economic and humanitarian success of Marxist Radicalism (LPSC) are horribly different. Here's a partial list of nations succumbed to Radicalism's most virulent Marxist form of government – Communism:

Argentina: One of the richest nations in the world in the 20th century. By the early 21st century unbridled socialism had bankrupted them. America is headed for the same ugly end if it doesn't get its outrageous Federal spending under control.

Cuba: A fine island nation in the Caribbean taken over by Fidel Castro in 1959 and financially ruined within a decade. It remains in economic ruin.

Venezuela: This oil-rich South American nation in early 21st century went very quickly bankrupt under Communism.

Russia: Fell under Communist rule in the early 20th Century, ruining their economy and enslaving their people. They have recovered to a degree but remain under destructive autocratic rule.

China: Radicalism arose after WWII, ruining their economy and enslaving their people; today it is resurging economically because they have adopted carefully controlled "Free"-Enterprise, though the majority of their people still live in poverty or squalor.

North Korea: Perhaps there is no better illustration of the diametric opposites of Democratic Free-Enterprise and Totalitarian Communism than to observe two nations of one people on the same peninsula in the Far East. South Korea is a thriving nation with a vibrant economy under the Free-Enterprise system, while North Korea is a destitute, enslaved Communist nation under a ruthless dictator.

Other favorite Radical Leftist's tricks are deceitfully accentuated Racism, Class Envy, and Anti-Christian Bias. In fact, much of what the Radical Left follows is Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals*. He calls for eight precepts for the complete takeover of any nation. Here's a brief look at his thoughts:

Healthcare: Take total control of it and you will control the people. (The so-called Affordable Care Act is ruining healthcare in America.)

Poverty: Poor people are easier to control, so drop the economy into poverty levels. (Observe the increasing homeless situation and the number of people on the dole.)

Debt: Increase national debt to unsustainable levels to collapse the economy. (Federal spending is out of rational control.)

Gun Control: Take all of them away from the people to prevent them defending themselves from the government. Armed people are citizens; disarmed people are subjects. (The wisest action needed is to ID and care for deranged people, not guns.)

Welfare: Take control of every aspect of people's lives (Food, Housing, Income); it is easier to discipline people who are destitute.

Education: Take control of what people read and listen to – and what children learn in school. (Our Left's control of the Press and classrooms is classic Marxism.)

Religion: Remove the belief in God from everything. (Christians today are harassed in schools, in workplaces, etc. The church is told to butt-out because of the lie of "separation of church and state" – it's not in our Constitution.)

Class Warfare: Divide the people into rich and poor, then take from the rich to give to the poor. (Today's Leftists are using strident racism also).

Is it any wonder then that some of our states and cities governed by the "New Democrats" (Radical Leftists) are in seriously failing economic health. In fact, people and businesses in high-tax California, New York and other states, and democrat-run large Cities, are leaving in huge numbers and heading to republican-run states.

The Radical Left has recently come up with some ideas that are destined to cause great harm to our economy and to our people. These virulent examples are in Appendix One.

Global Climate Change	Electrical Energy Production
Uncontrolled Illegal Immigration	Anti-Faith Government Actions
Spending at the Federal Level	Drug Deaths and Infirmities
Armed Forces Voluntary Enlistment	CRT/DEI, Wokeness & Cancel Culture
LGBTQ et cetera	

The recent article entitled "The Gilded Age Myth, Then and Now" in the Wall Street Journal by Phil Gramm and Amity Shlaes states this at its close:

"At its root, progressivism is based on a myth and fueled by envy – the same caustic force that has destroyed prosperity and endangered Freedom from the time of the ancient Greeks."

Now you know the Truth about what's happening to us. If you are one of the millions of Americans who deeply desires a return to the pursuit of our once-robust life of Faith & Freedom – then we must chart and drive a new course of corrective action...

It's clear we are being shamelessly deliberately misled by our leaders – and that includes many of our elected and appointed leaders from our political parties. Sad to say also is that the once noble Democrat Party has gone rogue; it has been taken over by Radical Leftists who embrace Marxist thinking and actions. But also sad to say, too many in the Republican Party are weak and refuse to work together to approve good ideas and get them signed into law.

Most thinking Americans do not want any of the Radical-Leftist Marxist-based governance for Americas future!

The question in front of every one of us is:

What should we do as citizens who love the Freedoms in our America – even though some of them have already been severely eroded?

A fairly obvious answer is that we must put strong, mature, righteous, genuinely

conservative patriots in the elected and appointed offices at the national, state, county, and city leadership levels. **We define a “Conservative Patriot” to be a citizen who worships God and embraces His strong original Founding of our nation on His principles of Faith in the God of the Bible & Freedom of Individual Moral Endeavor.**

As a first order of business – the new leaders we hopefully will put into office, must counter and neutralize the seditious and traitorous people and organizations which are intent on destroying the United States of America as she was Founded. It appears that some of our most damaging leaders have been on our Courts, our Boards of Education, our Teacher Unions, as well as in the Legislative and Executive Branches of Democrat-led governments...

Voting for those people who are earnest about returning us to a firm belief in Almighty God who made us great in the first place, and to standing firmly upon our rock-solid Constitution as written, are essential if we are to reverse the damage to our nation.

We know for example, in 2018, 80% of eligible evangelical Christians did not vote, which gave control of the House of Representatives to the socialist progressive forces of the Radical Leftists. **We must take up our responsibilities as Christian Citizens in this country, and vote.**

Desiring freedom from governmental interference and looking to government primarily as a source of protection from enemies foreign and domestic is how things are supposed to be, as our Founders gave us. They did not see government as the dominant provider of services and benefits. **Too many Americans have begun to embrace the centralized government our founding Fathers urged us to fear and hold in check.**

All citizens, especially Evangelical Christian’s, must understand that this will be a long prayerful, twilight struggle, year in and year out, “rejoicing in hope and patient in tribulation”, to restore the original foundations of Biblical truth to our government, courts, educational system, and society.

This from the late Senator Jesse Helms:

“When you have men who no longer believe that God is in charge of human affairs, you have men attempting to take the place of God by means of the Super State. The Divine Providence on which our forefathers relied has been supplanted by the providence of the all-powerful progressive-socialist state. I believe that this is the source of deep weakness in America, because it is a transgression of the first and greatest of the Ten Commandments”.

This quote is from the Reverend Peter Marshall, who was the Chaplain of the United States Senate from 1947 until his passing in 1949:

“The Choice Before Us Is Plain, Christ Or Chaos, Conviction Or Compromise, Discipline Or Disintegration. I Am Rather Tired Of Hearing About Our Rights And Privileges As American Citizens. The Time Has Come; It Now Is, When We Ought To Hear About The Duties And Responsibilities Of Our Citizenship. The Future Of The United States Of America Depends Upon Her Accepting And Demonstrating God’s Government.”

OUR CONCLUSION

Our nation has reached a vital crossroads, a point of possibly no return, in the upcoming presidential election. We must Stand Strong for the **Faith in our God of The Holy Bible** and **Freedom for Our Individual Moral Endeavors** that characterized our nation for over 200 years! If we do not so stand, we will Fall more deeply into the fatal Coercion, Deception and Anguish of always-failing Communism!

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

There are two paths that must be followed:

First: The Pulpits of America must Thunder again for Righteousness in this land and be bold in calling out unrighteousness anywhere in our culture – just as the bold American Pastors of the 18th Century did. Their forthright and spirited biblical stands gave them the well-deserved title of the **Black Robe Regiment**. They were willing to fight for God’s principles to be instituted in our civil governments. For a pastor today to say that he won’t participate in Politics is to deny Jesus’ own instructions in Acts 9:15 to take His message to kings as well as to the jews and gentiles. And each of us laymen must become proactive in our governments, especially locally. We must Stand Against, vocally and in writing, governmental wrongdoing when we see it around us, including in schools and school boards.

It took the Pro-Abortion and LGBTQ movements over 60-years to reach their current level of *acceptance* in our Country. Having reached this perilous crossroads, Christians now must take the “road less traveled” and blaze a courageous path back to our fundamental spiritual values and principles of Religious Liberty and Limited Government, while defeating 1) the evil of murder in the womb, 2) those denying one’s birth sex, 3) the forces of progressive socialism, and 4) the radicalized racial division in our country.

This from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 7, verse 23:
“Obey Me, and I will be your God, and you will be my people.
Do everything as I say, and all will be well.”

Second: We all must elect Conservative Patriots to Public Office at all levels of government from now on. If you are a Conservative Patriot but are unable to run for office yourself, then become proactive in finding and convincing other Conservative Patriots to run for office. Then help them become successful.

This whole endeavor must be bathed in prayer. We must all begin to pray in expectant determination to ask God for His help?! And if you are not yet a faith-filled believer in God through His Son, Jesus Christ, then please take a moment right now and give yourself to Him in true repentance!

At Appendix Two we have added a paper entitled **Watchfire** to help you establish a Praying Group in your church, if you so choose. We hope and pray that you will. **The more Watchfire Prayer Groups started across America, the greater the chance our merciful God will hear and come to our desperately needed rescue.**

As was said by Thomas Jefferson, "*Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty*".

So now, let me ask you - Where will you stand when it's time to perform your civic duty and Christian responsibility...

to get informed,
to get involved
as a Godly influence in
civic and political affairs
of government - and
to vote your newly informed conscience?

Please read our nation's Pledge of Allegiance. As you do, think deeply about the words. Then ask yourself – will I truly mean these words in all I think, say or do in the future as a genuine Faith & Freedom citizen of America?

**"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."**

Perhaps we should add an important statement to that fine old pledge:

**"What joy for the nation whose God is the Lord,
whose people He has chosen as His inheritance."**

Psalm 33:12

James Russell Lowell, a staunch American Patriot in the 1800s, said this:

“Republican institutions in the hands of a virtuous
And God-Fearing Nation are the very best in the world,
But in the hands of corrupt and irreligious people, they are
the worst and most effective weapons of destruction”

Many of you are familiar with this next quote from **2 Chronicles 7:14**:

“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”

Lastly this from **1 Kings, chapter 8, verses 57,58,60**:

“May the Lord our God be with us as He was with our ancestors; may He never leave us or abandon us. May He give us the desire to do His will in everything and to obey all the commands, decrees, and regulations that He gave our ancestors. Then people all over the earth will know that the Lord alone is God and there is no other.”

We pray that our God will attend your every valiant effort to help all of us right the great wrongs in our once-magnificent nation of The United States of America! Amen.

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Appendix One to Faith & Freedom

We present here some of the virulent undertakings that the Radical Leftists in our nation are pursuing to assist their efforts to destroy America.

Global Climate Change. Everything about this issue is under God's control, not man's. For man to think he can upset the plans of God is hubris of an order rarely seen. There are macro-cycles of some 1030 years, as some scientists calculate, and there are smaller cycles of 515, 170 and 100 years, as other scientists claim. There is the Sunspot cycle of some 11 years, which is most probably the immediate measure of what causes our warming and cooling cycles. Past warming cycles have been an economic gift to the world, leading to some of the more "frozen-in" seaside communities being opened to hugely profitable shipping trade. There will always be changes in the climate – and God, not man, controls them. This huge scam (part of the fallacious Green Agenda) is designed to stymie economic progress and put money in the pockets of the autocrats while damaging the economies of any nation that adopts this fallacious thinking. Not incidentally, deliberately attempting to reduce CO₂ is a fool's errand because the vegetation around the world must have CO₂ in order to produce (in a process named photosynthesis) the Oxygen we need to breathe to stay alive.

Electrical Energy Production. An all-electric civilization, based on not burning hydrocarbon fuels is closely allied to Climate Change. The current viability of generating sufficient electricity without burning hydrocarbons is doubtful. Wind and solar generated power, expensive and unreliable, can never produce the base load necessary to support our economy, nor is it able to be counted on as a reliable back-up power generating source. All the "decisions" and calls for the whole nation to "get off gas" have not included the Electric Power Industry of the nation in their plans for a massive increase in the Base Load Generation capacity. It will lead to brown-outs and worse without complete coordination for a power generation upgrade (nuclear) and a large increase of all our Electric Power Generation Businesses. The Radical Leftists, who have already seriously damaged our economy with such ideas, have recently decided to do away with all fossil fuels (gasoline, gas, diesel, oil, etc.) – and insure everything runs on electricity (to include military vehicles, which is foolhardy). Then there is the serious question of whether or not the various offices of the Administration are legally able to issue such directives (sounds more like the "king's decree".)

Uncontrolled Illegal Immigration. Another tactic the Radical Leftists are using to cause America's collapse is to stop controlling the illegal immigration at the Southern Border and to allow anyone (5 million so far) to come to America. These people are

given free access to all the things that tax-paying citizens pay for, and too many of them are violent criminals. And some 1.3 million have entered the US that we have lost track of. The current administration with the help of the news media lies constantly about the chaotic crisis at our borders (South and North).

Anti-Faith Government Actions. Recently, it has been reported in newspapers that the FBI has been surveilling the Roman Catholic Churches “for signs of radicalization” which some say is only one component of a larger agenda by the current Federal Administration to target people of faith. And it is well known that the level of anti-Semitism is increasing in America. In short, the Federal Government is apparently doing what it can to continue to turn people away from God and against each other. This is a dangerous piece of the government’s attempt to turn America to Communism. As revealed earlier, it is one of the eight precepts of Saul Alinsky for enslaving a people/nation. And viewed against the robust earlier Christian underpinnings of the Founding of America, **it is precisely this turning away from God by the majority of Americans that is causing America to become weak and unstable in all our dealings at home and abroad.**

Spending at the Federal Level. The wildly out-of-control spending at the Federal level has become dangerous not only to America but to many other nations in the world because so many of their economies depend on the “full faith and credit” of the US Dollar, the world’s so-called “Reserve Currency”. The Federal government routinely runs a budget deficit, spending many more dollars than they collect. Remember, if America fails financially and economically, other nations will be damaged, too. Our national debt is now about \$32T – an amount that is close to unredeemable. In fact, we are now technically bankrupt.

Drug Deaths and Infirmities. Our government is doing too little to stop the flow of illegal drugs into America and to stop the use of such drugs in America. It is as though our current leadership wants America to die a slow death from Drugs. Illegal Drugs are also entering America in record amounts through our porous borders (and seaports of entry).

Armed Forces Voluntary Enlistment. Currently only 3 out of 10 draft-age citizens are eligible to enter the Armed Forces because the other 7 are ineligible because of drug issues, criminal records, and/or physical or mental disqualification. And many of those who are fully qualified have seen how poorly this country treats its discharged or retired veteran soldiers, which is perhaps one of the reasons enlistments are falling

dangerously short.

CRT/DEI, Wokeness & Cancel Culture. Many of us are aware of various Politicians in Washington DC, and teachers in schools and colleges attempting to change the facts (the Truth) of our history so that they can rewrite it to suit their purposes. It is a truism that if you change the recorded history of a people or nation through false teaching, you can change the future of that people or nation. That's why it's critical for the young people of this once-great nation to be taught the Truths of this article. Those who are trying to bring America down are using this devastating tactic with far too much success – and it is tearing America apart – which is what the Radical-Leftists (Marxists) want.

LGBTQ Et Cetera. The following remarks are taken from an article by Tim Wildmon, President of American Family Association, in the May 2023 issue of The Stand.

“Any thinking Human knows that this whole transgender movement is crazy. It's not science. It's a myth. Every human is born either male or female. For the last 10 years, a major push from the nation's [progressive-driven] entertainment industry (movies, music, television, social media, etc.) has promoted the idea that girls can be boys, and boys can be girls just by believing they are. It's like magic. Many in the education system and corporate America are promoting this deviancy, as well. It has become obvious that this is Satan directly attacking God's natural order.”

God has made it quite clear in His book of Truth, the Holy Bible, that He will not long tolerate deliberate disobedience of His laws. He makes it clear that homosexuality in any of its forms is against His natural order. Practicing it is a tragedy here on earth in this life and dooms its practitioners to Hell in eternity.

Appendix Two to Faith & Freedom

WATCHFIRE

by Tom McDonald, updated 5/23

WATCHFIRE *def:* “a fire kept burning at night as a signal or for the use of those staying awake to watch, or guard.”

The darkness of immorality and evil in the world is seen in the vile deeds of men without conscience. We see the corruption in the leaders of nations, congresses, courts and churches. Some of America’s governments embrace practices specifically forbidden by God in His Word, the Holy Bible. Then our highest court calls some of that evil “good”.

Why has God’s Church in America failed to rise up and say, “Enough of this evil. We demand a return to Righteousness.”? Because the Church cannot help America get right until it first gets itself, meaning all its people, back on God’s righteous path.

All who follow the one true God, Adonai-Elohim-El Shaddai, in America, must wake up! Pray with Holy Spirit passion for the Revival to Holiness of His Bride, the Church. We must become desperate for God to tear out the darkness in His churches in America, to replace it with the Light of His Holiness! We must also pray for the renovation of America into what God wants us to become.

Some Christians are lighting **Watchfires** to stand guard to pray every week against this spiritual darkness and for the dawn of His righteousness in all areas of life!

Therefore it’s our view that every Bible-teaching, Christ-following church in America will benefit from a permanent **Watchfire Prayer Team** to steadfastly pray for a **Revival** in every Christ-follower and Church in America, a mighty **Awakening** to the Spirit of God by every American, and a **Restoration** to Righteous Governance in all things.

The purpose of a Watchfire, then, is to pray fervently for:

- 1) **God to Cause a Great Hunger and Thirst for Him all across America** that will transform the hearts of people in Families, Government, Business, Education, Medicine, Industry, Military, Media, Law, Entertainment, etc.
- 2) **God to Raise up a Spirit-filled Man to Lead Another “Great Awakening”** – in us, in our Homes, in our own Church, and in each Christian Church in America, from Coast to Coast and Border to Border.
- 3) **A Renewal of the Desire to Pursue Righteousness** in our National, State, and Local Governments, with special emphasis on righteous Judges at all levels.

4) **Peace in Jerusalem and for Israel**

(Psalms 122:6; 125:5; 128:6)

5) **The Salvation of all God's enemies** – or
the complete neutralization of their immoral and evil influences and effects.

"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land.
I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land,
but I found no one." Ezekiel 22:30

It is highly likely that our great God has enlisted men and women in churches
all over this nation for similar prayer efforts.

We want to encourage those not yet praying for these things
to consider doing so on a regular basis.

Pray and listen for what God would have you do about this urgent business of
reviving His church first and then restoring our nation
to the once-righteous path that He formed for us through the
good and mostly Godly men known as our Founding Fathers.

Here are some additional resources you can consult:

Prayerconnect.net OneCry.com

Books by David Butts:

When God Shows Up, Desperate for Change,

Prayer and the End of Days, Asleep in the Land of Nod.

The three downloadable Booklets under the Writings Tab
of www.WordsAlongTheWay.com entitled:

"Saving America",

"America 2020 – A Call for Action to Restore Our Nation" and

"Let's Reason Together About America!"

It is our firmly held belief that if enough of us Humble ourselves,
seek His face, pray, and turn from our wicked ways, He will hear us,
will forgive us our sins and will surely heal our land.

We have His word on it...

Jesus is our Sure and Only Hope! To God alone be the Glory!

Walk with the King today and be a Blessing!