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A Voice in the Wilderness

God tells His servants in His Word, “Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!” (Isa.58:1, Parallel Amplified Bible).

God also declares: “Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

We are living in a world gone berserk with anger and rage. “Why do the nations rage?” (Psalm 2:1). Answer – because they don’t know the true God, and are in rebellion against His laws and teachings and the true way of life and peace!

Isaiah wrote: “A voice of one who cries: *Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord* [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth a highway for our God. . . . And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it” (Isaiah 40:3-5).

The Messiah is coming very SOON! Its time to prepare to MEET Him! “Surely the Lord will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). The purpose of this magazine is to warn the world of what lies ahead, and to help prepare people to get ready to meet the Messiah, when He returns to restore all things (Acts 3:19-21), put an end to wars, and usher in the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). No matter is more urgent, today!

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How Soon Will Messiah Come?

Are America and the world spiraling down to their final frightful doom and destruction? What does Bible prophecy tell us about the “End of Days”? What do Jewish rabbis say on this question? Why does the world around us seem to be flying apart, like a fly-wheel gone berserk?

No year has been so tumultuous as the year 2016! Great Britain has left the European Union – massive migrations of human populations have spread chaos and hatred around the world, in Europe and the Middle East! Where do we go from here?

-- William F. Dankenbring

The American Apocalypse

Is America spiraling down into oblivion and darkness? What does the future hold? What does Bible prophecy and Talmud exegesis tell us of the day of Messiah's return?

William F. Dankenbring

Anne Graham Lotz, Billy Graham's daughter, a renowned evangelist and author, told a gathering of pastors at the Family Research Council's 2016 "Watchmen on the Wall" conference in Washington, D.C. on May 26, 2016 that the United States has entered the "last stage" of the "downward spiral" into the bottomless chasm that is God's judgment.

Lotz, the founder of AnGeL Ministries, the new chairwoman of the National Day of Prayer and the author of the new book, *The Daniel Prayer: Prayer That Moves Heaven and Changes Nations*, was a featured speaker at the Family Research Council's 2016 "Watchmen on the Wall" conference.

During her 25-minute speech on the "urgency to reach the lost," Lotz warned that God is abandoning America because the country has embraced sexual immorality and entered into an era of "sexual depravity."

As Lotz has long called on Christians to repent for the sexual revolution and the advancement of LGBT propaganda, Graham asserted during her speech that educating children about evolutionary theory is another reason why God is issuing judgment on America.

Lotz, who has previously said that she believes Jesus Christ will return during her lifetime, quoted the first chapter of Romans to explain that the Bible explicitly warns against exchanging God for "men, birds, animals and reptiles."

Lotz reasoned that Romans 1:23 is referring to evolution.

"That's evolution and our schools teach evolution as fact and Creationism, if it is mentioned, it is sort of a fringe theory. Therefore, God gave it over," Graham said. "God just backs away and gives us over in His first path in this downward spiral to sexual immorality. That is the sexual revolution, That is free sex, which actually is very expensive."

"When we refuse to repent of our sin and turn to God, then in [Romans] verse 26, God gives us over to sexual depravity. Which is what we see all around us today," she added. "Then, we refuse to repent of our sin and turn to God."

Lotz then cited Romans 1:28 to argue that America has entered in the "last stage of this downward spiral into the abyss of God's judgment."

"The last step, 'furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to a reprobate mind,'" Lotz recited.

"He gives us over to ourselves and I believe America is in the last stage of this downward spiral into the abyss of God's judgment."

Lotz contended that things are only going to get worse for America.

"God is backing away from America. He has said again and again and again, 'If you forsake me, I will forsake you. If you abandon me, I will abandon you.' So, we see God abandoning America as we shake our fist in his face and insist on our immorality and all the things we are doing," she continued. "We have lost the ability to think straight, no pun intended. God backs away and removes His hand of blessing and His hand of favor and His hand of protection."

Lotz pointed out the biblical example seen in God's judgment on the nation of Judah, which He loved and eventually destroyed through King Nebuchadnezzar after the nation failed to repent and turn back to God.

"He did it slowly. In the end, when Judah defied Him and insisted on her right to sin, he moved Nebuchadnezzar to destroy the walls of the city, burn the city with fire," she explained. "The people he didn't take into captivity, he slaughtered in the streets and Judah was no more. And if God would do that to the nation that He loved, what would He do to America?"

Lotz stressed that although God is issuing his judgment on America, it is not too late for Christians and others to repent and pray.

James Dobson Speaks His Mind

Dr. James Dobson entered the fray on transgender bathrooms and President Obama's new tyrannical decree on the issue. He wrote in a scathing editorial:

"When I was in the third grade, I raised my hand one day and asked the teacher for permission to 'go to the bathroom.' She nodded, and I hurried down the hall to the door designated 'Boys.' When I had relieved myself, I headed back in the direction of my homeroom. As bad luck would have it, the doors in the hallway all looked alike, and I opened the wrong one. Two second-grade girls were standing there with their mouths open in disbelief. Then they both screamed and pointed at me. The loudest one said, 'You're in BIG trouble!' The other shouted, 'Get out of here!' Sweet kids.

"I was mortified beyond belief. I sneaked back into class and looked at the floor, wondering who might have witnessed my unthinkable crime. That was decades ago, but I haven't forgotten my humiliation. The cardinal rule is that boys and girls never entered each other's private facilities. Never!

“How the world has changed! Who would have believed a day would come during my lifetime when boys could meander into the private sanctuary of girls’ toilets, or that it would someday be a civil right for men to use women’s locker rooms and showers without permission or apology? Imagine sex-absorbed junior high boys ogling the bodies of developing pubescent girls or standing beside them in their showers. Have we gone absolutely mad? What ever happened to modesty, safety, and Christian morals?

“Did it upset you when the president of the United States ordered every public school in America to open all its bathroom facilities including those that are in use by a member of the opposite sex? The president’s order made me furious, and then sick to my stomach. How dare this man do something so audacious and unthinkable! His letter from the White House carried an implied threat to withhold federal money from local schools, which rocked the halls of public education. Who is this politician that is spending your hard-earned tax dollars to manipulate school officials, anyway? Who is it that is warping our children? *It is Barack Obama, one of the worst presidents in American history, and it is time we stood up and said so!*

“Obama, *acting like a king, is wielding dictatorial powers never envisioned in the law.* He is determined to change the way males and females relate to one another, and worse, how children perceive themselves. If you are a married man with any gumption, surely you will defend your wife’s privacy and security in restroom facilities. Would you remain passive after knowing that a strange-looking man, dressed like a woman, has been peering over toilet cubicles to watch your wife in a private moment? What should be done to the pervert who was using mirrors to watch women and girls in their stalls? If you are a dad, I pray you will protect your little girls from men who walk in unannounced, unzip their pants and urinate in front of them. If this had happened 100 years ago, someone might have been shot. Where is today’s manhood? God help us!”

Dobson continues, “Let’s talk more about Barack Obama, who is a tyrant in many ways. How dare he assault centuries of modesty and moral beliefs! By what authority does he tell parents and school officials what to teach children under their care? Christian parents, does this outrageous order violate something deep within your sense of propriety? The president has already maneuvered the courts to undermine a 5,000-year-old definition of marriage, after experiencing his infamous epiphany. Now he is determined to change Western civilization forever. He becomes more reckless and defiant as his second term comes to an end. Never has an American president been so absorbed with the use and abuse of power, and unfortunately, he still has seven months to go. What is next?”

Dobson concludes, “My friend Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council recently said he is often asked, ‘Why is the Obama administration trying to mainstream ‘transgenderism’ and force schools to accommodate students who want to use the bathrooms and locker rooms of the opposite sex?’” Tony’s answer gets to the heart of the motive: ‘It’s all part of a radical movement trying to destroy the fact that God created man and woman – and that somehow people can choose what gender they want to be. The ultimate goal is to break down all sexual inhibition and morality – a goal that would result in social chaos.’” (Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2016/05/protect-your-kids-from-tyrant-obama>),

America is in the Danger Zone

Over the past fifty years, America has rebelled against God and crossed all of these dangerous biblical boundaries:

- 1962 – Engel v. Vitale: the removal of Prayer in public schools by the Supreme Court.
- 1963 – Abington School District v. Schempp: the removal of Bible reading in public schools by the Supreme Court.
- 1973 – Rowe v. Wade legalized abortions by the Supreme Court. Since America has performed over 55 million abortions. Presently about one million abortions are occurring per year in America.
- 2013 – United States v. Windsor: the case that the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). DOMA stated that one man should be married to one woman. DOMA was biblically supported. We read in Genesis 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”
- 2015 – Obergefell v. Hodges: the Supreme Court case that ruled in favor of Same Sex Marriages.

This is an abomination in God’s sight! We read, “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones” (Romans 1:26, NIV). “In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error” (verse 27).

- 2015 – The present White House Administration has turned its back on Israel. Obama believes the Iran nuclear deal is good, but Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu believes it’s the worst deal imaginable.

The Word of God declares, “But if you do not do so [obey God in faith], then take note, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23). The NIV has it, ““But if you won’t do so, look out! You will be sinning against the LORD. Be certain of this, that your sin will catch up to you!”

The Lord has provided ample warnings to Americans that the country is headed for destruction. These forewarnings have come in the forms of remedial judgments, prophetic voices, and ultimately by giving them the ungodly leaders they deserve. For instance, U.S. President Barack Hussein Obama is the most pro-abortion, pro-homosexual, and anti-Israel president in America’s history!

The fact that he was reelected for a second term evidences the spiritual and moral bankruptcy of the nation!

What are the Signs of Impending Judgment?

Debt – Our country is currently nineteen trillion dollars in debt. Is Obama going for broke? “Obama administration’s budget has asked for \$2.1 billion set aside for illegal immigrants — which includes over a billion in benefits for an expected 75,000 Central American teenagers and children the administration estimates will illegally enter the country in 2016. This is according to analysis by the Center for Immigration Studies, which calculates that the budget request would amount to \$17,613 in taxpayer money for every illegal child — more than double what the government spent in 2010.

That’s nearly \$3,000 more than is budgeted for the average retiree in annual Social Security benefits — a benefits system these taxpayers contributed to for their entire working lives. The cost is based on a trend, CIS conclude. The administration has also asked for U.S. taxpayers to foot \$750 million in assistance to the Central American countries these unaccompanied alien children (UAC) are leaving.

Jobs – Looking for a Job? One out of five American families today, nobody in the family has a job—they have given up looking for a job. If nobody is working in one out of five American families, that brings up a question: “How can the employment rate be only five percent for the nation like the government says, if 20% of our families (1 out of every 5) nobody works (completely unemployed)? The Federal Reserve has found that 27% of all Americans today would not even be able to come up with \$400 cash for an unexpected visit to the emergency room at the hospital. They would have to borrow the money or sell something.

Homosexual Pride – New York's iconic Stonewall Inn, where the modern gay rights movement took root, will become the first national monument honoring the history of gays and lesbians in the U.S. under a proposal President Obama is preparing to approve to recognizing the struggle for gay rights. Next month marks Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in the U.S. *Christiandaily* (5.9.1) “Evangelist Franklin Graham opposes a national gay monument in NYC and has called the planned gay monument a “monument to sin”.

The Bible says in Leviticus 18:22-30 (KJV), “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.”

Earthquakes – Scientists say there has been an above average number of significant earthquakes across south Asia and the Pacific since the start of the year (2016). The increased frequency has sparked fears of a repeat of the Nepal quake of 2015, when 8,000 people died. Michael Snyder; *endoftheamericandream.com* According to Volcano Discovery, 38 volcanoes around the globe are erupting right now. This is definitely an unusually high number. Seismologist Roger Bilham of Colorado University warns “current conditions might trigger at least four earthquakes greater than 8.0 in magnitude”. If he is right and we do begin to see a series of absolutely massive earthquakes, that could dramatically change the course of world events literally overnight.

Is the strongest and most powerful nation on the planet headed for an apocalypse which will bring it to its knees? We live in a world that is becoming increasingly unstable, and apocalyptic themes have become very common in books, movies, television shows and video games.

Global Catastrophic Risks

In May the Global Challenges Foundation released a new report entitled “Global Catastrophic Risks 2016” in which they discussed various apocalyptic events that they believe could wipe out more than 10 percent of the population of our planet, and they warned that these types of events “are more likely than we intuitively think.”

1. Super volcanoes. In various locations around the globe, there are gigantic super volcanoes which could dramatically change the course of human history in a single moment by erupting. In the United States, the Yellowstone Super volcano is becoming increasingly active, and a full-blown eruption could potentially be up to 2,000 times more powerful than the eruption of Mount St. Helens back in 1980. As I mentioned the other day, major metropolitan areas such as Salt Lake City and Denver would be essentially destroyed, food production in this country would be virtually wiped out, and a “volcanic winter” would cool global temperatures by up to 20 degrees for up to several years.

2. Asteroids and Comets. NASA has established a “Planetary Defense Coordination Office” that is in charge of tracking giant space rocks, and NASA is working to develop a method to destroy incoming asteroids using nuclear weapons. Scientists admit that they only know about a small fraction of the near-Earth objects that are actually out there, and we get hit “by surprise” all the time.

3. Natural Pandemics. The flu pandemic of 1918 killed approximately 50,000,000 people worldwide, and scientists assure us that it will happen again one day. As we learned during the recent Ebola outbreak, a really nasty virus can grip the entire world with fear in a very short period of time.

4. Engineered Pandemics. This is probably even a bigger threat than natural pandemics, because now we have the technology to genetically alter naturally occurring diseases and make them even stronger.

5. Artificial Intelligence and Geo-engineering. The human race now has the capability to purposely modify the weather, and this means that we also have the capability to do a tremendous amount of damage.

6. Nuclear War. The U.S. strategic nuclear arsenal has been reduced by about 95 percent, and Barack Obama insists that he would like to reduce it even further. Meanwhile, both the Russians and the Chinese are rapidly modernizing their nuclear forces, and they both have developed hypersonic glide vehicles that can defeat any missile defense system that the U.S. can put up.

7. Islamic Terror is happening worldwide including the Far East. Terror attacks using weapons of mass destruction—biological, chemical, or nuclear—could literally turn our society completely upside down virtually overnight? Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have nuclear weapons.

8. Power Grid Failure. A massive electromagnetic pulse, either from the sun or as the result of a nuclear blast, could instantly plunge society back into the 1800s. Imagine a world without any lights, cell phones, computers, televisions, ATMs, heating and cooling systems, credit card readers, gas pumps, cash registers, refrigerators or hospital equipment. The EMP Commission spent years studying this, and they told Congress back in 2008 that up to 90 percent of the U.S. population could be dead within one year of such an event due to starvation, disease and the breakdown of society.

9. Cyberwar. The Internet is one area where we are particularly vulnerable. The Chinese, the Russians and the North Koreans have all been working very hard to develop their cyberwarfare capabilities. Insiders of the U.S. intelligence say our power grid could be taken down with just the push of a button.

10. Economic Collapse. If you want to see how devastating an economic collapse can be on a nation, just pick up a history book and start reading about the Great Depression of the 1930s. What we are heading for is going to be a whole lot worse than that.

11. Civil Unrest & Martial Law. Anger and frustration have been building up to unprecedented levels in this country, and at some point there is going to be a huge explosion.

12. Catastrophic Earthquakes. A historic earthquake along the New Madrid fault seismic zone, the Cascadia Subduction zone or any of the major faults in California could affect millions of lives, cause hundreds of billions of dollars in damage, and literally change the geography of our continent.

Signs of the Times

We read in I Chronicles 12:32 of the “sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.” How many people have understanding of the times, today?

Yeshua the Messiah said to the Jews, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times” (Matt.16:2-3).

One of the premier signs that we are living in the END of this age is the nation of Israel. In Scripture, Israel is compared to the fig tree. Yeshua said to His disciples, “Now learn this parable from the fig tree. When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!” (Matt.24:32-33).

God compares His people Israel to a fig tree. He says, in Jeremiah, “Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah . . . For I will set Mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land and I will build them and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up” (Jer.24:5-7).

Israel is a type of the fig tree and has been putting out fruit ever since it was established in 1948. Christ went on to say, “Assuredly I say to you, THIS GENERATION [THE GENERATION OF THE FIG TREE] will by no means pass away TILL all these things take place” (Matt.24:34).

We Have Forgotten God

The modern generation has forgotten God. So God declares, “Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the Rock of your stronghold, therefore you will plant pleasant plants and set out foreign seedlings . . . but the harvest will be a heap of ruins in the day of grief and desperate sorrow” (Isaiah 17:10-11).

God says of our peoples, “I have nourished and brought up children, and they have *rebelled against Me*. The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master’s crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider. Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward” (Isaiah 1:2-4).

God declares, “I will give children to be their princes, and babes [margin, “capricious ones”] shall rule over them. The people will be oppressed, every one by another and every one by his neighbor; the child will be insolent toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable” (Isa.3:4-5).

God thunders, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have *rejected knowledge* [of God], I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have *forgotten the law of your God*, I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).

People today don’t want to hear about God or His judgments. They don’t take Him seriously. In fact, as God told Isaiah, “Now go write it before them on a tablet and note it on a scroll, that for time to come, forever and ever: That this is a REBELLIOUS people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD; who say to the seers, ‘Do not see,’ and to the prophets, ‘Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us SMOOTH THINGS, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us’” (Isaiah 30:8-11).

Because of this attitude, “Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perversity, and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you *like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes SUDDENLY, IN AN INSTANT*. And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter’s vessel, which is broken in pieces” (Isaiah 30:12-14).

God looks down on this wayward, intransigent, stubborn generation of lawless rebels, and declares, “Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out My hand and no one regarded, because you disdained all My counsel, and would have none of My rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you” (Proverbs 1:24-27).

Our nation and our leaders and people, from top to bottom, have forgotten God, turned their backs on Him, and rejected His laws and counsel. They forget that He rules over all. They think they can carry on, oblivious to Him and His Word – and so a trap has been set for their feet. God declares, “Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD . . . They would have none of My counsel and despised My every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies, for the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them” (Prov.1:29-32).

God rules in the kingdoms of men. We have a responsibility to seek His way, His face, and His truth, for self-preservation as much as anything else. Woe be to those who continue to defy the living God and ignore His commandments. Governments steal from their citizens, and their citizens steal from each other, and judgment is surely coming!

God says to His people, “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezek.18:30-31).

God says again, “As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways. For why should you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezek.33:11).

The hour of judgment is rapidly approaching. God thunders, “They do not direct their deeds toward turning to their God, for the spirit of harlotry is in their midst. And they do not know the LORD. The pride of Israel testifies to his face; therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity; Judah also stumbles with them” (Hosea 5:4-5).

God’s warning goes forth, “Blow the ram’s horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah! Cry aloud at Beth Aven, Look behind you, O Benjamin! Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel I make known what is sure” (Hos.5:8-9).

Jeremiah cries out, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved! For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt. I am mourning; astonishment has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery for the health of the daughter of my people?” (Jere.8:20-22).

The apostle Paul warned, looking into our day, “For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape” (I Thess.5:4).

Isaiah cried out, seeing the future of America, “Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will be limp, every man’s heart will melt, and they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; they will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames” (Isaiah 13:6-8).

The Day of Destruction

Is God angry with America? Has the modern world “crossed the line”?

The majority of the people jubilantly dance in the streets, women shimmer and shake like night club dancers, glorying in the victory of Obama, a man who defies the living God, flagrantly trumpets his disdain for the Scriptures, ridicules the Word of God, embraces the gay life style and community and gay marriage, and flagrantly flouts the laws of God as well as the laws of the nation.

The common worldly attitude was expressed by the prophet Isaiah, who wrote, “And in that day the Lord GOD of hosts called for weeping and for mourning, for baldness and for girding with sackcloth. But instead, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!’” (Isaiah 22:12-13).

How bad is the common attitude of especially young people and many multitudes in our midst, today? Isaiah says, “Then it was revealed in my hearing by the LORD of hosts, ‘Surely for this iniquity there will be no atonement for you, even to your death,’ says the Lord GOD of hosts” (v.14). The condition is fatal.

The Day of the Lord

The nation has embarked on a wrong course. It refuses to turn around. So it is hell bent on its own destruction. And therefore God declares, “Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible [or, tyrants, margin]” (Isaiah 13:9-11).

America has taken the wrong fork in the road. It is the way that leads to catastrophe and cataclysm. We are embarking on a destructive course which will consume us, because we have refused to be taught, to learn our lesson, and to confess our sins and shortcomings. We have turned our backs on God and severe punishment lies ahead.

Obama’s Role

Judaism holds that a name is a powerful aspect of a person’s identity. Gematria, a method of Hebrew numerology, is commonly used as a method to understand how one fits into the

divine plan. A glimpse into what numerologists have said about US President Barack Obama may reveal some uncomfortable truths, or simply confirm what we already suspect.

Gematria is the practice of assigning each Hebrew letter a numerical value. Rabbis teach that calculations of the Gematria of Hebrew names and words reveal hidden layers of meaning by linking together words and phrases of similar or identical numbers.

Torah scholars Joel Gallis and Dr. Robert Wolf, who taught the Bible for almost two decades, are experts in making connections through numerology. They wrote extensively about Obama in their blog, *Redemption 5768*, during Obama's first term, and many of their conclusions are still quoted by Jewish thinkers today.

Gallis and Wolf noted that Obama was destined for leadership since the Gematria of his full name, Barack Hussein Obama (המאבוא ייטוה קרב), is 501, equal to the Gematria of the word שׂאֵר (head, or leader). The type of leader he will be is revealed through another calculation: Obama's first term was as the 44th president of the United States, and the 44th word in the Torah is דְּשַׁחֲלוּ (and to the darkness).

Though he self-identifies as a Christian, his mother's religion, their numerology of Obama's name connects him to Islam, the religion of his adoptive and biological fathers. The Gematria of his full name is equal to the Gematria of the word יִשְׁמַעֲלִים (Ishmaelites), who are considered by most Biblical commentaries to represent Arabs and the world of Islam. The Gematria of Barack Obama, without his middle name (המאבוא קרב), is 357, the same value as אֶרֶץ (Koran), the holy book of the Ishmaelites.

Gallis and Wolf also found hints at Obama's place in the Messianic process. At Mount Sinai, Moses prophesied about what would happen to Israel at the End of Days.

For I know that after my death ye will in any wise deal corruptly, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the end of days; because ye will do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him through the work of your hands. (Deuteronomy 31:29)

Moses predicted that evil would befall Israel as a result of their own actions (בְּמַעֲשֵׂה בְיָדֵיכֶם). The Gematria of בְּמַעֲשֵׂה בְיָדֵיכֶם is 501, equal to Barack Hussein Obama, who was elected two times by over 70 percent of the Jews in America, despite his decidedly anti-Israel policies.

In the verse, Moses uses the word וְקָרָאת (and it will happen). The only other time this form of the word is used in the entire Torah is when an angel tells Hagar that she is with child and that she should call her son Ishmael (Genesis 16:11). The angel reveals the future of Ishmael:

And he shall be a wild ass of a man: his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the face of all his brethren. (Genesis 16:12)

Despite calling for peace, Obama has fulfilled the prophecy concerning Ishmael's influence in the world and his destructive role in Moses' prediction of the end of days. Last month, Obama claimed at a speech in Germany that we are living in the "most peaceful era" in history. However, a recent study by *Mida*, a liberal Israeli current affairs and opinion online magazine, showed that 80 percent more people were killed in wars around the globe under Obama than under Bush.

The Gematria of Obama's full name is also equal to the Gematria of the phrase **מיֵּמַי וְשֵׁאֵב יָמוֹ** (who by water and who by fire). This is the first method of divine retribution listed in the liturgy recited on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Gallis and Wolf claim this is related to Obama's hubris as exhibited in Obamacare, his healthcare program. The president now decides who will receive healthcare, who will live and who will die.

Interestingly, the Torah teachers note that the Gematria of Obama's name actually indicates that he is indeed very close to being the messiah – with one significant difference.

"The Gematria of Barack Obama **הַמַּאֲבֹד קֶרֶב** is 357, just one short of the 358 of *Mashiach* (Hebrew for messiah). But the ONE that is missing is Hashem, the Master of the Universe who is ONE. Without God on his side, he is nothing but a false messiah."

Jewish Talmudic rabbis also spoke of these days we are living in.

Talmudic Prophecies

"R. Johanan said: 'in the generation when the son of David [i.e., Messiah] will come, scholars will be few in number, and as for the rest, their eyes will fail through sorrow and grief. *Multitudes of trouble and evil decrees will be promulgated anew, each new evil coming with haste before the other has ended.*'"

"Our Rabbis taught: in the seven year cycle at the end of which the son of David will come—in the first year, this verse will be fulfilled: And I will cause it to rain upon one city and cause it not to rain upon another city; in the second, the arrows of hunger will be sent forth; in the third, a great famine, in the course of which men, women, and children, pious men and saints will die, and the Torah will be forgotten by its students; in the fourth, partial plenty; in the fifth, great plenty, when men will eat, drink and rejoice, and the Torah will return to its disciples; in the sixth, [Heavenly] sounds; in the seventh, wars; and at the conclusion of the septennate the son of David will come. R. Joseph demurred: But so many septennates have passed, yet has he not come! - Abaye retorted: Were there then [Heavenly] sounds in the sixth and wars in the seventh! Moreover, have they [sc. the troubles] been in this order!"

In the Talmud, Vol 21, Steinsaltz edition, Sanhedrin 96-B — we read of "The prophecies of the Coming Messiah (prophecy being fulfilled at the coming of Messiah)". The question was asked by a rabbi: "Who is the son of the giants?" *Answer*: Messiah. "Have you heard when Messiah is going to come?"

As Amos 9:11 states, “In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen...” Rabbi Johannian said, “When the son of David, the Messiah comes, Torah scholars will diminish in number. As for the rest of the people their eyes fail with pain and grief and their troubles will increase; hard decrees will be constantly renewed (as is happening in America today as imposed by a despotic president).

“As soon as the first evil decree is past, so will come speedily the second evil decree in its place.” In the Sabbatical cycle” (a Sabbatical cycle is a Shemitah cycle of 7 years ending in a year of rest), *when the Son of David will come the following will occur.*”

We just ended a Shemitah cycle (2014 – 2023) during which we had two blood red moons both years at the beginning of the Hebrew year/Passover 2014 and Sukkoth 2014. Then in 2015, there was a blood red moon Passover and another blood red moon Sukkoth. The current Shemitah cycle began September 2016 and ends in 2023.

The Sabbatical Cycle. (possible projection: 2016 – 2023)

1ST YEAR — “And I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.”

2ND YEAR — “Arrows of the famine will be shot everywhere (scattered famine); nowhere will there be plenty.”

3RD YEAR — “There will be a great famine throughout the world.” Men and women of good deeds will die (persecution/tribulation) and as a result, Torah will be forgotten.

4TH YEAR — “The situation will begin to improve. There will be plenty in some places and still lacking in some places.”

5TH YEAR — “There will be plenty in all places, people will eat, drink and be happy and the Torah will be restored to its students.

6TH YEAR — “There will be rumors that Messiah is on His way. During the 6th year, when Messiah comes, there will be great heavenly noises similar to thunder that is not connected with clouds or rain. (Great signs in the heavens. Compare with Revelation 6).

7TH YEAR — “Great wars will be fought between Israel and the nations, War of Gog and Magog. (Armageddon/Apocalypse war—Revelation 17). The year following the Shemitah year (ends Sept.-Oct) the Son of David will come.”

The Generation of Messiah

The Talmud continues: “It has been taught, R. Judah said: in the generation when the son of David comes, the house of assembly will be for harlots, Galilee in ruins, Galilee desolate, the border inhabitants wander about from city to city, receiving no hospitality, the wisdom of scribes in disfavour, God-fearing men despised, people be dog-faced, and truth entirely lacking,

as it is written, Yea, truth faileth, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. What is meant by 'yea, truth faileth [ne'edereth]'? - The Scholars of the School of Rab said: This teaches that it will split up into separate groups and depart. What is the meaning of 'and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey [mishtollel]'? - The School of R. Shila said: He who departs from evil will be dubbed a fool by his fellow-men.

“It has been taught: R. Nehorai said: in the generation when Messiah comes, *young men will insult the old, and old men will stand before the young [to give them honour]*; daughters will rise up against their mothers, and daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law. The people shall be dog-faced, and a son will not be abashed in his father's presence.

“It has been taught, R. Nehemiah said: in the generation of Messiah's coming *impudence will increase, esteem be perverted*, the vine yield its fruit, yet shall wine be dear, and the Kingdom will be converted to heresy with none to rebuke them. This supports R. Isaac, who said: The son of David will not come until the whole world is converted to the belief of the heretics. Raba said: What verse [proves this]? it is all turned white: he is clean.

We are living in just such a generation!

Solomon wrote of this generation: “There is a generation that curses its father, and does not bless its mother. There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness. There is a generation—oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and whose fangs are like knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men” (Proverbs 30:11-14, NKJV).

That sounds just like our miserable, evil present generation!

The apostle Peter cried out to the people in his day: “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation” (Acts 2:40, NIV).

The New Living translation has it, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

The Berean literal Bible has it, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

Jesus Christ said in Luke 9:41, “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you?” I am sure He would feel the same way with our modern generation as well!

What about you? Do you “sigh and cry” about the abominations being perpetrated by this end-time, perverse generation – the world around us? The Holman Christian Standard Bible declares in Ezekiel 9:4, God tells His angel, “Pass throughout the city of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the detestable practices committed in it.” Do you feel this way? God delivered righteous Lot because he signed and cried over the abominations practiced in Sodom and Gomorrah! (II Peter 2:7-8).

Where do you stand?

100 Facts about the Moral Collapse of America that Are Almost too Crazy to Believe

Michael Snyder

The collection of facts and statistics that you are about to read is highly controversial. A lot of people are going to be greatly upset by it. Why? Because they don't like to be confronted with the truth about America. Most people tend to believe that we can "fix this country" by getting the right politicians into power or by implementing certain economic or social reforms. But the reality of the matter is that our problems go far deeper than that. A moral collapse is eating away at the foundations of our society like cancer. If it continues to go unchecked, it will inevitably destroy America. Unfortunately, fixing moral decay is far more difficult than switching out political parties, because it is in the hearts of hundreds of millions of individual Americans. And most people don't want to hear anything about a "moral collapse", because most people like to think that the United States is setting a "good example" for the rest of the planet. But as you will see below, that is not the case at all.

And if we are honest with ourselves, we see the evidence of this moral collapse all around us every day. Just consider a few of the news stories that we have seen recently...

What would cause a high school kid to take two kitchen knives and go on a stabbing rampage through his school?

What would cause a topless woman to ransack a McDonald's in St. Petersburg, Florida?

What would cause two 18-year-old boys to beat a 30-year-old mentally-disabled man to death with a baseball bat just so they could get his Xbox?

What would cause a new father to put his 6-week-old daughter in a freezer to keep her from crying?

A lot of people regard those kinds of stories as "isolated incidents", but as you will see below, they are actually representative of a much larger trend. As a society, we are decaying from the inside out, and we need to start facing the truth if we are ever going to get this turned around. The following are 100 facts about the moral collapse of America that are almost too crazy to believe...

#1 Approximately one-third of the entire population of the United States (110 million people) currently has a sexually transmitted disease according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#2 Every single year, there are 20 million new STD cases in America.

#3 America has the highest STD infection rate in the entire industrialized world.

#4 Americans in the 15 to 24-year-old age group account for about 50 percent of all new STD cases each year.

#5 It costs our nation approximately 16 billion dollars a year to treat our sexually transmitted diseases.

#6 According to one survey, 24 percent of all U.S. teens that have STDs say that they still have unprotected sex.

#7 In Chicago, public school kindergarten teachers are now required to set aside 30 minutes a month for sex education.

#8 The United States has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the entire industrialized world.

#9 According to a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately two-thirds of all Americans in the 15 to 24-year-old age bracket have engaged in oral sex.

#10 At this point, one out of every four teen girls in the U.S. has at least one sexually transmitted disease.

#11 According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, there are 747,408 registered sex offenders in the United States.

#12 There are 106,216 registered sex offenders in the state of California alone.

#13 18 percent of all women in the United States say that they have been raped at some point in their lives.

#14 More than 50 percent of all rapes take place within one mile of the home.

#15 Teens that are in the 16 to 19-year-old age bracket are 3 1/2 times more likely than the general population “to be the victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.”

#16 60 percent of male sex abuse victims and 80 percent of female sex abuse victims “are abused by someone known to the child or the child’s family.”

#17 It is estimated that one out of every four girls will be sexually abused before they become adults.

#18 An astounding 30 percent of all Internet traffic now goes to adult websites.

#19 70 percent of all men in the 18 to 24-year-old age bracket visit at least one adult website each month.

#20 The average high school boy spends two hours on adult websites every single week.

#21 Law enforcement officials estimate that about 600,000 Americans and about 65,000 Canadians are trading dirty child pictures online.

#22 It has been estimated that 89 percent of all pornography is produced in the United States.

#23 One survey discovered that 25 percent of all employees that have Internet access in America visit sex websites while they are at work.

#24 The marriage rate in the United States has fallen to an all-time low. Right now it is sitting at a yearly rate of 6.8 marriages per 1000 people.

#25 In the United States today, more than half of all couples “move in together” before they get married.

#26 Not surprisingly, an all-time low 44.2 percent of all Americans in the 25 to 34-year-old age bracket are married at this point.

#27 America has the highest divorce rate in the world by a good margin.

#28 America has the highest percentage of one person households on the entire planet.

#29 100 years ago, 4.52 people were living in the average U.S. household, but now the average U.S. household only consists of 2.59 people.

#30 According to the Pew Research Center, only 51 percent of all American adults are currently married. Back in 1960, 72 percent of all adults in the United States were married.

#31 For women under the age of 30 in the United States, more than half of all babies are being born out of wedlock.

#32 At this point, approximately one out of every three children in the United States lives in a home without a father.

#33 In 1970, the average woman had her first child when she was 21.4 years old. Now the average woman has her first child when she is 25.6 years old.

#34 In a massacre that is almost unspeakable, more than 56 million American babies have been slaughtered in this country since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973.

#35 Approximately 47 percent of the women that get an abortion each year in the United States have also had a previous abortion.

#36 The number of American babies killed by abortion each year is roughly equal to the number of U.S. military deaths that have occurred in all of the wars that the United States has ever been involved in combined.

#37 About one-third of all American women will have had an abortion by the age of 45.

#38 Approximately 3,000 Americans lost their lives as a result of the destruction of the World Trade Center towers on 9/11. Every single day, more than 3,000 American babies are killed by abortion when you include all forms of abortion.

#39 The United States has the highest abortion rate in the western world.

#40 It has been reported that a staggering 41 percent of all New York City pregnancies end in abortion.

#41 Most women that get abortions in the United States claim to be Christian. Protestant women get 42 percent of all abortions and Catholic women get 27 percent of all abortions.

#42 According to Pastor Clenard Childress, approximately 52 percent of all African-American pregnancies now end in abortion.

#43 About 18 percent of all abortions in the United States each year are performed on teenagers.

#44 One very shocking study found that 86 percent of all abortions are done for the sake of convenience.

#45 A Department of Homeland Security report that was released in January 2012 says that if you are “anti-abortion”, you are a potential terrorist.

#46 Some abortion clinics have been caught selling aborted baby parts to medical researchers.

#47 Planned Parenthood Founder Margaret Sanger once said the following...

“The most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.”

But now she is praised in the halls of the U.S. Congress.

#48 Planned Parenthood performs more than 300,000 abortions every single year.

#49 Planned Parenthood specifically targets the poor. A staggering 72 percent of Planned Parenthood's "customers" have incomes that are either equal to or beneath 150 percent of the federal poverty level. And most of those "customers" live in minority neighborhoods.

#50 There are 30 Planned Parenthood executives that make more than \$200,000 a year. A few of them actually make more than \$300,000 a year.

#51 Planned Parenthood receives hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal government every single year.

#52 The FDA is actually considering making it legal for doctors and scientists to create "three parent babies" in the United States.

#53 An all-time high 59 percent of all Americans believe that the traditional definition of marriage needs to be changed.

#54 The number of sexual assaults in the U.S. military is at an all-time high, and the majority of them are male on male.

#55 During 2012, more than 85,000 military veterans were formally treated for sexual abuse that they suffered while serving in the U.S. military.

#56 The number of active members of the U.S. military that kill themselves each year now exceeds the number that are dying on the battlefield.

#57 According to one absolutely shocking study, 22 military veterans kill themselves in the United States every single day.

#58 America has the highest incarceration rate and the largest total prison population in the entire world by a wide margin.

#59 In America today, there are 60 million people that abuse alcohol and there are 22 million people that use illegal drugs.

#60 Incredibly, more than 11 percent of all Americans that are 12 years of age or older admit that they have driven home under the influence of alcohol at least once during the past year.

#61 According to a study conducted by the Mayo Clinic, nearly 70 percent of all Americans are on at least one prescription drug. An astounding 20 percent of all Americans are on at least five prescription drugs.

#62 According to the CDC, approximately 9 out of every 10 Americans that are at least 60 years old say that they have taken at least one prescription drug within the last month.

#63 Americans spend more than 280 billion dollars on prescription drugs each year.

#64 According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, doctors in the United States write more than 250 million prescriptions for antidepressants each year.

#65 Right now, there are 70 million Americans that are on mind-altering drugs of one form or another.

#66 Children in the United States are three times more likely to be prescribed antidepressants than children in Europe are.

#67 In the United States today, prescription painkillers kill more Americans than heroin and cocaine combined.

#68 America has the highest rate of illegal drug use on the entire planet.

#69 According to the federal government, the number of heroin addicts in the United States has more than doubled since 2002.

#70 The number of heroin-related overdose deaths has risen 84 percent just since 2010.

#71 It is hard to believe, but 56 percent of all Americans now have “subprime credit”.

#72 Of all the major industrialized nations, America is the most obese. Mexico is #2.

#73 Only one state in the entire country has an obesity rate of under 20 percent. 11 states have an obesity rate of over 30 percent.

#74 Back in 1962, only 13 percent of all Americans were obese, but it is being projected that 42 percent of all Americans could be obese by the year 2030.

#75 Corruption is rampant throughout our society. In fact, America leads the world in money given to fake charities.

#76 Without strong families, our young people are constantly in search of an identity. According to the FBI, there are now more than 1.4 million gang members involved in the 33,000 active criminal gangs in the United States.

#77 In 2012, the latest full year that we have numbers for, the rate of violent crime in the United States increased by 15 percent.

#78 The average young American will spend 10,000 hours playing video games before the age of 21.

#79 One study discovered that 88 percent of all Americans from age 8 to age 18 play video games, and that approximately four times as many boys are addicted to video games as girls are.

#80 Average SAT scores have been falling for years, and the level of education that our kids are receiving in most of our public schools is a total joke.

#81 At this point, 15-year-olds that attend U.S. public schools do not even rank in the top half of all industrialized nations when it comes to math or science literacy.

#82 We live a time when most employers no longer care about their employees. As I wrote about the other day, a company that Warren Buffett has a controlling interest in has decided to shut down a factory in Kentucky and move it to Honduras just so that he can make a little bit more money. As a result, 600 workers are going to lose their jobs.

#83 There are more than 3 million reports of child abuse in the United States every single year.

#84 According to a recent Pew Research Center survey, 60 percent of all Americans believe that “humans and other living things have evolved over time”, while only 33 percent of respondents rejected this statement.

#85 Nearly one-fifth of all U.S. adults have no religious affiliation whatsoever. Back in 1972, only 7 percent of all U.S. adults had no religious affiliation.

#86 The number of Americans with no religious affiliation has grown by 25 percent over the past five years.

#87 The younger you are, the more likely you are not to be affiliated with a religion. 9 percent of all U.S. adults that are 65 or older have no religious affiliation, but a whopping 32 percent of all U.S. adults under the age of 30 have no religious affiliation.

#88 88 percent of those that are religiously unaffiliated “are not looking for religion”.

#89 73 percent of the religiously unaffiliated support gay marriage and 72 percent of the religiously unaffiliated support legalized abortion.

#90 The religiously unaffiliated now make up 24 percent of all registered voters “who are Democrats or lean Democratic”.

#91 For the first time ever, Protestants do not make up a majority of the U.S. population. In 2007, Protestants made up 53 percent of the U.S. population, but now they only make up 48 percent of the U.S. population. Way back in 1972, Protestants made up 62 percent of the U.S. population.

#92 29 percent of all U.S. adults “seldom or never attend religious services”.

Prophecy Briefs

Revival is America's Only Hope

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, whose "The Harbinger" book racked up months on the New York Times best-sellers list, is warning that America, through its Supreme Court and White House, has defied the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the only answer now is a revival.

"We stand here at this critical hour between two altars, and two gods. The voice of the Lord cries out, 'Choose you this day whom you shall serve,'" he said at the recent 2016 National Day of Prayer event in Washington.

"Our choice is not between one candidate and another; it is between God and Baal."

Cahn, who at the recent "Washington: A Man of Prayer" event in Statuary Hall demanded from the U.S. Supreme Court justices to know where they got the authority to overrule God on marriage, noted, "70 years ago, the chaplain of the U.S. Senate said, 'If the Lord is God then serve Him, but if Baal, then serve him and go to hell.'"

"That warning is all the more critical today," Cahn said. "We come to Washington not to seek the agency of government, but to seek the agency of the Holy Spirit. ... There is no other way but revival. We commit ourselves to pray for that revival and not only to pray for that revival but by the power of God to walk in that revival."

He continued, "We have come here because our hope and our trust is not in man, it is in God. Specifically, our trust is in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of Moses, Elijah, the Red Sea and the resurrection. The God of the impossible."

Cahn was dubbed "America's prophet" a year ago by Dan Cummins, who organizes the "Washington: A Man of Prayer" event for members of Congress each year.

At the Day of Prayer event, he reprised some of his warnings from the earlier "Washington: A Man of Prayer" event.

"As ancient Israel turned away from her God and His ways, so, too, has America," he thundered from the podium.

"The city on hill, founded for the purposes of God, drove God out of its government, out of its culture, out of its public square. It celebrated ungodliness and called evil good and good evil. It lifted up the most innocent and helpless of its inhabitants and slaughtered them on the altars of self-obsession.

"The last time we gathered, it was the day after the Supreme Court heard the case to decide the future of marriage," he said. "Two months after we gathered here, America's highest court struck down the order of God!

"It must be asked, this day, Supreme Court justices, where do you get the authority to overrule the rulings of the Most High? By what authority did you strike down the laws of the Almighty? ... You are neither the highest court nor the final authority. There is a Supreme Justice that does not sleep forever."

At the Day of Prayer event he continued, putting President Obama in his target.

"Mr. President did you not lay your hand on the Word of God to assume the oath of your presidency.

"Then how did you take the same hand and enact words that war against the very Word on which you swore your oath. And you uttered the words 'so help me God.' But on the day the order of God was struck down, you issued the order to illumine the White House in the colors of the rainbow to celebrate that striking down."

He continued, "Mr. President, by what authority did you take the sacred colors of God's covenant,

the colors of his throne and the colors of his mercy in the face of judgment, and turn them against the purposes of God. Does a president have the power to veto the ordinance of the living God?"

"Follow Baal and go to hell!" thundered Cahn just a year ago at the "Man of Prayer."

The speech became an Internet sensation, with more than 11 million people viewing it on just one of the social media sites where it was posted. Millions more saw it elsewhere.

As demonstrate by the Supreme Court's decision, Cahn's warning was not heeded.

Last year, Cahn warned that America was exchanging "our light for darkness" by rebelling against God and was, therefore, inviting divine judgment.

"If a nation's high court should pass judgment on the Almighty, should you then be surprised God will pass judgment on the court and that nation? We are doing that which Israel did on the altars of Baal," he said then. (WND, Bob Unruh, May 14, 2016).

Obama's Potty Jihad Is Literally "Insane"

"Literally insane." "No basis in law or logic." "Partners in child abuse." "Completely ridiculous." "Unconstitutional mandate." "Political goal."

No wonder the Obama administration announced its new transgender mandate for school bathrooms across the country heading into a Friday, the traditional day for "information dumps" whereby government, hoping people are focused on the weekend, won't really pay attention.

Or perhaps they, themselves, wanted a couple of days to disconnect from the Internet before they'd have to confront, on Monday, the massive onslaught their latest work has wrought.

Whatever the reason, the announcement by the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice telling all public schools to allow transgender students to use the bathroom matching their chosen "gender identity," or else risk a lawsuit or loss of federal funding, stirred up storms of reaction, very little of it positive, as the comments listed above typify.

International journalist and educator Alex Newman said this particular Obama administration decree illustrates the many serious problems plaguing America's education system.

"First of all, neither the federal government nor the Obama administration has a shred of constitutional authority to be meddling in public schools," declared Newman, coauthor of the book "Crimes of the Educators."

"Education is not among the enumerated powers of the federal government, and therefore schooling is properly within the jurisdiction of states or local communities. That includes bathroom policies.

"Secondly, this latest federal intrusion is typical of what has been imposed on schools across America from Washington, D.C., for generations. Rather than focusing on real education, the federally controlled schools have become indoctrination factories waging war on truth, common sense, morality and even reality."

The administration's directive covered not only bathrooms, but locker rooms and other sex-segregated facilities as well. The letter also said staff should address transgender students by their preferred names and pronouns.

As CNN noted, the letter stated "schools cannot require students to have a medical diagnosis, undergo any medical treatment, or produce a birth certificate before treating them consistent with their gender identity."

"We now have a would-be emperor ordering everyone to pretend like truth is subjective," said Newman, "and worse, encouraging young children to believe the absurdity that they can choose their gender – something that experts in the field have equated to child abuse." He added, "Therefore, with these ridiculous directives, the Obama administration is ordering schools all

across America to become partners in child abuse.”

Cheryl Chumley, a WND staff writer and author of “The Devil in DC,” has children currently in the public school system. She worries about how the new Obama administration directive will affect them:

“If my 8th grade son’s administrators feel it’s their legal duty to open the boys’ bathrooms to girls – and if my 4th-grade daughter’s elementary school officials feel called upon to open the girls’ changing rooms to boys – then I’m going to have a very big problem with this, and I see a fight on the horizon,” Chumley asserted. “When school policy inflicts harm or puts my children in danger, you better believe I’m going to become very outspoken.”

The Obama administration frames the transgender bathroom situation as a civil rights issue, writing, “The desire to accommodate others’ discomfort cannot justify a policy that singles out and disadvantages a particular class of students to ensure that all students, including transgender students, can attend school in an environment free from discrimination based on sex.”

That makes the huge assumption that Congress, in writing the Civil Rights Act in 1964, intended that it would open women’s restrooms, locker rooms and shower rooms to men, and vice versa.

But Chumley rejects the idea that this is about civil rights. “This fight for transgender equality is all about the tear-down of the family – it has nothing, absolutely nothing, to do with equal rights or civil rights, or ensuring equal access for all,” she declared. “Transgenderism is a mental disorder; equating this mental health issue with the civil rights struggles of blacks, as Attorney General Loretta Lynch did, or as some sort of extension of Jim Crow-era struggles, is completely ridiculous. Is being black a mental health disorder? I don’t think so.”

David Kupelian, WND’s managing editor and best-selling author of “The Snapping of the American Mind,” agrees transgenderism is a mental disorder, but goes further.

“The whole transgender issue, which represents the politicization and forced celebration of a severe mental illness – and now, shoving it down the throats of hundreds of millions of Americans, including her school children – is literally insane,” Kupelian said.

For almost eight years, Kupelian noted, traditional-minded Americans have pondered the reasons behind President Obama’s apparently willful undermining of the country. Is it all just leftwing ideology, he asks? Or a personality disorder such as “narcissistic personality disorder,” as some psychiatrists have opined? Childhood trauma? Criminality and corruption often associated with Chicago politicians? Is a malevolent spiritual force working through him? Or is it all just a matter of political calculation aimed at cultivating in America a permanent left-wing voting majority?

“With his latest edict of forcing an insane, illegal and chaos-producing solution for a virtually nonexistent problem throughout all the nation’s schools, something that will adversely affect tens of millions of school children, the answer comes into sharp focus: It’s all of the above,” Kupelian concluded. “After all, in reality these seemingly different frames of reference – ideology, personality defects, criminality, politics and so on – overlap, and are arguably just different ways of looking at the exact same phenomenon: Obama is delusional. He lives in a different mental world than most Americans.”

Kupelian adds: “As I document in ‘Snapping,’ the political and cultural left – which gave us the sexual revolution and LGBT movement – is stark raving mad, and is now driving tens of millions of Americans right over the edge with it – into debauchery, dependency, family breakdown, crime, corruption, addiction, despair and suicide,” he warned. “Most Americans actually kind of know all this, but are afraid to say it out loud because they don’t want to be persecuted as ‘haters’ and ‘bigots.’”

On a similar note, Chumley pointed out how the Obama administration is attempting to flip common sense on its head while turning good into evil and evil into good. She said the transgender movement is marked by deceit – such as the “civil rights” argument mentioned earlier.

“And all the while they’re making this deceitful argument, they’re asking the rest of us to play a part in the deceit and go along with the notion that gender is a choice – that a boy who’s born a boy can simply change his sex by a flex of mental muscle, by thinking it were so,” Chumley said. “Well, this just in: God is actually in charge of determining the sex of a baby, and no amount of wishful thinking or wardrobe choice is going to overturn that reality – and neither is a guidance from the federal government.”

Newman agreed gender is an objective fact, not a choice or a social construct. He said children who feel like they want to change genders need guidance from their families and churches, but he wouldn’t mind if schools offered to help as well – just not if they affirm the child’s delusions.

“To use an analogy that experts in this field have used, nobody would tell a victim of bulimia or anorexia that they are fat merely to confirm their delusion or appear to be ‘open minded,’” Newman said. “That is absurd on its face. It is equally ridiculous, and perhaps even more destructive, to play along with a child’s delusions about gender. Dr. Paul McHugh, former psychiatrist-in-chief at John Hopkins Hospital, suggested that the confusion should be treated as a ‘mental disorder that deserves understanding, treatment and prevention.’ That is probably part of it. But these children also need guidance from their parents and their churches.”

Kupelian warns that the Obama administration is now poisoning the minds of not just transgender kids, but all American children.

“With his transgender bathroom decree, Obama has found a way of corrupting the entire nation’s school children all at once, by inserting into the minds and hearts of innocent little kids the issue of sex, sexuality, sexual identity, sexual behavior, sexual anatomy and so on,” Kupelian said. “It’s absolutely evil.”

Chumley agreed and said this is one battle ordinary Americans cannot give up on.

“This policy is government at its worst: an infliction of deceitful and harmful near-mandate by a runaway executive branch onto states and schools, unconstitutional at its core, wicked and contrary to biblical principles at its root,” she

said. “And Christians around the nation, as well as those who care about the fate of our children and families, ought to fight back with as much vehemence as they can muster.”

Joseph Backholm, chief of the Family Policy Institute of Washington, didn’t mince words.

“The president’s behavior is lawless. If the United States wants a law that forces grade schools, middle schools, and high school to allow boys into the girls locker room, that’s something the Congress would do, not the president. Even if it were lawful, every parent should be concerned that the president just threatened to intentionally diminish the quality of public education by way of removing funding unless we start forcing girls to share locker rooms with boys at school.”

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, had equally little patience for such extreme behavior. “Of all the schools and businesses I’ve visited in our district over the years, this issue has never been raised once. There is no need for a blanket federal restroom policy that covers every school in America, especially one that comes with the threat of retaliation from the Obama administration for failure to comply. It seems like parents, teachers, school administrators and local school boards are perfectly capable of handling any issue that arises, but unfortunately this type of blanket federal policy may tie the hands of those very parents, teachers, school administrators and local school boards who want to protect kids against dangerous situations that could arise from mixed-gender restrooms and locker rooms in schools.”

Mat Staver, the chief of Liberty Counsel, warned, “Studies show that one in four girls and one out of every six boys under 18 will be sexually assaulted. This unconstitutional mandate only increases those statistics. School districts that allow boys to use the girl’s restrooms, locker rooms, and showers are placing girls at risk. They will be held accountable for sexual assaults. Congress has repeatedly rejected attempts to include ‘gender identity’ or ‘sexual orientation’ in federal law. I encourage schools to fight for the privacy and protection of students and reject the Obama bullies.”

And Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Jeremy Tedesco said, “The administration’s new guidelines simply reinforce what has been abundantly clear already—that it has a political goal of forcing women to share restrooms and locker rooms with men across the nation and will spread falsehoods about federal law to achieve its aims. This is precisely why we have filed two federal lawsuits, one in Illinois and one in North Carolina, on behalf of parents and students who are understandably concerned about their children. Solutions exist to accommodate everyone without violating anyone’s privacy rights, but the administration won’t entertain those solutions because of its preference to unlawfully impose its political will through threats and intimidation.”

Karen English, of Privacy for All, said, “There is no basis in law or logic for doing this.”

On Friday, talk radio icon Rush Limbaugh immediately launched into a commentary he called “Obama’s transgender obsession.”

“Remember when a lot of people took their kids out of schools to start teaching them at home, and remember how they were called a bunch of fruitcakes and extremists and paranoids and all kinds of names? How do they look to you now? They look somewhat prescient, do they not?” he started out.

“I mean, you look at what’s going on the American public school system. But what is it with this transgender push? I know that most of the story is that the gay movement has realized its agenda, so they’ve gotta they’ve gotta transfer that energy somewhere and transgenders is the next.”

The comments recalled his own sarcastic conclusions back in 2009, when he was blasting Obama’s plans to police the fine print on consumer products.

“You could legalize rape and call it the consumer something, and it would pass,” he ridiculed. “You’re protecting consumers. Likewise you could legalize rape and call it the Civil Rights Act of 2009, it would probably pass because who would have the guts to vote against something with civil rights in it?”

On Friday, he openly wondered, “What the heck? Why is this so important to Obama?”

He cited the work of Johns Hopkins psychiatrist Paul McHugh, who “said that transgenderism is a ‘mental disorder’ that merits treatment, that sex change is ‘biologically impossible,’ and that people who promote sexual reassignment surgery are collaborating with and promoting a mental disorder.”

He noted McHugh is author of six books and “at least 125 peer-reviewed medical articles.”

“[McHugh] also reported on a new study showing that the suicide rate among transgendered people who had reassignment surgery is 20 times higher than the suicide rate among non-transgender people. Dr. McHugh further noted studies from Vanderbilt University and London’s Portman Clinic of children who had expressed transgender feelings but for whom, over time, 70 percent to 80 percent spontaneously lost those feelings,” Limbaugh said.

“A-ha. We may be on to something here. Dr. McHugh and his boys have studied all this, and young kids, 70 to 80 percent of them, eventually grow out of this confusion. May that’s what they don’t want to happen is for kids to outgrow it.”

Limbaugh also pointed out how extreme Obama is. “It affects every public school in the country, and as you sit around ... you know, I analyze people’s ideology, and I know leftists and liberals like the back of my hand. But I still want to throw this out because this is way, way over the top. This ... I mean, this is ... You want to talk about Trump or anybody on the right wing being extreme? What the hell is this? This is so far out of the mainstream....” (WND, Paul Bremmer, May 14, 2016).

Impeach Obama over Transgender Bathroom Tyranny!

Longtime family expert and advocate Tony Perkins of the influential Family Research Council says there is a solution to the radically leftist ideas coming out of the Obama administration as the president opens all stops in trying to establish his legacy.

Impeachment.

The suggestion came on Friday after the Obama administration issued a rule mandating open bathrooms in schools across the country to satisfy demands from transgenders.

Perkins released a statement on his organization's website condemning the idea.

"Once again the Obama administration is going beyond the limits of their constitutional authority to rewrite laws legally adopted by Congress. Under the guise of 'protecting students from discrimination,' these federal agencies are using the bully pulpit to strip parents and local school districts of the right to provide a safe learning environment for their children," he said.

"Parents should demand that school boards not sacrifice the safety of the children out of fear of losing federal funding, which on average only amounts to about nine cents of every educational dollar. It is also time for the Republican leadership in Congress to act and rein in this administration. Bottom line, the president's decree should be resisted with every legal and moral instrument we have available to us in this country," he said.

"If the American people do not speak up now on an issue like this, there's no limit to what President Obama's administration, or future liberal presidents, will be emboldened to do."

Sign the petition demanding an end to the madness! No men in girls' bathrooms, locker rooms or showers! Just say no!

In an interview with Fox News' Todd Starnes, Perkins elaborated.

"If the president chooses to go forward with this outrageous order – then Congress should begin impeachment proceedings," he said.

Starnes called the Obama administration's move a "cultural bombshell."

"School districts that dare defy the administration's directives could face lawsuits and lose millions of dollars in federal funding. Resistance, in other words, is futile," he wrote.

"I warned you in my book, 'God Less America' that the fight over transgenderism would be the next battleground. And here we are – a nation where boys who identify as girls have more rights than girls who were born biological girls."

He reported that Ronnie Floyd, the head of the Southern Baptist Convention, warned, "Sooner or later we have to determine that enough is enough. It's not going to change until Christians get involved in this battle."

And Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said he'll fight.

"Our country is in crisis and Texas must lead the way forward."

Starnes noted Rep. Diane Black, R-Tenn., had one of the most forceful rebukes.

"I believe the Obama administration is now directly responsible for endangering our students. It is worth noting that this directive does not carry the force of law – and I would encourage Tennessee school officials to continue following their consciences."

Added Starnes, "The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer warned us about a time such as this. Not to speak is to speak, he once said. Not to act is to act.

"Far too long American pulpits have remained silent on controversial cultural issues. Preachers don't want to rock the boat. Parishioners don't want to cause trouble. Far too long society has turned a blind eye as President Obama fundamentally transformed our nation.

"But now the country stands at the edge of a great moral abyss. And we must ask ourselves – do we defy the president and save the nation or do we keep the peace and sacrifice our children?"

Officials at the Justice and Education departments released a letter providing "guidance" as to how school districts should comply with the policy. The letter also made it clear that states or schools that did not fall in line could face federal lawsuits or a denial of federal education funds.

“Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, schools receiving federal money may not discriminate based on a student’s sex, including a student’s transgender status. The guidance makes clear that both federal agencies treat a student’s gender identity as the student’s sex for purposes of enforcing Title IX,” stated the latter.

The Obama administration argument is based on the concept that back in 1964, when Congress wrote the Civil Rights Act, members recognized the need for men to use women’s restrooms, locker rooms and shower rooms, and vice versa.

Liberty Counsel’s Mat Staver said Obama’s goal is to scrub God from America.

“The reason they want to abolish gender is because they also want to remove any kind of moral construct regarding human sexuality,” Staver explained. “Ultimately they want to abolish gender so they can abolish the very notion of the creator God himself, who created you and I in His image. Male and female, God created you and I, distinctly different yet complementary.” (WND, Bob Unruh, May 2016).

Federal Judge Strikes Down Mississippi Religious Freedom Law

A federal judge appointed by President Obama has struck down a Mississippi law – hours before it was set to take effect Friday – that would have protected the religious freedom of clerks and businesses that refuse to participate in same-sex marriages.

In his 60-page ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Carlton Reeves stated that the law, known as the “Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act,” or H.B. 1523, is unconstitutional and would “diminish the rights of LGBT citizens.”

“The state has put its thumb on the scale to favor some religious beliefs over others,” Reeves said, according to CNN.

“HB 1523 does not advance the interest the State says it does,” he continued. “Under the guise of providing additional protection for religious exercise, it creates a vehicle for state-sanctioned

discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. It’s not rationally related to a legitimate end.”

Reeves also wrote: “Religious freedom was one of the building blocks of this great nation, and after the nation was torn apart, the guarantee of equal protection under law was used to stitch it back together. But HB 1523 does not honor that tradition of religion freedom, nor does it respect the equal dignity of all of Mississippi’s citizens. It must be enjoined.”

State attorneys plan to appeal Reeves’ ruling, according to the Associated Press.

Reeve’s decision comes less than two years after he struck down the state’s statutory and constitutional bans on same-sex marriage.

In a statement to the press, Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant said he’s “disappointed” and anticipates “an aggressive appeal.”

“Like I said when I signed House Bill 1523, the law simply provides religious accommodations granted by many other states and federal law,” Bryant said. “I am disappointed Judge Reeves did not recognize that reality. I look forward to an aggressive appeal.”

Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, also vehemently objected to Reeves’ decision.

“While Judge Reeves issued his decree under the cloak of darkness last night, the judge’s religious animus against the people of Mississippi is clear as day,” said Perkins, according to Jackson’s Clarion-Ledger. “Under this judge’s reasoning, any narrowly tailored conscience or religious freedom protections against government persecution would be invalid.”

As WND reported, Judge Carlton Reeves, who was nominated by Obama in 2010, once punished a school district for allowing a voluntary prayer at an optional awards ceremony.

Judge Reeves has established a reputation for going for the jugular when an issue of faith is at play.

He first ruled that a Mississippi school student's rights were violated because she was offended by a prayer at a public school event.

Then he reached off campus, fining the school \$7,500, for allowing a pastor to pray at an optional awards ceremony.

The judge determined that Rankin County schools must work harder to excise Christian faith from its students' education, and he threatened the district with a \$10,000 fine if it happens again.

It was the ruling by Reeves regarding the school that later created a stir in Mississippi.

His decision resulted in the school's band being benched from a halftime show at a football game, because as part of their musical presentation, they included the melody from "How Great Thou Art." Columnist Todd Starnes at Fox News said the judge may issue an order, but the people may not necessarily bend to his whim.

He reported the people decided "a message had to be sent to the likes of Judge Reeves."

"And what they did – would become known as the musical shot heard around the world. During halftime of Friday night's game – a lone voice began to sing the forbidden song. 'Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,' the singer sang. Brittany Mann was there and she witnessed the entire moment of defiance," Starnes wrote.

"We were just sitting there and then one by one people started to stand," she told Starnes. "At first, it started out as a hum but the sound got louder and louder."

Soon "hundreds" were singing.

"At that moment I was so proud of my town – coming together and taking a stand for something we believe in," she told Starnes. "It breaks my heart to see where our country is going – getting farther and farther away from the Christian beliefs that our country was founded on." (WND, July 1, 2016).

11 Signs That The U.S. Economy Is Rapidly Deteriorating

We have seen this story before, and it never ends well. From mid-March until early May 2008, a vigorous stock market rally convinced many investors that the market turmoil of late 2007 and early 2008 was over and that happy days were ahead for the U.S. economy.

But of course we all know what happened. It turned out that the market downturns of late 2007 and early 2008 were just "foreshocks" of a much greater crash in late 2008. The market surge in the spring of 2008 was just a mirage, and it masked rapidly declining economic fundamentals.

Well, the exact same thing is happening right now. The Dow rose another 222 points on Tuesday, but meanwhile virtually every number that we are getting is just screaming that the overall U.S. economy is steadily falling apart. So don't be fooled by a rising stock market.

Just like in the spring of 2008, all of the signs are pointing to an avalanche of bad economic news in the months ahead. The following are 11 signs that the U.S. economy is rapidly deteriorating...

#1 Total business sales have been declining for nearly two years, and they are now about 15 percent lower than they were in late 2014.

#2 The inventory to sales ratio is now back to near where it was during the depths of the last recession. This means that there is lots and lots of unsold stuff just sitting around out there, and that is a sign of a very unhealthy economy.

#3 Corporate earnings have declined for four consecutive quarters. This never happens outside of a recession.

#4 Profits for companies listed on the S&P 500 were down 7.1 percent during the first quarter of 2016 when compared to the same time period a year ago.

#5 In April, commercial bankruptcies were up 32 percent on a year over year basis, and Chapter 11 filings were up 67 percent on a year over year basis. This is exactly the kind of spike that we witnessed during the initial stages of the last major financial crisis as well.

#6 U.S. rail traffic was 11 percent lower last month than it was during the same month in 2015. Right now there are 292 Union Pacific engines sitting idle in the middle of the Arizona desert because there is literally nothing for them to do.

#7 The U.S. economy has lost an astounding 191,000 mining jobs since September 2014. For areas of the country that are heavily dependent on mining, this has been absolutely devastating.

#8 According to Challenger, Gray & Christmas, U.S. firms announced 35 percent more job cuts during April than they did in March. This indicates that our employment problems are accelerating.

#9 So far this year, job cut announcements are running 24 percent above the exact same period in 2015.

#10 U.S. GDP grew at just a 0.5 percent annual rate during the first quarter of 2016. This was the third time in a row that the GDP number has declined compared to the previous quarter, and let us not forget that the formula for calculating GDP was changed last year specifically to make the first quarter of each year look better. Without that "adjustment", it is quite possible that we would have had a negative number for the first quarter.

#11 Barack Obama is poised to become the first president in U.S. history to never have a single year during his time in office when the economy grew by more than 3 percent.

But you never hear Obama talk about that statistic, do you?

And the mainstream media loves to point the blame at just about anyone else. In fact, the Washington Post just came out with an article that is claiming that the big problem with the economy is the fact that U.S. consumers are saving too much money...

The surge in saving is the real drag on the economy. It has many causes. "People got a cruel lesson about [the dangers] of debt," says economist Matthew Shapiro of the University of Michigan. Households also save more to replace the losses suffered on homes and stocks. But much saving is precautionary: Having once assumed that a financial crisis of the 2008-2009

variety could never happen, people now save to protect themselves against the unknown. Research by economist Mark Zandi of Moody's Analytics finds higher saving at all income levels.

So even though half the country is flat broke, I guess we are all supposed to do our patriotic duty by going out and running up huge balances on our credit cards.

What a joke.

Of course the U.S. economy is actually doing significantly better at the moment than almost everywhere else on the planet. Many areas of South America have already plunged into an economic depression, major banks all over Europe are in the process of completely melting down, Japanese GDP has gone negative again despite all of their emergency measures, and Chinese stocks are down more than 40 percent since the peak of the market.

This is a global economic slowdown, and just like in 2008 it is only a matter of time before the financial markets catch up with reality. I really like how Andrew Lapthorne put it recently...

On the more bearish slant is Andrew Lapthorne, head of quantitative strategy at Societe Generale. To him this profit downturn is a sign that stocks are far too overvalued and the economy is weaker than you think.

"MSCI World EPS is now declining at the fastest pace since 2009, losing 4% in the last couple of months alone (this despite stronger oil prices)," wrote Lapthorne in a note. For the S&P 500 specifically, the year on year drop in profit drop was the most since third quarter of 2009.

"Global earnings are now 14% off the peak set in August 2014 and back to where they stood five years ago. Equity prices on the other hand are 25% higher. Gravity beckons!"

I couldn't have said it better myself.

Look, this is not a game.

So far in 2016, three members of my own extended family have lost their jobs. Businesses are going under at a pace that we haven't seen since 2008, and this means that more mass layoffs are on the way.

We can certainly be happy that U.S. stocks are doing okay for the moment. May it stay that way for as long as possible. But anyone that believes that this state of affairs can last indefinitely is just being delusional.

Gravity beckons, and the crash that is to come is going to be a great sight to behold. (Michael Snyder, The Economic Collapse Blog, May 12, 2016).

Donald Trump – Knight in Shining Armor to the Rescue?

When my children were young, I would read them bedtime stories from books like William Bennett's "The Book of Virtues" and "The Children's Book of Heroes" – tales of extraordinary people, from George Washington to "Honest Abe" Lincoln and from Jackie Robinson to Helen Keller.

Some of their favorites were stories of great danger and courage, including the biblical account of "David and Goliath," classic stories like "Saint George and the Dragon" and Greek myths like "The Sphinx" and "The Minotaur."

In such tales, the citizens of a once great and happy kingdom found themselves terrorized by a seemingly insurmountable evil. They grew accustomed to living in total fear, even sacrificing many of the kingdom's youth to satisfy the beast's ravenous appetite. Hopelessness was everywhere.

Then, one day a strong, courageous champion would unexpectedly arrive on the scene and boldly offer to fight and vanquish the great evil oppressing the kingdom.

At first, the people would laugh at him – as they ridiculed the young shepherd boy David when he offered to challenge Goliath. Or they would warn the would-be rescuer to flee, lest he too be destroyed, just as many knights before him had also fallen. "Go away and save yourself," they would rebuke him. "With one blast of fire from his nostrils, the dragon will incinerate you!"

But we know the rest of the story: This man of extraordinary courage and abilities proceeds to engage the dragon in battle, and, wonder of

wonders, though the fight be fearsome and furious, in the end he slays the monster! Freed from this great evil, the kingdom is restored to its former contentment and prosperity.

Right now, in 2016, tens of millions of American citizens feel *exactly* like the citizens of these terrorized ancient kingdoms in the classic stories. They see their once great nation ravaged by terrible forces. Their leaders seem to have gone mad – intentionally leaving the nation's borders unguarded, allowing hordes of invaders to swarm into their country, plunder their wealth and commit heinous crimes. Their supreme ruler is widely seen as *hating* his own country, continually betraying longtime allies while aiding her mortal enemies. The nation's youth are corralled into ivy-covered brainwashing centers and indoctrinated into bizarre beliefs and destructive behaviors. The land's once-robust economy has been decimated, with onerous taxes and regulations strangling businesses, and the nation's major industries – along with the millions of jobs they provide – leaving their homeland for foreign shores. On top of all this, a genocidal, worldwide mind-control cult has declared war on their troubled nation, murdering and maiming people at will, yet their leader won't even utter the enemy's name, let alone fight it. Millions suspect he sides with the enemy.

Americans, beholding their nation's increasing woes, wistfully recall the happier land of their youth, one blessed above all other nations, where despite its flaws, unparalleled liberty, prosperity and opportunity were in abundance.

But now, they watch in dismay as their beloved society disintegrates. Each day, they numbly tune in the news to hear of the latest outrages: Muslim immigrants and "refugees" streaming into this once-Christian country at breakneck speed; undercover videos depicting "doctors" bragging about killing beautiful little preborn children and then selling their body parts for maximum profit; our armed forces being degraded and demoralized in myriad ways by a commander in chief who secretly loathes the military; and the government requiring teenage American schoolgirls to shower with boys who claim they "identify" as girls.

And yet, if you complain – if you dare raise a plaintive cry for decency and reason to prevail

once again, before it's too late – you are viciously attacked and branded as hateful, ignorant, racist, bigoted, homophobic, anti-woman or anti-immigrant.

Thus it is that massive numbers of good Americans are desperately looking for a champion – a rescuer – a brave, bold knight in shining armor who will fight and destroy the monster that has for too long been devouring their nation and its inhabitants.

To many, that man is Donald Trump. However, real life is not a bedtime story, and presidents and candidates are full of flaws, even great flaws. Worse, sometimes our would-be heroic figures are not at all what they appear to be.

Nevertheless, the Trump phenomenon is an astonishing and utterly unique development in American history. Let's take a fresh look.

Many Americans, wondering if they and their exceptional nation can even survive the final year of an agonizing eight-year orgy of Obama madness, gaze ahead just a few months and realize they may soon be facing a third Obama term in the form of "President Hillary Clinton" (along with "First Gentleman Bill Clinton," a lifelong serial sex predator).

Enter Trump, now virtually assured to be the GOP's "champion" in November's battle with Hillary. Every pundit has a different explanation for the "Trump phenomenon." Some analyses are insightful, some shallow, some simply idiotic.

Though his critics denigrate the billionaire real-estate developer and entrepreneur as "a carnival barker," "reality TV star," "huckster" and worse, one thing is undeniable: Trump has, in some ways, already started slaying dragons.

In his unusual, unpredictable, almost off-the-cuff campaign for president, this first-time politician has already stood up to the news media in a way no one else has done in our lifetime. Most people are intimidated by the news media, especially politicians, who need decent press coverage to get reelected and maintain their "good reputation." Trump, astonishingly, has called the media "disgusting" to their faces, has publicly called out specific journalists and news

organizations and has even skipped (or caused to be canceled) prime-time presidential debates.

Reality check: Speaking as a 35-year journalism veteran, I can confirm that the "mainstream media" are, to use Trump's strong language, indeed "disgusting." Americans couldn't possibly have twice elected such a catastrophically bad president as Barack Obama were it not for the disgraceful cheerleading and gross journalistic malpractice of the entire elite media. The same media, if they can manage, will give us Hillary Clinton, who is more deserving of prison than the presidency. As I observe in "The Marketing of Evil," "no institution [is] more complicit in making evil appear good and good appear evil to Americans" than the news media.

In fact, "disgust" is a pretty good word to describe how voters today feel about not only the deceitful media, but about politicians and the "ruling class" in general. Hence, the rise of Trump on the right and Bernie Sanders on the left. The only problem with Sanders is that his proposed solutions would quickly destroy America, driving what little is left of her productive industries out of the country to escape the massive tax increases Bernie would require to pay for his delusional, "free-everything" socialist utopia. Bernie is the feel-good candidate for "disgusted" Americans who, ignoring the lessons of history, simply have no clue how the world really works, how economies work, how human nature works and how societies thrive. They just like to "feel the Bern."

So, would Trump be able to vanquish the many dragons bedeviling America if elected president?

While no one can foretell the future, already Trump has neutered not only the news media, but another of the intimidating beasts guarding the inner sanctum of elite power – the monster called "political correctness."

In an era when disapproving of same-sex marriage makes you a bigot, when saying "all lives matter" makes you a racist, when saying "illegal alien" makes you "anti-immigrant," and when the president of the United States is unwilling to identify the religion responsible for the orgy of terrorism ravaging mankind on a daily basis, Trump routinely makes official statements like: "Donald J. Trump is calling for a

total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States,” “We’re going to build a wall and Mexico is going to pay for it” and “I think Islam hates us.”

This drives the establishment stark raving mad – and causes millions of long-suffering middle-class Americans not only to cheer, but to feel revived, as though there might still be hope for their country.

After all, consider what political correctness really is: Historically a Marxist totalitarian tool of social control, political correctness basically amounts to nothing more nor less than a prohibition on speaking the truth. As they say, “the truth hurts” – honesty is always “offensive” to someone. Expressed differently, when you hate the truth, then truth becomes “hate.” Americans are tired of being unwilling participants in a perverse, real-life “Emperor’s New Clothes” story in which, if they don’t play along – if they don’t lie and pretend – they’re punished. So it’s more than refreshing, it’s liberating when someone very high-profile with a great deal to lose, like a leading presidential contender, refuses to play the game, and yet still thrives. . . .

In fact, one of the most perplexing aspects of the current GOP primary race is the extreme antipathy some on the conservative right have not only for Donald Trump, but for all those who support him, from Dr. Ben Carson to Sen. Jeff Sessions to Gov. Sarah Palin to Gov. Chris Christie to Gov. Rick Scott and dozens of other public figures, whom they insist must be “blacklisted” for life! Glenn Beck has claimed “no real Christian” could possibly support Trump. Mitt Romney and other GOP elitists long advocated essentially stealing the nomination from Trump or Sen. Ted Cruz at this summer’s nominating convention, completely ignoring the express wishes of GOP primary voters and drafting instead a “consensus” candidate more to their liking, like Paul Ryan, Rick Perry, John Kasich or Romney himself – all failed candidates. Now that Trump is the presumed nominee, some conservatives still openly proclaim they will never vote for Trump and will, in fact, favor Hillary Clinton as president!

Remember, if a Trump presidency poses reasonable questions and doubts as to what kind of president he’d actually be, a Hillary

presidency poses none; she has a decades-long record as a breathtakingly dishonest, corrupt, dissembling, ambitious, soulless, left-wing political elitist who lies as easily as breathing and whose presidency would further debase the very soul of America, especially its youth. Moreover, as president, she would appoint several progressive-left, Constitution-despising Supreme Court justices, who would in turn determine America’s destiny for the next generation and inevitably result in the end of fundamental rights like that guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

Yet, to some “conservatives” in the “Never-Trump” movement, Donald is worse than all that.

I think it is reasonable to describe this better-Hillary-than-Trump attitude as insane, infantile and suicidal for the nation.

Donald Trump has serious flaws. But he also has remarkable talents and abilities that many miss, or misinterpret. After all, he didn’t become one of the planet’s most dazzlingly successful real-estate developers, entrepreneurs and best-selling authors by being a stupid, ignorant, racist buffoon, as his critics would have you believe.

Others can speak better to Trump’s proven abilities to get massively big and complicated projects done on time and under budget, to his legendary leadership and negotiating skills that pave the way for accomplishing such endeavors, and also to his long record of philanthropy and helping people, most of which is not widely known.

However, I want to mention some other, more subtle but all-important attributes that have enabled Trump to succeed, including his spectacular and utterly unexpected rise to the pinnacle of the presidential field as a first-time politician. Remember, he has never done any of this before.

Underlying Trump’s spontaneous and unscripted manner and his refreshing candor on the campaign trail, as well as the tremendous personal strength, confidence, fearlessness, energy and stamina he demonstrates daily, are a unique mixture of experience – at 69, he has for decades been a world-class *doer of very big*

things – and an uncommon level of common sense, perception and intuition.

Recently on “The O’Reilly Factor,” former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich commented thoughtfully on Trump: “This guy has been unbelievably successful since June 16 when he announced [his candidacy], he does it in a way I can’t understand, he does it out of a pure intuition. He’s not surrounded by pollsters and consultants and all that other stuff ...”

Likewise, celebrated feminist and cultural critic Camille Paglia, who wrote a provocative piece in the left-wing website Salon, headlined “I was wrong about Trump,” now sees the front-runner in a new light after having trashed him early in his run for the nomination: “Trump may be raw, crude and uninformed, but he’s also smart, intuitive and a quick study who will presumably get up to passable speed as he assembles a brain trust over the coming months.”

And the Washington Times’ Charles Hurt, after Trump’s big foreign-policy speech before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in late March, commented on the first-time politician’s uncanny instincts and rapid learning curve, noting, “It was his first major address of the general election. And he aced it.”

Wrote Hurt:

“The speech was downright thrilling at moments.

“When you live in a society where the firefighters are the heroes, little kids want to be firefighters,” he said. “When you live in a society where athletes and movie stars are heroes, little kids want to be athletes and movie stars.”

“You cannot achieve peace if terrorists are treated as martyrs. Glorifying terrorists is a tremendous barrier to peace.”

In short, the speech terrified people who have at every step of the way been so eager to dismiss Mr. Trump as a ridiculous buffoon. Even better, the speech terrified Democrats.

Seven months of Mr. Trump giving speeches like that will erase this notion that he is some kind of carnival barker. After seven months of this kind

of measured, presidential campaigning, Republicans will be happily unified behind a statesmanlike leader and ready to support him against a lying, dissembling, washed-up politician who has a remarkable career of failure on the world stage.

“In November, Mr. Trump will face a lifelong politician who is so disengaged from the threat of terrorism that she will not even speak its name, for fear of offending someone.” And, concludes Hurt, Trump “will win in a landslide.”

Could Trump really accomplish what others have not – safeguarding our border as Gingrich suggests, finally bringing much-needed jobs back to America to relieve a dying economy, reviving the abused American military, and at long last dealing boldly and decisively with the fast-metastasizing cancer of Islamic jihad whose stated No. 1 target is the American homeland?

Trump, like all other candidates, is a strange brew of good and bad qualities. Despite those defects, he has a powerful leader-fighter personality that many believe is exactly what a decimated and demoralized America needs right now. He speaks from the heart and millions strongly resonate with him.

The real question is: Is Trump’s heart good? (Most everything else can be helped out by the right advisers.) I think it is.

Besides, Trump may just turn out to be the bold outsider – the flawed but fearless knight – who surprises everyone and slays the dragon. And that would certainly be better than electing a new dragon in Hillary Clinton. (WND, David Kupelian, May 8, 2016).

COMMENT: You can often judge a man best by looking at his enemies.

12 Signs That A Cloud Of Insanity Has Descended On The Land

What in the world is happening to America? Recently, I was asked to describe what we are watching happen to our nation.

After thinking about it, I have come to the conclusion that it is almost as if a “cloud of

insanity” has descended upon the United States and much of the rest of the western world. From our top leaders on down, people are engaged in incredibly self-destructive behavior and are making extremely irrational decisions. Some would describe it as being given over to a depraved mind, and I would have to agree. It is almost as if some sort of severe form of mental illness were rapidly spreading through the air and infecting everyone. Virtually every day I am immersed in news and current events, and it can be difficult to shock me after all this time. But lately, there have been quite a few stories that have stunned even me. The following are a few of those stories...

#1 A 27-year-old woman in Maryland is hoping to “normalize naked breasts” by running around in public without any clothing on the upper half of her body. So far she says that she has not been arrested and no men have tried to touch her inappropriately.

#2 It is being reported that “sex roulette parties” are becoming increasingly popular in the western world. The concept behind these parties is that there is someone in attendance that is secretly HIV positive, and everyone engages in unprotected sex with others in the room without knowing who that particular individual is.

#3 The obsession with body art in the western world is officially getting out of control. A couple of the hottest trends right now among those that are into “body modification” are to tattoo your eyeballs and split your tongue.

#4 A Catholic archbishop from St. Louis recently testified in court that he “wasn’t sure whether he knew it was illegal for priests to have sex with children”.

#5 All over the nation, colleges and universities are holding workshops and events to promote “polyamory” as “an acceptable lifestyle choice” to our young people. According to Wikipedia, polyamory is “the practice of, or desire for, intimate relationships involving more than two people, with the knowledge and consent of everyone involved.”

#6 With each passing year, the level of debt slavery in this country gets even worse. The average American household with debt now

owes approximately \$131,000 and is paying out about \$6,000 a year in interest.

#7 A dangerous form of synthetic marijuana is popping up in many American cities these days, and it sends many of the users into zombie-like states...

Investigators in Clearwater described a scene out of *The Walking Dead*; people slumped over in such a stupefied state they could hardly move or speak. It was a patrol becoming too routine in Crest Lake Park as officers respond to a growing number of Spice, or synthetic marijuana, overdose calls.

Police say dozens of calls have come in for people who have had to be rushed to the hospital because of suspected Spice use. Tampa medical and law enforcement professionals warned last week about a dangerous uptick in overdoses possibly linked to a bad batch of the drug. Clearwater investigators aren’t ruling out a connection to the Tampa cases.

#8 According to some progressives, identifying yourself as an “American” is now considered to be a “microaggression” and should be avoided because it might offend minority groups.

#9 Even though we can see what socialism has done to Venezuela, North Korea and dozens of other failed regimes throughout history, young Americans are embracing it with gusto. In fact, one survey recently found that a majority of American young adults under the age of 30 say that they completely reject capitalism.

#10 The Obama administration has just issued new “guidelines” that require public schools all across America “to allow transgender students to use the restroom and locker rooms that correspond to their chosen gender”. So 55 years after President John F. Kennedy declared that we would put men on the moon, Barack Obama is declaring that we will put men somewhere else where they have never been before...

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Jesus Christ declared to His disciples, “Verily, verily (or, most assuredly), I say unto you, He that BELIEVETH ON ME, the works that I do (including performing miracles, and great healings!) SHALL HE DO ALSO; and GREATER WORKS THAN THESE shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask IN MY NAME (there is awesome POWER in the name of Jesus Christ, when used rightly), that will I DO, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:12-13).

Jesus said, “If ye shall ask ANYTHING in my name, I will DO IT!” (verse 14).

Jesus also prophesied: “And unto the angel of the Church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I KNOW THY WORKS, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then BECAUSE THOU ART LUKEWARM, and neither cold nor hot, I WILL SPUE THEE OUT OF MY MOUTH” (Rev.3:14-16).

How can a Church which is predominantly LUKEWARM expect to exert or manifest any spiritual POWER?

Isn't it high time we ask God to FILL us with His Spirit of POWER (II Tim.1:6-7)? As Paul said, “I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil.4:13). Let's learn to pray earnestly, and learn how to PREVAIL in prayer!

Many years ago, when I was fifteen years old, my brother Bob and I were living with our father in Kaoshiun, Taiwan, off the China coast. Dad was stationed at the naval base in Tsoying. He was also the scoutmaster of our small Boy Scout troop. We used to go swimming often at the beach at Tsoying.

One day the water was very rough, and the current was very strong. As we were swimming, suddenly someone shouted for everyone to get out of the water – there was a very dangerous undertow, which could carry us out to sea. We managed to pull all the Scouts out of the water, except two. My brother Bob was trying to help a boy named

Ricky, and they both got dragged out to sea by the powerful current. They looked like mere pinpricks, little black dots, way out in the ocean. It was a desperate time.

At the time, I was a newly converted Christian, and had been reading the New Testament daily. I knew God answered the earnest, heart-felt prayers of His people. I went apart a little, and began praying earnestly, fervently, with my whole heart, for God to send angels and save my brother and Ricky. I had no idea of how He might do it, but I prayed from the heart, entreating God to intervene, knowing and believing that God heard me. This was a situation made to order for prayer!

Someone pointed down the beach and cried out, "Look!" I looked, and about 150 yards down the beach, I saw a group of about six to eight Chinese soldiers with a large pontoon raft, carrying it out into the surf, and then forcefully paddling out to where Bob and Ricky were bobbing up and down, sometimes disappearing beneath the water. We The soldiers reached them and dragged them on board the raft, and paddled back to shore, where we were watching and waiting, anxious and breathless. They were SAVED! God had heard my fervent, sincere, desperate prayer!

Several years ago, my wife Cappy prayed for God to provide us a new piano, so we could praise Him in songs and hymns. Her old piano had been destroyed by a flash flood which struck our home in Altadena, California in 1980. Soon thereafter she saw an ad in a paper about a beautiful piano for sale. She had a friend inspect it, and we bought it for a \$1,000, and had it refurbished for another thousand dollars. It, too was an answer to prayer, and we have been using it to serve God ever since!

Prayer is all too often, however, a much neglected source of divine help, assistance, deliverance and power.

Do you know the secret of answered, powerful, prevailing prayer?

The Power of Prayer

When a true servant of God prays, it is like plugging in the extension cord connecting a lamp to its source of electrical energy and power and turning on the switch. Suddenly light floods the room, casting out the darkness and providing illumination everywhere in a startling, graphic manner.

What does the Bible teaches us about this source of power? If you really wish to *survive* the coming days of hellish anguish and trauma that are coming upon the earth and leading up to Armageddon, then you will certainly need to be familiar with God's revelations on prayer. If you wish to be a strong Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ and an overcomer, then you need to know about the keys to dynamic and answered prayer!

Just what is prayer?

There are several Hebrew and Greek words used for "prayer." Let us take a brief look at each of them.

Jesus Christ set us an example in prayer. We read: “Afterwards he went up into the hills to pray” (Mark 6:46). We also read: “The next morning he was up long before daybreak and went out alone into the wilderness to pray” (Mark 1:35).

Prayer is between each one of us and God. It is usually a private matter, and it is therefore good to get off by oneself to spend time in prayer. It is good to go into a private room, close the door so you won't be disturbed and then pray.

The word translated “pray” in these verses is the Greek word *proseuchomai* which means to pray, worship, to open up and pour out your heart. It is used 78 times in the New Testament and is the most common word for prayer. It is the word used also in Matthew 6:5-9 where Jesus taught His disciples a model outline of prayer, showing them what to pray for and how they should generally organize their prayers.

He instructed them: “Pray along these lines: ‘Our Father in heaven, we honor your holy name. We ask that your kingdom will come now. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. Give our food again today, as usual, and forgive us our sins, even as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. Don't bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One. Amen’” (Matt. 6:9-12).

The very same word is used in Matthew 14:23: “Then afterwards he went up into the hills to pray.” Jesus Christ often spent hours at a time in prayer, meditation, and communion with God the Father. This was one very important reason He was such a strong dynamo of spiritual strength and power. He never let contact with God the Father slide!

Do you sometimes spend hours in prayer, communion and communication with God, talking over the things of your own life, your problems, needs for divine counsel, guidance, direction and wisdom? Do you pour out your heart before *Him*?

What Do You Mean, “Ask”?

Another word sometimes translated “pray” in the New Testament simply means literally to “ask.” It is the Greek word *erotao* and means to “ask,” or “interrogate.” When Jesus entered into Simon Peter's ship, He “prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land” (Luke 5:3). This means he simply asked him. It wasn't needful to make a moving, impassioned supplication to him, or a fervently phrased prayer – but He simply requested or asked him to do it.

Even so, there are many times when God simply wants us to learn to *ask* Him for certain things. As a loving heavenly Father, He promises to hear us when we *ask, simply ask*. This word is used in John 14:16, 16:26 and 17:9, 15, and 20. Sometimes we simply need to ask in faith, believing, and that is all that is necessary, because God knows our

needs even before we ask Him. Sometimes all He requires is the simple act of asking.

Beseeching God

In Matthew 9:38 we read: “ ‘The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few,’ he told his disciples. ‘So *pray* to the one in charge of the harvesting, and ask him to recruit more workers for his harvest fields.’” The word for prayer in this verse is *deomai* and means literally to “petition,” “beseech.” It is a much stronger word than “ask.” This is a very *intense* word, and refers to intensive, earnest prayer – crying out and literally begging or beseeching God to intervene and act. This is also the kind of prayer and praying we should do whenever trials or trouble come upon us, or when we really need a quick answer, or divine intervention on our behalf, to rescue us from potential threats or disaster or serious difficulty. This is also the kind of prayer we should do on behalf of other people.

Using this word, Jesus tells us: “Keep a constant watch. And *Pray* that if possible you may arrive in my presence without having to experience these horrors” (Luke 21:36). Or, as the King James Version has it: “Watch ye therefore, and *pray* always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

Jesus prayed this way when He prayed for Peter. He said: “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to have you, to sift you like wheat, but *I have pleaded in prayer* for you that your faith should not completely fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and build up the faith of your brothers” (Luke 22:31-32).

This is the kind of prayer the New Testament Church of God prayed when they were being persecuted and threatened by the religious establishment of that day. We read in the book of Acts: “After this *prayer*, the building where they were meeting *shook* and they were all *filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly* preached God's message” (Acts 4:31). They besought God fervently, with all their heart – and He heard their prayer!

We also read of Cornelius in the book of Acts. “In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer, Cornelius, a captain of an Italian regiment. He was a godly man, deeply reverent, as was his entire household. He gave generously to charity and was *a man of prayer*” (Acts 10: 1-2).

Do You “Pray Like Hell”?

In the movie “Chariots of Fire,” which I watched the other night, one of the British track runners was discouraged and thought there was no way he could compete with the Americans in the Olympics. His trainer said the key was, “*Pray like hell!*”

Sometimes, I think, this is the key to any victory!

The perfect example in prayer, of course, was set by our Saviour, Jesus Christ,

Yeshua the Messiah. We read: “Yet while Christ was here on earth he *pleaded* with God, *praying with tears and agony of soul* to the only one who would save him from (premature) death. And God *heard his prayers* because of his *strong desire* to obey God at all time” (Heb. 5:7).

The King James Version renders this verse: “Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and *supplications* with *strong crying and tears* unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.” The strongest, most intensive form of prayer is “supplication.” This is the Greek word *deesis*. It refers to powerful entreaty and intense and fervent requests. Notice how it is used. “But the angel said, ‘Don’t be afraid, Zacharias! For I have come to tell you that God has heard your *prayer*, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son!’” (Luke 1:13). Elizabeth had been barren, unable to have a child. But Zacharias, her husband, did not give up. He prayed in faith, continually, that God would intervene supernaturally and give them a son. He implored God and made earnest supplication. Supplication is imploring God’s aid *and spending much time in prayer*, setting time aside every day to pray about the matter. Supplication means you stick with it – you don’t give up, ask just once, and then quit -- like so many faithless and unbelieving people do!

If I may be so bold, I need your earnest, bold, fervent and heart-rending prayers, too, so that I may be able to serve God as He directs, and be used by Him, with increasing power, love, wisdom and faith.

Pray All the Time

Paul exhorted Timothy with guidelines of supplication we all should heed and obey. He wrote: “Here are my directions: *Pray much for others; plead* for God’s mercy upon them; give thanks for all he is going to do for them. *Pray* in this way for kings and all others who are in authority over us, or are in places of high responsibility, so that we can live in peace and quietness, spending our time in godly living and thinking much about the Lord. This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he longs for all to be saved . . . “ (I Tim.2:1-4).

We are given powerful instruction in prayer and supplication by the apostle Paul in the book of Ephesians. Let us read his message carefully. Paul wrote: “*Pray all the time*. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit’s wishes. *Plead with him*, reminding him of your needs, and *keep praying earnestly* for all Christians everywhere. *Pray for me, too*, and ask God to give me the *right words as I boldly* tell others about the Lord, and as I explain to them that his salvation is for the Gentiles too. I am in chains now for preaching this message from God. But pray that I will *keep on speaking out boldly* for him even here in prison, as I should” (Eph. 6:18-20).

The Amplified Bible renders that verse very powerfully: “*Pray at all times – on every occasion, in every season – in the Spirit, with all (manner of) prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God’s consecrated people). And also for me, that (freedom of)*

utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (of the Gospel) for which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain (in prison); pray that I may declare it *boldly and courageously as I ought to do.*”

Pray Boldly and Earnestly

Turn to one of the most powerful, dynamic and incredible scriptures on the subject in the Bible, in the book of James. The apostle James tells us with apostolic authority: “Confess your faults one to another, and pray (speak up, pour out your heart) one for another, that ye may be healed. The *effectual fervent prayer* (supplication) of a righteous man availeth MUCH” (Jas. 5:16).

The *Living Bible* translates this: “Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. *The earnest prayer* of a righteous man has *great power* and wonderful *results.*”

The Amplified Bible has it: “Confess to one another therefore your faults -- your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins; and pray (also) for one another, that you may be healed and restored – to a spiritual tone of mind and heart. The *earnest (heart-felt, continued) prayer* of a righteous man makes *tremendous POWER* available -- *dynamic in its working.*”

James continues: “Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have -- with feelings, affections and constitution as ourselves; and he *prayed earnestly* for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. And (then) he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops (as usual)” (Jas. 5:17-18).

What is God telling us in these verses? He is assuring us that, in other words, we don't have to be some kind of spiritual giant, for God to answer our prayers. We often tend to think of Elijah as some spiritual giant, but James here tells us that the famous prophet of old was just like us, completely human as we are. He had all the same impulses, drives, emotions, feelings, and even became discouraged and depressed at times. Yet when he prayed, the dead were raised, and miracles occurred! When he prayed, dramatic results took place! He himself had no power or strength at all. But when he prayed, *God heard his prayers – and intervened!*

May God help us all to heed, to learn the lesson, and to obey, to draw close to God in fervent, continual, daily, earnest, powerful prayer, so that we might do the will of God and work the works of God, and serve Him with total dedication and with all our being and mind and heart and soul and strength!

The Spirit of Prayer

In our day and age many think prayer is not all that important – at least prayer on your knees before God. They think all they need to do is maintain an attitude of prayer

throughout the day. And they will get by. No wonder their prayers are so ineffectual – worthless – useless – powerless – vapid – insipid – inane – mere powder-puffs of spiritual vanity!

God's Word says we should be “instant in prayer” (Rom.12:12), and that we should “pray always” (Eph. 6:18). But this does not mean we should just have an “attitude of prayer.” This is talking about CONSTANT PRAYER – repeated and consistent and persevering prayer!

What about your prayers? Have you discovered the secret of powerful praying? Are you developing the HABIT of resourceful, energetic, ALIVE praying?

The example in the Bible of all God’s Spirit-led servants was of praying with intensity, with fervor, with dynamic energy, and spiritual strength, and gripping emotion, with surcharged feeling and commitment. Have you begun to pray in this way, consistently, repeatedly, often? This kind of prayer leads to supernatural power and spiritual deliverance! It unlocks the doors of heaven, and opens heaven's gates of blessing, encouragement, and prosperity. It makes things happen!

Developing the right *habits* of prayer is not easy. In the Scriptures, we read that the men of God prayed on their knees, with arms outstretched towards God. They also generally set us an example of praying THREE TIMES A DAY, AS A CUSTOM, OR HABIT, ON THEIR KNEES, even when their lives were threatened!

David said, “*Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud, and he shall hear my voice*” (Psa. 55:17).

Daniel, who was greatly beloved of God, “kneeled upon his knees *three times a day*, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God” (Dan. 6:10).

When you pray in a private place, lift up your voice – don't hold back in timidity or embarrassment. Pray before God three times a day. It is amazing how soon your self will go, as you pray with emotion, with fervor, with feeling. Put your heart in your prayers!

Daniel, a man beloved in God’s sight, prayed three times on his knees every day, despite the danger and peril of losing his life. Even though the Persian king had made a law that no man should petition or pray for 30 days, except to the king, Daniel remained faithful to God.

“But though Daniel knew about it, he went home and *knelt down as usual* in his upstairs bedroom, with its windows open toward Jerusalem, and *PRAYED THREE TIMES A DAY, just as he always had*, giving thanks to his God” (Dan.6:10).

If we pray three times a day, consistently, on our knees, this will help us to “fill up” with God's Spirit – to keep spiritually rejuvenated, refurbished, super-charged. Three

times a day should not be that difficult, if we set our minds and heart to it! Is eternal life worth it? Three times a day to keep strong and healthy spiritually and to maintain real spiritual POWER and IMPACT in our lives!

David said: “But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent [precede] thee” (Psa. 88:13). He said: “Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as incense*; and the lifting up of my hands *as the evening sacrifice*” (Psa. 141:2). Prayers of the saints are a sweet smelling sacrifice to God. We should pray during the best parts of the day and commune with our Father and Christ at the times the ancient Hebrews offered their sacrifices, every morning, and evening.

And as the “meal offerings” given to God were of *unleavened* fine flour, mixed with oil, so our prayers should be *humble*, not puffed up or vain, and made in fine detail, not coarse and crude crumbs, mixed with the oil of God's Spirit, offered with thanksgiving and praise to our heavenly Father.

The Apostles' Example

The example of the apostles in the book of Acts confirms that Christians should *pray three times* a day. “Now Peter and John went up together into the temple *at the hour of prayer*, being the ninth hour” (Acts 3: 1). The ninth hour was about three in the afternoon, since the daylight hours began to be counted from sunrise. Cornelius, who was “a devout man, and one that feared God” and prayed always, “saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him” (Acts 10:3). He also was praying about the ninth hour, or 3:00 PM in the afternoon (probably from 3-4 PM; see also Acts 10:30).

Was it the custom of the apostle Peter to pray at noon? In the same chapter we read, “Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the *sixth hour* . . .” (Acts 10:9). Yes he did! The “sixth hour” was noon-time! No one can deny how powerfully God used Peter in His service. Even his shadow passing over the sick made them well (Acts 5:12-16).

And in regard to morning prayer, we find that the apostles and believers were assembled together, “all with one accord in one place,” on the day of Pentecost, no doubt in prayer and praising God, when the Spirit of God first came upon the Church. What time of day was this? It was “but the *third hour* of the day” (Acts 2:15). This was about nine o'clock in the morning!

The point is, of course, not that God expects us to pray at precisely 9:00 AM, 12:00 noon, and 3:00 PM – not at all. But we should try to pray three times on our knees every day, morning, noon and at evening – giving God the *best* part of the day. This is the spiritual principle involved. If we do this, how much more will God in mercy shower down His Spirit upon us and fill us with the Spirit of faith, love and humbleness? How much more will God use us in doing His work, and fill us with spiritual strength and power? Let us follow the example of the early New Testament Church in this regard, and

we, too, can be literally “all filled with the Holy Spirit” and speak the “word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31).

"Watch Unto Prayer"

God wants us to be alert, vigilant and “watch unto prayer” (I Pet. 4:7). “Watch,” in this verse, means “be sober, discreet, abstain from wine.” Paul wrote: “Continue in prayer, and *watch* in the same with thanksgiving” (Col. 4:2). Here the word “watch” means “to keep awake, be vigilant.” It is the same word Jesus used when He commanded us: “Watch ye therefore” (Mark 13:35-37), and when He told His disciples after they had fallen asleep as He prayed at Gethsemane: “Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh weak” (Mark 14:38).

But in Luke 21:36, where Jesus tells us to “watch ye therefore, and pray always,” the word for WATCH in Greek means, literally, “to be sleepless, i.e., keep awake.”

How much do you pray? Are you alert, sleepless in prayer? Or do you tend to fall asleep while praying, as the disciples apparently did? When you pray, are you sometimes drowsy, sleepy and half awake? And when you pray at night, assuming that you do, do you wait until you are ready to fall into bed with fatigue? This is not the kind of prayer that is pleasing to God, brethren and friends, so let's begin to improve our prayer habits, following the custom and practice of God's servants of old, the apostles and the prophets!

And David set us an example, let us say with him, “but I give *myself unto prayer*” (Psa. 109:4). In this Psalm, David literally says, in the Hebrew, “*I am prayer.*” That is a profound statement – he becomes “prayer,” the essence of prayer.

You older women, why don't you follow the example of the aged Anna, who was a widow for 84 years following her husband's death, who “served God with fastings and prayers night and day” (Luke 2:37)?

How often do we “pour out our heart” to God in prayer? David wrote: “Trust in him at all times; ye people, POUR OUT YOUR HEART before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah (So be it! Amen!)” (Psa. 62:8).

Next, David reminds us: “Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity” (v. 9). Therefore, the point is, it is useless to place one's trust in man. Human beings are less than nothing, a broken reed to lean upon, a smashed cistern incapable of holding water. But all our trust and faith should be in the Eternal *living* God! He is the One who answers prayer and is a place of refuge for His people.

David continued, in this Psalm: “God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that *power belongeth unto God*” (v.11). Only *God* has the power to deliver us from our enemies, from temptation's grip and from the crushing tentacles of sin. It is to God,

therefore, that we should offer up our prayers as sweet incense before Him, three times on our knees, besides a multitude of times as we go about our daily business.

The Word of God Is the KEY to Prayer

Why do so many prayers lack power and punch? Why do people seem to “run out of things to pray about” after they have been on their knees for a few minutes? The answer is partly that they do not *really* know how to pray. They may think all they need to do is fall on their knees and begin speaking to God. So they mumble a few things, and first thing you know their mind begins to wander and they begin to daydream. Heart-felt, intercessory prayer is very difficult to achieve under such circumstances.

True, heart-felt prayer, intercessory prayer, prevailing prayer, requires HARD WORK – LABOR. It requires effort, and even sometimes perspiration or sweat. At one point in His life, when Jesus Christ was praying, the apostle Luke tells us, “And being in an agony he prayed MORE EARNESTLY: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground” (Luke 22:44).

Are we willing to LABOR in prayer? As Paul wrote of one of his fellow co-workers in his day: “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, *always labouring fervently for you in prayers*, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God” (Col. 4:12).

But even fervent, agonizing prayer is useless if we are knowingly disobedient to God, and transgressing His commandments. As the prophet Isaiah declared: “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is his ear heavy that it cannot hear: *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your SINS have hid his face from you, that he will not listen*” (Isa. 59:1-2).

God says in His Word, “The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight. The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness” (Prov. 15:8-9).

Solomon also declared, “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination” (Prov. 28:9).

In Proverbs 15:29, Solomon wrote, “The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.”

And what is righteousness? Who are the righteous? God says: “ALL thy commandments are righteousness” (Psa. 119:172). In other words, God’s eyes and ears are open to see and listen to the prayers of His obedient, loving servants who keep His commandments, His statutes, and His laws – those who actively have Christ living within them (Gal. 2:20).

But God will not hear the prayers of those who disobey laws and break His

commandments – who transgress His law – especially if they KNOWINGLY and deliberately do so!

Remember that scripture in James, about the earnest, fervent prayers that bring about great results, and mighty power and impact? Notice it again: “The effectual, fervent prayer OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN availeth much”! (James 5:16). If we want to have our prayers answered, then, we must strive to obey and please God in our daily lives, with our thoughts, words, activities, and desires. The apostle James put it this way: “Ye lust, and have not; ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts” (James 4:2-3).

The apostle John put it another way. He wrote: “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, *because we keep his commandments*, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (I John 3:22).

The Lesson of the Sacrifice

A little known key to powerful and meaningful prayer is found in understanding the sacrifices offered by ancient Israel. We read in Numbers 15: “Each sacrifice – whether an ordinary one, or a sacrifice to fulfill a vow, or a free-will offering, or a special sacrifice at any of the annual *festivals* – *must be accompanied by a grain offering*. If a lamb is being sacrificed, use *three quarts of fine flour* mixed with *three pints of oil*, accompanied by *three pints of wine* for a drink offering . . . This will be a sacrifice that is a *pleasing fragrance* to the Lord” (Num. 15:4-7).

Notice that there are *three threes* involved in this offering. There is grain, oil, and wine – three commodities – and three units of each (three quarts of grain, three pints of oil, and three pints of wine). The number three is “God's signature,” His number – and the number of “decision,” or judgment. Peter denied Christ three times before the rooster crowed (Luke 22:34); Jesus asked him three times if he loved Him (John 21:15-17); Paul prayed three times for the thorn to be removed from his flesh (II Cor.12:7-9).

What do these three elements required in a grain offering represent? The fine flour represents the WORD OF GOD, which is perfect, pure. Jesus Himself is the “bread of life” (see John 6:48, 51, 58, 63). He is also the “Word of God” (John 1:1-3, 14). The “fine flour,” then, represents the Word of God which we are to study, pore over prayerfully, and read carefully.

The next portion of the grain offering is the “oil,” which represents the Spirit of God. Oil is a symbol of God's Spirit (Exo.37:29; Matt. 25:3-8, James 5:14, 1 John 2:20, 27, John 16:13). God's Spirit teaches us all things (I John 2:27, John 16:13, 14:26). It even *teaches us how to pray and inspires us* what to pray for! As Paul wrote: “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because

he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God” (Rom. 8:26-27).

Third is the *wine*. Wine is a symbol of rejoicing and thanksgiving (Judges 9:13). Our prayers are to be accompanied with praise to God and thanksgiving. Paul wrote: “Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God” (Phil. 4:6).

Thus the ancient sacrifice of the grain offering was a symbol of PRAYER. Today God command us, “Offer the *sacrifice of praise* to God continually, that is, the fruits of our lips *giving thanks* to his name” (Heb. 13:15).

When we *put together* these three elements – Word of God, the Spirit of God, and praise and thanksgiving – in our prayers, then we have a “sacrifice that is pleasing fragrance to the Lord” (Num. 15:7, 10). These are “*golden vials full of odours*, which are the *prayers of saints*” (Rev. 5:8; see also Rev. 8:3-4).

One of the major reasons so many people don't pray nearly as much as they ought to be doing is simply this: They don't incorporate the *Bible* into their prayer life! They don't spread out the Bible before them, when they drop to their knees to pray and pray over the Word of God, applying its richness and depth to their own lives, problems, trials, family, job, circumstances, opportunities, questions, decisions, persecution, situations, friends, relatives, employers, the Work of God and the needs of saints specifically.

So often, as the apostle James said, we don't receive what we pray for because we don't know *what to ask* (James 4:2-3) or how to ask, or we have for the wrong things, with selfish motives. Sometimes we don't pray about something because we don't really know the will of God (Eph. 5:17). And we don't know the will of God because we don't study His Word enough, or pore over it as we pray, because *the will of God is often revealed in the Scriptures!*

Our prayers should be combined with, first of all, the searching of the Scriptures, and praying over the Word of God (the Psalms is one of the best places to *begin*, and then turn to different passages from there, as you are led of God's Spirit in prayer).

Secondly, our prayers should be according to the Spirit of God, which inspires us, which God gives to those who OBEY Him (Acts 5:32). We should pray as God's Spirit leads us, making our requests and needs known to God in heaven, beseeching and imploring Him as His Spirit guides us.

Thirdly, we should add the elements of praising and blessing God, praising His Holy name, thanking Him for all He has done and has promised to do, on our behalf -- even thanking Him for the answers to our prayer, and for all His bountiful blessings and mercy and goodness – “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20).

Pray with POWER!

If you will learn to pray this way, your prayers will grow in richness and meaning. They will grow in power and impact. They will become prevailing, energetic, moving, passionate prayers that are prayed according to God's will. And they will achieve marvelous results!

If you pray this way, you will find it very easy to pray for an hour or more a day. As you develop the HABIT of prayer, and begin to pray on your knees three times a day, you will find your prayer life expanding in impact and in spiritual power. You will become more pleasing to God, and your prayers will be more pleasing to Him.

There is much to pray about. Isn't it about time that we fall on our knees, before our Maker, Sustainer, Provider, and Protector, our Creator, Ruler, and the Great and Magnificent God whom we worship, and pray to Him as we ought?

“And . . . they lifted up their voices to God with one accord, and said Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is . . . And now, Lord, behold their threatenings . . . And *when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, and they spake the word of God with boldness*” (Acts 4:24-31).

Servants of the Living God, it is high time that we re-double our efforts in prayer to God! Let's do it! Let's lift up holy hands to God in the heavens, and pray as never before!!! Let's pave the road to heaven with our earnest prayers. Let's “put our hearts into our prayers.”

The prophet Joel wrote, “Yet even now, the Eternal promises, turn to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning; come, heart-broken, not with garments torn, and turn to the Eternal One your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to be angry, rich in love, and ready to relent” (Joel 2:12-13, Moffatt translation).

God declares in Jeremiah, “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jer.29:13). God says, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty [*inaccessible*, margin] things, which you do not know” (Jer.33:3). Moffatt has this verse, “Call to me, and I will answer by revealing what is hard and hidden, what you do not know!”

God continues, “Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth” (v.6).

Isaiah tell us, “Seek the Eternal while he may be found, call to him while he is near. Let the guilty men give up their ways, and evil men their purposes; let them turn back to the Eternal, who will pity them, turn back to our God, for he will pardon them abundantly” (Isaiah 55:6-7, Moffatt).

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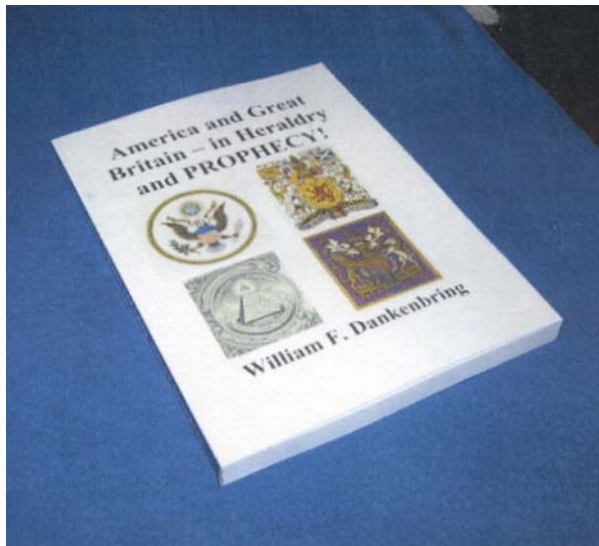
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Are the United States and Great Britain mentioned in the Bible? If so, under what names? What is the real evidence of our national heraldic emblems and symbols? Where do we *really* come from? Could we be totally ignored?

Millions have been mystified, and perplexed about our ancient pedigree. Who are we descended from? Believe it or not, the ancestors of the English speaking peoples of the world *are found throughout* the pages of Scripture. But our true IDENTITY has been SEALED – hidden from view until *NOW*! Who are we – really? How has this knowledge been lost through the centuries?

The United States and Britain are *often* mentioned in END-TIME Bible prophecies! But most people don't understand WHO IS WHO! The world has been in TOTAL ignorance of the amazing prophecies in the Bible about EPHRAIM! The whole book of Hosea the prophet seems to FOCUS on this people! But WHO ARE THEY? Ephraim now stands IDENTIFIED in the world today AS AMERICA! Great Britain stand identified as the people of "Manasseh"! Here is the astounding Biblical PROOF!



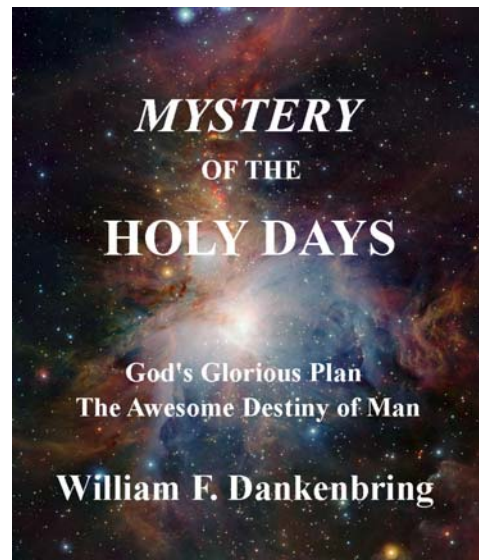
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fWhy do most Christians observe Christmas and Easter? Why did the church stop observing the Biblical holidays and replace them with PAGAN days which come out of Babylon and ancient Egypt? What is the real MEANING behind the Holy Days of God? What significance do they have for both Christians and Jews?



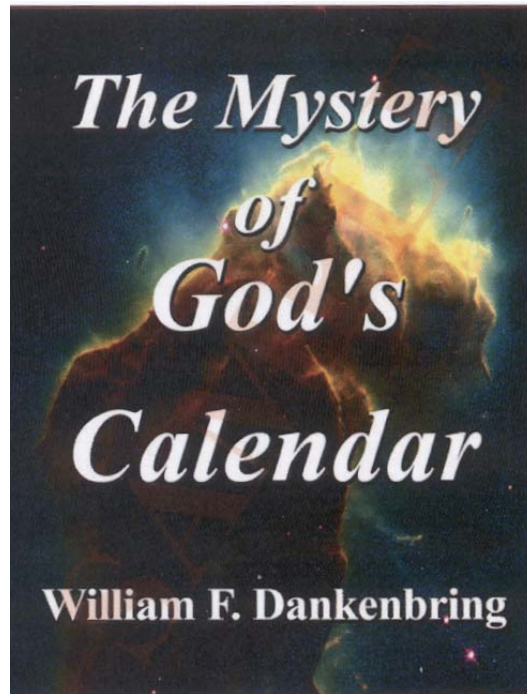
Why did God create and command us to observe HIS Holy Days in the Scriptures? Why did He give them to us? Are there vital lessons hidden within the Holy Days that we ought to explore? We all need to revisit the annual Holy Days and study into this profound subject. It reveals the MYSTERY OF THE AGES. The awesome meaning of each one of the holy days of Scripture is revealed in this treasure trove of revelation.

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Did God give His people a calendar, to keep track of time?



Does it really matter when we observe God's annual Holy Days? Does it matter if we are just a few days off? There is an old saying, "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades." But does it really matter if we get God's days right? The Word of God does tell we should observe His annual Feast Days as "holy days to the Lord" (see Leviticus 23). The Biblical holy days are obviously based on the Biblical calendar – the original calendar God gave to Moses and Israel.

It is serious business to keep an appointment with an official or human employer or a KING "on time," and to be punctual. *HOW MUCH MORE IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP GOD'S APPOINTMENTS ON TIME?* God's Word says, plainly, "The wages of sin is DEATH" (Rom.6:23). Are we going to obey GOD? Or go the route that "seems right" to a man, but ends in DEATH (Prov.14:12, 16:25)? *Keeping God's appointments is vital to receive His divine blessings and spiritual protection in our lives, and the gift of eternal life in His Kingdom!*

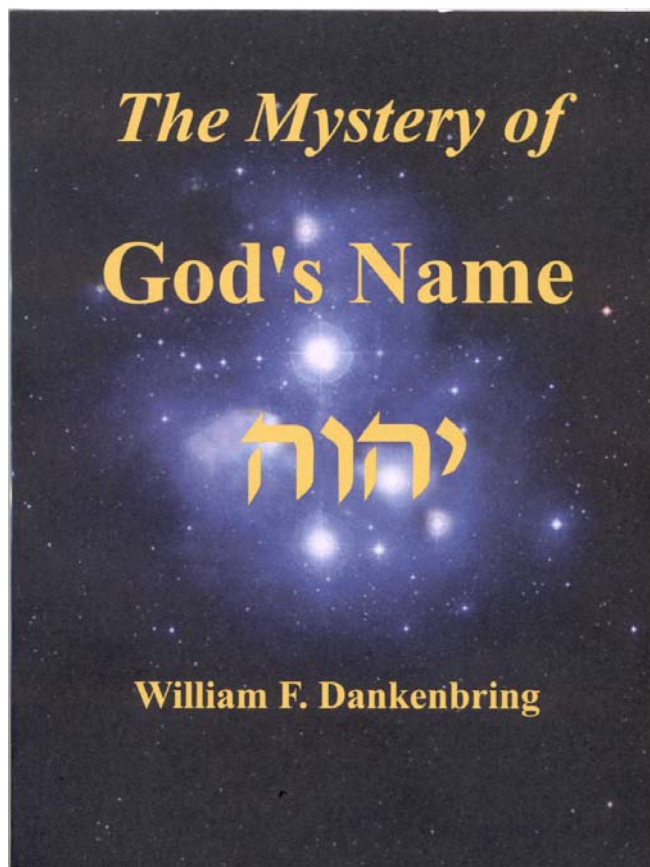
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What is God's *REAL* Name?

God revealed His Name to Moses at the burning bush, but over the centuries its correct pronunciation has been hidden from view, lost, and today it is considered “unknown” by many and controversial by others. What is God's TRUE revealed Name? Can we really know His Name?



Almighty God thunders, “How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause My people to *forget My name* . . . as their fathers have *forgotten My name* for Baal [“Lord”]” (Jeremiah 23:26-27).

God declares in His Word, “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved” (Romans 10:13). In Acts 2:21, Peter quotes Joel 2:32, “In the last days everyone who calls on the *name of the Lord* will be saved.”

But what IS that Name? What is God's name, in the original Hebrew language?

Exodus 20:7 says, "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."

Many Scriptures tell us we should magnify and praise God's Name. But how can we do it, if we don't even know it?

The name of God appears 6,828 times in the Bible. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has a name by which he wished/wishes to be known. This most holy name of GOD is written in Hebrew by the letters *yod hey vav hey*. This four letters name is called the *Tetragramaton*. But just how is that name to really be pronounced? Does it matter? How important is it that we say God's Name correctly?

God's Name Revealed!

Does God reveal His actual Name to us? The answer is YES! The evidence has been overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by scholars and, theologians and the whole world! In this book we will rediscover the TRUE name of the Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth!

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Remember that the name also means essential nature, character, reputation, and authority.

The name of our GOD and the titles by which he is known are extremely important and a casual use fails to communicate adequately the greatness, majesty, holiness, and grace of the one to whom we refer.

Moses (Moshe) asked God what he was to say when the people asked, "What is his name?" (Exodus 3:13).

"God said to Moshe, ***Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh*** [I am/will be what I am/will be],” and added, “Here is what you are to say to the people of Isra'el: ‘***Ehyeh*** [I am or I will be] has sent me to you” God said further to Moshe, “Say this to the people of Isra'el: ‘***Yud Heh Vav Heh (YEHOVAH)***, the God of your fathers, the God of Avraham the God of Yitz'chak, and the God of Ya'akov, has sent me to you.”

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hey. This is known as the “Tetragrammaton.” These four letters are the name of the Most High God!

How should this name be pronounced?

How can we praise His Name if we’re forbidden to pronounce it? How can we praise His Name if we don’t know how to say it?

The apostle Paul wrote, “For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him *of whom they have not heard?* And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things’” (Romans 10:13-15, KJV).

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Letters from Our Readers

"First of all we are so sorry to hear about Cappy's cracked ribs. It must be very painful for her so please give her our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery. Take care of yourself also Bill.

"God's Spirit is definitely moving in the English speaking world this year of 2016. It is looking increasingly likely that Donald Trump will be the next President of the USA, while in just a few days Great Britain may well seize the historic opportunity to regain her full independence from the "Babylonish" European Union.

"Exciting days. Barbara and I have already voted OUT via a postal vote arranged earlier as we are away for a couple of weeks visiting her brother and family down in Plymouth. We are there during the referendum so it should be an interesting time.

"The other point about being away is that I won't be able to proof-read the July/Aug PF until our return home on 29th June, when I will make it my priority.

"I would be interested to know what stage you are at with regard to publication of the new "Mystery Of God's Name" book. I must organize a bank transfer to your TPM account on my return from Plymouth as another high priority.

"My health is good and I am still doing my best to get as fit as my body will enable me. Sometimes maybe, I think I push myself a bit too much and tire myself out, but overall I feel very thankful and blessed that our Great God preserved my physical life after the heart attack I suffered over a year ago now. Physical life is very precious, especially when we are surrounded by a loving family. Ultimately of course, we must try our hardest to use our physical lives to bring honour and glory to God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Yeshua ha Moshiach.

"Pentecost is now past and we have the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer ahead and then the autumn festivals to come, which will be here before we know it.

"Bye for now, take care and may our Great God guide you always."

-- Nick Wood, England

"I don't have a high opinion of voters who call themselves Republicans, however, I hate the liberals democrats even more, with that said. I have even a lower opinion of voters who continue to vote for those same power hungry scum bags politicians year after year in the U S A.

"The reason why Ephraim's voters are brain dead about whom they are voting for is they don't know anything about the Most High God who created everything that exist and His words that are in the Bible/Torah.

"The Bible-Torah says: You shall set a leader over you, whom the Lord God shall choose; one from among your brethren shall you set over you; you may not set a (foreigner like Obama) over you, who is not your brother (Deut.17:15).

"And now brain dead Manasseh has done the same, for voting for Sadiq Khan the new Muslim mayor of London and Muslim Sadiq Khan who is not one of Manasseh's brothers.

"Talking about voting for the president of the U S A, of all the candidates, I believe that Donald Trump who has been very successful in business management, would be very successful at picking the right people to make Donald Trump and the U S A Great once again.

"However, there are just too many buts to overcome 99.9% of Ephraimites are constipated with S I N, if the U S A can get that percent down below 50% I believe the God of Israel would give the U S A one more chance to clean up their past sins, that would be a real miracle because Israel has never kept their word.

"This is the real kicker, in order for obamanation to move into the United Nations, Secretary General office, there would have to be Democr**at** sitting in the White House as president and I don't know if U S President Obamanation can vote for himself to be Secretary General of the United Nations, but Obamanation is very good at getting his way by flatteries or perhaps no one else wants that job of Secretary General of the U N that is my humble opinions. Bye for now."

-- William Norman, Israel