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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

**I have said this often, but there is no such office as an “evangelical leader”.
Stop your virtue-signalling, liberal pastors:**

Evangelical pastors pander to radical Black Lives Matter

Christian leaders were once defined by piety not politics, revivals not riots

by Everett Piper

Dear woke evangelical pastors,

What in the world is wrong with you? Why in God’s name would you stand in solidarity with an organization that seeks the destruction of Christianity?

You are supposed to believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the evangel, and it’s good news. You are supposed to believe in sola Scriptura and the inerrancy of the Word. You are supposed to believe in personal sin, personal confession, personal repentance and personal holiness.

What happened to you? When did you lose your conviction? When were you given over to a reprobate mind? When did your heart of flesh become a heart of stone? When did you lose your soul?

There was a time, oh, let’s say about five minutes ago when you were defined by preaching salvation, not social justice. The world knew you for your revivals, not your riots. You were characterized by your piety, not your politics. It seems like just yesterday that your belief in God distinguished you, not your worship of government.

What happened?

How in the name of all that is right and holy could you possibly now march with an organization that laughs in the face of all that Jesus taught and died for? How could you be so ignorant? How could you be so arrogant? How could you be so wrong?

Have you not taken the time to do a 30-second Google search of the mission statement of the organization with which you now align?

Here’s what Black Lives Matter explicitly says about itself on its own website:

“We ... do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege. We build a space that ... is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered. We dismantle patriarchal practices ... We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure ... We foster a queer-affirming network ... with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking ...”

And they are rabidly anti-Semitic and pro-abortion to boot!

Have you not read this stuff? And if you have, do you not care?

How can you stand with an organization that mocks God, denies the Bible, belittles men, demeans women and subjugates generations of black children to the dysfunction of fatherless families?

You claim to be Christian leaders, but you stand in solidarity with a group that promotes anger and revenge, one that calls for revolution rather than repentance, one that waves a banner of pride rather than penitence, one that foments resentment and laughs at forgiveness.

How can you be so blind?

Have you not read your own Bibles?

The broken ideas of BLM are not godly, and they are not Christian, and any pastor suggesting otherwise diminishes the imago Dei to little more than a hyphenated construct of division rather than unity.

Your cooperation in the lie of intersectionality and racial conflict is sin, pure and simple.

Why aren't you telling your followers that to be a Christian is to be born again, not born that way, that we have died to self, that we are new creations, that we are neither “Jew nor Greek,” and that we are all one Body in Christ?

Why aren't you preaching that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God — not just whites and not just blacks — but all?

Why aren't you telling people that the only solution to this mess is personal repentance rather than casting blame?

Why aren't you preaching confession rather than conflict?

Why?

Your complicity in the enemy's deceit has encouraged tens of thousands to play the “hater” card rather than confess their own hate. Your apostasy is rife. There is a reason that culture has cast you out and trampled you underfoot. Your salt has lost its savor. Your light is extinguished. There is a reason your churches are empty and dark.

What are you thinking? Jesus never told us to harbor resentment and stew in the emotions of how we've been wronged. In fact, he told us to do the exact opposite. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors is not about fixating on who has harmed us. It is about forgiveness and shame on you for preaching otherwise.

Archbishop Vigano recently said, “There are [now] mercenary infidels who seek to scatter the flock and hand the sheep over to be devoured by ravenous wolves ...; a deep church that betrays its duties and

forswears its proper commitments before God.”

“Mercenary infidels ... A deep church that betrays its duties and forswears its proper commitments before God.”

Hmm.

Someone else once suggested the same: “In the last days there will come ... men who oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith ... Their folly will be plain to all ...” — St. Paul

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When Utter Lawlessness Visited My Home Town

Jan Markell

Do you have “crisis fatigue” yet? That happens when we get overwhelmed by constant unrelenting pressures, images, dilemmas, and heartaches. And that describes our state of affairs since early March, 2020. This year is not for the faint-hearted!

Gun shops are selling out. Those in the know warn of a serious revolution in America. Such confusion reigns that in some cities, police officers are joining the side of the protesters and rioters! Mix some strong delusion in there because there is serious talk of cities like mine dismantling their police departments! Others are slashing their police budgets. Parts of America will resemble the wild West!

On January 25, I spoke at Pastor Barry Stagner’s annual Proximity Prophecy Conference in southern California. I reviewed ten top stories that people should keep their eyes on in the new year. Number one on my list was the rise of the spirit of the Antichrist around the world! You can find that teaching here.

Little did I know at that time that such lawlessness was going to come to my home town – Minneapolis/St. Paul, and that these two cities would become “ground zero” in the rioting and looting scenario that broke out right after Memorial Day.

I’ve had an up-close-and-personal look at mankind at his worst. Thankfully I am 30-40 minutes from the mayhem although there have been constant threats to move the turmoil to the suburbs.

In the Twin Cities, 1,000 properties have been vandalized, looted, burned, or totally destroyed along with apartments above these businesses and homes.

Our media shows business owners staring in stunned disbelief as many were reeling from Coronavirus destruction but now they face the result of rampant anarchy. The media adds insult to injury by calling the destruction “peaceful protests.”

How peaceful was it to spray wheelchair-bound woman with a fire extinguisher?

So the Twin Cities looks like Somalia. I hope Rep. Ilhan Omar, in whose district a great majority of the damage resides, is finally happy. We are Mogadishu on the Mississippi.

Our liberal politicians cry crocodile tears while their loyalties are with the demonstrators. They seem detached from reality by obsessing over proper social distancing of all involved and the looting thugs

realize they can get away with literal murder in such a climate of lunacy.

To Minnesota politicians, demonstrating is "essential" but being with sick and dying loved ones is not, visiting our elderly is off the list, funerals and weddings are put on hold, and church is but an inconvenience. What bizarre reality is this?

In the meantime, mile after mile of landscape has been changed in the Twin Cities that will take years—and perhaps a decade or more—to reconstruct. The rent-a-mob business is alive and well, very organized, and brutal. And lawless—but nothing like the lawlessness that is to come.

The smoke and tear gas are gone now and I have had time to reflect. Though I am many miles from ground zero, I have seen enough film of the rioting that I had the opportunity to look at the faces of the lawless. I could sense their heartlessness and brutality. "And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold." (Matthew 24:12)

One of the names of the Antichrist is the "lawless one." The term was coined by Paul in II Thessalonians 2 where he warns the Church of the soon arrival of this man who would come on the scene and deceive the masses in the latter days during the Tribulation.

Two verses read, "Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God." (II Thessalonians 2:3-4)

Again, this occurs during the Tribulation from which the Church is absent. Yet what we have seen playing out on the streets of America in May and June is a dress rehearsal, though subdued compared to the lawlessness and turmoil in the Tribulation. It is still setting the stage.

The Antichrist won't have to rent-a-mob. When he reigns, much of the world will be lawless, godless, tumultuous, and confused. Antifa will be the normal! The burned and looted sections of my home town will be the gold standard around the world.

With the restrainer gone, there will be absolutely nothing to hold back the evil, selfishness, and out-of-control behavior! The world can go crazy and will. They will glory in utter chaos. What we have now is a trial run that is a weak fire cracker in comparison. Multiply it by ten or a hundred or a thousand!

In Matthew 24, Jesus reminds us that the last days will be as the days of Noah. They will resemble Noah's time of lawlessness, violence, wickedness, and depravity. Satan is working overtime today to prepare the way for the man of the hour who will, in the near future, make his grand appearance. The Church does not get to witness this thankfully.

The good news is that God will consume the Antichrist and his minions at the end of the Tribulation with the brightness of His coming!

Author Terry James writes, "The rage makes clear the existence of the Antichrist spirit in high places that continues to do everything to bring America and the world into the configuration Satan wants to establish for his soon-coming Antichrist platform. At the heart of the minions' (both human and supernatural) effort is destruction of moral values and norms based on Judeo-Christian precepts/concepts.

"Cultures and societies throughout the world—especially in America—must be altered drastically to pave the way for the coming Antichrist regime."

James states, "This nation, therefore, is the chief obstacle to Satan's plans in forming the one-world order he wants to set up for the coming Antichrist. That's why we've endured insane rage while the powers in high places strive to get power back into the formerly established order by getting rid of this president."

He concludes and rightly so, "Just as we witness the Antichrist spirit surging, we, as born-again believers, should have a surging sense of excitement and comfort. Redemption is near" (Titus 2:13).

Putin's New Decree: Anyone who Attacks Russia Gets Nuked

By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz June 7, 2020 , 11:34 am

On Tuesday, President Vladimir Putin signed into effect a new Russian military doctrine, allowing him to order a nuclear weapons strike in response to an attack using conventional weapons. The new rules also allow the Russian military to use its nuclear weapons if it gets "reliable information" about the launch of ballistic missiles targeting its territory or its allies.

As per the longstanding policy, the president can order a retaliatory nuclear strike in response to an attack using nuclear weapons.

The new policy gives the president the ability to call for a nuclear strike in response to aggression involving conventional weapons that "threatens the very existence of the state."

In addition, the document now states that Russia could use its nuclear arsenals if it gets "reliable information" about the launch of ballistic missiles targeting its territory or its allies and also in the case of "enemy impact on critically important government or military facilities of the Russian Federation, the incapacitation of which could result in the failure of retaliatory action of nuclear forces."

Some of the threats specified in the new policy are conventional forces near Russia's borders and the deployment of missile defense assets and space-based weapons.

The threat is very real as the Russian military is developing weapons the US may not be able to counter. In 2018, Putin unveiled six new Russian strategic weapons including the Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle (HGV) capable of carrying a nuclear payload. In tests, the Avangard reached speeds of 7,000 mph. When approaching a target, the glider is capable of sharp high speed horizontal and vertical evasive maneuvers in flight, which Russian officials claim makes it "invulnerable to any missile defence system".

The new policy replaces an older document that was signed 10 years ago and expired earlier this year and seems to be a reversal of policy. At a policy forum two years ago, Putin rejected retaliatory or preventative strikes. At the 2018 forum, he noted that Russia would only launch a nuclear strike if its early warning systems spot missiles heading toward its territory, adding that "the aggressor should know that retaliation is inevitable."

"When we see a coming strike on the territory of Russia, we will retaliate." He acknowledged it would certainly result in global catastrophe, but emphasized that "we can't be those who initiated it."

"We would be victims of aggression and would get to Heavens as martyrs," while those who would launch the strike would "just die and not even have time to repent."

This new policy replaces the Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) doctrine that dominated both the Soviet and US militaries throughout the 50 years of the Cold War in which a full-scale use of nuclear weapons by two or more opposing sides would cause the complete annihilation of both the attacker and the

defender. Based on the theory of deterrence, MAD maintains that the threat of using strong weapons against the enemy prevents the enemy's use of those same weapons. Proponents of MAD as part of the US and USSR strategic doctrine believed that nuclear war could best be prevented if neither side could expect to survive a full-scale nuclear exchange as a functioning state. Since the credibility of the threat is critical to such assurance, each side had to invest substantial capital in their nuclear arsenals even if they were not intended for use. In addition, neither side could be expected or allowed to adequately defend itself against the other's nuclear missiles.

God's winnowing of America

By Cheryl K. Chumley - The Washington Times - Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Sane people are surveying the landscape of America right now and wondering, what the heck has happened to this great country?

The wicked, meanwhile, are reveling in the madness.

And thus the battle lines have been drawn. Call this God's winnowing of America — a time when He takes a look at His people, decides He doesn't like what He sees and allows for a time of great testing to separate the good from evil, the worthwhile from worthless, the usable from unusable.

The coronavirus; the death of George Floyd; the collapse of the U.S. economy; the rise of the thug forces on city streets; the calls for defunding of police, leading to eventual destruction of law and order; the defacement and removal of our nation's most symbolically important monuments and statues; the widespread looting of businesses; the targeted shootings of police officers; the masking of Americans' faces; the opening of doors for mass mail-in voting, meaning mass voter fraud that favors the Democrats — these are all instances and examples of strife, struggle, trial and testing the country has faced and continues to face.

All that's after three-plus years of Russia collusion — found to be false; Ukraine collusion — found to be false; and resist, resist, resist movements in the streets against key members of President Donald Trump's administration and political party.

And all that after Hillary Clinton, shockingly to some, lost the 2016 presidential election.

Trump's administration has been anything but smooth sailing. But he didn't start the fire. He simply outed what's been a burning ember for some time — but such a slow burning ember that its heat has gone largely unnoticed. Or, more to truth, largely ignored.

The 401(k) plans have beckoned, dontcha know.

We've forgotten our greatness. We've turned from the source of our greatness. We're paying a price.

This country, this country that was founded on a core principle of rights coming from God, not government, opened its figurative doors with a Mayflower Compact that pledged, "for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith," to "plant the first colony" and govern in harmony.

It was that spirit of self-governance, determination to self-rule and recognition of higher heavenly authority that led to the forging of America's Declaration of Independence and Constitution. It was that Mayflower Compact influence, and the influences of the Separatists aboard the Mayflower who created our nation's first governing document, that etched in marble the core facet of America's greatness: that individual rights

are granted by God, and government has no authority to strip them away.

But God-given isn't just a blessing.

It's a responsibility.

If Americans want a country where rights come from above, at birth, then Americans must recognize the one from above as leader and act accordingly. But have we?

In 2017, Anne Graham Lotz, the daughter of worldwide known evangelist Billy Graham, spoke at the National Day of Prayer of the "national sins" — among, pursuing false gods; forgetting God as the true source of blessings, including material wealth; living wantonly and wallowing in drugs, sex, alcohol, entertainment, fleshly pleasures; and failing to fear His authority.

True. All true. But let's not forget abortion.

Let's not forget gay marriage.

Let's not forget willfully destroying families and youth with LGBTQ messages and movements.

God will not be mocked — particularly by a nation that uses His name as a motto. So here we are, facing times of great stress and testing and tension, nationally and individually.

"His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire," reads Luke 3:17, of the coming of Jesus — one of dozens of Bible passages about the concept of God's winnowing.

Spiritually speaking, this explains the chaos in America — or, more to point, the crumbling of America. What to do? How to deal? It's the job of the believer to stand fast, and spread the word. The winnowing is always with a purpose of repentance, sanctification and saving.

Besides, as 2 Corinthians reminds: Afflictions for believers are only "but for a moment."