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“. . . defending the faith once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: Judge Not Lest Ye Be Judged

I wrote a Defender article several months ago asking the question of whether or not a Christian could vote for a Democrat. The premise for that was the fact that the platform of the Democrat Party still contains the planks of abortion and same-sex marriage, two stances that Christians cannot take. I maintain that position, maybe even more so now that I've read what Pete Buttigieg had to say about Christians voting for Republicans.

Mayor Pete said, "If you belong to a faith tradition that tells you that so much depends on how we make ourselves useful to those who are marginalized...I can't imagine that requires you to be anywhere near...what the Republican Party has become." Say what?! The scripturally-challenged presidential candidate then went on to say, "I'm not going to tell other Christians how to be Christian, but I will say I cannot find any compatibility between the way this president conducts himself and anything that I find in Scripture." Of course, the first question that comes to my mind is what perversion of God's Word is he reading?

Mr. Buttigieg tips his hand when he references the treatment of marginalized people. To a liberal, whether religious or political in nature, the term marginal, aka indigent, aka disadvantaged, aka disempowered, etc., etc., leads to the inevitable preaching of the social gospel, which Mayor Pete is only too happy to espouse. Liberal Christians (which may be an oxymoron), like to think that their good works are sufficient in and of themselves to gain entrance into heaven one day. And what could be more altruistic than helping those who can't help themselves. Political liberals justify their existence by the warm and fuzzy feelings they get when giving a person a fish, rather than teaching them how to fish for themselves.

Mayor Pete, the good socialist that he is, would never tell you how to become independent of the government any more than he would point to Jesus as Savior of your soul. He is only interested in those things which would benefit him. So, just as he is unwilling to grant the citizenry all of the freedoms guaranteed to them in the U.S. Constitution, he also would deny them the preaching of the whole counsel of God, which would address their spiritual issues. In both instances, he is withholding the truth (which sets us free) from those who would benefit most by the knowledge of it.

As sinners saved by grace, we need to pray for the Mayor Pete's of the world, who would point out the mote in someone's eye while ignoring the beam in their own (Matthew 7). Mayor Buttigieg seems to overlook his sin of marrying a man and promoting abortion while criticizing President Trump's policies which have helped to raise the standard of living for all people. His short-sighted view of the scriptures is clouding his ability to see that which is clearly written. My prayer for Pete Buttigieg is that his eyes would be opened.

George Washington's Sacred Fire

Part II – The Infestation of Fake History

By Robert Luthardt, Sr.

In 2006, Peter Lillback had published his historical research which he titled George Washington's "SACRED FIRE." He and Jerry Newcombe (co-researcher) uncovered and brought to light deliberately ignored and mischaracterized facts of American history. Their complete uncorrupted depiction of historical evidence crushes the façade of fake, revisionist history erected by 20th Century iconoclasts. These agents of change thoughtlessly and negligently undermined and misinterpreted the writings and reputations of our nation's settlers and founders. Their main target is our nation's father, George Washington.

He warned us in his first Inaugural Address, "We ought to be persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards [what] heaven has ordained ... the SACRED FIRE OF LIBERTY and the republican ... government ... the experiment entrusted to the American people" (1789).

If the revisionist historians of the 20th Century were not guilty of dishonesty, deception and willful misrepresentations, they certainly are of the most egregiously error-ridden and shamefully slipshod historical research. Peter Lillback's extensive and thorough work of irrefutable historical citations makes it untroubling, even expedient to conclude that self-appointed change agents were never actually seeking truth from supportable facts but were on a mission of mischief of destructive decomposition of American patriotism and moral values. Could it be that these radical redactors were deluded by the Siren Song of Marxist utopianism that still infests American academia? Perhaps these agents of unsubstantiated innovation were themselves victims of the foul wind of socialist stench that swept the world in the 20th Century?

Just a fleeting reflection upon what socialist mythology hatched in Germany (National Socialism-Nazism 1930-1945) and in Russia (Communism-International Socialism 1917-1989) and elsewhere which led to the deaths of over one-half a billion innocents to this date. The Nazi death chambers are empty and the Soviet death camps (Gulags) are closed, although their spawn continue the Satanic practices in China, North Korea and elsewhere. The "Useful Idiots" that Stalinist propagandists relied upon are still marching in free countries (we have Antifa in our streets). Many of our once great universities now incubate dupes for godless socialism and have birthed purveyors of fake news journalism, fake science (macro-evolution, climate change hysteria) and fake history. We could apologize for this off-topic digression but definitely not for the information cited.

The first best-selling biography of George Washington's life was compiled by Rev. Mason Weems (a contemporary and personal acquaintance of Washington's). He wrote while Washington still lived, "We shall not look upon his like again." Ironically, it is the duplicitous fakery of self-appointed "historians" that have worked to keep our nations schools and classrooms devoid of all facts and authentic knowledge of Washington's "LIKE."

Today the authentic life of the Father of our nation is suppressed as is the Bible, prayer and the Ten Commandments. Yet it was George Washington that reminded Americans that their self-governing republic required a populace committed to God's Commandments or their experiment and the Sacred Fire of Liberty would fail. Indeed, America is failing, but we can still pray that the Lord send revival in true churches and that He "heal our land."

Rev. Weems, or any 18th Century American, would never have imagined Washington depicted as other than a fervent Christian, yet some misguided revisionists called him a Deist. Nor could they have envisioned the depravity present in America's mass information media, in our Intelligence Services, on our college campuses, and in our governing institutions. Not that many decades ago, Washington was said to be "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." This is now an anathema to politically correct socialist fundamentalists.

Peter Lillback's brilliant expose' shares Washington's own explicit condemnation of Deism and his estrangement for Deists socially (such as his old compatriot Thomas Paine). So, what did Washington believe? He repeatedly proclaimed a God of daily active providential aid and openly did so in speeches and correspondence with ministers, government and military officials, his loved ones, and everyday citizens. Records of this are open and available in various libraries and archives and needs NO revision, just honest re-reading and truthful reporting.

Washington's writings made many references to Biblical passages (over 200 times) and he frequently declared Christ to be its "Divine Author." There exists over 100 prayers in his own handwriting. At times he publicly called for citizens to "imitate Christ" to be happy and he openly claimed Christianity an absolute necessity to good governance. Furthermore, his writings are filled with the theological jargon of his day and time.

Washington specifically rejected the Deism of the French Revolution with its anti-God fire and its wanton taking of innocent life. To Washington and 18th Century Christian Americans, Deists were unbelieving infidels. The totality of readily available evidence allows only one conclusion, George Washington was a committed Christian.

Whether through ignorance or by covert design, 20th Century revisionism is FAKE HISTORY. Available evidence disallows changing Washington into an unbelieving Deist. Secular propagandists would be safer if they know the 7 things God hates has four involving falsifying the truth (Prov. 6:16-19), and there is no heavenly home for liars (Rev. 21:8). What motivates modern enemies of Christ and Christians is depicted in Revelation 17 (the woman = the One World Religion; the beast she rides = the New World Order; both are in the formative stages). In the 1930's, the phrase New World Order was placed on our one dollar bill (Latin).

George Washington and his family regularly attended a Bible-honoring Anglican church. His parents were committed Christians, which was reflected in his education. His military training had Christian oriented services and prayers. His mother and his wife were both devoted Christians. They both unfailingly raised their children in a Christian environment. In a most fundamental sense, such faithful mothers were the main founders of America. They built their sons like they baked their cakes – from scratch.

Early on, George Washington took the vows of an official in his church and also as a godfather (8 times). He supported Christian ministers (if orthodox) and openly advocated for chaplains in the Army and in Congress – things no Deist would ever advocate or perform.

Washington's vast theological vocabulary mirrored 18th Century Bible-centered Christianity. In his speeches and writings he mentioned God often (140 times), the Divine (95 times), Heaven (270 times), and other titles for God (95 times). He stated outright or alluded to over 200 Biblical texts (some repeated, so actually over 300 times). His faith in God and Christ can be found over 1,000 times in available records for truth-seeking researchers. That Washington would write even one prayer defies his being a Deist (over 10 exist).

George Washington's writings show acceptance of the natural religion concept of his era but far more so his allegiance to God's written Word, his strong attachment to a God-provided religious liberty, and in the every day outworking of God's watch care over His adopted sons and daughters (Ep. 1:4-12). His prayers reflected nothing less than complete trust in God. That he also appealed to reason and logic was in no way a specious "Enlightenment" rejection of his faith, but rather a rejection of the superstitions common in his day and time. Most revealing of all are his writings that explicitly rejected 18th Century Deistic unbelief.

George Washington's lifelong motto of deeds not words was the underlying foundation of his quiet, humble, courteous demeanor. His beloved adopted granddaughter, Nellie Custis Washington, wrote of her equally beloved grandfather confirming his faith. She spoke of his disparaging the Deism that denied the Bible he loved, the Deity of the Christ he worshipped, was anti-clerical, and repudiated the Providence that had many times saved his life and had rescued his men and Army on numerous occasions. So, shall we believe Nellie or the Revisionists?

In all Washington's writings and letters he received, there was nowhere a hint that he was a Deist. ALL who lived, worked, fought, prayed, and worshipped with him, in different times and places, acknowledged his Christianity. We can believe those who loved him and lived with him in the 18th Century and reject 20th Century revisionists making unprovable allegations. Sadly, today these fake historians infest our institutions of "higher learning." Patriotic Christians have work to do!

Christian Americans should be on their knees petitioning the Lord for waves of Holy Spirit righteousness in America. God established our "city on a hill" so that the Gospel of Christ would have free reign (Matt. 5:14). Christ's Gospel was mentioned in every Colonial Charter in the Mayflower Compact, and God is honored in the Declaration of Independence. Now is the time to petition the Divine, Eternal "Agent of Change" – God!

Our Savior is so ready to hear our prayers, for even the smallest things, that he stores them in heaven (Rev. 5:8, 8:3). Our Lord still opens hearts of the lost and revives the downtrodden so that they are joyful to cry, "Abba Father" (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6).

One prayer most needful is that God heal our land and raise up leaders in the same spirit as was in our Settlers and Founders, and one in the Spirit that lived in the heart of the Father of our Country, George Washington.

Keep looking up (Luke 21:28).

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The Christian Life – Part 3 (Humility)

By Nancy Long

Psalm 25:9 – *“The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way.”*

John 3:30 – *“He must increase, but I must decrease.”*

Gal. 5:13 – *“For, brethren, ye have been called into liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”*

Eph. 5:21 – *“Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”*

Phil. 2:3-4 – *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”*

1 Peter 5:5 – *“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”*

In February’s Defender, we delved into perhaps the most important of God’s attributes, that being His agape love. This month I’d like for us to take the opportunity to examine another one of those characteristics humility.

Just to reiterate – the purpose of the Christian’s life is to glorify God in the path He’s set before us, and to be willing clay in the hands of the Master Potter/Designer, to be conformed to the image of God. Thankfully, we who have been transformed by the perfect and sinless blood of Jesus, and who have been given new life *in* Him, have the supreme example, that being our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has supplied us, His children, with a pattern for living. *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 2:5).

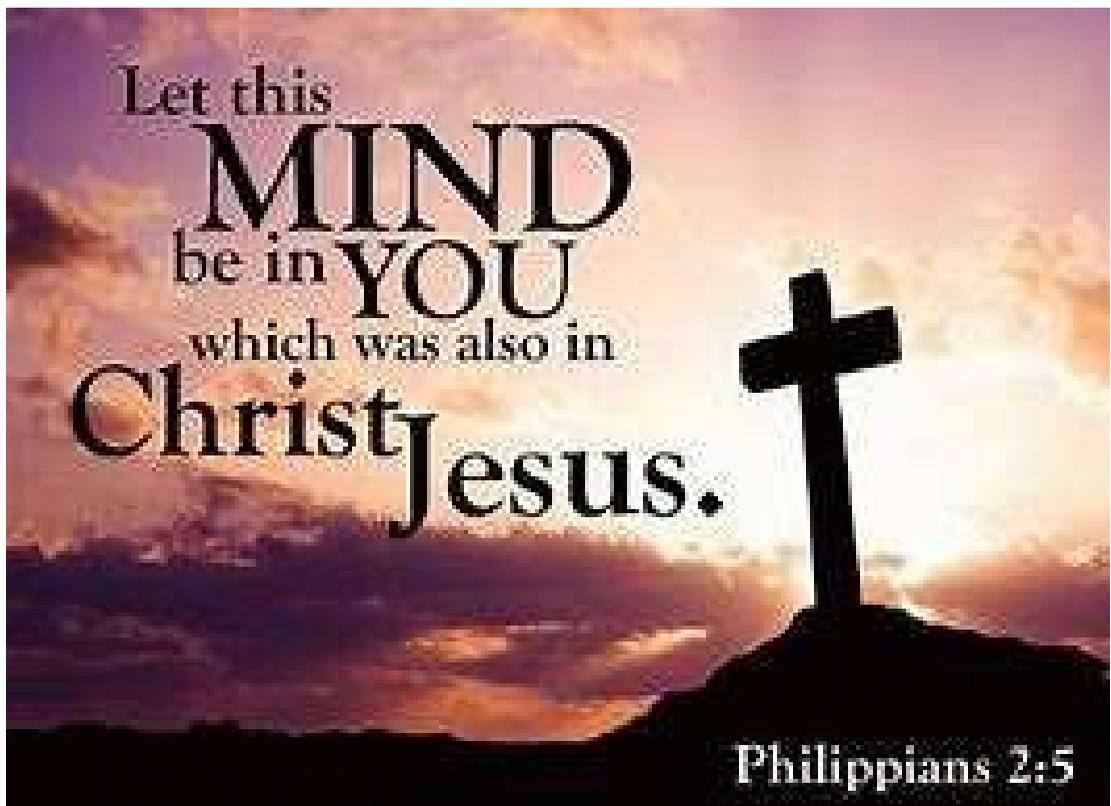
I believe that one of the strongest attributes that characterizes the mind of God is humility. In Psalm, chapter 25, verse 9, David expresses that God is able to teach the heart of one who is meek. The humble person knows he is **nothing** without God absolutely nothing!! The meek spirit is both able and willing to be taught in the ways of the Lord. The more that self and pride are put aside, the closer relationships with God will be.

The world has no greater model than Jesus Christ Himself. A spirit of humility will affect every single area of a Christian’s life. Prayer life will be deepened!! The Lord prepares the heart of the humble as he petitions in prayer (Psalm 10:17). The humble man or woman **patiently** waits, and then **gratefully** accepts however God chooses to answer.

(A humble spirit will influence any type of job or ministry that is undertaken. **All** work is a gift, and when performed for the sheer joy of serving, not for any reward that might be attained either verbal or otherwise), the Christian will be more than abundantly blessed.

We Christians are exhorted to regard others as more important than ourselves (Phil. 2:3-4). When such an attitude is adopted toward other believers, the need for self appreciation and self gratification will pale, and even be totally eliminated as will any, and all other power struggles. Also pride and selfishness will be set aside, both of which can be destroyers of Christian love. There will be more willingness to submit ourselves to others in love (Eph. 5:21 and 1 Peter 5:5). Insisting on one's own way will be "no more"! The love of Christ constrains or motivates one's decisions. It's not because we have to, but because we've been brought to the realization that there's only true liberation through submission (Gal. 5:13).

I pray that all of us who claim the name of Christ will have the desire to learn from His perfect, matchless example, and be challenged to bear a resemblance to His life, so that we can more effectively draw others to Himself.



Dung It!

By Sally Strachan

“And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it” (Luke 13:8).

How often have I read this parable and not seen the lesson?

A certain man had planted a fig tree. He liked figs and wanted a ready supply in his own backyard. But it takes three to five years for the tree to mature and produce fruit.

For three years he looked for fruit and found none, so he told his gardener to cut it down. But the gardener had a strategy to “encourage” the tree to produce fruit: “Dig about it and dung it.”

“Dig about it” is pruning the roots to stimulate new growth of the part that feeds the tree.

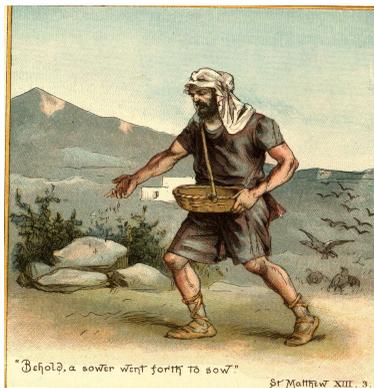
“Dung it” is literally throwing manure around the base of the tree, which will provide nourishment for the roots and also stimulate growth.

I know what dung is. I know where it comes from. But I don’t put it in the same category as Miracle-Gro.

However, if I’m slow to produce fruit in living for God, He may prescribe “pruning and dunging” to encourage my spiritual growth. Pruning sounds painful—it’s not a haircut. He’s cutting away stuff that gets in the way of my living for Him. Dung is fertilizer (nourishment) to help me grow closer to Him and actually produce fruit for His kingdom.

Dung is seriously unpleasant—the negative things in my life which prod me to draw near to God to seek His will and His way.

Dear Lord, at my advanced age, I am finally seeing that You have a plan for my life, and will prune and dung me as needed to become the person You designed me to be.



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