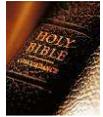


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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: An Alternate Universe

As Christians, we've embarked on a never ending search for the truth. The ultimate truth, of course, is found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He said in **John 8:32** that knowing the truth (Him) would set us free (from sin). Of course, that same premise can be extrapolated into other areas as well. According to former president Barack Hussein Obama, those who voted in the recent election for President Trump (which are made up in large part of conservatives and Christians) live in an alternative universe, operating on completely different sets of facts. Well he's right about that part. We (all 74 million of us), get our facts from alternative sources because we can't trust the mainstream news media (MSM) to report the truth. So who's living in the alternate universe, Mr. former president? The truth is of such importance to President Trump that he entered the world of social media upon taking office so as to get the truth of his administration's plans and accomplishments into the public sphere. He had no choice but to seek alternative options as the MSM was not going to treat him fairly.

Speaking of fairness, we all know that life isn't fair. President Trump was cheated out of millions of votes on election day, but the MSM didn't report it. That's not fair. Hunter Biden has been raking in millions of dollars from China and Russia, while siphoning off a percentage of that for the "big guy" (daddy Joe?). Again, where was the reportage from the networks and CNN? Because of their failure to properly inform the public, half the country doesn't even know who Hunter Biden is. Again, that's not fair. Operation Warp Speed will probably produce a coronavirus vaccine before the end of the year, through more than one pharmaceutical company, and President Trump won't receive the credit for it. Can someone say—not fair?! Conservatives are being banned from Facebook and Twitter because of their ideology, which is a violation of their first amendment rights. Again, NOT FAIR!! Who is living in the alternate universe, Mr. Obama?

Let me leave you with the most unfair incident of all. It isn't fair that God would let a sinner like me into a perfect, sinless heaven, when what I really deserve is to spend eternity in hell. But because of God's mercy and grace, He's offered me the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, whose first advent we are celebrating this month. Through the measure of faith that He has given me, I've accepted that free gift, and am eternally grateful for it.

I know that this world is not my home. I'm just passing through. The fake news is widespread, but I know that wide is the way that leads to destruction. And narrow is the way that leads to life eternal in that alternate universe called heaven. Merry Christmas, everyone.

Rev. David Lewis

God's Assurance or the Devil's Counterfeit God Opens Blind Eyes

By Robert Luthardt, Sr.

Some are "Pure in their own eyes" but remain unwashed "from their filthiness" (Prov. 30:12). No one is regenerated out of carnality by their own good-works-righteousness, but by God's mercy alone (Rom. 9:15-16). There is no scriptural support for autosoterism (self-salvation). Our only covering for our sins is "the washing of regeneration..." by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). None have God as their Father nor the love of Christ (John 8:42) who knows not nor studies Christ's commandments (2 Tim. 2:15). These remain in the "snare of the Devil" (vs. 26).

God moved an Apostle to write an entire epistle (FIRST JOHN) for those He has ordained to eternal life and the assurance of it (Acts 13:48; 1 John 5:13). "And hereby we DO KNOW that we know Him IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS" (1 John 2:3), and any who say they "know Him and keepeth NOT His commandments is a liar" (vs. 4). Those that HAVE LEARNED and studied and keepeth His Word: have the "love of God perfected" in them (vs. 5). No one is "in Christ" by what they claim to believe. Proof is essential and to that end is confirmed by the FRUIT GOD PRODUCES in them. All things are possible to those in Christ but without Him we can do nothing (John 15:1-7).

Those who rest in a self-destructive carnal confidence because "they" decided for Christ, contradict Christ who plainly taught, "Ye have NOT chosen me but I have chosen you" and unless "He ORDAINS" us (John 15:16) we remain under the "Prince of the power of the air," born as spiritual shipwrecks in our inherited NATURE as "children of disobedience and wrath" (Ep. 2:2-3) "and dead" in sins (vs. 1).

Satan the "Great Deluder" lied, deceiving our first parents (Gen. 3:1-4). Christ, His Prophets, and Apostles continually warned against Satan's false peace. David found true peace by communing with God and searching his own heart (Ps. 4:3-4, 77:6). All are called to self-examination (1 Cor. 11:28) exposing sins needing repentance (Rom. 7:23-24) for war rages in every heart (Gal. 5:17) and every heart needs Christ to believe (Mark 9:23-24; Rom. 8:26-27).

God's called sons and daughters do not rely upon self-assured carnal claims of believing a few of God's promises (i.e., John 3:16, 5:24) having rather a new living spirit willing to take Christ's yoke upon them and to study and learn of Him. God's called ones have an enduring unfading desire to love and please God from the moment they are born again (John 3:8; 1 Pet. 2:2).

One may repeat verse 10:9 of Romans but it must be from a God-opened heart (Acts 16:14, 30-31). God's called children WILL show forth praises to "Him" who hath called you "out of darkness into ... light"...having "obtained His mercy" (1 Pet. 2:9-10), in a new conversation (lifestyle) seen by the world and brings glory only to God (vs. 12; 1 Cor. 10:31).

Believers are those who have been blessed by God who alone can open closed spiritual eyes and ears to see, hear, follow, and "believe" (Matt. 13:9-17). We trust Christ for we

recognize His shepherd's voice (John 10:27), having God's "GIFT" of faith (Rom. 5:15; Ep. 2:8-10) and His Word which "mixes with faith in our hearts" (Heb. 4:1-3).

A man in fear and despondency "about to kill himself," fell before Paul and Silas and cried, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30-31). He was told simply to believe in Christ. However, it is reckless presumptuousness to tell unbelievers not wrought upon by the Holy Spirit as the jailer was, that this applies to them if they just speak the same words. God saves by His will alone, not by man's (John 1:13, 3:8). God does the adopting (Ep.1:4-5) and until He draws one to Christ (John 6:44, 65) all remain "NONE OF HIS" (Rom. 8:9, 15-16).

How can we be assured God has chosen us? First, observable spiritual "FRUITS" will accompany every life God quickens (i.e., every believer – Ep. 2:1). Secondly, new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17) experience new longings and desires and no longer find rest in the carnal confidence of their own works – righteousness. Claiming God's promises is reserved for those "God seals" with an "EARNEST OF HIS SPIRIT," imputed to us (2 Cor. 1:21-22; Rom. 4:6, 11, 23-25) not by a parroted prayer and a handshake. Newer believers, yet untaught in Christ's commandments, will gain assurance "through patience and comfort of the scriptures, written for our learning ... by the inspiration of God" (Rom. 14:4; 2 Tim. 3:16).

Can repeating a few verses of scripture raise the spiritually dead? Jesus taught, "Except ye repent, ye shall ... perish" (Luke 13:3, 5) for only real repentance bears real fruit, and striving for genuine holiness is necessary to enter the "strait gate" to Christ's "narrow way" (Luke 13:23-24). "Faith without works [that follow regeneration] is dead being alone" (James 2:17). Easy believism and vain attempts to keep God's law cannot save (Acts 15:7-10) for the "whole law" must be kept perfectly (Matt. 5:48; James 2:10). Break one Commandment, the curse remains (Gal. 3:10-11). It cannot be said enough; saving faith is a "GIFT" (Ep. 2:8-10).

Christ became a man to save "HIS PEOPLE from their sins, NOT in them" (Matt. 1:21). Man's unregenerate nature is hopelessly depraved (Jer. 17:9) saturated in all evil as Jesus said (Mark 7:18-23). He also declared, "men loved darkness ... because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). So He causes a chosen one to abhor himself (Job 42:6) no longer excusing sin (Prov. 8:13) once filled with the Holy Spirit (John 3:8) and made the Temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20). Now we are to "keep short accounts" with our God of perfect holiness (Is. 6:3; Heb. 12:9-10) by one, fleeing to our ADVOCATE Jesus Christ (1 John 2:1) when even two, the smallest thought of sin comes into our mind. If we "confess and turn away" from our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us" (1 John 1:9). When we grieve the Holy Spirit (Ep. 4:30) we invite the chastisement of a loving heavenly Father's proper discipline (1 Cor. 11:32; Heb. 12:5-6).

We were reconciled to God and saved by the death and justifying blood of Christ while we were still enemies (Rom. 5:8-10). Our "old man is crucified with Christ" (Rom. 6:6) by God's GIFT of grace that breaks Satan's total dominance over fallen mankind (Ep. 2:1-10) without which we remain lost (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:23). While sin and Satan are defeated, be warned that our nature of sinfulness can still cause us to fall. The grace of God is no license to sin (Heb. 10:31). We are commanded to "resist the Devil" (James 4:7) for greater is "He that is IN YOU" (1 John 4:4) and HE provides our armor, especially the sword of God's inerrant, infallible Word; the same weapon Christ used to defeat Satan in the wilderness (Ep. 6:17; Matt. 4:1-11).

Jesus taught that a tree is known by its fruit (Matt. 12:33) and that a good tree yields good fruit (especially “fruits meet for repentance” – Matt. 3:8). God, by His choosing and ordaining providence, originates and brings forth that fruit by His resurrecting Spirit (Rom. 8:11; Phil. 1:11; John 15:16). We cannot make ourselves acceptable let alone perfect (Matt. 5:48) but God can (Ep. 4:11-13, 18-24). What God requires, He provides (2 Tim. 1:9).

Why did the Holy Spirit have Peter put, in his second epistle, calling before election? but caused Paul in Romans (8:30) to put predestination before calling in explanation of God’s ETERNAL COUNSELS. What Peter was led to show is how we can work back from the effect to the Divine Providential CAUSE of our calling and redemption. Hereby finite mankind can gain greater understanding of our intense unending desire to please God with the fruits of righteousness He ordained in us. God builds in His sons and daughters assurance that He has their names in His “BOOK OF LIFE” (1 John 5:13; Luke 10:20; Rev. 3:5) and safe once in the hands of our God and our Savior (John 10:27-30; 1 Pet. 5:6).

What should believers see once God has “given unto us ALL THINGS that pertain unto LIFE AND GODLINESS?” (2 Pet. 1:4). A newly found diligence to “ADD to your faith; virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity” (vs. 5-7). “For if these be IN YOU and abound ... ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (vs. 8) to make our “calling and election sure,” never to “fall” (vs. 10-11). Saving Faith is alive and unhidden and adorned with those seven graces above shared by Peter. Diligent development and ongoing cultivation of God’s graces wards off soul barrenness and loss of joy (Ps. 51:12) and the “Blessed Assurance” we sing about remains.

The Lord Jesus Christ taught believers to “Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock...” and the “STRAIT GATE” will be opened (Matt. 7:14; Luke 13:24). Christ gave the key for entry, “Seek to know the truth and the truth WILL set you free” (John 8:32-36). The freedom afforded believers under God’s “perfect law of liberty” brings the immeasurable blessing of assurance (Gal. 5:1; James 1:25) and peace beyond human understanding (Phil. 4:6-7; 1 John 5:13)

Christ led us to the SCRIPTURES (Luke 24:27, 44-45, 4:21; John 17:12 17) as did the Apostles, “Study to show thyself approved ... rightly dividing the Word of truth...” (2 Tim. 2:15). What to study? “All Scripture” (3:16-17). The Word of God, “hidden in the heart,” is a “pearl of great price” when we contemplate the “valley of the shadow of death” (Ps. 23:4) and know we will “dwell in the house of the Lord FOREVER.”

Keep looking up (Luke 21:28).

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What is Christmas?

By Nancy Long

On that very first Christmas day, many centuries ago, most of the inhabitants of the earth were, more than likely, preoccupied with their day to day activities of life, just as we are today, and totally absorbed with the necessities of the moment, completely unaware of an event about to happen, an event unlike any other, an event that would change this world like no other occurrence ever!!

However, I don't think heaven was unobservant or oblivious at all I'm thinking that something was likely stirring, and the angels were most probably eagerly anticipating, waiting to break forth into praise and worship at that exact appointed and designated moment in history, when the Son of God was determined, and decided on, by God the Father, to make His entrance and to be revealed to the world. *"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men"* (Luke 2:13-14).

"When the fullness of time had come"..... At that precise and perfect moment God had planned predetermined and fixed before the beginning of time, God the Father sent God the Son to the earth to be born of a virgin, made under the law (Gal. 4:4). Jesus' birth was not an accident, but perfectly timed, ordered, and made ready by God's sovereign providence. Jesus was ready and willing, submitting Himself to the will of His Father. He left the splendor and glory of His home in heaven for one reason, and one reason only **Love!!** We, who were without strength, having no hope in and of ourselves, but because of His amazing and marvelous love (Rom. 5:6), He left everything! Think about that! Please don't gloss over it! Ponder it for **more** than a minute!! If it wasn't for His love, where would we be??

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse: the stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there" This poem, penned by Clement Clarke Moore, has been read, if not mentioned over time, by ever so many. Christmas **is** a magical time of year "the most wonderful time of year", so goes the song. Festive decorations and lights are found everywhere! There's mistletoe, holly, and beautifully wrapped presents carefully placed under meticulously adorned evergreen trees Days can become overcrowded with activity! Busyness can overtake, and often exhausts caroling, pageants, family gatherings, not to neglect those Christmas Eve church services, softly lit with candles.

One cannot deny that the spirit of giving prevails Oh, and lest we forget, one might even sporadically see a new born babe, whose name we call Jesus, lying in a manger. This seems to be what Christmas is all about in the year 2020 but, is this its real meaning? Have we somehow become so wrapped up in the sights and sounds of the season, that we've forgotten its true significance?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made" And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth" (John 1: 1- 3 and 14).

The above passage of Scripture clearly teaches that this Word (God) was made flesh, in order to be able to live in our element. He was delivered to this earth in the person of Jesus Christ, whose birthday we will soon be celebrating. Jesus was born, this is true but He was more than just an ordinary baby, born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger (Luke 2:7).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:16-17).

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21).

We all are in need of that Savior!! Let me reiterate: **We all are in need of that Savior!!!**
“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23) *“There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God There is none that doeth good, no, not one”* (Rom. 3:10-12).

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them. Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

It began in a manger. It led to a cross and it included **you!!**

This is Christmas, my Defender friends! ***This*** is Christmas!!

“Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)!!



CONFRONTING EVIL

By Diane E. Hussey

“Woe unto them who call evil, good, and good, evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” isaiah 5:20

Americans caved like a house of cards when our tyrannical leaders and our “shockingly dishonest, fraudulent and corrupt news media” scared us to death and told us what we must do. We quickly succumbed to the lockdowns and cowered in our homes, and we continue to hide behind masks and socially distance ourselves. We believed what they told us and did not confront their lies and deceptions. Now we are at a dangerous turning point “in the middle of a civil war,” or even “a genuine, full-scale revolution.” We may indeed lose the country given to us by our Founders and by God (*World Net Daily/WND*, David Kupelian, “The Great Reset-Stop the Elites from Imposing Socialism under Cover of COVID,” 11/22/20; *American View/Institute On The Constitution/IOTC*, Michael Anthony Peroutka, “What’s Going On?” 11/12/20).

“All that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.” Edmund Burke

Dr. Warren Wiersbe in *Prayer, Praise & Promises* (1992) stated, “We could use a little more holy anger today. Christians sometimes are too bland, too complacent and too comfortable . . . If you fail to make a decision, the world will make it for you. Take your stand with God . . . confronting the problem of evil.” Dr. Igor Shepherd, a military physician who lived under communism in the USSR, stated, “We must come out from the shadows and cry out. Christians need to do this” (LewRockwell.com, “Dr. Igor Shepherd’s Talk about the Horrors of a ‘Covid’ Vaccine,” 11/17/20).

Dr. Roger Hodkinson, a pathologist who is an expert in virology with medical degrees from Cambridge University, spoke about the current coronavirus crisis to government officials in Alberta, Canada on November 13, 2020 via a Zoom call and stated, “There is utterly unfounded public hysteria driven by the media and politicians, it’s outrageous; this is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting public.” The doctor said that nothing could be done to stop the spread of the virus besides protecting older, more vulnerable people. He also stated that social distancing and masks are useless and pointless, and PCR tests are unreliable. Because COVID is spread by aerosols, it travels 30 meters (about 98 ft) before landing. The doctor said, “Paper masks and fabric masks are simply virtue signalling . . . It’s utterly ridiculous. Seeing these unfortunate, uneducated people . . . walking around like lemmings obeying without any knowledge base to put the mask on their face.” He went on to say, “positive test results do not mean a clinical infection,” and that all testing should stop because the false numbers are “driving public hysteria.” He said, “It is just another bad flu. All that has been done is outrageous. Everything should be open tomorrow” (*ZeroHedge*, “Top Pathologist Claims COVID is the Greatest Hoax Ever Perpetrated on an Unsuspecting Public,” Paul Joseph Watson, 11/19/20).

Michael Anthony Peroutka has made similar comments on an American View (IOTC) video on November 20th, in which he stated, “There is no pandemic, and there never has been one. A virus exists, but we get it and get over it. The masks and all the orders are unnecessary and unconstitutional. They are not protecting others or ourselves.” He said that it is about “submission and tyranny.” As he has stated before, “there is no COVID exception to the Constitution.” He later added, “No one in the media is telling the truth; there’s a distortion of reality.”

Mr. Peroutka referred to Dr. Tony Fauci's 2017 speech at Georgetown University, in which he stated that during the last year of the Trump administration, there would be a "surprise outbreak." Michael Peroutka asked, "How did he know?" Mr. Peroutka has concluded that the "entire COVID-19 pandemic is a hoax and was planned as an act of terror, an act of war . . . The pandemic was aimed at us to take away our rights and bring us into submission, and was aimed at President Trump."

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other . . ." John Adams, October 11, 1798

In at least two different ways, Americans have been victims of "gaslighting." Dr. Joseph Mercola defines "gaslighting" as "a particularly insidious form of psychological manipulation in which victims are systematically fed false information that makes them question what they know to be true. Over time, victims become increasingly unable to discern truth from falsehood as they start doubting their own perceptions." Dr. Mercola states, "Virtually all studies published to date show that universal mask wearing does not prevent the spread of viral illness." He explained that the "common tactic is to claim scientific consensus" that "somehow science is unequivocal and cannot be disputed . . . this is nonsense." The doctor adds that "this is nothing short of gaslighting" (*Mercola.com*, "Should Masks Continue? What Science Shows after 9 Months," 11/14/20).

The second "gaslighting" illustration involves the media. On November 11, 2020 Derrick Gilbert stated, "The media continues to pretend evidence of voter fraud doesn't exist, when considerable evidence exists that it does." He said that it's as if they are telling us "to move along, there's nothing to see here. The media is playing dumb and re-asking questions that have already been asked. It's as if two different movies are playing - one based on reality and one based on mainstream media lies." Mr. Gilbert referred to this as "gaslighting" (*SkywatchTV*, "The Gaslighting of America," Derrick Gilbert, 11/11/20).

Push-back to lockdowns and curfews have begun all over the world. In California sheriffs in five counties have refused to enforce Governor Newsom's latest curfew orders. They will not pursue or arrest people for alleged violations. In fact, hundreds of people have been demonstrating against the curfews in three California cities. In Texas, Governor Abbot promises no more lockdowns. Reports show many thousands of people at airports in America ignoring travel warnings and going to visit their families and friends (*Fox News*, 11/16-11/23/2020). Protests against "lockdowns, economic destitution and sweeping police powers are happening all over Europe. In Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Slovakia and Denmark there have been crowds with thousands of people marching in many cities and confrontations with police (*LewRockwell.com*, "Anti-Lockdown Protests Across Europe," Robert W. Felix, 11/23/2020).

Why is there a rush to have a COVID-19 vaccine ready? Even the CDC has revealed that only 6% of people have died as a direct result of the virus. With approximately 250,000 total deaths in the US, only about 15,000 have actually died from COVID-19. According to the CDC, the other 94% had 2.6 underlying conditions that contributed to their deaths. On November 17, 2020 Dr. Igor Shepherd stated, "The US is no longer counting flu cases. They are being added to the COVID totals because they were too low" (*Mercola.com*, "Why COVID is not the Third Leading Cause of Death," 10/29/20).

If the virus kills less than 1% of the population under age 70, why would a potentially dangerous COVID vaccination be necessary? Dr. Shepherd asks, "Why do we need to vaccinate everyone?" Is there more behind Operation Warp Speed than we have been told? Dr. Joseph

Mercola and Dr. Igor Shepherd both believe it is linked to surveillance and control. On his website, Dr. Mercola presents a video with Whitney Webb, an investigative journalist, who stated, "Operation Warp Speed is almost entirely funded and operated by the CIA and the US military." She also mentioned that "Google and Oracle are involved in a pharmacovigilance surveillance system. Everyone receiving the vaccines will be tracked and surveilled to see what happens to them over time." Dr. Shepherd states, "The vaccines are built with algorithms computerized to control us, even program us. We will lose control of our immune systems." Dr. Shepherd refers to the COVID-19 vaccines as "bio-weapons of mass destruction." He stated, "The entire world will be affected, and because it is not tested properly, millions of people will die – a dream of Bill Gates." (*Mercola.com*, "The Secret Agenda of Operation Warp Speed: A Technocratic Chess Piece," Whitney Webb, 11/1/20; Dr. Igor Shepherd, 11/17/20).

Most of the writers and video speakers who have provided information over the past eight months have also issued warnings and urged us to take action. Dr. Mercola wrote about the "Great Reset" on October 28th and stated, "The warning signs are all around us, if we are willing to see them for what they actually are. The only question now is whether enough people are willing to resist it to make a difference." In a video on *Mercola.com* James Corbett, also referred to the "Great Reset," stating, "It is a pre-planned agenda being rolled out now. It is controlled by elite technocrats and is an open conspiracy. Now is the time for resistance (10/28/20). On November 1, 2020 Dr. Mercola again reminded everyone to "be educated, know what's really happening. There are more of us than there are of them, but we must be willing to stand up and say 'no, we won't accept this plan.'" He wrote, "I am surprised at the number of people willing to surrender their constitutional rights and liberties in return for absolutely nothing . . . social isolation is deadly (11/12/20). Dr. Mercola stated that "we may not be able to evade mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, but if we don't take a firm stand and fight for the right to make our own choice, there will be no end to the medical tyranny that will follow" (11/16/20). (*Mercola.com*).

In an election analysis video on November 12th Michael Peroutka stated, "Resist the decline of your country. We need to resist lawlessness any way we can. Urge your legislators to file for impeachment against the governors." He said, "We need to pray for revival." In an article entitled, "Now is the Time for Americans to Rebel Against Lockdowns, Mask Laws and Forced Vaccinations, Brandon Smith stated, "There is no reason for people to submit to restrictions . . . Rebellion is needed to stop the fear machine" (*LewRockwell.com*, 11/20/20). Andrew P. Napolitano wrote that felony crimes have been committed by governments on the local, state and national levels. He added, "There is no pandemic exception to the constitution. It's liberty that flows in our veins, not false promises of government safety" (*LewRockwell.com*, "Here We Go Again," 11/19/20).

Dr. Igor Shepherd told viewers of his video message, "There has been a long preparation to get to where we are now and to bring communism to the US." He has been shocked that the American people are so passive concerning this enemy takeover. He said we must pray; "ignite a fire inside your heart. It is coming to us, to our homes. We must rise up, resist and unite; we're strong" Then he asked, "What would God have us do?" (11/17/20).

In his American Minute message for November 20th, William Federer commented on election issues: "Like the foundation of a building, the founders of the American Republic built the whole system of government on the assumption there would be honest elections. If that is eroded away, the entire structure collapses." He continued, "Students are taught America is a democracy; historians clarify it as a constitutional republic; but in reality America has been functioning as neither. It has seemingly devolved into a despotism of an oligarchy – a relatively small group of deep state insiders and globalists, aided by media and social tech giants are usurping the will of the people."

This is a rallying cry to all Americans who are true believers in Jesus Christ to take a stand against evil and darkness in the strength of our Almighty Sovereign God. Confront evil and be bold. Stop compromising. Remember, the lesser of two evils is still evil.

“Blessed be the Lord, my rock . . . My lovingkindness and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and He in whom I take refuge . . . How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!” Psalm 144:1a, 2a-c, 15b

Ed. Note:

The purpose of the In Defense of Truth (IDOT) ministry, of which The Defender newsletter is an integral component, is to examine current events in the light of God's prophetic Word. Dr. John Dekker's reasoning for doing that, at the outset of this ministry, was simply because “it was needed.” That was in 1963. I think you would agree with me that now, 57 years later, that need has expanded exponentially. IDOT is an outreach of the Cub Hill Bible Presbyterian Church, whose commitment to being salt and light in a world darkened by sin is to spread the gospel while also warning God's people of the dangers of apostasy within the Body of Christ. To that end, the articles written each month in The Defender are aimed at accomplishing both of those objectives. In so doing, we oftentimes are able to alert our readers to truths which have been overlooked by the mainstream media. This investigative reporting is both timely and appreciated in keeping our readers informed. In espousing the truth, we also want to be as Christ-like as possible and meet people where they are. We recognize that not all of our readers are “on the same page” as far as their knowledge or opinion is concerned. In light of those differences, we want to be sensitive in presenting information, while at the same time being factual. One particular area where this can be highlighted concerns the wearing of masks. While some accept the findings that most face masks don't stop the spread of this very infectious Covid-19 virus, we also recognize that many people have had their health compromised and are appreciative of social distancing and face coverings. In an effort to follow the apostle Paul's advice to the Corinthians of offering the same comfort to others by which God comforted us, we open the doors of our Church as well as the pages of The Defender to all who are in search of a defense of the truth of the gospel as well as the “faith once delivered unto the saints.” We hope you find both comfort and hope in our offerings.





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Is Born This Day
Jesus Christ
The Son Of
God

Our mission through the broadcast of In Defense of Truth and the publication of The Defender newsletter is to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). Our vision today is just as strong as it was back in 1963 when Dr. John Dekker began this outreach. We pray that you will continue to stand with us as we hold true to God's holy Word.

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