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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD'S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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America's Cultural Compass is broken

A nation which has lost its direction from it's foundational principles

As a natural born American citizen of these United States, I have observed over my 74 years of life in this great country, a great erosion of cultural and moral principles upon which this nation was founded.

I am not going to attempt to repeat the history books, which there are many, that speak volumes of the beginnings of what we know as the United States of America. But, what I would attempt to do is set forth some comments that would reveal the downgrade change that has come about in just my lifetime, which have resulted in the demise of what was once the “ways and means” of the American culture. May the God of all wisdom and grace cause us to consider the following issues as we review them, and see where we have “run off the road” from our former Christian-influenced heritage.

- 1) The order of divine parentage in the American family has been neglected. I am not using race as a prejudice instrument, but merely stating the facts that can be supported by government statistics. When 70% of the African-American women population give birth to children out of wedlock, and 40% of White women doing the same; exempt from a husband and father in the home, our moral and cultural compass has been broken! God has divinely set forth in his Holy Scriptures the*

design for a man and woman to come together as one and to be the perfect balance necessary within which their offspring are to be raised.

- 2) This demise of the American family parentage concept has become a breeding ground of persons that depend upon the United States Government welfare programs to support these single-parent families with monthly checks and food stamps, giving these people NO incentive to want to work nor better themselves. This “contagious welfare disease” has spread from generation to generation and has increased by the thousands annually.*

Let me share a true account from a dear Christian brother: He has known a family; a single Black woman with three teenage children, who live in a rural area of Georgia. This brother grows various vegetables in his farming efforts, annually. This past season he had numerous large acreage truck gardens which needed hand-picking, and went to visit this woman who lived adjacent one of his properties. He asked her, “How would your children like to make some good money buy pickin’ my vegetables; they are ready to harvest?” The dear lady responded, “Well, that would be nice, when do you want them there?” The man said, “In two days have them (be at a certain location) and we’ll get to work.” She said, “Fine. I will tell them when they get home.” Well, the day came, and no one showed up. He went to the lady’s humble little dwelling and asked, “Where were your children? They were supposed to meet me to work.” With sad demeanor, the dear lady said, “Well, I was told that if someone was to report my children were working in the fields I would lose my government check and food stamps. I can’t afford to do that.” This is a sad but true thing! This government has created generations of people who get paid to do NOTHING.

I was informed a couple years ago that a professional in Atlanta’s Family and Health Department made it his endeavor to go out and visit families living on welfare and food stamps, and if there was a MAN living in the home of a single woman receiving welfare assistance for herself and children, she would have her welfare stopped immediately until she gave reason of living with a unmarried, man. Sadly, there is not enough money to staff the state government offices to check on people abusing the programs.

- 3) The single parent family lifestyle has become the breeding ground for young children (in many cases) to fend for themselves with NO parental direction. Is there any wonder there is 45% high school drop out in our nation, and crime continues to escalate at a record pace? What does a 16-year-old child do who has no father living with him/her (if they even know who their father is) and their*

mother works trying to make ends meet? What has happened over the past 50 years? Our society has fallen apart into a sin-sick culture of people who have become so self-centered and individualistic that there is no concern for each other any longer.

- 4) *Is there any wonder there are daily news media reports of child abuse when some unmarried live-in guy is with a woman and children who are not his own? Does he care about somebody else's out of wedlock children? Why the accounts of "live-in" relationships where men have sexually molested the woman's children are astronomical. In his mind "why not," they aren't blood kin to me? Children as young as 6 months old have been carried to hospitals with head concussions and broken bones by the abuse of some live-in boy friend who was supposed to be babysitting while the mother worked. He has no genuine love for that child, it's a mere "thorn in his side." The moral compass of our society has become broken to the point that children that are not brought up in a traditional mother/father family upbringing and are destined for absolute destruction in education, discipline and prone to fall into a life of crime. The demise of the traditional family is a breeding ground of a society of disrespect; just ask your law enforcement friends and school teachers about who are the most disrespectful among our society?*

I ask how can such a twisted up, ungodly, immoral, disrespectful, society of people be turned around to what was once a society of people that sought out a moral uprightness and concern for others?"

In 1975 there was a poll taken; 80% percent of the American public had some affiliation with a church and professed a belief in Christ. In 2010 the same poll was taken among the population and only 45% of the people are affiliated with a church or believe in Christ as a way of life. Is there any reason why the society deserves the blessings of the Almighty God of the Bible when a nation that was founded upon Christian principles has turned away from HE who had blessed it with prosperity and favor? We are a spoiled nation of individualistic, self-serving people who could care less about anyone other than ourselves. We, dear friend, have seen the best of the best; so hang on for the ride, the road is going to get rougher.

It shall ONLY be by the divine mercy of God, the Almighty, to bring a society of people to their knees and cause them to cry out for divine help and guidance! Shall it come to

pass? I doubt it seriously (knowing ALL things are possible with God), as I am persuaded that the United States of America, the youngest super power and most prosperous nation on earth, has seen her best days. Personally, I see no scriptural evidence of a “latter day rain” of God’s Spirit upon the land apart from that remnant of God’s elect family being blessed with free and sovereign grace to persevere to the end. Shall our God find faith in the earth upon His return? Yes, He shall have a witness of His power and grace in this time world until the fire of divine judgment falls from the heavens and destroys the earth as we know it and all things that be upon it’s crusty surface.

Respectfully submitted,

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