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America has lost its spiritual and moral compass. Beginning in 1947, when the Supreme Court declared a "wall of separation between church and state," our 1st Amendment has been abysmally distorted from the original intent of our founding forefathers…

- The words authored by 53 devoutly Christian men to protect the American dream from being limited to the established doctrine of a *single Christian* denomination (i.e., only the Anglican Church or only the Baptist Church, etc.) have been transfigured into a fictitious "wall" that has sought to become impenetrable to all *Christian* denominations. In so doing, it rejects the sound moral and ethical values our forefathers intended for our nation.

- The words that 53 devoutly Christian men authored to insure Americans the freedom of speech to criticize their government without fear of reprisal, have been analyzed, restructured, redefined, and reinterpreted by our Supreme Court Justices. The outcome? Today, the term, "free *speech*," guarantees pornography, violent video games, the general commercialism of sex, and other so-called "rights" as being acceptable forms of personal expression.

Either the Justices our tax money supports have never studied the Constitution relative to the First Amendment (from the perspective of its authors' political and social environment) or tragically, they lack the good and moral judgment necessary to serve in the capacity for which they were appointed. The words, "separation between church and state" or "separation of church and state" do not appear in the 1st Amendment. Furthermore, the word, "separation," does not appear *at all* in the First Amendment. Any latitude taken by our Justices to interpret this pivotal Amendment either has been taken without first researching and understanding the circumstances which led to its creation or they have taken the liberty to "adjust" its original intent to provide greater representation of the *minority interests* at the expense of those of the majority. It must be iterated that the *true meaning…the true intent*…of anything said or action taken must be reviewed and analyzed in the context in which it was said or done. If it were not so, the reference to the "gay 90's" at the turn of the century would convey a totally different meaning today.

For the last 50 years or so, it seems as if a large percentage of our elected or appointed judges have relied upon making judgment on the interpretation of the *letter* of the law rather than on the exercise of good judgment in *applying* the law to maintain the moral and spiritual character of our society. They spend more time trying to interpret every letter every, syllable, and every word of the law without regard to the *spirit* of the law….its original intent. As they deliberate on the interpretation of the law, they should first seek the counsel of the history behind our laws…the times behind the wording of our Constitution and its Amendments to capture the spirit of the purpose of the documents our forefathers so carefully constructed. Their actions indicate their unwillingness to *offend* the minority voice and their willingness to ignore the majority. As a result of their actions, intentional or otherwise, the Christian foundation of our nation has been shattered.

Silence is not golden….

During the past six decades, the ACLU and other liberal voices have gradually and methodically seduced America into prostituting its spiritual and moral fiber. One thread at a time, these organizations have succeeded in promoting the minority non-Christian interests under the guise of protecting *our* individual "rights" of free speech and "separation of church and state." Keep in mind that their interpretation of "free speech" and the First Amendment's reference to religion is anything but what our forefathers had in mind. Over the past 50 – 60 years the efforts of these organizations have relentlessly assaulted Christianity's influence on our society. Their accomplishments have included:

- Prohibiting the "Pledge of Allegiance" from being said in our schools
- Removing prayer and Bible reading from our schools
- Removing the Ten Commandments from our government (public) buildings
- Banning nativity scenes from our communities
- Protecting, through the guise of "free speech":
  - o Pornographic films and publications
  - o Television shows that contain foul language, sexual content, and/or themes that promote or otherwise glorify violence
  - o Television commercials that sell even soap and hamburgers with sex
  - o Television commercials that sell drugs that promote enhanced sexual pleasure for couples
  - o The rights of the hard rock bands to "express" themselves through their lewd and satanic shows
  - o Flag burning
- Denying the rights of "free speech" if:
  - o A person speaks openly against a sinful lifestyle, making such comments a federal crime
  - o A member of clergy endorses a political candidate

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- Christianity is promoted or endorsed in a public place
- Someone attempts to teach how God created the universe and all that is within it, rather than the theory of how the universe and all that is within it evolved over time

- Providing for:
  - The legalization of abortion
  - The acceptance of the "gay" lifestyle to the point of granting same-sex marriages and/or same-sex unions
    - The rights of gay couples to receive the same tax benefits as heterosexual married couples
    - The rights of gay couples to rear children

Our Christian focus has been plucked from the heart of America. Where were the multitudes of Christian voices during these times? Where are they *now*…?

Of Individual Wants and Desires….

As a result of the liberal decisions handed down from our highest court in the land, America is rapidly losing an <u>accurate</u> accounting of its roots. The facts surrounding our founding as a Christian nation during the last five decades have been blurred by the persistent voices of those who appeal to their minority interests. Career politicians readily take up the crusades of the minority to get the support they need to further their personal political desires. Whether or not they actually believe in the minority agendas, they seize all opportunities for national exposure via every media channel that is hungry for a sensational story. They seek only what they want and from wherever and from whomever the votes originate that can deliver their desires.

- Some women want the "right" to use abortion as a means of birth control
- Some people are atheists and do not want to hear the Word of God spoken or referred to in public
- Some people want to live an unnatural lifestyle and want it to be "acceptable" in the eyes of our society

The minority interests have been unchallenged due to the silence of Christians in America.

In recent times, we have seen the effects of this "tolerance."

The title of the book I published six months after 9/11, "The Spiritual, Moral, and Civil Decay of America", actually refers to the sequence of events that are leading to our destruction. With each new generation, as we continue to allow our centers of education to hide our Christian beginnings…our young people…our leaders of tomorrow…will continue to be reared without adequate spiritual and moral character.

As our spiritual focus as a Christian nation continues to blur, so does our moral compass. As our moral compass misguides our nation….immorality reaches a level that erupts into civil decay; once civil order has been lost our nation will crumble in the likeness of nations of antiquity including Rome, Babylon, and Sodom and Gomorrah.

Decaying Roots Can't Feed the Tree...

America's lifestyle over these past 50 years has been *too* comfortable for our own good. America's strength was second to none since WW II, however….

- More than one generation has now gown up in America without seeing the appreciable hardships many of our fathers and forefathers have endured.
- Almost two generations have passed since most women who had children were "stay-at-home-moms";
  - Since abortion was not considered a widely acceptable and convenient method of birth control; since kids straight out of college had to start at the *bottom* rung of the corporate ladder and work their way up;
  - Since the daily threat of a nuclear holocaust between the former Soviet Union and America existed;
  - Since owning a car as a teenager was a rarity;
  - Since being an atheist in America was unpopular;
  - Since prayer in school was banished;
  - Since America's war in Vietnam cost an average of 5,800 lives each year for 10 years (that's 483 every month; 120 per week; 17 per day);
  - Since homosexuality was considered detrimental to the core family values of America;
  - Since going to church was a *routine* <u>*family*</u> affair.

- More than **two** generations have passed since:
  - The most awful thing a student could do at school was chewing gum
  - The history books in our public schools actually reflected an unbiased accounting of our nation's

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history;
- o The sacrifices made to purchase and sustain our freedom;
- o The vigilance necessary for freedom's continuance.

Our nations' strength has provided for our individual comfort and security, yet as with most things in life, individuals never seem able to attain that "one thing" that satisfies all. There is always another plateau…another quest…another "thing" to want…nothing ever satisfies, not even the comfort and peace that only God's hands have provided our once great nation.

Individualism has replaced our national identity as a democratic society. The direction of our nation, once determined by the desires of the *majority*, has been supplanted by the "rights" of the individual to *be* or *do* almost anything desired. The misguided "interpretation' of the 1st Amendment has perpetrated one of the most blatant deceptions in the annals history. As our system continues to grant *individual* preferences, wants, and desires continue to erode the very fabric of our nation's strength. The wants and the desires of the individual have been favored over the needs of the majority. Our democratic principles have been shattered in face of the vocal minority.

After decades of tolerance in many areas, we have, regrettably, changed the *standards* that govern the definition of what is "right" and "wrong." Our Achilles' heel has been pierced. We have tried to civilize our society by way of words, phrases, and sentences…void of common sense…the perquisite for good judgment.

Void of the original *standards* established for our nation by God through our founding fathers, the fabric that made America the greatest nation in the world, is in a state of decay. The desire to practice the Christian faith apart from the Anglican Church, that brought the pilgrims to America, has been largely eclipsed by a religion called, "individualism." The misguided judgment by the Supreme Court has allowed the 1st Amendment to be rewritten, allowing the rights of the individual to overshadow the moral and social basis upon which our nation was founded. It was from these established principles of moral and social behavior, based on Christian-Judeo precepts that made our country great.

Those who claim and wish others to believe that our nation was not founded by Christians with an eternal desire to remain a Christian nation either refuse to understand their history or simply fail to perform their assigned responsibilities.

Our nation has continued its slide into a state of spiritual and moral decay as we have sought treasures on earth rather than those that can await us in Heaven for eternity. America…a Divine experiment of God…has slowly, but clearly turned away from God. If we do not reestablish our Christian roots, we will fall at the hands of it enemies, just as God's people fell before its enemies on numerous occasions during ancient times when God's people repeatedly disobeyed His commands.

Americans have become well-adjusted to the creature-comforts of life and the money it takes to provide them. Our nation has become greedy….*really* greedy. CEO's of our large corporations have multi-million dollar salaries, multi-million dollar PERTs, and multi-million dollar "golden parachutes" while his average employee struggles to cope with the rising cost of health-care and the fading prospect of a comfortable retirement.

As with our ancient lineage of David (the Israelites) our people have fallen to worshiping foreign gods and idols. We worship money, cars, boats, 2nd homes, and a host of other "things." Being a sports fanatic is a virtue, yet being a fanatical Christian is something to be laughed at…or pitied.

God, as the benefactor of our great power and material rich blessings is no longer taken seriously. Studying and understanding God's Word is no longer a significant priority in most people's lives. As such, they are subjecting themselves to being banished from God...eternally separated from God (in hell).

How do I know this? By reading and studying the Word of God (The Bible).

"Hogwash!", you say? "God's laws and the stories in the Bible were about ancient people during biblical times. This is the modern age….God knows we're more mature now…more 'enlightened' so His laws and commandments are 'old hat' … no longer totally valid today. Besides, God is a loving God and as *long as we're 'good,' we'll get to heaven."*

Don't believe it for a skinny minute! God's laws and commands, as they are recorded in the Bible are as valid *today* as they were then and God is just as adamant about us following them today as you are about *your* child following *your* rules and your commands tomorrow…just as you expected them to be followed *today.*

Furthermore, being "good" is not what gets you to Heaven… it's whether or not you *believe* Jesus Christ was God incarnate (the "Son" of God); you confess and repent of your sins; believe that he died for your sins; and believe He was resur-

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rected and ascended into Heaven where he sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

> [6]*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NIV)*

I think one of the problems with our society today is that a whole of people have grown so accustomed to a "cushy" life-style that they feel they "got there by themselves." Amplify that by several million and poof….the nation as a whole takes the same notion…that by its wiles and intelligence, and craftiness, has turned into the most powerful nation on the face of the planet.

Wrong! God and God alone has provided for our nations might. It has been God alone that has guarded our nation through our time in history and it is God alone who will judge this nation by the righteousness or sinfulness of its people. After all, a nation is merely a reflection of its people. As its people do, so will the nation rise or fall.

> [16]"They profess that they know God; but by their works, they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." *Titus 1:16*

As God's people, we are subject to God's laws on *every* occasion…not just on Sunday…not just in our "religious" communities, but in every part of our lives, especially in our secular activities on a daily basis for it is in our secular dealings where opportunities to actively demonstrate God's will for our lives and those of our neighbor can be found. Insofar as God is concerned, there is no duality of law (one for secular use and one for religious occasions)…God's laws cover both.

People across America, we are in perilous times! America was a nation built upon a Christian foundation. It is only from this strength that we have become the most powerful nation on earth! Yet, over the past 50 - 60 years, we have slowly drifted away from our individual and corporate responsibility to adhere to God's laws and reap the benefits from a sound relationship with the Almighty. A little "tolerance" here, a little "tolerance" there….and slowly, but surely we have plunged from the stature we once had with God.

As with God's people from ancient times, the kings who ruled over them who tolerated the worship of foreign gods and idols…the kings who tolerated sexual promiscuity…ultimately brought not only death and destruction to themselves, but to the entire nation over whom they presided.

> [25]"*In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit."* Judges 21:25

(…and there was no God in the land of America and the people did as they pleased.)

As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord...
Joshua 24:15

Leviticus 26

> [1]"'*Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the LORD your God.*
> [2]"'*Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD.*
> [3]"'*If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands,* [4]*I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit.* [5]*Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land.*
> [6]"'*I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove savage beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country.* [7]*You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.* [8]*Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.*
> [9]"'*I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you.* [10]*You will still be eating last year's harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new.* [11]*I will put my dwelling place*[£] *among you, and I will not abhor you.* [12]*I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.* [13]*I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.*
> [14]"'*But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands,* [15]*and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant,* [16]*then I will do this to you: I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting dis-*

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eases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it. [17]I will set my face against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies; those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee even when no one is pursuing you.

[18]"'If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over. [19]I will break down your stubborn pride and make the sky above you like iron and the ground beneath you like bronze. [20]Your strength will be spent in vain, because your soil will not yield its crops, nor will the trees of the land yield their fruit.

[21]"'If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve. [22]I will send wild animals against you, and they will rob you of your children, destroy your cattle and make you so few in number that your roads will be deserted.

[23]"'If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile toward me, [24]I myself will be hostile toward you and will afflict you for your sins seven times over. [25]And I will bring the sword upon you to avenge the breaking of the covenant. When you withdraw into your cities, I will send a plague among you, and you will be given into enemy hands. [26]When I cut off your supply of bread, ten women will be able to bake your bread in one oven, and they will dole out the bread by weight. You will eat, but you will not be satisfied.

[27]"'If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile toward me, [28]then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over. [29]You will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters. [30]I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars and pile your dead bodies on the lifeless forms of your idols, and I will abhor you. [31]I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries, and I will take no delight in the pleasing aroma of your offerings. [32]I will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who live there will be appalled. [33]I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. [34]Then the land will enjoy its Sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. [35]All the time that it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not have during the sabbaths you lived in it.

[36]"'As for those of you who are left, I will make their hearts so fearful in the lands of their enemies that the sound of a windblown leaf will put them to flight. They will run as though fleeing from the sword, and they will fall, even though no one is pursuing them. [37]They will stumble over one another as though fleeing from the sword, even though no one is pursuing them. So you will not be able to stand before your enemies. [38]You will perish among the nations; the land of your enemies will devour you. [39]Those of you who are left will waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins; also because of their fathers' sins they will waste away.

[40]"'But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their fathers—their treachery against me and their hostility toward me, [41]which made me hostile toward them so that I sent them into the land of their enemies—then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin, [42]I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. [43]For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees. [44]Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the LORD their God. [45]But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the LORD.'"

[46]These are the decrees, the laws and the regulations that the LORD established on Mount Sinai between himself and the Israelites through Moses

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