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Remember when? Remember when we used to go the movies on Saturday mornings to watch the cowboy and Indian shows?

From our youthful perspective, each Saturday matinee reconfirmed our belief that the "good guys always win." (They were the ones with the *white hats*.)

As we matured and were gradually introduced to life's challenges, we became acutely aware that the world is still filled with both *white hats* and *black hats*. (During the taming of the Wild West, Roy Rogers, Lash LaRue, the Lone Ranger, and numerous other heroes, apparently missed a few *black hats* hiding in their remote hideouts.)

Eventually, we had to come to grips with the possibility that the *"good guys don't always win."*

The bad guys….drug dealers, atheists, false gods, and worldly religions…..seem to be winning. Where are today's heroes…who are the Roy Rogers, the Lash LaRues, and the Lone Rangers at the turn of the new millennium? Who is going to save the ranchers from the gang of rustlers….who is going to take the town back from the bad men of the open range?

Where are the guys with the *white hats*?

I think the guys with the white hats are a dying breed. I think the proliferation of the creature comforts our prosperity has been able to purchase over the last 50 - 60 years has allowed us to become isolationists. We no longer have needs which, at one time, could only be filled by our neighbors.

Gone are the days of "barn raisings." Gone are the days of families looking after other families. Gone are the days of the neighborhood grocer or "general store" extending a little credit here and there without interest, until a rough spot or two in someone's road of life has been smoothed over.

Too many issues we face today seem to skirt the classification as either good or bad. We have been brainwashed into thinking too scientifically…that for every action there must have been an equal reaction. That for every result, there must have been a justifiable cause.

In other words, we have allowed our nation to justify the ends of the actions of people without making them bear the responsibility. Accountability is a bygone requirement for living in today's society.

Our thought process has been greyed out….we no longer seem to think in terms of good guys or bad guys…white hats or black hats….right or wrong. We think more in terms of grey hats.

In a nutshell, we have evolved into a nation over-populated with grey hats. We have become apathetic to our fundamental responsibility to call a spade a spade or a rose a rose. We too often sit somewhere in the middle. We don't take a stand. We don't speak out when we should. We analyze…we think…we

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debate. We ignore the fundamentals. We cast aside *common sense.* We ignore our heritage. We ignore the *Written Word* and replace it with meaningless debate, philosophical conjecture, and fade to a color of *grey*.

Disturbingly, many of our Christian leaders have fallen into this trap, the snares of which have serious consequences…

Luke 17

Jesus said to his disciples, *"Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! 2 It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble."*

Satan, as you know is a very clever fellow. He uses every ounce of deception he can and administers it in *milligramic* dosages so that little-by-little God's children (all of us) begin to use our intellect more than our spirituality to govern our lives. I am certain that our country is heading the way of Rome, Sodom, Gomorrah, and hosts of other once fabulous civilizations, after their balance between intellect and spirituality erred to the side of their intellect.

Our country's consideration towards the "rights of others" has fueled our *tolerance* of permissive, promiscuous, decadent lifestyles, and promoted acceptance of foreign gods and idols that God has always considered to be an abomination.

God requires us to serve Him by adherence to His Living Word...the way it always has been and the way it always will be. There are no compromises, there are no revisions. As Christ instructed us to let our "yes" be 'yes' and our "no" be 'no,' so it is with our Living Scripture...there is no in-between...there is no room for...*grey hats.*

We are together in Christ,

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