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## Christianity and the Culture War

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The church faces significant challenges if it is to bring an end to Satan's assault on the institutions of the United States and mitigate the growing dominion of evil in the country. The church bears significant responsibility for the cultural and moral decay that attends the manifest decline of the US culture and the broader Western Civilization.

The symptoms of the problem are evident throughout the state of the American culture. Statistics with respect to abortion, alcoholism, bankruptcy, cheating, child abuse, crime, debt bondage, depression, divorce, drug addiction, fraud, gambling, government dependence, greed, homosexuality, illegitimacy, illiteracy, infidelity, over-medication (more than a quarter of US teens are taking medication on a chronic basis according to Medco Health Solutions Inc.)<sup>1</sup> physical abuse, pedophilia, pornography, promiscuity, prostitution, sexual abuse and assault, STD's, same sex adoption, same sex marriage, suicide, violence, and the rise of an increasing police state are overwhelming the culture and show few signs of abatement. Nancy Pearcey writes in *Saving Leonardo* that politics is downstream from culture and Christians must address the cultural decay in America if we are to prevent the rise of the secular state and persecution of Christians. While Satan and his demons never sleep, Christians often do. The report card is ominous.

### **Illegitimacy is becoming the national norm.**

- In 1960, only 5% of American births were illegitimate.
- By 2004, 37% of American births were illegitimate—(32% of white births, 45% of Hispanic births, and 68% of black births).
- The rate of illegitimacy rose 75% from 1980-1990.
- By 2010, 40% of all American births were illegitimate—75% are to women 20 or older. (Black women account for 72% nationally and 80% in most larger cities.)
- Nationally, 45% of unmarried couples living together are raising children.<sup>2</sup>

The problem of moral and cultural decay is explained by systemic secularism (and its philosophical progeny socialism and relativism) in the face of ill-prepared Christians who are both biblically illiterate and lack initiative regarding cultural engagement.

Further, the rise of global Islam presents a formidable challenge to Western Civilization. Christians are both doctrinally indigent and spiritually indolent in confronting the twin threats of Secular Humanism and Radical Islam. These two religious forces are co-belligerents in the contest with Judeo-Christian values. They clearly represent the greatest threats to Western Civilization. The FBI estimates there are 15,000 web sites supporting terrorism. Terrorism has become Americanized with 68 citizens/residents charged and convicted of terrorist crimes in 2009-2010. Almost 200 citizens have been charged with terrorist crimes since 2001 with one quarter of them being converts to Islam.<sup>3</sup>

The most significant combatants supporting Secular Humanism and its cousin the Marxists (remember Corliss Lamont, Van Jones, Bill Ayers, Tom Hayden, etc.) and Radical Islam in this battle have been the media, the education system (and its public unions), the legal profession, and the government. Although the situation looks bleak, the solution lies in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. Understanding the times (I Chron. 12:32) and engagement (Daniel 11:32; Acts 13:36) are the instruments of human remedy.

The lack of Christian preparedness is corroborated by the survey findings of the Barna Research Group. The Barna study, conducted approximately two years ago, states, "For the purposes of the survey, a biblical worldview was defined as believing that absolute moral truth exists; the Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches; Satan is con-

sidered to be a real being or force, not merely symbolic; a person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or do good works; Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and God is the all-powerful creator of the world who still rules today.”<sup>4</sup>

In the research, anyone who held all of those beliefs was said to have a biblical worldview. Nine percent of Americans have such a biblical worldview and less than one out of every five (19%) born-again Christians had such an outlook on life.”<sup>5</sup> If one were to incorporate additional doctrinal truths, e.g., the Trinity, the inerrancy of the Bible, original sin, the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection of Jesus, the miracles of Jesus, the exclusive divinity and salvific nature of Jesus, etc., it is likely that a Biblical worldview among professing Christians would drop precipitously. Further, the application of Biblical solutions to social problems, e.g. homosexuality, abortion, embryonic stem cell research, etc., would likely test the most fervent understanding of a biblical worldview and reduce those adhering to a strict biblical worldview to the low single digits. The small percentage of Christians with a biblical worldview often compromise that worldview in cases of personal circumstance. Finally, Barna research indicates that only 4% of those born after 1977 have a biblical worldview.<sup>6</sup>

#### **Teen Sex—Sexual Seduction in America Starts Early.**

- 40% of 9th graders say they have had sexual intercourse.
- 50% of high schoolers admit having engaged in intercourse.
- 50% of teens have engaged in oral sex; 70% of 18-19 year olds have had oral sex.
- “Rainbow parties,” “cutting,” etc., have emerged in the teen culture.
- 16% of high school sophomores have had 4 or more sexual partners.
- 66% of teens are sexually active by the end of high school, despite 89% having attended sex education classes. 81% of parents want schools to discuss birth control.
- Teens from homes headed by single, never-married women are twice as likely to be sexually active than teens from homes headed by married couples.
- America’s universities have become “Dorm Brothels” (*Christianity Today*, Feb. 2005).
- Female teens are now exploring bisexuality. Anal sex is now perceived as the way to preserve “virginity” and more than 50% have had anal sex.
- 6% of young men have had at least one same-sex encounter.<sup>7</sup>

#### **Pornography has strengthened its hold on the American culture.**

- 45 million adults visit cyber sex sites monthly.<sup>8</sup>
- The number of hard-core video rentals rose from 75 million in 1985 to 490 million in 1992, 665 million in 1996, 759 million in 2001, over 800 million in 2003 and continues to grow. 11,000 adult films are produced annually.
- 25% of internet users in the US visit adult sites. Playboy’s web site averages over 5 million hits every day. The pornography industry constitutes over \$10 billion in revenue annually, approximately the revenue size of a Fortune 250 enterprise.<sup>9</sup>

#### **Homosexuality has also tightened its grip on the American culture.**

- Less than 3% of Americans admit homosexual behavior, yet the culture increasingly accepts such behavior as normal. Further, there is momentum in ascribing homosexuality (and other sins) as genetic in causation thereby exculpating individual moral responsibility. Forty six percent (and declining) of Americans in 2000 believed sodomy was a sin.
- 54% believe homosexual partners should receive employment benefits as spouses.
- All states once had anti-sodomy laws. 60% of Americans in 2003 believed homosexual sex should be legal. Sodomy laws were thereafter invalidated by the 2003 US Supreme Court decision *Lawrence v Texas*.
- Two states authorized homosexual marriage in 2005 while five states (and Washington, D.C.) now sanction same sex marriage.<sup>10</sup> The legality of homosexual marriage will be nationally tested in the years ahead. Homosexual marriage, homosexual health care, homosexual visibility in the military, homosexual adoption, homosexuals in the clergy, and homosexuality indoctrination in the K-12 curriculum are now the new cultural reality. Hate speech legislation is envisioned as the next conquest for homosexual advocacy groups redounding to the detriment of the Christian believer.

#### **The epidemic of sexual sin contributes to the dissolution of traditional marriage with dire implications for intact families and the broader society.**

- In 1969, no-fault divorce began sweeping the nation.
- By 1996, the divorce rate among Christians was 4% higher than the national average.
- By 1997, the divorce rate in the Bible Belt was 50% higher than the national average.
- By 2000, the divorce rate among pastors equaled their parishioners and was the 2nd highest of all professions.

- In 2003, there were approximately 1.2 million new divorces annually, leaving 1 million children each year as divorce orphans.

- By 2005, the church of England and the Assemblies of God reversed doctrinal positions to conform to culture, permitting pastors and parishioners to divorce and remarry.<sup>11</sup>

- 78% of women who have had an abortion report a religious affiliation.<sup>12</sup>

**The direction of the country is headed south (figuratively and spiritually).**

- Belief in God was 96% (1999) and is now 86% (2007).

- Religion was seen as very important by 70% (1965) and is now 56% (2007).

- The Bible was taken literally by 38% (1976) and is now 28% (2007).

- The rise of “Secular America” is at hand. “Almost 50% of Americans would be willing to vote for an atheist for president.”<sup>13</sup> President Obama is more clearly a universalist than he is a Christian as he has claimed that Jesus is not the only way to heaven.<sup>14</sup> Further, Obama has been steeped in Liberation Theology arising from a secular worldview.<sup>15</sup>

- 75% believe many religions can lead to heaven, a belief shared now by 48% of “highly committed white evangelical Protestants” (Ministries Today). Former President G. W. Bush repeatedly declared “All religions worship the same God” and even the revered Billy Graham refused to deny it on Larry King Live, contending he could not say whether Buddhists or Hindus, etc., would make it to heaven.

- The new Gospel message is “YOUR BEST LIFE NOW” (Oprah and Olsteen) rather than “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33).

- The new theology—63% now believe Jesus may have sinned.

- 76% are not sure Satan is real and 66% believe God is the all-powerful, all knowing Creator who rules in the universe today. (Barna Report)

Oprah Winfrey, declaring that the Bible deceived her, began a 365 day discipleship training for her vast listenership on 1-1-08, introducing them to a New Age Christ, through “A Course in Miracles,” declaring “My salvation comes from me” and “There is no sin” and “The recognition of God is the recognition of yourself.”<sup>16</sup>

Finally, as churches have become more like the culture around them, they have become vulnerable to the problems of the world. Nearly 200 religious institutions have been foreclosed on by banks since 2008 mirroring the world

in which they serve.<sup>17</sup>

**These problems are substantially the fault of a lethargic and ignorant church whose leadership operates under willful neglect.**

The church is increasingly irrelevant in society due to this leadership failure. Colonial America would find individuals spending hundreds of hours annually under the tutelage of a Bible-believing pastor/family resulting in over 10,000 hours of biblical worldview instruction.<sup>18</sup> Our contemporary situation finds individuals getting 20 minutes of teaching for an average of three Sundays a month, equating to approximately 12 hours annually. This translates into a decline of approximately two orders of magnitude in the quantity of teaching (and is further exacerbated by the significant decline in the quality of instruction over the same period).

This educational gap has been largely offset by the government schools, which indoctrinate over 90% of each generation with 30 hours per week over 12 years (for those who graduate) equating to approximately 13,000 hours of secular humanist instruction. The secular humanist worldview is now dominant in America because the Christians have abdicated their educational responsibility. Abraham Lincoln said “The philosophy of the classroom in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next.” By almost any measure, the US government education system is in steep decline after decades of secularist indoctrination, underscored by the recent OECD PISA study where America finished 25th out of 34 industrialized nations in the mathematics competition.<sup>19</sup> It is little wonder that our society is in free fall as measured by rates of illegitimacy, homosexuality, suicide, depression, bankruptcy, debt bondage, illiteracy, alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography, gambling, sexual abuse, physical abuse, over-medication, divorce, infidelity, abortion, same sex marriage, same sex adoption, and government dependence.

Our Secular Humanist educational system has indoctrinated the generations with what to think, rather than how to think. The results clearly show that humanist indoctrination in our schools bodes poorly for the republic. Studies suggest that declining scholastic performance in the US government schools is inversely related to the increasing secularism in those same government schools.<sup>20</sup>

**There are profound issues on the horizon with respect to the field of bioethics (ESCR, cloning, transhumanism, fetal harvesting for same sex parenting, etc.) that will present daunting challenges to the church.**

Further, global and domestic economic challenges in

conjunction with greater availability of nuclear weapons to rogue interests will present some foreboding scenarios in the years to come, all of which will be complicated by an openly homosexual military. The inability of the church to anticipate and respond to these challenges might be further exacerbated by coming restrictions on freedom. One or two catastrophic events in conjunction with an increasing predisposition to secularism could create the ingredients for tyranny in America.

Similarities abound to the recent fall of the Soviet empire. As explained by Nobel Laureate Alexander Solzhenitsyn, when asked why that empire fell, he stated “We have forgotten God; *that’s* why all this has happened.”<sup>21</sup>

Further, the fall of Rome was characterized by similar examples of moral and economic decay in conjunction with an analogous set of over-extended military commitments. The US is walking a familiar road. Absent the Lord’s return, we might expect some dark days ahead for America specifically and western civilization generally. Discerning people will need to prepare for potentially foreboding scenarios (Proverbs 22:3).

The dream of this secularization had its provenance in the 19th century with the arrival of Darwin, Marx, Freud, Keynes, Wellhausen, Kierkegaard, and Dewey.<sup>22</sup> John Dewey, father of the modern US education system, and a contributing author of *The Humanist Manifesto* (1933) has been singularly effective in inculcating Secular Humanism into the American culture.<sup>23</sup> Dewey, a Hegelian, and committed to the transformation of US institutions, said “Meaning . . . is more precious in value than is truth, and philosophy is occupied with meaning rather than the truth.”<sup>24</sup> Sadly, Christians have compromised on absolute truth while abandoning righteous education and now reap what they have sown.

Recently, the President of the American Enterprise Institute articulated why conservatives and Christians bear significant responsibility for the current problems in America. He averred that there are over 100 million Christians in America, of which 50% are registered to vote, from which 50% actually do vote. Sadly, 50% of those that did vote, voted for the Democratic candidate for President in 2008 (demonstrably anti-Christian in his political philosophy).<sup>25</sup> *Christianity Today* reported that approximately 25% of evangelicals voted for Obama in 2008.<sup>26</sup> *The Christian Post* reported that 42% of evangelicals voted for Obama and that 35% are still happy with his performance as President<sup>27</sup> in spite of the fact that he has been the most pro-abortion, pro-homosexual, pro-Marxist president in US history. In fact, he has instructed his Justice Department to forget about defending the

pro-marriage act (DOMA) because he has determined on his own that it is un-Constitutional. Clearly, the Obama presidency has not been favorable to the principles of a biblical worldview, yet a large percentage of Christians are either unaware of this reality or are pursuing a personal affluence independent of biblical principles.

Since both the quantity AND quality of pastoral instruction has deteriorated over time, substantial effort will be required to restore a biblical worldview. It will require a disciplined, vibrant, and relentless pursuit of the truth undertaken by dedicated leadership efforts that are committed to a long-term vision sustained over generations. The dramatic decline of America has occurred over the past two generations and will not be turned around any time soon. Using the “Rule of 72” suggests that even a 3% positive change annually would take two generations of annual improvement to recover lost ground.<sup>28</sup> The church needs a coordinated strategy in worldview education and application if it hopes to reverse course.

This requires a significant education effort with the application of biblical truth and doctrine for the issues of our time. These issues involve a fully-orbed Christian worldview encompassing theology, politics, economics, ethics, biology, history, philosophy, psychology, sociology, law, arts, music, and literature.<sup>29</sup> The mechanics of resolution entail a requirement to teach truth reflecting the holiness of God and not based on the desires for “cheap grace” by the people. The latter is addressed in abundance by the secular institutions within the media and market cultures. The great revivals in our history (Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, etc.) were led by the proclamation of God’s truth and holiness resulting in individual and corporate repentance. This repentance was blessed by God as He promised in 2 Chronicles 7:14. Too many unrepentant sinners are comfortable in church today. How many would sit in the pews and listen to Edward’s “Sinners in the Hand of an Angry God?” Today, public schools vilify this sermon while most churchgoers have never read it. Reverence for holiness has been replaced by a demand for “cheap grace.” The concept of cheap grace was explored in great depth by Bonhoeffer in *The Cost of Discipleship*. Its ultimate expression is characterized by antinomianism, which might lead to ethical permissiveness.<sup>30</sup>

In addition, church membership/attendance has declined with an increasing abdication of Bible study and doctrinal study. More churches are closing while fewer people formally attend church services. There are approximately 300,000 churches in the US with a median size of 75 in the congregation. Approximately 20% of Americans attend church, a number that continues to

decline.<sup>31</sup> Further, statistical projections suggest that Islam will become the majority religion on the planet by 2050.<sup>32</sup> Presently, 20% of Russians are Muslim, 45% of those under 20 in Paris are Muslim, and two great founts of Christianity (Germany and France) are projected to be Islamic republics by 2050.<sup>33</sup>

Secularism at home, Islam abroad, the relativism of morals, multiculturalism (better characterized as Cultural Marxism), globalism, and an indifference to biblical teaching bode very poorly for the future of America relative to its Judeo-Christian past.

In the face of an extremely well-organized (and energized) opposition, we find cowardly pastors, lazy Christians, institutions adrift, and a government heretofore sympathetic to Christians, now increasingly hostile to Christianity.

That same government now concentrates wealth to itself. According to newly released US Census data, the

highest percentage of households in the US earning over \$200,000 annually is in Washington D.C. with 8.4% of all D.C. households earning above \$200,000. D.C. is also the home to the highest percentage of single parent households in the nation.<sup>34</sup> The secular model of society seen in D.C. recalls the history of 20th century Socialism when economic power separated into two classes, the elite and the ruled. This same secular government, growing in size and power, will first privatize Christianity, then marginalize Christianity, then persecute Christianity, and ultimately prosecute Christianity. The similarities between our cultural failures and those of preceding empire collapse, e.g. Rome, are startling. Will the church wake up in time?

The failure of church leadership in responding to the foregoing issues has contributed to the formation of the Para church movement in addressing the biblical needs of society. *See chart below.*

<b>NEED</b>	<b>MINISTRY</b>
Creation vs. Evolution	Answers in Genesis
Intelligent Design	Discovery Institute
Sociology	Focus on the Family/Family Talk
Marriage	Family Life Today
Young adult worldview	Summit Ministries
Adult Worldview	Worldview Weekend/Summit Ministries
Pro Life	Pro Life Training/CPC
Politics	Family Research Council
Psychology/Counseling	Institute for Counseling and Biblical Discipleship or International Association of Biblical Counselors
Law	American Center for Law and Justice or Liberty Counsel
Biology	Institute for Creation Research
Homosexuality	Exodus International
History	Wallbuilders, Christian History
Philosophy	Reasonable Faith
Islam	Act for America
Apologetics	Stand to Reason
Prophecy	Endtime Ministries, et.al.
Ethics	Prison Fellowship/Colson
Pornography/addictions	New Life Ministries
Literature	CLC (formerly Christian Literature Crusade)
Art	Christian Art Ministries
Debt/Financial counseling	Ramsey/ Burkett
Economics	Association of Christian Economists
Military	Christian Military Fellowship
Athletics	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
home group worldview	Truth Project
University students	Campus Crusade for Christ

These parachurch ministries are successfully meeting the challenges that heretofore were often addressed by the church. Astute church leadership should consider pursuing closer working relationships with ministries such as these to serve the needs of their congregations (in addition to implementing biblical worldview discipleship within their own churches). Conversely, Bible-believing churches should avoid opening their pulpits e.g., Robert Schuller, Rick Warren, to unbiblical self-help movements (stressing weight loss, prosperity, yoga, nutrition, meditation, et.al.) in an effort to improve their marketing efforts to the community of seekers.

*In sum, the church faces dire challenges and increasing irrelevance in society due to leadership failure, inadequate discipleship, and lack of engagement on the part of the church body.*

Church failure contributes to family failure and ultimately leads to broader societal failure. Further, the church will face contempt and passionate opposition from secular interests engaged in spiritual warfare if it seeks to resolve the challenge (see Romans 1). The challenge must be met in obedience to the Holy Spirit beginning with individual and corporate repentance. C.S. Lewis said there is no neutral ground in the universe and that God claims every inch of it while Satan invokes his own counterclaims. Satan and his followers are on the field of battle. Most Christians remain bystanders in the bleachers.

Church leadership will need to examine the merits of the following recommendations if tangible improvements are to eventuate:

- Repent. Pray. Teach. Learn. Apply.
- Return to biblical teaching on all aspects of Christian truth regarding real issues of the day without fear and hesitation.
- Deliver worldview education and discipleship curriculum from early childhood through adult and senior education.
- Become relevant by examining all aspects of the Christian worldview in society.
- Active partnership and engagement with the parachurch movement with worldview implications.
- Establish accountability procedures to assure that church membership (and leadership) is successfully receiving worldview education.

- Establish an active Apologetics ministry (and dialogue) within the church to assure members can defend the faith and apply Christian principles to life.

- Establish a prayer group exclusively focused on teaching, understanding, applying, discipling, and evangelizing for a Christian worldview.

- Engage the culture through outreach, events, debates, publications, research, etc.

- Encourage, reward, and recognize intellectual pursuit and application of Christian worldview principles.

- Commit to a multi-year vision without retreat.

#### **Tactical recommendations:**

Make a commitment to biblical worldview training and discipleship. Begin a home study using The Truth Project (TrueU for young adults) with a focus on leaders and interested others in the church. Worldview education and apologetics ministries need energy, support, and commitment if the church hopes to close the gap with the aggressive strategies being executed by Satan through Secular Humanism and Radical Islam. This educational commitment should be ongoing and sustained. Summit Ministries is uniquely positioned to address the needs of congregational worldview teaching.

If the Christian community confines its response to the tacit assent of the growth in secular government, we risk the wrath of God's abandonment. Dr. Francis Schaeffer summed this up well in *The Christian Manifesto*. "God has ordained the state as a delegated authority; it is not autonomous. The state is to be an agent of justice, to restrain evil by punishing the wrong doer, and to protect the good in society. When it does the reverse, it has no proper authority, and as such it becomes lawless and is tyranny." Schaeffer counseled Christians that they should view the world in all its dimensions with a biblical worldview. He taught that "Jesus is either Lord of all life or He is not Lord at all."<sup>36</sup>

Have we dug too deep a hole to get out? Has God abandoned the US as some, e.g. John MacArthur, have suggested? What is the role of individual Christian action when God is sovereign? Christians must answer these questions with opposition to evil while restoring a Biblical worldview in their own lives, and demand the same from the institutions serving our society.

Secularism (both humanist and Marxist) and fiscal

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irresponsibility at home and Radical Islam abroad will threaten America and the church for decades to come. The church has faced daunting challenges in the past, and hasn't always responded in an appropriate manner, resulting in great and unnecessary suffering. Nazi Germany is one such example. Dr. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor and vociferous opponent of Hitler's Third Reich, said, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."<sup>37</sup> In a free society that is increasingly secular, the tolerance of sin leads to the advancement of sin and culminates in the conquest by sin.

Jesus taught us to transform the culture (John 17:13-18). When Jesus added humanity to His divinity, He showed us the model that we can be "in the world but not of the world."

The Christian must remember that freedom is a precious endowment and requires careful stewardship. The road to resolving the foregoing challenges must either start with each one of us or surely it will end with each one of us. Neglecting to act and leaving our individual responsibility to others is either cowardice or arrogance. Both are sins. Christians are called to be salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16). History is replete with examples that engaged Christians (with the power of the Holy Spirit) can change the world. Some of these heroes include Wycliffe, Hus, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Tyndale, Knox, Carey, Wilberforce, Edwards, Whitefield, Spurgeon, Nightingale, Wesley, Livingston, Lincoln, Moody, Schaeffer, Bonhoeffer, ten Boom, Lewis, King, Solzhenitsyn, and Graham, et.al. Dr. Adrian Rogers once said "When the night grows darkest, the stars shine brightest."

Many Christians falsely believe that the Lord will continue to bless America because of who we are. They misunderstand He is no respecter of nations. He may be allowing our sins to ripen so that His full glory can be revealed.

We must commit ourselves to a biblical worldview in all areas of life. It is unfathomable that approximately 50% of voting evangelicals voted for a President who openly stated his support of partial birth abortion, government funding of abortion, same sex unions, embryonic stem cell research, openly gay declaration in the military, redistribution of income, declaring that the US was not a Christian nation, our motto is not In God We Trust, ad

infinitum. Daniel 2:20-21 offers encouragement: "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding."

Christians have abandoned their first love, have become more like the world, have relativized the church, and abdicated their responsibility in the Cultural Commission. This must change if we desire righteousness in society and our conditions to improve. God rewards those who live in righteousness with blessing and punishes those who live in sin with discipline (or wrath for the unbeliever) as seen in Deuteronomy 5:10. Conversely, if our cultural rebellion continues and the cultural course and speed is not mediated, Bible believing Christians will neither recognize America in the years to come nor find comfort in the discipline (and wrath) that will be administered by a holy and righteous God.

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