



"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed, and thus clamorous to be led to safety, by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

— H.L. Mencken

REPENTANCE

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

In the last issue of STRAIGHT TALK I wrote about FAITH. I pray that I convinced some of you to examine your own faith to see if you are placing your hope in Jesus, or in the State. I know where most Americans place their faith, and it is the wrong place.

Beyond faith we also need to consider REPENTANCE. Without repentance faith is helpless. It is one thing to believe ... it is another thing to act upon that faith, and REPENT (i.e., change your direction).

Jesus shed his blood ... not to give you a pass for your sins, but to give you the sensibility to CHANGE your priorities, and to understand that you can trust in HIM. Jesus suffered the cross in order to CHANGE US. Therefore, WE SHOULD CHANGE! That's what it means to repent.

Repentance is not for everyone. In fact, it is only for the remnant – the called-out – in this age. Therefore, only the called-out (the ecclesia) will be able to read and understand the things I am writing.

A friend recently asked me, *"From what does God want us to repent?"* This question may at first sound sophomoric ... especially to a churchgoer who has been trained to believe that we must repent of "original sin" and of living as "fallen beings." But in fact only a deep thinker would ever ask this question. My answer turned into a mini sermon (a common failing of mine).

I said, *"Well, it is certain that God does not expect us to repent of how He created us. If He hadn't wanted us to be fallible and mortal He would have created us different than He did."*

God does not ask men to repent of being mortal ... as He made us. In fact, after creating mortal man God pronounced his creation *"very good!"* (Gen. 1:31).

Rather, man's failure is when he stops trusting in God and instead begins to trust and seek the institutions of Man (i.e., government and church). These institutions of Man are called "Babylon" in the Bible.

To sum it up succinctly, God wants us to repent of

trusting in Man (and man's institutions: i.e., Babylon), and of not trusting in Him and his Son. In other words, He wants us to repent from ignoring Him.

Pretty simple, huh?

You may think that's not enough ... that God wants much more from us. You may think God wants us to stroke his ego and continually repeat that He is great, and we are miserable. You may think God requires men to constantly beg Him for indulgence of our sins. You may decide to carry a memento (a cross, a medallion, or a statue) with you at all times to facilitate your constant petitions. You may think that your salvation will require a deathbed confession timed as near as possible to your last breath.

Don't laugh. This, or a slightly altered version of this, is pretty common among Catholics and Protestants. It might behoove you to ask yourself if your version of "salvation" bears the slightest resemblance to this.

The truth is that Jesus accomplished "salvation" long ago. Furthermore, Yahweh was forgiving and "saving" men long before Jesus happened upon the scene. Man has been receiving salvation for thousands of years now. The God of Israel is a forgiving and saving God. He always has been.

Salvation is not something we acquire. Rather, it is already accomplished. It is a gift, and we must recognize it, welcome it, and acknowledge it. When we accept salvation we are saved from the darkness and blindness of Man's World. We are transformed into the Reign of Christ.

Therefore, our redemption is the change that occurs when we see the light, and we determine to stop walking in darkness. Repentance is when we stop worshipping Man and begin worshipping Jesus.

When we consider repentance and its affect upon us as natural creatures of God, we need to look objectively at its role in society in America. It is senseless to attempt to repent of being a mortal, error-prone man. It is hopeless to attempt to repent of being a sinner, for all men are sinners. We are created thus (*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23).

Man's failing is not in being as he was created, but

rather in failing to believe in our Creator. Of this our people must repent.

When a natural man repents of worshipping Man, and begins to worship the true God of Scripture, his whole world takes on a different light; a different meaning. There are many who think of themselves as "Christians" but have not yet repented of the right things. A right repentance must be preceded by a right perception of the problem.

To this precise end my work is dedicated. God help me!

CHRISTMAS HISTORY

Until recent times most Protestant denominations rejected the celebration of Christmas on religious grounds. People today don't think of it this way, but Christmas is really a secular (non-Christian) holiday,.

Gallup polls from 1994 to 2005 consistently show that more than 90 percent of adults say they celebrate Christmas, including 84 percent of non-Christians. That's a huge change from an earlier era, when many Protestants ignored or actively opposed the holiday.

The change didn't happen overnight. Through much of the 19th century, schools and businesses remained open, Congress met in session and some churches closed their doors, lest errant worshippers try to furtively commemorate the day. Government went on as usual, business went on as usual, school went on as usual.

Major American denominations — Presbyterians, Baptists, Quakers, Methodists and Congregationalists — either ignored the holiday or actively discouraged it until the late 19th century.

That rejection was rooted in the lack of biblical sanction for Dec. 25 as the date of Jesus' birth. In colonial New England, this disapproval extended to actually making the holiday illegal, with celebration punishable by a fine.

"*Some observe the day,*" wrote Boston Puritan Samuel Sewall on Christmas Day 1685, "*but are vexed, I believe, that the body of people profane it, and blessed be God no authority yet compels them to keep it.*"

Some 322 years later, Sewall might be surprised to see his congregation — today known as Old South Church — proudly displaying a decorated Christmas tree outside the church.

"We think it's cheerful and seasonal," said Nancy Taylor, senior minister of Old South, counting among its past worshippers not only Sewall but Benjamin Franklin and Samuel Adams.

Now part of the United Church of Christ, Old South not only has a Christmas tree, but encourages its 650 or so members to exchange Christmas presents.

"We are the descendants of the Puritans and Pilgrims, but we have loosened up a lot since then," Taylor said. "We have changed and adapted."

Like Sewall's successors, the mainline Protestant churches have learned to accommodate Christmas.

It's common knowledge that Christmas and its customs have nothing to do with the Bible. The theological question is quite simple: Is it acceptable to God for humans to choose to worship him by adopting paganism's most

popular celebrations and calling them Christian?

Churches and churchgoers have accepted Christmas for the same reasons they have accepted common pagan doctrines like "the Trinity," "immortality of the soul," "supernatural Satan, absent Jesus, "Easter," the institution of church, antinomianism, allegiance to anti-christ government ... i.e., the major core of church teachings. These are non-Christian, but are held up as Christian by religion in general. The result is that most people who think of themselves as "Christian" are actually pagan ... and don't know it.

Christmas, along with these other non-Christian beliefs, are from Babylonian religion. The actual name of the religion that came from Babylon (Persia) is Zoroastrianism. It is the old religion of Persia.

In later years, a branch of Zoroastrianism began calling their messiah by the name Mithras. Even later, when Constantine instituted churches in Rome, Mithraism was generally adopted and called "Christianity." It was a typical Roman ploy ... if you can't beat them, incorporate them. True Christianity could not be stopped by threat, intimidation, and brutality ... so a different tact was employed. Christianity was co-opted by Mithraism, and churches were instituted to facilitate the change. The churches were Mithraic, but by calling them "Christian" the people were tricked into practicing Paganism, thinking it was Christian.

By redefining Christianity the churches turned everyone into pagans without their knowing it. It was insidious, but brilliant. The scheme was classic Roman in nature. Rome's political/religious success, which lasted over 1000 years, was to turn the world into Romans, not by force or brutality, but by incorporating them into Roman polity and calling it by whatever name the recruits liked. The Roman "Saturnalia" is now called "Christmas."

Today, Rome (i.e., Babylon) is alive and healthy ... and bigger than ever. Most self-defined Christians would be horrified to know the truth ... that they are practicing pagans and don't know it.

People only see what they are prepared to see.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Happy Saturnalia" Babylonians of America!

AMERICA IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK

-The People Running This Country Are Not American-

Not only were many of the founders of the United States Government Masons, but they received aid from the secret and august body existing in Europe which helped them to establish this country for A PECULIAR AND PARTICULAR PURPOSE known only to the initiated few.

—Manly P. Hall, *The Secret Teachings of All Ages*, p. XCI

The global government movement was designed by the wealthiest men in our world. It was designed to support their corporations, their foundations, their opinions, and the continuance of their family dynasties. It was designed to merge their corporate powers with and into governmental

powers. It was designed to hand themselves total control of the world's wealth, which means land.

They achieved their missions, first and foremost, by capturing financial control of research and development, and they did so by funding research and development via their corporate foundations.

They created private clubs that could operate in secret, like the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bilderberg Group, the Trilateral Commission, etc., and they also created training grounds for future comrades via the secret societies inside of their Ivy League universities.

BEYOND COMPREHENSION

The lives and perks of such people are beyond what commoners can imagine. The power and the money at their disposal are, frankly, beyond our comprehension. It is, in fact, mostly impossible for commoners to believe. Hence, the current state of their global affairs exists. Our "freedom" is no more than a figment of our imaginations and truly an untruth. We have no freedom. It is, in fact, nonexistent.

Politicians serve their masters. They work for the world's elite and represent no common man or country. They are highly paid brainwashers, facilitators, deceivers, liars, and thieves. We are forced to pay their salaries. We are forced to fund their global governance initiatives. They, and their master, control the wealth, property, savings, and security of every commoner on the planet. The personal wealth that was amassed in the last 3 decades by these criminals truly is beyond comprehension – literally beyond the comprehension of common people. We live in unfathomable states of ignorance. We have been robbed blind, yet we still can't acknowledge the theft of our money, livelihoods, children, potential, nation, and future.

The truth be told, we are no longer American people. We are Communists living amidst a bureaucratically evolving dictatorship. The American military is deployed all over the world. These young men and women are told they are protecting their homeland. They have built global bases on foreign soil. At the same time the politicians have raised new paramilitary forces (like Blackwater) on American soil. In fact, there are so many new paramilitary forces on the homeland that, again, one cannot fathom their power, their intentions, or their loyalty to their corporate masters.

America is no longer America, and we are no longer people with rights and freedom. I suggest to you that you have no freedom whatsoever.

STATES ARE DISBANDED

Some folks may look to the powers of the state capitols, but there is no help there. The state governors do not work for the people of the individual states. They are working for the Federal government, which is not an American entity. The Federal government is a global governing body operating under Communitarian Law, which is the same system of law used by the European Union. America is a global region that is merging with Mexico and Canada into the North American Union. These global regions serve under the auspices of the emerging global

economy, or one system of economics, which was invented and implemented by the marriage of international banks to transnational corporations. We, the world's people, are the laborers to this new economic system – nothing more – nothing less.

There are no sovereign states or governments anymore. Instead, corporations are sovereign: General Motors, Royal Dutch Shell, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, Pepsi, Microsoft, General Electric, Citigroup, Dupont, Monsanto, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Union Carbide, Walmart, etc.. These, and others like them, control the politicians, thus they control "governments." You cannot understand what's happening in the world until you understand the agenda and motive of these corporations.

In March 1915, the J.P. Morgan interests — the steel, shipbuilding, and powder interest, and their subsidiary organizations — got together 12 men high up in the newspaper world and employed them to select the most influential newspapers in the United States and sufficient number of them to control generally the policy of the daily press ... They found it was only necessary to purchase the control of 25 of the greatest papers. An agreement was reached; the policy of the papers was bought, to be paid for by the month; an editor was furnished for each paper to properly supervise and edit information regarding the questions of preparedness, militarism, financial policies, and other things of national and international nature considered vital to the interests of the purchasers.

— U.S. Congressman Oscar Callaway, 1917

AMERICA IS JOINING THE "THIRD WORLD"

America is lowering its standard of living, while the Third World is raising its living standards. Once "equity" is achieved, we will all live meager lives in service to this corporate world dictatorship. This, my naive American friends, is Plutocratic Fascism/Communism regardless of what you have called it in the past: "Democracy," "Republic," "Representative Government," or whatever.

Now, let's look at some trends in our new world. All public schools and daycare centers in America are literally crawling with "mental health/social/emotional/literacy" professionals – literally crawling with them. This cannot be denied. They are also pigeonholing every American child into labor-destined categories, while "assessing" the "social" condition of students and their families.

THOUGHT CONTROL

Food delivery is changing all across the U.S. Meat is becoming unaffordable by design at the United Nations, who has determined that people need to eat predominantly vegetarian diets. We have been made squeamish about beef and poultry via Mad Cow and Bird Flu media frenzies. Equally, we note all the new brand meats in all our groceries stores – brands we've never seen, which come from outside of the United States. All of us older Americans also note that meat is very different than it use to be in taste, color, and texture.

We see this same desensitizing tactic with implantable ID chips, which we are told helps to curb kidnappings. The truth is that sub-dermal chips are now being considered for all newborns (much like mandatory Social Security numbers). Food control and rationing is coming in the form of “here are your rations – and that’s it.” We have already witnessed the closing of smaller food markets all across America. Eventually, I suggest that “stores,” and the freedom we have to use them, will cease to exist, replaced by some transnational superstores, where we have witnessed a decline in our quality food supply.

Our health and health care is deteriorating. Most American people cannot afford quality health care. Quality care has become the venue for the very rich, and millions of American people have been bankrupted by our health care system. As such, our global representatives now prepare our regional health care system, which will, again, lower the availability of quality medical treatment for all – and particularly for the elderly, the infirmed, and the undesirable elements of our new society.

All pending legislation – all of it – is: a) unknown to the American public, and b) destroying every single freedom that you thought you had.

The people running this country are not true Americans. They are Communist/Fascist sympathizers, employees, and facilitators. We’ve been had. We’ve been lazy. Now, we will get what they think we deserve. We’re on our own.

—anon

DEATH OF THE DOLLAR

That’s What Bush Wants

Many people wonder these days about the bizarre political/fiscal policies of the U.S. Government. They wonder how it is that they can see where that policy is taking us but President George W. Bush cannot. In personal finance, if you keep spending more than you receive, you will go broke; and the same principle applies to government spending.

In fact, government is making the situation considerably worse because only government has the power to ruin the medium of exchange. The cumulative, federal debt and the annual deficits are now routinely so huge the numbers are beyond comprehension. We are talking about trillions of “dollars.” It is obvious to all they can never be repaid. District of Criminals policy is now causing the dollar to fall faster than the World Trade Center on Nine Eleven.

It now becomes realistic to talk about a possible collapse of the dollar. Why can’t Bush see that? The question assumes that Bush, as a loyal American, does not want the dollar to collapse; that if only he understood what is happening, he would take the necessary action to save it. Much time, effort and money are spent trying to inform him.

Only people who have no understanding of the conspiracy for world government would ask that question and waste so much effort.

The truth of course is that Bush knows perfectly well what is happening, and it is happening because that is what he wants. Remember that the next step in the conspiracy for world government is the amalgamation of the three nations of North America – these United States, Canada and Mexico – into a single entity. They are calling the new country the North American Union (NAU).

A change so dramatic naturally has many parts. One part is the monster freeway system presently under construction from Laredo to the Canadian border, the hub of which will be Mexican territory in Kansas City. It will confiscate thousands of acres from Texas farmers and ranchers, and destroy whole towns.

To qualify as a real country, NAU needs its own money. Without its own money, NAU could not be launched. Sure enough, the traitors advancing this scheme have a new “money” waiting in the wings. It is called the “Amero.” You say no one ever heard of the “Amero,” so it will never take off? Until a few years ago, you hadn’t heard of the Euro. Has it taken off?

Admittedly, Americans, however much they are brainwashed, would never permit the “Amero” to replace the Dollar unless – unless – unless confronted with a cataclysmic emergency. Suppose the dollar were suddenly to collapse. Suppose nationwide panic were to erupt. Suppose el presidente Jorge W. Boosh were to address the nation and reassure us that he has a solution. Suppose the media were to drench us in propaganda about the “Amero’s” benefits.

Could the nation then give up the dollar and turn in desperation to the “Amero?” Could that happen especially were stability to return with the introduction of the new monetary unit? I believe it could and would. I believe that Bush & Company are deliberately collapsing the dollar for that purpose. Obviously, you can’t impose a “solution” until you have a problem, and Bush is presently exacerbating the problem.

Here we have another demonstration of the fact that if you do not understand the conspiracy – especially if you don’t even know there is one, or deny it – you have no hope of understanding events all around you. You will forever be asking silly, naive questions like, “Doesn’t Bush know what is happening? If only we could reach him!”

—Alan Stang

BACK TO REPENTANCE

As I said before, faith must lead to repentance. Repentance means to change direction. Placing your trust in man is idolatry. Americans need to repent of not trusting Jesus. Once they do this, a multitude of changes will begin occurring in this land as a natural consequence of that repentance.

If you truly trust Jesus you don’t go to government or lawyers for authority and truth. It’s pretty basic.

Until next time, pray for light ... and prepare to be shocked!

Ben Williams