"Therefore you should not fear them: for nothing is concealed which shall not be revealed; or hidden which will not be known." – Matthew 10:26

# WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE AND THE PEOPLE IMAGINE A VAIN THING?

#### IS GOD REVEALING SOMETHING?

5. Behold, nations, look and wonder and be amazed, for I will work a work in your days, which you will not believe, though it be told you.

Habakkuk 1:5

We'd better be paying attention! It may be that God is showing people something important right now. This may be an opportunity for something to be revealed ... namely, the ugliness of man's system.

America is under man's system. It has been from its beginning. But people who don't know about God's system cannot see that man's systems are opposed God's system. They can't see the ugliness of man's system (i.e., "the Beast System"). They tend to think that man's way is the only option for governing society. Man's various systems of government have all proven, over many years, to be defective. But people seem to forget it every time an election happens. People don't see (and perhaps don't want to see) any viable options for ordering their lives except man's way.

But there is an option. A good one! It's just that most people have been programmed to overlook it.

There are **TWO WAYS** men can follow. One way is God's way. This way follows rules given by God.

The other way is man's way. This way follows rules given by man. Some examples are Monarchy, Socialism, Democracy, Republic, and some others. The thing that man's systems have in common is that all power and laws are in the hands of men.

Logically, the choice between man's way and God's way is a no-brainer. Any child knows that God has things figured out better than any man or group of men.

But what if God's way has been removed from the minds of men? What if men are unaware of God's way? They would be stuck with sorting between the various defective ways of man ... systems of theft and enslavement with the most enterprising thieves and criminals rising to

positions of power.

The great majority of people today do not even realize that God's way is an option. So they continue going in circles following man's systems and never finding a fair and honest way to govern society.

Men have been choosing the wrong way (man's way) ever since Adam rejected God's system and chose to be his own god (Genesis 3:5-7). They've accepted a criminal system to run the country. The only exception to this was the era begun by Moses and Joshua generally referred to as the time of the judges. Those were Israel's golden years. They lasted approximately a thousand years. That age ended during the time of Samuel when the elders of Israel conspired to reject God's way and chose a form of government and society based upon the Babylonian system of rule by man (1 Samuel 8).

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In America, bad people and the "Deep State" (also known as "the bureaucracy") along with the churches and the schools, have run amok for a long time, and with the public that has not been paying attention they have been doing very bad things. They have turned the American dream into a nightmare.

Now it appears that God may be, once again, giving Americans opportunity to see what has been happening while they were sleeping. If this is true it may wake some people up. God may be showing us the true ugly nature of the Beast System ... the side that men have been choosing to not see.

I can't remember a time when the powers that be have been so willing to let the world see their ugly side. The politically-inclined movie stars are revealing that they are spoiled, indulged royal brats. They, along with feminists across the nation, are exposing their true ways, wearing ugly and vulgar clothing and obscene hats. Groups of them are appearing on streets protesting in the nude. What kind

of statement are they making? Politicians are fighting among themselves and making asinine statements. They have thrown off their pretend cloak ... their contrived appearance of respectability. It's as if they are saying "We don't care if people see us for what we really are. The public will never stop worshipping us even though we are showing ourselves to be corrupt, arrogant, idiots.

Americans are so confused or compromised they actually believe politicians' lies when they claim they are invading countries and overthrowing their governments to "help them" and "give them democracy."

Some people will read this and assume that my reference to "the ugly system" is pointing to "the other political party," or "the other church denomination." You know, the one they don't like. In other words, some who call themselves conservative Republicans will agree with me right away, assuming that we are placing all the blame on the Democrats (who are often called liberals).

But please understand ... that is NOT what I am saying. The Republicans like to think that they are OK and that the Democrats are the problem. By the same token, the Democrats like to think they are OK and the Republicans are the problem. But BOTH ARE WRONG!

How many times can Americans witness the elections swing back and forth between the two parties without noticing that nothing meaningful ever changes? The real powers remain in power regardless, the common people keep losing ground, and wickedness continues to grow.

The common answer is ... "The Democrats have behaved badly, so let us elect Republicans." Or, "the Republicans have behaved badly so now we need Democrats." It is a vicious circle. How many times can Americans fall for it? Thus far it seems that only a few have enough insight to look elsewhere for answers.

But what is happening now? I've witnessed many elections, but this last election produced something different. Something new is happening. The system seems to be losing its continuity. There is a lot of infighting and disunity instead of a smooth transition. An ungroomed, loose cannon candidate got elected. Trump certainly is no savior. He is a billionaire comrade of Wall Street bankers. He didn't get there by being honest. We have no reason to believe that he will suddenly become honest. But he is not a groomed and trained politician. He has not seamlessly stepped into the White House with the blessing and backing of the Deep State. He has caused a stir.

The criminal system in Washington has many channels and back room connections working secret deals for power over nations and stealing billions of dollars for a select few criminals at the top. Hillary, on the other hand, is a seasoned politician fully immersed in the criminal racket of government. She knows how to keep the crime machine running smoothly. She could have kept the Beast program running smoothly so Americans could have continued believing the grand illusion that the government is an orderly system of well-meaning servants.

But that didn't happen, and the American people didn't know the half of it. An ungroomed criminal (Trump) got elected. To the Deep State (the bureaucracy) this was an unwanted diversion. They still have the power, so this is

nothing they can not overcome. However, it appears to be a bit of a pain to them ... something that I am not sorry to

Both Republicans and Democrats in the system thought Hillary Clinton would be elected. But she wasn't ... and that caused Washington politicians, the news media, and Hollywood to panic. They are throwing fits. And in doing so they are exposing their true ugly side even more than usual. That ugliness has always been there, and those of us with "eyes to see" have seen it ... but the uglies usually managed to keep it hid from the dumbed-down public.

Now they are out of control and blatantly exposed for everyone to see ... everyone, that is, except for those who have closed their eyes and refuse to see.

It seems that God is letting the heathen rage, exposing their ugly nature as they set trends for the dumbed-down public. It is a very ugly picture of rotten humanity. Most Americans, especially those under 50 years of age, seem to have adopted this ugliness and consider it acceptable.

Americans, in general, live in a cloud of illusion. It is a fake world sustained by TV, the mainstream news, the churches, public schools, and Washington DC. These industries have peddled an illusion and most Americans have bought it and called it "normal."

As in the movie "The Matrix," people living in an illusion don't realize it is fake. Today, "fake news" is the new normal. Manufactured (fake) "facts" have been planted in Americans' minds. Politicians, preachers, and publishers have promoted Democracy as the perfect form of society. But when we look into the Bible we learn that Democracy is the very epitome of the sin of Adam that has plagued mankind over the centuries.

Democracy has been pounded into our heads all our lives. The propagandists have shaped American thinking. Today, the lifestyles Americans consider "normal" are actually abominations. They are programmed illusions. It is a world no less confused than Alice when she passed through the looking glass. What they purport to be freedom is, in truth, just the opposite.

- 18. For speaking arrogant words of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the flesh to licentiousness, those escaping from the ones living in error.
- 19. <u>Promising them freedom, they themselves are the servants of corruption</u>: for of what a man is overcome, by that also he is enslaved.

2 Peter 2:18-19

Too few people are willing to look at truth for fear of finding they have been living an ugly, enslaving illusion.

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO AWAKE

11. And this, the time, was perceived that the time is <u>now</u> for you to be awakened out of sleep: for <u>now</u> our salvation is nearer, when we believe.

Romans 13:11

God is giving Americans an opportunity to wake up. He

is throwing a life preserver (floatation device) to a drowning people to see if they will grab hold of it. This life preserver is in the form of giving the common people light by causing criminals to reveal themselves. The crooks can't help it. They are being caught in their own webs. So, are you paying attention?

This is your time, your opportunity, to wake up and see that no good can ever come from the forms of government and society that the western world promotes. It has been a long exercise in futility and confusion. But God tries us as gold in the fire. Will we come out of the fire as precious metals, or as burnt dross?

Americans now are getting an enhanced opportunity to see that man's attempt to usurp God's throne has led to chaos and depravity. God gave man a way to organize their lives and society in general. It is a different way ... a system by which man can live in freedom and happiness. It is not just another variety or extension of the Beast System that Adam chose when he rejected God's system in Genesis 3:1. The "serpent" (probably a politician or preacher) used "subtlety" or trickery to get Adam to believe him. God's system has been available to man all this time, but most people don't seen it because they are focusing on Democracy, Republicanism, or some other form of Beast System.

### THE ANSWER

God's way is the answer. It is explained in the Bible and is stated over and over. Most people never see it because they are looking for pagan concepts that the churches have programmed into their minds. Instead of a practical and sensible system, they look for a ticket to an outer space "heaven." Instead of learning of God's ways, people go to universities to learn man's customs.

That has been the downfall of men from the beginning. For instance: In studying the Book of Acts we see the apostles promoting God's form of society. They tell the people of that day to repent and return to God's ways which they already knew but had abandoned in favor of man's ways. Then we see how the people of that day responded with the typical adverse reaction that always comes from the Beast System. John the Baptist, Jesus, Stephen and others were hated, murdered, or imprisoned. The Book of Acts is a chronicle of the beginning of the Reign of Christ. It explains the conflict between those who loved God's way and others who loved man's way.

## ACTS 13

The following is a quote from the preface to my study of Acts 13, published about 25 years ago. The study (The Acts Of The Apostles) is available free on line in my website (benwilliamslibrary.com).

The "ACTS" dealt with in that book were not religious in nature. They were the actions of inspired apostles who had been given eyes to see important things to which they had previously been blind. They heralded God's system in contrast to man's system. They represented a new King and the body of people that followed Him. In fact, the Book

of Acts recorded the conflict between two kingdoms (two systems) meeting head to head: the system of man's reign (Beast System) versus the system of Christ's Reign through his Ecclesia. This struggle was/is the conflict of the ages ... the one that always confronts men of God.

It confronts us still today. It repeats over and over. The Beast (man's government) wages continual war against the people. This conflict, and the Beast, will not go away until we wake up to the fact that God's way is the ONLY system that doesn't enslave, degrade, and destroy us.

Some things never change. When a man of God finds himself at odds with the Beast System, when he is put in jail, stoned, or chased out of town, it isn't because he is religious. It isn't because he goes to church. Rather, it is because he likes freedom and is exposing corruption. Doing this undermines the credibility of rulers (judges, politicians, etc.). This gets men in trouble with man's governments.

For instance, we see Paul exposing a corrupt government, or Jesus condemning the political and religious rulers of Jerusalem. They weren't trying to convince them to join a political party or a religion. Rather, they were exposing religion and politics. It was political dissension. It was not a question of religion. Religion was a separate issue.

Religions were everywhere back then, just like today. Religions were compatible with governments back then, just as they are today. Government has no problem with religion. Religion has no problem with government. They work handin-glove.

Religions aren't persecuted by government. They never have been – whether in Babylon, or in Jerusalem, or in America. In fact, government protects religion, and in America religion is given a favored, tax-exempt status ... as long as it doesn't meddle in government business.

Government didn't protect or facilitate Jesus, nor was Jesus tax-exempt. Government taxed Him and tortured Him! He was hated and murdered by the Jerusalem government and its lackeys... not because He was a Hebrew, and not because He was religious ... but because He represented a societal alternative to the Beast System! He taught that men should look to God, not to the state.

This conflicted with the established rule of men. Those in power looked upon Him as "public enemy number one." Thus, they labeled Him a political terrorist. If He had been a religionist (a church person) He would not have been an enemy of the state.

Jerusalem and Rome had religions galore: Hellenism, Judaism, Romanism, Mithraism, Zoroastrianism, Sorcery, Witchcraft, and God knows what else. Religions (including churches) were and are authorized by governments. Do you think it would have upset the rulers if one more church or religion showed up? Of course not! It was not a problem then, nor is it now.

So how did Christ upset things and cause such a stir? The answer is simple. Because Christ was NOT announcing a religion. He was announcing a kingship. He represented a kingdom that opposed the established system of man's government. In comparing that situation to our day, we see things are still the same. In America there are thousands of church denominations. Many appeared within the last decade, and even within the last year. They're popping up by

the hundreds every year. Do you think the Beast is concerned if one more church, among the thousands, comes into existence? Would one more make any difference whatsoever?

The Beast System loves churches! Churches help train "good citizens" for them. Rulers have no problem with religions. But what do rulers think when an OPPOSING FORM OF GOVERNMENT springs up? Now that is something that will get the attention of man's government. They especially take note if the new system ignores the established political parties (Republicans and Democrats), and promotes a different way of life! That gets their attention! SWAT teams, the National Guard, the ATF, the FBI, the CIA and NSA, and the news media snap to attention – not to mention Wall Street and the bankers!

In fact, to prove this point one only has to refer back to last century when such a conflict caused war between the northern states and the southern states. It was caused by the southern states' wanting a different system. The system especially takes note when people begin looking to the HOLY SCRIPTURES for their law. If a new movement looks to God rather than to the state, and seems to be succeeding in what it is doing, that really threatens the rulers. You can bet that the Democrats, the Republicans, and the party leaders would take notice of this today.

You see, that is exactly what was happening in the book of Acts. It was not about church games and religion. It was "war in heaven": conflict between two systems: two kingdoms ... man's -vs- God's. So you can see the inaccuracy of describing the recorded events (the "acts") of which we read in the Book of Acts by labeling them "church history" or "religion." The Reign of Christ is not a system of churches! It is not a religion. If Christ had represented a religion – a church group coming together to pray, sing, register with government, exist on borrowed bank money, and pledge their allegiance to the Beast's flag - do you think He would have incurred the Beast's wrath? No way! He would have been "legal." He wouldn't even have been newsworthy. Nothing out of the ordinary would have happened. He could have continued and had a thriving "ministry." He could have been a politician. None of the apostles would have been martyred or thrown in jail. Their descendants would have probably stayed right there in Jerusalem, prospering, being religious and political, and their descendants would still be there today! This book of the Bible would have been called "The Church of the Apostles" instead of "The Acts of the Apostles."

The Book of Acts tells of the confrontation of two kingdoms! It was not about a religion. It was about a conflict between two cultures. The question is ... why are the majority of Americans blind to this? The answer can be found by applying these things from the book of Acts to our day, as we see the same things still happening. Look around you and see people going to churches every week, where they learn to parrot prayers, sing, pay their taxes, vote, question nothing, and pledge allegiance to the flag of the Beast System. And just as it was in the first century, churches are never troubled by the police; never attacked by the anti-Christ news media. Churches fit into the system ... because they are created by that system. They support that

system. By teaching the Bible wrongly, they inoculate people against the real truths of the Bible. While America continues to slide downhill, the churches condemn anyone who may question the rulers or look elsewhere for truth.

The point is this: true Christianity is not a church or a religion. It is a living system of truth guided by the laws of God. Today it is Christ's Kingship. When people try to reduce it to a religion they are making it meaningless and powerless. We can see this by observing the many different churches in America today. What a mess of meaningless, powerless religions – like salt that's lost its savor and is ready to be tossed out and trampled underfoot.

#### MAN'S GOVERNMENT IS CRIMINAL

When men take it upon themselves to usurp the position of god, as if they are the highest form of life, and the greatest intellect that exists, they naturally fall into the pattern of thinking like a beast. It is the only possible option when God is rejected. Error and rebellion are heaped one upon another until the result is a culture that is completely chaotic and absurd ... and without a clue as to why it is a failure or how it got there. They are a culture totally lost with no idea what is happening to and around them.

Examples abound in America. A sane person might notce America's politics, religions, entertainment industry, economic failures, fashion fads, street language, intelligence quotient, and the general lack of ability to be self sustaining. The people are all fouled up and helplessly dependent upon a system of government that has no interest in them except to exploit them. They, as a society, are like a little child with no parents. How "lost" is that?

For decades I've been telling everyone that they are contributing to their own destruction by recognizing, and thus giving credibility to, the Beast System ... that which they call "government."

Where has it left us? Well, now Americans are laughably ridiculous. They have lost the ability to think clearly. They accept the idea that they are "gender neutral" and don't know if their little children are male or female ... so they let their children pick which gender they prefer to be. The children are sent to government schools where they learn wear crazy clothes, emulate movie stars, and become sexually active at 12 years old, but they learn nothing good.

Americans are so uneducated today they rank below most third-world nations. They support wars with nations they can't even locate on a map, and for reasons they can't even guess.

Americans go through their daily routines, doing things that make no sense and believing things they can't understand. They argue and fight over politics about which they have no clue. They are on a slippery slope down to destruction and are happily ignorant of it.

So, I pray that a few lost souls will get woken and notice the absurdity and arrogance of their wicked rulers and trend setters who are allowing their true ugliness to be seen. Maybe some Americans are getting a view to see that this culture is a house of horrors.