

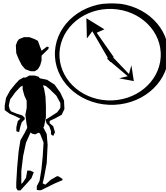
THE BATTLE CREEK BULLETIN

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Time of Assembly



Every other Sunday:

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.

OR

Bible Study 4:00 p.m.
Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 p. m.

One Nation, Under Satan

By Jefferson David Tant

Yes, the title of this article is a bit disconcerting, but it seems to reflect a reality that is coming to pass in The United States of America, or should the phrase be “The Divided States of America.” The phrase “Under God” was added to the pledge of allegiance by Congress in 1954 during the Cold War. As of today, some public schools are eliminating that phrase when the students start the day with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. They must not want God there anymore.

“So help me God” has been traditionally said during the swearing in of witnesses in congressional hearings. This phrase is attributed to George Washington when he was accepting his inauguration as president.

In a recent congressional hearing, the chairman asked the witness the usual question about agreeing to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. He omitted the phrase “so help me God.” A congressman sitting next to the chairman asked if that phrase could be included in swearing in the witness again. It was refused.

The following picture well represents what is going on in many parts of our nation. The riots, killings, arson, property destruction and attacks on police are widespread throughout our nation.

In various cities where the police have been defunded or told to “stand back,” many citizens are seeing the result, and they are not happy. But killing



cops is not the only “death” problem. The last figures I found on yearly abortions were 623,471 for 2016. There have been over 50 million babies murdered since the passage of Roe vs. Wade in 1973. The abortionists claim that the baby in the womb is not a real person, not a baby—just a bunch of cells. But recently some pro-life demonstrators were attacked by some supporters of abortion. One of the pro-lifers was obviously pregnant. One of the abortionists yelled at her, “You ought to kill your baby.” Wait a minute! I thought that “baby” was just a bunch of cells. Seems like the abortionist more or less “spilled the beans,” as the old saying goes.

Then we have organizations that state “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement...” I was not aware that married fathers and mothers raising children was “Western-prescribed.” It seems that was prescribed some thousands of years ago in the Bible.

Presidential candidate Joe Biden recently said something that was clear insanity. Biden said during a rare public outing recently at an ABC town hall that he supports 8-year-olds changing their gender and said he “will flat out just change the law” on their behalf.

“The idea that an 8-year-old child or a 10-year-old child decides, ‘You know, I decided I want to be transgender, that’s what I think I’d like to be, it would make my life a lot easier,’ there should be zero discrimination.” Unbelievable that an American who claims to be a Christian would even think that way, much less seek to pass laws in favor of that.

We now have a man seeking to be our president who favors abortion, homosexual partners, mutilating children’s bodies and seemingly whatever else the far-left wants. God has been kicked out of many of our public schools. I could go on for page after page, but will cite just three examples. (1) A kindergarten girl bowing her head to give thanks for her lunch in the school cafeteria is approached by a teacher and told she is not allowed to do that. (2) An elementary grade student is told to bring a favorite book to read during “free reading” class period. As he opens his Bible to read, the teacher comes and rips the Bible out of his hands and sternly says that is not allowed. (3) More and more schools are teaching Islam in the classrooms and having students write “There is no God but Allah,” and some have demanded that girls wear the Muslim women’s covering, the hijab, on occasion. So, no God, but Mohammad is OK.

The demand to “defund the police” has been met in some cities with exactly that, and it is well documented that in some cities the crime rate has gone up significantly. If we had no other evidence of the wishes of the antifa and like organizations, the picture on the [previous page] would say it all.

So, what can Christians do? For one thing, we can certainly pray, as Paul wrote to Timothy. *“First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.” (I Tim. 2:1-3)* And just who was the “king” at the time Paul wrote this? In all likelihood it was none other than Nero, probably the cruelest and wickedest ruler Rome ever had.

We can be thankful that over the last four years, we have had a president who has sought to uphold the moral values our nation has had for so long. He has tried to defund Planned Parenthood from the public treasury, and has done other things to uphold the good traditions of our nation. Yes, he certainly has his shortcomings, but we can be thankful for the good he has done.

As we consider the future for our nation, a few statistics are very discouraging. The percentage of Americans 30 and younger who harbor some doubts about God’s existence appears to be growing quickly, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey. While most young Americans, 68%, told Pew they never doubt God’s existence, that’s a 15-point drop in just five years. Some of this must be attributed to so many college professors who plainly state their aim is to destroy the faith of their ignorant students.

Our recent history irrefutably shows that Democrats tend to be more liberal than Republicans. In one survey Michael Langbert found the following ratio of Democrats to Republicans in the key academic fields (ordered from most biased to most balanced): Communications--108 to 0 (no registered Republicans), Anthropology--56 to 0 (no registered Republicans), Religion--70 to 1, English --48 to 1, and Sociology--43 to 1. There are further categories, but the message is clear. American educational institutions are now overwhelmingly leftist. **(Christian Media Daily)** Are the schools so biased that they refuse to hire conservatives? I don’t know, but it looks suspicious.

What do our young people face when they enter our schools of higher learning as a result of those figures? Following are two quotes almost beyond belief.

“We try to arrange things so that students who enter as bigoted, homophobic, religious fundamentalists will leave college with views more like our own... We are going to go right on trying to discredit you (fundamentalist parents) in the eyes of your children, trying to strip your fundamentalist religious community of dignity, trying to make your view seem silly rather than discussable. We are not so inclusivist as to tolerate intolerance such as yours.” **(Prof. Richard Rorty, in his essay “Universality and Truth”)**

“Every child in America entering school at the age of five is insane because he comes to school with certain allegiances towards our founding fathers, towards his par-

ents, toward a belief in a supernatural being... It is up to you teachers to make all of these sick children well by creating the International Children of the Future” (Chester M. Pierce, Harvard Professor addressing public school teachers. [Berit Kjos, *Brave New Schools*, p. 161])

No wonder that there is a high percentage of college students who enter college as believers, but exit college as non-believers. This is a warning to parents to do some research before you send your children to schools of higher learning. My wife and I sent our five children to Florida College with no reservations about their education. That’s where we went. And now the third generation is benefitting from not only a good education, but an education that upholds their faith. Yes, there are some good public colleges and universities, but it wouldn’t hurt to do a little investigation.

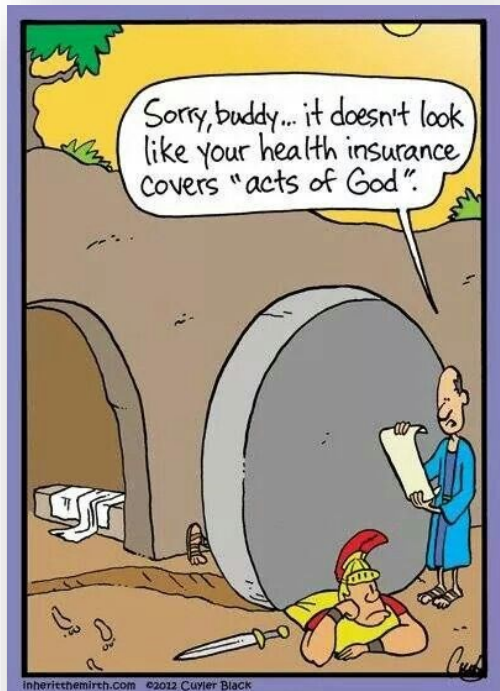
This also brings up the necessity for parents to be the first instructors of their children. Our children need more than what they can get just on Sundays or Wednesdays. God knew the extreme importance of this long ago.

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.” (Deut. 6:5-7) “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4)

And mothers have their role as well, as Paul wrote to Timothy: “For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.” (II Tim. 1:5)

While we have much reason for concern for our nation today and its future, we can be thankful that compared with the conditions the first century Christians faced with the persecutions from the Jews and the Roman government, we are truly blessed. But let us pray for what lies ahead.

Let us hold fast to our faith, ground our children in the faith, and pray for our nation, lest one day we may truly be identified as “One Nation, Under Satan.”



Run Through the Rain

Author Unknown

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Walmart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red-haired, freckle-faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there, under the awning, just inside the door of the Walmart. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day.

I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

Her little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in. "Mom let's run through the rain," she said.

"What?" Mom asked.

"Let's run through the rain!" she repeated.

"No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied.

This young child waited a minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain."

"We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said.

"No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

"This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?"

"Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, He can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. You couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one left. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say.

Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith. "Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If God lets us get wet, well maybe we just need washing," Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They got soaked. They were then followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars. And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

To everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven ([Ecclesiastes 3:1](#)). And I hope you still take the time to run through the rain.