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## It Is Time to Awaken

BY THE EDITOR

**T**HE moral deterioration of our nation is evident to all of its inhabitants. I doubt, however, if the majority are aware or lament such. The coming national election will reveal our national standards for gay marriages. Already we know our ability to murder our children. We talk about marriage meaning one woman and one man when marriage means little when almost half of our couples live together independent of marriage, with half of all marriages ending in divorce. Ignoring God's laws for marriage, we can look forward to the endorsement of marriage among the homosexuals. God has abandoned people who practice such, giving them over to all kinds of uncleanness. (Romans chapter 10) Since they will never reach heaven, hell will be their final abode. (Galatians 5:21)

### *Today's average church is strangely quiet about the sins of our day*

#### **Our Leaders**

Recently, a former U.S. senator, who ran on a national ticket for the highest office in the land, was caught in adultery. It was hidden from the public, with most other leaders knowing about it. They assisted in trying to hide his transgressions. When found out, he declared his intentions to attend the Democratic Convention, but some said he would not be welcomed there. Yet a former impeached president who committed perverted sex with an intern in his office complex will speak at this same Convention! Both men lied to the American people about their affair. They confessed to their illicit relationship only after they could no longer hide their transgressions. The former senator's wife is dying of cancer.

You may have confidence in our national leadership, but a few of us who are governed by biblical standards do not. Do you expect God's blessing upon a nation who elects such men to office and then keeps them in Congress for years? The reaction of some is "everybody's doing it." The difference? Some just happen to get caught. What a pitiful cop-out. This reaction fits the statement of Romans 1:32: "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Our national leadership simply reflect the condition of the grass roots of America. By the way, who places them in office? Who maintains them or removes them? It is done in the ballot box.

The Apostle Paul stated, "Whatsoever a man sows, that will he also reap." Atheism and agnosticism, with their stepchildren humanism, hedonism, and materialism, have been accepted by a large part of our country. At one time the public school system was the backbone of our great nation. There are yet some parents who not only desire their children to learn reading, writing and arithmetic, but who also want them

to learn the basic moral values, such as honesty, fairness, politeness, patriotism, integrity, discipline, obedience to authority, and kindness. Today's education is far more concerned with air pollution than mind pollution. More are interested in sparing the spotted owl and baby seals than our innocent unborn baby humans.

#### **Greatest Educator**

For the first time in history, man has developed that through which the masses can be effectively taught, immediately and fearlessly. That instrument is television, and, by now, the Internet may have passed it for the agency of teaching. Television sells more than a product. It sells ideas, concepts, values, and other intangibles which affect the life of every person. The greatest education system today is television (and/or Internet) and is run by people who could not qualify as principals and teachers in our school system. Television commentators no longer give us the news. Now we get their opinion and personal reaction to the news, so we will adopt their humanistic philosophy. No unsaved heathen is going to interpret the news for me! They tell me what the speaker meant to say and why he said it. With average intelligence, I heard and understood what was said. Being twisted in their mind and heart, they classify me as inadequate to grasp what was said. Thus, they slant the news so I will accept their liberal, man-made concepts. Christians possess wisdom that comes from God. We have in our possession the mind of Christ. We are led by a Spirit Who is foreign to this world. We are not satisfied down here. We look forward to a heavenly Kingdom where God is in control. This world is dead to us. (Galatians 6:14)

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**More on Global Warming**

Poor Al. According to World Net Daily, over 32,000 American scientists, including 9,000 Ph.D.'s in fields like climate control, atmospheric science and other related specialties, signed a statement reflecting the idea of global warming due to human interference. They said there was "no convincing scientific evidence" for the claims. Not only poor Al, but both men running for the president of our country have declared such false fear.

Hebrews 1:3 states that the Lord Jesus is "upholding all things by the word of His power." This convinces us that the Father and the Son are in control of all creation. Those who know God and the Bible will not be deceived by the widely promoted teaching that man is causing global warming. We know from Isaiah 45:18 that God created the earth to be inhabited, and that means temperatures will remain steady at least for the prophesied 1,000-year reign of Christ. (Rev. 20:3,4) But many today fear a global warming disaster because they have no knowledge of God and His Word. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7). The warning they need to fear is written in Hebrews 9:27: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." The good news is they will be free from fear if they believe I Corinthians 15:3,4: "Christ died for our sins . . . was buried, and . . . rose again . . . according to the Scriptures."

A friend of mine was listening to one of our CD messages, when a man entered his room and listened with him for a few moments. The guest then asked if he could listen to that message later on, and he joyfully accepted three CDs to take home.

We send our messages without knowing how far reaching they may be. Who hears and reads is determined by God, Who is not willing that any perish. Pray for us as we distribute His Word. We do not want our literature sitting in a cubbyhole in a prison literature closet. Pray that all that is mailed will accomplish God's purpose by reaching poor, disenchanting, and discouraged men and women with God's provision for their joy, peace, and assurance of heaven when they die.

**From Box 400**

*Dear Dwight Porter and family,*

*Christian greetings of love come to you today in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am a Roman Catholic priest, trained seven years in their seminar and seven years working with them. They gave me all the facilities of this world; but by the grace of God, I was saved by reading the Bible!*

*I came out from the RCM and now am serving the Lord in unreached villages, planting many churches. At present, 20 pastors and churches are with me. I have no finance to help the pastors, so many joined with other Christian missions and are taking help every month.*

*By God's grace, I trained 50 young and old people; and they are serving in churches. A total of 1,000 Hindu people have been baptized by me and are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. In my life I read many, many books and note many things from them and am sharing with people, pastors and churches.*

*Today, I received your booklet "Give No Place to the Devil," and it has given me new things to tell my people, mainly pastors and churches. People speak, read, and write the Telugu language. Can you kindly give me permission to translate your booklet by my church members in the exact layout of your English book?*

*Please send me all your printed messages for my personal reading and my spiritual growth. I am praying for your cooperation and encouragement.*

— India

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5. The endorsement of sin is a prominent part of today's messages. They say that since grace covers it all, we need not mention specific sins. This crowd does not know Romans chapter six. Saved, a child of God, and not under His control? Born-again and continuing in sin? Where is this permission located in the Bible? We will not practice sin. (I John 3:5-10) The Book of I John states our action in order to give the assurance of possessing eternal life. (I John 5:13)

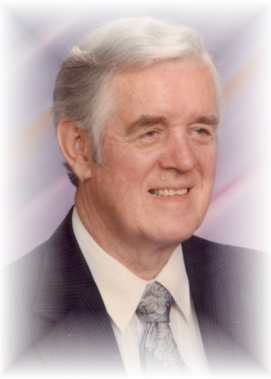
Speaking against sin and naming them are no longer in vogue. This was the practice of the prophets in the Old Testament and the teachers of the New. No wonder our young people dress like the world, listen to their music, and accept worldly entertainment, despite how sensuous it is. They hear little of I John 2:15,16. Remember, as we refuse to believe the True God, we begin to believe a lie; and we know its authorship. (John 8:44)

**Take Action Now**

In this coming election the issues are great. Are you going to vote for those you hope will stand with you on some of the gravest issues this country has ever faced? Some of the issues to be decided this time around are: gay marriage, appointment of Supreme Court justices, and the definition of marriage (male and female). Can you believe this nation is voting on such an issue? California settled it, and their Court rescinded their action. They vote again. Other states have this issue on their ballot. Abortion is another issue that is under the control of the Supreme Court. Who is going to appoint and approve them? The men you and I put into office.

Here is one place we can get involved in the morality of this nation. I may not be able to do much, but I am going to do what I can. I will meet you at the ballot box!

## Personal Word



A Roman Catholic priest in Cuba heard our Miami broadcast. He eventually left the priesthood and took a leisurely trip across the southern states. He spent a few days in a motel in Belle Glade, Florida. While there, he again heard our broadcast and casually mentioned his joy to the motel owners, not knowing they had supported our radio ministry for years. They told me about this priest, who responded to the gospel. Friend, let's keep sending out the Word of God. He has promised its eternal work.

### Our Greatest Competition

No longer are we one of the leading suppliers of literature in our prisons. The good-feeling crowd is there. The greatest recruiting location for the Muslims in America is in our prison system. Friend, if we are going to reach these inmates, we must do it NOW. How much longer will we have the opportunity to assist the chaplains and the Christians with a passion to reach other inmates with the gospel? In prison, they have time to read and are doing just that. What are they reading? Your first guess is right! Let's see that they have genuine biblical messages to read and meditate upon. They desperately need TRUTH direct from the Word of God. Can we depend upon your assistance to reach them?

### The Process of Decay

It took about 1500 years from the time of creation before the earth had become so corrupt that God had to destroy it, and began all over again with the best remnant that He could salvage. Even then the first thing Noah did upon leaving the ark was to get drunk. One of his sons fell into sexual sin, which was quickly passed on until a whole counterfeit religion was birthed and a whole race of people were given over to sensuality and lust. This same corrupting influence is still at work today, as we note in our popular culture.

Mighty world empires soon disappear into oblivion because of their moral decay. Great spiritual movements seem to go the same way. Many denominations have fallen by the wayside in standing for Truth, even during my 80 years of sojourn upon this earth. God is not going to destroy us until we have followed in the same path. Once this evil is ingrained into our society, there is no way of purging independent of judgment. Unless there is a willingness to repent, God's judgment is sure to fall swiftly and with finality. He does not hold us responsible for what our forefathers did, but we all are faced with the combined inheritance of the preceding three generations that have gone before us. Our great tendency is to fall into the same sin.

Hear the Word of the Lord! "Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, to the third and fourth generation" (Numbers 14:18). Here is our only hope of deliverance: "If they shall confess their iniquity and iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against Me, and they also have walked contrary to Me, and that I have walked contrary to them . . . If then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled and they then accept the punishment of their iniquity, then will I remember My covenant. . ." (Leviticus 26:40-42). This must be the action of America if she desires to forestall God's judgment for all the lust, greed, murder, and adultery she has practiced, tolerated, and promoted throughout the world for most of the last century. I do not see this happening on a national scale, but there is still hope for individuals and small groups of people within spiritual churches.

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### Homes Are Falling Apart

Fifty to sixty percent of all couples today in the USA begin their relationship together by shacking up with each other. When they do get married, 67 percent of them end up in divorce, compared to about 45 percent of normal marriages. Only God knows the full devastation to the children. Practice sessions before marriage do not work. If you give away the milk, the cow won't be bought. (That statement came from Mike and Harriet McMannus' book.) For a glimpse of today's action, read II Timothy 3:1-5. God gave us a warning through the prophet Hosea. (I doubt if you have read that book in the last 10 years.) "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children" (Hosea 4:6). Here is one explanation for so many children and grandchildren being such sorrow to their parents and grandparents.

Teaching our children is not the church's responsibility, nor the pastor's or the Sunday school teacher's. Spiritual instruction is the responsibility of parents. It includes being a demonstration of that which we are teaching. Do we know what is going in and coming out of our children's mind? "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies and seek Him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity; they walk in His ways" (Psalm 119:1-3).

### The Hope of Tomorrow

Many parents cannot talk about the permanence of marriage, nor can they tell their daughters to keep their bodies pure for their future husband. The sons should be taught their God-given responsibility of being the spiritual leader in their future home. The daughters should be prepared for marriage by recognizing their God-directed relationship with their future husband. These demonstrations should be in the home of their childhood and youth.

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## An Explanation

Many blame the lowering of our national morality on Hollywood and other entertainment features. Cursing, lying, pornography, adultery and fornication, and other sins are the consequence, not the cause of it. I believe the failure of churches and their leaders is not only the cause of such debauchery, but also the explanation for God not stemming the tide. Today's average church is strangely quiet about the sins of our day. They do not teach the biblical principles that direct the affairs of men. Here are some of the directives that are evaded:

1. Repentance of sin that is demanded by God if we are to be acceptable to Him. The reason for such unscriptural proclamation is that they advocate sin to be continued after being regenerated by God's Spirit. It continues to be exercised until we make Him Lord of our life. We don't! If saved, we are already identified with the Lord Jesus Christ, Who died to take away our sin. How many congregations want to hear this? God demands repentance prior to faith. (Acts 20:20,21)
2. The emphasis on sanctification or holiness is all but gone. Christians are to be holy, dedicated to a clean righteous life. It is the Holy Spirit Who indwells every believer. Thus the explanation why we are having so many professions with few new creatures, with old things passing away and a new life evident to all. (II Corinthians 5:17)
3. Many in our day have allowed humanism in their pulpits which is devastating to spirituality. These leaders place an emphasis on what man must do to get saved, rather than what God has already provided for us, in and through His Son. They claim to be saved on the basis of their faith or something else they do. They focus on man's action rather than the finished work of Christ on the cross. If we must do certain things to reach heaven, then no longer are we saved by grace, but by our own works. Ephesians 2:8-10 says NO to this false premise. The pride of man says DO; God's grace declares DONE. Repentance and faith are the gift of God that we appropriate.
4. The permanence of marriage is all but gone in many of today's circles. All parts of our society are filled with those who have broken their marriage vows, made to God, and continue as nothing has happened. I know of very few who stand with absolute finality on this matter. Show me one great (?) radio or TV evangelist who does? To preach on the permanence of marriage would cost them the support of their followers. Most endorse divorce on one basis or another. They forget what Christ said, "from the beginning it was not so."

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