

## The Death of the Grown-up

By Bill Johnson



The death of the grown-up? What a title. In a discussion with my wife I am rightfully reminded that people like you need to hear more than just hard hit news and politics. I take it to heart. But the burden to warn and exhort, to know how to be prepared - spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically - is strong. We are on the precipice of having our Constitution eradicated and it is well on its way to such. We here at ADA deeply appreciate the notes we receive telling us that our newsletter strengthens you. Your support through letters, prayers, and financial support and year-end giving keeps us able to stand - ministering in Christ's name. On behalf of the American Decency Association and our families we wish you a very Merry Christmas! To God be the Glory forever and ever come what may! Let us never forget: The grass withers, the flower fades away, but the word of God abides forever. Christ is the hope of the world - and never forget - OUR ONLY HOPE!

Now on to my portion of the newsletter. We wrote our December newsletter early because of news that is breaking so fast, yet I suspect perhaps by the time you read this information it will be contested and shut-down by the courts, rendering it irrelevant as to what many rightly believe is the most compelling argument for how the election was rigged and that President-elect Joe Biden is not the duly elected president of the United States.

The Death of the Grown-up. Let me make clear right away what I mean. It comes from the title of a book written by Diana West, former writer for the Washington Times, noted blogger, author and speaker and a weekly contributor to Secure Freedom Radio with Frank Gaffney. In her book, West both laments and warns, "*Where are the adults to be found?*" She gives numerous examples of the failures of adults to live maturely: to set examples, to teach the difference between the holy and profane (my words not hers), to stand up with courage for what is right and to forthrightly oppose what is wrong. To put your career on the line if need be. Diana West is explaining what most of us are seeing. The failure of leadership seemingly at every level to lead. What has happened to leadership in our land? Why are we seeing such fraud, inanity, wickedness, lack of common sense, betrayal of the rule of law?

This void of leadership as we so clearly see is coupled with a lack of righteousness/conviction.

Journalism. Where are truthful, objective reporters? A New Jersey computer shop owner brings forth computer hard drives of Hunter Biden recently that Biden had dropped off for repair and after not returning to pick it up after several months, the shop owner took it to the FBI (and after not receiving any response from the FBI, he took it to Rudy Giuliani, former mayor of

New York City and a personal attorney for President Trump. Giuliani and others found massive amounts of incriminating information (emails and pornographic images of children). The response from mainstream media: "Nothing to see here." Despite the fact that the takeaway from massive amounts of material on the computer documents that Hunter Biden, with the support of his father (Presidential candidate Joe Biden), colluded with China. Have you heard of quid pro quo? (Something that is given in return for something else or accepted as a reciprocal part of an exchange.) Hunter Biden in one of his many visits to China comes away with 1.5 billion dollars. What does China get in return? The media is strangely silent and what does that portend for America if China HAS Biden?

And, of course, you would know that I would comment upon the presidential election. And just as I am preparing to make this point, the following pops up online in a news opinion piece from Diana West referring to the top federal election official in the country.

*Election Commission Chairman Trey Trainor on Newsmax TV, a growing platform, to be sure, what with Fox News viewership cratering (note this important point as well - Fox News' blatant liberal shift). As West stated, FEC Chairman Trainor's statements*

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were ignored by the media because they “contradict the media messaging that there is no evidence of election fraud.”

**As the top federal elections official in the country, however, Trainor's comments, by definition, are news that the public has a right to know.**

Asked by Newsmax for his assessment of voter-fraud allegations. The FEC chairman replied:

*Based upon what I know, observers have not been allowed into the polling locations in a meaningful way as required by the court order that the Trump campaign received ... They have not been allowed that meaningful access. Our whole political system is based upon transparency to avoid the appearance of corruption, and that's what we do at the FEC every day. And now we're seeing this play out in Pennsylvania and other states where there is not transparency in this election.*

Newsmax: *Do you believe there is voter fraud out there in Pennsylvania and other states that are weighing heavily in on this election?*

**FEC Chairman Trainor:** *I do believe that there is voter fraud taking place in these places. Otherwise they would allow the observers to go in. ... State law allows those observers to be in there, and if they're not, the law is not being followed, making this an illegitimate election.*

Asked to comment on the anomalous pattern of down-ballot Republicans winning races even as the man at the top of the ballot, President Trump, saw his margins shrinking "most notably around 4 am."

Trainor replied: You look back at 1871, it was Boss Tweedy who said, "I don't care

*who votes as long as I get to be the one who counts the votes,"... In every instance we have here where the states are too close to call, they're controlled by the Democrat Party, particularly in the urban areas where [votes] are being counted. It just seems unimaginable to me that you could have down ballot races where Republicans are winning across the board -- and that happened across the country (the Democrats failed to flip any state legislature, failed to win any [new] seats in the US Congress) and yet the president is losing in all of these states.*

**When it comes to putting over a coup-d'etat, common sense is as irrelevant as the law.**

**PLEASE DON'T MISS THE ABOVE SENTENCE – A COUP.** And what about the singular failure to prosecute the sedition of James Comey, Hillary Clinton, Andrew McCabe, John Brennan and yes, Barack Obama, despite massive evidence of lying, collusion and treason against the United States and “we the people.” Oh, let's have another hearing? So after years of these “hearings” and these breaking news announcements all that has been turned up is the indictment of a third rate (not my characterization) FBI lawyer by the name of Kevin Clinesmith. Where is justice? What's with Attorney General Bill Barr and US Attorney John Durham (news re: Durham is now coming forward that no indictments will be forthcoming for fear of retributions)? My note: There mustn't be two sets of justice – that for the elites and that for the rest of us. But, indeed, where is justice – now and for many years past.

What about big city mayors vocally and loudly supporting “Defund the Police” as homes, businesses and communities are looted, houses and cars vandalized by bricks, bats and clubs. Police and citizens shot and too many times killed, families and individuals often weaponless left to fend for themselves. Yet, here are untold numbers of “adults” boldly and often arrogantly articulating support for **Black Lives Matter** (co-founded by openly Marxists leaders), and Antifa (also with Marxist, fascists foundations and purposes).

To the point, we fail to teach and thereby

see the difference between the holy and the profane. Along with that - we allow the Bidens (and Clintons .... ) to commit crimes that are and have been destroying America for years; we fail to put behind bars the “elite” who are lining their pockets while using our elected offices to appear as though they are leading us. We somehow look in the wrong direction - away from - the most obvious of mafia-like actions that year after year lead this great land into having the most fraudulent regime ever. Make no mistake - no longer will America be characterized by freedom.

The mainstream media has refused to shed light on the corrupted voting system, Dominion, but now finally information is coming into the forefront regarding what is the likely national “vehicle” that has led to hundreds of thousands (likely millions) of votes flipped from Trump to Biden. Dominion voting software is used in 28 states. Allegations first broke in Antrim County, Michigan where 6,000 votes that were meant for Republicans went to Democrats. Tabulating software “glitched” according to the county clerk there. Since then it has been discovered that 47 other counties use this same software in Michigan and in many states throughout the United States. Dominion responded by saying this was a result of human error.

Dominion was used in all of Georgia's 159 counties; also a state with a razor thin margin. The Associated Press reported in 2018 that Dominion's systems are prone to human error. Dominion long skimmed on security in favor of convenience, making it more difficult to detect intrusions. In fact, Dominion voting systems were rejected three times by data communications experts from the Texas Secretary of State and Attorney General for failing to meet basic simple security standards. Once rejected in 2013; twice rejected in 2019.

Dan Patrick, Texas Lieutenant Governor: *“So our Secretary of State and our Attorney General's office dispatched six experts in electronic data communication systems and election law. They looked at it. ... And everyone of our experts said do not buy this system. They found out that they were frag-*

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# Pilgrims and Providence

By Lisa Van Houten



When did America begin? Of course, we know that our nation was founded July 4, 1776 when we declared independence with the stirring words, *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights ...”* (Or, as Joe Biden said, “endowed by, you know, the thing”).

**But when did the intrinsic concept of America begin, that great experiment of “ordered liberty” as George Washington described it?** The liberal elite would have us believe that our nation *really* began in 1619 when the first slaves were sold in the colony of Jamestown. Those painting a revisionist view of history claim that the stain of slavery negates the noble ideals instituted by our founding fathers, and that America was and still is inherently racist. The New York Times describes our nation as a “slavocracy” and developed this warped idea into a curriculum called the “1619 Project” which is now used in many public schools. It’s not surprising that recent generations who’ve been taught to despise America have no regard for the freedoms they enjoy, which have been the envy of millions living under oppression.

It’s that yearning for the freedom to live according to the dictates of their faith, which led a tiny band of Pilgrims to seek a new life in the New World 400 years ago. And the seed that they planted sprouted into the unique ideals of liberty, equality, and self-rule that were virtually unheard of before they were enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution.

I love the history of the Pilgrims which shows the providence of God explicitly woven throughout their story in countless ways. For example, on the voyage across the Atlantic a huge beam supporting the

Mayflower’s main mast cracked putting the ship in imminent danger of sinking, yet providentially, a large iron screw from William Brewster’s printing press was the only thing found that could fix it. Or there’s God’s amazing hand in providing the English-speaking American Indian, Squanto (actually Tisquantum), who gave vital aid to the Pilgrims without which they most likely wouldn’t have survived. Plymouth Governor William Bradford wrote of Squanto that he was “a special instrument of God for their good, beyond their expectation.” As you may recall, Squanto had been captured and sold into slavery years before the Pilgrims arrived. He was eventually sold to Spanish friars who introduced him to the Christian faith; they gave him his freedom and he made his way to England where he lived for four years before returning to Cape Cod, the year before the Pilgrims arrived. Reminiscent of the Biblical Joseph, God had used those hardships to uniquely prepare him for the role he would play in assisting those who brought the light of the gospel and freedom to this continent. In generations past, every school child knew of this amazing providence; now if they learn it at all, it’s only to focus on the evils white men perpetuated.

And then there’s the providence of the Mayflower blown off course and coming ashore in what is now known as Massachusetts and not Virginia as planned, which meant the Pilgrims were not under the jurisdiction of King James. Realizing they then needed a basis for government, on November 11, 1620 they signed a covenant, the Mayflower Compact - the first constitution in history embodying the principles of equality and government by consent of the people, and which became the cornerstone of our American Republic. That brief 200-word document states in part: *Having undertaken, for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith and honor of our King and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid, and by virtue hereof to*

*enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws ... for the general good of the colony....*

Their faith, guided by God’s Word, was central to all they did. When a drought came in 1623, they didn’t look to the government for rescue. Instead, they sought the Lord, setting aside a day of fasting and prayer, searching their own hearts, and confessing their sin. By nightfall, clouds gathered and rain began to fall. As Don Pinson wrote: **“Because they believed God to be Sovereign, they trusted Him instead of their government to meet their needs and to protect them. Because they believed Him to be Sovereign, they lived lives that were disciplined. They believed He had placed them on this earth for His own purposes; and, because He was their Sovereign, that meant they were accountable to Him for their actions. This caused them to stay committed to a task even when it became very difficult.”**

That Christian worldview of this small group of Pilgrims led to the assertion in the Declaration of Independence that our rights to life and liberty are not granted by government, but come from God. It led to the listing of religious liberty as the first guaranteed freedom protected by our Constitution. Their Biblical faith was the bedrock for a nation that would become a beacon of liberty, a light to the world in spreading the gospel.

As William Bradford put it, ***“Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and, as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation; let the glorious name of Jehovah have all the praise.”***

Today that light has dimmed within our nation. At times it seems as if its on the verge of being extinguished. However, the Hand of Providence who used a group of 102 Pilgrims to lay a foundation of faith and liberty is still at work today. He still has a remnant in this nation. May we, by the grace of God, strive to rekindle that light.

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ile. They were error prone. They did not meet our standards. They change ballots. ... People could vote and your ballot didn't count. Let's just put it this way. If Dominion were designing software for an airplane, I would not advise you to get on it. It is in my view a piece of junk. And, we said, we cannot have these machines in our state. Furthermore, our experts said these are prone to manipulation and fraud. In one case, one of our experts took their cell phone hooked it up to a USB port and were able to download all of the information from that voting machine into their cell phone. These machines were used in Maricopa County, AZ. We need a recount. 65 of 83 counties in Michigan. We need all of those to be recounted. And every county in Georgia. And, it's not just about the President. It's also about the very possibly we'd already have our 51<sup>st</sup> senator because those votes for Perdue may have been miscounted.... You have to get this right. Not just for this election but for the future of this country. . [Taken from Fox News, Sean Hannity, 11.12.20]

Sidney Powell (a member of President Trump's legal team, General Flynn's defense attorney, and a prominent appellate lawyer): I can hardly wait to put forth all the evidence we have collected on Dominion (She will likely have done this by the time you read this). Starting with the fact that it was created to use altered voting results in Venezuela for Hugo Chavez and then shipped internationally to manipulate votes for purchase in other countries including this one. It was funded by money from Venezuela and Cuba and China has a role in it also. So if you want to talk about foreign election interference we certainly have it now. We have staggering statistical evidence; staggering testimony from witnesses including one who was personally briefed when all of this was discussed and planned beginning with Hugo Chavez as it was de-

signed there and then saw it happening in this country. As soon as the states shut down on election night and stopped counting, those are the states where the most egregious problems occurred. We also need to look at and we are beginning to collect evidence on the financial interests of some of the governors and secretaries of state who actually bought into the Dominion systems, surprisingly enough. Hunter Biden-type graft to line their own pockets by getting voting machines in that would either make sure their election was successful or they got money for their family from it.

Well, for fraud this serious, I think even if the states are stupid enough to go ahead and certify the votes where we know the machines were operating and producing altered election results, if they are stupid enough to do that then they will be set aside by the fraud also. I mean we are talking about hundreds of thousands of votes. President Trump won this election in a landslide. It's going to be irrefutable and patriots are coming forward every day all day faster than we can collect their information with the testimony they are willing to give under oath about how their votes were stolen and how the machines operated. They were updated the night of the election sometimes after the election. We've got statistical evidence that shows hundreds of thousands of votes being just put in and replicated. ... There needs to be a massive criminal investigation and it's going to affect millions of voters and elections.

I knew that Democratic senators and congressman for years have reported problems with this system to the FBI and to the government and nobody has done a blooming thing about it. The people in the election security part of Department of Homeland Security need to be fired yesterday. ... Of course, Christopher Wray needs to be fired, too, because the only FBI interview of any witness was to intimidate him and try to get him to change his truthful testimony.... They still have politics infecting the FBI instead of just following the law. This is essentially a new American revolution and anybody who wants this country to remain free needs to step up right now. These are federal felonies. Altering a vote or changing a ballot is a federal felony. People need

to come forward now and get on the right side of this issue and report the fraud they know existed in Dominion Voting Systems because that's what it was created to do. It was its sole original purpose and it has been used all over the world to defy the will of people who wanted freedom.

It's been organized and conducted with the help of Silicon Valley people, the big tech companies, the social media companies and even the media companies. And, I'm going to release the kraken (most up-to-date news). [Taken from Fox Business, Lou Dobbs, 11.13.20]

By the time you read this, it will likely be history. Will Sidney Powell's excellent work be honored or ignored - will there yet be justice? God knows! Also, we know that the enemy's strategy is marked by corruption and fraud. "Nothing to see here." Lord God, please help us.

The "death of the grown-up" is real! Yet, God still has many righteous ones in His camp. We see them on display abroad and nearby: Sidney Powell and Dan Patrick, for example, and so many, many lovely people: patriots, Christian patriots scattered throughout America – in small towns, big cities, in the most unlikely of places. I suspect that you are numbered amongst them. Thank you, Jesus. God, help us to lean in to what You have in mind for us in this day and the days ahead.

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# Trump Derangement Syndrome 2.0

By Steve Huston



Regardless of what one calls it—civil war, revolution, etc.—we are in the midst of it and up to our eyeballs. It's plain to see that **there is a treasonous coup taking place upon our government.** The main actors are within our government to be sure; but make no mistake, there has been great influence from abroad as well. Decades of sedition, both foreign and domestic, (education, media, unchecked lawlessness with no justice throughout the branches of our government), has garnered support for this treasonous coup that is taking place.

A quick flyover at 20,000 feet reveals, in part, the mental landscape in which we find ourselves trying to maneuver and what we can expect in the days ahead: the Left's dehumanizing of conservatives before and since the 2016 election with terms like deplorables, dregs, chumps, maggots, and many calls for treating them with incivility, threats, violence, and death – including numerous death threats against President Trump with little to no consequences; false accusations of President Trump colluding with Russia and others, thereby stealing the election; an impeachment trial; further violence in the streets through BLM, Antifa, and others, tearing down statues, burning businesses, murder, rape, calls to defund the police, and taking over cities; the weaponization of a virus to destroy a healthy economy, further foment fear among the populace, and raise dictatorial governors while blaming a sitting president for all the nation's woes; all these things leading up to a fraudulent election that the Left (by all apparent purposes) set up to steal with a little help from their friends.

Shakespeare wouldn't stop with Denmark; he'd say, "Something's rotten" in the state of Michigan, Pennsylvania, and the list goes on. When we look at voter fraud (dead people, illegals, voting more than once, thousands of extra ballots turned in with

100% for only Joe Biden and nothing down ticket, etc.), election fraud (Hammer, Scorecard, Dominion – if you don't know these terms look into them), and the ways in which counting centers (like Detroit) refused transparency, anyone with an ounce of objectivity would have to admit that the potential for wrongdoing is huge. And yet, as AG Barr authorizes voter fraud investigation, as Rudy Giuliani finds that 650,000 unlawful ballots were cast in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as whistleblowers tell of fraud, as White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany announces 234 pages of affidavits alleging election irregularities - in Wayne County, Michigan alone - as wrong-doing is consistently uncovered, the Leftist propaganda arm, a.k.a media, says, "Nothing to see here, folks."

Fox News actually cut off McEnany while she was explaining the President's refusal to concede the election. When she got to stating that the Democrat Party welcomed fraud, the anchor cut in stating, that's without proof "...I can't in good conscience continue showing you this."

Candace Owens shows, in her following email, how the Left's propaganda arm (media) and the Left's Big Tech (can we call it the Left's cyber military?) are causing further division, obfuscating and, if possible, obliterating the truth, while stirring up and transforming their followers from a "blue wave" to a "blue tsunami!"

**She writes: "Here's how the media is reporting on clear, undeniable election fraud:**

\* *The New York Times*: "**Torrent of Falsehoods,**"

\* *CNN*: "**Baseless voter fraud claims,**"

\* *NPR*: "**False Claims of Fraud, Rigged Election,**"

\* *CBS News*: "Voter fraud complaint is 'garbage,'"

Meanwhile, **Big Tech is getting in on the scam too:**

\* Facebook has **banned the 300,000-person "Stop the Steal" group...** by ludicrously claiming they were "inciting violence,"

\* Twitter is **censoring the President of the**

**United States** himself *whenever* he makes a completely justifiable claim about election fraud.

Their goal? **Con the American people into believing that Joe Biden won this election fairly...** and make them see the President as a "sore loser."

I'll be blunt: if we let this phony media narrative go uninterrupted, **it will do permanent damage to President Trump** *even if* he successfully fights back against this sham election.

I would add to Ms. Owen's words above that even feigned friend FOX News has gone the way of Chick-fil-A, turning on their conservative base with skewed reporting, results, and quieting the conservative voices that call Fox home.

**First,** it's not the media's place to name anyone president elect. **Secondly,** as they continue to perpetuate this likely fraud upon the American people it only further solidifies the lie and deepens the hatred for President Trump and his supporters. As this continues it will only make Trump Derangement Syndrome 1.0 look like love compared to 2.0. After all, the media has groomed these folks into believing the Biden/Harris win is a done deal; that there isn't any proper cause to look for improprieties in this election – except for now as the President uncovers what has happened; and that whatever feelings of animosity they may have, and whatever they may do, is justified.

Put yourself in their position (we were there when we went to bed on the evening of November 3 - but to a lesser degree); how would you feel? Under the presumption that they have won, New York Rep. AOC, with retribution in mind, wants to make a list of Trump supporters. Remember the violence that's been perpetuated against MAGA supporters for the past four years. I shudder to imagine what things will look like if it unfolds that President Trump would rightfully continue to lead our nation.

Whatever transpires in the days ahead: We  
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# What Controls You?

By Kimberly Cargill



I remember going on vacation and taking a lot of pictures. When I came home, one of my family members commented, “Did you really enjoy what you saw or were you too busy taking pictures?” I thought at the time, yes I did enjoy it myself; but I wanted to capture it all to share the experience. Now with many people having cell phones, it is easy to be on your phone and away from what is right in front of us. How many times are we on our phones and not talking with the person who is right there with us?

Our office watched a documentary, “*The Social Dilemma*,” about how addictive cell phones and other electronics can really be. It talked about how we are so addicted to our phones and not even realize that we are.

It portrayed a family with three children. Two of the children were constantly on their phones. The Mom had an idea to lock their phones in a container for an hour while they ate. One daughter didn’t even make it five minutes before breaking the container to get her phone and then went upstairs to be on the phone. The other child’s phone got damaged by his sibling’s breaking the container. So the Mom made a deal with her son that if he could go a week without his phone, she would buy him a new one. He did fine for a day or so but then saw his friends and the other people around him were enjoying life on their phone. So in the middle of the night he caved and grabbed his phone.

I have seen this from teens and adults. We can’t do anything without having our phone out and doing something on it. You can be at an event and you have to take pictures or a video and then post those things online. It doesn’t stop there because then we get all these notifications; we have a need to check and see who liked our post or who commented about it.

If it isn’t pictures or videos, then we are looking on other apps that take up a lot of our time. We may be sitting next to people but we don’t really interact with them because we are too busy on our phone. One of my colleagues said that we can watch a movie but we can’t be entertained by that alone; we also have to be on our phones at the same time to entertain us. I think how sad that is for us that we can’t just enjoy watching a movie with family.

When I finished this documentary, it made me think, **what is my priority?** Is my phone controlling my time? I didn’t want that. I wanted to enjoy my family and friends and the moment that I was in. Don’t get me wrong, it is nice to stay in touch with people but it shouldn’t distract you from what is important. I don’t want my phone to be a distraction.

So what did I do? I went through all my apps that I normally get notifications from and turned off the notification so that my phone doesn’t always buzz. Making these small choices feels like I am taking back control of my time. For parents of children, I recommend putting your phones down especially during meal time. Talk with your kids. It is your time to reconnect with them after being at school all day. Most of us are on our electronics most of the day, so stepping away from the computer/cell phones is a good thing in the evening if you can.

In another documentary, “*Social Media Dangers Documentary – Childhood 2.0*,” parents and children were also talking about the dangers of phones and apps. They talked about being bullied on their phones and the anxiety that they had after posting different pictures of themselves. It is tough enough for kids to deal with body issues let alone dealing with pressures on their phones from other people. We need to lift up our children and ourselves. We need to remember that God created us and we are made in His image. We all need to encourage each other to love ourselves as God loves us.

They also talked about the dangers of strangers contacting their kids because they were “friends” on Facebook or Instagram.

In the video the parents were saying that their six year-old was contacted by a stranger. My first thought is “Why does this six year-old have a phone?” To me, it is like giving a baby a hamburger to eat. That child can’t eat it and digest it properly. It is too much for them. Parents need to think through what they are giving to their child. Is this appropriate for them? Can they handle the responsibility of it? Do they really need this?

Parents still need to be parents and monitor and set limits to the phone/tablet/ internet usage. I know parents that go through their kid’s “friend” request before they can be friends with them. I think parents need to be more vigilant with their kid’s lives. Again, parents and kids, put your phones down and talk to each other about what is going on in your lives.

I just want to end with you asking yourself – “**What controls me?**” – “**What has my attention?**” - “**Is my family worth it?**” and lastly, “**Would God be happy with how I spend my time?**”

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must continue to firmly but kindly speak truth. We mustn’t forget that there are still great numbers of American people who are good and kind and desirous of helping others. We must remember that God expects us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him. We mustn’t forget that God is sovereign and in control. We must always remember that God hasn’t given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Our faith, hope, and trust **MUST ALWAYS** be in Him. And regardless of whoever is deemed the president of these United States, we must still repent as a nation and praise God as individuals.

# Thy Will, Not Mine, Be Done

By Lisa Van Houten



As I write this, the results of the presidential election are still up in the air in the midst of what appears to be blatant election malfeasance. In spite of the media usurping their role and authority by “declaring” Joe Biden the President-Elect when the results are far from certain, it’s entirely possible that by the time you read this newsletter we may still be waiting on the outcome. **Millions are praying that the deeds of evil doers will be exposed** and that God will again give us a reprieve from what we can readily predict a Biden-Harris administration will unleash upon our nation. However, it may very well be that God’s sovereign will won’t be what we think is best for our nation, but what He knows will ultimately be best for His people, as often it’s through hardship and trial that God strengthens and grows His Church. If Biden is declared the winner of the presidential election, get ready for the refiner’s fire.

So, what can we expect from a Biden presidency? Biden has pledged to reverse many of President Trump’s policies through executive orders. Regarding foreign policy, Biden is already reassuring foreign leaders that he’ll abandon President Trump’s “America First” policy, which did what any national leader should do – look out for the best interests of the country they’ve been elected to serve and protect. Instead, Biden will reverse tariffs on foreign imports that under Trump reduced the trade deficit and led to a boom in U.S. manufacturing. Biden will also once again kowtow to international groups such as the United Nations. On day one, Biden says he will rejoin the Paris Climate Accords and the World Health Organization which has proven to be a puppet of Communist China. Biden will also reverse many of Trump’s foreign policy advancements, leading to renewed strife within the Middle East. President Trump did what many said could never be done – brokered historic Mideast peace deals between Israel

and several Arab nations. However, Biden will return to siding with Palestine, and in essence terrorist groups Hezbollah and Hamas, while throwing our ally Israel under the proverbial bus. Look for Biden to remove the debilitating sanctions Trump has placed on Iran, which have decimated Iran’s ability to fund and export terrorism throughout the Middle East and the world. Instead, Biden will most likely rejoin Obama’s disastrous nuclear deal with Iran.

Biden also has promised that one of his first acts will be to reverse President’s Trump immigration policies. Biden said he will remove the ban on immigration from the seven terrorist nations which President Trump had initiated. And Trump’s successful efforts to curb illegal immigration at our southern border will likely be quickly reversed by Biden, while he seeks to offer amnesty to illegal immigrants, expanding the potential Democrat voting base.

President Trump, to the surprise of many conservatives, has turned out to be the most pro-life president we’ve had. Biden-Harris portends to be the most pro-abortion administration. Biden has vowed to do away with the Hyde Amendment, a law that prevents tax-payer funding of abortion and he’s pledged to restore funding to Planned Parenthood. He’s also said he wants to codify Roe V. Wade into law. One of his first acts in office will be to rescind the Mexico City Policy, which prohibits the use of American tax dollars to “perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning” in foreign nations.

One of the most concerning items on Biden’s to-do list is passage of The Equality Act, which he stated will be a priority in his first 100 days in office. The poorly named legislation would enshrine LGBTQ rights into federal law and would be used as a cudgel to bully and attempt to silence Christians who believe biblical teachings on marriage and gender. The Equality Act would put LGBTQ identity into the same classification as the immutable characteristic of race. Claiming “discrimination” against the LGBTQ, it will gut religious freedom protections that allow faith-based homeless shelters, charities, and small business

owners to act according to their religious beliefs.

Earlier this year, Virginia Democrat Governor Ralph Northam signed state legislation similar to the Equality Act that will force Christian schools and ministries to hire people who oppose their religious convictions on sexuality and gender. The law will also force these ministries to open women’s sports and women’s restrooms to biological males, to refer to biological males by female pronouns if they “identify” as female (and vice versa), and to pay for transgender surgery in their health care plans. This, and much more, is what the Equality Act will do nationwide.

In an interview with the Philadelphia Gay News, Joe Biden condemned as “discrimination” the idea that faith-based homeless shelters, adoption agencies, and other charities would refuse to endorse same-sex marriage, transgender identity, and experimental cross-sex drugs and surgeries. **Biden stated: “We need to root out discrimination in our laws, institutions, and public spaces. Religion should not be used as a license to discriminate ...”**

As PJ Media opined: “Where does that leave people of faith who refuse to celebrate the LGBTQ revolution? Biden doesn’t say. But make no mistake: the Equality Act would result in widespread discrimination against Christians and others who believe the Bible’s teaching on sexuality and gender. Doctors would be forced to ignore science and perform transgender surgeries, bakers would be forced to bake cakes celebrating gay weddings, and students in school locker rooms would be forced to shower with members of the opposite sex. There would be no safe harbor for conscientious objectors. And they won’t stop there. Eventually, they’ll tie government permits and professional licensure to these issues. Refuse to perform a mutilating transgender surgery on a teenager? No medical license for you! Refuse to march in a city-sponsored LGBTQ parade? Hand in your gun and your badge, bigot. Refuse to teach kindergarten that they can choose their own

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gender? Good luck keeping your teaching certificate. Refuse to hire homosexuals at your private Christian college? No accreditation for you ... And it won't even stop there. Eventually, they'll come for our churches too."

When this happens it will be a defining moment for the American church. The true Church will refuse to bow, no matter the consequences. The compromised church will fall in line, as we already see happening. For example, a Christian Reformed Church in West Michigan, a supposedly conservative denomination, recently ordained as deacon a lesbian involved in a same-sex marriage.

As we face a potential Biden presidency, it's important to remember that God's kingdom isn't of this world. One benefit of having God's Word is to see the incredible accounts of how God unfolded His will. We can read about Joseph thrown in the pit and know it will all work out in an amazing way. We can read how God allowed His people to be taken captive by Babylon, yet see how He brought back a remnant and restored Jerusalem. Yet, for those in the midst of those hardships, they couldn't see the outcomes, just as we can't. However, we do have the promise that ALL things – including a Biden presidency – will work together for the good of those who are called according to His purpose. And as I often remind my little preschool Sunday School students, **God ALWAYS keeps His promises.**

## How Can I Keep From Singing

By Chris Johnson



*dled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."*

As we are rightly concerned for the future of our nation and system of government, we have that much more reason to celebrate going into the Christmas season. What is the message of the angels to the shepherds?

"The government shall be upon His shoulders." That wasn't a metaphor. Christ is the actual ruler of this world. He is the King of kings, Lord of lords, and Leader of world leaders.

That is something to keep at the center of our minds as we celebrate Christmas this year. Indeed, modeling our faith in that truth is one of the most powerful things we can do to push back against the darkness. Have your kids or grandkids seen your concern over the presidential election? What do we tell them if we carry that concern into the celebration of the coming of the One who "rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love?"

We cannot know what the next four years will hold. We don't know who our president will be or what challenges they will have to face. We don't know how technology will evolve or what natural disasters might strike. As we've seen plenty of times this year alone, unforeseen events can change the political landscape in dramatic and unpredictable ways. While it is our responsibility to know as much as we can about those possible challenges and to protect our families and communities, let us not fall into thinking that our future lies in our own hands, much less the hands of one man (or woman) in the oval office.

My kids have a playlist of music they listen to as they go to bed, and just about every night I'm struck as I hear these words sung by Audrey Assad wafting down the stairs. I hope you can carry them into the Christmas season.

*"What tho' my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Saviour liveth;  
What tho' the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm*

Once again, I must begin this article for our monthly newsletter with a marker dividing my context as I write this from yours as you read it. As I write, the networks have declared Joe Biden to be President-elect and Joe Biden happily agrees, while President Trump has begun the proceedings to hold onto power through the courts, claiming widespread voter fraud which illegitimizes Biden's claims to have won certain states.

I am sure that as you read this, you will know more about this than I do writing it. I am also fairly certain that we will not know who will be president for the next four years by the beginning of December when this edition lands in your mailbox. I will again aim to make my claims ambiguous enough to be relevant no matter what happens in the next few weeks.

Whatever else I might be wrong about, I can make this projection, with 100% confidence: we will be under the same Leadership in the next four years as we have enjoyed for the last four.

And the four before that, and the four before that, etc going back to the creation of the world.

In Matthew 28, Christ tells his disciples, "all authority in Heaven and on Earth has been give to Me." That means that anyone who has authority in this world, has it on loan from Christ and is accountable to Him for what he (or she) does with it.

Psalm 2 gives world leaders some counsel and Christ's followers some encouragement, "Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kin-