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If we have learned anything over the past several months, America is in serious trouble!

Our nation has deliberately and progressively turned its back on God for the past 50 years.

Believers -- black, white, rich, poor, and everybody in between -- needs to come together to pray, talk, act, and support one another. America needs healing. Let it begin with you and me!

Change in society will not come about until there is a change in people's hearts.

America is strongest when we pull together and weakest when we pull apart.

The prayers and financial gifts from friends like you enables this ministry to call our nation to repentance and to call for reconciliation.

Until He returns,

War Against America



America is at the Tipping Point! As we begin our 245th year, the nation faces its most serious crisis in recent history. Anti-American forces are attempting to undermine and destroy the very soul of the world's greatest nation. The convergence of political extremism, social unrest, pandemic paralysis and general confusion has left us gasping for breath and groping for solutions.

Many are confused, asking: What is happening to our country? Where did all this begin? Why are we so divided?

Let us begin by examining the root cause of the current chaos. In the nineteenth century, then Princeton theologian Charles Hodge warned that when American education ceased to be distinctively Christian it would only remain neutral (non-Christian) for a while and then ultimately turn decisively Anti-Christian. Within 100 years, his prediction came true.

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Supreme Court Continues to Push the Nation Further to the Left

It takes a phrase like seismic shift to describe how much the 2015 Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* altered the political and cultural landscape. Not only did it redefine marriage across cultural sectors and an entire nation, it had a huge impact on religious freedom. In an instant, those who held traditional beliefs about marriage became social pariahs.

However, the *Bostock v. Clayton County* decision, which included sexual orientation and gender identity as part of the Civil rights Act, could lead to even more widespread attacks on those that hold to a traditional Judeo-Christian view on sexuality.

Before *Bostock*, only a minority of states prohibited discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. In most states, bakers, florists, and other business owners were largely safe from lawsuits and penalties. Not only did *Bostock* effectively re-write the Civil Rights Act in the area of employment, it's now difficult to imagine a federal court not also applying its logic to areas such as housing and education.

While the *Bostock* case specifically dealt with Title VII, the next domino will likely be Title IX, which prohibits sexual discrimination in education. As Ryan Anderson of the Heritage Foundation pointed out, *Bostock* “would either require the elimination of all sex-specific programs and facilities or allow access based on an individual’s subjective

identity rather than his or her objective biology.”

In his *Bostock* opinion, Gorsuch did claim to be “deeply concerned with preserving the promise of the free exercise of religion enshrined in our Constitution.” Unfortunately, that’s a nice but meaningless sentiment given the erosion of religious freedom since *Obergefell* and his rewriting of the Civil Rights Act. Some have pointed to potential safeguards for



religious freedom, like the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and even “provisions in Title VII itself [which] provide limited religious liberty protections.”

There are also a series of cases on the court’s docket that could dramatically increase “the number of employees at colleges, schools, and other religious institutions who are left outside the scope of Title VII.” There is still the possibility the Court would balance *Bostock* by overturning state and local laws requiring religious nonprofits, such as foster care and adoption agencies, to violate their religious beliefs.

Unfortunately, even if every one of those things happens, only religious institutions would likely be protected. Great harm would still be done to the concept of religious freedom in at least three ways: First, business owners and employers with religious

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United States Fights Global Surge in Religious Persecution

Believers in many countries face severe challenges, according to the State Department's annual *Report on International Religious Freedom*. Religious freedom conditions in China, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, and many other countries fail to meet basic international human rights standards. This led Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to decry the "great darkness over parts of the world where people of faith are persecuted or denied the right to worship."



This dire report comes on the heels of a historic directive issued by the Trump administration to advance religious freedom's standing in U.S. foreign policy.

The State Department's report points to China as a global leader in religious freedom violations. In 2019, Christians, Uyghur

Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists, and Falun Gong practitioners all found themselves victims of the Chinese government's continued campaign against religion. The report noted the Chinese

Communist Party (CCP) forces state-affiliated religious institutions to insert government propaganda into their teachings. Additionally, the CCP shuts down unregistered houses of worship. The U.S. government estimates that China arbitrarily detains over one million Uyghurs

due to their faith and ethnic identity. The Chinese government will go to great lengths to suppress religious belief, leading Secretary Pompeo and other U.S. officials to label China's oppression a "war on faith."

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convictions would be robbed of much of their First Amendment rights. Religious freedom would be neutered down to a privatized freedom of worship.

Second, the government would have to decide which organizations or institutions are religious and which are not.

Third, by siding with the gay and transgender plaintiffs, the Court majority has already put millennia-old objections to same-

sex relationships and gender subjectivity into the same category as antisemitism and racism: a kind of bigotry ostracized from cultural influence.

This decision, like *Roe v. Wade* and *Obergefell v. Hodges* before it, shows that the Supreme Court has continued to be the most dramatic influencer of progressive ideas in the country, even greater than Congress or the Presidency.— *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that our nation would turn back to God and renounce the secular ideas that have taken prominence throughout the nation.

The Supreme Court decision in 1962 (Engel v. Vitale) ruled prayer out of the public schools. Subsequently, even voluntary moments of silence were eliminated and in time all religious instruction was banned from American public education.

While students are still free to pray privately or in small groups, the absence of God in American public education is now glaringly obvious. The result is rampant secularization.

The secularization of America has increasingly grown into a stranglehold on public discourse.

Nearly 60 years later the process looks like this:

1. Secularism: There is no god
2. Relativism: There is no truth
3. Selfism: I am all that matters
4. Materialism: Give me more stuff.
5. Mysticism: Redefine reality.

The war against America is the result of the spiritual battle for the soul of the nation. It plays out in several areas under the disguise of social justice and political correctness. But make no mistake, it is a covert attack of Satan against the very heart of America's Christian values. Here is how it works

Deny Our Heritage: Eliminate any positive discussion of Christian influence in America's founding. Pilgrims, Puritans, Quakers, and others seeking religious freedom are portrayed as "invaders" who mistreated Native Americans.

Defame Our Heroes: Emphasize their faults and weaknesses while neglecting

their contributions. Denounce Christopher Columbus, who lived in 1492, by the standards of 21st century "correctness." On that basis,

nobody living in 1492 was "acceptable!" Everyone becomes a target of the culture wars: Washington, Jefferson, even Lincoln.

Desecrate Our Monuments: Public statues and government monuments are symbols of the America that extremists want to destroy. This is not merely about the Civil War or

racial injustice. The extremists, like Antifa, want everything gone. "Tear it all down!" they keep shouting.

Dismantle Our Freedoms: Free speech is only acceptable for the radical, liberal left. Conservative Christians are denounced as racists, bigots, and anti-intellectuals. Any attempt to criticize or question the left-wing agenda is met with censorship, hostility, and ridicule.

Destroy Our Nation: The end result of the secular onslaught will eventually bring America down. Left unchecked, a godless society will implode. Perhaps this is why America is not specifically identified in Bible prophecies of the End Times.

America is in serious trouble and only the power of God can save us. We desperately need His divine intervention. America needs a spiritual awakening and a genuine revival of repentance, regeneration, and re-engagement with the culture.

Nothing short of a radiant, Spirit-filled Christianity can speak truth into a decadent and self-destructive culture. — PNL

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Al Gore and the United Nations Push for Destruction of Capitalism

The economic, social and political chaos caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and Black Lives Matter protests have for months captured the attention of virtually every American. But while most Americans have been preoccupied with protests and pandemics, a potentially bigger story has managed to slip beneath the radar: a growing movement among the world's most powerful leaders to call for a "reset" of the entire global economy.

At a meeting hosted by the highly influential World Economic Forum earlier in June, powerful officials from nonprofits, government, business, academia, labor unions and activist groups announced their plan for a "Great Reset" of global capitalism. It is a proposal they acknowledged has only been made possible because of the "opportunity" provided by the economic destruction caused by the novel coronavirus. Supporters and attendees of the meeting included Prince Charles; António Guterres, the secretary-general of the United Nations; Ajay Banga, CEO of MasterCard; Bernard Looney, CEO of BP; and Gina Gopinath, the chief economist at the International Monetary Fund, among many others.

The purpose of the Great Reset isn't merely to enact policies that would lead to additional wealth redistribution, but rather to completely overhaul the world's existing structures and institutions. In an article published on the World Economic Forum's website, Klaus Schwab, the founder and executive chairman of WEF, wrote of the Great Reset, "Every

country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed. In short, we



need a 'Great Reset' of capitalism. The world must act jointly and swiftly to revamp all aspects of our societies and economies, from education to social contracts and working conditions."

How, exactly, are these leaders planning on convincing

Americans and citizens of every other industrialized nation to abandon modern capitalism? By scaring people into believing that these changes are essential for stopping the next great "crisis" the world will face when the COVID-19 pandemic finally subsides: climate change. At the World Economic Forum's June meeting, one speaker after another cited climate change and environmental sustainability as the key justifications for radical economic changes that would include massive new regulations and restrictions on economic activity, wealth taxes and expansive government programs comparable to the Green New Deal.

"The Great Reset is a welcome recognition that this human tragedy must be a wake-up call," said U.N. Secretary-General Guterres. "We must build more equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change and the many other global changes we face." And if that weren't enough, Al Gore, recently touted the "Great Reset" during an interview on NBC's "Today"

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This report also recognized mounting inter-religious violence in Africa. In 2019, Muslim Fulani militants commit many violent attacks on Christians. The terrorist groups Boko Haram and the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) brutally attacked both Christians and Muslims in large numbers.

Pakistan continues to be a dangerous place for religious minorities. The report noted complaints against the Pakistani justice system, which regularly fails to bring perpetrators of violence against religious minorities to justice “due to a lack of follow-through by law enforcement, bribes offered by the accused, and pressure on victims to drop cases.” Young Christian and Hindu girls have been kidnapped, forced to convert to Islam and then marry their captors. Societal discrimination against Christians and the enforcement of blasphemy laws continue to make life difficult for Pakistan’s impoverished Christian communities.

As religious believers encounter intimidation and danger in so many parts of the world, the United States is well-positioned to advocate for change. To their credit, the Trump administration has paid attention to the plight

of persecuted religious communities. On June 2, President Trump signed an historic executive order pledging “the United States will respect and vigorously promote this freedom.” The order requires the prioritization of religious freedom in the State Department and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

U.S. officials have, at times, referred to religious freedom as a foreign policy priority, but their statements have often lacked teeth. Now, per the executive order, the State Department and USAID must develop a plan to implement it within 180 days.

President Trump’s executive order was an important first step, but there is still much more to be done. As the State Department and USAID look to implement this order, they should fully embrace all possible options for promoting religious freedom abroad and protecting religious communities.

In many countries, repressive governments have effectively silenced religious minorities from speaking up to defend themselves, but the United States has the opportunity to speak up on their behalf.— *PNL*

PRAY: Pray for those across the world that are persecuted for their beliefs.

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television show. “So, I think this is a time for a ‘Great Reset,’” Gore said. “We’ve got to fix a lot of these problems that have been allowed to fester for way too long. And the climate crisis is an opportunity to create tens of millions of new jobs, clean up the air, and reduce the death rate from pandemics, by the way, because the air pollution from burning fossil fuels heightens

the death rates from coronavirus. So, this is a time for a reset to fix a bunch of challenges, first among them the climate crisis.” The coronavirus has continued to embolden world leaders to call for massive change, including more global government oversight. Is this the foundation that the Antichrist will one day build upon? — *PNL*

PRAY: Pray God’s will is done as we continue to move through the coronavirus crisis and the changes that will occur in the aftermath.