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THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A NATION

The United States is 244 years old. We are 244 years old as a nation because the Declaration of Independence was ratified by the U.S. Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. 1619 was not the birth year of America. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back into bondage. Where do you think we are as a nation in this inexorable sequence of events?



BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES TO CONSIDER WHEN VOTING

Only during the U.S. Civil War has America been more divided. During the recent National Conventions, vastly different tones and visions were offered. One political party is obsessed with removing the current "incompetent President" and permanently changing a "systemically racist, evil America." By their refusal to condemn evil actions in Democrat runs cities that began in May, one party encourages division, hatred, anarchy and violence, accusing the other party of actually being the cause of the riots ("peaceful protests"). At the Democratic Convention little if any specific agenda was outlined. The other party presented an America of promise with specific agenda details. After the Republican Convention, those who hate the President accosted attendees heckling and threatening, hurling vile insults, and challenging people to react. D.C. police had to act as shields to protect one Senator and his wife.

A recent CNN headline read: "Fiery, but mostly peaceful demonstration took place in Kenosha, Wisconsin." As another commentator stated, that's like telling a friend that you only put a few drops of urine in the glass of water you just gave him." How can looters and rioters burning buildings and vehicles, destroying monuments and accosting innocents be "mostly peaceful?" America is in trouble.

Another commentator stated, "There has actually been very little violence. The President is exaggerating to excite his base." The truth is that there have been over 750 police officers injured and some killed. Millions, approaching billions of dollars in damage has occurred in more than thirty cities across America. Some are justifying these riots by equating their action with those involved in the Boston Tea Party. There is NO equivalent.

I am not a Democrat. I am not a Republican. I am a registered Independent voter and vote I will. I watched a good portion of both conventions. At one convention, speakers repeated verbal vitriol against a candidate. One leader recently even stated that the President and his allies are "enemies of the state." The other convention highlighted current accomplishments along with past failures and successes. Strengths of America, weaknesses of the other candidate and a specific agenda were also emphasized.



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Plan, PRAY and Prepare to vote this November. Encourage, family, friends and neighbors to vote. Voting is our privilege and responsibility. There are two very different roads ahead of us. The contrast could not be more glaring. Which road best reflects the **PRINCIPLES** and **VALUES** of Scripture?

WE BELIEVE WE VOTE web site lists the candidates and their position on major issues. See if there is a similar site in your in your location. Your vote based on issues is crucial. Your vote does make a difference.



Pray for our nation's leaders. Pray they will seek the will of God and use some common sense.

If you want total security, go to prison. There you're fed, clothed, given medical care and so on. The only thing lacking . . . is freedom. —Dwight D. Eisenhower



Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

August 2—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA

3rd Monday each month—Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Team, Spokane, WA

November 7 – ESM Board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church

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HOW CAN WE DETERMINE THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICE?

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

V - VIEW OF LIFE / WORLDVIEW Genesis 1 is either true or not. No greater principle impacts one's decision making process. Does the candidate believe there is a Creator God? Everyone believes in God. He/she either believes there is a Creator or that life is the result time and chance and man is god. Either one seeks God's wisdom, or one relies on human intellect alone. Authentic faith impacts daily life and decisions. Faith cannot be separated from one's decision making process any more than blood can be separated from the heart without affecting life.

VIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Does the candidate believe our U.S. Constitution is a "living document," open to interpretation, or that our founding father's intended the Constitution to be taken literally? Is the Declaration of Independence still upheld? "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, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our founding fathers based governing authority on the belief that there is a Creator. There is no God-given right to dictate how others should live and act or to impose one man's will on another. There is a constitutional process to enact law. Government is to be "of, by and for the people," not of, by and for a ruling class.

O - OPINION ON VITAL CONCERNS

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Unborn human life is just that, life. Nearly 900 abortions are performed daily in the United States. Some believe that our tax dollars should fund this procedure. Many believe abortion is a woman's right. What about the rights of the unborn, voiceless little woman within her Mother's womb? "It's just a fetus." The word "fetus" is Latin for "little one." Congress was challenged to watch a video of a late term abortion. They refused. I wonder why.

Crush an eagle egg, get caught, and see what happens. Under the "Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act," a person convicted of violation can be fined up to \$5,000 or imprisoned up to a year, or both. If convicted for two violations under the act, he or she can face an enhanced penalty of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment up to two years, or both. Take the life of a baby before he/she takes his/her first breath and become wealthy and honored as fulfilling a vital health service for women. A just God will be the final Judge and determine the penalty for this atrocity.

FAITH AND VALUES - RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The third Article of our Bill of Rights states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" Does the candidate agree with this basic right in word and action? Does the candidate have clear values that are based upon his/her faith?

BIBLICAL, TRADITIONAL VIEW OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

A culture that violates the God-given model for the home is doomed to destruction. The biblical model for marriage and the home centers on the union of one man and one woman. A man going home to his husband or a woman living with her wife is counter to scripture and nature. Despite how anyone attempts to justify this, it is not natural. If one generation totally ignored the traditional, biblical, and biological view of marriage, humanity would become extinct.

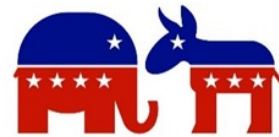
T - TRUST AND TRUTH Can the candidate be trusted to keep his/her word? Many politicians say one thing and do another. Specific promises are made during campaigns with no intention of implementing them once elected. What is the history of the candidate in respect to keeping his/her word?

Does the candidate have a track record of doing what's right for the right reasons? Does he/she have a history of principled leadership? A noble leader is to be one who suppresses evil and rewards good (Romans 13:1-7). That presupposes that the leader understands the difference between good and evil. God intended government leaders to protect us, not to crush us. The greatest leaders are servants, not tyrants.

E - EDUCATE YOURSELF ON THE ISSUES Do you understand the difference between Socialism and Capitalism? We have heard the term "Democratic Socialism" mentioned. There is no such thing. That would be like someone stating that he is a "Demoblican" or a "Repumocrat." Believing that the government can provide free housing, free college education and free health care is something that a third grader can understand is impossible. Many college students need to repeat elementary school.

Leaders are to have the best interest of the people in mind, not personal interests. Too often in our current culture, political leaders are motivated by self-interest. Is the motivation principle or personal gain? Is their opinion determined by principle or by polling? One politician said it well, "It is difficult to put your finger on a problem when you have it in the air." Being more concerned about the changing winds of public opinion will ultimately end in chaos. Principle should influence one's moral compass, not polling data. **PRAY** - Ask God for wisdom and clarity as you examine the lives of candidates and vote.

WE BELIEVE, WE VOTE. COM This web site can also assist you in making an informed vote. Candidates are asked basic questions and their answers are listed. Above all else, **VOTE**. Exercise this wonderful right and privilege. Remember God is sovereign. His will cannot be circumvented. Proverbs 21:1



Thoughts From Diane . . . LAODICEA

I've been in contact with a childhood friend who's my age. She was the girl down the street. We had fun playing together. We would write and perform plays in her garage, go swimming with at Medicine Lake and get into trouble just like kids will do. Sue is healthy, single, likes to travel to Mexico and takes trips on her motorcycle complete with camping gear. As far as I can tell, her health has been great and she's as old as I am. Life takes its toll on some bodies more than others body. She could have many good years left. I certainly hope so, yet it's our Creator God who has had that information about Sue since her birth.



I'm falling apart, that's not a secret. I happen to be a 71 year old woman. Among other health challenges, I've noticed for a few years, that the hearing in my left ear has diminished more and more. I don't hear what George is saying sometimes. There are times I'm not paying attention to what he's saying (that's not good). Now I'm having trouble hearing him pray. One morning my head was bowed, and I slowly opened my eyes, sneaking a sideways glance with my extraordinary peripheral vision. He had stopped praying. I don't think he saw that misstep; he wasn't looking my way, I hope. I don't know how much time I have left either. I may think I know, because my health seems to be a sign of my time here on earth ending sooner rather than later, yet only God knows the day and the hour.

In the book of Revelation the Apostle John was the one chosen by God to be a "witness to the Word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw." "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (2:7) John saw and heard amazing things. God chose him to write about the times "which were near." Chapter 1:3. He wasn't a man with an easy life. He was imprisoned on the Island of Patmos. He had the task of sending what he saw and heard to his brother's in Christ. He was to "write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches." Revelation 1:11 "Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this." I would encourage those of you who love studying to read the accounts of the seven churches. Over the years as I've grown in my faith. I recognize some things about myself, both from the past and present. My love for



God has grown cold at times. I've gone through fearful times. One of the churches in Revelation stood out to me. The phrase "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." The seventh church, the church of Laodicea stood out from them all. The Spirit had nothing good to say about this church, that it would be spit out. Why? because they were rich, they prospered and had need of nothing. They were wretched, miserable, and poor to name a few. They needed to repent. Jesus was knocking at their heart's door.

It reminds me of today. It's not the condition of the world that's the problem but it's the condition of our churches. What are the attributes of your church? What is the condition of the believers there? We need to look inward first. We need to look at the condition of our souls. Is Jesus knocking at the door of your heart? He is knocking at the heart's door of believers, not the lost. People on internet church sites keep talking about the condition of the world. Soon, they say, surely Jesus will return soon! Look at the world, the government, look at all the evil. Look at the weather! It can't be long! Is that the focus of our expectation? Is that what Jesus is talking about? Before any of the conditions of the world we all should be looking at our own condition. Yes, Jesus came to "seek and save those who are lost," but He has chosen to use us to reach the lost. He has chosen the church to spread the Gospel.

We, the body of Christ, the church need to be in a right relationship with Jesus so that we are able to tell others about the Savior of the world. I see a church in peril. Many churches look more like the church of Laodicea. In other parts of the world there has been great persecution and the church is growing. Is that where we are headed? We don't know what we will go through. Perhaps it will be great persecution, perhaps not. Jesus died for the sinner. "Behold I stand at the door and knock . . ." Will we the church respond? Revelation 3:20

I Corinthians 15:58 Standing Firm, Diane