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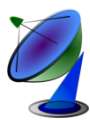
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Halleluia!

We don't know whether just to pray filled with gratitude, or jump up and down clicking our heels, or just quietly walk upright with a grateful heart, but the truth is we have been able to pay our satellite bills,

January/February once a year bills -- yes! All of us that contributed have been well rewarded for our sacrifices and selflessness. Unless our program is taken from the air due to new laws pertaining to prejudice or persecution, we are on for another year! We have no more satellite payments until June and that is only for the satellite that circles over New Zealand and Australia and does not come due until this June.

What a relief this is, what a confirmation this is, that we are doing the very work our heavenly Father would have us do, and what a blessing to have been a part of it! This is truly a miracle for this small ministry to be so abundantly blessed, and I hope that everyone who contributed will realize extra protection and blessing as this crumbling world spins closer and closer toward its destiny.

So, rejoice with us as we bow before His throne with happiness as we continue to behold His blessings.

Do we have enough funds left to send this newsletter to 2600 people? We do. Pray for us, and continue to be a blessing to Him through Bible Explorations. Thank you. Thank you. Everything sent has proven to be a blessing!

THE LION WITH EAGLE'S WINGS

Heretofore this symbol has always represented England and the United States. The lion as the symbol of England, and the eagle's wings the symbol of the U.S. True, we have nearly always been allies, and viewing one another with admiration and even with many like

laws governing our nations, but we must humbly remember that the eagle's wings are eventually plucked off and never again mentioned in the prophecy.



Daniel 7:4

"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it."

Some authors have stated that this prophecy could not have been fulfilled until Brexit. For now England stands alone. The U.S. is her first and greatest ally. The U.S. then has a mishap, perhaps humbled, and taken away.

From then on England is seen standing without God, England stands as a man, on a man's feet with a man's heart only. An easy prey for the new world order.

INTERESTING TRIVIA

"U.S. exit from United Nations could become a reality. This one quietly slipped past the public radar - proposing that the United States withdraw its membership from the United Nations, just as another bill was being concocted to cut U.S. funding to the body."

The reasons are simple. The UN is helping nations that are against Israel, and we are pro Israel. So why send heavy funding to an organization that has such a diverse and opposite stand from that of our own? Why support an organization that supports nations that would turn against us in a minute over the perpetuation of the state of Israel?

The bill proposing our withdrawal was drafted and submitted by Rep Mike Rogers.

[A New President for America - Building Walls or Breaking Walls Down](#)

by David Barron

During the election campaign recently elected President Donald Trump called for a wall to be built across the southern border in order to protect Americans from illegal immigration. Donald Trump may well be an honest man trying to do good things for America. The pope seems to disagree.

The Pope fired back at Trump saying that "A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian. This is not the gospel," the Pope told journalists who asked his opinion on Trump's proposals to halt illegal immigration.

Trump fired back at the Pope saying "I am a very nice person, and I am a very good Christian... For a religious leader to question a person's faith is disgraceful. I am proud to be a Christian, and as President, I will not allow Christianity to be consistently attacked and weakened."

It was quite apparent, and has been apparent, that Pope Francis is not in agreement with Trump's ideas of wall building. But as we look at this divisive issue between the Pope and President Trump is it possible that while Trump is proposing to build a wall, that this wall building is a distraction from what is happening behind the scenes, and that Trump is actually working along the same lines of the Pope in tearing down walls? I sure hope not.

Perhaps we are being distracted. Perhaps Trump is being distracted?

The Great Wall of Separation of Church and State

Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States once said the following:

"Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared **that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between Church and State.**" [Letter from Jefferson 1 January 1802]

If there was ever a wall that Pope Francis doesn't like, it would be the wall of separation between Church and State, and such is flatly stated among Catholic leaders. But in the Great Controversy we read the following:

"When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and **in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of "heresy."** In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil

government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.” [Ellen White Great Controversy Page 443]

The duty of the State is to protect the consciences of the people, and this was why the first amendment was placed in the constitution of the United States. However, sometimes we lose sight of history and thus the people fight for the things they once abhorred.

James Madison, known as the Father of the constitution who along with Thomas Jefferson had a major influence in having the first amendment written into the constitution said this:

“The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries.”- James Madison, 4th president of the United States

Why would Madison say that there was something they wanted to “keep forever from these shores” except for the fact that he as well as the other presidents had a good understanding of the history of the Papacy and her oppressive power during the dark ages?

Regarding those who sought the shores of America we are told in the Great Controversy the following: Could something as strange and horrific be in the hopper for us as well?

“And he had two horns like a lamb.” The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as coming up in 1798, as most of you already know.

Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and **sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance** were many who **determined to establish a government** upon the broad foundation of **civil and religious liberty**. Their views found place in the Declaration of Independence, which sets forth the great truth that “all men are created equal” and endowed with the inalienable right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” And **the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws**. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. **Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity.** The oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. **Millions have sought its shores**, and the United

States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth. [Ellen White Great Controversy Page 441]

One of the reason millions have sought these shores was because of men like Madison and Jefferson who sought to keep forever from these shores” the intolerant religion that oppressed and destroyed many martyrs during the dark ages. We were warned.

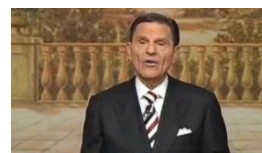
“In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World.” [Ellen White, Great Controversy Page 573]

Here we are told that the Papacy lost something. And in order to gain what she lost, a wall must be torn down. That wall is “the wall of separation between the church and the state.” We are told by Pope Francis that “A good Catholic meddles in politics.” Why does he say this?

“Rome is aiming to re-establish her **power**, to recover her lost supremacy. **Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws;** in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured.” [Ellen White Great Controversy Page 581]

Are you reading what this is saying? In a book written well over 100 years ago, the Idea is that once again religion will regain control of the secular power. Now this is not just about the Papacy controlling civil power in America. No, this is about once Protestant churches seeking the aid of civil power as the Papacy once did, and joining with her to control "we the people."

“The “image to the beast” represents that form of **apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power** for the enforcement of their dogmas.” [Ellen White Great Controversy Page 445]



**Kenneth Copeland -
Evangelical Advisor to the
President**

Kenneth Copeland, the famous evangelical televangelist recently, during his “America Stands: Election Coverage in the Spirit of Faith” live election night broadcast,

rejoiced that, as a member of Donald Trump's faith advisory council, he'll now have direct access to the president of the United States for the first time in his life.

Copeland said "I am totally convinced that if the Lord were to say something to me ... that the president needs to hear," he said, "I have no doubt that we could do it and do it quickly and have audience to say, 'Thus saith the Lord' and he wouldn't just turn it over to an aide or something and just write it off. He would listen and it would mean something to him."

Copeland was at first voting for Texas governor Ted Cruz, whose father Rafael another evangelical minister came on his show at one point and stated that "separation of church and state is not in the constitution, it's not in the declaration." He said on the show "As a matter of fact the word of God tells us exactly the opposite." Really? It surely shows again and again what happens when the separation of state is not upheld!

Ted Cruz was actually behind Sylvia Allen in her public petition for Sunday laws last year. I hope you are connecting the dots.

Cruz and Trump both had some of the most gruesome battles during the debates and were pretty much arch-enemies, yet at the end Trump was interviewing Cruz for Attorney General. The connections between all of these men should be a little close for comfort when you understand what they are all about.

Copeland only a few years ago, declared a "unity of faith" with the Pope when he met with him as well as other big names including now deceased Tony Palmer. Copeland is also good friends with Rodney Howard Browne, another evangelical minister who stated in one of his messages that the term "separation of church and state is a bunch of garbage." So what is the goal of these evangelicals? To use the state power to accomplish her ends. These protestant churches are seeking the aid of civil power in order to enforce their dogmas, just as we read in the "Great Controversy" written by E. White over 100 years ago.

Trump, Pope, Copeland Tearing Down the Wall of Church and State Together?

Not only does Trump have several evangelical advisors, but he has also hired 34 Catholic advisors. One of which is former presidential candidate Rick Santorum who said he "almost threw up" after reading President John F. Kennedy's 1960 speech on the separation of church and state. Notice what JFK said in his speech.

"I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute, **where no Catholic prelate would tell the president (should he be Catholic) how to act,**

and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote; where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference; and where no man is denied public office merely because his religion differs from the president who might appoint him or the people who might elect him.

I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish; **where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the Pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source; where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials;** and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all."

Wow. But what about Trump and his advisors? I see it as quite obvious that Trump does not believe in the absolute separation of church and state. Perhaps Trump is totally unfamiliar with the history of the constitution. This in itself is a scary thing when he has advisors such as he does. Does Trump accept public policy from ecclesiastical sources?

Trump – I Want to Give Power to the Church



Trump himself has promised to give **power** back to the church. Quoting him we read: "And I said, 'you know' I said 'I'm gonna take this into my own hands because I am good at this' ... and I started telling people about it because it really had an impact on me. That people are silenced that are really our finest people. And **their power** has been taken away. **Your power** has been totally taken away," said Trump pointing to the audience.

"I don't want to insult anybody, but **your power** has been totally taken away...you'll have **great power** to do good things...**We're gonna bring it back because it's a good thing,**" Trump promised. "They treated you like it was a bad thing but it's a great thing, not a good thing. It's a great thing."

He said he will give the church leaders "**Great Power.**" In another speech he said: "Really, they've shut Christianity down...they're really being silenced... and think **of the power** we have over the democrats, over the republicans, I mean **the power. The power is incredible.**"

The bible tells us regarding the second beast in Revelation the following.

Revelation 13:11-12 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And **he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him**, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

It is the American civil government that is to give power to the once protestant churches that forms an image to the beast. "Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state;" we were warned. How relevant is the book Great Controversy to us right now?

"Babylon is also charged with the sin of unlawful connection with 'the kings of the earth.' It was by departure from the Lord, and alliance with the heathen, that the Jewish church [at one time] became a HARLOT; and Rome, corrupting herself in LIKE MANNER BY SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF WORLDLY POWERS, receives a like condemnation." (Ellen White Great Controversy 382)



It is time to give the loud cry, in fact the hour is late. The bible says that Babylon is guilty of the sin of "fornication with the kings of the earth" (Rev 18:3) The church is to serve, not to rule, but she is seeking that power to rule again.

We are now on a very slippery slope, and it seems that after swinging hard to the left with Obama in office, we are now swinging hard back the other way, and the ball is now falling into the hands of evangelicals and Catholics who completely oppose the idea of a separation of church and state.

"In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends." [E.G. White Great Controversy Page 443]

It is apparent that while many are distracted by the wall building going on at the southern border and the Pope and Trump are arguing about this wall. That they could be uniting on tearing down the wall of separation of church and state.

The final scenes of the Great Controversy are playing out before we enter into the Time of Trouble such as

never was. May God give us discernment, as well as a message proclaiming "Babylon is Fallen... the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her...come out of her my people." (Revelation 18:1-4)

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OUR BEST PROTEST IS PRAYER by Dean Ferrell

Well friends, it's an interesting time to be alive, as the culmination of the Great Controversy seems to be in sight. We've experienced the close of a very stressful election season, and the (not quite so), peaceful transfer of power from one very different administration to another. Before sharing observations, and a prayer request, here is some spiritual food for thought about Yeshua, His people and prophets:

1 Peter 1:12-15 "Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. ¹³ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: ¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation."

Whatever one thinks of President Trump, it does not warrant the scenes of violence, vandalism (feces, fist and urine throwing), smashing windows of businesses, cars burned etc by protestors of the inauguration. The exhibitions were such as I've not seen in my lifetime, in any country. It brings shame upon America. But there was amazing pressures of Media mind control and propaganda used to usher in this sinister talk and animal like behavior. It is sad that it comes from respected sources. Could the words in the Pope's interview below be used to keep evil thoughts working in those who listen to him?

"Pope Francis, seen January 21, 2017, ... in an interview conducted as Donald Trump was sworn in as US president - Madrid (AFP) - Pope Francis warned against populism, saying it could lead to the election of "saviours" like Hitler.



In an hour-long interview with Spanish newspaper El Pais ... the pontiff also condemned the idea of using walls and barbed wire to keep out foreigners. "Of course crises provoke fears and worries," he said but added that for him "the example of populism in the European sense of the word is Germany in 1933. "Germany... was looking for a leader, someone who would give her back her identity and there was a little man named Adolf Hitler who said 'I can do it.'" "Hitler did not steal power," the pope said. "He was elected by his people and then he destroyed his people."

The Germans at that time also wanted to protect themselves with "walls and barbed wire so that others cannot take away their identity," he said. "The case of Germany is classic," he said, adding that Hitler gave them a "deformed identity and we know what it produced." Pope Francis however underscored that it was too early to pass judgment on Trump. "Let's see. Let's see what he does and then we will evaluate," he said." (End of Pope Francis' interview, the self-styled "Vicar of Christ")

(Author's Question: Did he speak like Christ or did you detect any double talk? Didn't Yeshua say: "... let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.' **(Matt 5:37)** What part of Pope Francis' words will stick when people think of President Trump, or Populists, such as those who voted for Brexit and want to protect their people from radical Muslim terrorists entering in mass immigration? Will the Hitler part stick or the "wait and see"? Don't the Pope's words also distort history? Hitler did not build walls or fences around Germany to keep people out; he was invading other nation's borders. The walls and wire were around concentration camps. (The Papacy aided Hitler. Read "Hitler's Pope" or the excerpt found online at: <http://www.vanityfair.com/style/1999/10/pope-pius-xii-199910>).

The Pope's connection of Hitler to President Trump is remarkably like that of the anti-Trump media, which encouraged protestors who attacked people and destroyed others property in their rioting. Many of them came in answer to full page Newspaper ads, and were paid! Can anyone see criminal behavior in this? God has chosen us to live in exciting times which even the prophets and the angels desired to look into.

There are many inspired warnings against the LORD's people, publishing attacks against political administrations (ask for "In the Public Eye" DVD at Bible Explorations), as it will bring the time of trouble upon the rest of us. Among us are many who speak against President Donald Trump. I understand their fear, yet the Lord's Word exhorts us to use different methods, that are good and acceptable in His sight.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; ² For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. ³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; ⁴ Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Friends, did Paul say this about a generally benign system of government in authority in his time? No! It had officiated at Yeshua's Crucifixion, and would imprison Paul and ultimately take his head. It is not a natural response to what Christians see around us that was needed then or now. It is a supernatural response and action guided by prayer like we read of above.

Has this method worked or been established in Bible History? Look at the History of Joseph in Pharaoh's Egypt, of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah in Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon. And later with Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes! Friends, these Pagan kings were proud powerful and very deadly men! Yet in answer to prayer and godly behavior and speech, these men did great things for the people of the LORD. My appeal is that we be holy, attack less and pray more for leaders. And yes, for Donald Trump! who promised he wants to give power back to us. Pray especially that he may have at least 4 good advisors, like Nebuchadnezzar had. Would you be used of the Most High for such a purpose? Let's pray also for each other to that end.

START PLANNING!!

PASSOVER & FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, APRIL 11-18



Some of the speakers include Ted Schultz, David Barron, Dean Ferrell, Mike Casey, Brian Raphael, and Tom Stapleton.

Yes, our heavenly Father has provided us with the very best, but that is not what makes Passover great. It's doing His will at His appointed time, it's in the preparation time to come, it's in the sweet fellowship that we all sense, and it's the quiet spiritual time with the One who created us.

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