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"For to us a child is born... and He (Jesus) will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isa 9:6

### **Why did God do it? Why did Jesus Christ leave Heaven and come to earth?**

The One who walked through the dusty roads with some fishermen was none other than the Living God who came to the earth He built. **That's truly amazing!** That means, *when we pray*, we know He *understands* what it *means to feel pain, to love, to be sad and to be tested*. Nothing is so **astounding as the eternal, infinite, incomprehensible God** would come and live in human flesh. The One who spoke, and *out of nothing, everything* came to be, made Himself *part of His Creation*. The Invisible God became a **visible person**. He, who was **larger than the universe**, became a single, tiny cell inside a woman. Jesus went from **holding the stars** in His hands to **clutching Mary's little finger**. The child Mary delivered would one day deliver her!



But not everyone celebrates the Birth of the Creator or even the idea that God exists. Communist Vladimir Lenin said, "The **idea of God** is the most dangerous kind of contagion. The most vile, filthy deeds of violence are far less **dangerous** than the idea of **God**." Why would Lenin say that? Because, in Communism, the *state is god*.

But in a nation founded by Christians, dedicated to **freedom in Christ**, the *idea of God, the REALITY of God*, is **liberating**. Christ came to set the captives **free**. There has never been *another nation in human history* that was founded on the Bible. **Jefferson** said, "The **Bible** is the **cornerstone** of liberty." **Washington** said, "It's **impossible** to rightly **govern** without God and the Bible." John Quincy Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this; it **connected**, in one indissoluble **bond**, the principles of civil government with the **principles of Christianity**."

That's why it's so foreign to have an **anti-Christian President**. In fact, Obama is the first President *who disdains the nation he was elected to lead* and sides with our enemies like Iran and rejects our friends like Israel. Obama has transformed the *balance of power* in the Middle East causing a *flood of refugees* into Europe with an **invasion of Muslims**. This one man, Obama, has transformed the mightiest military in the world from **defending freedom** to **promoting homosexuality** and *persecuting Christians*. Obama has replaced top leaders in the military so some are now *open homosexuals*. Eric Fanning, the *Secretary of the Army*, is the first openly homosexual military leader of a U.S military branch.

**Hypocrisy of the Left**: liberals called Conservatives who opposed Obama racists! But liberals who oppose Ben Carson are **not called racist**. So it's not about *racism* but *manipulating the masses through white guilt*.

### **Calling Good Evil and Evil Good** part 1 & 2 #1444 & 1445

We've gone from a Christian nation to a nation where *Christianity is criminalized*. A few years ago, evil and immorality were seen as **destructive**, but today **evil** is **called good** and **good** is **called evil**. Past generations of Americans abhorred **evil**, but it has been propagandized *as having great value* and accepted. How has our nation changed so dramatically? **David Kupelian**, V.P. of *World Net Daily* and author of *The Snapping of the American Mind*, says we are in a spiritual war, **where words** have been changed to mean the **exact opposite**. As George Orwell wrote in 1984, "**War is peace, freedom is slavery, and ignorance is strength...**"

### **The masses are deceived through deceptive lies – words with opposite meanings.**

Words have been redefined so that *homosexuality is gay*, the horror of *abortion is simply choice*, *Islam* is a religion of peace and **Christianity is evil!** *Tolerance* now means *intolerance of Christians*. To eliminate *prejudice* you have to be *prejudiced* against Christians. *Social justice* is injustice, meaning confiscation of private property! The mask of the horror of abortion comes off as Planned Parenthood is exposed! How could a nation of civilized people allow live babies to be butchered to harvest their organs, heart, liver and lungs for sale? So the lie that abortion is just a woman's choice is seen for what it is.

### **The liberal left sees itself in an epic war against Christianity and capitalism.**

How could a nation of intelligent people be so **easily duped** to believe the opposite of what words mean?

Obama used the words *hope, justice and fairness* to supposedly usher in a new era of healing and unity, but what we got was **the most divisive, deceitful and corrupt** administration that has shown a breath-taking contempt for our Constitution and balance of power given to us by our Founders. Obama's election shows how easily Americans can be sold something profoundly negative, disguised as positive through the power of deceptive words. David Kupelian *The Snapping of the American Mind*

Taryn Hathaway of Salinas is a classic example of the anti-Christian, anti-American philosophy underlying public schools today. Her teacher told her that *drawing an American flag* with the words **God Bless America** was offensive. That would have been *inconceivable* a few years ago! How is **patriotism and belief in God** remotely **offensive**? Because in schools that promote the all-powerful state as god, **belief in God is offensive**.

Although America has *liberated communist nations*, now the Socialists and Marxists have taken **strategic strangleholds** in this country over capitalism and Christianity. Consider these astonishing changes! *Christianity is criminalized* while **same sex marriage is legalized!** *Obamacare is destroying* the finest healthcare system in the world! We are at war, yet our **borders remain wide open** to our enemies! Our nation is being bankrupted by an **invasion of illegals**.

While the world is experiencing the **largest forced migration since WWII**, the White House is sending his special LGBT envoy to the Vatican to pressure the Pope to *lighten up on homosexuality*. **Obama has had a fixation with sexualizing schools**, the military, even other nations! He supports a boy's "right" to walk around naked in a girls' locker room, **if he feels he is a girl**. Under the guise of the *Department of Education*, he tells parents that it's a child's right to expose himself to females. And despite a compromise from the school, putting up a curtain to protect girls, the Obama DOE demanded that if the school doesn't give this boy full access to girls' facilities in 30 days, they will lose their federal funding. *FRC Tony Perkins Washington Update 11/13/15*

It's as if our nation has been **taken captive** by **Marxist revolutionaries**, who are replacing capitalism with socialism and celebrating sexual perversity as *enlightened*. **David Kupelian**, of *World Net Daily* and author of *The Snapping of the American Mind*, says universities brainwash students to **hate their own country and capitalism**. Just like Soviet propaganda re-wrote history, defamed noble people and glorified despicable ones turn the country *away from good and toward evil*, so too, young Americas are deceived into **hating their own country** in schools paid for by this country.

We have a glorious heritage given to us by our Founders who fought, bled and died to give us freedoms and prosperity that are the envy of the world! Yet 50% of Christians can't get motivated enough to *register to vote* and **ONLY half** of them **actually vote**. **SO ONLY 25% of Christians** vote. Tens of millions don't bother to vote!! And many who do vote, vote **for our enemies**. Have they no concern over the future of this nation?

The job of government is to protect citizens, but now the full power and authority of government defies the Constitution and persecutes **Christians as criminals**. Some Christians, like KY clerk **Kim Davis**, have been **thrown in jail** for not violating her Biblical beliefs and signing on with *homosexual marriage*.

"God doesn't create loving obedient people the same way He created a universe. God is seeking people who will love Him, love their enemies and follow Christ. To do this He sent His Son, the True Messiah, to be our best Friend and Savior." *The Snapping of the American Mind*

## Defending America

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Why are public schools *promoting Islam* when Christianity gave us freedom and prosperity? **Martin Mawyer**, author of *Twilight In America -The Untold Story of Islamic Terrorist Training Camps Inside America*, describes the 3 dozen camps he has personally seen and how they plan to take over *America for Allah*. **Dr Bob Morey**, an expert on Islam, author of over 40 books who has two doctorates says, Muslims are planning a massive attack (with nukes) in America to bring this nation under subjection to the barbaric Sharia Law.

### How can we defeat Islam?

Muslims pray 5 times a day facing Mecca. *If Mecca didn't exist*, would *Muslims still pray toward it* even if it *no longer existed*? No! If Medina, the burial place of Mohammed, Mecca and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem were all blown up, their god Allah would be seen as unable to defend these holy sites and weak! Not worthy of worship or jihad. This would end Islam. *Winning the War Against Radical Islam* by Robert Morey

Mohammed was a **taker** of life; Jesus is the **Giver** of life. Mohammed said slay your enemies. Jesus said love and forgive your enemies. Allah is the *moon god* filled with *vengeance and hate*. Christ is the **God of Love**. Allah wants your son to *die for him in jihad*. But God *gave His Son to die* in your place so you don't have to.

### **Obama wants more Muslims in the US to make this a Muslim nation!**

The Islamic State (ISIS) has recruited thousands of supporters in the U.S., far more than previously thought, according to a scathing new report, raising the likelihood that supporters of the terrorist army could be plotting attacks similar to those carried out in Paris. The U.S. has imported 70,000 refugees per year for many years, more than half of them from *Muslim-dominated countries* such as Somalia and Iraq with active jihadist movements. *Obama has pledged to increase that number to 85,000 this year and 100,000* the following year.

President Obama says discriminating against Muslim immigrants on the *basis of their religion* is shameful! Then Obama should be ashamed since he's been *discriminating against Christian* immigrants with a *blatant pattern of prejudice*. Of the Syrians granted asylum since October, **only five were Christians**. The other 346 were Sunni Muslims (98.6%). If that isn't a "religious test," I don't know what is. And the tragedy is not only do Christian refugees pose the least risk to Americans, but they're also the ones in the greatest need of help. Instead, the president is stubbornly sticking to his plan to flood the U.S. with thousands more Muslims against the advice of his own intelligence officials, who rightly think America lacks the ability to protect itself against radical Muslims.

### **9th Grade School Assignment: Draw "Join ISIS" Posters**

CBS News reports a school project lists "eight reasons why young Muslims join ISIS" and required students to draw a "terrorism propaganda poster." Imagine kids coming up with, "Join ISIS - Get a Free Reversible Suicide Vest!" 9<sup>th</sup> graders at *Salem Junior High School in Salem, Utah*, were required to draw *ISIS propaganda posters* and write, "How to *recruit for ISIS*," as part of the assignment. That's like having students draw "**NAZI** posters" during WWII. Public schools ban talk about God or the Bible, since that would "*promote religion*!" But kids must *memorize the five pillars of Islam* and recite, "*There is no god but Allah*." Bibles are forbidden, but some schools require students to answer, "If you were a terrorist with ISIS, how would you **get others to join**?" Will Obama give the teacher the "*Teacher of the Year*" award?

**What's next?** Design a poster informing *illegals how to vote*? Or how *democrats can vote twice*? Or how to *assassinate a republican*? Or implement a tax for *Global Warming*? Or show how Christians are evil! Or that people who draw Muhammad should die?

After generations of atheism being systematically implanted into the minds of children, is it any wonder our culture is **functionally atheist** and *anti-Christian*? **David Kupelian** our guest on *Calling Good Evil* wrote,

**Liberals run the school system** and will continue to indoctrinate every child into *their religion of atheism*. **Their religion** is based on evolution, with faith in climate change and common core, not the Ten Commandments of God. The Democratic Party is their denomination. *The Snapping of the American Mind*

Socialism, the *strange religion of the Left*, still energizes and excites its true believers like Obama, Hillary and Bernie Sanders and their minions in the Democrat Party. **69 million people voted for Obama** in 2008, because he was seen as the fulfillment of their dream, their messiah. Yet the utopian dream never delivers on its promises. As a result, 100 -200 million people died in the last century due to a secular delusion called **communism**, that government can reform mankind through “enlightened coercion” by an all powerful ruling elite. The TRUE Messiah will lead people out of bondage and into freedom. The fake messiah, Obama, is the ***most dishonest anti-Christian President in history*** leading America down the road to socialism and poverty. *The Snapping of the American Mind*

Obama has been raised with a **bitter resentment** toward American independence, prosperity/capitalism and Christianity, and he wants us under the U.N. as *just another socialist state*. For Obama, America is not the “light upon a hill” that Jesus said His followers would be. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

### ***Hate is at the heart of the radical Left agenda.***

Rise above anger and hate. Allowing the liberal-Left *hypocrisy, duplicity and atrocities* to fuel your anger *plays right into their diabolic schemes*. Anger and resentment lead to frustration that immobilizes you to lose interest and not be involved. ***Our enemies want us to retreat from the battle leaving them in control.*** How did Christians overcome the mighty Roman Empire? It wasn’t through hate or revenge. The power of LOVE is the greatest power in the universe.

Jesus said, “Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:44

Don't let *evil conquer you*, but ***conquer evil*** by doing **good**. Satan wants us to *hate our enemies* and get revenge! But if you return evil for evil, or try to avenge yourself, then they will have conquered **you**.

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” *Ro 12:20*

### **Why are Government Schools Promoting Islam?**

Seventh graders at a Huntington Beach public school were forced to learn a song promoting Islam using the melody of “*This is My Fight Song*.” Parent Nicole Negron said her son brought home a notebook that included a stick-figure man saying, “Believe in Allah! There is no other god.” She said, “Singing this song, makes the children feel comfortable believing that Allah might be the only god and maybe that they should start following him.”

#### ***So it's unconstitutional to sing “Amazing Grace,” but school kids can sing praise songs to Allah?***

You would think the atheists would be outraged over such Islamic indoctrination. But their “*separation of church and state*” objections are only for Christians. But The Nebo School District canceled the assignment and apologized. But the reality is Islamic radicals want to kill us. It's bad enough we have apologists for Islam in the White House but to have them in our schoolhouses is unacceptably dangerous.

### **Exodus**

parts 1 & 2 #1438 & 1439

It's time to pull Christian children out of liberal/atheist indoctrination centers called public schools and give them a chance to learn the truth. Chaplain **Ray Moore**, retired Army Lt. Col, and President of *Exodus Mandate*, says trying to make public schools acceptable for Christians is ***like trying to teach a pig to dance***. We get dirty and the pig gets mad!! What will it take for Christians to realize that a pagan school system produces pagan students? What **amazes** us is that nearly *90% of Christian kids* continue to go to humanist schools and are ***disciplined into humanism and out of Christianity!***

That's **blatant disregard** for Jesus' command in the Great Commission, “...to go and make disciples and **teach** them!!” ***What part don't Christian leaders and parents understand? Teach means teach!*** Not just an hour on Sunday but Monday through Friday! Deut 6:6-7

6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 **Impress them on your children**. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

How could it be clearer? It means Christian school or home school. If the culture war has been lost, it has been because Christians have been **fighting symptoms** instead of **the root cause**, the education of CHILDREN. Listen! 94% of homeschooled children **continue as Christians**, compared to 80% of public schooled students who **lose their faith**. Common Core, the federal takeover of education, *institutionalizes all the liberal agenda* in all schools eliminating local control.

**Ray Moore**, President of *Exodus Mandate*, compares the saving of the Allied Army at Dunkirk to the saving of Christian children from enemy assaults in public schools. A Christian public school teacher says parents think their child is being “salt and light,” but he sees them *lose their faith* in his school and has started a Christian school *in his church*. **Dr Bob Simonds**, ThD., Founder of CEE, says “*Every church is a school.*” With the US Supreme Court decision on **homosexual marriage**, there is a **dramatic increase** in homosexuals going into teaching. Includes cuts of Pastors Chuck Smith, DJ Kennedy & Joseph Morecraft.

#### **The Wonder Working God 1448**

Do you believe in miracles? If you are a follower of Christ, YOU ARE a miracle! Why did Jesus perform miracles? Can miracles be done without Jesus? **Pastor Jared Wilson**, author of *The Wonder Working God – Seeing the Glory of Jesus in His Miracles*, says the miracles Jesus did were not ends in themselves but were secondary to authenticate His words and identity as God. In essence, Jesus said, “You don’t need a miraculous sign. You need ME!” Going after just miracles is like going after the **crumbs** instead of the *Bread of Life*.

Jesus did many magnificent miracles such as; turning the water into wine, having Peter go catch a fish and take the coin out of its mouth to pay the tax, calming the storm at sea, healing diseases and raising the dead, to give us a glimpse into heaven. But the greatest miracle is God coming to earth as Jesus! Miracles are like cloudy windows into Heaven where we get a glimpse of life there.

Jesus demonstrates **the power of God** when He stopped a storm at sea. The same Voice that spoke the waters into existence **called the sea to be tranquil**, and it was. He is God; stopping storms at sea are trifles to Him who created and controls the universe. The disciples went from terrified that they would **drown**, to **frantic**, then **frozen** after Christ stopped the storm. They were in **awe** of His power and wondered, “Who is He?”

Jesus uses humor to make a point as He asked the Pharisees, “Which GOOD work are you stoning Me for?” Or, “Do you buy a lamp to put under a bushel basket?” Or, “Satan casting out Satan makes perfect sense.”

Jesus raised Jairus’s little daughter with just these words, “Talitha cumi.” Which means, “Sweetie, get up.” Here is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, “**Honey, it’s time to get up.**” And she comes back from the dead. He did it to show His power over death. It’s no big deal for Him. He is God and here is the proof!

#### **The Mysterious Depths of God #1449**

Intelligent design indicates a Designer. Nothing in science is as certain as God’s revelation in nature. **Dr Richard Swenson**, physician, physicist and best selling author of *More Than Meets The Eye – Fascinating Glimpses of God’s Power and Design*, describes God’s fantastic design in the eye, ear and brain (*the most complex arrangement of matter in the universe*), and the wonders of **time and space** to the mysterious dimensions *beyond the universe*. The **Hand of God** is seen in the precision of space.

#### **How could God answer everyone’s prayers if they all prayed at the same time?**

God works in *between time* and has an *eternity to answer every ones prayers!* Time is an **invention** by God. God stands outside time but created time when He created space and matter. When this present age is over, God will **un-invent time** and eternity will take over. If all 7 billion people on earth prayed at the same time, God has an **eternity** to hear and answer every prayer. Just like the author of a book *taking a week vacation* then returning to writing, as he picks up the story line at the exact moment where he left off. The reader has no idea that the writer stopped writing for a week. The Creator of everything easily works outside of time.

*The ten thousand trillion words spoken by every person since time began was heard by God and remembered by God, and could be recited by God, backwards from memory. God even knows every word and every thought of every person who ever lived even before they were spoken or thought. There’s nothing too hard for God.*

Imagine what it would be like to enter eternity for just a few moments and sit in the presence of God. If you did, then returned to earth, you would be so *dramatically changed, you would be transformed*. Understanding the power, precision, majesty and love of God, it takes away our fears! He has everything under His Control.

The Resurrected Jesus had no trouble *walking through walls*. He simply rotated his body into another dimension, beyond our 3 dimensions, and he moved in that dimension through solid walls. Interestingly, Jesus *shed at least one red blood cell for every person who ever lived*, in just a few drops of His precious blood, while He was on the cross. White blood cells kill dangerous microbes and die for us so that we may live. The next time you have a sore throat, think of the legions of tiny white cells that are dying so that you will live.

The physical universe may be a tiny sub-atomic system within a molecule on God's throne. God displays power, precision and beauty in His universe. As medical doctor and physicist, **Richard Swenson** put it, "One day God will get up from the sitting room in Heaven, walk across the floor, and *turn off our physical age* as if He was turning off a TV set. When He does that, this present age will be forever over." *More Than Meets the Eye*

*Everything in the physical universe will disappear* with a "roar" as the elements are destroyed by fire. (2 Pe 3:10) *That's real hot 'global warming'*. **Where will you be** when that happens? Heaven or hell?

*The Maker of billions of galaxies and thousands of tree species in the rainforest is the God who takes time to know all the little details about each of us. He doesn't have to know us so well, but He chooses to do so.*

*Crazy Love* by Francis Chan

How would your life change *if you thought that each person you came into contact with was Christ?* The person *driving painfully slow* in front of you, the slow checker at the store, a member of your family who seems constantly annoyed with you?

#### **Celebrating God's Birth** part 1 #1446

The Christmas Spirit goes far beyond gifts, friends, family and music. Renowned author, **Max Lucado**, author of *3:16-The Numbers of Hope*, says people never tire of hearing about God's love for them. Jesus went from holding the stars in His hands to clutching Mary's little finger. Why did He come to earth? He stopped the storm at sea but allowed soldiers to nail Him to the cross. **Bruce Marchiano**, the gifted actor who played the part of Jesus in the *Gospel According to Matthew*, gives an inspirational description of Jesus you will never forget. Jesus' love is profound, but have you fully experienced Christ's love?

#### **Celebrating God's Birth** part 2 #1447

Christmas would not be Christmas without Christmas music. It's ironic that public schools, in the name of tolerance, censor out Christmas and show blatant intolerance toward Christians. Ironically, the greatest composers like Bach, Handel and Mozart were born again Christians who loved our Lord Jesus Christ and wrote their music to glorify Him. **Dr Patrick Kavanaugh**, author of *Devotions from the World of Music*, and *Raising Musical Kids*, gives fascinating details into the lives of the world's greatest composers and gives excellent ideas on how to help your child develop a love for good music and become musicians.

#### **Finding Freedom in Forgiveness** #1442

School shootings of unarmed students in class shock the nation! But behind the headlines, the true damage is done to the victim's family. How can parents deal with the senseless murder of their own children? In 2008, while **Joe Dubowski**, author of *Cartwheels in the Rain- Finding Faith in the Wake of the Unthinkable*, was exchanging Valentines with his wife, a tragedy was taking place at his daughter's university. An angry gunman shot and killed their lovely Christian daughter along with 5 others. Although Joe and his wife felt profound grief, they emerged by forgiving the murderer as Christ commands.

#### **Truly Thankful** #1443

Why was Thanksgiving established? Schools teach that Thanksgiving was a feast for racial harmony with Indians. **Peter Marshall**, author of *The Light and The Glory*, describes the first Thanksgiving when Pilgrims had only 5 kernels of corn. **Connie Ricks** reads a diary (fictitious) of a girl who came over on the Mayflower. **Dr John Pafford** says it was the strong Christian faith of the Pilgrims that established this nation as a Christian commonwealth and fostered a free market economy. Pastor **Garrett Lear**, whose ancestors came here on the Mayflower, says Christians need to reclaim this nation for Christ.

## Defending America part 1 #1440

Veterans Day is a day to celebrate America's military heroes, but schools today downplay heroism and emphasize tolerance and diversity. President Obama discriminates against Christians but nominated the first open homosexual to head the US Army as Secretary of the Army. To produce heroes to defend our freedom, we need to teach students about the sacrifices made for their freedoms. **Jeremiah Denton** tells how his faith in God brought him through the most *severe torture* in Viet Nam. **John Steer** gives a fascinating account of his experiences in Viet Nam. John was invited to speak in Russia to Russian officers about American Christianity. These were the same Russians who helped North Vietnamese kill Americans. After he met with these Russian officers, his first impulse was to rip them apart with his pocketknife. But being led by the Spirit of God, he presented them with the gospel. They accepted it. They went from *enemies* to *brothers* in Christ.

*The seed of the saints comes from the blood of the martyrs!*

Early Christians told their Roman captors that killing them would only *multiply them*. In the apostle's day, the Romans persecuted Christians mercilessly but eventually Christians overturned the evil Roman Empire.

Forty Christian officers refused to sacrifice to the Roman Emperor as a god. In freezing weather, they were striped naked and made to stand outside *barefoot in the middle of the ice* on a frozen river. On the shore, a fire warmly burned. A *warm bath was prepared for those who would recant and sacrifice* to the emperor as a god. Every hour the soldiers were asked if they were ready to renounce their faith in Christ, so that their lives would be spared.

Finally, one man could stand it no longer and turned and ran back to shore, denied the Savior and called the emperor god. But amazingly, at that very moment, another Roman centurion who had been watching the execution *saw forty angels with forty crowns descending from heaven to crown the martyrs*. But he said he saw one of the angels with a crown *and no one to put it on* since the one man had turned back. So the centurion stripped himself of his uniform and cried out, "Angel, here I come." and he ran out to stand with the others barefoot on the ice. He died, as did the others, for the *glory of the Savior*.

Trillions of years from now which man would YOU rather have been? The one who went back to the warm bath on the shore because he denied Christ or the one who stood on the ice for a little while then was received into eternity with a great welcome?

God watches us to see the decisions we make now. Convenience and comfort say, not now, I could do more if I remain alive. But Jesus says, "Whosoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for me will save it."

Pastor Richard Wurmbrand was tortured in a Communist prison for 14 years. He experienced hunger, cold, disease, and solitary confinement. But he also saw the courage of hundreds of Christians who stood strong for their faith in the most awful situations. He wrote:

I had tuberculosis in both lungs; four vertebrae were attacked by TB; I also had intestinal TB, diabetes, and heart failure. I was nearly dead. In the same cell with me was a priest named **Iscu**. He was in his 40's. He had also been so **tortured** that he was also **nearly dead**. But his **face** was serene. He spoke about his **hope** of heaven and his love of Christ and about his faith. This man radiated joy, in prison and as he faced death.

The men who tortured them were **communists**. They don't just hate Christians and Jews, they hate **everybody**. They even hate other communists. So one day the communist who had tortured Wurmbrand and the priest, **was himself** tortured *almost to death* by his own **comrades** and put into the **same cell** with the **men he had tortured**.

Now **the communist torturer was dying** next to the men he had **tortured**. But the communist was in much **more agony**. During the night, he would awaken and cry out "**I can't die**, I have committed such terrible crimes." He begged Pastor Wurmbrand to **pray** for him. Then Wurmbrand wrote; "I saw a miracle. I saw the **priest, Iscu**, motion for me to *help him go over to the communist*. And as he leaned on me, he

very slowly **dragged his legs** over to the bed of the communist. Then he sat on **the bed of the man** who had tortured him. But something very **unusual** happened.

Then I saw the priest, **Iscu**, who was tortured almost to death, **touch** the man who had tortured him. He **caressed** his head. That is truly **agape love**. The priest, Iscu, said to the communist, 'You are **young**; you did not **know** what you were doing.' This **sounds like Jesus**, 'Forgive them for they know not what they are doing.' Then the priest said, '**I love you** with all my heart. And **if I who am a sinner** can love you so much, imagine Christ, who is **love incarnate**, how much He loves you! And the Christians you tortured, they also **forgive** you, and they **love** you too. Jesus wants you to be saved. Even more than you want to be saved. You wonder **if your sins can** be forgiven? Jesus wants to forgive your sins more than you wish your sins to be forgiven. He wants you to be with him in heaven, His **home** - forever.

The communist was in tears. He sobbed out **how sorry** he was for what he had done. And Richard Wurbrandt watched it all and later wrote; 'In this **prison** cell I heard the **confession** of the **communist torturer** to the priest **he tortured**. Then there was silence. It seemed that Jesus Himself would appear. His presence filled the cell. Both men bowed their heads, and the priest **prayed**. Then the communist confessed his sins and begged Christ for forgiveness. The priest hugged the new Christian and went back to his bed. In a few, hours both men **died**. It was Christmas eve.

But this Christmas eve wasn't just remembering **that 2,000 years ago** Jesus **was born** in Bethlehem. This Christmas eve, Jesus **was born** in the **heart** of a **communist** murderer.

No one is **naturally born** with this kind of "agape" love that can embrace one's **torturer**. It has to **come** from God. God **allowed** this priest to go through **years of agonizing pain**, just as a **sculpturer** puts a piece of **clay into the fire**. Not to **destroy** it but to make it **better**, to make it **stronger**, and harder. That's what **God wants** to do with us. **Don't run** from the fire. Go through it. **Allow God** to **mold you** into the image of His Son, as you go through the fire. Face it. Don't compromise. Go through it with Him.

**The stars are constantly shining, but often we don't see them until it's dark.**

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THE PERFECT DAY – January 20, 2017

1. President Carson, Trump or Cruz and Vice President Rubio or Fiorina **are sworn into office**.
2. Congress repeals the illegal and unconstitutional Socialist healthcare farce known as **Obamacare**.
3. Troops are deployed to the border to stop illegal immigration. The move saves billions and several prisons are closed.
4. Hillary Clinton is in jail. Her cell is directly across from Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton.
5. Bernie Sanders is in the nuthouse with Pelosi and Harry Reid and Chris Matthews.
6. Barack Obama flees the United States and returns to his homeland of Kenya before his trial for treason begins.
7. Dead people are no longer allowed to vote in Chicago, a huge blow for the Democrat Party.

**You know you're living in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots when:**

- You have to get your parents permission to take an aspirin but **not to get an abortion!**
- You have to **show an ID** to board an airplane or get a library book but **not to vote** for government leaders.
- **Hard work** means higher taxes while **not working** means Food Stamps, housing and free cell phones.
- The government's plan for *getting people back to work* means giving them 99 weeks of unemployment.
- An 80 year-old woman in a wheelchair can be **strip-searched** at the airport, but an Islamic woman in a burka is only subject to having her head and neck searched.
- Liberals protest the war in Iraq and Afghanistan until Obama takes office.
- Liberals live in gated communities but say a **border fence** won't work.
- Liberals tell a pregnant woman not to smoke, it'll hurt her baby, but it's all right to **abort** her baby!
- Liberals judge Christianity then say *not to judge other people's religion*.
- Immigration officials think about deporting senior citizens to save Social Security and Medicare costs. They were going to deport illegals, but seniors are *easier to catch and can't remember how to find their way back*.

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