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"Those who HOPE in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary..." Isa 40:31

America faces a new culture war.

This is not the culture war of the 1990's over porn, gays, guns and abortion. Those old battles have been eclipsed by **a new struggle** between free enterprise, capitalism and socialism, communism, and redistribution – that will make ALL of us **permanently** poorer.

"AMERICAN CAPITALISM GONE WITH A WHIMPER."

Headline from *Pravda*, the Soviet, communist, propaganda newspaper

The mightiest capitalist nation in history is becoming a debtor nation on its way to becoming something like a large Venezuela. The Constitution was supposed to stand between us and an oppressive state. Yet the descent into Marxism is happening with **breathtaking speed**, against the backdrop of a passive, sheep like people.

"You Americans are so gullible! No you won't accept communism out right but will accept small doses of socialism until you finally **wake up** and find you *already have communism*." Communist Party leader of the Soviet Union - Nikita Kruschev 1956

"When the government fears the people, there is <u>liberty</u>. When the people fear the government, there is <u>tyranny!</u>"

Thomas Jefferson

Americans today feel their rights are threatened by a government that has grown beyond its constitutional bounds. A recent Rasmussen poll of adults found only 1 in 5 believes the current government has the consent of the governed. Once merely a **dangerous servant**, our federal government is now on its way to becoming a **fearful master**. The only question is, will we let it?

Founding Father George Washington prophetically warned, "Government is not reason; it is not eloquence. It is **force**. And force, like **fire**, is a dangerous servant and a **fearful master**."

History Repeats Itself #1158 part 1

Can you imagine electing Hitler? "We <u>elected</u> Hitler to rule over us. Hitler didn't take Austria by force; *we elected that monster* in 1938 when 98% voted to annex Austria to Germany. **I am an <u>eyewitness</u>** to that history," said Kitty Werthmann. "We didn't know Hitler was *a Hitler*. He was such a persuasive speaker." What was it like to live under Hitler's rule? Nazi means the National <u>Socialist</u> Party. In 1938, Austria was in a deep depression with 33% unemployed and with 25% inflation. People were begging for food. Austrians were promised HOPE & CHANGE! Sound familiar?

The parallels are striking as we've seen this Christian nation elect godless Marxists to rule over us, who no longer represent us, but who are imposing a socialist agenda -with massive spending that will lead to hyperinflation, just as it happened in Austria. *Is history repeating itself?* We may be just one major crisis away from strong-armed totalitarian rule to avoid anarchy - for our own good, of course. *It happened that way in Germany* in the 1920's when run-away inflation and chaos brought Hitler to power and resulted in 6 million Jews killed, 10 million Christians killed, and 20 million Russians killed, massacred and starved to death or burned in the ovens in the camps. All because of a godless idea called socialism.

History Repeats Itself #1159 part 2

It has been said if we don't learn from history, we will *have to repeat it*. The great horrors of the Nazi concentration camps didn't begin in the gas chambers, killing fields or forced famines. They began in the nation's leadership. It begins with abandonment of God and His absolute values. It begins when human life is devalued, even **unborn** human life.

Hilmar Von Campe was a Hitler Youth and a German soldier who fought for Nazi Germany, and who was captured and led on a death march. **Hilmar Von Campe**, author of *Defeating the Totalitarian Lie*, says we are being led down the same socialist road that Germany went down. We are just one national disaster away from tyranny! Hilmar gives a wake up call so we don't fall into the same terrifying Nazistyle totalitarian abyss Germany did.

In the holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, an elderly lady came up to a young man and asked him if he was Jewish. He said he was and the lady began to weep as she told him that as a young woman she actually lived in sight of the *Nazi incinerators*. Every morning she said she could <u>smell</u> the stench of burning *human flesh*. She stood there sobbing in front of the young man as she said in a broken voice, "I did nothing. I did nothing. I am so very, very sorry. I did nothing."

May it never be said of us, that in our time we did nothing! WE DID NOTHING about the great political, moral and spiritual challenges we face. Now is the time to do something! Things may seem too great for us to change by ourselves but remember Almighty God has not abandoned us. He stands ready to help us. But He watches to see what we will do.

Hitler's message to pastors was, "You pastors should worry about getting people into heaven and leave this world to me." In other words, keep your Christianity in your churches and leave the nation to me. Churches may have had inspirational Bible studies, beautiful worship and fellowship. But HOW COULD THEY NEGLECT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE of their day? How could they fail to take a stand against EVIL? Where were the pastors when Hitler was rising to power? Out of 18000 German pastors, only about 200 refused to sign a loyalty oath to Hitler. Most went right along with it.

But in stark contrast were the true *men of God*, courageous men like **Dietrich Bonheoffer**, who rebuked other pastors for cowardice and compromise. Bonheoffer smuggled Jews to safety but was captured and hung one week before the war ended. What a glorious reward he received in heaven.

IN TIMES OF MORAL CRISIS NEUTRALITY IS TREASON!!

The great horrors didn't begin in the gas chambers in Auschwitz. It began in the minds of people who abandoned the God given value of human life, making the state a god in determining who lived and who died. Prisoners deemed too weak to be good workers were sent to the gas chambers. At Auschwitz, there were seven gas chambers. One could accommodate 2500 people. To prevent panic, the Nazis told the prisoners they were going to the showers. Then Zyklon B, a form of cyanide originally made for pest control, was poured in through an opening in the roof.

During WWII a lady named Irena Sendler got permission to work in the Warsaw Poland ghetto as a plumber. She was called the female Oscar Schindler (the German industrialist who saved 1200 Jews) for her daring and ingenious ways of saving 2500 Jews, mostly children, by smuggling infants out of the ghetto in the bottom of a tool box and larger children in a burlap sack. Unfortunately, she was caught and the Nazis broke both her legs and arms. In 2007, Irena Sendler was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, but she was **not selected**. The winner was **Al Gore** for his slide show on **Global warning**.

How Evil Works 1155

What is evil? How does evil work? We have raised several generations that don't know what evil is – they don't know right from wrong. How has this happened? Are we a people without a conscience? Schools don't teach values – right vs wrong, good vs evil. Destructive forces are transforming America!

Syracuse University now has a PAGAN chaplain. Mary Hudson has been hired to be chaplain at Hendricks chapel as their first pagan chaplain because university officials want to be inclusive of all religions on campus.

Pagans and heathens are non-Christians. So what have our godless **public schools** become? Aren't they also **pagan**? It's easy to see how our culture has shifted away from Christianity and toward paganism. Schools have become secular, pagan, *atheistic*.

Editor of *WorldNet Daily*, **David Kupelian**, author of *How Evil Works*, says Americans have been deceived and seduced by evil that's transforming our culture. Without God, there are no absolutes. There is nothing about God in creation at school. Evolution has made atheism intellectually acceptable.

Chuck Coleson wrote:

The barbarians aren't at the gates, *they're inside our schools* and boardrooms. Even though they aren't carrying spears but books and briefcases, their assault is every bit as **devastating** as the barbarians that destroyed Rome.

He is right. Founding Father Thomas Jefferson said, "A nation that is ignorant and free is a nation that never was and never will be." In a survey, most high school students thought the *holocaust* was a Jewish *holiday*. Believe us, it was no <u>holiday</u>.

Communism is EVIL!

Some people think the early Christians were *communistic* by selling everything and sharing it with the others. But they <u>voluntarily</u> GAVE their money and possessions to their CHURCH, not the government. Notice it was voluntary, not forced, or stolen, through mandatory taxation by a corrupt government. The early Christians didn't have their homes confiscated by the government for not paying taxes for government schools but freely they gave to their fellowship, their church. Socialism is not Christian, it's based on atheistic, anti-Christian philosophies, where government steals all private property, and poor people remain poor and wealthy and middle class people are reduced to poverty.

The Bible puts God as the Supreme Provider. Socialists put the State as the supreme provider. It's Christ or Caesar. It's just that simple. The bigger the state, the smaller the individual. People become less important when the states become more important.

Isn't this ironic! Christians **give** their children to the government schools, Christians **pay** taxes to support the schools, and the schools **convert** their children out of their Christianity and into socialism, humanism and atheism. When 90% of Christian children are indoctrinated into evolution, with no mention of what really happened at Creation, this *is forcing Christians* to pay for the propagation of ideas that are the opposite of what they believe.

Thomas Jefferson put it this way, "To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical." *This is indeed tyrannical*.

What has been the fruit of Marxism? <u>85 to 100 million human beings lost their lives</u> to communism in the 20th century, most were in China with 65 million and the USSR with 20 million. In the 1930's, Stalin ordered his troops to confiscate all of Ukraine's food. Then he sealed the border to prevent any outside food from getting in, thus starving millions of men, women and children to death. Starvation is a terrible, tortuous way to die. The Nazi Holocaust in the 1930's and '40's was genocidal horror, with its death-camp crematoria, extermination of 6 million Jews, and unspeakable "medical experiments."

"Oppression has consequences. Without freedom, there comes despair; despair kills hope; without hope, there is no vision and without vision, there is no future." Anita Staver, President Liberty Counsel.

Informed Citizenship 1154

<u>If</u> we told you just a few years ago that our government would be filled with *Marxists*, *Communists* and homosexual sympathizers, with *Czars* and radicals determined to bankrupt our nation – you wouldn't have believed it. Yet it's happened. How? Ignorance and freedom DO NOT GO TOGETHER!

A democratic republic needs informed citizens <u>if</u> it is to **survive**. In our time, our nation is being dismantled, piece by piece before our very eyes, by the current administration in Washington. The damage being done to the fundamental structure of this nation goes far beyond policies that contradict the Constitution. Thomas Sowell

Barack Obama is very much a creature of Harvard Law. To understand what that means, you have to understand that there were more self declared communists on the Harvard faculty than there were Republicans. Every single idea this president has proposed has been orthodox wisdom in the Harvard faculty lounge. The communists on the Harvard faculty are generally not malevolent; they generally were raised in privilege, have never worked very hard and don't understand where jobs and opportunity comes from. If you asked the Harvard faculty to vote on whether this nation should become a socialist nation, 80% would vote yes and 10% would think that was too conservative. Marvin Olasky, World Nov 7 2009

Marcus Cicero, the great Roman statesman – 2000 years ago – foretold the decline and fall of the once great Roman Empire with these words, "A nation can survive its fools and even the ambitious, but it can not survive treason from within, for a traitor appears not a traitor yet he rots the soul of a nation. He works secretly in the night to undermine the pillars of the city. A murderer is less to fear."

Yet how few of our citizens are informed? Bottom line – we have an *epidemic of civic illiteracy*. A new report by the *Intercollegiate Studies Inst.*, entitled *The Shaping of the American Mind*, says one-third of college graduates can't name the three branches of government (legislative, judicial and executive) but are *more likely to support abortion*, *same sex marriage*, *environmentalism*, *and the whole left wing propaganda*.

Let's face it, voters are the products of an education system *submerged in socialism*. So why should it surprise us that they vote for <u>socialists</u>? Government schools teach dependency on government *not God*. What are the prospects for preserving freedom when the electorate is ignorant? Dr **Richard Brake** says this epidemic of civic illiteracy is leading us *into slavery*. History shows that *an ignorant people soon becomes an enslaved people*. Only an educated populace can be free.

But there's a quiet little revolution taking place all over America. People are awakening, with breath taking speed, at the loss of our freedoms and prosperity.

What made this nation different from all others throughout history? After thousands of years of tyranny, mankind finally made a new form of government, a unique system of self government, that was "of the people, by the people and for the people", a government controlled by the people, with the consent of the governed. America was the first nation in history with a foundation based on Biblical concepts. America is the only nation in history to put our sovereignty into the hands of "we the people."

Just as every nation is based on a religion, so Christianity astonished the world by establishing self government as the foundation for our government. A government of laws, not of men, but based on the unchangeable, inalienable, absolute laws of God!

But as our nation has turned away from those biblical precepts, they've turned toward a massive new bureaucracy with oppressive laws, regulation and staggering \$45 trillion in debt (over the next decade) in spending to pay for it. Our Founders fought a bloody war to be rid of oppressive government and taxation. Are we going to just "let it go?"

Our representatives are supposed to represent us, right?

- But with ObamaCare, our representatives turned a deaf ear. They didn't represent us but forced it upon us.
 Bureaucrats, having given themselves the power of God, will decide whether a patient is worth the cost of
 treatment, thereby deciding who lives and who dies. This is the triumph of the humanistic, atheistic worldview. We are all to be regarded as products of evolution in which the fit and the powerful will decide our
 survival and worth. Welcome to the U.S.S.A., United Socialist States of America. Cal Thomas, WA Times 11/24/09
- A school board in Alameda, Ca. turned a deaf ear to hundreds of parents and adopted a curriculum that pushed acceptance of homosexuality to students beginning in early elementary grades. The school district even rejected parents' attempts to opt their children out of the curriculum.
- A school district in Castro Valley, Ca refused to provide information to parents about a talk given by a *lesbian* minister to math and science classes.
- A school district in Oakley, Ca stopped a second-grader from performing sign language in a talent show because her chosen song had **Christian** lyrics.
- Pres. Obama signed a controversial federal **hate crimes** bill into law that prioritizes crimes based on sexual orientation that could be used to intimidate and punish pastors who preach against immorality.

Freedom From Oppression 1161

Young people have very little understanding of our American heritage. <u>Tom Dooley</u> author of *One Nation Under God-America's Lost Dream,* describes the cost of freedom in the sacrifices of our forefathers. What happened to the men who signed the *Declaration of Independence?* Who were they? *The Star Spangled Banner* is our national anthem but who wrote it and what do the words "bombs bursting in air" really mean? <u>Peter Marshall,</u> author of *The Light and The Glory,* tells how GOD supernaturally protected General George Washington in battle after battle.

Sure we live in a corrupt society but does that mean we quit trying to change it? Look at the apostles. Rome was really corrupt yet twelve men, plus God, changed the world with the hope of the gospel. The question is, when you stand before God to answer for what you've done on earth, what will you say? What have you done? Now is the time to do something.

We have ALMIGHTY GOD! What does the opposition have? Mere men and their master Deceiver. When we talk about God, consider this magnificent piece written by David Kupelian author of *How Evil Works*:

When I say "God," I'm not talking about a remote, impersonal, force or cosmic being who is AWOL, with no discernible influence on the world we live in. I'm talking about the Living God, who created the universe with its elegant solar systems and exploding fireballs larger and father away than we can possible comprehend. I'm talking about the One who fashions all matter out of miniature solar systems, each pebble, water droplet, and snowflake composed of trillions of tiny "moons" (electrons) orbiting tiny "planets" (atomic nuclei), and all their endless spinning powered by His never-ending delivery of energy careening through the universe. And then, in the midst of the dazzling display of unimaginably large, fiery cosmic clockwork and the microcosm of unimaginably small atomic clockwork —He creates life, blossoming in endless variation, complexity, beauty and wonder, the crowning glory of which is man. (Isn't that beautiful!)

Awakening Young Voters 1164

Why is **this next election** so *important*? How can we get young voters energized and involved in our election process? Audio cut of Dennis Prager, at the Univ. of Denver, on why America is the last and best hope for mankind and how this nation is unique in the history of governments. It's exciting to hear enthusiastic, young Christians like **Brianna Walden**, with *Teen Pack*, tell how she teaches teens to appreciate our system of government and takes teens to state capitals to pray for and meet their legislators, and write their own mock bills.

Today many church pulpits are silent on political issues. Why risk losing liberal Democrats and talk about prolife issues? Why risk losing your tax deductibility and talk politics, right? Why should Christians be involved in politics? **This is why our nation is in moral, spiritual and financial decline and headed for the judgment of God.** In God's reality, there is *no separation* of church and state. God created the Church. God also created the state. He is either LORD of all or not LORD at all. To try to separate Church from state is to try to take morality out of government and take religious freedom out of America. It's not a question of mixing religion and politics. It's a question of which religion will be predominant in our government – Christianity or the anti-Christian forces like the ACLU? Some people say, "You can't *legislate* morality." Wake up! Every piece of legislation is somebody's morality.

THE ROAD TO AUSCHWITZ IS BUILT WITH HATE BUT PAVED WITH INDIFFERENCE.

Jesus didn't tell his followers to stay out of politics. Just the opposite, he called his followers to be involved in their culture as salt and ACT as preservatives. Jesus didn't call us to be the salt of the church but the salt of the WORLD!! Salt needs to get out of the shaker to preserve anything. That's why our culture is corrupt. The salt isn't out of the shaker. Salt PRESERVES and light SHINES! That's what saves a culture from rotting and being in the dark. The only way to avoid being involved is to refuse to be salt. We can not be obedient to God and remain apathetic. That's disobedience.

Martin Luther, the Founder of Protestantism, said, "Christianity is not Christianity UNTIL it <u>impacts the</u> culture. Anything else is empty religiosity."

GIVE UP? ARE YOU KIDDING?

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. America Patriot Thomas Paine

These very words were read aloud to General George Washington's forlorn and bedraggled men on Christmas 1776, the night before the Battle of Trenton. All appeared lost. But Paine's stirring words helped give the troops the morale boost they needed. The next day they accomplished the impossible, capturing nearly the entire force arrayed against them. Re-enlistments soared. Lovers of liberty need a little **Paine** for today in the face of all the **pain** around us. Amen?

A Tradition of Courage

Remember that we stand on the shoulders of many people who came before us and who persevered through darker times. The American patriots who shed their blood and suffered through unspeakable hardships challenged the world's most powerful nation in 1776. Think of the brave men and women behind the Iron Curtain who resisted the greatest tyranny of the modern age and won. As we think about what those great men and women faced, the obstacles before us today seem rather puny. **Time To Rally.** Nobody every promised that liberty would be easy to attain or easy to keep. No true friend of liberty should just roll over and play dead or ignore the problems. *Let's get to work. Liberty's future depends on you.*

"The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. ... It is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable -- and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come!" Patrick Henry

The Hope Habit 1162 part 1 &, 1163 part 2

It's in the winds of change we find our true direction! (read that again.)

If you say your circumstances are hopeless, you're slamming the door in the face of *God*. <u>Terry Law</u>, author of *The Hope Habit – Finding God's Goodness When Life is Hard*, says having *hope can become a habit!* We read lots of books but it's not very often we have the <u>joy</u> of reading one that's *life changing*. This book, *The Hope Habit*, will **change** <u>your life!</u> **How? By changing the way you think**. This is *not simple*

optimism! Biblical hope has the power of God to train <u>you</u> to live with greater faith and hope to give you greater confidence in the *most severe trials* by freeing your mind from worry and fear! Look at your life! Are you living with the kind of hope that gives you such confidence that you are starting each new day <u>expecting</u> something good from God? Try it, it really works! *God is the God of hope*.

"A pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees opportunity in every difficultly."

Winston Churchill

Which are you? Do you see <u>difficulty</u> in every opportunity? Or do you see <u>opportunity</u> in every difficulty? Discouragement is one of the enemy's greatest tools to *defeat and demoralize* you. There are no hopeless <u>situations</u>, only people who have mistakenly thought their situation is <u>hopeless</u>. <u>Terry Law</u>, founder of *World Compassion*, has a fascinating background as a missionary. He was in Iraq right after 911. Terry says the *mind* is Satan's point of access to humans. That's where he attacks our thoughts to steal our joy. But the antidote is to put on the helmet of HOPE to protect our mind.

When pessimism becomes a habit it leads to hopelessness and finally despair. Negative thinking becomes a habit that leads to a vicious cycle that perpetuates itself. "There's no way out," you think. Despair weakens our immune systems causing disease, causing pain, which further depresses hope. The antidote is spelled H-O-P-E! Just a tiny spark of hope breaks that cycle and releases chemicals in your brain, called endorphins, that lessen pain, and promote healing and hope. Fear and discouragement are from the enemy, but faith and hope come directly from God.

But HOPE is a choice. You have to choose. It's YOUR choice. There is so much more LIFE, more hope and joy waiting for you! *It's a choice, not a chance that determines your destiny! God promises to fill you with all joy and peace so that in believing you will abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit*. Ro 15:13 Terry defines HOPE as, "*The confident expectation in the goodness of God.*" God is going to do something really good – even wonderful – for you. "I KNOW the plans that I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for good." Jer 29:11. God's invitation to YOU today is, "Come unto ME and I will give you a hope that transcends this world, and helps you in this world to <u>abound</u> in hope, joy and peace." God is developing you, maturing your faith to live confidently in the toughest storms of life.

Incredible Design 1165

<u>Dr Geoffrey Simmons</u>, a medical doctor and author of 9 books, describes the incredible design in the human body, and in the marvels of nature, like the giraffe's neck and the woodpecker's tongue. Darwin didn't understand genetics or how a child inherits traits from his parents, so how could he know people *evolved from apes?* He couldn't. Darwin wrote that whales were the result of bears going out to sea. The bears would have drowned. Dr Simmons tells of the *intelligent octopus*, and birds that fly from Alaska to Hawaii, non-stop. This couldn't have happened gradually, they would have drowned.

According to evolutionists, migratory birds gradually evolved each year. But the Golden Plover leaves Hawaii to fly to Alaska in the summer to mate and lay eggs. But before the chicks are big enough, the parents fly back to Hawaii leaving the chicks alone in Alaska to build their strength, to have just enough body fat to find their way 2800 miles to Hawaii for the first time. They've got no map, no parents leading the way but incredibly they know the exact route. *Just think of this!* No stops. If they evolved they would have fallen in the water along the way and drowned. They have to go the *whole way on the first trip. This is Design - by God.* Dr Geoffrey Simmons

If humans evolved from primates, apes, why did only *some of them evolve?* Didn't the others want to become people also? What a joke!! *What an insult to God* to look at the marvel of a *new born baby* and say it's just a *higher form of an ape*. Yet evolutionists want to introduce evolution as early as <u>first grade</u> because it's too late to convince students if they wait until junior high school. Evolution is a *religion* requiring <u>great *faith*</u>.

Ancient cultures worshipped the gods of wood and stone. We, however, have invented the most insulting god of all. Instead of ascribing the awesome creation to any of the false gods of the past we have chosen to call it all randomness or chance. That no Designer was necessary – it all just happened. First there was "nothing," then it exploded. How can "nothing explode? When did explosions create anything? Chuck Misler

God's Way to Educate 1160

Why do children have a natural passion for learning *until they go to school*, then learning becomes a drudgery? If children could learn things that *interest them*, instead of what they're forced to study at school, they will *keep their love of learning*. Don't ask **what school** to put your kids in, ask <u>what you want them to become as adults</u>. **Skeet Savage**, a single mom, was homeless, destitute, and in poor health, and she even flunked out of high school, yet she not only home schooled all of her 6 kids, she also became a successful speaker and publisher. Jesus Christ said, "A student *will become* like his teacher." So if you put them into secular schools, guess what they 90% WILL become? Secular, non-Christians.

The word <u>disciple</u> is used 260 times in the New Testament, while the term *Christian* occurs just 3 times. The emphasis was and is on *making disciples*. Jesus called people to become disciples. Not just raise their hands in church. In Matt 28, Jesus told his disciples to go into all nations to make disciples.

This nation is undergoing one of the most intense periods of social, governmental, cultural and economic upheavals in our history. There's a relentless attack being waged upon our freedoms. This is the battle for this nation's soul—even it's survival. Yet many Christians, and *most* pastors, are still on the sidelines. Many Christians don't bother to vote. That's a sin. If you are one, before you pray for God to bless this nation, you need to ask God to forgive you for your apathy. Voting is just a start. What about campaigning for those who have the same beliefs you have? What about running for office yourself? Look who is running the country now.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE RUNNING OUR GOVERNMENT

An airport ticket agent in Washington DC offers some true examples of why our country is in trouble:

Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter asked for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)

Kansas Congressman's staffer, Howard Bauleke, wanted to go to <u>Capetown</u>. I started to explain the passport requirements, but he interrupted me, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but <u>Capetown</u> is in <u>Massachusetts</u>." I calmly explained, "<u>Cape Cod</u> is in Massachusetts, <u>Capetown</u> is in Africa. "His response - <u>click</u>.

Socialist Bernie Sanders, the Vermont Congressman, was furious about his vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, "Don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state!"

Sen. John Kerry's aide Lindsay Ross called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

New York lawmaker Jerrold Nadler asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage it is?" I said, 'No, why?' He said, "When I checked in, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude!" After putting him on hold, while I was dying laughing, I came back and said, "The city code for Fresno is (FAT - Fresno Air Terminal), it's just your destination tag!"

Now you know why the government is in the shape it's in!

But let us remember that this nation has faced dire times in the past and sustained prayer has brought us through those difficult times. God has delivered this nation in the past. Let us all pray for our nation, especially our nation's leaders, so that God may once again bless America!

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