



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us — Ephesians 3:20

Powers in Conflict

There are powers on the earth. Spiritual powers are in conflict. The good spiritual power, Jesus Christ, is always winning. He is God. And He is going someplace good.

The evil power is going someplace bad. Satan wishes death on God's creation. Jesus Christ brings life. He brings order.

Satan is chaos itself. He is a liar.

I've seen this in my own life. When I was more under the influence of satan, especially in my teen years, I lived in chaos. I was filled with myself. I had no love in my heart, only lust.

American culture is stuck in a post-pubescent emotional funk. The evidence is EVERYWHERE you look. For goodness sakes the EVIL powers that be want our post pubescent teens to be wondering about their gender. The highest "good" for these people is giving condoms to Scouts at the beginning of their campouts, and nurturing the worst sort of "questioning" — whether I'm really a boy or girl.

This nonsense is straight from the pit of hell. It is hell itself.

C.S. Lewis describes hell in his short book, "The Great Divorce." It is a place where you get to live forever with only yourself and your unfulfilled chaotic desires.

In America we are beginning to live in God's eternal hell here on earth. That's as it should be. We're over a century into creating a usurious sex-obsessed culture that seems to be able to agree on only one thing. Jesus Christ is a swear word. In all disciplines the one person you must never mention is Jesus Christ. All other persons, and especially ideas, are on the table for discussion.

And wicked and materialistic ideas are the most fascinating. Spirituality is made to serve these ideas. Hence we reject Christianity in the West because it was the source of moral order for over 1,000 years. Christianity is not either wicked or materialistic. One thing, in fact, it definitely IS NOT is materialistic. Our worship of knowledge that is the legitimate domain of science has doomed us.

St. Paul was right when he observed in his letter to the Romans that anyone who lowers his eyes from God to His creation is bereft of truth.

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And the truth is that we are spiritual beings. We are not primarily material beings. We are a marvel. We are the only creature on the earth who speaks. We alone among the wonders of nature have reason. We have self awareness. We examine ourselves and bring order to everything. Animals don't do that. They cannot. And no amount of time and chance is going to make a monkey talk. A monkey was made different ... by God.

And that's where our healing begins.

God.

Every human on the planet is compelled ... driven by something within ... to do business with God. That's why religion exists in the first place. Religion is that part of the social order that organizes our yearning for God, our passion for worship.

Instead of burying God in politics we must seek Him ... together ... as Americans. Why? Because America is our home. We occupy this ground. This is where we are embodied. Brazilians are located elsewhere. Somalians have their own long history of yearning for God. Ilhan Omar must return home and continue her journey. She must stop trying to change us.

Trump was right. She must go home and bring order. When she does that we will listen.

We will listen because we can't be human without order. Chaos is the devil's way. Order and reason are the way of Jesus Christ. And American order is essentially Christian. Two thousand years of social, religious, economic — cultural — development rooted in a mystical respect for the work of God on a cross pierced hill in Jerusalem 2000 years ago.

I feel sad for my home state of Maine. Jezebel Janet Mills is Governor. Many good people are exercising themselves this summer with petitions when what the state needs is an exorcism. I still don't hold out much hope that any of the People's Vetoes will make it across the finish line in September. I pray I'm wrong. There are more than a half dozen issues each with their own petition.

What grieves me more than anything else is the fact that the most insane measure signed by Jezebel isn't even discussed. In Maine a parent is not allowed to get help for their LGBT-possessed child. Talk about chaos, disorder and diabolical evil.

St. Paul observes in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," He concludes on a high, beautiful and spiritual note, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen"