



# SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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*And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. — Isaiah 60:3*

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The United States of America rose to prominence in the world during the twentieth century. God's providence visited prosperity on the most ferociously Protestant nation the world has ever seen. In the twentieth century the movement split into the broad categories of Evangelical and Mainline Protestant. While Mainline Protestantism fell to cultural Marxism Evangelicalism remained more orthodox.

Mainline Protestantism no longer exists as a popular force. Evangelicalism is weak and in thrall to Republican politics. It has been this way for my entire career. Evangelicalism has always been more of an American political tool than a religion. It delivers what remains of morally-sensitive Protestantism to the right wing of American politics.

In the verse quoted above Isaiah wrote about Israel, and therefore the Christian Church in our day. This verse concerns the inherent power of the Christian Church. And that power in the world comes from Jesus Christ. It is His light that draws nations. It is the brightness of His rising that attracts the attention of kings.

The power of the Church is derived from theology that is lived out in popular culture by the Church.

America adopted as her form of government a constitutional republic. Voting is fundamental, but not absolute. Representatives are empowered through voting. Power is carefully distributed. It is divided between civil bodies at the local, state and national level. Civil power is not concentrated in a monarch. Decisions regarding the Christian Church are left up to the states.

Christianity became the dark matter of American culture and politics in 1776. From 1620 to 1776 England's Anglican Church was the lodestone of religion in the colonies because we were colonies of England.

John Wesley of Methodism did not support the American Revolution. He sermonized about remaining loyal to the King of England.

Dark matter is an appropriate analogy for Christianity after 1776. Theoretically it exists, but it cannot be seen. Our physics/science doesn't really work without it, but the necessity for it emerges in theoretical physics only. It isn't up close and personal. That's how the United States of America decided to encode Christianity into the DNA of the nation. It is there but you really shouldn't see it ... especially in law, politics and ..... shopping. Theoretically Christianity matters, but not enough to mention it overly much in constitutions, legal wrangling and "education."

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That's certainly NOT how Isaiah felt about God. He saw God's presence in the world through His mechanism for being present (Israel, then the Christian Church) as being a light to the nations and a bright rising to the kings of the world.

America rose in greatness when it was serious about the Bible. Even today public officials swear on a Bible at all levels of civil government, as far as I know. I've seen news about Muslims swearing on Korans, and the erosion of the unifying Biblical oath. As what really matters about Christianity in culture continues to darken American politicians will lean into totalitarianism. They must. It is becoming the only practical way to maintain order.

This is why America has empowered an arrogant strong man "reality" television show celebrity. A master of massaged drama presented through the most potent brainwashing device ever invented is the only kind of leader who can appeal to what many Americans perceive as a time of greater order and national greatness. The generation that trusts this system of the world is passing from the scene.

Time will tell what the internet age will do to the West. I'm hopeful.

The internet is not television. And the internet has pretty much already destroyed Trump's world. Humanity is absorbing this American invention and beginning to take ownership. Nobody knows where this new technology will take us. I'm putting myself squarely on the side of Christianity, humanity and reason. I am fighting for the good, the true and the beautiful.

Nobody walked the earth who embodied goodness, truth and beauty better than Jesus Christ. So ... I'm on His side. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. Christianity strengthens under persecution. Half of America is now openly making war on God. That would be the Demon Crats. American culture and politics has never before been asked to digest such a ferocious attack on the civil religion — Christianity. The battles are intensifying. The war is not over.

In addition to making war on God the Democrats are now openly socialist ... leaning communist. They've abandoned any pretense to classical Western liberalism. They are dedicated cultural Marxists. They are Leftist Globalist Warmongers.

The Republicans aren't much better. They are, in some ways, more toxic and dangerous.

Our best hope is for Christians to choose to Make the Church Great Again. When we do this nations will come to our light, and kings to the brightness of our rising.

Selah.