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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

The election of a new president has been decided by the powers that be. I wish I could truly say that this election has been decided by the American electorate, but somehow I have my suspicion that such is not the case. However, to debate the issue is fruitless and to make such a protest in the climate that now exists will only create more division and frustration. I do believe that God is still in control and that he has an unseen plan that today we are unable to visualize. But in the meantime I will trust him with my future as well as that of our nation.

I wish that I could say that our nation deserves better leadership, but to be truthful with you when I see what has been tolerated for the past several years, I must conclude that perhaps we as a nation have some reaping due to some of the things that have been sown. I do not wish to make a list of these items at this time because I feel that the readers of this newsletter are not the people responsible for the "wild oats" which have been sown.

REMEMBER, GOD NEVER HAS CEASED TO RULE THIS UNIVERSE

However, I do want to remind you that God is aware of everything that is happening all around us, as well as around the world. It was the Psalmist that said of the Lord, "He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah." Psalms 66:7 The idea is simply this; God's dominion extends from age to age, and will continue to expand forward forever. The power which he has demonstrated throughout the ages of time in delivering His people he maintains today and will preserve forever. In that unchanging power, his people may confide; that unchanging power, and thus the wicked should fear. Man may depose men or women that have been God's instrument for a period of time....but God still has others whom he can call up at any time to do his bidding.

Now, we know that all men, no matter who they are, are limited in their capacities to do everything that they have imagined to do. I am sure that Mr. Trump was not able to do everything that he wanted to accomplish, just as every President that has ever occupied that seat of authority, from George Washington to this period. Right now the opposition is making some boastful claims as to what they intend to do under this new administration. Yes, they may think that they have the votes, the mandate, the media and a few business tycoons to help them, but even with all that, God also is able to discharge his angels and stop them in their tracks if He so chooses.

The Book of Genesis tells the story of such a people in which God said, "Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." (Gen. 11:6) The words in this verse indicate the unity of effort, as well as a concentration of design, on the part of the builders, and a certain measure of success in the achievement of their work.

So God could see that there appeared at the time that nothing was there to restrain them from accomplishing their purpose. Pulpit Commentary said, and I quote, that: "Literally, there will not be cut off from them anything; (Vulgate, Luther); nothing will prove too hard for their orders and tactics. It can hardly imply that their impious design was on the eve of completion; but with God nothing is impossible. So for the first time in history....God changed the manner in which the people communicated with each other by changing their languages and manner of speech.

That surely was a shocking thing to awaken the next morning and find your neighbor talking a language you have never heard must less speak. Now I can understand this in a manner of speaking. Being a man at the age of 81 I notice that some of our young people speak a language different from their parents; it's a lingo that Webster's Dictionary has not recorded yet. All by design I have presumed that they like to keep the parents guessing. And in one sense I think this may also be a part of a plan about to be enacted upon "we the people."

GOD CAN FRUSTRATE THE PLANS OF MEN

However, God is able to frustrate the plans of man quite easily whenever necessary and that should give us all hope for the future of this nation.

It is quite evident that "the powers that be" of the Democrat party knew that the American people would never elect a "socialist" to be the President of the United States. Otherwise Bernie Sanders probably would have been chosen. Think about it....why in the world would Joe Biden choose the candidate that got the least votes among all those contesting for office to be his Vice-President. It sure wasn't because she was able to attract voters. She couldn't even get enough money raise for to finance her own campaign.

But someone among Mr. Biden's associates must have seen an opportunity to get a person with their and her brand of politics in office without costing them one red dime. I don't recall Kamala Harris making one speech. She probably did, but I never heard it. We knew her by reputation in how she conducted business here in California, thus were aware of some of her ideas and concepts. And we knew they were not good. That is probably why we saw so little of her on the campaign trail.

So those in the Democrat party who lean to the left in their politics seeing Mr. Biden, aged and failing in health; unable to make a speech without a cue card & teleprompter, decided on a scheme to get Kamala Harris on the ticket as his vice-president candidate in order that they, when Mr. Joe Biden does become incapacitated, will have the opportunity immediately to install her in an office that she otherwise could have never been elected. And if such a thing does happen, God help us....because there is no limits to her schemes to change our entire system of Government from our Founding Father's intention of being a free society based on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as it was written, which is the cornerstone of our Democracy.

So again where do we go from here? Seeing that the voices of opposition as to how the election and the votes were counted which has been made silent, both by the media and the powers that be in Washington, including some Republicans, and even the Supreme Court which we assumed at least would be a voice and help determine how best to handle this matter among the States...of which I am very disappointed over such in their ineptitude to do the job they were hired to do.

A few years ago I was invited to ride with an aged couple to a city a about a couple hundred miles from where the trip started. The first thing that happen on the trip our driver went up a one-way street the wrong way....I immediately sensed danger....so to protect my wife from the situation I got her into, I insisted on driving....which to my relief the driver consented. Maybe that is why we are alive today. Someone needs to take the wheel when the vehicle we all are in is in danger.

This is what concerns me as a citizen of the United States. I feel we are in a vehicle that is headed in the wrong direction and somebody must do something. Question is who.... Most of us feel powerless in this kind of situation. So we do nothing and hope for the best. But being a student of the Word I take comfort in the verse of Scripture that I gave you at the beginning of this article.....do you remember it? Well here it is and I hope you will memorize it because it says a lot and should give you hope. "He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah." Psalms 66:7.

Please note....how long God rules...forever. And at the same time his eyes are on the nation (s) note word is plural..... God can handle more than one nation. He has the whole world in His hands. Throughout my 81 years I have learned to trust Him. It is evident down through the Ages of Time he knew when it was best and call a halt to the wicked devises of the enemy. His timing is perfect. He has done that in our personal lives when we have also wondered how things were going to turn out.

Now observe another thing. **How long does man last?** It is brief even if he lives a 100 years. I feel most fortune to have been born in the 1930s. I have enjoyed a good life here in the good old USA. When I compare it to the many countries I have visited...and there are many. This nation has been the greatest of them all. So if I live another 10 or15 what is that compared to how long some have had to live in some of the worst companies. I should give thanks that life has been good....and the future is bright...because heaven awaits me too.