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Dear ones,

This issue is always late in going out because of end-of-the-year office work. This one is later than usual because of some unusual difficulties.

The outcome of the presidential election was, for me, shattering—gut-wrenching. One major factor is the probability of the appointment of more radical, leftist justices to the Supreme Court in the next four years. But, for me, the most sickening thing is what it said about our electorate. Almost all blacks would vote for him, no matter what, because he is half black. Most union members (except for the coal miners) would vote for him no matter what. Many welfare careerists will vote for him for more welfare. But, even lumped together, these groups are still a minority. Enough of the rest of the country, because of left-wing ideology, ignorance, or manipulation by the “establishment” media, voted for tearing innocent babies apart, sodomizing our children and our culture, sacrificing of freedom for “security,” and banning any glimmer of God from our national character, in order to give Obama more than 50% of the vote. For three weeks I grieved; I would not, could not, even watch Fox News.

But perhaps the Lord is giving us hints of hope. We had crocuses blooming at the Kentucky farm in December; I have never seen them bloom here before late January or early February. The snow drops are blooming and the daffodil leaves are 9 inches high. Spring will come; and God is still in control. Let’s pray that He will give our apostate nation another chance.

### **THE WEB SITE: TROUBLE AND A NEW ADDRESS**

Our web site was hacked into by some enemy of the gospel, of political truth, or of both. For several weeks our web site was down, but it is back up now, we have a new internet service provider, and **we have a new web address**. Please use the new address; it is **<http://wordsforlivingministries.org>**. Note that “ministries” is now spelled out; that is the only change in our web address.

## **THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Most of you know this; but, for those who don't, I want to thank you for the Christmas cards. Marty and I had to give up sending them many years ago because there would be thousands of them, and it would be impossible not to miss some. So, we just had to give it up. But we read and share every one that you send, and thank you for them.

## **WOULD YOU TAKE THIS OATH?**

Lately there has been a lot of advertising on TV by the Shriners, those Freemasons in the red caps, asking for money to operate their hospitals for children. To become a Shriner, one must take a death oath to protect its so-called secrets (they really have no secrets). In the oath, the initiate kneels before a Muslim altar, puts his hand on what Obama reverently calls "the Holy Koran," and swears that, if he violates the oath, he will submit himself to the following punishment: "In willful violation thereof may I incur the fearful penalty of having my eyeballs pierced to the center with a three-edged blade, my feet flayed [cut across into thin strips] and be forced to walk the hot sands upon the sterile shores of the Red Sea, until the flaming Sun shall strike me with livid plague, etc, etc, etc."

And the death oath is sealed as the initiate calls upon **Allah** to help him to live up to his oath, as follows: "May Allah, the god of the Arab, Muslim and Mohammedan, **the god of our fathers**, support me to the entire fulfillment of the same, Amen, Amen, Amen." (emphasis mine)

## **BUT WHY DO THEY WEAR THE RED CAPS?**

The red cap that all Shriners must wear is called a "fez." Its name is derived from the city of Fez in Morocco. In the 8th century, Fez was a Christian city; but it was conquered by Muslims. Its Christian inhabitants were slaughtered until their blood actually ran in the streets. The exultant Muslims celebrated the slaughter by dipping their wool caps in the blood of the Christians, and wearing them in triumph. Ever since that terrible time, the red fez celebrates the slaughter of the Christians and the establishment of Fez as a Muslim city with Allah as its god. It is the national head cover for men in such Muslim countries as Egypt.

## **BUT WHAT ABOUT THE HOSPITALS?**

The Shrine hospitals and burn centers do a lot of good (although I know a woman who, as a helpless little girl, was raped in a Shrine hospital by two staff physicians, and was told that if she told anyone about it she would never walk again; you will not get a favorable endorsement of Shrine hospitals from her).

But even here, in their celebrated good work, there is deceit. Those hospitals and the imagery of a Shriner helping, or carrying, a crippled child, are a massively positive and sympathetic symbol. And all of those Shriners in their red fezzes, shaking buckets at you in the hot sun (or the cold rain) at intersections, are

themselves deceived. They believe that every penny that we drop in their buckets will be spent on crippled children. But much of the money goes to the lavish lifestyles of their top officers, parties and publicity. In 1986 the Orlando Sentinel published a landmark investigative series on the Florida Shrine, and found that **as little as 2%** of the donated money actually went to the children's hospitals. Read on.

### **ARE THESE THINGS HARD TO BELIEVE?**

You may find these things about the Shrine hard to believe, but they are true. You will find them (and much, much more about Freemasonry) in my fact-filled, 443-page book, *33 Degrees of Deception*, along with exhaustive documentation which is taken **entirely and exclusively** from the most respected Masonic sources—not from Christian sources critical of Masonry. Contact us for a personally inscribed copy (or, if I am away traveling, a signed book plate in the book). You will find documentation for the above, and more, in the 402 endnote citations to the Masonic sources.

### **IS OBAMA “OUR LORD AND SAVIOR”?**

At the 2012 Soul Train Awards, broadcast on BET (Black Entertainment Television), black actor Jamie Foxx shocked even me by saying, with exuberant joy, “First of all, give an honor to our God and our Lord and savior [pause, for dramatic effect] Barak Obama! Barak Obama!” The crowd went wild with applause. (Breitbart/HE/Huffington Post/et al)

### **UPS ENDS GRANTS TO BOY SCOUTS**

The UPS Foundation, the philanthropy organization of the UPS shipping giant, has announced that it will no longer give financial support to the Boy Scouts of America because of “discrimination.” What discrimination, we might ask? It is for the BSA's courageous and moral stands, refusing to accept atheists (the Boy Scout oath is “...to God and my country”) and its refusal to allow homosexuals to be scoutmasters.

On the other hand, Federal Express (FedEx) does not share the liberal philosophy of its competitor, UPS. And, for whatever it may be worth, its founder and CEO, Fred Smith, was a Marine infantry officer in Vietnam, and has an inscribed copy of my book, “Jack Hinson's One-Man War.” We ship by FedEx now. (AP/One News Now)

### **AL GORE SELLS HIS TV NETWORK TO THE ENEMY**

Al Gore (who is now being called “Al Jazeera”) has sold his failing TV network, Current TV, to Al-Jazeera the Arab Muslim TV network, funded by the Emir of Qatar. Gore netted \$100 million on the sale; and, incidentally, Glen Beck offered to buy the network and add it to his own GBN; he was told that no offer from him would even be considered.

Al-Jazeera, presenting itself as a news network, is a propaganda voice of Islamism, including ties to Al Qaeda. It has donated \$millions to the terrorist organization Hamas.

It's most popular program is "Shariah and Life," a program promoting Shariah Law, under which women have no rights, a raped woman is stoned to death for being the victim, and little girls have their genitals mutilated. The host of "Shariah and Life" is the top jurist of the Muslim Brotherhood.

As an illustration of Al Jazeera's sympathies, I will cite one case. A terrorist named Samir Kuntar, was in an Israeli prison for killing an Israeli policeman, killing another Israeli man, bashing the other man's 4-year-old daughter's brains out on a rock, and causing the smothering death of her 2-year old brother. He was released by Israel in a prisoner exchange. Upon his release Al Jazeera not only threw a party to celebrate, but broadcast the entire celebration on its network, live. These are the people to whom Gore sold his TV network.

Gore has infuriated his supporters, the environmentalist extremists, for selling out to the Arab oil empire. They are already critical of his new mansion that uses more electricity than some small, rural towns. (Fox/AP/ et al)



### **CRUSHING HEARTBREAK WITH LITTLE MEANS OF COMFORT**

In my opinion, the most evil, and by far the most cruel, of all of the shooting incidents in public places in the US—ever—is, by far, the recent massacre of teachers and small children at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. The innocent victims, deliberately targeted, were not estranged fellow-workers, high school or college students. No, they were 5 and 6 year old 1st graders and their teachers. One of those little bodies had 9 gunshot wounds in it! The killer, Adam Lanza, first killed his mother, with whom he lived, and then broke into the school where he murdered six teachers and administrators, and 20 children. And then, as these cowards always do, he killed himself. Tragedy is an inadequate word here. The principal, staff members and teachers courageously and selflessly gave their lives attempting to save the children.

But there is another side to this story that is, in a way, even more tragic. New England is notorious as a spiritually dead part of the country, and

Newtown, Connecticut is a classic example. Nominally, it is largely a Catholic town; the rest mostly identify with no faith. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Newtown recently closed its doors and shut down.

Pastors gathered at the fire station, where parents waited to hear news of the casualties. Finally, after several hours of agonized waiting, one parent called out, “Are there any more survivors?” Governor Dannel Malloy, there to be with the families, said, “No.” Parents wailed and screamed; some went into catatonic shock.

Some evangelical pastors from outside Newtown were allowed to enter into the counseling; but, as Emily Belz of *World* observed, “The comfort from the local, mainline churches was thin.” Kathleen Adams-Shepherd, Priest of Newtown’s Trinity Episcopal Church, told her congregation, “Try to see just a pinpoint of light, if you can...Jesus will come, no matter what. **And so will Santa**, [emphasis mine] Amen.” Meanwhile, Father Robert Weiss, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, offered this homily to comfort his flock: “If we work together, good things can happen.”

The human tragedy is obvious and incalculable. But the spiritual emptiness, it seems to me, is also a tragedy. Many—perhaps most—of those surviving, grieving, families and friends, are left with their torn-apart hearts and shattered hopes, in a very real sense, alone. They are robbed of the comfort, healing and hope that can be so freely had, but are found only in a living faith in the living God. It must break the heart of God. (World/USA Today, et al)

*In Rama there was a voice heard, lamentation and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. (Matthew 2:18)*

**EPILOGUE.** Many, especially humanist media commentators, have asked “Where was God during all of this?” The question is, of course, rhetorical, to make a point, and is usually intended to discredit those of us with religious faith, and to denigrate the very idea of faith in God. If I were asked that question I would say “He was in Heaven, looking on and grieving, just as He was when Herod slaughtered all children under the age of 2 within 10 miles of Bethlehem.” The questioner, of course, would not understand, and would probably think I made his point.

Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, was, predictably, asked this question by reporters about Sandy Hook, and his answer was profound. He said that God was there in the administrators and teachers who gave their lives trying to protect the children. His questioners had no ears to hear the wisdom in his reply.

When all is said and done, the answer lies in our increasingly secularized nation. After all, God has not been allowed in any public school since 1963.



**15 of the 20 Murdered Children**

**A POINT TO PONDER**

If the death penalty is not a deterrent to capital crimes, how do we explain the fact that, once convicted, those sentenced to death will agree to almost any

kind of a deal, or spend the rest of their lives in legal appeals, to escape it?

### **A LIFE LESSON: THE DANGER OF LOVING**

To love, whether to love another person, an animal, or even a possession, a home, farm, or some precious souvenir with great sentimental value, involves great risk. Whatever the object of one's love is, there is the risk of pain<sup>1</sup>. This risk is unavoidable, because there is always the chance of losing the object of one's love.

St. Augustine, in his classic work, *Confessions*, writes of the pain he experienced upon the death of a dear friend. His conclusion was that, because of the risk, it is wrong to give one's heart to anyone or anything but God, who will never forsake us. All other loves are to be avoided and rejected. I cannot agree. It may be valid for the most extreme of monastics; but for the rest of us, life without loving would be an awful way to live—a lonely, empty, kind of living death.

It is loving, I believe, that makes life worth living; even with its unavoidable heartbreaks, it is love that allows us to grow as God would have us to grow. If you have lived long enough to be reading this, you know that the risk is not only unavoidable, but the pain can be almost unbearable; broken hearts hurt much worse than broken legs. But, when the losses and heartaches come, we have the assurance that He is there to comfort and to heal. He is always “nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” The Hebrew for contrite, *dakka* also means “crushed like powder,” and that is how we can sometimes feel. We also have the promise that “He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.” The risk is real and ever-present; but God has provided the remedy for the pain<sup>1</sup>. And, anyway, I wouldn't want to live without loving.

C.S. Lewis, whose writings moved me to write this piece, has summed it up in his stunningly concise way: “The only place, outside of Heaven, where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love, is Hell.”

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Psalm 34:18, 147:3

### **ALBERT EINSTEIN ON THE GOSPELS**

*No one can read the Gospels without feeling the central presence of Jesus. His personality is in every word. No myth is filled with such life.*

### **MARTY'S CORNER**

The great gloom that has hung over America for years got darker and more foreboding in November and it continues to become more oppressive. Perhaps the most abysmal aspect of the election was realizing how many people mindlessly voted because of skin color, groupie mentality, propaganda, and media hype. Just as Paul exhorted the Corinthians, we are to “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”—I Cor. 16:13, 14

**Watch** – be continually on guard, knowing that the danger is greater under some circumstances. Be alert to hidden meanings of smooth sounding words. When the President (at his inauguration) used the phrase “peace in our time,” it must be recognized as the dangerous policy followed by the infamous British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain. He promised an illusory peace of appeasement with Adolf Hitler before WWII and the holocaust. Barack Obama’s policy is that of appeasing our enemies in order to weaken America. Simultaneously, he vilifies Americans who know that “peace through strength” safeguards and protects us.

**Stand fast in the faith** – adhere to the revelation of God and not the folly of the world. Don’t be led astray by empty promises of “government” being one’s savior. “...take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.”

**Be brave** – be resolved to oppose the evil that would corrupt and divide us into factions (class warfare). Remember “your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

**Be strong** – “Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never -- in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense” --Winston Churchill, 29 October 1941

**Let all that you do be done with love ... of the Lord.**

## MILESTONES

Died 4 Oct - **Nellie Farley Qualls**, good friend, died at 99 in Marion, Ky. A constant cut-up, she brightened up the nursing home, loved the Lord, and was the oldest alumna of the Rosenwald school for black children in Marion.

28 Oct - **Joice Newsome**, one of our “Christian kids” in our early Christian days in Marion. She died much too soon.

29 Oct - **Frank Lawson**, long-time Christian friend and a leader in our early Christian days in Marion, a good and gentle man, in Symsonia, Ky.

3 Nov - **Jerome Harlan**, father of Perry Harlan of Palmetto, Fla., in Summerville, S.C., Sherry and Perry are very dear Christian friends.

11 Dec - **Winifred (Wini) Berckman Humphrey**, wife of my lifelong friend, Jim Humphrey, after winning one battle with cancer (and losing an arm), then, years later, losing another, in Lexington, Ky. She was a sweet, uncomplaining, Christian lady.

26 Dec – **Sadie Davis**, our little great-grandniece, at 15 months, in Nashville, Tenn., after a prolonged battle to save her from cancer. By the time she died, she was already paralyzed from the waist down, and going blind. I am convinced that little Sadie is now in perfect health, and making Heaven an even brighter place.

17 Jan – **Catherine Wilson**, wife of Waymon Wilson, in Roanoke, Va., Waymon, suffering with cancer, and Catherine have been dear friends and faithful supporters. I visited them in the hospital in Roanoke in September, and was



praying for them just before I was notified of Catherine's death.

### **A FINAL WORD**

Treasure and use each day as if it were your last, and never give up hope; God has a limitless supply of new beginnings, and He makes beautiful things out of broken pieces.

You are precious,

(Sources: AP-Associated Press; BBC-British Broadcasting Corp.; BP-Baptist Press; Fox (Fox News); FOF-Focus on the Family; FRC-Family Research Council; HE-Human Events; HC-History Channel; IMG-Israel My Glory; JP-Jerusalem Post; LAT-L.A. Times; NM NewsMax.com; NW-Newsweek; NYP-New York Post; NYT-New York Times; ONN-OneNewsNow; PWB-Pastors' Weekly Briefing; USAT-USA Today; VOM-Voice of Martyrs; W-World Magazine; WND-World Net Daily; and WT-Washington Times.)