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Dear ones,

By the time you are reading this we will be past the Winter Solstice (longest night and shortest day of the year) and the days will be once more getting longer. So be of good cheer, “If Winter come, can Spring be far behind?”

FACEBOOK, TEXT MESSAGES AND OTHER MYSTERIES

A growing number of you have asked me to be on your face book. The problem with this is that I can't be—in fact I don't even know what it means, except that it is something like a chat room with photographs and postings about what we are doing. When I get these notices that a certain friend has requested that I be on his face book, I can't even reply, “yes” or “no.” unless I first join up, because the program doesn't seem to provide for my response. The only options I see are to “join” with an enrollment process, code words, etc, or just delete it with no response, which seems rude on my part. My problem is that I **literally** have no time for it; I struggle to keep up with e-mail, the regular mail, and a backlog of voice mail, missed telephone calls and writing projects (some of them with deadlines) that I may not live long enough to fulfill. My cell phone keeps telling me that I have “text messages“; but this is hopeless, for the same reason; plus, I have no idea how to do texting, and I intend never to learn. So, please know that I love you all, but I simply can't do these things.

It does seem strange that now, in my twilight years, when it is normal that our responsibilities and pressures should be less, with far more leisure time “to smell the roses,“ in my case the opposite is true. I don't understand it, but I trust God and press on, with an inner certainty that, to quote Frost, “I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep....“

THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you for the Christmas cards! We read and share every one; but we had to stop sending them many years ago because there were just too many, and there was the certainty that with so many someone would be overlooked.

AND THANK YOU FOR VOTING

Thank you for voting in the November elections. For those of us who contend for a return to national righteousness and the Christian roots of our republic, we dodged a great bullet. For now, at least, the political forces which would forfeit our liberties and convert our constitutional republic into a God-less oligarchy or dictatorship have been slapped back to parade rest. Now we must pray for the new Congress and for those of its leaders who are God-serving patriots.

OUR INTERCESSORS

There is a group of intercessors who pray for me and for the work of the ministry daily. In addition, they receive an intercessors' prayer letter with information about me and others and specific prayer needs. If you would like to be an intercessor, just let us know. Some receive the prayer letters via e-mail and others receive it the old fashioned way; the choice is yours.

MY NEW BOOKS

A publisher in England has asked me to contribute to an anthology on World War II snipers (in fact, that will probably be the title). I have written the story of an amazing man from Henry County, Tennessee. The publisher, Frontline Books, can be reached on the internet, and there will be more on this in the next issue. I also will have a new Christian book out in the Spring, "33 Degrees of Deception" (Bridge-Logos Publishing); it will be a combination of my two previous books on Freemasonry, plus all the changes that have occurred since their publication.

A VIVID EXAMPLE OF OBAMA'S ATTITUDE

I get so weary of writing things like this; but each time I think I can stop—that I have fully painted the picture of our probably ineligible, foreign-born president, who is anti-military, anti-America (as it was founded), a dedicated Marxist progressive who really does believe in redistribution of wealth and government control of virtually everything, is anti-Christian with Islam in his heart, and anti-American with global government as his dream—every time I think I can stop writing about it he does something even more outrageous. This time it has to do with the Medal of Honor.

In November Obama presented the Medal of Honor to Army Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta. I would much rather have taken up this space telling you of what Sergeant Giunta did. Instead, I must tell you of the disgraceful behavior of Obama in the presentation. It is a well established tradition that the presentation of the Medal of Honor is for the recipient, his family and those warriors who were with him in the action being recognized. A Marine, who was present at the ceremony, has reported that **the first two rows of chairs were reserved for selected members of Congress!** The family was in the third row. The survivors of the battle, and the families of those who died in it, were still farther back. After the

presentation, Obama first glad-handed the politicians in the first two rows; it was a photo op for Chris Dodd and others, who have never sacrificed anything for the country. The family, survivors and families of the dead were lost in the political shuffle. You can see this on www.youtube.com. (you tube, et al)

OBAMA'S ANTI-BRIT ATTITUDE: CHURCHILL AND A ROYAL WEDDING

As a stunning example of Obama's radical beliefs, consider a bronze bust of Winston Churchill, presented as a gift to our nation by the British People, delivered by former Prime Minister Tony Blair. When Obama took office he sent the bust back to England! I'm not making this up—he really did! There are few things more insulting than rejecting a gift, presented in good spirit. Is it any wonder, then, that the Obamas are not on the guest list for the coming wedding of Prince William at Westminster Abbey? Why would he do such an insulting thing to our closest ally? Probably because of his Marxist hatred of colonialism, a symbol of which he sees in Churchill. If you would like to understand this better, read "The Roots of Obama's Rage" by Dinesh D'Souza; if you cannot read the book read "Obama's Problem with Business" by D'Souza, an outstanding article in the 27 September issue of Forbes Magazine. (Forbes/London Telegraph/National Review on line, et al)

CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR VETERANS' GRAVES—FREE!

Since 1992 the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine has donated thousands of hand-made Christmas wreaths to be placed on the graves at Arlington National Cemetery. The company donates the wreaths, volunteers tie a red ribbon on each one, and a tractor-trailer belonging to Bluebird Ranch Trucking Co. takes them to Arlington at no charge, where other volunteers place them on the graves. Patriot Guard Riders, an organization of motorcycle-riding, flag-waving veterans escort the truck all the way from Maine to Arlington.

Now the project has expanded to other military cemeteries across the country in a program they call "Wreaths Across America." For this one Worcester Wreath Co. donates wreaths, and Annin & Co., a New Jersey flag maker, donates small US and POW flags which are attached to the wreaths and placed at national cemeteries and war memorials in all 50 states. UPS ships the 250 boxes of these wreaths at no charge. (wreathscrossamerica.org)



A GREAT BLESSING: BLUE LETTER BIBLE

Several years ago, my Maryland friends Don and Carrie Thompson introduced me to a great blessing. It is a web site called Blue Letter Bible (www.blueletterbible.com). It is free, and is an electronic concordance, a search engine for words, phrases, etc, it has the KJV as its default translation, but has also many others (including St. Jerome's Latin Vulgate and the American Standard Version), plus commentaries, including classics such as Matthew Henry, Martin Luther, Charles H. Spurgeon and R.A. Torrey, and modern ones by such commentators as Chuck Smith of Calvary Chapel. I want to share this blessed tool with you.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED IN MORE THAN 2,000 YEARS?

My favorite ancient philosopher (outside the Bible) is the Roman statesman, Cicero. These words of his could have been written yesterday:

“The budget should be balanced, the treasury refilled. Public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance.” (Cicero, 55 BC)

And, incidentally, the Roman people never did learn “to work instead of living on public assistance” and the Republic became the Empire, and eventually ceased to exist, rotted from within.

WHEN IS A CHILD A HUMAN BEING?

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has said that a baby becomes a human being, with a right to live, “when the parents take it home from the hospital.” John P. Holdren, Obama's “science czar,” thinks she is much too conservative and

conventional. He has written in a book called “Human Ecology, Problems and Solutions,” that “The fetus,” properly socialized and fed nourishing food, “during the early, crucial years after birth, will ultimately develop into a human being.” And these people are running the country, with Obama’s approval. (CNSNews.com)

A POINT TO PONDER

Our God is so great and so infinitely powerful that he spoke and the Universe came into existence, He hurled the stars into their orbits, and mountains melt at the sound of His voice. And yet our awesomely powerful God keeps a running record of the number of hairs in your head, counts your every tear, and quietly attends the funeral of every sparrow.

THE WORDS OF MARGARET SANGER

Hillary Clinton, like most far-left people, is a great admirer of Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, the tax-supported, leading killer of babies in our nation. Hillary recently received the Margaret Sanger Award from this bloody handed organization, and has said that she greatly admires Margaret Sanger, and believes that her work needs to be carried forward. The following are two of Margaret’s published statements:

“The most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infants is to kill it.” And,

“Colored people are human weeds and they are to be exterminated.”

I urge you to read the book, “Killer Angel, a Biography of Planned Parenthood’s Founder, Margaret Sanger” by George Grant (Ars Vitai Press). (Killer Angel/Renew America.com/et al)

A PROPHETIC STATEMENT BY A SOCIALIST ICON

The late Norman Thomas, perennial Socialist Party presidential candidate, made a statement in a 1944 speech that was surely prophetic: “The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism. But, under the name of ‘liberalism,’ they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program, until one day America will be a socialist nation, without knowing how it happened...I no longer need to run as a presidential candidate for the Socialist Party. The Democrat Party has adopted our platform.”

IDOLS OF THE HEART: THE POWER OF PORNOGRAPHY

In the last days of Jerusalem, shortly before Nebuchadnezzar’s final destruction of the city and the carrying-away of the survivors as slaves, the people were completely given over to the worship of idolthe pagan nature-worship of Canaan, which was (and still is) the orgiastic worship of sex and reproductive power. Recent archeological excavations of that level of ruins in Jerusalem have found such idols in virtually every home. Worse still was the fact that the priesthood was

secretly doing the same things (see Ezekiel 8), and doing them in the Temple of God. And it all involved pornography, much of it painted on the walls inside the Temple.

The prophet Ezekiel confronted the members of the Sanhedrin (religious rulers of Israel) with the fact that their idols were just as real as those statues the people worshipped, although they were concealed in their hearts; and he told them that their sinful behavior was fueled by pornography. Laying bare their secret sin, he said that they set up idols in their hearts, and put “the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face.” They were told not only to turn from their secret idols, but also to “turn away your faces” from the pornographic images they secretly had (Ezek 14:1-8).

This could have been written today. Consider the secret sins, always sexual in their outworking, that have become idols in the hearts of God’s people today, including many of the priests and ministers, idols in their hearts, perverted pleasures more important to them than pleasing God, and driving them to victimize those entrusted to them for protection. For so very long this sin, this idolatry, was kept secret within the walls of churches, rectories and parsonages; now this hidden sickness in the Church is being laid bare, revealing the wreckage of innocent lives with lawsuits involving billions of dollars. And, consistently, this perverted idolatry is fueled by pornography.

The revealed need in the Church is two-fold: get the pagan idols of perverted sex out of our hearts, and “turn our faces” from all pornography. It seems that the nature of people really doesn’t change, and the Word of God is as fresh and relevant today as it was in the time of Ezekiel.

TROUBLES? YES... BUT ALSO A THREEFOLD PROMISE

The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth (and, thus, to you and to me) of the trials and tribulation he and his friends had been experiencing. Things had been so overwhelming and depressing that at times they expected death. They were not walking in constant triumph: as a matter of fact, there were times when they really didn’t think they would make it. They were whipped. But, he wrote, in spite of all this, even in the darkest, most hopeless times, the Lord delivered them and brought victory. And, in explaining this to the Corinthian Christians, he expressed a wonderful threefold promise: that the Lord had delivered them (past); that the Lord was delivering them (present); and that He would deliver them (future). And this promise applies to you and me, praise the Lord! Have we had problems? Are we having problems? Will we have problems in the future? Count on it. But we have the promise of deliverance: past, present and future. Read about it in II Cor. 8-10.

BELIEVING IN AND BELIEVING ON

The simplest version of God’s plan of salvation can be found in Acts 16:31, the counsel of Paul and Silas to the Philippian jailer: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ

and thou shalt be saved.” A similarly concise version is to be found in the promise of Jesus to the crowd at Capernaum: “...He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.”(Jn. 6:47). All that is necessary to pass from spiritual death to life is to “believe on” Jesus. It is so simple (in fact, some legalistic Christians reject this as “easy believism”); but what does it mean to “believe on” Him? I will offer a possible explanation.

If we believe in Jesus, it means that we accept the reality of His existence. We all know that. But what does it mean to believe on Him? Think of a lush and fruitful garden. It is one thing to live in it, surrounded by it, acknowledge its existence, admire its beauty, and even study and learn much about it, But it is a very different thing to live on it, interact with it, eat its fruits and vegetables, make it your source and depend on it to sustain you. So it is in the way we relate to Jesus. As long as I can remember, I acknowledged His existence, admired His mind and learned some things about Him; but I had lived half my life before I related to Him personally and made Him my source. The analogy isn’t perfect, so don’t make a doctrine out of it; but it may help you to understand the difference.

A POINT TO PONDER

You may choose not to own a gun; that is your right. You may choose not to believe in God; that is also your right. However, if someone is breaking into your home, the first two things you will probably do are these: (1) call someone with a gun and (2) pray that he gets there on time. (Anonymous)

MILESTONES

Born 4 Nov - **Adelynn Grace Hayes**, to Nicholas and Shelley

Hayes. Nicholas is the son of longtime Christia friends Bob and Kathy Hayes of Medon, Tenn.

Married 16 Oct - **Katherine Pierson Jarvis**, daughter of Pat and Susan

McKenney Jarvis, to Carlos Mendoza in Ocean Springs, Miss. Katie is our granddaughter.

Died 3 Oct - **Bob Chipley**, life-long friend, retired Fire Chief and Florida State Fire Marshall, in Orlando. Bob and I enlisted and served together in the Marine Corps.

15 Oct - **William (Bill) Brown**, longtime Christian friend and founder of Trinity Christian Community, a ministry to the slums of New Orleans, in New Orleans.

15 Nov - **Huell Tilley**, father of Steve Tilley, longtime friend and retreat board member, in La Center, Ky.

27 Nov - **Paula Duncan**, who has been associated with Words for Living as a volunteer in the past, in Marion, Ky.

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; 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.)