

CONTENDING FOR THE WORD OF GOD by John Carter (Part 2)

Some of us are either very dumb or very ignorant. But remember what the old Quaker said to his best friend: *"All the world is queer save thee and me, and even thou art a little queer."* So I am not finding fault, I think on occasions we are all a little queer, including this old pilgrim. What I mean to say is that we are all inclined to forget the things that matter, and this can be awfully dangerous. Someone with insight said, *"Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat its failures."* Makes sense, don't you think? I think if you go out on the mean, drug infested, potholed streets of San Francisco, or any other city, and ask folks what happened when the Communists and Atheists ruled Russia and Ukraine for most of the Twentieth Century, you may get a few dumb stares.

The question is pertinent to our times because the Liberals, God haters, Communists, Bible deriders, Church despisers, phony professors, marriage wreckers, and lawbreakers are working to destroy the very foundation on which the great American Republic was built. But let no one forget, America was founded by Protestant Christians fleeing the persecutions of the old world. They were Bible believers. Who remembers that? Thanksgiving is not about the turkey. America was founded on the belief that the CREATOR of GENESIS made all men equal and gave us certain unalienable rights. Those early Americans believed in the Bible as the Word of God. YES, THEY DID.

This is not to suggest there is no room in America for others of a different religious persuasion, or no religious persuasion at all. There is room for millions, including unbelievers, cynics, atheists, and every religion you can imagine. They are welcome to enjoy the benefits of *"ONE NATION UNDER GOD... WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."*

No sane person would deny that America has made serious even horrible mistakes, including slavery, but through the blood, sweat, and tears America has been climbing steadily upwards. The American dream remains, but now that dream is threatened as never before. The beautiful dream is becoming a nightmare. America stands imperiled. If present sociological trends continue, America will surely go down like ancient Rome. The end will come suddenly. The barbarians are already at the gates. Some would argue they are already in our midst.



What happened when the atheists and God haters controlled Russia and Ukraine? I have been to Russia and Ukraine fifty times. I saw what happened when the God haters took over. The Atheists and Communists tortured, starved, bludgeoned and murdered more than 50,000,000 souls. Go visit Magadan in the Far East where the God haters paved the streets with human bones. Visit Siberia, as I have done on a dozen occasions, and say a prayer for the 10,000,000 souls who lived and died in the death camps.

Read Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, a hero some say was the greatest Christian of the Twentieth Century. Start with his *"Gulag Archipelago."* Be prepared to be exhausted and dumbfounded. I have visited a great forest outside Kiev Ukraine where the atheists murdered thousands of innocents. I have seen the pictures of the victims nailed to the tree trunks. They look just like you and me. I have visited a building in Kiev where thousands were tortured to death. So great was the quantity of blood that it seeped through the massive stone foundations and oozed out onto the street. Shall we now forget?

I sat with an old pastor in St. Petersburg. He told me how during the reign of the monster Stalin, the Communists came for his dad who was an Adventist pastor. He never saw him again, even though they were encouraged by the God haters to take food to the prison where supposedly he was held. Later he and his mother discovered that the same night he was taken he was murdered. With 40,000 other innocents who believed in God or who thought differently he was shot in the head by the God haters and thrown into a vast pit. It was snowing, the pastor told me. He was then a little boy.

What lesson shall we learn? The death of God always leads to the death of man. God was murdered in Russia by the Communists. Man soon followed. Think what the God hating Communists did in China. Another thirty or forty million murders. Think of that devil Pol Pot in Cambodia. Ideas matter.

If you do not fear God you will not be inclined to respect man made in the image of God. As the great Russian Dostoyevsky said, *"IF THERE IS NO GOD, ALL THINGS ARE PERMITTED."*

America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, where the God of the Pilgrim Fathers so abundantly shed His grace, has embarked upon a great experiment of militant Secularism and Unbelief. Politicians, presidents, preachers, media personalities, and TV stars are leading the charge. Unless there is a turning around, the great and noble ship of state will founder and sink. God will remove His protection and America will become another Rome. As It is written in Revelation, *"A GREAT MOUNTAIN BURNING WITH FIRE WAS CAST INTO THE SEA."* Remember the words of the great American patriot, *"I tremble for my country when I remember God is just, and justice cannot sleep forever."*

It is high time to contend and fight, remembering our warfare is a spiritual battle against the powers of wickedness in heavenly places. We contend not with guns or the weapons of this world. We hold out to the world the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus. It is time to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

