

THE BATTLE FOR AMERICA

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FOREWORD.

There is something desperately wrong in these United States of America. And, what is wrong has been brought to light by the empowerment and staffing of the federal government administration that was elected in 2008. That administration has embarked upon a governmental path far different from any before it, in the history of the country. Now, over two years later, the average citizen of our country is starting to become aware of the difference. And, most of those citizens who are aware, are becoming increasingly uncomfortable about what's happening. The real question is whether they will understand what's happening and what they need to do about it.

This paper was started in August of 2009, based on reading that the writer started in January of that year. The original context of the reading and writing was a continuation of the context in which the writer has labored since 1983. And, that is the context of what the American Christian Church is, and what the Bible says Jesus is going to do about it, just prior to His second physical advent. That is, the context was totally Christian, and was focused on this writer's interpretations of the Bible's descriptions of what are known as the 'very end times.'

Books came to the writer's attention, which he was then motivated to read. These books were not specifically Christian in content or direction. They were secular and they were political. However, the very first book read, by Huntington¹, made the surprising conclusion that our historic Anglo-Protestant culture was central to the U.S.'s continuing national identity. It found that Protestantism is necessary to the continuation of the U.S.'s national values and culture. That is, the U.S.'s cultural survival depends upon the survival of American Protestantism.

This writer was led to book after book, in ways no longer remembered. That is, the writer seemed to be guided to discover book after book. And, each book added to a developing picture of what is wrong in the U.S. To the date of the present version of this paper, thirteen books and a number of papers have been read. The writer now believes that this guidance was, and still is, coming from the Lord, Jesus Christ.

What the books show is that what is happening now, goes back a long way. In fact, it goes back to Andrew Hamilton's original desire for the shape of the federal government, which, fortunately, was rejected by the rest of the Founding Fathers. It goes back to Lincoln, and his change in the federal government form that started the Civil War. It goes back to Presidents Wilson, Roosevelt, and others. So, this internal war by its government against its Christian-based culture did not start in 2009. It's been going on a long time.

For reasons that will become obvious, this writer now believes this is not just a political war, but a spiritual one. And, this paper is written from that viewpoint. May God bless your reading.

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INTRODUCTION.

Understanding The Culture War.

There is a culture war ongoing in the United States of America. It's like a civil war, but one side doesn't really understand that it is fighting such a war. The war, itself, has been visible since 1965. Its end has been visible since 1964, provided one particular side wins. But, its causes have been visible since 1865. And, its causes go back to 1776. All these factors have been revealed in recent books.

The reason why this paper is in a collection dealing with the role of the Christian in the end-times' Great Tribulation is that it deals with the so-called 'signs of the times'. Those are what Christians need to be able to interpret, just before the second advent of my Lord, Jesus Christ.

The 'In The Trenches' View.

There are two different ways to approach any subject. One is the top-down, deductive approach, which reaches conclusions, by applying known tested rules to observations. The other is the bottom up, inductive, approach, which proceeds upwards from observations, trying to discover the rules that control what is observed. In mathematics, this latter approach is how theorems are discovered. In physics, it's how natural laws are discovered. In engineering, it's how a design is inferred from its functional specifications.

The present paper is inductive, proceeding upward from facts that have been observed and documented by authors of several recent books. The point is to discover the causative agent for all the observations taken together. The point is to create an interpretive theorem.

Two Ways to Look at American History.

Most Americans look at American History the way they were taught in High School. For the younger generations, that teaching may not have been very good. Even for members of the older generations, to which I belong, the teaching may have been slanted, emphasizing some things, minimizing others. And, there is a reason for that, which we will get into, below. But, most Americans see American History as a record of achievements coupled with some negative aspects such as slavery. But, there is another way to look at it. And, that way is almost a mirror image of what is taught in High School. That way is to start in the present and work backwards. That, too is inductive. And, that is what is done, here.

Putting It All Together.

When we get finished with our examination of a number of recent books, we will see a picture that is very different from what we hear through the TV news media, from the academic establishment, from our government, and from our political apparatus. We will see a picture of an America far removed from what the Founding Fathers set up. We will see an America a long way down the road toward becoming a Democratic-Socialist Welfare State. All the other members of what was formerly the Christian West have already arrived at that destination. And, according to one of our authors, that amounts to cultural, and soon national, suicide for them. We want to see if the U.S. is going to join that suicide pact.

THE CULTURE WAR – THE MEANING OF THE OBSERVABLES.

Government, Academia, and Media – Huntington, Goldberg, Steyn.

What is the Culture War?

The culture war is an American internal war of ideas, now moving rapidly toward ‘captivity’ and direct oppression of the U.S. citizenry. The strategic objective of the war is to convert the United States from a Constitutional Republic of Sovereign States into a Democratic-Socialist Welfare State. The war is being waged against the American citizenry by an attacking coalition of agencies that include the government, the TV news media, academia, some international business elements, and some financial interests. The objects of the attacks are two-fold, corporate and individual. First are the ideological attacks upon the American cultural identity, Christian religion, and original fundamental freedoms. Second are character attacks upon individuals who publically call attention to the war. So, say the books reported here.

Who Comprise the ‘Enemy’ Forces?

Those who have enlisted in the enemy army do not comprise all of the coalition agencies named above. In the Judiciary, only some of the judges are attacking. In Academia, only some of the college-level professors are attacking. In Primary and Secondary Education, only some of the school boards and teachers are attacking. In the Business Community, only some large international firms are attacking. In the Financial Sector, only some of the financiers are attacking. But, in the TV News Media, most of the commentators are attacking. And, in the new 2009 Government Administration, many of the officers, bureaucrats and ‘czars’ are attacking. And, the number of recruits is swelling all the time. So, what’s the common denominator between these people. What ‘glue’ holds them together, ideologically? We will see.

How is the War Being Fought?

Until January, 2009, this war was pretty much covert. That is, the attacks were made in such a way as to not alarm a majority of the citizenry. They were, in a sense, sabotage. But, the tactics appear to have changed. The attacks are now being conducted openly in a Blitzkrieg style, attempting to capitalize upon what is hopefully only an initial paralysis of the defending forces. And, the defense is being hindered by the apparent recruitment of some national leaders into the enemy army.

Who Comprise our ‘Defense’ Forces?

Our defenders are not yet unified. Therefore, there does not yet exist a coalition of agencies to resist the attacks of the enemy’s coalition. Our defense agencies include some book authors who are providing intelligence. Some Congressional Representatives and Senators are mounting small counter-attacks. Some political entities are directing individual thrusts. Some Christian churches and denominations are resisting, in terms of educating the Christian community. And, there is so far only one major Cable-News Network signed up for the defense. But, there was no overall effective organization, at the time of the first writing of this paper. (One may be shaping up, as of the updating of this paper.) This writer counts himself among the individual defenders who provide intelligence through the medium of the Internet.

This Writer’s Contribution to the Defense.

This writer’s contribution is simple and limited. It is to find and synopsise current books that offer factual data about elements of the culture war. It is then to put together all those data sets, to create a picture of this war that will be

understandable and acceptable by those thinking Americans who don't really know what's going on.

The Coalition to Deconstruct America – Huntington.

The characterizations I've been using above are not my ideas. They are results of putting together the books I've read and synopsized since January, 2009. The synopses are attempts to distill the essential facts from the books and put them into a form understandable by any literate American. They don't use big words or specialized vocabularies and they are not written to score academic 'points'. The days when I might have written like that are long over.

The identification of a 'deconstructionist coalition' was made by Harvard's Samuel P. Huntington in his 2004 book, *Who Are We? The Challenges to America's National Identity*¹. My 20-page synopsis in PDF format is freely available upon request. (Unfortunately, Professor Huntington passed away, Christmas Eve, 2009.)

Huntington's book was the first of a continuing set of 'surprises' this writer has encountered in reading the synopsized books. The surprise was the principal theme of Huntington's book, which is "*The continuing centrality of Anglo-Protestant culture to American national identity.*" Now, Huntington's book was not written from the standpoint of Christianity, but from that of his professional discipline, which was government/history.

Huntington showed that the United States of America were and remain Christian, contrary to propaganda. The nation's Christian character has provided the Protestant value system that has so contributed to the tremendously successful American way of life. It has been a very successful 400-year 'spiritual experiment.'

But, Huntington also shows that since about the mid-1960s, there has been a deliberate attempt on the part of the American Government and some allied non-governmental organizations to modify this value system and to deconstruct the American identity, modifying the Christian lifestyle it provides. This continuing attempt can be physically characterized as no less than government oppression of its citizens, using their own money to pay for it.

The American people, by and large, are not aware of this cultural war being waged against them. They are aware of some of its elementary attacks and they react individually and instinctively against them. Prime examples are the notions of multiculturalism, diversity, group rights versus individual rights, and rights to outcome rather than to opportunity. These latter rights are, of course, not to be found in the Constitution. But, the people are not united in their reactions. And, they are not aware that it is a cultural war being waged against them as a people. As a people, many Americans do not know where they are or how they got there.

What Huntington has irrefutably shown is the Christian foundation of our nation that survives until today, and the visible attempt to dismantle that foundation continuing since about the year, 1965.

Deconstruction Via TV Network News – Goldberg.

The second book, which was not such a surprise, is Bernard Goldberg's *BIAS*², which is a documentation of the easily visible slant to the political left of TV Network News reporting. Goldberg, a winner of 7 Emmy Awards, spent almost 30 years with CBS News. His book is based on years' worth of conversations with figures at all management levels of CBS News. He also gives some interesting survey numbers to

support his insider view that the three major TV networks providing the nightly news are deliberately distorting that component of the news that concerns American cultural issues. Surprisingly, he does not believe that it is a conspiracy, at least down at the level of the nightly news analysts. They appear to just be ‘hired guns’.

Goldberg’s book is well summarized by his quote, ...

“And that’s why the media stars can so easily talk about “right-wing” Republicans and “right-wing” Christians and “right-wing” Miami Cubans and “right-wing” radio talk show hosts. But, the only time they utter the words “left-wing” is when they’re talking about an airplane.”

It seems apparent to this writer that the TV News Networks comprise a willing participant in Huntington’s deconstructionist coalition. And, I use the singular, rather than the plural, to describe the three. That’s because they all act the same. And, yet, Goldberg has his opinions about why that doesn’t define a conspiracy. But, one must ask why all three networks slant their reporting of our culture, unless they are, together, trying to change it.

My 6-page synopsis of Goldberg’s book is freely available in PDF format upon request.

Where This War Leads - Steyn.

There is a third book that frames the American cultural war in a broader geographic perspective. It is yet another surprise. It is Mark Steyn’s [America Alone, The End of the World as We Know It](#)³. His is an analytical book, as was Huntington’s. Steyn makes his points through the study of demography, the study of populations.

Steyn connects what is going on in the U.S., culturally, to what has already happened in Europe, demographically and politically. Why is this interesting? It’s because Western Europe was the cradle of modern civilization as we know it. And, it was formerly known as the Christian West.

Because America was founded by British Protestants, it has also been included in the list of nations labeled as the Christian West. So were Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Steyn shows that all of the nations of the Christian West are now Post-Christian, except the U.S. They have lost the Christian aspect of their national identities. Steyn says that the Post-Christian West has now committed cultural suicide. And, as we saw from Huntington, such is now the object of the American cultural war. The deconstructionist coalition wants the U.S. to become post-Christian and join the suicide pact. Of course they may not view it that way.

What Steyn also throws into the pot is that there is one more commonality between all the nations of the Post-Christian West. They are all Democratic-Socialist Welfare States. And, in Europe, these states are also on their way to national suicide, due to Islamic immigration. But, holds Steyn, not so the United States. Not due to Islamic immigration. But, is there another kind of immigration that the coalition might use to move the U.S. to a Democratic-Socialist Welfare State?

Steyn may not have been aware of a book published in 1964 that foresaw what Steyn now observes. And, 1964 is the time identified by Huntington as the start of the deconstructionist effort. That book was James Burnham’s [Suicide of the West](#)⁴. There is currently a 1985 printing available. My 7-page synopsis of Steyn is also freely available in PDF format.

Isn't it interesting that two out of the three books first synopsized found that American Christianity is what has kept the U.S. from being swept headlong to the deconstructionists' destination. And, two out of three point out what that destination is, of those forces attempting to drive it there. That destination is the graveyard of the Post-Christian West.

Commonalities among differing entities can be said to form a pattern. And, patterns are what we're looking for. By the perception of a pattern, behavior may be projected forward in time. It may be also projected backwards, looking for more confirmation.

Another Commonality: The Cognitive Elites – Herrnstein & Murray.

Both Huntington and Goldberg pointed to the so-called 'elites' as the key movers within the deconstructionist coalition. Goldberg characterized the left-wing TV News reporters as being among those journalists (including the print media) who think they are better than 'regular' people. (Hence the name, "elite".) They think they are smarter, more sophisticated, fairer, and more sensitive. He quotes media stars who admit things like that and like they are the ones "fighting the good fight." Such journalists, according to Goldberg, think they are doing the Lord's work, although I doubt one of them would phrase it that way.

What neither Huntington nor Goldberg referred to was the existence of a book that deals analytically with the 'cognitive elite' that came into existence in the 1950s. These are those college graduates who actually are considerably smarter than the average. That 1994 book was The Bell Curve, Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life⁵ by Herrnstein and Murray. The left-wing elites panned it, not because it dealt with elites, but because it deeply analyzed the relation between intelligence and social structure. The authors were attempting to get some insight into the nation's social problems from the 70's to the 90's, in relation to the intelligence of those causing the problems.

Herrnstein and Murray statistically analyzed the relation of intelligence to Poverty, Schooling, Unemployment, Family, Welfare, Parenting, Crime, and general Civility and Citizenship. They focused on Ethnic Inequalities in IQ. They paid particular attention to the Leveling of American Education, Affirmative Action in Higher Education, and Affirmative Action in the Workplace. And, guess what they found? Quoting from Chapter 21, ...

"... Certain tendencies seem strong enough to worry about:

- * An increasingly isolated cognitive elite.*
- * A merging of the cognitive elite with the affluent.*
- * A deteriorating quality of life for people at the bottom end of the cognitive ability distribution.*

Unchecked, these trends will lead the U.S. toward something resembling a caste society, with the underclass mired ever more firmly at the bottom and the cognitive elite ever more firmly anchored at the top, restructuring the rules of society so that it becomes harder and harder for them to lose. Among the other casualties of this process would be American civil society as we have known it. Like other apocalyptic visions, this one is pessimistic, perhaps too much so. On the other hand, there is much to be pessimistic about."

And, that was written 15 years ago. It's no wonder the deconstructionist elites panned this book in '94, because it predicts what we started observing in January, 2009. And, that is the results of elitist deconstruction of the American identity starting in 1965. And, 1965 was just 10 years or so after the creation of the modern cognitive elite class. What we seem to have, here, is one class not wanting the fact discovered that they are busy creating other under-classes. (or "unter-menschen", as the Germans would call it.) And, they are creating what Herrnstein and Murray call the highly centralized Democratic-Socialist Welfare "*custodial state*" to control these under-classes. A major component of what we see today is all about government control of its citizens.

What Elitists Actually Believe - Goldberg.

In describing the elitist TV News 'stars', Goldberg reports quite a few beliefs that they hold. His first observation is that the CBS News elitists only talk to themselves. That is, they only talk to people who think the same as they do. To quote Goldberg, "*They can easily go through life never meeting anybody who has a thought different from their own.*" That means that big-time journalism's elites are hopelessly out of touch with everyday Americans.

Goldberg says that these left-wing elitists all share the same opinions on the big social issues of our times. Examples are abortion, gun control, multi-culturalism and diversity, gay rights, immigration, bi-lingual education, feminism, the environment, and school prayer. This looks like a real mixed bag of cultural issues, with no common denominator. But, it is not. There is one context covering all these items, which we'll deal with, below. The problem is, according to Goldberg, that elitists start to believe that all civilized people think the same way they as they and their liberal friends do. That's why they don't simply disagree with conservatives. They see them as morally deficient.

The sophisticated media elites don't categorize their beliefs as liberal, but as simply the correct way to look at things. They classify themselves as 'middle of the road.' They classify anyone else who doesn't think like they do as 'on the fringe'. They believe that conservatives need warning labels, because they are out of the mainstream of reasonable thought.

Elitists also don't handle criticism well. often convert fact-based criticism into an attack upon their character. They react with a counter-attack, rather than by logical, intelligent discourse. Again, anyone who thinks the elitists are doing wrong must be a right-wing, conservative 'nut'. Since conservatives are out of the mainstream, they must be identified as conservatives, while liberals, as middle-of-the roaders, need no such label.

It is clear from Goldberg that elitism comes with a generous dose of hypocrisy. He characterizes their way of seeing things as a blindness. When we get to the Christian view of all this, we'll talk about such blindness, because the Bible defines it quite well as a psychological problem. (One of the latter books synopsisized actually deals with the liberal 'mind' as a psychological problem.) "Hypocrisy," of course, is a Greek Bible word, meaning being judgmental by assuming a certain character (like an actor).

How the Federal Government Got to Be Like It Is – DiLorenzo.

Introduction.

When I realized that I'm looking at a form of American government that is the opposite of that designed by the Founding Fathers, I wanted to find out how it got that way. I thought the Constitution was supposed to prevent such a change. And, so it was. But, the Supreme Court has not always been able to protect the Constitution. Not against a prolonged attack that has been continuing since 1861. And, it was the fabled Abraham Lincoln that made some radical changes in the form of the Executive Branch of the federal government that brought us to where we are, today. So says Professor Thomas J. DiLorenzo in his blockbuster book, The Real Lincoln⁶.

What the Civil War Was Really About.

Many of us have been taught that the Civil War was about slavery. DiLorenzo factually shows that was not the case. That is not true and never was. And, many of the other things we have been taught about Lincoln are not true. Only elite revisionist historians have attempted to make it true.

Why is it that generations of American citizenry have been taught untruths about Lincoln in their high school American History classes? It's because American history has been revised. And, that has happened since 1916. That was when the University of Chicago's Professor John Dewey published his book, Democracy in Education¹⁰, which started a radical change in the way citizens were taught in primary and secondary education. I will deal with this more in the section labeled The Christian View, below.

The true cause of the Civil War was that President Lincoln was going to radically change the form of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. That would result in the South being taxed a lot more than the North. It would result in the form and function of the federal government being opened to financial and political corruption. And, the Southern legislators wouldn't let Lincoln get away with it.

Eventually the Southern states seceded over this issue, from the voluntary Union they had entered, seventy years before. But, Lincoln came out with what has been categorized by historians as a "spectacular lie", that the States did not have the right to secede. It was the issue of States Rights over which the war was fought. And, States Rights lost. (We see, today, a resurgence of States Rights, in response to Washington's actions since January, 2009.)

Lincoln's Emancipation of the Slaves.

President Lincoln issued his famous Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, as a strictly military move. He was trying to foment a rebellion of the slaves in the South, so that Confederate soldiers would be pulled back from the front lines to protect the women and old folks who were left on the plantations. Emancipation for the blacks was not a move of compassion, because Lincoln had always been very clear that he was opposed to the political or social equality of the races.

Lincoln Accomplished What Alexander Hamilton Could Not.

What President Lincoln was attempting to do was what Alexander Hamilton had originally wanted for the form of the federal government. And, that was the British form, called "Mercantilism." That kind of government provided financial subsidies and monopolistic privilege for industrial 'special interests' and competitive protection for

those interests via special tax rules, such as tariffs on their types of products. The special interests so financially favored would return favors to the providing politicians. In other words, the federal subsidies were used to 'buy votes' or other political favors of a special class of voter.

This practice was then combined with government printing of paper money to finance the special-interest subsidy schemes. That way, the cost of those schemes could be more easily hidden from the voting public. This practice required small armies of intellectuals to confuse the public about the schemes' true effects, which were always monetary inflation and higher consumer prices. Does this sound familiar? Today, we see this as a rampant practice of the Congress. And, national politicians get elected by making such promises.

The Perfecting of the Hamilton/Lincoln Form of Government.

It took one hundred years for the government form that Hamilton wanted and Lincoln provided to be perfected. This 'perfection' was to create a method of perpetuation and expansion of the highly centralized governmental form by the creation of special classes whose votes could be bought for favors and for legislated preferential treatment. The first special class was that of so-called 'agriculture', from the 1870s on. This was the agrarian class that fed the country. Next would be labor in the 1920s, as represented by unions.

It took until 1964 to transform the descendents of the freed slaves into a usable minority class. That was accomplished through the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Right Act of 1965. But, there would be more minority classes added, as the years went on. There would be the so-called 'feminists' and 'gays'. And, there would be others. The search was on for groups whose 'group rights' could be defined in such a way as to attract their votes. The original Bill of Rights was about individual citizen's rights. The deconstructionists would create laws for group rights. That's how you harness the voting of special classes and minorities.

And, this is how we have gotten to where we are today, in terms of our form of government.

The Financial Effects on the Citizenry - Weiss.

Introduction - Painter.

Early on in the writing of this series, I read the book, The Ultimate Depression Survival Guide⁷ by Dr. Martin D. Weiss. But, it wasn't evident where it fit in this whole picture, until I had read DiLorenzo, about how the Executive Branch of the Federal Government got into its present form. Then, it became obvious that the Financial Crisis of 2008-20?? was but a logical consequence of what's happened to our government. As detailed above, once the U.S. departed from the Founding Fathers' original government form, government corruption was greatly enabled. That's because we now have a form of government that permits the 'buying' of votes from special classes of citizens, such as minorities. And, that is exactly what has caused the Financial Crisis.

According to Weiss, the U.S. Government created two monopolies that made previous ones look small by comparison. Their names are Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Early on, the government gave monopolistic control over mortgages to these companies, which generated the country's largest debt market. Then it sold the companies to private shareholders. In the 2000s, the government encouraged both

companies to compete with private mortgage lenders, whose borrowers were high-risk. These were the so-called subprime loans. And, political pressure from the Executive Branch was applied to lenders to fund these high-risk mortgages.

In reporting to their government regulator, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise, Fannie's and Freddie's capital was consistently overstated and risk understated. The companies' executives swore these things under oath. Their regulators likewise testified in Congress to the companies' solvencies. But, by any reasonable accounting standards, it wasn't so. Fannie and Freddie had been insolvent for quite a while. So, why all this deception? Fees and bonuses for the executives. \$90-Million for one, \$30.8-Million for another, as Weiss has unearthed these numbers. And, a rapid rise in stock prices for the investors.

The Details – Weiss.

The first warning was in August, 2007. Banks announced high losses in subprime, high-risk mortgages. Credit froze all over the world. The Federal Reserve and European Central Banks intervened, injecting unprecedented amounts of cash into the banks. The credit crunch subsided, only to return in early 2008, this time including a spreading range of those impacted..

The country's largest mortgage insurers accumulated mega-losses from defaulted loans. Municipal governments suffered failure of 1,000 auctions, trying to sell their bonds, causing borrowing costs to multiply for cities. Corporate junk bonds were abandoned, hedge funds got hit, and major financial firms accumulated ever increasing losses. So, again, the Fed intervened, arranging a buy-out of one of the largest investment banks, Bear Stearns, and then offering money to any major Wall Street firm that needed it. Again, the crisis subsided temporarily, according to Weiss.

Then, the day of reckoning for the Fed came in mid-September, 2008. Another Wall Street firm, Lehman Brothers, was falling. It was three times bigger than Bear Sterns. The Fed Chairman and the Secretary of the Treasury worked together that weekend, to figure out what to do. But, something was new, this time. There was a vocal minority in the U.S., objecting to the bailouts. And, they were being heard. So, the Fed listened and let Lehman Brothers go bankrupt.

And, all Hell broke loose.

Bank lending froze up all over the world. Foreign stock markets collapsed. Bonds fell. It looked like the world's financial system was ceasing to function. Now, the U.S. government was looking at a bailout for the entire system. Congress promptly passed and the President signed the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), good for \$700-Billion dollars. Additionally, the government nationalized Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. As of the writing of Weiss' book, the total of all the bailouts stood at \$8-Trillion ... and counting.

The Fundamentals – Weiss.

The grand total of \$dollars owed or committed to various debts in the U. S. is \$294-Trillion, according to Weiss' numbers. That amounts to 350% of our economy. In 1929 it was only 170% of the economy. Of the \$294-Trillion owed by government, companies, and citizens, \$182-Trillion is owed by banks. And, they don't have the money. Neither does the government, the companies, nor the citizens. (Remember, TARP is only \$700-Billion.) Up until the present crisis, the American personal savings rate has been the lowest of any industrialized nation. Companies are also running

cashless, on borrowed money. That's why they now go bankrupt so quickly. And, the only place government can get money is from us, the private citizens ... in taxes. If they try that, there will be another Revolution (The grassroots Tea Party movement would be a symptom of that.) Debt in this country is being liquidated the hard way, by bankruptcy. And, that, of course, leaves the investor (including old folks like me) holding the empty bag.

In mid-2008, the Federal Reserve reported that there was \$14.8-Trillion in U.S. mortgages, outstanding, according to Weiss. That was 40% greater than the entire national debt at that time. And, it was triple what it had been just 12 years earlier. That means that mortgages had been increasing at an average 10% annual rate for the previous 12 years. And, 10% is a pretty good growth rate. So, the mortgage business naturally attracted investors. The problem was that those mortgages were of substandard quality.

In September, 2008, the two largest lenders on earth were finally recognized to be completely bankrupt. The government injected \$200-Billion, trying to keep them alive. But, it was not enough to cover their \$5.2-Trillion in mortgages, \$1.5-Trillion in debts, and \$2-Trillion in derivatives (securities). So says Weiss.

In November, 2008, came the Treasury announcement of borrowing \$550-Billion in the 4th Quarter of the year. That meant the government would hog most of the available credit for itself, running up interest rates for everybody else. In order to keep from running up interest rates on mortgages and consumer loans, the Government started buying up its own Treasury Bonds with the money borrowed. Talk about financial stupidity. But, it later announced that it must quit doing that in late 2009. So, its early actions were just to buy time, not to fix the problem.

Financial Conclusion – Painter.

As in historical cases of speculative bubbles and consequent financial crises, this one was fed by corruption, fraud, and government cover-ups, as Weiss said. But, now we know why. DiLorenzo, Huntington, Steyn, and Weiss, taken all together, tell us why. So, what brings all these various factors together. There is yet another common context.

The Commonality – Huntington, Steyn, Goldberg, DiLorenzo, & Weiss.

It's amazing how these five books come together. No single one of them has the whole picture. But, Huntington, Steyn, Goldberg, DiLorenzo, and Weiss, when taken together, give us the sought-for common context uniting the elitists' beliefs. They allow the forming of an 'elitist theorem' by assembling its observed component effects. Given such a theorem, new effects may be quickly interpreted, and future effects may be predicted.

The so-called Mercantilist System of Government, rejected by the Founding Fathers, but implemented by Lincoln, is the form that allows for governmental 'buying' of votes, the printing of paper money, the running of deficits, inflation, and the selling of bonds, and federal personal income tax to pay for it all.

In order to institute such a system of government and keep it functioning, those politicos who use it for various purposes must keep getting elected. Or, at least, those who think like them must keep getting elected in Senate and House majorities. And, so, they must organize voting groups to whom they may make promises of support, and who, in return, will keep voting them into office. They must create groups whose

votes they can buy. They must put together a coalition of groups that may each be a voting minority, but, when taken together, form a voting majority. The Federal Government must be in the business of creating special interest groups. Usually these are various kinds of minorities, not necessarily racial.

Looking at the list of cultural issues on page-8, upon which elitists are united in belief, it is obvious that those issues are divisive. Those issues divide the electorate into groups, which can be dealt with, separately. One kind of promise can be made to one, and another kind of promise can be made to another group. Thus, promises of 'group rights' have greatly accelerated since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The Constitution's promise of individual rights has now been supplanted by new laws promising special rights to special groups.

To keep this kind of federal government functioning takes the efforts of government legislators, judges, and administrators, lawyers, educators, communication media personnel, financiers, and some key business personnel. And, all these must be of the elitist persuasion. They must hold those cultural issue beliefs listed on page-8. There is not a telephone book in which you can look them up. There is no Yellow Pages entry labeled "Elitists". They are not visible to the public as a group. Therefore, their existence as a group may be denied.

Elites, the Culture War, and Its Visibility Today - Painter

There are lots of smart people who do not think of themselves as forming an elite. They are the ones who subscribe to old-fashioned views like, 'Duty, Honor, Country.' They generally reflect the Christian roots of American culture. If they are professing Christians, then they are among the 84% of Americans who still are. They may not be church-going Christians, but they still are Christians, as Barna⁸ has discovered. (We'll add in Barna's key contribution to this emerging theorem in the next major section of this paper.)

Of course, there may be those among the elite who say they are Christian, but whose actions show exactly the opposite. They are wolves in sheep's clothing, to use an old phrase. Their Christianity is a camouflage. They do not attempt to rationalize the contradiction of that, at least not publicly. And, the non-Christian elite accept these pseudo-Christians because they are useful. These observations make sense in one particular context. And, that is a spiritual one. We will follow up on that in the 'Christian Track', below.

The war for America has entered a very visible phase. But, it has been an invisible, spiritual war since 1776. As shown by DiLorenzo, the present, oppressive form of the American Government can be traced back to the efforts of Alexander Hamilton to have an entirely different form of government from that successfully established by the other founding fathers. It wasn't until Abraham Lincoln that the form of government was radically changed into the beginnings of what we see now. Many subsequent Presidents, not all Democrat, continued enlarging this changed form of American government. But, the struggle was still submerged, out of sight of most American people. It is only in January, 2009 that the culture war came out boldly into the open, in this writer's opinion.

If The Elitists' Actions Seem Crazy to You, ... - Rossiter

That's because they are. So says psychiatrist, Lyle Rossiter, Jr., M.D., in his 2006 book, The Liberal Mind; The Psychological Causes of Political Madness⁹. He is a

forensic psychiatrist with forty years experience diagnosing and treating personality disorders. He makes a convincing case that the way active radical liberals think characterizes a transference neurosis. This book then answers the question left by Goldberg², which is why do liberal elitists think the way they do.

On his way to modeling the liberal mind, Dr. Rossiter does a gigantic service for the reader. He teaches the relationship between human psychology and social process. Starting from the psychological characterization of human nature, he derives the rule-based model of a competent society and its government. It is this model that agrees with what our Founding Fathers set up in 1776-1787. Rossiter shows how it is that the genius of the Founding Fathers provided a form of government compatible with the psychological nature of man.

Connecting the Dots – The First Major Conclusion – Painter.

It is now time to put together the picture painted altogether by the books of Huntington¹, Steyn³, Goldberg², DiLorenzo⁶, Herrnstein & Murray⁵, Burnham⁴, Weiss⁷ and Rossiter⁹. The picture that emerges is one of a country that is a long way down the road to becoming a Democratic-Socialist Welfare State. If or when the United States arrives at that destination, it will find that it is the last to join the Post-Christian West in its cultural suicide pact. However, what is also shown is that the United States is not yet post-Christian, unlike the European states. A large majority of the American people (84% in polls) still profess themselves to be Christian.

What is also in this picture is the fact that this American journey is now driven by a cultural war, which became widely visible in 1965. This has been a war of ideas, to convince Americans that they are no longer what they traditionally were. It has also been a war to further configure the U.S. Government so that it can control it's citizenry when the nation slides into its targeted configuration.

This is a one-sided war, in that most of the American people don't even know they are in it. And, the origins of this culture war go back to the 1861 Civil War. In fact, the seeds of this war were present at the 1776 founding of these United States as a voluntary union of sovereign States. However, since January, 2009, this war has come out of the shadows, into the open, and is now pushing beyond ideas to direct oppression of the citizenry, ... in the opinion of this writer.

Both Huntington and Goldberg showed that this war is being prosecuted by what Herrnstein & Murray labeled as a 'cognitive elite'. The war has been deliberately concealed from the American public since 1965 by a takeover of Television News by this elite. These elitists have infiltrated key institutions, such as all three branches of the federal government, academia, financial, legal, communication media, and global business, to name a few. However, the media expert, Goldberg has shown us how these media elite act, and the psychiatrist, Rossiter, has shown us how they think.

The surprise has been that both Huntington and Steyn showed that the key to blocking the attacks in this cultural war, and changing its outcome, is American Christianity. They didn't write their books to make that point. They just discovered it. And, the key to Christianity's effectiveness is their understanding of the big picture. The big picture in America and the big picture in the Bible. They need to understand what's really going on in the U.S. And, they need to understand how the U.S. in general, and themselves in particular fit into God's plan. And, God has such a plan. So, to the Bible, we now turn.

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW – UNDERSTANDING AMERICA’S HERITAGE.

The Truth About America’s Christian Founding.

Teaching American History – Dewey.

Because of the long-term attack upon American education, American History has not been well taught in the High Schools during the last forty years. And, even before that, history teachers were not well covering the religious aspect of America’s founding. So, today’s generations do not understand that America was founded as an experiment in Christian living. They do not understand that the Bible-literate American people of the 1600s viewed this country literally as God’s new ‘Promised Land’. And, being Bible-literate, the American people lived accordingly. Many of their kids learned to read, from the Bible. They also required their governments, be they State or Federal, to govern according to biblical principles.

The lack of teaching the Christian influence on American history may be traced back to the University of Chicago’s John Dewey. It was Dewey who exerted a profound influence on teaching, dating back to 1916. That was the date of his publication of Democracy and Education¹⁰. He it was who promoted changing the objective of education from educating citizens for individual participation in a Christian nation to education for a ‘wider social aim’.

To quote Dewey, “*One of the fundamental problems of education in and for a democratic society is set by the conflict of a nationalistic and a wider social aim*” (Chapter 7). Unfortunately, Dewey thought that he could define what was that wider social aim. Dewey was an elitist. His ‘wider social aim’ was what has ultimately transformed the Christian West into the nationally and culturally suicidal Post-Christian West. It is the Dewey educational agenda that has been accomplished in the 40-year attack on America from within.

Learning American History – Huntington.

America and the United States have not always been the same thing. America was founded first, as British colonies. One hundred fifty years later, the United States was formed from those British colonies, as a result of the Revolutionary War. But, America and its United States were always Christian. They were British Protestant Christian. They were originally what is disparagingly called today, “WASPs” (White, Anglo-Saxon Protestants). However, the nation’s black minority joined the ranks of American Protestantism just before the Civil War.

The truth of American history is that this country was founded and developed by English settlers as an experiment in Christian living. These English were of a particular brand of Protestantism that reflected the Post-Reformation British values of the early 1600s. However, when transplanted to America, this British Protestantism continued to develop in a way not duplicated in Europe. Its growth was figuratively ‘watered’ by not one but two ‘Great Awakenings’ in American Christianity. According to Huntington¹, it was the first Great Awakening that led to the American Revolution, while the second set the stage for the slaves to be freed during the Civil War. Thus, the Christian influence upon American government is historically indisputable.

The U.S. as a Product of Two Great Awakenings.

Anglo-Protestantism – Bernard.

America's Christianity came out of British Protestantism, by and large. And, that was the product of the Reformation of King Henry the Eighth. Although it has been held that Henry broke with Rome (the Pope) so that he could divorce Catherine of Aragon and marry Anne Boleyn, such was not the case according to a recent book by G.W. Bernard¹¹, a Professor at the University of Southampton, England. After extensive research in the original documents of the 1500s, Bernard holds that Henry's disagreement with Rome was based on sincerely held religious scruples. Henry saw himself as " ... *God's lieutenant, whose divinely ordained mission was to purify the church,*" quoting Bernard.

However, according to Bernard, Henry's Reformation did not go so far as Luther's, embracing salvation by faith (only). Rather, Henry just wanted to get rid of the Roman "superstitions" and "cults" of relics and shrines, so prevalent at the time. So, Henry was by no means a Protestant. However, more British reforms were made, following Henry.

In the late 1500s, Puritanism developed as a move to continue purifying the (Anglican) Church of England, which was the State Church. By 1600, Puritanism was essentially Protestantism as we know it today. However, Puritans were driven out of the Church of England, taking refuge in the Presbyterian Church, which had developed in Scotland, following the Reformation.

The First Great Awakening - Latourette.

So, the Puritans came to America, to set up an experiment in Protestant Christian living. Thus, Massachusetts' American Puritans were more Congregational than Anglican, which latter took root in Southern Virginia. Congregationalism was essentially the method used by the Presbyterians, by which churches governed themselves, without obedience to a higher church (denomination) governmental authority.

The Congregationalist belief in governing themselves, theologically, also was reflected in their belief about limiting a state's governmental power to regulate them. They believed that all that was required for church governance was man's obedience to God's laws as documented in the Bible. This particular set of beliefs was known as a covenant or federalist theology, according to *A History of Christianity*¹² by Latourette.

Although the 'experiment' started in Massachusetts in the early 1600s, by the early 1700s much of settled America was unchurched, according to Latourette. One reason for that was that New England Congregationalism required for church membership one thing additional to a profession of faith and baptism. It required that the member be able to testify to a 'born again' experience. That is, it required the member to be 'converted', and to be able to testify to the specific spiritual conversion experience. It required its members to be 'spiritual'. And, that requirement kept many of the unchurched away from Congregational churches.

This 'born again' requirement was based on Jesus' words in [John 3:3-3:8], wherein He said that unless a man be born of both water and Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ("water" refers to the natural birth in the flesh.) Later, it was Peter who told us that this spiritual 'rebirth' may be accomplished through (Gk.- *dia* -by way of) the living Word (Gk.- *logos*), that is, the Bible. And, that the Bible's gospel is

gotten to the person needing to be born again by preaching, using the ‘uttered’ words (Gk.- *rhema*) of Jesus [1 Pet. 1:23-25]. That is, it is ‘spiritual’ (convicting) preaching by which a person may be brought to a ‘rebirth’ experience.

Latourette says that it was understood by Congregationalists that the alternative to being ‘born again’ into the eternal spiritual life was being eternally spiritually lost. This was counter to the balance of American Christianity, which was from the Calvinist Reformed churches that believed in ‘election’. ‘Electionists’ believed that some would be saved and some would not, and that God had already made that determination.

Calvinism was a works-based faith, that required as proof of election an adherence to correct doctrine, a worthy life, and faithful attendance on the sacraments (communion, etc.). Congregationalism, on the other hand, subtracted from Calvinism a faithful attendance on the sacraments, and added an experience of salvation. That is, to belong to a Congregationalist church required that the believer be able to articulate the specific experience that had ‘brought him to Jesus’, as we would say, today.

The Spiritual Aspects of the First Great Awakening – Latourette.

A spiritual Christian looks for evidences of God’s actions in earthly life. The Great Awakening was such an unmistakable sign. It started with an American preacher in a Dutch Reformed church in New Jersey in the 1720s. It spread to a nearby Presbyterian church in 1734-35, then to Massachusetts. Then, in 1738-1741 came the recent graduate of Oxford and friend of the Wesley brothers, George Whitefield. He had a voice that could reach thousands in the open air. And, in the open air he preached, being denied access to many local churches. He started in Georgia and then preached up and down the Eastern Seaboard. It is said that thirty thousand heard him preach on the Boston Common (without electronic amplification).

One characteristic of these preachers was that their preaching was deeply convicting to the hearers. Conversions began taking place on the spot. Hundreds of conversions. Thousands of conversions. Latourette reports that Whitefield moved even the intensely practical and religiously unorthodox Benjamin Franklin.

The Great Awakening spread through the Colonies, mostly through Presbyterian and Congregationalist churches. After 1750, the Baptists got in on it, starting their period of rapid growth.

By 1750, the Great Awakening was changing the character of British Protestantism into American Protestantism. The governmentally preferred status of certain denominational churches in particular colonies was being weakened. As Latourette says, the separation of Church and state was being foreshadowed. And, this emerging American Protestantism was becoming much less passive than it had been in the Old World. It was becoming more activist, promoting more independence of thought on matters not just confined to the Church. It was leading believers to think for themselves. And, that was because it was attempting to build in the here and now an ideal Christian society.

By 1750, the clergy in New England were preaching the rights that came from nature and nature’s God, the theory that all men are born free, the duty of resistance to encroachments on those rights, and the people’s element in government. This radicalized Protestantism predominated in the churches in the Thirteen Colonies. In

seeking to carry through the distinctive principles of the Reformation, it permeated the democracy which characterized the soon to emerge United States of America. So says Latourette.

Although Latourette did not pursue the American Revolution, per se, in his book, Huntington¹ did. He said that the religious upheaval of the Great Awakening laid the basis for the political upheaval that immediately followed. He quotes a Harvard scholar as saying that it was the 'evangelical impulse' that formed the basis of a fervent American nationalism. Huntington also says that substantial proportions of Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and Baptists, involving close to half of the American people, entertained 'millennial ideas.' That is, they were motivated by the idea of a perfect Christian government. And, he says, these 'millennialist' denominations were those that most solidly backed the American Revolution.

The Second Great Awakening in Rural Camp Meetings - Eerdman's.

Huntington held that America's Second Great Awakening from 1800 to the 1840s was like a 'second American revolution'. He meant this in the sense that it generated a mighty influence toward both social and political reform. It manifested in the formation of societies to advance the causes of temperance, Sunday Schools, diet, education, peace, prisons, anti-tobacco, anti-prostitution, and Negro colonization in Africa. This latter was to solve the American Negro 'problem'. Huntington also stated that *"The most important child of the Awakening, however, was the abolitionist movement, which in the early 1830s took on new life, placed the slavery issue squarely on the national agenda, and for the next quarter century aroused and mobilized people in the cause of emancipation."*

There is a book that covers the Second Great Awakening in many pages of extensive detail. It is Eerdmans' Handbook to Christianity in America¹³. It shows that the Second Great Awakening manifested in two different ways and in two different venues. One was in rural areas, while the other was in villages, towns, and cities.

So-called Camp Meetings were the Southern rural equivalent of what happened under the leadership of Charles Finney in the Northern villages, towns, and cities. There were a couple of differences. First, Southern converts immediately attributed their Christian conversion experience to God and not to some revival technique employed by the preachers. And, the Southern preachers testified that what was happening was a Pentecost-like visitation of the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, the Northern revival was predominantly focused on getting people saved and then enrolled in the Congregational or Presbyterian churches which were all Calvinistic. In the South, the revivals were multi-denominational, being shared by Presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists. The preachers worked together as teams. Denominationalism was not a factor.

The reason people camped out was that they came prepared to wait until God moved upon them. So, they camped out in wagons, tents, and other temporary shelters. In the North, revivals were held in extended evening meetings in churches or tents. But, people went home after the services.

The Camp Meetings started on the frontier in Kentucky in 1800. Then, they swept through Tennessee and back to the Eastern Seaboard. Huge crowds of rurals came, sometimes estimated as high as twenty-five thousand people. In 1805, Presbyterians and Baptists started pulling back because they thought the meetings

too 'emotional'. That left the meetings as a Methodist institution. Gradually they calmed down and became an accepted part of Southern American religious life. They spread throughout the South and across the Midwest. They were held in permanent locations with wooden stands and cabins, becoming a part of the folk religious culture.

Oh yes, and there was one more thing the Camp Meetings did. They converted the slaves to Christianity.

The Second Great Awakening in Villages and Towns – Eerdmans.

This Second Great Awakening is generally associated with the name of Charles G. Finney, the lawyer turned preacher. It was he who was the creator of the highly successful 'revival technique', which he called "New Measures." Jonathan Edwards said of the First Great Awakening that it was a surprising work of God, the inexplicable outpouring of God's spirit. Contrastingly, Finney said of the Second Great Awakening that "*A revival is not a miracle, or dependent on a miracle in any sense. It is a purely philosophic result of the right use of the constituted means.*"

Finney's revival technique comprised protracted multi-nightly meetings in churches or tents, primarily in towns and cities, for the purpose of evangelism, the bringing of the 'lost' to Christ. Finney's 'new measures' included exhortations by women and "the anxious bench", to which seekers were invited for counsel and prayer and forthright publicity. These meetings were characterized by speech that was tough, direct, popular, and inescapably premised on the free will of the individual. Eerdmans' credits Finney with being the creator of modern high-pressure revivalism.

Eerdmans' notes that by 1840 an activist style of religious leadership had come to the fore in American Protestant Christianity. No longer would revivalism be father figures but, rather, agents of popular will. This prompted France's Alexis de Tocqueville, in his second visit to study democracy in America, to remark about its religious venues that "*Where I expect to find a priest, I find a politician.*" What he meant was that instead of Christian spirituality he found something more like political persuasion.

Abolitionism, as a Product of the Second Great Awakening – Eerdmans.

The U.S., in the period from 1800 through 1860, became known as the "Benevolent Empire," due to all the reform and benevolence movements spawned by the Second Great Awakening. It was the emporium of Congregationalists and Presbyterians. That is, it was in the northeastern (Yankee) part of the U.S., the section characterized by tradition and homogeneity, which was considerably out of step with an America that was increasingly diverse in worship.

Eerdmans states that this "Benevolent Empire" never enjoyed the success of its English counterparts, because slavery in America would not vanish through moral persuasion and because the sprawling democracy of America refused to be homogenized, especially under Yankee direction.

Two of the names best known as exemplifying this empire were those of the Tappan brothers, Arthur and Lewis. They were rich industrialists, born and raised in Massachusetts. Their mother was a stalwart follower of Jonathan Edwards, from the First Great Awakening. The brothers were the principal financial supporters of Charles Finney, during his 50+years of ministry. That included keeping Oberlin College afloat financially when it became a hotbed of abolitionist activity. Finney was at Oberlin College for forty years, becoming its President.

The Tappan brothers were Christians, but not what we would term 'spiritual' in the sense that Saint Paul defines it [1 Cor. 12:1-12], and as their mother was. Rather, according to Eerdmans, the Finney brothers' faith was almost totally absent of any heartfelt sense of contrition or appreciation of the beauty and majesty of God. For the brothers, the Calvinist deity had died, to be replaced by one concerned with the happiness of mankind, the growth of the visible Church, the extinction of heresy, and the establishment of a moral order which reflected the ethics, but not the theology, of Calvinism.

What we see now is that abolitionism was related to the Second Great Awakening through the revivalism of Finney and the principal financial support of two non-spiritual Protestant industrialists. Abolitionism was, in fact, a Yankee product of the towns and cities of the Northeast. It was basically Presbyterian and Congregationalist. And, it did not interface with that other side of the Second Great Awakening, which was the spiritual Camp Meeting experience of the rural Baptists and Methodists. It was in the South that the Second Great Awakening would have an unexpected but profound effect.

American Negro Protestant Christianity.

The Christianization of the Negro in the South - Matthews.

As I realized how it was that the American slaves were actually set free, as almost an incidental product of the Civil War, I began wondering in a spiritual sense about why that occurred,. That is, slavery was not what started the war. Rather, the cause of the war was the changes Lincoln wanted to make to the form of government. And Lincoln always stood against the political or social equality of the races. The Emancipation Declaration was but a tactical military move, trying to foment a rebellion of the slaves. So, the freeing of the slaves started to look to me to be a sovereign act of God. "Why", I asked.

And, then, it came to me. It was because the Negroes had become Christian. They had joined God's family. And, so, God was going to take care of them as His children. And, it was as Jesus had said, " ... *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" [John 8:31-32).

The Negroes had gotten into Jesus' Word relatively recently before the Civil War. As a result of the Second Great Awakening and the South's embracing of Evangelicalism, a great effort was mounted to Christianize the slaves. No matter the reasons for their evangelization, they were getting into the Bible and being converted. Although Eerdmans' covers this, I will work from Matthews' Wake Forest Lectures for the course, Religion-166¹⁴.

Matthews shows that starting in about 1830, and running until 1860 and the Civil War, Southern plantation owners put in great effort to evangelize and convert the slaves. Some of these slave-owners saw this 'mission' as "*an unfolding of God's divine plan.*" Other owners just wanted to make the slaves more dutiful and servile. So, Southern motives were mixed on the evangelization. But, either way, the slaves were brought to Christ.

As Matthews says:

"Long before their contact with whites, Africans were a strongly religious, and deeply spiritual people." So, they took to Christianity, easily. "*The African*

beliefs in one Supreme Being, in a realistic distinction between good and evil, in lesser spiritual powers, and in creation as the handiwork of God, paralleled much in the Hebraic background of Christianity. These similarities lessened the cultural shock as the African came into contact with the tenets of White Evangelicalism.”

Again, quoting Matthews ...

“What is clear is that African-Americans were fairly quick to adopt the prevailing evangelical culture. Denominations such as the Episcopalians and Presbyterians which stressed order did not attract the slaves. Most African-Americans instead gravitated to the emotionalism of the Methodists and Baptists. Indeed, in a number of ways the religion of the South's black population shared much more in common with the Evangelical Protestantism of the region's whites than it diverged from it. After all, it was the evangelicals among Southern whites who were motivated to bring the slaves to the Christians faith. These evangelicals imparted to the black church many of their forms and practices. ...

But blacks also bequeathed something back to the evangelical tradition. There is fair body of evidence that suggests some whites copied certain practices of black worshippers. Shouting in worship, for example, was one such borrowing. Many blacks looked down on whites who shouted in worship being poor copies of themselves, or in the parlance of our day, as "wannabe's." The call and response pattern also appears to be derived from the African heritage.”

So, here we have it. The slaves were brought to Christ through the venue of white (formerly British) Protestantism, as a result of the Second Great Awakening. And, that awakening was God's gift to both white and black. It unified His people of both races, in a theological sense. They might be a minority, racially, but they were no longer a minority, theologically. However, they were still a suppressed people, politically.

The Cost of Christian Negro Liberty - Painter

“When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness ... “ From the Declaration of Independence.

As a consequence of the First Great Awakening, the Founding Fathers set up the form of the U.S. government, basing it on the idea of *liberty*. The English word, *liberty*, means personal freedom, having the authority to do as one pleases and not being subject to physical restraint or arbitrary or despotic control of one's life.

Liberty was the King James English word used to translate the passage in [Luke 4:18], where Jesus described His ministry to His home synagogue. He said He had come to set at *liberty* them that are bruised (meaning crushed). The Greek Bible word for *liberty* is *thrauo*. That same word is used in Jesus' description just prior to *liberty*. There it is to preach *deliverance* to the captives. It is also translated as

remission (of sins) in [Heb. 9:22], which is about the Israelite High Priest needing to make a special sacrifice annually to obtain remission of the people's sins. There, it said that there is no *remission* (*thrauo*) without the shedding of blood. So, it could just as easily have been translated as saying there is no *liberty* without the shedding of blood. And, this is, in fact, what happened in obtaining liberty for the South's newly Christianized Negro slaves.

Creating Politically Useful Special Classes - Painter.

The emancipated Southern Negro population may have been Christianized and physically freed, but at that time they were in no way granted the full rights of citizenship in the Protestant United States. It would take 100 years for that to happen. And, it would happen only because of the elitist scheme to control the U.S. government and its people by the creation and perpetuation of special classes whose votes could be 'bought' via Huntington's 'group rights'.

It was the genius of the left-wing elitists of the 20th Century to see that the mercantilist form of government implemented by Lincoln could be applied to the special interests of a minority to 'buy' their votes. The first such special interest political minority created was that of 'agriculture'. The next was 'labor'. These were done by making promises of special treatment to farmers and then to labor unions. These special interests obtained many government-granted 'group rights' from the 1870s to the 1950s. In return, the votes of farmers and union members were pretty much secured for that political party catering to the special interests, the Democratic Party.

Then, after the Second World War, another special interest political class was created. It was the U.S.'s Negro minority. Here was a minority whose individual members had been denied the basic rights of citizenship, meaning rights to vote and rights to equal opportunity in jobs and in education. So, the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act of 1964 and 1965 were passed. This pretty much secured the votes of the Negro minority group for the Democratic Party.

Today, we see ongoing efforts to create other special interest political minorities, such as the homosexuals. They have now been given the attractive propagandistic name of 'gays'. Efforts are now under way to secure for them some special group rights. There seems to be no end to the elitist inventiveness in defining 'minorities' and creating special group rights for them.

But, the biggest new special class being created now by the government is the Latino immigrant minority, especially the illegals. Huntington reports that legal Mexican immigration between 1970 and 2000 was 4,545,000. He also reports that the Pew Hispanic Center estimates that between 35% and 45% of all Hispanic immigrants are in the country illegally. Taking 40% as the average, that means that there are roughly 3-Million illegals out there. If the government legalizes them, they may contribute a sizeable voting bloc to those who have so bought their votes. Guess who that will be.

However, this new minority brings with it another benefit for the elitists who would divide the American people. And, that is creating a sizeable special class who do not have to be traditionally Americanized by learning the English language. Already, we see everywhere in the Southwest the provisions for those who do not and may never speak English. And, what language benefits from that special group right? Spanish. So, we see that the American people are being divided up into racial,

language, sexual, and labor special classes to whom governmental promises may be made, in order to 'buy' their votes. And these votes are to sustain in power the elitists who would seize the country for themselves.

God's Plan for America – Seen From This End of History - Painter.

The Prophetic Spiritual View.

The people who settled America thought that God had deliberately sent them to a new 'Promised Land' (referring to Abraham leaving his birthplace and resettling on God's promise – [Heb. 11:9], [Gen. 12:1-2]). But, today, Huntington's elite deconstructionist coalition wishes to convince Americans that Christianity didn't play such a big part, originally. Or, failing that, Americans need to be convinced that Christianity has no role in government, today.

It turns out that there is Bible support for the idea that America was the 'Promised Land' for the very end-times, before the second coming of Jesus. It is in the writings of Bible prophets. Being prophecy, it may be foolishness to elitists [1 Cor. 2:14]. But, it may be useful to modern, spiritual Christians who are prophetically gifted [Rom. 12:6]. And, so, I will include it here, for those who may benefit from it.

Those who study the Bible a lot have noticed that God uses number to symbolically encode the Bible. That is, a lot of things in the Bible that are associated with a particular number turn out to share the same context. God sets these numbers out, sort of like flags in the desert, so someone can follow a particular topical trail. For instance, the number, 17, holds a particular significance. E.W. Bullinger, in his Number in Scripture¹⁵, characterizes 17 as pointing at the 'perfection of spiritual order'. Ed. F. Vallow, in his Biblical Mathematics¹⁶, characterizes 17 as pointing at 'victory'.

This prophetic and symbolic support for America as the end-times 'Promised Land' is in the combination of [Ezk. 17], [Mat. 17], [Isa. 17], and, as a late addition, [1 Sam. 17]. And, it starts with two eagles.

The 'Seventeens'.

In Ezekiel 17, we see God putting forth a parable and riddle to the House of Israel. Now, how does this apply to American Christians? It's because many prophecies about Israel have been fulfilled repeatedly, first physically with Israel, and then later either physically or spiritually in Christianity. This prophecy was for God's people, who had been taken captive by the government of an alien nation, Babylon.

In our very end-times, Christianity is taken captive by 'Babylon', along with the whole rest of the Earth, as described in [Rev. 17]. Its government consists of the Antichrist and his False Prophet, the latter's job being to govern the churches (those that are still visible). In the third major section of this paper, below, we will take a tour of the Book of Revelation, to really look at the spiritual side of this. For now, let's just look at the four '17s' of Ezekiel, Matthew, Isaiah, and 1 Samuel.

The First Part of God's Plan - The Two Eagles.

The eagle is the national symbol of the United States. It was also the national symbol of the Holy Roman Empire, which was the Christian West from 800 to 1800. That was also known as the German First Reich. It was the empire whose state religion was Roman Catholicism. The Protestant Reformation was to free Western

European Christianity from that state church (which is why the Founding Fathers rejected the idea of a state church).

The first eagle of [Ezk. 17:3] may be taken as God, working through that nominal member of the Holy Roman Empire, Britain, which in the early 1600s sent British Protestants to settle America. I don't mean to identify the British government with the eagle, but rather, the British people, themselves. God worked through those in the corporate Body of Christ [1 Cor. 12:27], the Church.

The first eagle then took some fruit-bearing seed of this new land and planted it in a flat and spread out place, having abundant water. He set this seed as a willow and it grew into a low spreading vine. The vine's branches turned toward the eagle and its roots were under him.

The spiritual picture is that of America's seed that grows with plenty of water, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit [Mark 1:8]. The low vine is symbolic of Jesus, whose branches are Christian [John 15:5]. Specifically, this vine comprises Jesus' corporate Church. The vine spread all over the eastern seaboard of America. The vine became fruitful in terms of evangelization and salvation. Lots of water showed up in the early 18th Century, with the First Great Awakening of Edwards, Whitefield, and Wesley.

After all this had happened (up to 1776), the second eagle of [Ezk. 17:7] appears. This is again God, working through His American Protestant Church, about to be an independent, sovereign nation. The vine, Jesus' Body of Christ, that had been so fruitful bends its roots around toward this second eagle, and put its branches out toward him, that God might water it where it was planted. And, water it He did, sending the Second Great Awakening with its camp meetings, in the mid-1800s. And, that would bring the Negro slaves into God's family.

The Second Part of God's Plan - The East Wind.

Now, however, in [Ezk. 17:9] God asks whether this newly planted Church shall prosper, or shall it be plucked out by the roots, or shall it wither? Then, He answers His own question, by saying that it shall wither, even though it was not plucked out by its roots by a great power or people. Rather, its new shoots shall wither while yet in early development. They shall wither when touched by the east wind.

We remember that the Second Great Awakening watered God's people and resulted in the conversion of the Negro people of the South, following which was the Civil War. That did not tear up the Church. But, what followed withered it, symbolized by an east wind. What followed the Civil War that could wither the Church, likened to and east wind out of Babylon? And, for us it's Revelation's Babylon that applies, here. And, what is wrong with Revelation's Babylon? It's the government, that's what. The government of Antichrist and False Prophet. And, where did that government get its start? In the Civil War, that's where.

God then explains in [Ezk. 17:12-21]. It is a Church whose leaders have made a covenant with 'Babylon' that has captured them, so that the Church may be debased, but still survive. Later, the leaders rebel against 'Babylon' and seek help from 'Egypt'. The context of both is economic. God says that won't work because when the Church made the covenant, that made God a part of it. Therefore, rebellion against 'Babylon' is rebellion against God. So, that Church shall perish so that they will know that God spoke it.

The Third Part of God's Plan – God's Restoration of the Church.

After His explanation, God reveals His plan for the Church in [Ezk. 17:22-24]. He is now taking action Himself, not as either of the eagles. He will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar tree and crop off a tender shoot and plant it on a high and eminent mountain. And, it shall grow and bear fruit. Then, all the trees of the field shall know that it is the Lord who has brought down the high tree, exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree, and made the dry tree to flourish.

In the context of the American Church, this means that after it withers from the east wind, God is going to restart it, this time on a high and imminent mountain. And, it's going to be obvious to all that it is God who has done it, not man. And, the Church has to be restarted (restored) before the second coming of Jesus [Mat. 17:11]. The spiritual meaning of the Church being restarted on a high and imminent mountain is given by the second of the four scriptures, which is Matthew 17, all of it.

In this New Testament chapter, Jesus is seen transfigured on a high mountain with Moses and Elijah. Symbolically, Moses represents the governance of the New Testament Church, being that of the apostolic. Elijah represents the prophetic. Jesus is being glorified and revealed as the Son of God, as He meets with those symbolizing the governance and prophetic of His Church. This is a parallel to what happened in the Old Testament at the time of restoration of God's destroyed Temple.

It's far too much detail to give here, so I'll just give the bottom line, which is that the very end-times restoration of the Church is in the hands of Jesus, appearing (Gk. *-phaneroo*) in corporate form through His end-times body, the manifested sons of God [Rom. 8:19], [1 John 3:2]. That shall include the corporate forms of 'Elijah' and 'Moses,' being the end-times prophets and apostles. For more detail, two book-length manuscripts in PDF format are freely available upon request^{17,18}.

More Support for the Interpretation.

In Isaiah 17, the third of the four '17s', is the idea that in the Great Tribulation of the very end-times there will be left only an uppermost branch and a gleaning of fruit, and that only because of the people of God. People who have forgotten the God of their salvation and the Rock of their strength shall look for their Maker and see Jesus. But, the churches will be desolate and the people will cease looking at altars, the works of their hands, and idols.

This is the Day of the Lord, when God shall vent His wrath on Babylon, the country of bondage of the Church. It is the time when Lucifer is confined to the Earth, to weaken the nations [Isa. 14:12]. This is when the Church shall be made thin and lean, when the harvest shall be poor. And yet there shall be left grapes for gleanings, as in the uppermost bough and outermost fruitful branches. They shall plant pleasant plants and strange seedlings, but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow. It is the day of woe [Rev. 8:13] of noisy peoples and rushing nations. This is the portion of them that spoil and rob the Church.

This scripture just reminds us that the overall context of the whole set of '17s' is the Great Tribulation, the Day of the Lord. And, it confirms that when the people seek God because of the ongoing desolation, they shall see Jesus, high and lifted up [Isa. 6:1].

A Late Addition – David and Goliath.

In August, 2010, this writer discovered that there is yet another '17' that applies to this story. It is [1 Sam. 17], and it is the story of David and Goliath. How this writer came upon this particular scripture is an interesting story in itself, but is not in the immediate context of the present paper, so it will not be told, here.

From other writings on the Christian side, it turns out that David is an Old Testament type, pointing at the transition that must take place in the Christian Church, in order to prepare it for Jesus' second coming [Mat. 17:10-11]. That transition is the restoration to the Church of the prophetic and the apostolic, which have been formally missing since about 250 A.D. Part of that restoration is to be the restoration of the Tabernacle of David [Acts 15:16], [Amos 9:11]. And, it was the Tabernacle of David that was the transition between the original 'house of God', being the Tabernacle of Moses, and the final Israelite 'house of God', which was Solomon's Temple.

David, of course, started as a shepherd, which is a picture of the Christian pastor, as leader of a 'flock'. Goliath, as champion of the Philistines, had confronted Israel, when their two armies were opposed. He challenged Israel to send out its champion, to decide the issue between the two peoples. Referring to Goliath, David questioned, "*Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?*" [1 Sam. 17:26]. The Philistines, under their five lords, had been the historical opposition of Israel since the earliest days. In the flesh, it still is.

David had to persuade Israel's King Saul to let the youth confront the giant. David testified to his prowess, in having killed both a lion and a bear that tried to terrorize his flock [1 Sam. 17:34]. It is at this point that prophetic connections start to show up, pointing at America. The lion is England's symbol. The bear is Russia's. And, America has 'killed' both, in terms of their threat to the American Christian 'flock'.

Saul tried to arm David with his own helmet, sword, and mail coat, but David rejected them, because he'd never used such, before. So, he equipped himself with his own sling and five smooth stones, taken from the brook [1 Sam. 17:40].

David then confronted Goliath, and stated what the Lord was about to do to him, through David. He states that victory doesn't require swords and shields and spears, but only the Name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies whom Goliath has defied. He says the battle is the Lord's, so that everyone will know that God doesn't save with sword and spear [1 Sam. 17:45-47]. David then slung one of the five stones straight into Goliath's forehead, putting him down. Then, with the enemy's own sword, David cut off Goliath's head.

The interpretation of this passage as a type, applying to the United States, is as follows.

The Philistines represent the forces historically opposed to Christianity in America. Their 'strong man' is represented by Goliath. Israel, of course, is a biblical type for Christianity in America. Its 'strong man' in [1 Sam. 17] is represented by a youth, David. He is something new, a defender of the faith who does not use the traditional weapons. Rather, he uses a high velocity 'missile' to the forehead of the enemy strong man. The forehead represents the understanding. The missile is one of five smooth stones the defender of the faith has taken from the brook. The stones have been smoothed by hundreds of years of being washed with water, which represents

the Holy Spirit [John 4:13], [Acts 1:5]. They represent the five-fold ministries of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher [Eph. 4:11]. And, David used only one of them.

In writings, elsewhere, I have shown that David is one of six scriptural types for the transition between prophetic and apostolic, in the required restoration of the Church, before Jesus may physically return [Mat. 17:11]. In [1 Sam. 17] we see more details about that transition.

The Bottom Line.

There are three major visions, common to the four scriptures. These must be assembled, to see the whole message.

First is the American Church, originally planted and watered in a fruitful field, but then withered and transplanted to a high mountain [Ezk. 17]. The withering is because of the behavior of the governance of God's people in our spiritual Babylonian captivity. The transplanting is out of mercy for His people. Next is Jesus, glorified on a high mountain, in the symbolic presence of the Church governance and prophetic [Mat. 17]. Then is God's people lifting their eyes from their idolistic altars and works and seeing Jesus in the Day of the Lord, the Great Tribulation [Isa. 17]. Finally, are details about the transition in the restoration of the Church, from [1 Sam. 17].

What is common to these visions is the idea of Jesus as the One who restores the Church, together with its governance and its prophetic. It will be seen as the end-times rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David [Isa. 16:5], [Amos 9:11], [Acts 15:16]. It is the time of the Great Tribulation, and the Church is in desolation. But, Jesus will be seen. Because of my previous study of this, I must interpret Jesus' being seen as His corporate *phaneroo* appearance as manifested sons of God [1 John 2:28;3:2].

Because of the two eagles, I must interpret that it is the United States that is being talked about, where a branch was first planted and then watered. But, because of the behavior of the churches' governance in captivity, it withered. So, God will transplant it to a high and imminent place. Then, the people will know that it is God, and only God, who is doing it.

As with two of the companion manuscripts^{17,18}, this interpretation is highly spiritual. By that I mean that it takes a lot of 'seeing' to understand what it is saying about the corporate Church of the very end-times. So, it is for those who by gifting can see into this that it is written.

What the Elites Don't Know – Barna.

According to Goldberg², an elitist thinks that he/she knows best what is needed by lesser folk. An elitist thinks that his/her views are the only reasonable, rational views on cultural matters. All disagreement comes from "*those right-wing kooks*". But, on the other hand, as documented by Huntington¹, most elitists are very out of touch with most of the American people. And, 'most' (84%) of the American people still claim to be Christian. So, the elitists are completely out of touch with American Christianity. The people that elitists are in touch with are other elitists, people like themselves. And, they are relatively few, compared to 84% of the American population.

Practicing elitists, those in TV News, Government, and Academia, for instance, are against traditional Americanism, and have been trying to change it since 1965. Because traditional Americanism includes Christianity, these elitists don't really have a clue about where the 84% of Americans who claim to be Christian are, today. And,

they don't know where they are going. So, they are unfamiliar with that premier Christian statistician, George Barna⁸. Elitists may be aware that starting in 2009 there are visible signs of 'revolution' in the air, but an invisible Revolution started in about the year, 2,000. It is spiritual, and it is Christian.

Barna holds that there is a revolution in spiritual American Christianity right now. By spiritual Christianity is meant among those Christians who exhibit some evidence that the Holy Spirit is working in their lives. These are differentiated from those activities that are nominal, like mere membership in a church. And, he considers this happening to be as revolutionary as those two spiritual Great Awakenings of the 18th and 19th Centuries that were peculiarly American.

What this revolution is about is Christians seeking out a fellowship venue that focuses upon and enables the believer's personal relationship with God. As they seek and find such (small) fellowships, they are abandoning the 'one-size-fits-all' congregations. This revolution is about the decline of the standard congregational form of fellowship, and its replacement by something else that is much more spiritually fulfilling.

So, this revolution is different from the previous, the current one being Restoration of the Church, rather than the previous revivals of the churches. Although Barna does not pinpoint the exact beginning date of this revolution, he says that the first visible impact of it was the national election of 2004. And, he says that there are now roughly 20-Million Christians in this new movement. He predicts that by the year, 2025, there will be 100-Million 'Revolutionaries'. The interesting thing about this one is that it is not organized as a movement. The revolutionaries don't even know that they comprise a movement. And, so, the movement, itself, remains invisible. Except for Barna, of course.

In my opinion, the previous Awakenings were to accomplish two elements of God's Plan for the end-times, being the creation of a government for His People, independent of The Holy Roman Empire, and the Christianization of those who would join His People, being the American Negro. The current revolution, though, is the part of God's Plan to prepare His People for the governmental oppression of the Bible's Great Tribulation. It is to restore a Church through which the Holy Spirit can work effectively. One way to look at this is that it is to write the Second Book of Acts.

According to Barna, these ministries outside the organized churches are poorly structured, inadequately led, lacking a larger strategic framework, with no incremental plan ... humanly speaking. And, they are almost impossible to characterize or market. Although they are each narrowly focused, they lack a focal point and are virtually invisible. This means two things to me. First, they are God-driven. Second, they are exactly what is needed in a time of persecution of Christians, as is the Great Tribulation.

I believe that what we are seeing in this 'revolution' is God's restructuring of the Church from its Denominational (and non-denominational) form into a form appropriate to the Great Tribulation. I think that what we are seeing is the implementation of the end-times Plan that only God could think up and make happen. I think what Barna is predicting is the Twelfth Chapter of the Book of Revelation. And, that, as described in [Rev. 12:5], is the birth of the Man-child, who will mature as the *phaneroo* appearance of Jesus. And, that will be in His Great Tribulation Church of [Rev. 14], prior to His *parousia* Second Coming [1 John 2:28].

God's Ongoing Restoration of the American Church.

Comes now another Christian book, which may be viewed as complementary to Barna's⁸. It is Walking With God, by John Eldredge¹⁹. As Barna described what God is doing to the Church, corporately, so Eldredge describes what God is at the same time doing to Christians, individually. It may well be that these comprise a macro and a micro view of the same current restoration of the Church.

Eldredge's book matter of factly describes one year out of his life where he not only learned how to talk to God, but how to hear His replies, ... in English. It is a process Eldredge calls conversational intimacy with God. It is a process to which not many Christians admit, although many practice. It is a process necessary for a Christian to perform a task God wants performed, when He wants it performed, in a particular circumstance. And, with God, it turns out, time is of the essence.

Eldredge obtained a lot of information from his experience, making sure, of course, that it was all in line with scripture. And, it led him to discover just how it is that Christians come to believe unscriptural things. He discovered that his 'hearing' was not just of God, but also of a third party. He discovered how to undo Satan's work in his mind. He discovered the necessity to become adept at spiritual warfare, if one is to follow God's real-time instructions.

The value of Eldredge's book in the context of this present paper is that it details a capability that believers need in times of Christian oppression. The original Church had this capability and used it, according to the Bible. And, they were under the oppression of the Roman Empire, up until the Third Century. So, if Christians are again to come under governmental oppression, and the Bible says it will, then this is a capability all believers will need. So be it.

Barna's and Eldredge's books start to show us a part of America's future. It is how a remnant of a remnant of Christianity shall conduct themselves. And, it appears to be focused on American Christianity. As in the 400-year history of our country, it appears that Christianity shall remain effective in performing what God wants done. Individually, they shall be talking with God directly. Corporately, it shall not be in the traditional churches. Only God could put together a plan like this.

CONNECTING THE DOTS – THE SECOND MAJOR CONCLUSION - Painter.

The First Revolution and the Second.

From the spiritual Christian viewpoint, it is clear that America was created in the early 1600s as an experiment in Christian living in Massachusetts. It was planted there, in the form of Congregationalist British Protestantism. In Virginia there was another kind of experiment, which was essentially agricultural, to make Britain's new land pay. It brought with it the Anglican state church of Great Britain. Both experiments were successful. However, to make the southern agricultural experiment prosper, Negro slavery was instituted.

In the early 1700s, God 'watered' the entire Eastern Seaboard with the First Great Awakening. And, America moved to take itself out from under the domination of Great Britain and its mercantilist governmental system. It was both North and South that were agreeing to do this, together. And, the Founding Fathers of the soon-to-be-born nation committed their entire beings, pledging their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to the effort. And, the United States of America was born, primarily as a consequence of a sovereign spiritual act of God.

In 1800, scarcely twenty years after the nation's founding, God watered His people again, sending the Second Great Awakening, starting with Camp Meetings on the South's frontier, Kentucky. It spread across the South like a spiritual wildfire. The Southerners immediately testified that it was a sovereign spiritual act of God. In the North, it was not so interpreted by its proponents. And, The Great Awakening, there, was a more deliberate effort of men to create the techniques of what has been termed modern high-pressure revivalism. In the North, it spawned Abolitionism. But in the South, commencing in 1830, it produced an effort to Christianize the American Negro slaves. By the time of the Civil War, the Southern Negro was highly Christianized. They had joined God's people. And, again, it was as a consequence of a sovereign spiritual act of God.

The Civil War was not really fought over slavery. The issue was the form of government. Lincoln wanted to go back to the old British mercantilist form, which was so open to government corruption and favoring of special interests. But, God had taken the American people out from under the British form and had provided a new form, created by the Founding Fathers, based on liberty. In rejecting God's choice of government form, and attempting to go back to the old form, Lincoln set the stage for shedding much blood, both North and South. But that blood would secure the liberty of God's newly Christianized Negro slaves.

Lincoln opened the door to Babylon.

One hundred years after Lincoln's reinstatement of the mercantilist form of American government and the resulting Civil War, an elite, deconstructionist coalition, supporting that form of government declared another war on God's people, both black and white. Since 1965, they have been using that government form that Lincoln chose, to prosecute the new war. The attack tactic is through perversion of laws finally passed to secure full citizenship rights for the Negro.

It is a culture war, whose objective is the ultimate cultural suicide of the last remaining nation of the Christian West, God's United States of America. And, this is a war to kill God's nation in corporate form. That corporate body was created to be the Body of Christ, Jesus' corporate body. But, the Bible says that Jesus died once, for the sins of all, and will not die twice [Heb. 9:28]. And, so God is now reforming His corporate body to oppose the cultural war of the elitists. Barna called it a Church restoration via a revolution. It is essentially a second Reformation. And, this Reformation is into a form with which the elitists shall not be able to cope.

Eldredge shows that God is presently training Christians to take part in a war. But, He is training individual Christians to fight on God's terms, not the elitists'. And, the command of God's troops shall be at the level of the individual believer, not the denominations or individual churches. It is a command structure with which the elitists shall not be able to cope.

It is clear from Barna's and Eldredge's works that American Christianity is being transformed into an army that shall be essentially invisible to the attacking enemy. It will be an organizational form tailored for and suited to the conditions of the Great Tribulation. Then, for that three and one-half year period it will be seen as the corporate *phaneroo* appearance of Jesus in The Body of Christ. It will be the long-sought manifestation of the sons of God [Rom. 8:19]. This is the Second Major Conclusion, and this is what Barna's Revolutionaries need to know.

When Evil Masquerades as Good.

The forces that Huntington labeled as deconstructionist, and Herrnstein & Murray⁵ identified as a cognitive elite, have now come out into the open. That emergence was evidenced shortly after the inauguration of the new American President in January, 2009. During the next two years, a cascade of federal legislative bills and executive orders was enacted that clearly attempt to transform the country into a Democratic-Socialist Welfare State, as quickly as possible. This second President, who ran as an Illinois Senator on a platform of 'change' to the government, has now taken the nation into what will not be a Civil War, but rather another Revolution. The very first result was a second Tea Party. And, that Tea Party has already won the first battle of the Revolution, in taking back control of the House of Representatives.

As of the beginning of 2011, the average American citizen understands that something they don't like is going on in the country. They are beginning to understand that something they thought was good, is producing bad effects. And, they know it is being caused by the new federal Administration. But, the citizens, by and large, cannot articulate what's happening. They do not yet realize that it is a desperate attempt to succeed in a plan against them, going back over one hundred years. When they do realize that, Barna's Revolution in the Church may well produce visible political effects.

THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF THE BATTLE - Painter.

A 400-Year Battle Can't Just be a Happenstance - McGrath

As it became clearer and clearer that Christianity and America have been inextricably intertwined for the last 400 years, another book came into view that made this relationship indisputable. It is Alister McGrath's 2007 book, Christianity's Dangerous Idea²⁰. Dr. McGrath is a British Professor of Historical Theology at Oxford University. His book is on the Christian Reformation, which means that it's about Protestantism. In particular, it is about Protestantism, as it developed in England and then America.

McGrath's Chapter 7 focuses on Protestantism in America. He covers The Great Awakening, the American Revolution, and The Second Great Awakening. In his Chapter 12, he looks at how Protestantism continued its development in the United States. He focuses on how American Protestantism engaged society, and the consequent U.S. Protestant view of relations between Church and State. He then examines how Calvin's theological basis for Capitalism spread to the U.S., joining there with the Protestant Work Ethic, to put the U.S. on a path to the highest standard of living in the Christian West.

McGrath then explores the connection between Protestantism and public school education. In the U.S., Protestantism shaped education founding colleges, universities, and seminaries, commencing with Harvard in 1636. Public primary and secondary education began in the Sunday Schools in the cities. In rural areas, it was family Bible reading that was the educational foundation for children.

In the 20th Century, American Protestantism came under cultural attack, as related elsewhere in this paper. But, God had a plan to ward off that attack. It was known as two new Protestant movements, born in the U.S., being Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movement and the neo-evangelicalism that enveloped them.

McGrath's views about Protestantism converged with Huntington's views about the United States in the following way. It is what the people of the U.S. and American Protestants believe about their respective identities that will determine what they do. And, Anglo-Protestant culture is the key to what the nation does. Therefore, the key to what happens in the U.S. would seem to be the education of American Christianity about who it is, with respect to the nation. Saying it another way, the U.S. would appear to be the last hope of Protestantism ... and vice-versa. It was the first hope and now it is the last.

It is abundantly clear by now that this emerging picture is spiritual. It shows that the entire history of the United is firmly in God's hands. The United States is the venue of God's Plan for the very end-times, just prior to Jesus' Second Advent. The 400-year history of America didn't just happen. It was created. And, it continues to be.

Like most things of God, His end-times Plan is not something that a man could or would invent. But, it is something that people can understand. And, those Christians who are to embody the final phases of the Plan need to know what it is. Fortunately, it's in the Bible. Unfortunately, the Plan is not something that many who profess Christ's Name are going to enjoy. Many will not accept it. Or, at least, they are not going to accept the present writer's presentation of it. And, that's exactly the way it has been many times before, when God did something unexpected for or to His people. But, in every case, He first told His prophets [Amos 3:7].

So, it is time now to turn to what the Bible says about where America is going, as recorded in the Bible. And, make no mistake, America shall tread this path.

The U.S.'s Spiritual Destination – The Book of Revelation.

Events of Interest to Christians.

All of mankind is headed for the bible's Book of Revelation. And, that includes the United States. Based on what we've seen so far in this paper, we can say that the Book of Revelation is focused on the United States, although it applies to the whole world. Therefore, those Christians who will be instrumental in the activities of Revelation need to know how to find themselves, there.

I can obviously not teach an entire seminar about the Book of Revelation here, in just a few paragraphs. I did teach such a course in both short and long form, however, back in 1995. So I'm going to use those slides to formulate what goes here. The title of that course was The Final Mission. The slides were prepared using an old Unix© application, whose name I have forgotten. So, to make the slides currently in PDF, from Microsoft PowerPoint©, would take a lot of work. Perhaps I'll do that later, if the present paper stirs up enough interest in it.

A Quick Tour Through the Book of Revelation.

Table 1., below, lists 15 events that are of interest to Christians. They start in [Rev. 6] and terminate in [Rev. 14] with the departure of Christians from the Earth.

Christians who have read the Book of Revelation, lately, can pretty well figure out what Table 1. shows. It lists events in Chapter 6-14 of [Revelation]. Prior to that the Book gives a vision of the end-times Jesus, glimpses of the end-times Church, and the convening of court in Heaven, just prior to The Great Tribulation.

[Rev. 6, 7] cover Jesus opening 7 previously sealed authorizations for His administration of all the Great Tribulation events affecting His people. These

authorizations are for Jesus to Conquer, Civil War, Economic Crisis, Widespread Death, Church Martyrdom, The Fall of the Demons, and the 7 Redemptive Judgments, heralded by Trumpets.

Biblically Prophesied Events	Related Citation	Basic Citation
Tribulation 'Orders' Opened in Heaven by Jesus.		[Rev. 6, 7]
Prophets, Witnesses Prepared for Great Tribulation.		[Rev. 7:3]
Heavenly Baptism With Fire ... (4 spices)	[Luke 3:16]	[Rev. 8:5]
Earthly Baptism With Fire ... (Trumpets 1-4)		[Rev. 8:6-12]
Satan, Demons Confined to Earth ... (Trumpet 5) ...		
... Unsealed Tormented ... (5 months)		[Rev. 9:3]
Mideast War ... (Trumpet 6)	[Dan. 11:29]	[Rev. 9:13]
The Call of the Prophets	[Ezk. 3:3]	[Rev. 10:10-11]
Prophets, Witnesses Testify ... (42 months)		[Rev. 11:3]
Persecution of Church Begins ... (42 months)		[Rev. 12:13]
Politico-Religious 'Beast' Appears ... (42 months)		[Rev. 13:1]
False Prophet Appears (image/mark of the beast)		(Rev. 13:11)
Jesus Appears in the Church ... (<i>phaneroo</i>)		[Rev. 14:1]
Babylon is Fallen ... (Demonized)	[Rev. 18:2]	[Rev. 14:8]
Jesus Appears in the Clouds ... (<i>parousia</i>)	[1 Ths. 4:17]	[Rev. 14:14]
Harvest (Rapture) ... (Trumpet 7)	[Rev. 11:18]	[Rev. 14:16]

Table 1. An Ordering of Events in the Book of Revelation.

[Rev. 8-11] show the 7 Redemptive Judgments, known as 'Trumpets'. The purpose of these judgments are to bring repentance to those who will be converted on earth in the 'Great Harvest', before the Rapture that takes surviving Christians to heaven. The first 4 Trumpets are atmospheric events that destroy the world economy. The 5th is 5 months of demonic torment on Earth. The 6th is a Mideast War. The seventh is God's announcement of His following wrath on Earth.

The 3 chapters of [Rev. 12-14] show 6 pictures each of what's going to happen to man on Earth during the 42 months of the Great Tribulation. (And, the number, 6, points to man.)

[Rev. 12] shows the 'pregnancy' of the visible Church preparing to birth the 'Manchild', which I have characterized as the *phaneroo* spiritual appearance of Jesus in His Earthly Body, prior to his *parousia* physical return for the Rapture. It then looks at Satan's heavenly organization. Following is the dispersion of the visible Church. Then, the confining of the heavenly demons to Earth. Then, there is the persecution of the 'Overcomers' in the Church, which I think are probably those seen by Barna. Finally is Satan's troops, dissipated.

[Rev. 13] is a view of Satan's Earthly government. It includes his Earthly organization, the required worship of Satan and his government, Satan's 42-month 'mouthpiece', Satan's False Prophet, the institution of idol worship, and the 'mark of the beast', required for economic activity.

Finally, [Rev. 14] shows what happens when Jesus makes His *phaneroo* appearance. It starts with the ‘appearance’ of Jesus and His 144,000 on Mt. Zion. Next is a new song in the Temple. Following is glory to God and judgment. Then, ‘Babylon’ comes down. Following is Jesus’ Great Harvest. Then is the Destroyer Harvest and the onset of God’s Wrath.

At the 7th Trumpet, Jesus picks up His people and takes them to heaven in the Rapture [1 Cor. 15:52]. Then, all hell really breaks loose on Earth. It is God’s punitive judgments, known as the Bowls, delivered in His wrath [Rev. 15, 16]. And, [Rev. 17, 18] are how it looks from ‘Babylon’. Since God’s people are not appointed to wrath [1 Ths. 5:9], they won’t be here for it. They will be in heaven for the Marriage Feast of the Lamb. Then, we’re all coming back to Earth with Jesus for ‘the rest of the story’ [Rev. 19]. And, [Rev. 20-22] is a look at what that is, ... and beyond.

Is America Still in God’s Will?

After seeing all the misery that is going to come to the Earth and to the Christians that are here for it, one has to ask if America deserves this. Especially the Christians. It’s another one of those questions about why bad things happen to good people. It was asked by a London pastor in 1944, prompted by the bombing of his flock during the Air War between Britain and Germany. In figuring that out biblically, Leslie Weatherhead wrote a definitive treatment in his book, The Will of God²¹. It has since been picked up and used by other authors, such as Seamands²² and Conners²³.

Below is an extract from a short paper I’ve written on the subject, entitled, The Three Wills of God, that is freely available in PDF format upon request.

----- Extract:

Just as the Godhead is a Trinity, consisting of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so God’s Will has three-parts, labeled,

- i. Intentional Will,
- ii. Permissive Will, and
- iii. Ultimate Will.

These are Seamands’ names, which I prefer to either Weatherhead’s or Conners’. (All three of the authors describe the same three elements, just using slightly different names.) God’s Intentional Will is His up-front Will, if you please, which states what it is that He desires for us and from us. His Permissive Will is what He will permit, so as to grant us free choice (Weatherhead calls it “Circumstantial Will”). Finally, His Ultimate Will is how He will achieve His Intentional Will, given the circumstances of our choices. Examples of all three of these elements of God’s Will may be found in the Bible.

The Intentional Will of God is that collection of desires He has for us that flow out of His goodness. They reflect the fact of His love, in that they express desires for us that are entirely good. Such things include that we should have eternal life with Him as Kings and Priests [John 3:15], [Rev. 1:6, 5:10]. In this world, He wishes us to have all things pertaining to life and godliness here on earth [2 Pet. 1:3]. He does not intentionally will evil for us.

The Permissive Will of God encompasses those things He will permit, or agree to, according to the circumstances surrounding Christians (or non-Christians) and the choices they make, therein. His Intentional Will is that none should be lost, but He

will certainly permit it. He will also permit the natural consequences of Christians' choices to affect them in the here and now [Heb. 10:26-27]. Importantly for today, God will permit Christians to suffer the consequences of unbelievers' choices. This is what happens when a Christian is killed in a holdup or in the World Trade Center. Why God permits that may not be known until we all stand around the Throne and ask Him. But, there will have been a perfectly valid reason. It will have been reasonable to God in the circumstances (the full extent of which we may not know at the time). However, the circumstantial things God permits will in no way undo His Ultimate Will.

The Ultimate Will of God is perhaps the best documented and least understood element of God's Will. One aspect of its Bible study is technically called "*eschatology*." Many Christians proceed about their works, in Church and out, showing no apparent understanding of how God is going to ultimately accomplish His Will for believers and unbelievers, alike. Many think they need not be concerned with it because of an "*easy out*," such as a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. However, the Bible shows that there is no easier out for the Church than there was for Jesus. He said to pick up our crosses and follow Him. That shall again become literal, at a certain point in time, according to my understanding of the "end-times" books of the Bible (all the prophetic books).

----- End of Extract.

Given the three wills of God, under which one do the events of [Revelation] fall? Actually, all three, I think.

I believe that what we are seeing in the Book of Revelation is the Ultimate Will of God. It is what is necessary, in light of previous choices that God permitted under His Permissive Will. Those choices were not what God had desired under His Intentional Will, but were choices that He did not interfere with. He had already put in the Bible what He desired. That was the case in the Civil War, and that will be the case in the U.S.'s Culture War, whichever way the U.S. goes. It's our choice.

But, we already see the answer in the Book of Revelation. Knowing that, will America's Christians be obedient to God's documented Ultimate Will in the matter? They may, if they understand it. And, that's our job.

America's Christian Remnant of the Remnant Role.

In all of the biblical history of God's people, whenever He had a really important job for them, like rebuilding a Temple, he assigned it to a remnant of a remnant. That is, He did not use His whole people. If He did, then they might claim they did it, and not Him. He didn't even use 10% of His people (a remnant). Rather, he used 1% of His people, a remnant of a remnant. That way, nobody could claim it wasn't God who did it.

I believe that's how it will be with American Christianity. The 'Temple' to be rebuilt this time is the spiritual Temple of God, the Church [1 Cor. 3:16]. It may be that Barna's 'Revolutionaries' are the ones to do it. If so, they will be 1% of something. Barna predicts that by 2025, the Revolutionaries will number 30%-35% of the U.S.'s 300-Million population, equaling the number of churching Christians. But, of the world's population of 10-Billion, it will equal 1%, a remnant of a remnant.

It's All About Repentance – Thinking Differently.

Repentance always precedes conversion. So, the Great Harvest of the Great Tribulation will be formed of those who first repent. The Greek Bible word for

repentance is *metanoia*, which is a compound of *meta* and *noia*. *Noia* is *thinking*, and *meta* means *different*, with a sense of *turning around*. So, repentance doesn't mean doing differently, but rather thinking differently, reconsidering, or turning around in your thinking. And, that's what conversion takes, turning around in your thinking. That and a vision of Jesus on the Cross.

I'm in the business of providing information so people can think differently. I'm not providing basic salvation or conversion information. What I am providing is information for those who will lead others to salvation or conversion. Or for those who will train people to lead others to salvation or conversion. Because, such people need to understand what it's all about and how it's all going to go, during the Great Tribulation. And, what the purpose of it all is. I can provide learning aids for that. And, that's what I have tried to do, here.

CONCLUSION.

How it All Comes Together.

It all comes down to this. The U.S. is the last hope for Christianity, as God's last 'Promised Land'. And, God's people don't know that. They need to be told. They need to be educated. And they need that in spite of a coalition of elitists in their major institutions trying to prevent it. And, those institutions include their government.

It won't take much to start this needed education. But, it won't be done as a plan of man. It will be done God's way, according to His Plan. And, the implementation of that is still unclear, at least to this writer. It may be done by those Barna has found. But, he admits that at this point his 'Revolutionaries' are "*poorly structured, inadequately led, lacking a larger strategic framework, with no incremental plan*". So, we don't see any plans by any organization to do what needs to be done. It will have to be God who does this as His sovereign act, just like in the two Great Awakenings.

All I know is that I want to be a part of it for as long as my advancing age will permit. This paper is my first contribution, but probably not my last.

What Shall We Do?

It's at this point in everything I write that my wife reviews it and asks, "*OK, what do we do now?*" And, my answer is, "*Whatever the Lord tells us.*" I have a saying that, "*We work for a just-in-time God on a need-to-know basis.*" He gives us just in time what we need to know and only what we need to know. God does not waste words. Or, at least that has been my experience.

So, if my wife's "*we*" is just she and I, then I've already got my answer. However, her "*we*" may include you-all. (That's Texanese for the plural. It's a corporate "*we*".)

I think my answer is as follows. What you should do will depend on how you react to what you have read here. If you want to know more, then contact me and I'll see what I can do. Your reaction will be the first clue to what you might do. But, whatever you do, don't go rushing off, half-cocked. If you have a really strong, heart-felt, spiritual reaction, then the first thing is to get off by yourself with God. Pray, meditate, fast, ... whatever it takes to get an answer from God. Because, if you should really do something about this, He will show you the way.

What I think is that whatever God does next, in the context of the message of this paper, will be something we might never think of. God's ways are like that. It's

how you can understand that something is coming to by way of God. You would never in a thousand years have done it that way.

That's the way it is with me and this paper. As I read it, I'm repeatedly amazed that it came from my fingers on the keyboard. I learned long ago that when you tell someone something that's coming from God, through you, to them, ... you're just a 'bent pipe'. For something verbal, you may well not remember it, immediately afterward. For something written, I will not remember it in detail, a couple of weeks later. That's just the way it is.

So, the bottom line is that I can't tell you what to do. Ask God.

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