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FOREWORD

Restoring Respect in US and Canadian Societies

My first book, *THE REAL DEAL: Making the Case for the One True God*, deals with realities displayed by aggressive Muslim behaviour toward Christians and Jews. Both Muslim groups, the Sunnis and Shi'ites, while hating and even killing each other, are joined together to make life very difficult for Christians and Jews, and given opportunity, will kill them. They are known for their utter disrespect for Christian and Jewish values, norms and principles.

This second book, *THE RIGHT DEAL: Making the Case for a more Respectful Society*, focuses on the still developing political and spiritual realities in the US and Canada. In Canada two political parties, Liberals and NDP, are joined together in upsetting Christians by opposition to Judeo-Christian values, norms and principles. In the US the Far Left, like the Liberals and NDP in Canada, show disrespect for Judeo-Christian values, norms and principles. Despite present religious freedom, growing pressure on those living by biblical standards could lead them eventually to a status of second-class citizens, as is the case in Muslim-held countries in the Middle East.

Overall Perspective on Present Social, Political and Religious Realities

Based on the history of radical liberalism and the immense human suffering it has caused in the world we have to expect that today's radical liberals (Far Left) will lead our free and democratic societies along a slippery slope toward a new socio-political situation, in which there are no moral absolutes. Francis Schaeffer warned about this some forty years ago when he wrote:

“A Jewish-Christian lawyer once wrote to me that, as he considered the serious meaning of the Nuremberg war-crimes trials, ‘I knew

that no moral law was written on a blade of grass, in a drop of water, or even in the stars. I realized the necessity of the Divine Immutable Law as set forth in the Sacred Torah, consisting of the definite Commandments, statutes, ordinances and judgments.”¹

Following this lawyer’s conclusion Schaeffer continued:

Man has failed to build only from himself autonomously and to find a solid basis in nature for law, and we are left today with Holmes’s ‘experience’ and Vinson’s statement that nothing is more certain in modern society than that there are no absolutes. Law has a variable content only. Much modern law is not even based on precedent, that is, it does not necessarily hold fast to a continuity with the legal decisions of the past.²

Now, forty years after Schaeffer’s observations, we hear about changing values and principles the Radical Left is introducing in efforts to replacing biblical values based on objective Truth. Getting away from God means getting away from His absolutes regarding social norms and values, by which we enjoy real freedom and justice. As a result, we are now confronted with notions of subjective realities³ such as same-sex marriages, euthanasia, unrestricted abortion, transgender rights,⁴ speech-restricted bubble zones, and graphic sex education for children. We could add discrimination against pro-life

¹ Francis Schaeffer, “*How Should We Then Live?* The Rise and Decline of Western Thought and Culture,” Fleming H. Revell Company Old Tappan, New Jersey, 1976, 218.

² *Ibid*, 218.

³ Wikipedia: *Subjective Reality* implies that the perception of all things, concepts, and "truths" in the universe differs between individuals: we all live in different worlds, each of which may have things in common, because of our unique perspectives on our worlds. The only thing to which one can hold oneself is something one has experienced or perceived.

⁴ Wikipedia: *Identity politics* is a political approach and analysis based on people prioritizing the concerns most relevant to their particular racial, religious, ethnic, sexual, social, cultural or other beliefs, etc.

employees and discrimination against Christian students not getting a summer job if they don't accept those values.⁵

Following is an example of demonstrated naivety that show that without laws to protect and respect human lives, human suffering and loss of human lives become realities:

In reference to the well-known abortion case *Roe v. Wade*, Schaeffer did not shy away from stating that Supreme Court Justice White demonstrated an example of making a most arbitrary decision by using raw judicial power on the basis of no absolutes...the unborn baby is not counted as a person...by an arbitrary absolute, brought in on the humanist flow, millions of unborn babies of every colour of skin are equally by law declared non-persons...which must be seen as an act of hypocrisy...the door is open...⁶

This book hopes to be helpful in seeking ways to protect all human lives, and to show respect for all human beings as has been the case for many decades under various governments. For some time now we have been experiencing the political energy of liberal ideology at work under the pretense of caring for those less fortunate, but through deceit, manipulation and liberal-dominating media many people are brainwashed and consequently are going to suffer due to lack of real freedom of speech. Common people in both countries are greatly deceived in these so called Post-truth times of much evil destroying liberty.

⁵ There are many more actions of aggressive liberalism as indicated in my paper "Persecution by Mouth and Deeds: Far-Left's Venom striking at Judeo-Christian Values and Principles in North-American Societies and Beyond." However, limitations set by COMMENT for this paper (July 2018) does not allow more examples of ongoing liberal initiatives to 'liberate' societies from God's instructions how to live as really free people.

⁶ *Ibid*, 220-223.

How to Deal with the Threat of the Far Left

How are we to respond to the growing threat of Far-Left initiatives, as the driving force in our present “post-Christian, post-truth and post-sanity culture”? An initial, brief answer comes from Hank Hanegraaff, who writes:

We must alert fellow believers to the increasing post-truth madness that threatens all we hold most dear. Therefore, we are challenged to getting more Christians to “wake up, stand up, and speak up”...only when awake and comprehending what’s at stake will they stand to help halt the advance of the post-truth madness that increasingly threatens our most basic freedoms as Christians.⁷

The following Bible verse seems to be an appropriate reminder of our responsibility as people who have their hearts close to God’s heart:

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.” Ez. 3:17

A brief overview of an elaborated response to the above question, posed by Hanegraaff, is provided in the following chapters:

In Chapter One, we will see that radical liberalism is a threat to the values, norms and principles held in trust by the Church, on which the governments and judiciaries in the US and Canada have been using a cultural foundation for centuries, making both countries more prosperous and secure. Radical liberalism, despite promises to bring about real freedom and a better life for all based on its ideology, has failed to do so. We will look at the consequences of that same centuries-old ideology, and what it could lead to if its progress is not restrained. This chapter will provide examples of the direction the Far Left is taking in both countries, and how its ideology seeks dominance through disempowering others while empowering itself.

⁷ Hank Hanegraaff, Host, *Bible Answer Man*, Monthly letter, July 20, 2018.

In Chapter Two, we will look at how the State can be helpful in restoring a measure of respectful critique and behaviour within our societies. It will look in detail at how the socio-political theory and practice of the social theory called ‘Sphere Sovereignty’ can be significant in reforming the way governments need to work in bringing about greater mutual respect, as it has been doing for centuries. Such a desirable climate of mutual respect and cooperation, though not always the most desirable outcome for some, can develop only in an “open” secular society. A brief discussion on “Striving for ‘Open’ Secularism” is given in this chapter.

In Chapter Three, we will look at ways the Church can help prevent economic and social decline and human suffering. To be helpful in these matters the Church, and Christians individually, need to be spiritually prepared to deal with God-opposing initiatives by more radical people. Following this discussion, we will look at ways the Church needs to respond to the threat of radical liberalism by helping society return to a situation of greater respect within government, among our political leaders, and within societies in general. We must never stop praying for and working toward a new period in which State and Church bring about more respectful societies in the US and Canada.

This book gives the same warning Paul expressed in Eph. 6:

“Finally, be strong in the LORD and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Eph. 6:10-12

Spiritual discernment makes us understand that the time for easy Christianity in the West and other parts of the world is over. On a global scale, Christians need to be spiritually prepared to encounter

demonic powers at work throughout the world, including the US and Canada. Empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, Christians need to join each other in making a firm stand against those powers through prayers and other biblical ways.

Overview of Books and YouTube Discussion.

An overview of recommended books is found below.

Note: A brief overview of YouTube presentations is presented in Appendix A. Those important YouTube discussions provide information about the many issues and problems we are facing these days. On purpose, the general liberal-dominated media fails in providing listeners a fuller understanding of important issues. Such lack of understanding can easily lead to indoctrinating the general public with atheistic ideology, as well as dictatorship.

Books

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Brad Long, Paul Stokes, Cindy Strickler, *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit: Seven Principles of Dynamic Cooperation*, Zondervan, 2009.

Jonathan Cahn, *The Harbinger: The Ancient Mystery that holds the Secret of America's Future*, Frontline Charisma Media/Charisma Home Book Group, 2011.

CBN News, Feb. 21, 2020 [YouTube](#): “Former Gay Reveals Truth of LGBTQ Agenda Flooding the Culture.”

George Carneal's [book](#), “*From Queer to Christ: My Journey Into the Light*.”

Note: All Bible verses quoted in this book are taken from the New International Version (NIV).

CHAPTER ONE

Liberalism Explained and Exposed

Introduction

Before we begin to look at ways the state and church could restore mutual respect within our societies, it is of great importance to understand the principles that lead to disrespect and unbalanced situations in the public domain. As this book looks especially at the root cause of growing unsettling situations in terms of long-held norms and values, we all need to know what kind of ideology is causing irritation in and disruption of the public domain with its many spheres of particular interests. This book identifies radical liberalism as the main cause for country-wide unrest and division.

This chapter looks at historical developments and expressions of a kind of liberalism that does not contribute to creating and maintaining respectful societies as history has clearly shown, as well as we all witness its tyranny by which Judeo-Christian norms and values are overruled, dismantled and thrown away only to be replaced by values that would make even God embarrassed, so to speak.

This is not something new. This kind of mentality has played a significant role throughout human history. God's Word repeatedly warns against God-opposing efforts. God's Word also explains that eventually God will respond to those acting contrary to His ordinances concerning social and ethical matters. So, my conscience and calling as a pastor urges me to bring such matters into the "public square."

Historical Development of Liberalism in a Nutshell

Christianity began soon after Christ's crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension. From Jerusalem, first James, then the other apostles

began to spread the Gospel about Jesus being the long-expected Messiah. Under the leadership of James, people in surrounding areas and then in surrounding countries, became converts to the Christian faith and were called Christians. Through Paul's missionary journeys the Gospel was spread among Gentiles, and Christian churches were established.

In the Roman Empire, which included many present Western countries, Christianity spread rather quickly, though without a clear understanding of the Christian message and Christian principles about how to live. Due to several Reformation efforts a better understanding of God's Word, the Bible, was gained resulting in the formulation of norms, values and principles indicating how to live as Christians. Those same Christian principles, established in Europe, were brought by Christians who immigrated to the US and Canada.

However, with the French Revolution, regarded as the "dawn of the modern era," liberalism began to stick up its ugly head. Conflict between rival political factions ended in a reign of terror marked by mass executions of "enemies of the revolution." Napoleon, with his ideas about equality and liberal ideas may have been the first person ever to use the word "liberal" in a political sense. Liberalism gained momentum in the beginning of the 20th century, and it was Dr. Abraham Kuyper who understood that the growing influence of liberalism became a threat to Christianity, because it opposed the many misunderstood restrictions in the Bible concerning standards of living.

Turning our attention to the socio-political climate in the US and Canada over many years Liberals and Republicans, with both parties having Christian politicians among them, have had discussions, sometimes even heated discussions, while respecting each other. In those years both countries were growing and creating equality and prosperity due to real "freedom of speech."

However, during the last number of years, we began to see within the Democratic Party, slowly but surely, a shifting toward the Far Left, away from the centre. Formerly, both Democrats and Republicans were positioned near the center and were able to have discussions, while respecting each other, now we see a hardening in the position of those at the Far Left. The latter has been developing into a radical movement within our societies eager to be free from God-given standards.

We now have the Far Left pushing all sorts of social and ethical changes that offend mainly Christians, who have a life style based on God's Word. Not only that, they are not even allowed to speak up, despite liberal slogans, such as "Free speech" and "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity." If Christians speak up and take non-threatening biblically-based actions, they are called by all sorts of names which I will not repeat. So much for mutual respect!

Spiritual Realities Played Out Between Liberalism and Christianity

Since his fall from heaven, together with many angels, Satan has often been referred to as the Devil or Evil one. From the beginning, Satan has deceived people into opposing, disobeying God, or even denying that He exists. Satan is still actively manipulating a person's sinful nature and thereby "driving schisms in human hearts, human institutions, society, culture"⁸ Toynbee observes that schism in human hearts is often expressed in the form of syncretism in religion, besides archaism and futurism.

⁸ Zeb Bradford Long, *A Tactical Manual for Intercessors and Spiritual Warriors: Satan's War against the Church of Jesus Christ*, 119, June 2018 Edition, www.primi.org. NOTE: References to this Manual are made frequently.