

ACTION ITEMS FOR "A CANARY IN A COAL MINE"

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"Politics is downstream from culture." Andrew Breitbart

"Only by winning the "cultural war" can American Christians win in the "political war." What is upstream from culture? The answer is the nuclear family, the Church, and the schools. Only by recapturing these foundations of American culture can the political battle be won."

"During the 2012 election, over 30 million Christians sat it out. They did not vote. In the 2020 elections, 6-7% of the evangelical community sat on their ballots. As the church, the called-out-ones of God, we have a Divine mandate to engage in our American form of government OF, BY, and FOR the people."

- Become informed because our culture is replete with generational "dumb down."
- Become inspired because our nation is too young to die.
- Become engaged by being a voice of reason midst the mindless chatter that surrounds us.

A Canary In A Coal Mine

Chapter 1: Looking Back, Facing Forward

The Collapse of Empires

1. They are conquered by an external enemy.
2. They debase their currency, destroy their economy, and go bankrupt.
3. They do not manage to sort out succession of power.
4. They rule incompetently and break from inside.
5. They create or fall prey to an ecological catastrophe.
6. They lose belief in themselves: their confidence and empirical image is diminished.
7. They decay morally/ethically from within.
8. They over-extend their resources.

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Read the Declaration of Independence.

Action #2 Get a copy of the Constitution and Bill of Rights and read them.

Action #3 Meditate on Nehemiah chapter 1 using a favorite translation.

Chapter 2: Dual Citizenship

“Christians have tended to stress their citizenship in the Kingdom of God more than their citizenship in whatever temporal kingdom they live. Sometimes it is to the detriment of their effectiveness and witness in this world.”

“And so we have dual citizenship - in the Kingdom of God and in the kingdoms of this world. We have responsibilities in both kingdoms. However, one of these citizenships holds a greater weight of loyalty than the other.”

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Lead in establishing an Intercessory Prayer Ministry for our nation at your church.

Action #2 Collect contact information of your United States’ Representatives and Senators including phone numbers and email addresses. Add the information to your phone and email contacts to make communications as easy and efficient.

Action #3 Select chapters of *A Canary In A Coal Mine* that are concerning and discuss the subjects with your circles of influence.

Chapter 3: Kingdoms In Conflict

“When conflict comes between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world, we must choose to be loyal first and foremost to the Kingdom of God.”

1 Peter 2: 11-17 Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution whether to the king as the supreme authority, or to governors as those sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorance of foolish men. Live in freedom, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Treat everyone with high regard: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Identify sources of reliable information to continue educating yourself on the issues that are confronting our personal lives, our faith, and our nation.

Action #2 Visit <https://ballotpedia.org>. Ballotpedia is the digital encyclopedia of American politics and election seeking to inform people about politics by providing accurate and objective information. A good place to begin exploration.

Chapter 4: A Nation Under Supernatural Discipline

Read 2 Kings 6. Elisha is under attack. His servant is afraid because of the forces of Ben-Hadad. Elisha responded to his servant:

“Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them. Then Elisha prayed and said “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:16-17

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Pray for wisdom in seeking information. So many voices clamor for our attention. We need to be wise in where we spend our time and to which voices we listen.

Action #2 Visit the Center for Security Policy (<https://centerforsecuritypolicy.org>). Explore their site to discover topics that can help educate you about policies to protect our future. Their mission is to secure America’s founding principles and freedom through forthright national security analysis and policy solutions.

Action #3 Identify the top two or three concerns for you. As issues of concern arise before Congress, contact your appropriate congress members to express your wishes and opinions. They do, after all, work for us.

Action #4 Contact your representatives and insist that our military leaders remove “sensitivity training” from every branch of the military.

Chapter 5: The Insanity of Fiscal Irresponsibility

“Welcome to debt that we did not sign a note to secure. As of May 1, 2023, the U.S. Treasury’s official figure for debt equates to \$93,988.00 per person living in the United States. Every household owes \$239,763.00 dollars. Do you feel like celebrating?”

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Contact your representative and senators to urge them to pass a “Balanced Budget Amendment ”.

Action #2 Look up the national debt clock and watch it for one minute.
(<https://usdebtclock.org>) (IMHO - it will make you sick to your stomach!)

Chapter 6: Considering A New Paradigm

“Information is power. An informed canary is better prepared to be an influence on financial decision making. It begins by having a general grasp of economic terminology. Knowing how the peoples’ money is manipulated is a critical step to making changes in governmental spending.”

“The reasons for hyperinflation are primarily war and government mis-management of the economy including ill-conceived economic policies like removing any ties of the currency to tangible resources, unrestrained printing of money, generation of large deficits, and price setting. The woes produced by this kind of inflation are unfathomable.”

“The Apostle Paul stated the one requirement for stewards: Now it is required of stewards that they be found faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2). Our faithful use of resources God has given into our care is the basis for our accountability to God.”

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Learn the terminology of Economics and discover the consequences connected to these terms used in this chapter affect your lifestyle.

Action #2 Set a savings goal. Six months of income is a great start.

Action #3 Consult AmericaFirstPolicyInstitute.com to discover how our nation can unleash American prosperity and ingenuity.

Action #4 Contact your congressional representative with a call for action concerning unleashing our energy abundance so we, as a nation, will become energy independent.

Chapter 7: The Accountability Factor

“The Pledge of Allegiance. These inspiring words were penned by Francis Bellamy on September 8, 1892, with the purpose of teaching generations (not indoctrinate as some espouse) the importance of being loyal to our nation and to a way of life.”

“Because those framers of the Constitution were conscious of the presence of Almighty God and grounded in biblical authority, they wrote with a biblical understanding of

justice. The Holy Scriptures are replete with the call for equality in justice and warnings against injustice.”

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Visit with your church’s leadership to discover what is being done to support the men and fathers in your church community.

Action #2 Call your representatives for action to control our borders, remove every person who entered our country illegally, and follow immigration laws already in place.

Action #3 Insist that your representative support finishing the wall along our southern border.

Chapter 8: When A Nation Turns Away

“‘Authority’, is ‘power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior. Like having a steering wheel to a car or a rudder to a ship, when a nation embraces biblical authority, it is able to navigate through multiple moral messes rather than enduring them.’”

“We live in critical times as a nation. These times have been exacerbated by Christians who have refused to vote. But by sitting out the election, we have given control of our nation into the hands of those who oppose the causes of good and God.”

Steps to take now:

Read President Eisenhower’s Farewell Address. Find it at <https://archives.gov/milestone-documents>.

Chapter 9: Wake Up to Woke!

“Woke culture has made victims of all of us.”

“Woke has given illegitimate birth to ‘Cancel Culture’. The influence of this mob mentality movement stretches from businesses and banks to baseball and soda water. Woke touches everything in America at this time.”

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Become an advocate for child protective services in your community.

Action #2 Be aware of the Woke agenda in your community. When you see it, stand against it. Challenge the thinking of Woke with someone who has been misguided because of it.

Action #3 Express your convictions about Woke to any retailer in your community who supports it.

Action #4 Be willing to stand against any political, religious, medical, or educational leaders and institutions that abuse power and position in the name of LGBTQ+.

Action #5 Establish a time each day to read Ezekiel 16:48-50 and Nehemiah 1. These two passages can be used to focus on the plight of America and move us to pray for personal and national repentance.

Chapter 10: “There’s Nothing New Under the Sun”

“Artificial Intelligence is the future, not only for Russia, but for all humankind,” said Putin. “It comes with colossal opportunities, but also threats that are difficult to predict. Whoever becomes the world leader in this sphere will become the ruler of the world.”

“Building a machine that could become self-aware with incomparable knowledge on human standards is a contemporary ziggurat. The Tower of Babel symbolizes man’s pride in bygone years. Developing Artificial Intelligence embodies man’s pridefulness today.”

“God hated pride in the past. He introduces various languages so the Tower Project would fail. He will not allow technology to elevate mankind or machines to become like Him.”

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Pray about the idolatry evident in your community. Ask the Lord for deliverance.

Action #2 Call on your representatives to support legislation that calls for a discontinuation of research and application of Artificial Intelligence until there is verifiable evidence supporting claims that AI cannot turn on humanity.

Action #3 Contact your local school board and encourage them to hire quality teachers.

Action #4 Become savvy concerning how the federal government is using AI against the citizenry including you! Discover ways to identify AI in your everyday life.

Chapter 11: “Is There Any Hope?”

“The degenerating morality of our country illustrates a devious and well-planned agenda by those who are seeking effective and affective change. Whereas the domain of effective change is practical, affective change addresses “feelings”. Both can be dominated by wickedness and perversion.”

“Leviticus 5:1 declares, ‘If anyone sins in that he hears a public adjuration to testify, and though he is a witness, whether he has seen or come to witness the matter, yet does not speak, he shall bear his iniquity.’”

“The symbol the LGBTQ+ coalition has taken is the rainbow. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a promise that He would not judge the world with water again. Wickedness has stolen this biblical symbol and it’s time for the church to reclaim it.”

“The crisis is real, The time is short. The choice is clear. It’s time to return to unwavering devotion to the Lord.”

Steps to take now:

Action #1 Do a personal study on the First and Second Awakenings.

Action #2 Do a personal study or interview someone who was a part of the revival at Asbury College in Wilmore, KY. The most recent movement of God occurred in 2022.

Action #3 Perform a personal confession season and come clean before the Lord. Repent of any thoughts or actions that keep you from obedience and fellowship with God.

Action #4 Jesus told his disciples that some circumstances can only be addressed by prayer and fasting (Mark 9:29). Consider establishing the discipline of prayer and fasting to address the monumental crises facing our nation. Pray for our nation to turn again to the Lord seeking His will, glory, and blessings to America.

Action #5 Identify the two or three issues that are of the highest concern for you. Seek information on these issues. Connect with others who share the same concerns. Determine how you can be engaged in addressing these issues.

A Canary In A Coal Mine is designed to help purple patriots “find the scent” of cultural failures that touch their lives and then, become active in doing something about changing it, making it better, strengthening it, or in some cases stand against the swelling tide these failures ultimately bring to communities across the nations. Here are a few ways - An Action Plan - to become a “canary” in your community.

EDUCATE - Be informed.

ENGAGE - Connect with your Representatives, with church leaders, and community leaders

ENLIST - Influence your circles of influence—family, friends, neighbors, work associates