

An Opportunity

Whatever your belief is about people and God, there is an opportunity on the horizon that will give you an opportunity to really shine if you are willing and prepared. When I say prepared, I mean not just in matters of money or real estate but prepared spiritually as well. No matter what the result of the 2016 November elections there is still going to be turmoil in the United States at a level that no presently living person has ever seen. It is shaping up to be a combination of the revolutionary war, the civil war and the great depression all rolled together and lasting for perhaps an entire generation.

It does not matter if you think of yourself as being on the left, the right, the middle or some kind of combination of positions, your faith, such as it is, in God and in your fellow man, is going to be shaken to the core.

If you align with the left, all your ideals are going to fail you miserably. No politician or government or world order is going to turn anything into sweetness and light. It will fall apart in front of your face and you will be desperately looking for solutions in the scant times when you are not merely trying to survive and provide some sort of care for those that you love.

If you align with the right, no sudden revival is going to suddenly sweep you or your friends, or your enemies, completely off their feet. No revival ever has done this especially in a way that would satisfy the present instant generation. They cite the Great Awakening as such an event. But the Great Awakening lasted for decades and although many people were spiritually awakened during that time and it produced long lasting and profound effects, in the end people still fought and suffered and died during its duration. To have any effect on the world around you, you are going to have to learn to survive, endure, persevere and to rejoice over the little victories along the way.

In addition, the religious right has always fought long and hard among themselves. During the Protestant Reformation when the persecuted protestants prevailed and got to the top of the pile, they just turned around and persecuted other non-Catholics as vehemently as they had been persecuted themselves.

People are going to do what they want to do. There are not magic solutions. Furthermore, the glorious return of Christ so far has not taken place during the violence of a reformation and no one, no one, can tell you when it will take place by reading the signs or being more spiritual than anyone else. So, do not sit down and wait for God. He will come when He wants to. Come to know Him now and walk with Him now.

If you align yourself with the middle, learn to give that up quickly. Moderation only counts if it is applied to everyday living (don't eat too much, don't drink too much, don't play too much, don't

rest too much, and don't work too much), or to being merciful when it is called for. Otherwise, the people in the middle just get squeezed out by the left and the right.

At this point I want to implore you to understand that most of "the masses" only live by a form of mob rule. Any human being who thinks for him or herself will never be in harmony with the masses.

To the right I say, get out of your recliner, your pew, and your private clubs and purposely seek to interact with people that you do not agree with. Otherwise, you will soon be covered with a sort of gray mold that will completely color your life; if that hasn't happened already.

To the left I say, you can't love humankind (formerly known as mankind) and not like or associate with people, especially those that don't agree with you. You're fooling yourself if you think you can.

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