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A VISION FOR AMERICA

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America today is met in a great civil war testing whether this nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. The battle lines have been formed between those Americans who believe that we are a nation under God who gives us certain inalienable rights including life and a deep respect for human dignity, traditional marriage and the religious formation of our children. On the right you have Americans who uphold traditional values. On the left you have secular humanists who dominate our media, our movies and one of our political parties. The divide is fierce. It splits not only the climate of our culture, but our political, medical, legal and educational systems. It also splits families, marriages and hearts. Neither the democrats nor republicans are addressing the basic issues that are affecting our nation.

WE ARE NO LONGER A NATION UNDER GOD

The first and most essential problem in America is that we are no longer politically, educationally and culturally a nation under God. Our 243 Founding Fathers were all professing Christians and in 1781 the Highest Court of the land stated that Christianity was the official religion of America. The first 208 colleges of this land were all Christian schools. Patrick Henry stated, "It cannot be emphasized too often nor too strongly that this nation was founded by Christians....and upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ." George Washington stated, "That the Bible and the 10 Commandments were the foundation of our Republic." Blackstone's commentary on the law read like the Bible, and our Supreme Court in 1892 intimated that the laws and the institutions of this nation must necessarily be based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Bible and the New England Primer were the official text books of each school. Our very Constitution read that, "Each state must maintain a Republican form of government." Noah Webster explained, "Our citizens should clearly understand that the correct source of Republican principles is God, the 10 Commandments and the Bible." He also stated that "...it is the obligation of all Americans to put Godly men into political office," and prophesized the dire consequences of a lack of attention to this basic principle. I have written of this extensively in my book, "God Bless America – God's Vision or Ours." Even religious

freedom which grants the right for every American citizen to practice the religion of their choice was introduced in this country because of Christian principles that stated, “That Christianity must be proposed but never imposed.” The backdrop of our legal, political and educational systems was Judeo-Christian principles. We had prayer in every public school and at every graduation, and every American child was taught to respect the 10 Commandments.

WE HAVE DENIED THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO LIFE

Our Founding Fathers realized that the right to life was given by God Himself. This dignity was so ingrained in the mindset of most Americans that it was considered self-evident and unchangeable. In other words this dignity could not be subverted, denied or taken away by any force; certainly not by the people, not even by the Supreme Court or by the President himself. American was not only pro-God, it was pro-life. In fact during World War II we fought against those atheistic systems that did not uphold the sanctity of human life; namely, nazism, fascism and Japanese paganism. We would go on to fight blatant communism. The result of these four systems would destroy over 250 million innocent lives. Today in America 400 million American citizens have been murdered in the womb.

WE NO LONGER HAVE ORDERED FREEDOM

In 1997 the Supreme Court proposed a sweeping re-definition of liberty when it stated, “At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe and of the mystery of human life.” Forty prominent religious leaders signed a protest document stating that, “The doctrine declared by the Court would seem to mean that liberty is nothing more or less than what is chosen by the economists, unencumbered self. This is the very antithesis of the ordered liberty affirmed by the founders. Liberty in this debased sense is utterly disengaged from the concept of responsibility and community and is pitted against ‘the laws of nature and of nature’s God.’ Such liberty degenerates into license and throws into question the very possibility of the rule of law itself.” As a result, many politicians, lawyers and educators no longer make the distinction between liberty and license. What is worse, many of our youngsters are being taught that there is no difference.

WE NO LONGER UPHOLD THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY

As a nation we always believed that marriage was between one man and one woman freely entered into for mutual love and affection for the procreation and affection of children. Our laws reflected our belief that we were to respect marriage, womanhood and sexuality. We need people in political office who will fight for the preservation of strong, traditional and loving families.

WE HAVE LOST A SENSE OF COMMON DECENCY

Not only was pornography outlawed in this land, but vulgarity in the public forum was outlawed as well. Indecent public exposure was illegal. Pornography has become mainstream in America and little or nothing is done by our courts to stop it. Once again we need candidates for public office who will fight for our children in this most vital area.

WE NO LONGER HAVE GOD-CENTERED EDUCATION

According to our Founding Fathers, the Bible and the New England Primer were the official text books throughout the land. All education in America was God-centered. The first colleges in our country were all Christians. Nevertheless in 1963 just five members of our Supreme Court forbade Bible reading, the 10 Commandments and prayer from 40 million American citizens. Despite the fact that our Constitution clearly states that Congress should make no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion. The result is a unashamed, pagan public school educational system which in most big cities has degenerated into moral melt-down. Vouchers, which would support parochial and home-schooled children, would go a long way in correcting this imbalance.

WE NO LONGER HAVE A GODLY PUBLIC FORUM

The media, including movies, television, newspapers and magazines, presented the basic Judeo-Christian decency to the American public. Today, however, most of the media is anti-God, anti-Christian, anti-decency and anti-life. The media has lost its credibility because of its all-too-liberal leaning.

WE NO LONGER PROMOTE GODLY RULERS

As a people we are taught to respect civil authority and to pray for our leaders. Noah Webster stated, "When you become entitled to exercise the right of voting for public officers, let it be impressed on your mind that God commands you to choose 'just men who will rule in the fear of God.' The preservation of our government depends on the faithful discharge of this duty. If the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted, laws will be made, not for the public good, so much for the selfish or local purposes, corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute the laws, the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men, and the rights of citizens will be violated or disregarded." This is almost a prophecy of what is happening in our times. We have people running for the presidency of the United States who support abortion on demand, blatant pagan public school education, alternative life-styles and homosexual unions. In the past the moral outcry of America would have been strong. The fact that it is not is a sign of our moral decline.

A NOTE OF HOPE

God has promised, “If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face, I will hear from Heaven and I will heal their nation and restore their land.” We Americans at heart are a Godly people. If we had followed the injunction given to Moses, Joshua and all the prophets, *I hold before you two standards. If you obey My principles and obey My laws, you will prosper. If you do not, you will go into decline and be oppressed by nations who will be My instruments of chastisement.* Yes, today, we are met a great civil war testing our nation. The real issues are not the economy, the war, social security, etc. The real issues that we are called to be a nation under God that supports the inalienable right to life; that we are a religious people, a people of integrity with strong family values and a deep love for the decency of our youth. I hold before all of our citizens our national motto, “In God We Trust,” and I urge them to sing our National Anthem with renewed fervor. Listen to the second verse:

“Blessed with victory and peace, may this Heaven-rescued land
Praise the God who has made and preserved us a nation, then
Conquer we must when our cause it is just, and this is our motto
In God be our trust.

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.