

The Great American Dream Becomes a Hideous Nightmare

"Your young men shall dream dreams and your old men shall see visions"
(Acts of the Apostles)

God Sheds His Grace on Thee

Catherine Lee Bates wrote these immortal words "Oh beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains majesties, above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!" Yes, God has blessed America like no other place on this planet Earth because America was founded and dedicated as a nation under God. God elevated our country from its infancy to a place of world leadership, allowing us to enjoy unprecedented goodness, development, freedom, and influence. America led the world in medical and technological advancements. This nation has pioneered in space, pushed back the frontiers of science and has given us the world's highest standard of living. We have opened our arms to millions of immigrants and refugees, first, from Europe and then from the Far East, and then from Latin America. For with grateful and humble hearts we honor the God who blessed us.

The Last Four Decades

From 1962 on, we began to attribute our blessings, not so much to God, but to ourselves. We have forgotten the warning of Lincoln "_____". We have forgotten the power that has made and preserved as a nation as our national anthem says. We allowed secular humanism to infiltrate all of our institutions.

No System Under God

Each one of our systems has gone awry. The media system, the educational system, the medical system, the entertainment system, the political system, the economic system, the military system, and in many ways even the religious system. The Ten Commandments no longer had the place of honor that our founding fathers gave them, and sin began to multiply. The first Commandment, a Nation under God has been replaced by separation of God and State. Blaspheming the name of God is now legal in every one of our states. The Third Commandment used to be protected by "blue laws" all of them have now been dismissed and Sunday is primarily a national day for sports. We have violated the fifth Commandment by killing over 100,000,000 babies, in addition, another murder occurs every 27 minutes in this country. The Sixth Commandment is violated so openly by widespread sodomy, adultery, pornography, and promiscuity. Teenage pregnancies, incest and child abuse draw national

attention and more than 2,000, 000 Americans contract gonorrhea every year. And AIDS among this country's citizens is in epidemic proportions. Some two million unmarried couples now live together and the IRS had defined abortion clinics "charitable" and tax exempt organizations. The Seventh Commandment, is violated to the extent that a serious crime is committed every three seconds and a robbery every eighty seconds. There are now more than 9,000,000 alcoholics, 43,000,000 marijuana users, and a half a million heroin addicts. America once legislated against all these things God said were wrong, but gradually we began to tolerate all of the above, and the only virtue left was "tolerance" of evil. First we accepted these sins, then we justified them, then we condoned them, and then we promoted them. Then we legislated for them and then began to attack Christ and His Church, for speaking against them. Perversion and degradation that once made us blush, are now flaunted before the eyes of the nation that was conceived in the fear of the Lord. It happened little by little, not because someone forced it upon us, but because we have become indifferent.

Fear to Stand Up

So many Americans are afraid now to swim upstream. It takes courage to consistently speak out against those things that are harming us. Thank God for the remnant of Jews, Evangelicals, and Catholics who are holding the line. If they give way, our nation goes totally into decline.