America, Repent or Perish!

"THE BAD" Part 2 of 4

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The last writing subtitled, "The Good" addressed fully understanding why God blessed America in the first place and why America and the Body of Christ has spiritual ties to Israel. This week's writing subtitled "The Bad" will address the following:

- Is America still a Christian nation?
- ♣ Our Current Leaders Reflect the Spiritual Darkness in the Hearts of "We the People"—A Nation is only as Good as the People Inhabiting It.
- All That is Necessary For The Triumph Of Evil Is That Good Men Do Nothing.
- "We the People" Have No One to Blame But Ourselves and We Must Acknowledge Our Own Responsibility and Repent.
- ♣ If You Believe the Tea Party and Politics is "The" Answer for Saving America—Sorry, But You Are Wrong!
- ♣ History Always Repeats Itself and We Would Be Wise to Learn From Past Mistakes
 Lest We Repeat Them.

IS AMERICA STILL A CHRISTIAN NATION?

By 1954 it must have been apparent America was drifting away from God and our Judeo-Christian foundation. On Flag Day, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved adding "under God" to our pledge of allegiance by saying, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

Fast forward to the 21st century where America under the leadership of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Hussein Obama, proclaimed all over the world, "Whatever we <u>once</u> were, <u>we are no longer</u> a Christian nation—at least not just. We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, and a nation of nonbelievers."

As conveyed by my last writing America was founded on Judeo-Christian values and according to Wikipedia it appears the majority of people within our nation identify themselves as Christians, 76% to be exact, while Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism collectively make up a very minute percentage from 3.9% to 5.5%. Atheist and agnostics account for 15% of the adult population.

Also, once very small, the Muslim population of the US increased greatly in the 20th century, with much of the growth driven by rising immigration and conversion, and a comparatively high birth rate. In 2005, more people from Islamic countries became legal permanent United States residents—nearly 96,000— than in any year in the previous two decades. Recent data examining news stories from 2010 discovered Islam dominated headlines. Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism and the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life studied news from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2010. Islam bumped former top headline maker the Catholic Church from the number one spot. Could it be the main stream media is intentionally promoting Islam so people think that Christianity in America is passé?

Then in April 2009, *Newsweek* magazine debuted on its cover the headline proclaiming "The Decline and Fall of Christian America Has Moved into A "Post-Christian" Phase. According to the *Newsweek* poll at that time, fewer people now think of the United States as a "Christian nation" than did so when George W. Bush was president.

Two thirds of the public now say religion is "losing influence" in American society, and the proportion of Americans who think religion "can answer all or most of today's problems" is now at a historic low of 48 percent. *Newsweek* Editor Jon Meacham explored this issue in the April 13 cover story titled, "The Decline and Fall of Christian America." According to the American Religious Identification Survey, the percentage of self-identified Christians has fallen 10 percent since 1990, from 86 to 76 percent. Meacham writes that these figures show that America has not only become less Christian, but moved into a "post-Christian" phase. "This is not to say that the Christian God is dead," he writes, "but that he is less of a force in American politics and culture than at any other time in recent memory."

I do believe Mr. Meacham hit the nail on the head when he said, "This is not to say that the Christian God is dead...but that he is less of a force in American politics and culture than at any other time in recent memory." Yes, indeed our God is very much alive but can we say the same of His church in America?

What is wrong with this picture? Believers in Jesus Christ represent the majority of people living in the United States, yet **we have allowed** a small minority of people and groups to silence, undermine, and eradicate our Judeo-Christian foundation. Why is this so? We have become apathetic, indifferent, silent, and tolerant of political correctness. Furthermore, because many Christians no longer **live** according to God's precepts and principles found in His Word it should not come as a great surprise we have ceased being the salt and light in our culture especially in the political arena.

How can we legitimately claim to be "One Nation under God" when we have forsaken God by **not** living according to His precepts and principles found in His Word? In addition, we have drifted so far from our Judeo-Christian heritage our nation may not recover. Our nation's moral decay does not reflect God's Kingdom whatsoever; rather the "fruit" is from the prince of this world—Satan. The main reason America is flat lining is due to the spiritual and moral bankruptcy residing in the hearts of "We the People."

OUR CURRENT LEADERS REFLECT THE SPIRITUAL DARKNESS RESIDING IN THE HEARTS OF "WE THE PEOPLE" - A NATION IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE PEOPLE INHABITING IT

Many of our leaders in our government <u>and</u> churches are a direct reflection of the spiritual darkness residing in the hearts of "We the People." Furthermore, if we select leaders based on anything other than their character, integrity, and their belief in being accountable to God and His Word, we will reap the consequences of doing so.

Romans 13:2 states, "Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do **so will bring judgment on themselves**. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong."

The Scripture above is based on the assumption we have used Godly wisdom to select the right leaders **who know** they are accountable to God in their position of influence, have the reverential fear of God, and base their public policy on the precepts and principles found in His Word!

In Romans 13:6 it says, "...for the authorities are God's servants." Why are we financing, giving our time, and electing candidates who are NOT servants of God? We should be voting into office candidates whose character and ideology are based on God's values! It is very apparent by the leaders we currently have elected into office that "We the People" have not voted based on the precepts and principles found in God's Word! What does God's Word have to say about bribery, lies, corruption, and injustice we see so prevalent in our leaders? Have we been deceived into believing if someone professes to be good for

our economy their character doesn't matter? The character, integrity, and beliefs of the people we elect is the only thing we should consider. Instead of listening to what they "say" we should watch what they "do." Allegiance based on party affiliation must be thrown out the window if we truly desire to elect Godly men and women who will enact public policy based on the precepts and principles found in God's Word. This is the only way we will return to our Judeo-Christian heritage our nation was founded on.

In America we have been blessed with the privilege to vote for our elected officials. Therefore, we must be extremely careful to know the character (fruit) and the beliefs of the individuals we allow the awesome responsibility to represent "We the People." For it will be those individuals we place in authority by our votes which will establish the basis for determining what is good or evil. The question which must be addressed and answered is this, "By whose authority are they basing their ideology on?" If it is not based on the Word of God, then who do they serve? Satan! Have you ever noticed if you add a "d" to evil you get Devil? Do NOT be deceived and think their decisions will not affect us because as we are now witnessing they do!

James A. Garfield, twentieth president of the United States and also a minister of the gospel, stated in *A Century of Congress* dated July 1877, "Now, more than ever before, <u>the people</u> are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, <u>it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption</u>. If it be intelligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature...." This is also based on Proverbs 29:2 (KJV) which states, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

Furthermore, the powerful influential global elitists, certain government officials, and some of our Supreme Court Justices do NOT seek to understand God's Word. As a matter-of-fact, they are vehemently opposed to it and any person or organization that stands up for God's precepts. This is a fact based on the document I sent out from the Department of Homeland Security titled, "DHS Rightwing Extremist Report." This is why they seek to erase our history and replace it with lies that fit their agenda to bring about a One World Order. Their only stumbling block is America's sovereignty.

This is another reason there is such an attack by our Supreme Court Justices to overturn what "We the People" say and base their rulings on their own interpretation of their belief system and international law. They and certain governmental officials are intentionally perverting and circumventing the law of the land—our United States Constitution. **This in itself should be grounds for immediate dismissal!** Why? Because <u>every</u> elected official

and judge is required to take an oath BEFORE assuming their duties they were elected for or appointed to. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oath of office for a full list of these oaths for the United States of America. The main message of all these variations of the pledge is to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

I am dismayed to see that President Obama's approval rating has jumped at least 9 points in the wake of Osama bin Laden's killing. Yes we can rejoice in justice finally being served concerning the death of the "mastermind" behind 9-11, however, what about everything else President Obama is doing to circumvent the United States Constitution in order to fundamentally transform America?

Once again many in America have been manipulated by the fleeting circumstances and have lost sight of the "big" picture. I am beginning to think perhaps "We the People" have no better intellect than Homer Simpson just as Obama's favorite Czar Cass Sunstein stated, "We think there is a little Homer Simpson in all of us. Sometimes we have self-control problems, sometimes we're impulsive. In these circumstances, both public and private institutions, without coercing, can make our lives a lot better." He also stated, "Once that reality is accepted, Americans can be "manipulated."

Last, but certainly not least, how are we honoring the men and women in our military who put their life on the line continuously to preserve our freedom when we back home sit idly by and do not take action ourselves to safeguard our Republic from the enemies within our nation?

"ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS THAT GOOD MEN DO NOTHING"

We need to address the real reason why small minorities of people have been very successful in silencing, undermining, and eradicating our Judeo-Christian heritage. It is because many in the Body of Christ have forsaken God and are **NOT** <u>living</u> according to His precepts and principles found in His Word. Many have exchanged the truth of God's Word for a lie and live according to what is socially acceptable. As a result, we have become irrelevant because we are apathetic, indifferent, tolerant and politically correct. We have compromised God's Word and rebelled against our Creator who gave us life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in the first place.

Many in the Body of Christ are not being the salt and the light we have been called to be in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities. Is it any wonder our nation is spiritually bankrupt and we are reaping the "fruit" of the one many truly serve—the prince of this world—Satan?

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The downward spiral for our country started in 1963 when the United States Supreme Court decided 8-1 in favor of the respondent, Edward Schempp, in the *Abington Township School District vs. Schempp* trial to declare school-sponsored Bible reading in public schools in the United States to be unconstitutional. This ruling then opened the door to take prayer out of public schools when Madalyn Murray O'Hair, an atheist who founded the group American Atheists in 1963, won a favorable ruling in the *Murray v. Curlett* lawsuit. This led to a landmark Supreme Court ruling ending government sponsored prayer in American public schools. How did the American people respond?

In 1964 *Life* magazine referred to Madalyn O'Hair as "the most hated woman in America." Yet the majority of the people in America at that time obviously did not speak up and fight to get this ruling reversed.

What good comes from hating someone because of their wicked actions yet allowing their "fruit" to infect and affect the welfare of the masses? Evil can only triumph when good men and women decide to remain silent and do nothing. Where was the outcry from the Body of Christ when this happened? As is now the case, the silence is deafening.

This ruling started America's slippery decline away from the Judeo-Christian heritage our nation was founded on and God Almighty too. As a result, we have almost five decades of Americans who do not know the Lord and what His Word says because God has become irrelevant in the hearts and minds of "We the People."

Many people who profess they are Christians are just as guilty because we are all too busy to seek God and read His Word. Furthermore, we have become very narcissistic and embrace the mindset, "It is all about me." We will not change our self-serving propensity to live according to what is right in our own eyes until the consequences of our actions impact our comfort zones. It is only then will many finally wake up and say, "What in the world happened?"

We have become our own gods and seek to replace the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with many false gods. We have become a nation of people who idolize material possessions as our definition of the pursuit of happiness. This is exactly why God will allow the total financial collapse of the United States of America. Money and greed has become America's idol.

Furthermore, we do not base our truth according to God's Word any longer, rather we define our truth by the worldview and what is right in our own estimation. In addition, most Americans who do not know the Lord are now in positions of power and influence.

They seek to invoke their belief system and ideology in lieu of the precepts and principles found in God's Word. They are parents, teachers, union members, government leaders, and more tragically, this majority now includes Christians.

Just like we allowed a few atheists backed by erroneous decisions from select Justices of the Supreme Court to take God and His Word out of the public schools in 1963, we are continuing to allow a small, yet very powerful few, to fundamentally transform the United States of America before our very eyes. President Obama was truthful about his intent to fundamentally transform America from the very beginning. This is one of the few things he was honest about.

Many people want to blame President Obama for all our problems when the truth is most of the issues America is now facing were **planned** decades ago and are now being brought to the surface under his leadership. The truth is President Obama is one of many puppets being used by the global elitists to bring about their One World Order.

Furthermore, God is using President Obama to play an instrumental role to bring about the fulfillment of end-time prophecy unbeknownst to him. President Obama does not understand God's Word because he is not a Christian—his fruit says it all. Most issues President Obama supports and seeks to proliferate are contrary to God and His Word!

As a result of "We the People" deciding we are no longer "One Nation under God," as demonstrated by **our actions**, our Creator allowed us to have it our way when we chose Barack Hussein Obama as the 44th President of the United States.

In the Book of 1 Samuel the nation of Israel clamored for a king to lead them instead of God. Just like Israel, America wanted a king, thinking that a new system of government would bring about the needed changes in the nation. But because the "root" problem with the United States was disobedience, rebellion, and rejecting the Lord, our problems would continue to get worse under the leadership of President Obama and his new administration.

Following are the similarities which Samuel warned the Israelites of the problems which would arise **when the people put their trust** in the king **instead** of God. America is now reaping some of the same consequences.

Old Testament Times/Present Times

Draft young men into the army/He would draft young people and indoctrinate them Page 7 "The Bad" Part 2 of a 4 part series titled, "America, Repent or Perish!" by Donna M. Rogers

for his "One World-Islamic" agenda across all learning institutions in the land and then get them involved with community organizing and uprisings throughout the world.

Make slave laborers/He would allow illegal aliens amnesty without requiring them to become citizens of the United States which results in them not being paid an honest wage for their work. Since the Hispanic population is the fastest growing ethnic group in America he would need their support in furthering his agenda, especially at election time. Furthermore, he would tax the American people so much they would become slaves for the government by working more and more just to pay their taxes. Not to mention selling America out to foreign enemies like China. All this would leave the people with no money/jobs to support their families or put money back into the economy accomplishing the new king's agenda to redistribute THEIR wealth. On this present path America will become a third world country accomplishing one of the objectives of the New World Order.

Taking the best of your fields and vineyards/Have you lost your house yet? Are you still able to buy groceries? If we stay on this present path everything you have worked for will be taken from you and given to foreign enemies. They will have fully redistributed YOUR wealth.

Using your property for his personal gain/The government is now in the automobile, banking and mortgage business for the sole purpose of redistributing YOUR wealth as they deem appropriate. If they do not hold the mortgage on your property or pilfered your retirement accounts yet they soon will.

Demanding a tenth of your harvest and flocks/If only the government's objective was just 10% of our income.

Samuel also stated, "When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the Lord will not answer you in that day." God's people are now crying out for we are <u>finally</u> reaping the "fruit" of our rebellious choice of rejecting and forsaking God Almighty for almost five decades. The only way God will answer our cry for help is with sincere repentance from the "corporate" Body of Christ.

Like Israel, America was called to be a holy nation, separate and set apart from all the other nations because of our devotion to God and our Judeo-Christian foundation. It was not our desire for a king that was wrong for we were blessed with many Godly men who served as President of the United States of America throughout the history of our Republic. Our motive for selecting this particular President was wrong. Like King Saul, President Obama has allowed his arrogant indifference to being accountable to God and listening to wicked advisers to lead him down the path which will result in his ruin.

Read Daniel 5:18-31 below to understand we do not need to waste our time focusing on President Obama—God will deal with him and anyone else who refuses to repent and turn from their arrogant, prideful, hardened heart and wicked ways. We are commanded to pray for our enemies and our leaders. Pray that President Obama will turn from his wicked ways and accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior before it is too late.

"Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes." ~ Daniel 5:18-21

"But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription."

"This is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

Here is what these words mean:

Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

Parsin: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians (Iran-radical Islam)." ~ Daniel 5:22-28

"Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two." ~ Daniel 5:29-31

The Lord will allow President Obama, "We the People," **and** the Body of Christ to reap what we have sown based on Daniel 5:18-31 above. We have been measured by God and found to be lacking, and as a result, the handwriting is on the wall for America.

"WE THE PEOPLE" HAVE NO ONE TO BLAME BUT OURSELVES AND WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND REPENT

Instead of focusing on President Obama we need to assess our own moral failures, apathy, and indifference which have contributed to the state of our nation's moral and spiritual bankruptcy. Our propensity to blame others is nothing new; it started in the Garden of Eden long ago.

<u>We</u> have lost our way and have no one to blame but ourselves for our fate. It is time to face the music America by acknowledging and accepting personal responsibility. We cannot change anything we refuse to acknowledge in the first place! As long as we point our fingers at each other and have someone else to blame we will continue down this path to the utter destruction of the United States of America as we know it. Following is God's perspective on this issue:

"Have you not brought this on yourselves **by forsaking the Lord your God** when he led you in the way?" ~ Jeremiah 2:17

"Your own conduct and actions have brought this upon you. This is your punishment. How bitter it is! How it pierces to the heart!" ~ Jeremiah 4:18

"My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good." ~ Jeremiah 4:22

"Through your own fault you will lose the inheritance I gave you. I will enslave you to your enemies in a land you do not know, for you have kindled my anger, and it will burn forever." ~ Jeremiah 17:4

It is only by the grace and **mercy** of God that America is still the greatest nation ever to exist. God has been long suffering and very slow to anger because He still loves America despite our harlotry and is beseeching us to return to Him. He remembers the covenant He established with Abraham and our Founding Fathers and this has been instrumental in how long it has taken for Him to release His full judgment upon our nation.

Well guess what America? If we do not fully wake up and return to our first love—Jesus Christ, living according to the precepts and principles found in His Word, and our Judeo-Christian heritage, we will no longer be free and will succumb to tyranny! The United States of America as we know it will be no more!

We must not allow our country to succumb to the enemies within without a valiant fight. We must all draw the line in the sand now and be determined our country will not perish because of what we did or did not do! We must be determined to do the will of our Heavenly Father and be willing to give our lives, our fortunes, and sacred honor to proclaim God's truth for His honor and glory!

This video by Dutch Sheets was released **before** the election back in 2008. Now three years later we are on the brink of forever losing the land God entrusted us with. May the deception be unveiled from our eyes as we fully realize the implications of losing the greatest nation ever to exist, if His people who are called by His name do not arise now. Every time I watch this video I weep because I know what we will be experiencing on our present path.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xpbBmFXXI8

If the Body of Christ continues to sit idly by while we see evil taking root we will have to explain to God on the Day of Judgment why we did nothing to stop evil from pervading our society when we are called to be His Ekklesia! In the meanwhile, we will have no one but ourselves to blame for reaping the consequences of doing nothing and allowing evil to flourish throughout the land.

IF YOU BELIEVE THE TEA PARTY AND POLITICS IS "THE" ANSWER FOR SAVING AMERICA—SORRY, BUT YOU ARE WRONG!

We have people who profess to be believers who are involved in organizations like the 912 Project and The Tea Party, yet they do not believe God is "the" answer to our nation's problems. They are putting their trust and reliance in the ability of "men" to save our nation rather than God.

Do I believe God has called people within The Tea Party and these various grassroots organizations to make a difference in the civic area? Absolutely because His Church, "the Ekkelsia" has failed miserably in this area. However, if God is not at the center of these initiatives they will fail.

My last writing clearly conveyed the truth our nation was founded based on marrying the principles of civil government <u>with</u> the principles of Christianity. In addition, God used many of His people in the Bible to enact His will by placing them to serve the top politicians of their day, (i.e. Joseph as 2nd in command of Pharaoh's entire kingdom). See the tab on my website titled, "Should Christians be involved in politics?"

What is the main focus of most Americans and the Grassroots organizations like The Tea Party right now? Is it God? No. It is about stopping the out of control spending by our government and saving our country from a financial meltdown. While this is a worthwhile endeavor, what about saving our country by not condoning or having the morals which led to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah? What about saving our country based on the need to stop exchanging the truth of God's Word in exchange for the worldview? What about the pastors in the church who are not leading their flocks to speak out against the godlessness and wickedness of elected leaders who not only seek to eradicate God's truth, but are intent on implementing Satan's strategies?

Then we have Christians who do NOT believe we should be involved in the civic arena because the leaders in the church have led them to believe this lie. I will address this issue of why pastors in the church are not leading their sheep to be the salt and light in the civic arena in the next writing.

Can I tell you a secret? We are not going to stop the total financial collapse of the United States. This is one of the judgments God will allow for money and greed becoming Page 12 "The Bad" Part 2 of a 4 part series titled, "America, Repent or Perish!" by Donna M. Rogers

America's idol. The unfortunate truth is the only thing which will cause people to change is pain. America, just like Judah in the Book of Zephaniah, has no sorrow for her sins. Because "We the People" are prosperous, we no longer care about God. God's demand for righteous living is irrelevant to His people, whose security and wealth have made us complacent. We have allowed an attitude of proud self-sufficiency of our material comfort to become a barrier to our commitment to God. We have disregarded God's warning as proclaimed in Zephaniah 2:3, "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who "do" what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger."

It is only after we experience God's full judgment unleashed upon our nation will we truly comprehend only God can save us and cure us of our indifference to spiritual matters. It is only then will most realize He is our only hope.

Many people who say they are Christians are nothing more than wolves in sheep's clothing. I have experienced it firsthand as a member of both the 912 Project and The Tea Party. Many members of these organizations profess to be Christians but do not want to hear about God and focus most of their attention on the political agenda and the economy. This is a huge mistake as we will shortly witness. Furthermore, this is not just my experience and perspective. Following is the perspective of another believer, Billie Tucker, who is a member of the First Coast Tea Party in Jacksonville, Florida. She wrote an excellent article addressing this issue and has given me permission to share it with you.

For those of you who believe God does not belong in the <u>Tea Party</u> Movement, you might want to move along to another article. I'm probably going to irritate you so no need in that. Just move along. Move along. Nothing here for you to read.

It's Sunday morning and I woke up with this lyric in my head, "the only hope for our country is Him." This line comes from a song sung by Carmen in a video he made in the 1990s. Who is Carman?

Carman is what some call a Las Vegas showman and a Christian evangelist. You might say he is a Rock and Roll Billy Graham. Carman is not well known outside the Christian music world yet his record-attending event at the Texas Stadium in Dallas surpassed 71,000 attendees – more than U2, Madonna, Paul McCartney, and Garth Brooks could attract when they played there.

Carman was rising in popularity when my children were teenagers and his songs played constantly in our home and cars. I loved it because his music resonated not only with the teenagers of the 90's but the adults liked him too! And the fact he was good looking didn't hurt him either!

I was surprised to wake this morning and hear this lyric in my head after all those years. I wondered what God wanted me to do with that. When you wake in the mornings and you have a thought in your head – you need to heed and listen. There is always a message there.

So for me, I got up, put the coffee on and went to YouTube to pull up the video with that lyric in it. Before the sun rose in the sky and while the half moon was still illuminating the darkness of dawn, Carman began talking about our founding fathers on my computer screen.

All those years ago when my children were teenagers, I never paid attention to our founding fathers. In fact, before the Tea Party Movement, I had not thought of them since high school American history and why would I? But there was Carman talking about them at the beginning of his video and then he began singing his song, *God in America Again*. I remembered the song, but not the talking points. Why?

Because at that time in my life, Carman was a Christian role model for my children and I was not concerned about American history lessons. They could learn that in school. Carman was all about doing the right thing, living your life for Christ and letting others know about good and evil in the world. That was what was important to me then where my children were concerned. Not the founding fathers.

Little did I know that the two were equally important and Carman had already gotten it right! I knew God was important to raising our children yet I didn't teach them about how important God was to our country and the continuance of freedom for all. I was more focused on getting it right with them personally and the rest of the country could take care of itself. I had work to do as a parent and that was a full time job in-and-of itself.

I'm glad to report our teenagers turned into great American patriots who are both self-sustaining adults with wonderful spouses. They have grown up to become well-respected in their fields of endeavor and one has blessed us with adorable granddaughters and another baby is on its way. (Our other adult child has some catching up to do with the baby making responsibility!) Mission accomplished with raising our children! We can mark the MOST important task off our bucket list with a note next to it – "JOB WELL DONE!"

As I finished listening to Carman's video, I realized what God was telling me. Yes, I had raised my children and although I hadn't focused on my country, I was still making it a better country in the long run. You see, my husband and I had raised our children to love others, to live their lives as responsible citizens, to do the right things, to be held accountable for their actions, to stand on their own two feet and to ensure they were making a difference in society. In other words, we helped our country by raising our children with God's love as the center of our home. These two individuals were now great American citizens. I realized -- when we speak of our country – we are speaking of its people not some imaginary thing. Our country = our people.

Those of us in the Tea Party Movement are on a mission to save our country from evil forces who want to destroy it and take us down. No one can deny that those forces - aka as "people" -- are out there. The likes of them have been there since America was founded and every generation has a responsibility to defend it and keep us free from those who hate us.

The only way the next generation can do that is to raise up their children to be responsible people who will defend our country when their time comes and their time will come.

So...for those who believe God does not belong in the Tea Party Movement, I beg to differ. As Carman says:

Abe Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation Will be the philosophy of the government of the next"

So when you eliminate the Word of God from the classroom and politics You eliminate the nation that Word protects

We have eliminated God from our classrooms, our public institutions, our laws, our courtrooms, our legislation and now others are saying God should be removed from the Tea Party Movement.

I, for one, will refuse that argument. I will not force God down your throats and I will stand up for Him when called to do so. America is God's country and was founded on Godly principles. When we refuse to repeat those facts and only talk about fiscal responsibility, we are NOT talking about the real issues at the core of our problems.

The real issues are egos, corruption, evil and wicked men in power, tyranny, multiculturalism and political correctness. Those issues have nothing to do with fiscal responsibility. They have everything to do with Freedom and Liberty – which comes from our Constitution and Declaration of Independence which our founding fathers drafted in part from the word of God.

The Tea Party Movement keeps growing and the more people who come to it are concerned about so many things. Yes, they are concerned about the fiscal issues, our debt problems and our economic problems. They are also concerned about global governance, multiculturalism, border security, illegal immigration, corruption, land grabs, cap and trade, etc.

All of these issues again equate to loss of liberty. Loss of liberty equates to slavery. That loss of liberty is handed over to a government which is comprised of men and women who we allow to rule over us instead of standing up for our God-given rights of self-governance.

All in all – the issues of the Tea Party Movement comes back to one thing --

We need God in America again

So on this Sunday which is known as a day of rest and a day to focus on our God, I encourage you to do your part to put God in America again. If you feel overwhelmed, all you have to do is love someone today. Tell someone about God. Help someone out of a bad situation such as a job loss, lack of food to feed their family, or money to pay their bills. Send a donation to Japan and help those who are without hope. Hand a couple of dollars to a homeless person. Go to church. Spend time in prayer and meditation. Look around and proclaim the greatness of our country to others.

Share yourself today and by doing so – you can put God in America again.

To hear Carman's videos and the many others he has produced over the years, go to: www.youtube.com and put in the word "Carman." Have fun watching his videos and encourage your children and grandchildren to watch them with you.

Take a listen to "God in America Again" here...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC1DrrV_oDw

HISTORY ALWAYS REPEATS ITSELF AND WE WOULD BE WISE TO LEARN FROM PAST MISTAKES LEST WE REPEAT THEM

History always repeats itself and we are foolish if we do not learn from past mistakes. As stated in Ecclesiastes, 3:15, "Whatever has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account."

Our nation is currently on the same path which caused the fall from within of both the Weimar Republic and the Roman Empire.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations is about two hundred years. As of July 4, 2011, America will be 235 years old and we are currently at the 7th cycle in the chart below. It has been reported in recent years that empires appear to go through a series of eight cycles as follows:

- 1. From bondage to spiritual faith.
- 2. From spiritual faith to great courage.
- 3. From courage to liberty.
- 4. From liberty to abundance.
- 5. From abundance to complacency.
- 6. From complacency to apathy.
- 7. From **APATHY** to dependency.
- 8. From dependency back to bondage

What will it take for our country to experience a spiritual revival other than invoking 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Joel 2:12-14? The answer is found in 2 Chronicles 29-32 under the leadership of King Hezekiah. King Hezekiah <u>did</u> what was good and right <u>because</u> of His faith in God. His <u>actions</u> are an example of what is required in order to usher in spiritual renewal. It begins with individuals choosing to put their faith into action.

- **1.** He beseeched the people of Judah to return to the Lord. (2 Chronicles 30:6-9)
- **2.** He kept doing what was right despite ridicule (2 Chronicles 30:10).

- **3.** He aggressively <u>removed</u> evil influences from his life—REPENTED. (2 Chronicles 30:14 and 31:1)
- **4.** He was open to spontaneity in worship (2 Chronicles 30:23)
- **5.** He contributed generously from His own resources which enabled God's work to continue (2 Chronicles 31:3)

The Lord is not done with America yet and wants us to return back to our first love—Jesus Christ, living according to His precepts and principles found in His Word, and our Judeo-Christian heritage. God's purpose will prevail and we have a choice to make. We can either willingly return to Him or this nation will experience horrors which will make 9-11 seem insignificant by comparison.

However, remember my words. The "corporate" Body of Christ will not repent until AFTER America sees her darkest days because the leaders in the church refuse to heed the warnings from God. We cannot even get most pastors in America to pray for our nation, let alone lead their people to repentance. Therefore, all we can do at this point is pray for God's mercy and fortify our own houses by establishing our foundation firmly on Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, just like after 9-11 people will come running back to God when He shakes this nation and His people from their slumber and complacency. It is only when people lose their material wealth and possessions with the total economic collapse of the United States of America and other judgments He will allow us to reap, will most of us be willing to seek His face. Many will know too late God is all they need, until He is all they have.

One of the many circumstances we will see come to pass because we have rebelled against God is that Washington D.C. will be completely destroyed just as Israel's capital Jerusalem was in 70 A.D. due to the same reasons.

God allowed Jerusalem to be totally destroyed in 70 A.D. when the people of Israel turned their backs on Him. If God judged His chosen nation why do we believe He will continue to be merciful to us? How foolish and arrogant we are to believe God will Bless America when as a nation we do not even acknowledge God let alone honor Him! We are sadly deceived. Our pride and arrogance will be our undoing as illustrated in Proverbs 16:18 which declares, "Pride precedes a disaster, and an arrogant attitude precedes a fall."

Do you know what led up to the first Jewish-Roman war sometimes called *The Great Revolt* which resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.? The Great Revolt initially began because of religious tensions, but later protests over taxation joined the list of grievances and random attacks on Roman citizens and perceived 'traitors' occurred in Page 17 "The Bad" Part 2 of a 4 part series titled, "America, Repent or Perish!" by Donna M. Rogers

Jerusalem. The Emperor Nero appointed General Vespasian to crush the rebellion culminating in brutal civil war.

We have been experiencing religious tensions for many years now with our government and ACLU trying to eradicate our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Meanwhile what is God's church, "the Ekkelsia" doing? They are busy building their own kingdoms while God's Kingdom lies in ruin and our nation is burning down around us.

"This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. "You hoped for rich harvest, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? "Because my house lies in ruins, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses." ~ Haggai 1:7-9

The next writing will present the ugly truth of who God is holding accountable for the state of our nation and why. Furthermore, I will convey the final repercussions of our nation's fate unless God's people fully awake from their slumber and repent.