

INDEPENDENCE DAY

This isn't going to be pretty. However, I hope it's a wakeup call. July 4, Independence Day, is supposed to be a happy time of celebration, and especially for appreciation that we are Americans, "with liberty and justice for all", as our pledge states. But there are dark forces at work these days, forces trying to shred our country and rip it from the foundation of liberty and justice for all.

The shocking reality that we must face is that we are at war against an enemy from within. And our enemy is formed of an alliance between two major groups: the radical Left and the radical Islamists, both intent on destroying this country and us. We Normals are people who generally believe in traditional values based on the Judeo-Christian tradition, the foundation of which is the Biblical morality established by the 10 Commandments of the Old Testament and the Two Greatest Commandments given to us by Jesus of Nazareth: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; and care for others as you care for yourself.

Our nation's founders warned us that the tendency to tyranny is bred into our human DNA, so we were told to be on the watch for it. We were also provided with weapons to use against it. First and foremost is the ballot box, and if/when that fails, we are given the right to bear arms to use against such tyranny when there is no other option. Notice how the Left has battled us on both fronts. They resist the most common sense solution of photo identification at the ballot box, using their usual lying tactics to make us believe that this is discrimination. And then they constantly push the gun control agenda, knowing that an armed citizenry cannot easily be controlled the way they wish to control us.

Using the vote to fight back has had mixed results in recent years. Think Arnold Schwarzenegger, whom we elected Governor of California based on his refreshing agenda to fight back against

the "girly men" and corruption in Sacramento. But the pushback from the Left caused him to collapse almost immediately. Talk about a disappointment! And since his time, California has descended farther and farther into the abyss of darkness, passing the worst kind of immoral legislation to force us Normals to swallow their agenda.

The election of Donald Trump was another electoral pushback, with better results so far, but not much to help us in the benighted state we live in. Like him or hate him, and I do like him except for his personal moral glitches, he has been effective at countering the enemy, in his case the "Deep State", and returning the United States to a much more

acceptable and traditional path. I thank God for sending him, and chuckle at the way a number of heroes God uses are really compromised characters, some having committed murder (even King David himself!), some just selfish jerks (try Jacob, aka Israel, after whom that nation is named).

In spite of Trump's satisfying successes, what is becoming clearer to me is that the beat of evil goes on, and our nation remains on a downward trajectory. The slope steepened downward starting in the nineties under Bill Clinton, continued downward under Bush, and fell off the cliff under President Obama, whose hostility to everything American was painfully obvious. Whether the push to force us to accept murder, aka abortion, as a "right", or lawsuits designed to force us to compromise our obedience to God when faced with participating in abominations in His eyes, or setting race relations back decades by fanning flames of hatred based on jaw-dropping lies, it is painfully obvious that we are close to losing the United States of America as we have known it.

And then there is this State of California, which is showing the way to tyranny and darkness as we never would believe could

happen in our lifetimes. And the politicians are hedging their bets by incrementally curtailing our ability to arm ourselves by restricting the types of guns and ammunition we can buy and making it near impossible to acquire them. They tax us at will, take our money and give it to illegals and provide benefits and protections to them that are not available to us legal citizens, and live the high life in their gun-protected enclaves. Then they secure their positions through sanctuary cities and giving illegals (!) the right to vote!

Our state has split apart, largely along a vertical axis, with the urban, coastal populations running things and ruining us. Our nation has split apart, along mostly ideological lines, with the God-hating, immoral Left concentrated on the two coasts and in Chicago. The mainstream media, typified by CNN's clearly made up, fake news, has thrown in with the Left and become its mouthpiece. We are preached at by celebrities who think they have a claim on our consciences when they exemplify the worst in human behavior. The legal

system serves those chosen as worthy by the Left, and the rest of us can just pay the fines or go rot in jail. Even Google, Facebook and Twitter cannot be trusted to deliver objectivity but are filtering out or outright blocking things they deem, gasp, "conservative".

What are we to do under these circumstances? Give up? Hide in a cave, as I have wanted to do for decades? Or do we continue the fight? How far do we go? How do we honor the millions who gave their lives for the country that is being destroyed?

And what country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. . . . The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots & tyrants. It is its natural manure.

— Thomas Jefferson

"Happy" 4th of July?

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2. Only in America are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
3. Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a DIET coke.
5. Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our junk in the garage. Hello.
6. Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls and have call-waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
7. Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

A teacher went into her classroom about fifteen minutes before the class was supposed to begin and caught a bunch of boys in a huddle on their knees in the corner of the room. She asked what they were doing, and one of them shouted back, "We are shooting craps." She replied, "That's all right. I was afraid you were praying."

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Independence Day Celebrations

on June 30, Sat.

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on July 4, Wed.

Parade, 9AM

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Presentation of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Patriotic Song

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