

## MAY A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY GO VIRALS

Did you know that this coming weekend is Mother's Day? I bet you never thought you'd be looking at a Mother's Day like this one. If you normally take Mom and Grandma to a nice restaurant for dinner, well, you can scratch that option. If you want to get her a nice gift, you may or may not have the income to do that at this time, and then where do you get it? Amazon, I suppose. Whoopee.

Oh, I have a great suggestion: since Mom is probably having to cook more meals at home because the kids aren't in school and eating out is such a hassle, you can get her a new Insta-pot (combination pressure cooker and crock pot), or some other fancy cookware. She'll just LOVE that, huh? Or a new vacuum cleaner! How to make points with the woman of your life!

Isn't it incredible how this virus panic has taken complete control of our lives and our national conversation so quickly? And how do we get out of it? How do we put our lives back to normal, not "new normal" but normal-normal, when so many of our handlers are so determined to keep us put in our new place – at home and under their collective thumbs? Do we even need those handlers telling us what to do and how to live all the time? They think so!

By the time you read this, you will know what happened at the beaches over this first weekend in May, when the weather is forecast to be warm and beautiful and people are sick to death of being held prisoner in their own homes. Will there be violence as the police try to impose irrational governmental orders on people ready to resist and maybe fight back? At this moment, I received a news alert that citizens in Michigan are so angry at their leftist governor and her tyrannical orders forbidding them from planting gardens but allowing abortions and pot-smoking, that they

are rushing the capitol (again!), and some of them are armed. Will that happen here? Should it?

Are we at the point that Thomas Jefferson warned of: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure."? What a horrible thought, but how horrible is it to see surfers arrested for surfing alone, with no one around? Or to see a mother who takes her child to the park to play and is arrested? What do we do with all this?

Since it's Mother's Day, I do have a story of a mother that sheds some light on this situation. It was sent to me in a short video last week. I have since followed up with much reading of books, internet articles and YouTube videos (before they removed two of them for some reason).

Mary Smith Macleod Trump, President Donald Trump's mother, was born in the Outer Hebrides islands off the west coast of Scotland in 1912. She came to the United States in 1934, met Fred Trump, married him and had five children: Fred, Maryanne, Elizabeth, Donald, and Robert. She died in 2000, never to know that her somewhat troublesome character of a son would become a highly impactful President of the United States.

In the 1950's, Mary gave Donald a Bible, which he kept over the years, and which he insisted be used for his inauguration, along with Abraham Lincoln's inaugural Bible. Other than the apparent importance Trump gave this Bible from his mother, there is not much said about his relationship to his mother. His father was seemingly the most influential in his life.



Here's where the story gets interesting, though. The Scottish people in the Hebrides were fervent Presbyterians who lived by strict moral and religious codes of behavior. In the years 1949 to 1952, there came to them a great awakening, in which they begged for, and received, the Spirit of God coming down upon them in powerful ways.

This awakening began when two elderly sisters, age 84 and 82, one blind and the other crippled with arthritis, had a vision of the church being filled with young people (who were mostly absent in the church), and they asked the minister to gather the elders and deacons and pray that God come in power. I don't have space here to tell the details, but it is a wonderful, inspiring story that I encourage you to find in YouTube or just Google it.



Long story short, these two ladies, by the last name Smith, were the aunts of Mary Smith Macleod, Donald Trump's mother! A young boy who was instrumental in praying for God's power during the meetings was named Donald Smith. He was a cousin of Mary Macleod (now Trump). Whether fact or legend, I don't know, but the

story is being told that the Bible that Mary Trump gave to Donald was one that her two aunts sent her from Scotland.

Regardless of that detail, it can only be said that Trump's

spiritual heritage is rooted in that atmosphere of intense desire for God's Spirit that led to the awakening in 1949. His great aunts triggered it. His cousin Donald was a key figure in it. His mother would have acquired some of his aunts' passion and passed on to him the values and spirit of those people. When I think of my Grandpa Gommel, I realize how much his values and teachings soaked into us kids, even as we lived far away from him. So it must be with Trump and his near ancestors.

I leave you with this "Mother's Day" story to make of it what you wish. I can only tell you that when I heard it, it struck me as highly important and coming from the Spirit of God. Is Donald Trump a Believer, with a personal relationship with God as we know Him in Jesus the Christ? I dunno. Does

God intend to use this man for His purposes? Well, I think He already has in many ways. Who can name any other leader who could deal with our present

complex situations against such great hostility like Donald Trump has? Why do you think he is under such frenzied, insane attack, obviously rooted in the spirit of God's enemy, the devil?

I cannot answer those questions. Only from this spot in the mess our lives have become in the last few months, I sure hope that God has some big miracle in mind, and maybe through the hand of His servant, President Trump. An awakening of His Spirit, where He comes down on the people in powerful ways, can happen just as quickly as the spirit of this corona virus pandemic has done, and the Holy Spirit is the only way to counter the panic-demic and to heal us of the damage inflicted.

Is Donald Trump God's man for this? Let's pray that he is. No one else is like him. No one else has his unusual mixture of outsized human foibles and strength of char-

acter, mixed with real identification with us Normals.

Thank You, Father, for President Trump. Please use him to accomplish YOUR purposes!

Linda Gommel

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