

JULY 4 -- WATCHMEN ON THE WALL II

July 4, Independence Day, is upon us this weekend. Duhhh, you say. How observant! What should we be celebrating on that day? In years past, July 4 was a joyous occasion for parades, picnics, and fireworks, all acknowledging our thankfulness to God for this nation, for our good fortune to be Americans, for those who suffered much to create such an exceptional nation that we might live in security and prosperity!

This year, in Lucerne Valley, there are no parade and no fireworks. Yes, some dedicated souls are planning a carnival for the kids. But the fun of the parade and fireworks is gone. The spirit of July 4 is severely dampened.

Certainly this reflects the true state of our nation at this moment in time. If we celebrate



the United States as an exceptional nation, then we are labelled white supremacist bigots. Worse, if we acknowledge God and His blessings on this nations, we are right-wing evangelical haters. Pride in, and appreciation for, our country is sidelined, discarded, and even attacked, just as statues of our nation's heroes are defaced and destroyed.

We've been under the collective thumbs of the various levels of government for well over a year now, allowing petty bureaucrats control our lives and actions, driving many of us into depression and/or financial insolvency. We've been subjected to lies, disinformation, and the fog of confusion about a virus plague that somehow never seems as horrible as "they" want us to believe. And why are they so adamant that we believe it?

To add insult to injury, our masters seem desperate to convince us to allow into our bodies a form of DNA manipulation, falsely calling it a vaccine, and putting into place controls like the vaccine passport that will disrupt our lives even more. And it will divide us into the approved Vaccinated and the severely disapproved Neanderthal Unvaccinated, with freedom of movement curtailed and privileges withheld from the Neanderthals. Again the question: why are "they" so anxious that we allow our bodies to be invaded in this way?

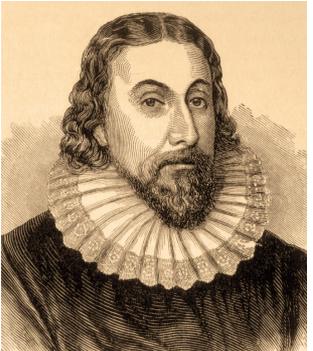
It makes this holiday this year feel empty, like a charade. We act out certain parts of the holiday, like camping, picnics, and barbecues, but there's no heart and soul for the uniqueness of the United States anymore.

Last week, we wrote here "Watchmen on the Wall", to give warning that God's judgment on this world and this nation is imminent. We described several factors pointing to the precarious situation in which the world finds itself. Those who pay attention know in their hearts that things are not right, that something out of the ordinary, something fundamentally evil, has gripped the world and especially the United States. Our wonderful formerly great nation is in freefall morally, spiritually, economically, and militarily. The rest of the world is following our lead, like lemmings all running over the cliff.

From what have we fallen? Who were we as Americans, as a nation, that we are no longer? Let me offer some perspective by way of a reminder of the spirit that created this nation, which is our heritage and which is what made us strong and prosperous, and beneficiaries of God's favor.

John Winthrop

The earliest settlers in Massachusetts, the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony in 1620 (500 years ago!), and the Puritans at the Massa-



chusetts Bay Colony in 1630, came to the New World in order to escape religious persecution and to be free to follow God as they believed He

wanted. John Winthrop led the Puritans to found the Massachusetts Bay Colony and what became the city of Boston. He wrote these words in a sermon to them, in which he declares this new country to be in covenant with God, under His protection.

The Lord will be our God, and delight to dwell among us, as His own people, and will command a blessing upon us in all our ways, so that we shall see much more of His wisdom, power, goodness and truth, than formerly we have been acquainted with. . . . For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world.

Winthrop also wrote this:

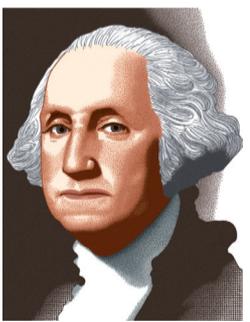
And to shut this discourse with that exhortation of Moses, that faithful servant of the Lord, in his last farewell to Israel, Deut. 30. "Beloved, there is now set before us life and death, good and evil," in that we are commanded this day to love the Lord our God, and to love one another, to walk in his ways and to keep his Commandments and his ordinance and his laws, and the articles of our Covenant with Him, that we may live and be multiplied, and that the Lord our God may bless us in the land whither we go to possess it. But if our hearts shall turn away, so that we will not obey, but shall be seduced, and worship other Gods, our pleasure and profits, and serve them; it is propounded unto us this day, we shall surely perish out of the good land whither we pass over this vast sea to possess it. Therefore let us choose life, that we and our seed may live, by obeying His voice and cleaving to Him, for He is our life and our prosperity.

Since most Americans are ignorant of true American history, most of us are ignorant of this covenant declared at our earliest founding, a covenant that we have repudiated and broken into a thousand pieces.

George Washington

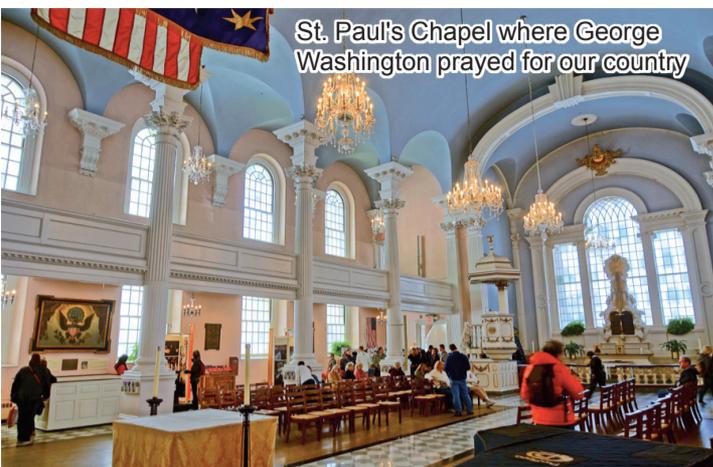
After taking the oath of office in 1789, George Washington, our first President, went with the members of the new government of the United States to St. Paul's Chapel in New York City. This was his prayer on that occasion.

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to



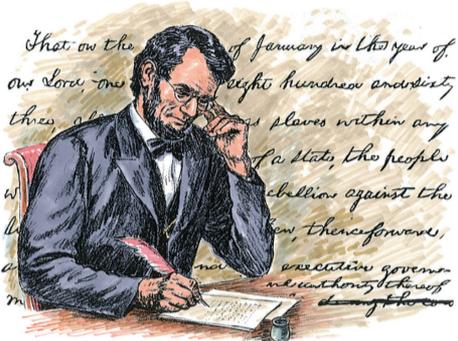
cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed



St. Paul's Chapel where George Washington prayed for our country

religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, proclaimed a national day of prayer in 1863, during the darkest days of the Civil War. This was his prayer for the nation at that time:

Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ronald Reagan

Finally, our beloved President Ronald Reagan, said this in his farewell speech in 1989:

The past few days when I've been at that [White House] window upstairs, I've thought a bit of the "shining city upon a hill." The phrase comes from John Winthrop, who wrote it to describe the America he imagined. What he imagined was important because he was an early Pilgrim [Puritan], an early freedom man. He journeyed here on what today we'd

call a little wooden boat; and like the other Pilgrims [Puritans], he was looking for a home that would be free. I've spoken of the shining city all my political life, but I don't know if I ever quite communicated what I saw when I said it. But in my mind it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, windswept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace; a city with free ports that hummed with com-

merce and creativity. And if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get here. That's how I saw it, and see it still.

In a speech in 1984, Reagan said, **This is our moment. Let us unite, shoulder**

to shoulder, behind one mighty banner for freedom. And let us go forward from here not with some faint hope that our cause is not yet lost; let us go forward confident that the American people share our values, and that together we will be victorious.

And in those moments when we grow tired, when our struggle seems hard, remember what Eric Liddell, Scotland's Olympic champion runner, said in Chariots of Fire: "So where does the power come from to see the race to its end? From within. God made me for a purpose, and I will run for His pleasure."

If we trust in Him, keep His word, and live our lives for His pleasure, He'll give

us the power we need - power to fight the good fight, to finish the race and to keep the faith.



Thank you very much. God bless you and God bless America.

Does this shock you, to read these words of some great leaders of our past? Is it not more shocking how far we have fallen? Reagan mentions how "the American people share our values", but who are the "American" people anymore, as we are flooded with non-Americans who are not coming here to become Americans but to get the goodies being thrown at them. Let your mind's eye rove the American landscape, seeing the riots, murder, mayhem, and masks all over. Wow!

No wonder we are under God's judgment! We began in a covenant with God to become His light to the world, His shining city on a hill, and now we violate everything He cares about and spit in His face!

On this July 4 occasion, let us each re-commit our personal lives and hearts to our Almighty God, beg His forgiveness, and beg for some miracle to turn our nation around. Let us give thanks for the favor He has shown us. Let us become watchmen on the wall, giving warning but also reflecting God's light and His heart of mercy to others. It is our duty to Him, in care for the souls of any who would hear and turn around and give themselves to God.

Linda Gammal

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

From the Web.

I CANNOT TELL A LIE

Once, in the 1820's, a little boy called Sam was playing in the yard behind his house. During his pretend fighting game, he knocked over the outhouse. Now Sam was upset and worried that he would get into trouble so he ran into the woods and didn't come out until after got dark. When he arrived back home, his pappy was waiting for him. He asked suspiciously, "Son, did you knock over the outhouse this afternoon?" "No, pappy," Sam lied. "Well, let me tell you a story," said the father. "Once, not that long ago, Mr Lincoln received a shiny new axe from his father. Excited, he

tried it out on a tree, swiftly cutting it down. But as he looked at the tree, with dismay he realized it was his mother's favorite cherry tree," his pappy paused. "When he returned, his pappy asked, 'Abraham, did you cut down the cherry tree?' Abraham answered with, 'Father, I cannot tell a lie. I did indeed chop down the tree.' Then his father said, 'Well, since you were honest with me, you are spared from punishment. I hope you have learned your lesson, though.' So," the Sam's father asked again, "did you knock down the outhouse?" "Pappy, I cannot tell a lie any more." said the little boy. "I did indeed knock down the outhouse." Then his pappy father

spanked Sam boy red, white, and blue. The boy whimpered, "Pappy, I told you the truth! Why did you spank me?" Pappy answered, "That's because Abraham Lincoln's father wasn't in the tree when he chopped it down!"



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

As of now -

Lucerne Valley Community Independence Day Carnival Saturday, July 3rd

9AM to 5PM at Pioneer Park

- ★ **Dunk Tank • Penguin Launching**
 - ★ **Balloon Pop • DJ Booth**
 - ★ **Vendors • Fish Bowl**
 - ★ **Cake Walk • Snack Bar**
 - ★ **Museum Info Booth • Face Painting**
 - ★ **Dojo Demonstrations • Egg Hunting**
- And Much, Much More!**

There will also be a blood drive with Lifestream from 9AM to 1PM.