

SHOCK and AWE

Do you remember the phrase "shock and awe" that came from the decisive battle fought by American troops against the Iraqi army as we pushed them back to Baghdad and away from their target, Kuwait? Today's shock and awe is completely different!

Today is Wednesday, August 18, and I sit here at my desk in shocked disbelief. The United States of America, my country, in which I have had so much pride and appreciation, has cut and run, abandoning thousands of citizens and allies in Afghanistan, leaving them to the mercies of an Islamist terror organization. Wow!

Not only did we abandon those hapless, helpless people, but we abandoned **BILLIONS** of dollars worth of mostly brand new military equipment, making it a free gift to this same blood-soaked terror organization. We've essentially armed them with the best equip-

ment available, and our abandonment of our allies and friends has shown them that they will have a free hand to use this wonderful bonanza against us, against Israel, or against other allies. Worse, they can supply their own allies with this stuff in return for who knows what favors -- you know, those wonderful players like Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Russia, China, and more.

What must they be thinking as they see the U.S. abandon its allies this way? We have always had Israel's back in the face of the severe threat of Islamic terrorist threats. Now they must go it

alone? They have before, and they could do it again, except for the fact that their elitists pushed out their effective, common-sense conservative leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, the same way our elitists stole our 2020 election to push

out Donald Trump. Now Israel is in a real fix, with a weak, divided government.

Have you seen the pictures of the Afghans who are trying to get out of Afghanistan before the murderous Taliban get ahold of them?

Are you aware that there are thousands of Americans, not all of them troops, stuck in Afghanistan, having to rely on this unreliable, confused, yes, evil, government to get them home to safety? Put yourself in their shoes. Think of having lived there for a time, whether for humanitarian reasons or just for an exotic-sounding job, and then within weeks, even days, your security is gone and your life turned upside down. What do we think the America-hating Taliban will do to those who come into their "custody"?

Worse, what will they do to those individuals who helped us as translators or in other capacities, but were not allowed escape on one of our planes out of there?

What will happen to the 5000 troops being brought INTO Afghanistan to protect the thousands being evacuated OUT? They are surrounded by hostile terrorist forces newly armed with brand new AMERICAN military equipment. Will they make it out safely?

I am so embarrassed by this debacle, this so totally UN-American approach to a crisis, this grotesquely awful behavior, and in my name, in a sense. I am an American. My taxes support this, and helped pay for the booty the terrorists received.

What the heck is going on???? This unimaginable travesty is just another huge plop on the steaming

pile of manure we are living every day now. Panic-demic over a virus that arguably is no worse than previous similar viruses. Whole states locked down for months, with more to come due to a newly invented panic over a virus variant likely

caused by measures taken against the original virus. Vaccines that are not vaccines, that are not fully tested, that are not yet approved by the (un)trustworthy FDA, that inject biological agents into our bodies and change our DNA, whose long term side effects are still unknown, that have produced more related deaths and negative side effects than all other vaccines combined. Then they toy with the idea of making these vaccines mandatory!

I can hear my dad ask me, "Where is your hope?" And "What did you expect?"

Well, I certainly did not expect this collapse of the United States as we knew it, gaining speed as it flows over the precipice like a river flowing over a waterfall.

And I did not expect to be pressured, and maybe forced, to take a "vaccine" that is highly questionable and then to be called a disease spreader when there is some evidence that the exact opposite is true: those who are vaxxed are likely the ones spreading the viruses!

I know what I should be expecting -- for things to happen just as they are happening since we are forewarned about it all by our Heavenly Father. Much is in the Bible. Much comes through those preachers and teachers who stick to the Bible and don't make up their own "truth." Much comes from our own relationship with God, by His Holy Spirit, Who gives us eyes to see and understand that basis of our crumbling world. We see the hand of God's enemy, the devil, behind all of this. We see the need to warn others of even worse things coming at us and to offer help to find the way out of all of this.

Isn't it about time we listen to the Spirit of God? Do we not realize that our home is not in this world, but we are strangers passing through to an infinitely better country, where we will live with our Father, without all of this painful misery?

It's time, people. Let's wake up, give up, and go with God!!

Escaping Afghanistan on an American transport



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People gathering at Kabul airport hoping to escape the coming terror.



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Afghans who crowded onto an American transport and refuse to get off.



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One of these is a planeload of America-hating terrorists on their way to spreading fear and destruction



The other is a planeload of Afghani refugees

"The Taliban is not the North Vietnamese army. They're not remotely comparable in terms of capability. There's going to be no circumstance where you see people being lifted off the roof of the United States embassy in Afghanistan. It is not at all comparable." - President Joe Biden (July 08, 2021)



Helicopters evacuate the American embassy in Afghanistan after Taliban forces enter Kabul - August 15, 2021



Saigon 1975



Afghanistan 1950s



Afghanistan Now



Yes Ma'am, still radio silence from feminists regarding Islam's treatment of women



The ending of Rambo III --

THIS FILM IS DEDICATED TO THE BRAVE MUJAHIDEEN FIGHTERS OF AFGHANISTAN

Obviously, this particular comment didn't age too well.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Contributed. From the Web.

WHY TEACHERS DRINK

The following questions were set in a GED examination. These are genuine answers (from 16 year olds).

- Q. Name the four seasons?
 - A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- Q. How is dew formed?
 - A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
- Q. What are steroids?
 - A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs. (Shoot yourself now, there is little hope)
- Q. What happens to your body as you age?
 - A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.
- Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?
 - A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery. (So true.)
- Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?
 - A. Premature death.
- Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?
 - A. Keep it in the cow. (Simple, but brilliant.)
- Q. What is the fibula?
 - A. A small lie.
- Q. What does "varicose" mean?
 - A. Nearby.
- Q. Give the meaning of the term Caesarean section?
 - A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome.
- Q. What is a seizure?
 - A. A Roman Emperor. (Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I had a fit.)
- Q. What is a terminal illness?
 - A. When you are sick at the airport. (Irrefutable.)
- Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?
 - A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight. (Brilliant.)
- Q. What is a turbine?
 - A. Something an Arab or Sheik wears on his head. Once a Arab boy reaches puberty, he removes his diaper and wraps it around his head.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

WED. SEPT. 8, 5 PM.
at the Moose Lodge

on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.
(Probably outside but has misters if needed)
Food service available.

- What came out of the Town Hall Meeting and the subsequent County ordinance. What may be pending in another county ordinance. What actions have or have not yet taken place.
- Reports and more from:
 - Detective Pangburn of the Sheriff's Dept.
 - CHP
 - Dominic of State Senator Grove's office.
 - Our new County Supervisor representative Steve Reyes.
 - A representative from Assemblyman Smith.
 - Congressman Obernolte's office.
 - Pending town clean-up by the LV Roadrunners.

- Lucerne Valley Market
 - "Do it Best" Hardware
 - Wash n Shop
 - Crossroads Center
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