

No More Mr. Nice Guy or Gal!

Rats! My title is not politically correct! I should say "No More Mr./Miss/Ms./Mrs./Xe/Xer/It/Blah blah blah . . . Nice Person", and then it's still inadequate, because it misses all the other 150 genders or pronouns! Aaargh!

But then, that's a clue to the subject at hand: how long will we sit quietly in our chairs, silent about the outrages we witness all around us – against our kids, against our once-great nation, against our military, against justice and lawful behavior, against tiny humans that haven't been born yet – and the list could go on.

We who remain sane – and those committing the outrages are no longer sane – have avoided speaking out for far too long. We have allowed ourselves to be silenced and intimidated and isolated so that we feel alone and afraid of the consequences if we do respond honestly. We don't want to offend or to push our religion on anyone because we've been conditioned to expect hostility, and we care more about personal comfort than we do about the other person's soul. (And I am guilty of this!)

My life, at age 73, has spanned the decades of the precipitous fall of our nation. Let's see if I can remember what I saw.

- I was born in 1949, so my early childhood was spent in happiness, international peace, and the blessings of the American Way. It was a high point in our nation's life.
- My high school years were from 1962 to 1966, and college 1966-1970. I witnessed the Beatles introduce perverse ways (e.g. long hair) that our generation was only too happy to adopt. Kennedy was assassinated in November, 1963, and then within a short few years, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King were also murdered. The hippie and drug culture sprang out of the sewer that was and is San Francisco and spread like wildfire. The Vietnam War was raging, poorly managed by our political leaders. The ground beneath my feet was shifting, and I felt unsure of my basic life assumptions. What the heck was happening?
- The 70s gave us three weak Presidents – Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Jimmy Carter. We saw weak-kneed response to happenings in the Middle East, and allowed Americans to be held hostage by terrorists for



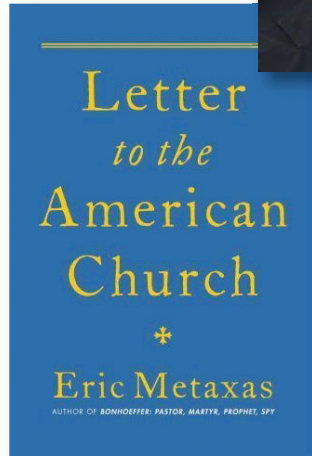
over a year. Meanwhile, on the domestic front, the Sixties Radicals went underground, finishing up their degrees in leftist baloney and then beginning to infiltrate academia, entertainment, political bureaucracies creating the Deep State, and even mainline Protestant churches. Roe v. Wade was passed, creating a free "market" for abortions, free of guilt, free of criticism, and simply a convenient method of birth control.

- The 80's were a huge relief as Ronald Reagan restored a sense of sanity and security with his strong and principled leadership. Whew, I thought, finally that evil of the last few decades was gone.
- Nope. 1988-2008 -- George H.W. Bush succeeded Reagan but was a squishy elitist; Bill and Hilary Clinton were crooks and liars from the start; and George W. Bush started strong with the 9/11 disaster but refused to respond to the growing attacks and baseless lies coming from the Left and so disappointed those of us who wanted to see strong pushback against the hate-filled Left.
- Then came the infamous, evil, yes, EVIL, Barack Obama, who promised to transform the United States as we knew it. Little did we realize what he really meant. Except for the four years of Donald Trump that gave us a refreshing pause in the crusade against us "normal" Americans, we've been under the "leadership" of the hateful, angry, unprincipled, traitorous, increasingly tyrannical Leftist regime ever since. In California, that includes Gavin Newsom and gang. In the U.S., Joe Biden.
- As of now, 2023, the groundwork for the

destruction of the God-based and God-blessed America has been completed, and we are seeing the fruits of that destruction: transgender madness; homosexual marriage; open borders flooding the country with illegals who care little about our nation's heritage of liberty, freedom, and inalienable rights given to each individual from God Himself; human trafficking; lawlessness ranging from careless, self-centered driving to mass shoplifting in urban stores (so far); the explosion of homelessness destroying cities, with endless tents, trash, bodies, and human fecal matter covering the streets; unrestrained spending by the governments designed to increase control over us citizens and crush us with huge debt.

- And don't forget the World Economic Forum and the World Health Organization (WHO), which are moving to control all nations and erase national borders and cultures.

Now we are further shocked



as we see major corporations spit in our faces as they take on the "Woke" mindset. They honor and even push deviant behavior. They have burrowed into the public school systems so that our children are being

filled with their ideology and being mutilated physically. Bud Light, Target stores, Disney, the LA Dodgers and Angels, and Hollywood, to name just a few, all seem out to provoke us and dare us to object. Well, we ARE objecting, with boycotts of their products, but not enough yet.

The other evening, Jack Hibbs had Eric Metaxas as his guest on "Happening Now" in his Wednesday night church service. Eric recently published a book, "Letter to the American Church", in which he called out American churches for remaining silent in the face of all of this. Here are a few things they said, which I wrote down.

- If you cannot make the sacrifice of boycotting those businesses and products that are openly pushing the decadent agenda of sexual immorality and the plunge into spiritual darkness, then you must face the fact that you yourself are participating in the destruction of our nation. When Target removed their abominable displays of gay and "trans" merchandise to the back of the stores, you may think we won, but in reality, we lost. The stuff is still there!
- Academic, head-knowledge faith is not enough to bring us into God's kingdom. We must LIVE our faith. As James, Jesus' brother, says in his New Testament letter, "Faith without works is dead." Faith in the Living God demands that we DO something about this.
- Our job as God's Body of Believers, the (real, living) church is to be the conscience of the state. God calls us to fight for His Right, Truth, and Justice until He decides the battle is over.
- If we say we will focus on our faith and reli-

gion because "God's got this" or "Don't worry because God is in control", we are copping out and calling for inaction, not ACTION.

- Our silence in this face of evil is no different than the German church's silence in the face of boxcars filled with Jews going to be murdered in gas chambers.
- As California goes, so goes the United States. As the U.S. goes, so goes the world. We who (must – ugh) live here are the best positioned to fight and spread the trend of resistance.
- Everything is being sexualized. Rainbows co-opted away from us. Trans-madness. Gay pride.
- We love the story of David and Goliath. Do we not see the parallel to our situation?
- If the church does not wake up NOW, it's over for America, so for God's sake, wake up! It's time, people, time to speak up, object, take courage, and represent the God who created us, who loves us, and who gave us this great nation to live in. Our appreciation of and to Him must now be expressed by entering the fight against His enemies and especially His Enemy, who is behind all this!

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Snakes, cont.

MORE ON SNAKES FROM COUNTY FIRE:

The administration of antivenin in the field is not typically practiced due to several reasons--

Cost: The cost of antivenin is quite high, at approximately \$2000 per vial. Depending on various factors, a patient may require a significant number of vials (ranging from 10 to 20 or even more) throughout the course of their treatment.



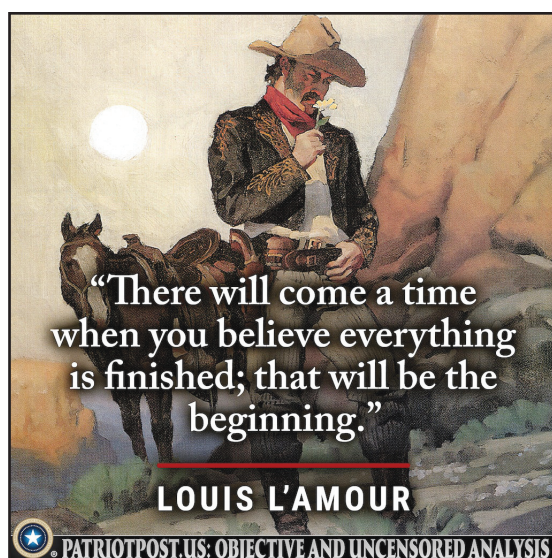
Storage: Unfortunately, it is not practical for emergency responders to carry antivenin vials with them. The vials can't exceed 98 degrees, which is an unattainable goal on our equipment, especially in the high desert areas.

Preparation: These vials need to be mixed very precisely, and their expiration date is limited. Carrying them in the field could lead to potential waste, as the vials might expire before they can be utilized.

Transportation: The transportation time to local hospitals for treatment is generally relatively quick in terms of time for treatment. In cases of snake bites, it is often possible to make a radio call ahead of time, enabling the medical team to initiate the necessary preparations before the patient's arrival.

Testing and Monitoring: It is important to note that not all snake bites result in the injection of venom. Therefore, determining the level of venom in the body from a venomous snake requires careful evaluation. In cases where a venomous snake bite is confirmed, close and extensive monitoring of blood work is essential before a patient can be considered cleared from the effects.

On The Lighter Side . . . from the Web



When squirrels come across an especially spectacular nut, they'll often gather and stare in amazement... very similar to how they're looking right now.



BACK IN MY DAY CLIMATE CHANGE WAS CALLED "SEASONS"



LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

Note Date:

Monday, June 26

(No longer the first Monday of the month)
5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge

on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S COMMENTARY PAGE FOR PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS.