

## Why Are We So Blind?

*"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:" Ephesians 4:18*

As the world continues to unravel and judgment day edges closer and closer, why does it appear that people are walking around with their heads in a cloud and cannot recognize what is going on all around them? The world has been sinking into an abyss of filth and degradation for a long time now, and yet we can't see just how far we have fallen.

Life today is 180° from the life we experienced during the 1950's. What was considered decadent then is considered normal now! First of all, there was no internet capable of pumping pornography right into your home. In fact, there was very little television back then which consisted of only three, fuzzy channels, and the programs were actually very clean with no sex, no profanity, and no nudity. People went to church, believed in the Bible, and worshipped God. Children could go outside without even the thought of being kidnapped and/or sexually abused and/or murdered. Today, good parents can't even let their children out of their sight. We didn't lock our car doors or even the doors to our homes. It wasn't necessary, today it is!

So what has happened and who is responsible for our decline into decadency? Ephesians 6:12 states "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The Bible also states in 2 Corinthians 4:4a "In whom the god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not."

So when did the blindness really begin? The 60's began the sexual revolution and the free love movement which led to the tremendous increase in the shedding of innocent blood due to all the unwanted pregnancies as a result. But even worse than that, it began our rejection of God and any and everything He represents. We finally managed to kick Him out of every area of our life, from the schools, the family structure, the military, and the government. We have gone the way of Israel when they basically told the Lord to "Get Lost, we don't need you anymore" (Isaiah 30:11). Again, Satan, the god of this world, has won, the blindness is complete, the decadency has reached its peak, and now we are reaping our reward. But "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7). The Bible also states "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:18, 19, 21).

Recently an article appeared on Steve Quayle.com that compared the 50's to what we are living in now:

- 1) Television consisted of wholesome family shows such as "Leave it to Beaver", "The Donna Reed Show", and "Ozzie and Harriet". Today we are treated to the likes of Lucifer, Mistresses, the Vampire Diaries, Dating Naked, and The Walking Dead.
- 2) In the 50's Nativity scenes were common place in public parks at Christmas time but now they are banned from in front of government buildings and parks.
- 3) In the 50's, the Empire State Building and various other buildings were lit up on its façade with the cross at Easter and Christmas. Last year the Empire State Building displayed the Hindu goddess kali – the goddess of darkness.
- 4) In the 50's prayer was allowed in the schools and the Bible could be found in the school libraries. Now, prayer is outlawed and the likes of Harry Potter and books on Wicca have replaced the Bible.
- 5) In the 50's a child's biggest offenses in school were putting gum under the desk, talking in class, and running in the halls. Now it's drugs, sex, guns, and gangs.
- 6) In the 50's, we had legitimate Bible teachers and preachers who preached from the King James Bible only. Now we have the likes of Joel Osteen, T.D. Jakes, etc. using counterfeit bibles.
- 7) In the late 40's & 50's we had Harry Truman, a Bible believing President who recognized the state of Israel and Eisenhower who helped to support them. Today we have the likes of Barack Obama, a muslim, and an Israel hating man in office.

**Boy have we been blinded!**

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## 1 - Satan Contaminates

In Ezekiel 28:12-15 we see that Satan (Lucifer, etc.) was created a very beautiful angel and was close to the Heavenly throne. Verse fifteen tells us that wickedness was found in him, and all creation has been suffering since that time. In true fashion, everything this wicked one touches is tainted by his lies and deeds. I've been thinking for some time now about all the things Satan has touched that are good and that he has worked hard in defiling. I'll give some examples:

- The word "gay" has always meant to be happy and carefree. Now, if you look it up, the first definition that pops up is "homosexual". In years past parents would name their daughters "Gay". I doubt any parent would do so today. It sickens me to see an innocent word made into something filthy, but that isn't all. Let's proceed.
- Genesis 9:12-17 tells us that the rainbow that God puts in the sky is a covenant between Him and all life on earth. Every time we see the rainbow we are to be reminded that a flood will never destroy all life again, as it did in Noah's day. Then here comes Satan using it as a logo for the entire gay community. Again...sickening.
- Take the word "conservative." It means "holding to traditional attitudes and values and cautious about change or innovation, typically in relation to politics or religion." Sounds fine to me, but Satan tries to demonize anyone classified as "conservative", and he does this through his followers, primarily the liberal to ultra-liberal of mankind.
- A "fundamentalist" is "a person who believes in the strict, literal interpretation of scripture in the Bible." Uhhmm. Works for me. I'm a Bible believer, and the entire Bible is God-breathed," (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, EVERYTHING God said is true, just the way He said it. When Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me," (John 14:6) then that is EXACTLY what He means. He is the only way. Period. But today, Satan has blinded the human race into believing that there are many ways to get to heaven and that all the counterfeit bibles are as equally good as the King James Bible.
- Another word is "Christian." "So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11:26). True Christians are legitimate followers of Christ. However, many today say they are "Christian" for political reasons, convenience, etc., etc., but they are not. Many others define Christians as hate mongers. So Satan is at it again, trying to confuse and blind the true definition of what a Christian is, and he is doing a very good job of it.
- What is true "love?" Whether its love between a husband and wife, parents and children, siblings, friends, etc., true love is putting the other person ahead of you. It is even sometimes loving the "unlovely". Today's world continues to push the idea that love is a "roll in the hay...sex." "Let's make love," they say, but love is far more than a physical act of passion. True love will wait. Satan has had a field day with misconstruing and blinding what love is really all about.
- Another word we might consider is "marriage." "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). There is much on marriage in the Bible, and it is clear that it is sanctified by God only between a man and woman. It is a holy institution, but yet again, Satan has worked hard to defile it as he does everything else. He has duped or blinded our ever "wise" leaders that men with men and women with women is acceptable and that they can also be considered married.
- I talked about "sex" when speaking about love, but just briefly has not Satan again made filthy something God designed and made holy between husband and wife? Let's make this real simple. Sex between husband and wife is holy and undefiled before God. Anything, I repeat ANYTHING ELSE is a sin before God and will be judged by Him. Again Satan's blindness on this subject is complete.
- One of the greatest tragedies in the last 50 years is the destruction Satan has done to the "family." "According to HUD, a family is simply one or more individuals who live together. Members of the family do not need to be related by blood, marriage, or in any other legal capacity. Family members who are away from the household for a certain period of time may be considered part of the family. Live-in aides are also considered a family member. HUD's definition of family is broad to help make sure decent and affordable housing is available to every type of family." (Department of Housing and Urban Development) This is what our government tells us that a family is, but this isn't what God had in mind for a family. As far as God is concerned, if you don't have a man and woman coming together in marriage, you don't have a family. Divorce rates are around 50% in this country and

many don't even bother with getting married. Children today are suffering in many "families" because of the garbage going on with the adults in the same dwelling. Satan has ripped apart the family structure.

- I'll give one last example, and that would be "drugs." There's nothing wrong with drugs per se. God has given us the means to make drugs in order that we can be healed from diseases. However, Satan has used drugs to addict millions of people and thereby destroy families. The illicit use of drugs is destroying this country. The point of all this is that we just take a moment and consider all the good that God has given us, and then notice what Satan is up to. He is destroying our very way of life by taking what is good and smearing his garbage all over it. I guess you could call it Satan's graffiti. Satan has taken a country that was founded on Biblical principles, a country that once gave God the credit and due respect, and turned it into a cesspool of evil. I believe Satan is getting desperate knowing his time is running out (Revelation 12:12), and I for one, look forward to his demise.

## 2 - Will Revival for America Come After the Rapture?

Christian evangelical Jonathan Cahn, of Hope for the World Ministry, urges Christians to pray for America to come to revival – but will this revival come after the Rapture as those left behind go through the Tribulation? There will be great evangelism during the Tribulation; God will use 144,000 born-again Jews as witnesses during the Tribulation; God will use an angel flying overhead preaching the Gospel (Revelation 14:6) and then another angel warning those left behind not to take the mark, the mark of the beast (vs 9-10). Has the apostasy across America grown so wide that there is no turning back to God as our world spirals out of control while believers are still here? Will God use the Rapture to bring judgment against our nation just as former Republican presidential candidate Michelle Bachman warned? I would like to include a letter from Jonathan Cahn, founder of Hope for the World Ministries: The metamorphosis of America (and much of world culture) from the mid-twentieth century to now has been so dramatic that it's hard to fathom. To help grasp its magnitude – imagine if someone from the 1950's turned on their TV set and instead of seeing what was on then, such as *Leave It To Beaver* and *Father Knows Best*; they were seeing what's on television today. They would not recognize it as having been produced by the same nation, let alone the same culture. It would hit them as something apocalyptic. That's how much America has changed. And the apostasy grows even deeper. On one recent Sunday night, a TV program ended with a scene in which Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz* is lying asleep under a spell from which she cannot be awakened – except by "true love's kiss." The scenario is obviously taken from both *Snow White* and *Sleeping Beauty* where the sleeping princess is awakened – by the kiss of a prince. Only now, there is no prince to wake up the sleeping Dorothy. Instead *Little Red Riding Hood*, another beloved fairy tale character approached Dorothy. Instead of a man bending over to kiss the sleeping woman, it is now a woman who bends over and provides "true love's kiss." This was foreshadowed in the recent Disney film *Malificent*, which altered the story of *Sleeping Beauty*, where again, there is no man to kiss the sleeping woman, but a woman. It is *Malificent* herself who kisses the sleeping girl and saves her. It was part of a radical feminist reworking of the beloved story to make the point that men aren't needed – the very same message being promoted in modern culture – women don't need men, men don't need women, mothers don't need husbands, and children don't need fathers. It is revealing, as well, that Disney should make a movie where the savior is called "*Malificent*" which means "evil" to do as Isaiah wrote, 'to call evil good' (Isaiah 5:20). So *Little Red Riding Hood* provides the kiss to save Dorothy, but it doesn't stop there. *Little Red Riding Hood* then proceeds to make out with Dorothy. The two beloved children's characters now become lesbians! So now in 2016 America, children across the nation watch as *Little Red Riding Hood* and Dorothy engage in lesbian sex on their television sets in the family hour, like a fever dream from hell as presented by Disney. Who would have thought that Disney, the studio that gave us such beloved cartoon characters as Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy, and clean, wholesome, movies such as *Bambi*, *Old Yeller* and *Davey Crockett*, would ever stoop so low as to abandon traditional moral values and produce this filth. That we would ever see in our lifetime such a thing would be unimaginable even a few years ago. If you ever doubted that you are living in the end times, just turn on your television.

Yes, Satan has done his job well. Through subtlety (2Corinthians 11:3) and deceitfulness (Revelation 20:3, 10) he has truly managed to blind the human race.

21<sup>st</sup> century society has done far more than just disrespect the Son of God and His word. They have either changed or out and out rejected them altogether and the Father in Heaven is not pleased with it at all. Soon now, the Father will unleash the Son and all of his pent up fury upon this Christ rejecting planet. The Bible states in Isaiah 42:13-14, "The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once." This is called the Great Tribulation.

There are many signs for the forthcoming tribulation and all of them are casting their long shadows upon the earth. If the shadows are appearing, it won't be long until the real thing gets here. It's just like a storm. When you hear the thunder, you know it's coming. As thunder precedes a storm, the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) precedes the Great Tribulation. All the signs we are seeing are related to the Great Tribulation and the second coming of Jesus Christ to the earth (Matthew 24:29-31).

Some say there are no signs for the Rapture but they are dead wrong. There is one very big sign and this has already happened. The great falling away from the word of God as prophesied in the Bible in 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Next, the Rapture will occur, and then, and only then, will the man of sin (the Antichrist) be revealed (vs. 8).

Wake up people, Jesus is coming! As an umbrella protects you from the storm, the Rapture will protect us from the Great Tribulation. The church will be spared the wrath of God which is coming upon all the world (Revelation 3:10).

We have eyes to see, so see. We have hears to hear, so hear. We don't have to be blind and deaf anymore because Satan, the god of this world, has been defeated and our salvation has been won for us at the cross (1 Corinthians 15:57). If you are reading this and you are not saved, it is time to repent to God today with all your heart, while there is still time (2 Corinthians 6:2). And if you are saved, Romans 13:11-12 states, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

The study of Prophecy today is politically incorrect thanks to Satan's blindness. Most people don't want to talk about prophecy for one reason or another and practically all the Pastors won't preach it from their pulpits. And yet, the Bible states in Revelation 19:10b, "worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." So study to show yourself approved (2 Timothy 2:15a) and watch (Mark 13:33-37) for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh (James 5:8). Yes, Jesus is coming and most don't have a clue!

AMEN!