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"Secret Tyranny"

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Dear brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your understanding ... Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in your understanding... (1 Cor 14:20) NLT

he Lord has been drawing my attention lately to the subject of "tyranny" and how it is being used on two levels by Satan against humanity. According to my Online Dictionary, "tyranny" is defined as: "The cruel and oppressive use of power and control." This of course, aptly describes how Satan (i.e. Lucifer) and his followers are able to accomplish their evil ONE WORLD



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agenda in our lives and upon the earth. As I thought more about this I came to the realization that what really gives tyranny its power is SECRECY. In this edition of our newsletter, we are offering a DVD, in which, Kevin Shipp, a whistleblower, and former high ranking CIA Officer, exposes the workings of "secret tyranny" within our government and the governments of the world.

While viewing Kevin Shipp's presentation, I began to see how



"secret tyranny" is also being used by spirits of darkness in the lives of human beings as well. Tyranny works best when it can enter our lives in secret (undiscerned). In order for "freedom" to prevail (personal or within a nation) we must do, as the Apostle Paul said:

"...renounce hidden (i.e. secret things)... And manifest the truth... (because) those that are lost... (have) the god of this world is blinding their minds..." (2 Cor 4:2-4). (Parenthesis mine for clarity).

In order to renounce the secret tyranny (or evil power and control of oppression) that is at work, whether in our personal life or within this nation— it must first be exposed. Tyranny has been transforming our nation and its population subtly and secretly for many generations. I read a statement recently that said, "Tyranny is not simply imposed upon people without their agreement however, tyranny requires the consent of those it victimizes"—and I fully agree.

History is full of examples where tyrants (operating through tyranny) exploited societies or groups of people who believed they were about to be <u>saved from some fearful uncertainty</u>, but without realizing that what they feared was actually planted in their minds by a tyrant, such as Adolph Hitler for example, who came forth to save Germany from the dreaded Jews.

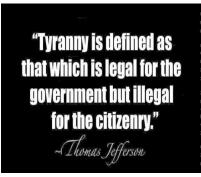
The rule of **divide and conquer** has been a favorite tool used by tyrants, such as dictators like Hitler and especially by Satan himself, the purporter of this principle. Tyranny and the tyrants it uses (and this includes demonic entities) ascend to power when there is a sudden increase in <u>fear</u>, <u>confusion</u> and <u>chaos</u>, which are found to be operating within individuals, societies or nations.

Satan knows that fear left unchecked will divide the minds of people (making them double minded) and unstable. When people within a society have unsound minds, which think contrary to God's truth, it will destabilize an entire nation. Thus, Lucifer the master architect of *fear, confusion and Chaos*, is able to *transform* people, societies and nations into his image, when they no longer fear God. This means, God's people **must** deal with all fear and insecurity issues so we don't fall prey to an unsound (unstable) mind.

For God has not given <u>us</u> (true Christians) the spirit of <u>fear</u>; but of power, and of love, and of a <u>sound mind</u>. (2 Tim 1:7)

TYRANNY TACTICS

As I continued researching the subject of "tyranny" I realized I was seeing a pattern emerge for establishing tyranny (i.e. evil oppression power and control) whether this was within individuals, groups or nations. The pattern starts *first* with having the victims become **INFORMED** — second is for them to become **CONFORMED** (to what they have been



informed of)—which thirdly leads to being **TRANSFORMED**. Of course anything that a tyrant or an evil entity would inform us of would be based upon lies (which always produces disappointment, fear and insecurity). Jesus called Satan the "father of lies" in (JN 8:44). Thus, if lies are *consented to* (as with Hitler's lies that were agreed with by the German people) they will also end up like the German people, who experienced an evil transformation in their lives, society and nation.

This then raises the obvious question, "Why would anyone consent to the lies of tyranny?" People many times consent to lies, when they come forth **secretly disguised** as truth or as something good, which they are deceived into thinking can save them from something they don't like or fear. Again, Satan (i.e. Lucifer) is behind all tyranny, because he is a master at disguising (not only himself but his lies) thus hiding (i.e. keeping secret) the truth. **Even Satan <u>disguises himself</u> as an angel of light** (i.e. truth)... **So it is no wonder that his servants** (like Hitler and many modern day leaders) also <u>disguise themselves</u> as **servants of righteousness.** (2 Cor 11:14-15) (Parenthesis mine)

ENTRY POINTS FOR SECRET TYRANNY

As I pondered the idea of "secret tyranny", the Lord drew my attention to certain times in our history as a nation, when tyranny was given an entry point to stealthily invade the lives of the American people (including those of Christians) as well as our governmental systems (this is an area where Kevin Shipp, ex CIA officer will really makes this plain, I feel strongly his video is a must see, especially for God's people at this crucial time in our history).

I was seeing that one of the entry points for the invasion of secret tyranny that led to a total transformation of our American culture came through our involvement in the very first WORLD WAR. There had never been a **global war** before this time. During this first world war almost every nation on earth was in some way or another horribly affected. War is Satan's greatest tactic for tyranny, which as previously mentioned, creates FEAR—CONFUSION &—CHAOS, which opens the door for tyrants to rule through tyranny.

World War One, which lasted from July 28,1914 to November 11,1918 — was one of the deadliest conflicts in the history¹ of the

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¹ Source: https://www.historyonthenet.com/how-many-people-died-in-ww1/

human race, in which both civilian casualties (mainly due to ensuing famine and disease) along with military casualties is estimated to be at around "37 million" people! This global war opened the door to the "roaring lion" (Lucifer) to devour millions of souls through this war and to continued on with his hunt for souls during another entry point in our history known as the "Roaring 20's."

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

The Roaring Lion in the Roaring 20's

History tells us the 1920's were a time of economic progress for most Americans. During that time many companies grew larger, creating new jobs. Wages for most Americans increased. This allowed more people to have enough money to buy new inventions and many kinds of products. The strong economy also created the right environment for many important changes in the day-to-day social life of Americans.

The nineteen twenties are remembered now as an exciting time that historians call the **"Roaring Twenties"** that released a **"libertine spirit"** within our nation that many saw as a new found "freedom" from the "outdated, old fashioned" godly restraints of morals and rules that previous generations adhered to. This spirit led millions of Americans, especially young Americans into rebellion against God. Young soldiers



returned from the world war in Europe with many new and "modern" ideas. They had experienced a different lifestyle of immoral ways coming from a libertine spirit that said: "eat drink and be merry for tomorrow you may

die." They had faced death and learned to find comfort in the enjoyment of worldly pleasures that each day offered in a chaotic time of war. Many of these young soldiers were not willing to quietly accept the old traditions of their families and small towns when they returned home. Instead, they wanted to continue their new way of living and thinking. Sin had wet their appetite for greater self-indulgence.

Thus, young Americans, both men and women, began to challenge some of the traditions of their parents and grandparents. For example, young women began to experiment with new kinds of clothes. They no longer wore dresses that hid the shape of their bodies. Instead, they wore thinner dresses that uncovered parts of their anatomy never before displayed in public. Young women also began smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol with men in public for the first time. Cigarette production in the United States more than doubled in the years between 1918 and 1920. There was also a new kind of frenzied

music that became popular called: Jazz. Tyranny was not only able to secretly release a libertine spirit, but its companion spirits of pervasion



and lust were also loosed upon America's young people, who reveled this new found freedom (i.e. evil oppression). They also danced new dances, and rather than dancing far apart as was the previous social standard required, they held one another tightly, which was an open

door for releasing unbridled passions and immoral desires. A door was opened to a spirit of rebellion from which this nation has never closed or recovered from. A revolution against moral and godly standards and social values took root within our nation. People openly discussed subjects that their parents and grandparents had kept private. There were popular books and movies about unmarried mothers and about homosexuality—sins too shameful to even talk about in pervious generations.

The growing film industry glamorized all-night wild parties with young men and women engaging in open displays of immoral behaviors. During this time people also openly talked about things like sex, as well as the new and popular ideas that were being promoted by many of Satan's emissaries, such as Sigmund Freud and other "new thinkers".

A powerful force behind this secret social tyranny was waging another secret war—against women. Up until this time, women were

taught, by their mothers and grandmothers, the Christian Biblical principles of being "meek and quiet" and "submissive" to their husbands, as well as being the keepers of their homes.

However, with the invasion of the libertine spirit in the 1920's, a brazen and aggressive influence was released upon many of America's women, which



was anything but "meek and quiet"—in those women demanding their "personal rights" and independence. Only those women during the 1920's who understood that real "freedom" can only be obtained through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as one's Lord and Savior, refused to become subjects to the silent tyranny that was

overtaking the "modern woman" of that era. These godly women knew the truth: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation... freedom)...But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others ... to stumble. (2 Cor 3:17, AMP; 1 Cor 8:9 NLT)



It was in the 1920 that the much fought for Nineteenth Amendment was passed and added to the constitution, giving women the right to vote.

Many women, during the war took jobs and wanted to continue working after the troops returned home.

Now the 1920's "modern woman" was abandoning the idea of the previously acceptable social view that being a wife and mother was a woman's greatest achievement. However, those who did stay at home, now had more "free time for themselves," because, newly invented machines freed many from spending long hours washing clothes, preparing food, and doing other domestic jobs. This new found freedom gave them more time to indulge themselves in the fantasies from the newly founded world of "Hollywood" that was being glamorized in magazines, novels and the movies.

1920's Education Opened the Door to Sorcery

Satan used these tools of tyranny to Control the souls (minds and emotions) of America's young people (especially women). Education became another powerful force behind the social changes of the 1920's. More and more Americans were wanting and getting more education. A spirit of pride in knowledge birthed a hunger for learning all that the world had to offer them. The number of students attending high school doubled between 1920 and 1930. This desire for knowledge led America's young people away from God and into a life of lusting after all the world had to offer. Many no longer paid attention to their Bibles, which warns: **Knowledge puffs up...** (and that one can be)...**Ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.(1 Cor 8:1; 2 Tim 3:7).**

The Roaring 1920s was known as the decade of the **"Progressive Movement in Education."** Progressive education espoused an **"experiential" philosophy**, which was an education derived more from the student (i.e. what they "experienced") than from the teacher.

This is where "sorcery" was given an open door into our American "higher learning" educational system. Our young people from that time until now are becoming "enchanted" by this spiritual influence that ungodly professors were at that time and still are in our time ... tyrannizing our young peoples mind with their doctrines of demons. The

reason I say sorcery was given an open door is because the word "sorcery" in one of its Hebrew derivatives, is the Hebrew word nachash³ (naw-khash') which is also translated as to enchanted and also literally means: "to learn or gain knowledge by experience." Sorcery has established itself



as a major stronghold in every secular (as well as many of our "Christian Universities) in this nation and throughout the world. The **progressive education movement** was a student-driven, student-centered concept of education that fostered "individualism"—the principle of being independent, self-reliant and self-centered (i.e. "it's all about me" a product of the libertine spiritual influence). In accordance with the newly developed "**progressive education movement**," ² the focus was on educating the "whole person" instead of education through enforcing memorization of key facts and information. At institutions of higher learning, professors were subjecting America's young minds to many <u>unconventional ideas</u> (this too is still the case). One of the most controversial ideas of course, was that of evolution.

Other Tyranny Tools

It was also during this time that two major inventions were used to cause great social changes. These were the *car* and the *radio* which Satan (i.e. Lucifer) used to his advantage to introduce people to new places where they were introduced to new customs and ideas. The car gave millions of Americans the freedom to travel easily to these new places but the radio began transforming their minds with information, disinformation and many exciting and new alternative ideas.

Due to the continuing strong economic growth after the war, the 1920's saw many people having more extra money to spend on things other than just their very basic "needs" such as food, and housing. They could now indulge their "wants" as well and afford very different and more pleasurable lifestyles. It was during the 1920's that people became just as

^{2.} Source: http://schugurensky.faculty.asu.edu/moments/1920lintner.html

^{3.} Strong's # OT:5172 *nachash* (naw-khash'); a primitive root; properly, to hiss, i.e. whisper a (magic) spell.

the Bible predicted would be the case: "in the last days people will become...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."(2 Tim 3:4)

Of course, not all Americans were wearing strange new "flapper" clothes or dancing until dawn at wild parties. Those in small towns or



rural areas continued to live simple, quiet lives, but even there too, many young people became restless and dissatisfied and were lured into leaving the quiet country life for the fast and glamorous lifestyle of the big city that they were constantly being *informed* about by the media of the day.

Life of course was still hard as it always is, for the many who don't obtain or seek the worlds further education or high paying careers. These became "status symbols" to the arrogant and godless in the 1920's, as they still are today. As Christians, however, we must constantly be reminded that God does not view our education or our good paying jobs, as important... nor what the world considers to be the "good life" —

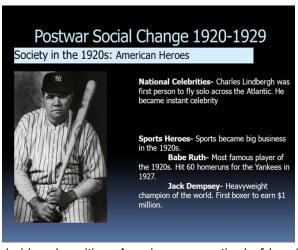
He does not view these things as something we are to strive for. God's people should have as their *highest ambition* that of being a true and faithful servant of God, who has died to all that this life has to offer—so we can be truly useful to His kingdom and rather than the kingdoms of this world or our own kingdoms. May we have the same ambition as the Apostle Paul who said...

According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always... Christ will be magnified in my body (entire being: spirit, soul, flesh), whether by life or by death... For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain... For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake (Phil 1:20 -21, 27).

However, for the millions of Americans during the Roaring 20's who were being "informed" by the flood of films, magazine and radio stories about exciting parties and social events, they were also being filled with vain imaginations and false dreams. But the dreams and the imaginations were strong (i.e. became strongholds) and many Americans -- rich and poor—conformed to the ideas of which they were being—informed of and followed with great interest the latest game, dance, and worldly or ungodly custom (since then this has never ceased to be the case with unrepentant people...these things have only become more of an obsession).

It was also during this time that a spirit of perversion was released

in a greater dimension upon this nation, creating an appetite for exciting court trials, disasters, film actors indiscretions, and other lurid subjects.



For example event that caught public attention was a murder trial in the eastern state of New Jersey in 1926. The mainstream media of the day wrote over five million words about this case, of a minister found dead with a woman member of his church. Again, the case itself of little imwas portance as a world news story. But it was

lurid and exciting. Americans were tired of hearing and reading about serious issues, they had the attitude, "let the politicians or the government worry about such things and instead lusted after what was "sensational and sensual." Apathy invaded the hearts and minds of many, giving Tyranny even more power to control and manipulate the people.

The 1920's also opened the door to the worship of sports and its players. People across the country bought newspapers to read just of the latest golf victory by champion Bobby Jones. "Big Bill" Tilden became the most famous player in tennis. And millions of Americans listened to the boxing match in 1926 between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney. In fact, five Americans had reportedly become so excited while listening to the fight that they died of heart attacks. but, the greatest single most sports worshipped hero of the period was a baseball player by the name of Babe Ruth. Ruth could hit a baseball farther than any other human being. But what he really became famous for was his ungodly lifestyle, especially his wild enjoyment for drinking, and women. Look at how far we have come as a nation in this regard! Ungodly sports heroes (not to mention Hollywood idols) are currently being used, more than ever, to rule the minds of millions!

Yes, World war I brought great fear, confusion and chaos into the lives of people world wide, opening the door for tyranny to control and manipulate the minds of Americans, and not only of the people here in America but world wide, through its secret evil oppression. People around the world began emulating America's newly transformed godless culture. Tyranny in this nation began to *secretly* rule the hearts and minds the masses during the Roaring 20's and has continued to do so at an ever increasing degree, in every decade since that time. "We the people"—have been and still are clueless concerning the spiritual forces of darkness that have been leashed upon the people of this nation.

Tyranny has managed to disguise itself in many acceptable forms in order to continually keep transforming this nation into the "Mystery Babylon" that we are told about in the Book of Revelation (17:5), with its ongoing evil control and oppression that is growing in power over this nation and its people. Unless demonic oppression is exposed in our personal lives, we will continue to be subject to Lucifer's tyranny (of evil mind control) and deception that keeps people's minds blinded from seeing and accepting the truth. The question I now ask is... "how willing are you to become **INFORMED** of—and **CONFORMED** to—God's truth, so you can be among the truly TRANSFORMED?!" The Bible is clear about the fact that it is only the truly sanctified, transformed saints of God, who have the power to discern God's will and ways for their lives and for this nation... It is they who will have the privilege of ruling and reigning with Him in His eternal kingdom. Thus, we are commanded... Be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind... (Rom 12:2) †

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(Jude 4-5)

I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live sinful and immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for

they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

So I want to remind you... that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those WHO DID NOT REMAIN FAITHFUL. **NLT**

What is the real truth about libertines (those controlled by a libertine **HEDONISM**: antichrist spirit)? First of all THEY ARE NOT CHRISTIANS!

The Bible describes

He who loves pleasure will be a needy person. Prov. 21:17

PLEASURE is the Libertine's idol

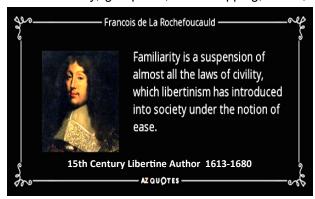
A libertine is one devoid of most moral or sexual restraints, which are seen as unnecessary or undesirable, especially one who ignores or even spurns accepted morals and forms of behaviour sanctified by the larger society. Libertinism is described as an extreme form of hedonism.

The pursuit of pleasure; sensual self-indulgence, self-gratification and the ethical theory that pleasure is the highest aim of human life.

them as false prophets, slaves to sin, and dogs who return to their own vomit. What are some of the modern professing Christian libertine teachings? They teach that premarital sex is just "natural," because it

⁴ Source: http://www.gracevalley.org/sermon/jude-against-the-libertines-part-one/

glorifies God's grace (i.e. God understands that we are just weak sinful humans). Living together without marriage is permissible; in fact, marriage itself is seen as old-fashioned and not to be bothered with, as is the case in some Scandinavian countries where only thirty percent of couples are legally married. Divorce is encouraged; pornography, adultery, homosexuality, group sex, wife-swapping, incest, even bestiality and rape



are acceptable behaviors that are under God's grace. Drug use is okay; lying and stealing are all right; and disobedience to parents, teachers and pastors is absolutely natural. Blaming others is especially good, because libertines believe that no one should have to repent of anything. In fact,

libertines will say one should avoid reading the Bible or going to a church where the Bible is faithfully preached, because such a church will only put guilt on a person. At the same time, they will heartily recommend false charismatic, "user-friendly" churches, especially ones with a "Don't ask, don't tell" policy about the lifestyle of their members.

Do these things sound absurd? Unfortunately, much of mainstream Christianity has since the 1920's been transformed into adopting these "liberal" views. Not that a libertine (antichrist) spirit was not at work before then, for it has been here as the spirit of Lucifer, doing its work since the Garden of Eden in every society since then. However, it was during the "Roaring 20's" that it was given a broader avenue for influence and power, when the Bible came under attack at that time. As a result God's standard for righteousness, which many previously genuine Christian denominations upheld but moved away from, when they came into agreement with the doctrine of demons, which said the Bible was not the inspired inerrant Word of God.⁵

What many Christians today fail to realize is that EVERY denomination that has been formed is because of doctrines of demons from the "libertine spirit" that invaded groups of professing Christians, causing those who would not agree—to form a new "group" (denomination). When heresy enters—division is necessary: (1 Cor 11:18-19) I hear that there

⁵ The Fundamentalist–Modernist Controversy was a major schism that originated in the 1920s and '30s within the Churches in the United States of America. At issue were foundational disputes about the role of Christianity, the authority of Scripture, the death, Resurrection, and atoning sacrifice of Jesus. Two broad factions within Protestantism emerged; Evangelicals who held to traditional Christian Orthodoxy, and Modernists (libertines) who to varying degrees argued that "antiquated" beliefs should be modernized and updated for the times... SOURCE: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fundamentalist%E2%80%93Modernist_Controversy#cite_note-Longfield-1

are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it... But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's approval will be recognized!

This spirit of error, when followed leads professing Christians away from God's standard revealed in His LAWS concerning righteousness and holiness. There are whole denominations that once followed foundational Christian Bible truths, which they now deny, and because of the

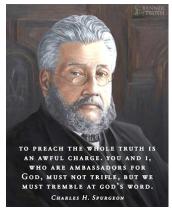


libertine spirit and the Bible's standard for righteousness no longer exists, even to the point that now God's law against homosexuality and same sex marriages, are denied in their pulpits and pews, along with all manner of forbidden ungodly worldly lifestyles. Howbeit, ANYONE being controlled by a libertine spirit IS NOT A CHRISTIAN! Many erroneously call libertines "carnal Christians"... but genuine Christians don't chooses to follow their fallen carnal nature, instead they choose to follow the Holy Spirit. Don't be deceived...you cannot live a "carnal lifestyle" and also possess the Holy Spirit. One is either following the carnal nature or God's holy born again nature (that repents and turns away from all sin at all times). Following our carnal nature, after we are born again and have received the indwelling Holy Spirit, offends God and QUENCHES (puts out) the Holy Spirit from our lives, so we are only left with "form of godliness" and no longer have His "power" (dunamis). This means there is no power to control our fallen nature, we will follow its ungodly desires. The following text is written by the Apostle Paul to those who were professing Christians but were "yet carnal"—below is a more literal translation from the Greek text as found in:

(1 Cor 3:2, 3) "...because as of now there is no dunamis power for (meat) that spiritually nourishes through spiritual instruction that will support, maintain, and keep you spiritually alive. And yet now there is no dunamis (supernatural power), because you are still carnal...(vs.3) you live according to your fallen human nature."

The Apostle Paul also made it perfectly clear in the text below that those living carnal lives do not belong to Jesus Christ our Lord...

Righteousness by the law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit... For they that follow their carnal flesh mind (entertain and enjoy the carnal things of) the flesh; but they that follow the Spirit (entertain and enjoy) the things of the Spirit... For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace... Because the carnal mind is hostile



against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be... So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God... But ye are not in agreement with the flesh, If you are in a relationship with the Spirit, it is because the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does have not a true union with the Spirit of Christ, he is not one of his. (Rom 8:4-9) MLT (Parenthesis mine for clarity).

Libertinism has invaded much of modern day Christianity and is a perversion of the gospel. Libertines say, "Our souls are saved

by grace, so what we do with our bodies, which will only perish, does not matter."

Know this, that (no one living a carnal life) has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God... Let no one deceive you with vain words: for because of these things (carnal behaviors) cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience...So don't be therefore partakers with them (carnal people and their carnal ways). (Eph 5:5-7)

Even if churches do not come right out teach these heresies, they are allowing a libertine spirit to plant its demonic doctrines in the minds of people who are sitting in these "user friendly" churches, **by not preaching the whole truth** about sin, repentance and holiness. The modern form of libertinism mocks "Lordship salvation" and promotes such lies as, "Yes, Jesus is Savior but He does not have to be Lord of your life. Or, "Salvation can be yours simply by giving mental assent to certain facts about Christianity. You do not need repentance or saving faith or any change in behavior, that's "living under the law" or legalism. You can continue to live as before and still be a Christian, God's grace is a covering for your carnality." WRONG! Grace and mercy are NOT a covering for sin... they are God's gifts that enable Holy Spirit led people to live sin free righteous lives!

Libertines use the **forgiveness** of Christ as an excuse for sinful behavior, saying, "Our sins were taken care of at the cross, once and for all. There is now no more penalty for sin; therefore, we should not have a sin consciousness." They also go on to teach a twisted version of: **(Rom 5:20)** "Where sin abounded, grace increased all the more." Thus, they say, "Since our salvation is by grace alone through faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross and there are no works of the law required." They avoid the truth that is stated in the very next verse of (Rom 5), which states that grace is the result of "righteousness" (i.e. having all sin repented of and cleansed at all times): "...grace reigns through righteousness (i.e. that comes only by confession, repentance and cleansing) thus resulting in eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 5:21) Righteousness means a sin

free life! (i.e. through continual confession and repentance see [1Jn 1:9] that was preached to born again Christians).

Libertines accept the idea of pardon that the gospel offers but reject the imperative of a holy life that it demands. In other words they reject, as it were, the latter half of every Pauline epistle, in which the apostle speaks of the a righteous life, which comes only from right doctrine. They regard themselves, not Jesus Christ, as Lord, rejecting God's moral law as the guide for Christian conduct, and following their own appetites and lusts. In his book, Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners, John Bunyan speaks about a libertine friend who gave himself up to all manner of filthiness, while laughing at Bunyan's exhortations to sobriety. Bunyan writes, "When I labored to rebuke his wickedness, he would laugh the more." Martin Luther also had a friend, John Agricola, who became a libertine and taught that Christians are entirely free from

the moral law and are not required to keep the Ten Commandments.

Types of Libertinism

There are various types of libertinism. One is called "Spirit-centered" libertinism, or false charismatic libertinism. Its followers say, "We are led by the Spirit: why should we study the Scripture or be governed by it? We have fresh, new revelation! We are beyond the written, objective word of God."

Paul addressed such people in: (1 Cori 14:37) "If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted" ... in other words, if they claim to have received a private revelation and

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THROUGH THEIR DISGUISE?

therefore does not have to listen to the apostle... "let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored." And he admonishes in: (Gal 5:13) "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature..."

Another type of antinomianism (lawlessness) is "Christ-centered" libertinism. Its followers say, "Because we are hit in Christ (Col 3:3), therefore God sees no sin in us. Thus, we don't need to be worried about sin." Again they don't read the WHOLE text... it goes on to say in (vs. 8): "... put off all these (and he goes on to name evil carnal behaviors or works of the flesh). God will not tolerate sin that is not repented of (turned from, forgiven and cleansed by faith in the blood of Jesus).

A third type, the one most popular in today's evangelical world, is called "dispensational" libertinism. Its adherents say, "We no longer live in the dispensation of law; we are now in the dispensation of grace. Thus, keeping any law not necessary in our Christian life." Oh, doesn't that sound appealing! Imagine if your child, as a libertine would say to you... "Dad, Mom, you have no right to tell me how I should live my life."



Jude's Defining Characteristics of Libertines

Jude mentions some (13) defining characteristics of those under the influence of a libertine spirit...

1. They are condemned. Jude (verse 4) begins: "For certain men ... who are condemned... "whose condemnation was written about long ago." The libertines are condemned by God to hell, because as Paul tells us in these end times this spirit would be the one to control people who were not committed to dealing with their sin

issues. He says those under a libertine spirit would: (2 Tim 3:1-7) "... Have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof: from such turn away... They... worm their way into homes and gain control over those who are loaded down by sin ..." This spirit targets —those who are "...loaded down with sins (the unrepentant who ignore or deny their sin) and are led by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth." The Apostle Paul also describes libertines in: (Rom 16:17-18) Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them...For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own appetites; and by good words and fair speeches they deceive the hearts of the simple (naïve). As Jude says, their destruction is written about in the Scriptures.

2. They are deceptive. Jude says in (verse 4) that these libertines "have secretly slipped in among you." That does not mean they sneaked in through the back door of the church. It simply means they verbally with the truth but do not practice it. In (Matt 7:15) Jesus described such people as "wolves in sheep's clothing." They appear to be born-again, and may even seem to be very spiritual, but the truth is, they are wolves whose intent is to deceive people about their true spiritual condition. Sadly, such people can even be preachers and elders. In (2 Cor 11:13) it says, "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no

wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve."

- 3. <u>They are godless</u>. "Godless" is the key word in Jude's epistle, appearing six times. It is the key idea of libertinism. Like the fool of (Psalm 14), the libertine says in his heart, "There is no God." In other words when God's law is denied—God is denied, thus, there is no fear of God and when a person is in this place they are free to do anything that pleases them. Paul addresses this godless condition in: (Rom 1:18) "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men." Godlessness, also means there is no reverence for God, so wickedness (no repentance for wrong doing) abounds. The Bible clearly declares the wrath of God is revealed against such people.
- 4. They change the meaning of the grace of God. More accurately, libertines corrupt the grace of God. They degrade God's grace, as previously mentioned, misrepresenting it as something other than it is. For example, in (Rom 5:20), Paul preaches: "Where sin



abounded, grace super abounded" (alternate translation). Paul glories in the grace of God. But he understands people will degrade and corrupt this grace, so he goes on to ask: "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase (super abound)?" The answer: "By no means!" (Rom 6:1-2)

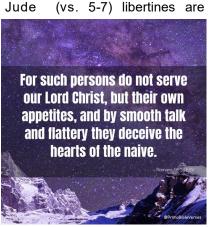
5. They are immoral. Jude (vs. 4) says the operate in lasciviousness, which is the Greek word NT:766 **aselgeia** (as-elg'-ia)

meaning: debauchery, sexual excess, absence of restraint, insatiable desire for pleasure. arrogance, insolence, lustfulness, excessive pleasure and perversion in general. The operate in their carnal ways. A number of carnal sins are listed in (Gal 5:19-21), "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like." Do you now see why such a Christianity will be popular? This is a Christianity that says, "Don't ask, don't tell." This is a church that says, "We have no requirements and no membership. You can come and you can go. Nobody is going to ask you what you did or tell you what you should or should not do." It is the church of the wide gate and the broad way.

6. They deny Jesus Christ as Lord. As stated, the idea of "lordship salvation" is mocked. This most serious charge against libertines is also found in Jude (vs 4): "They deny Jesus Christ, our only

Sovereign and Lord." But those ruled by a libertine spirit, like the subjects in the parable of (Luke 19), say, "We don't want this man to be our king" (v. 14). They reject the right of the Lord Jesus to demand their obedience. Paul says in (Rom 1:5) that he "received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith." The gospel calls people to come to Christ, confess him as Lord, and render him obedience. Jesus himself said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matt 28:19-20). They also reject the authority of God's delegated authorities, including parents and true God ordained ministers.

7. They are rebellious. In Jude associated with the Israelites who were redeemed out of Egypt, but were later destroyed because of their unbelief. He associates them with the angels who rebelled, and, therefore, were condemned, and with the Sodomites, who opposed God's order, practiced rebellious perversion, and were therefore set on fire by God. Jude associates them with Cain, who rebelled against God's counsel and murdered his own brother, and with Balaam, the greedy seducer. Finally, he associates Libertnes with Korah,



who rebelled against Moses and who were also destroyed.

8. They are dreamers. In (verse 8) Jude refers to the libertines as "filthy dreamers" which is the Greek word NT:1797 enupniazomai (en-oop-nee-ad'-zom-ahee); meaning those having dreams that result in vain and empty opinions and deception. This describes false charismatics, who claim subjective revelation and reject the objective revelation from the word of God. Such people reject the preaching of the gospel and counsel or correction that comes from the Scriptures. They say, "We are no longer bound by this ancient Book, we need to think outside the box. We have dreams and new fresh revelations that are coming to us." they reject the glorious authority of the Bible. We are told not to be under the influence of these pretenders —"and their "The Lord told me; therefore, I need not listen to anybody else."

Paul says in (2 Thess 2:1-2) "Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy..." Many churches major in prophecies, telling people many false things through their "prophecies."

The Old Testament speaks about such libertine dreamers. We are told in: (Deut 13:5) "That prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he <u>preached rebellion against the Lord</u>." We still have dreamers in modern times too. Be very careful when someone says, "The Lord told me." He is trying to manipulate and control you, and, at

the same time, empty your pocket! I most certainly believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but I do not believe in foolish, modern manipulation of those gifts.

- 9. They reject authority. In Jude (verse 8) concerning libertines it says: "In the very same way, these filthy dreamers pollute their own bodies [and] reject authority." The meaning of reject in the Greek text is that they... set aside, nullify, and invalidate all God established authority, which is exactly what the devil did in his rebellion. In Genesis 3, when Satan came to Eve in the garden, he told her, in essence, "Go ahead and eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; you will surely not die." By his lies he cut off the life-giving authority of God in order to establish his own authority, which brought death. The Libertine spirit rejects authority! It tells young people, "Don't listen to your parents. They don't know anything. They are just old-fashioned. Go ahead, do what you want!
- 10. They slander. In (verse 8) Jude tells us these dreamers also "slander heavenly beings." The Greek word for these beings is doxas, or "glorious ones." The word literally refers to those who "clearly have God's authority placed upon them (i.e. people or angels). David H. Wallace says in the Wycliffe Bible Commentary that it is speaking about pastors, I also agree that this can refer to anyone to whom God has delegated His authority (angels or humans). Just as (Rev 1:20) Jesus Christ speaks about seven stars in his hand. These stars can be interpreted as the pastors of one of the seven churches mentioned. One can therefore understand Jude verse 8 to mean that libertines slander God ordained authority.
- 11. They are ignorant of spiritual truths. Jude says in (verse 10), "Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand." Those under a libertine spirit are abusers, slanderers, rejecters of authority, deniers of the Sovereign Lord, they are proto-



Gnostics, claiming to be superior in their knowledge. But here Jude says exactly the opposite: They are ignorant. In (1 Cor 2:14) it says that "the natural (carnal) man does not understand or perceive things that are given through the Spirit of God." That truth is easy to grasp. Just go to any university and tell people about the gospel. Tell them that the infinite, personal God created the universe out of nothing. Will they say, "Thank you for that wonderful truth"? Tell them that God created Adam and Eve perfect, yet

they sinned and plunged the whole world into evil, so that we all come from our mothers' wombs as sinners who practice sin every day. Will they say, "Thank you for declaring this profound wisdom"? Tell them that God sent his own Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, and that he paid for it all. Will they say, "I appreciate that profound revelation. I was trying to find a way of salvation; I am glad you came and told me"? No, sadly they will not!

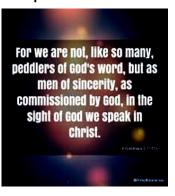
They will not because libertines claim to be wise and to have understanding superior to everybody else's. But Jude tells them, "You are ignorant concerning spiritual things. You are the blind leading the blind into the ditch." In other words, he is saying, "You are unregenerate, dead in trespasses and sins, even though you profess to be otherwise."

12. They choose the way of Cain. In (verse 11) Jude says, "Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain." In (Gen 4:6) God himself counseled Cain, saying, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?" Cain knew what was right. He knew through revelation that he should by faith offer a blood sacrifice. His brother Abel also knew, and did it. But as an unbeliever, a profane person who rebelled against God's revelation, Cain refused to offer the blood sacrifice. They do, like Frank Sinatra uses to sing..."I did it my way!" Cain's countenance fell out of envy, for his brother's sacrifice was accepted, while his was not. Think of it! God came down to rebellious, stubborn, sinful Cain and said, in essence, "I understand your problem. Just do the right thing. If not, sin is crouching at your door, wanting to control you." Did Cain listen to God's counsel? No. In fact, he went out and murdered his brother. He came under the complete control of the very sin that God "personally" warned him about.

So false prophets, who are libertines, consciously choose the way of Cain and reject God's word. They make up their own gospel (2 Peter 2:3), a gospel that permits people to sin while claiming to be saved. They are always going about, trying to influence weak-willed men and women—naïve, unstable people. That is why it is imperative that we study the word of God and love the word of God, so that we are not naïve but instead we are strong in the faith. Libertines like Cain, are out to destroy the souls of the righteous, therefore, watch out for them and run from them.

13. They are greedy for profit. In (Verse 11) of Jude, he speaks of Balaam the false prophet, "They have rushed for profit into Balaam's

error." Those ruled by a libertine spirit are greedy people who try to serve God and mammon (money). Balaam's problem was not a lack of true revelation from Gog, instead he used the revelation God gave Him for his own gain. He knew that God had blessed Israel, so no one could curse them, even for money. But, what he taught led to Israel's downfall: (2 Peter 2:18) "For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure (delude those who listen them) through the lusts of the flesh..." Avoid them like the plague!



A Higher Standard

True ministers of the gospel have no freedom to adjust, change, or re-define the word of God. They must declare what the word of God says. As God told Jeremiah, "Do not be terrified by them, ... or I will terrify you before them" (Jeremiah 1:17). God's servants are under obligation to Him, and under his commission, to declare that gospel that will save every



sinner who repents. This ministry believes in **eternal life** and in **eternal damnation**, in heaven and in hell. Thus, how we live matters, because right now is determining our place in eternity. We preach the glorious truth, that if you repent of your sins and believe in and make Jesus Christ your <u>Lord</u>, your sins will be forgiven and you will be made a new creation. This means you will be re-created in Christ Jesus to do good works for God and His

kingdom. The Holy Spirit of God will come into you and take up His residence within you, and He will be renewing your mind, your will, and your affections. He will change you, counsel you and give you wisdom to understand and interpret **reality** through His eyes!

Libertines are deceived into thinking they have absolute freedom... But there is no such thing as absolute freedom apart from Jesus Christ. True freedom is the absence of bondage to sin and comes only by surrendering to the authority of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, enabling us to walk in His ways of righteousness and holiness rather than in sin. True freedom is to love God rather than sin. If you choose to allow the Son to set you free, you are free indeed! I pray all of us will enjoy that freedom this day. Amen.

Preparation Means Sacrifice



By Nathan Leal

For several years now I have been a watchman crying out to the people, "prepare." (NOTE: I, Karen want to say we must keep reminding ourselves that the prophet Jeremiah warned the people for

40 years about the impending judgment God said was coming, therefore, we should not get discouraged when people mock us while we are preparing for what God has said is coming in the way of judgment for our nation). Nathan continues by saying...

I have been issuing warnings to: get ready, grow spiritually, get out of debt, downsize, begin to garden if you can, buy extra food, save money, etc. And for several years I have observed that the majority of the people that I talked to, <u>do not heed my warnings</u>. I have wondered, "why?" Maybe they did not believe me! So again, I contact these people. I issue new warnings. I actually had a "Christian" person tell me that I worry too much about Bible Prophecy! He said, "If you spend too much time studying that stuff, It could ruin your life!" Presently, this person lives in a state that is now going through a major drought, I often wonder if he still thinks I am crazy? I have also had people tell me, 'it is a lack of faith to prepare." or, "maybe preparation is only for your family and not mine!" As a watchman, my job is

to warn the people. It is their choice to receive or dismiss my words. So why do some people choose to ignore these warnings? Well, there are several reasons:

- 1. They do not believe that the warnings are from God.
- 2. They do not believe that God would "punish" the land, "God is a God of grace and love," therefore He would not "do" what you say is coming.
- 3. They do not believe that they have to "prepare" because to them it is a lack of faith.
- 4. They actually do believe me, but they are procrastinating. "I'll do it tomorrow," they say.
- 5. They actually do believe the warning and they would like to prepare but preparing is, "too hard" for them!

Too hard! Too difficult! How often have these simple reasons resulted in our defeat? Many, I am sure! So what is too hard about getting prepared? Simple, **it is "sacrifice!"** It is also the same thing that is required in Christianity—a Daily Sacrifice! Unfortunately, "sacrifice" is what is lacking in Christianity today. It is not taught. Our churches are full of coveting people wanting an easy Christianity. Today's average American Christians slobber over each others newest acquisition. A shiny new car or pretty new shoes. All purchased with credit.



But this article is about preparing for the hard times that are coming. And preparation is really a simple concept. Since most of the people reading this are not made of money, getting prepared does take sacrifice. It takes a mindset

adjustment of doing without unnecessary new things. It takes an adjustment of learning to say "no" to yourself! "But.... it is sooo hard," Some may still say! And this my friend, is why so many people find it difficult to get prepared. **Preparation means sacrifice!**

....<u>sacrifice of leisure time</u>. It means working on the garden instead of watching TV or golfing with the guys. Hey Ladies, it means not spending the weekend shopping for clothes with your girlfriends.

...<u>sacrifice of material possessions</u>. Do you really need another pair of high heels or another fancy watch?

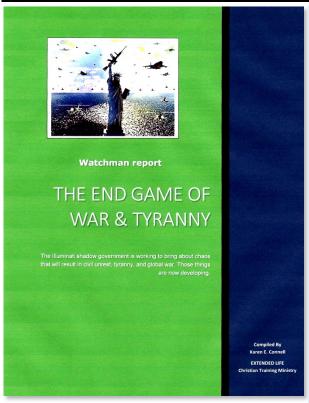
... sacrifice of using your credit cards. Even though spending money is a lot more fun than saving money.

... sacrifice of a shiny new car. It means you may have to get an older car that is "paid off" and get rid of your shiny cool new car.

....sacrifice of time to study the Bible. It means taking the time to study and read the Bible instead of reading the "Left Behind" Books, or a Christian romance novel. I could go on, but should I?

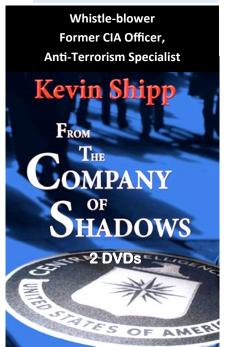
In the coming days judgment will (continue to) be raging over the land. (How many have lost everything just this past year due to fire, floods, mud slides, and horrific storms and earthquakes?) Will you be one of the prepared ones? Yes, preparation has a price, the price of sacrifice! Will you pay the price for your family? Or will your family pay the price later? (Parenthesis are my –Karen's comments).

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