



Today as I write this we remember Sept. 11, 2001, which makes it an emotional day for those of us who were alive at that time and went through all of the trauma involved with that terrible time. The two main towers of the World Trade Center collapsed after each was impacted by a commercial jet flown directly into it. A third jet was flown into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed into a field when the passengers heroically rose up against the terrorists who were hijacking the plane. They knew their actions would lead to their deaths, but they took control of the plane and crashed it to save whoever was in the target building they were aiming for.

That horrific event brought the opposing factions of the nation together for a while. Many people turned to God; all seemed united in the conviction that we must respond in no uncertain terms,

It wasn't long, maybe a few months, before it all went south again. Soon the squabbling started again, and the heroes of that day, Mayor Rudi Giuliani and President George W. Bush, have since been either made into criminals (Giuliani) or co-opted into an alliance with the go-along-to-get-along mushy "centrists" who now are Never-Trumpers. Most of them suffer from TDS, Trump Derangement Syndrome, which has since been classified as an official psychological condition.

What has happened to us since 9/11? We have watched our nation and culture sink into a mire of evil, led purposefully by Barack Obama and those around him, including Hilary Clinton, Joe Biden, many other Democrats, and nameless dozens behind them who have had much to do with our moral, spiritual, political, and even military freefall, so that the United States became an international laughingstock under Joe Biden.

You know the list of their policies: baby murder, gay marriage and transgenderism, mutilation of young children without parental consent; stripping parents of their rights to raise their own kids; hatred, violence, and murder against those who don't agree with them. Also favoring the homeless, mentally ill, and illegal immigrants by showering them with benefits while citizens are left behind.

We in California have front row seats to

## 9/10 and 9/11/25

the degradation that results from these policies. Our evil governor, legislature, and big city Democrats have ruined this once great state and made it the sick joke to much of the rest of the country.

Yesterday (Wednesday, 9/10), all of their efforts to "transform America" into a socialist democrat nightmare bore the worst fruit possible. Charlie Kirk, a 31-year-old conservative and faith-based activist, was shot and killed while leading one of his well-attended rallies at Utah Western University. This tragedy is a direct result of the rise of the Left, which by their hateful rhetoric against us conservatives and others who oppose them, have inspired their followers to violence. They have managed to mis-educate at least two generations of youth, teaching them to hate this country, its founding and traditions, and to detest those of us who value it. Their hatred is irrational and intense, so that some who are at the fringe of mental derangement are just looking for an opportunity to kill and to make a name for themselves. Some are convinced that they are on a righteous crusade.

Charlie Kirk's organization, Turning Point USA, was actively working to counter this false image of the country and of God and faith. Starting at age 18, Charlie founded this organization to fill the vacuum created by the absence of any meaningful attempts to reach out to young people, and especially college young people who are subjected to the worst propaganda fed to them by leftist professors, who form the huge majority of professors on the college campuses.

Charlie's reputation was that of a bright and happy warrior, a true gentleman, who refused to react to the abuse he received, and maintained civil discussion with those who hated him. He used facts, history, common sense, and faith in his approach, which of course enrages those on the Left. (And where does that rage come from? God's enemy, of course.)

I guess I'd have to say that today, 9-11, I am in mourning for Charlie and especially for his wife and two children, ages 3 and 1. And I'm in mourning for this nation and the world, where evil is erupting all over: Russia attacking Ukraine and now Poland and possibly other East European countries thereby threatening to start World War 3; China intending to take over Taiwan; Russia, China, North Korea becoming buddies based on their common tyrannical practices; Israel fending off enemies on at least seven fronts and withstanding the world's antisemitic hatred and outright lying as they are accused of genocide against Hamas and Gaza.

Actually I realize that the bright side of all of this is that Charlie is with God and free of this nasty world, and as for the rest of it, God warned us what to expect as we near the end of this world as we know it. Yes, His warnings aren't always clear in detail, but we do see things falling apart in jaw-dropping ways. The Bible is filled with prophecies and images that seem very much like what we are seeing in real time now.

Pastor Jack Hibbs showed an illustration in a recent sermon that I find exciting because of its simplicity and its eloquence. If you choose to follow the crowd, you may think that life is going smoothly, and

## LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

**Monday, September 29th**

**5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge**

on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.

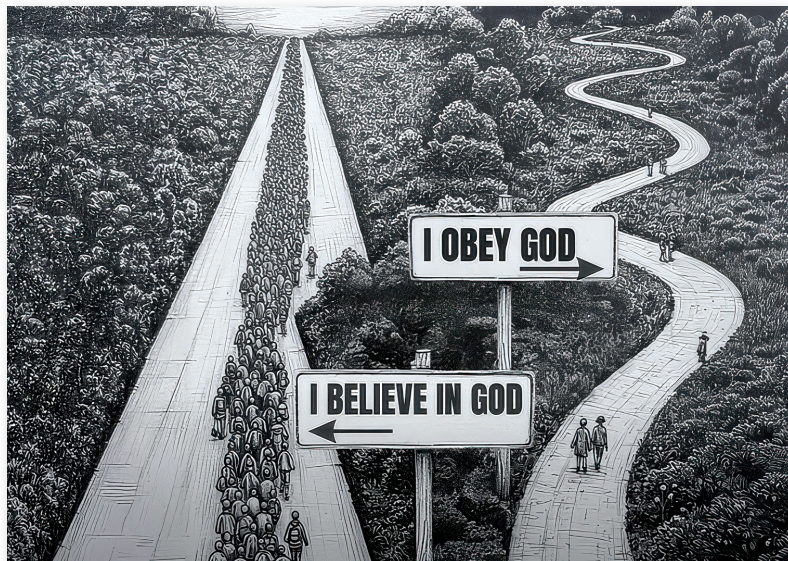
- ✓ Reports from our **County, State and Federal representatives.**
- ✓ Progress reports from **CHP, Code Enforcement and Sheriff's Dept.**
- ✓ License read cameras.
- ✓ Presentation from Rivers Edge Ranch.
- ✓ Homeless/transients.
- ✓ Animal Control update.
- ✓ ADA parking "violations" in town.
- ✓ Roundtable - town commercial updates.

**Is something bugging you?  
COME TO THE NEXT MEETING  
TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION!**

you might take comfort in the crowds all around you. Unfortunately, that path leads to eternal destruction.

But take heart! You could choose the narrow path, where there are only a few courageous people walking along with you, and it can seem lonely at times. But the ultimate reward is that its destination is eternal life with God in His kingdom of a new Heaven and a new earth.

**"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to**



**destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. How will you decide? Which path will you take? Yes, it's more comfortable to be with the crowd and just follow along, but that wide path leads to destruction."** (Matt. 7:13-14)

Will you take the narrow path? Will you give up your own will for God's will for your life?

P.S.

"The Chosen" TV series about Jesus and the disciples has a neat way of saying the same thing. In the circle are many white fish all swimming the same direction. And then there are a few blue fish, swimming in the opposite direction. The blue fish have chosen the narrow path and are swimming against the current of this ugly, dark world. We each must decide whether to be a white fish or a blue fish; whether to follow the world or to follow God; whether to end up in Destruction or in the New Heaven and the New Earth, with our Father, Creator of the Universe.



## ON THE PORCHES

**Amy Reed Insurance Agency**

**MEDICARE ADVANTAGE SIGN-UP**

**Tues., Sept. 30**  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## On The Lighter Side of Serious Stuff . . . from the Web

"You cannot call your political adversaries Nazi fascists and modern-day Hitlers and then say political violence is wrong when your deranged lunatic supporters act on your statements and kill or attempt to kill the people you've attacked."

—Clay Travis

PATRIOTPOST.US: OBJECTIVE AND UNCENSORED ANALYSIS

"MSNBC Leftist Matthew Dowd was fired for saying out loud what the rest of the Leftmedia talking heads and scribes were thinking."



**MARK ALEXANDER**

PATRIOTPOST.US: THE BEST COMMENTARY & ANALYSIS

"This is the terminus of years of leftist hate rhetoric. Now that the speech suppressors have backed off, Charlie Kirk's murder is the new cancel culture. He was the most effective conservative influencer on college and university campuses, so of course he had to be murdered."

—Mark Alexander

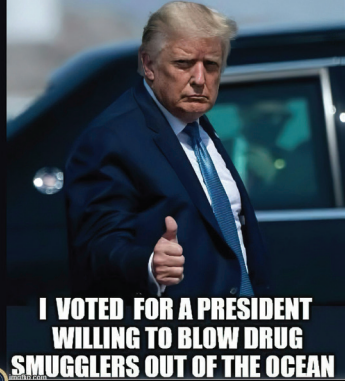
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After yesterday's RFK hearing, it couldn't be more obvious—Big Pharma has its claws sunk deep into our politicians. The theater we watched wasn't about truth or accountability, it was about protecting profit. If you still think your health comes before their donors, you're not paying attention.

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