

WATCHMEN ON THE WALL

... speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his



blood shall be upon his own head. ... But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. (Ezekiel 33:2-6)

Wow. Would I ever like to write something light and humorous, like a Tootle story! They are so much more pleasant to write and to read!

Do I dare do that, when God our Father has placed squarely before me, and before others who are paying attention and listening to God's Spirit, the reality of the peril we face. "We" as in each one of us personally; as in our nation in a terribly dangerous world; as in all humanity, most of whom are oblivious to God's coming judgment.

So if I am, or you are, aware of the situation, we have become watchmen for those around us, whether we like it or not. Some have said correctly, "We often say 'seeing is believing', but the correct way to say that is, 'believing is seeing'. We believe in God and what He says through the Bible and His appointed spokesmen, and as a result we see reality truthfully. It's a gift and a burden, placing much responsibility on a person.

Am I speaking Greek or some other language? Is it all gobblede-gook? After all, we finally can relax a little after spending 15 months of

severe restrictions on our lifestyles and movements, and we don't have to wear masks all the time any more, and there are vaccines available so we can feel safe from the virus! So what's the problem?

The problem is many-faceted, like a disco ball that has so many faces. First, we must recognize that the governments at all levels have dangerously expanded their power over us citizens using the virus as the justification. They should never have been able to order lockdowns and mask-wear-

ing, and to close businesses and churches, the way they did. Now that they have done it, and have only partially backed off, it's much easier for them to feel empowered to do it again, and to make some of the control they now have permanent. And do you find yourself grateful to them for the relief? You must not fall into that trap!

Second, our state government is passing abominations for laws, and



our national government is trying to do the same, but fortunately is being thwarted by a couple of courageous holdouts who refuse to support abominable legislation.

Third, our current "President" and "Vice President" are an embarrassment. This once great, benevolent superpower has been on a slow decline for decades, but with the

(fraudulent) election of a demented old man and an empty-headed political opportunist to those two offices, our nation is in free fall -- militarily, economically, and morally.

Fourth, the Middle East is about to explode, due to leftists taking over the U.S. government and also their recent takeover of the government of Israel, dumping their conservative Prime Minister using tactics not unlike those used against President Trump. When the Middle East does explode, it likely will be a calamity of epic proportions, since Iran is on the verge of being able to produce nuclear weapons and is intent on using them against Israel and against the U.S.

Fifth, China is waiting in the wings to move against us, and to replace us as the preeminent world power. With the installation of their buddy "President" Biden, their job has been made much easier. They already own much of our debt; they benefit from their trade surplus with the U.S.; they are buying real estate here. Our military has been repurposed to function as a woke social engineering experiment instead of fighting and winning wars. Theirs is focused on military tactics and advanced weapons. What do

you think they have in mind? I dunno, but it ain't pretty.

There are many more signs and symptoms one could detail in this disco ball of darkness. Where to stop? Maybe the one most important feature of our new reality that was exposed in neon lights during the "panic-demic", is how the spirit of lying and decep-

tion has prevailed throughout our political leadership, the media, and especially Big Tech. They boldly declare things that are simply false, and censor any attempts to speak truth or to disagree.

Why all this darkness? What's happening? And why can't we just live our lives in our little corner of the world, as long as this stuff doesn't particularly affect us personally?

Eternity. That's why. Surely you know in your deepest heart that this isn't all there is. Remember the old song with the refrain, "Is that all there is? Is that all there is? If that's all there is, my friend, then let's keep dancing, let's bring on the booze and have a ball, if that's all there is." What we see now is NOT all there is. Eternity is our next step, and we must choose which eternity -- eternal relief from this darkness, basking in the joy of living with God, or eternal punishment, living in the constant pain and frustration of separation from our loving Father.

So, as one of the watchmen on the wall, I must sound the alarm and give warning. God's Judgment is coming! All that has been familiar, comfortable and predictable in our daily lives will soon be turned upside down. The only remedy is to take refuge with the Father, trusting His promise that this painful, frustrating, sometimes agonizing existence will pass away.

Which way will you choose?

And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. . . . "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

(Mark 13, portions)

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COULD THERE BE ANYTHING MORE GROSS THAN THE MASKS YOUR KIDS ARE WEARING?

By Andrea Widburg, American Thinker, 6/17/21, excerpt

... Parents in Florida sent five kids' masks and one adult mask to a lab at the University of Florida. The results were scary and disgusting, for the masks had plenty of dangerous pathogens. The only thing missing from the masks was COVID.

The parents were concerned about potential contaminants on the mask, which is why they contacted the University of Florida's Mass Spectrometry Research and Education Center for analysis. Each mask sent to the lab had been either new or freshly laundered at the start of the day. Then the kids and the adult wore them for five to eight hours. The kids, aged 6 through 11, wore their masks for in-person schooling. In addition, for each mask, the parents sent samples from a t-shirt that one of the children had been wearing. Three of the masks were

surgical masks, two were cotton, and one was a poly gaiter.

According to Rational Ground, which reported this story, the analysis showed 11 dangerous pathogens on the masks:

- Streptococcus pneumoniae (pneumonia)
- Mycobacterium tuberculosis (tuberculosis)
- Neisseria meningitidis (meningitis, sepsis)
- Acanthamoeba polyphaga (keratitis and granulomatous amebic encephalitis)
- Acinetobacter baumannii (pneumonia, blood stream infections, meningitis, UTIs—resistant to antibiotics)
- Escherichia coli (food poisoning)
- Borrelia burgdorferi (causes Lyme disease)
- Corynebacterium diphtheriae (diphtheria)
- Legionella pneumophila (Legionnaires' disease)
- Staphylococcus pyogenes serotype M3 (severe infections—high morbidity rates)
- Staphylococcus aureus (meningitis, sepsis)

Half of the masks were con-



taminated with one or more strains of pneumonia-causing bacteria. One-third were contaminated with one or more strains of meningitis-causing bacteria. One-third were contaminated with dangerous, antibiotic-resistant bacterial pathogens. In addition, less dangerous pathogens were identified, including pathogens that can cause fever, ulcers, acne, yeast infections, strep throat, periodontal disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and more.

Just about the only thing that didn't show up on the masks was COVID, even though the test was sensitive enough to have revealed COVID had it existed. . . .

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

From the Web.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN ARIZONA (OR LUCERNE VALLEY) WHEN...

- You notice your car overheating before you drive it.
- You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water.
- You know a swamp cooler is not a

happy hour drink.

- You can say 115 degrees without fainting.
- You quickly discover (in July) that it only takes two fingers to drive your car.
- You can make sun tea outside faster than instant tea in the microwave.
- You notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- You realize that Valley Fever isn't a disco dance.
- Hotter water comes from the cold water tap than the hot one.
- It's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is moving on the streets.
- You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- Some fool can market mini-misters for joggers and some other fools will actually buy them.
- No one would dream of putting vinyl upholstery in a car.
- You can understand the reason for a town named "Why".

