

Face Value

A friend recently told me not to trust what people say but only God. The Psalmist makes the same point:
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.¹

We must always trust God over men but heed what our deceptive leaders tell us. We use “face value” to express the truth in something someone openly presents to us. The poet **Maya Angelou** purportedly said: *“When people show you who they are, believe them the first time.”*

On Oct. 30, 2008, just before the presidential election, the soon-to-be-president **Barack Obama** told a crowd in Columbia, Missouri, *“We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America.”* He was not referring to the fact that we were electing a black president. He meant that with the help of Americans, he would make America into a different country from our foundation upward. We should have believed him.

The wicked crowd trying to destroy America and rule the world constantly tells us what they are about to do. If we do not object, they proceed. Silence is permission and approval. The following quote was attributed to **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**:

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless.
Not to speak is to speak.
Not to act is to act.”

When Obama made his transformation statement, I do not remember anyone asking what he meant. The media knew because they were in on the plans to decimate America. Our silence allowed Obama and his cronies to step up the destructive destiny of America.

The America our Founders and Framers established is “gone with the wind.” Our liberties have been slipping away since the 1800s. At the centennial, the nation had changed and, by the bicentennial, unrecognizable to our Forefathers. Thanks to the Deep State puppet Barack Obama, his minions, and supporters, America is on the fast track to ruin.

The majority of Americans who realize the impending disasters for the country are over the age of fifty. We know what we are losing, even though we do not fully know what we once had. Our young people have no clue. They only realize what they have experienced, not the freedoms we once enjoyed.

In the twentieth century, the group of Americans whom **Tom Brokaw** called “The Greatest Generation,” made massive progress in defeating totalitarianism and liberating much of the world. However, once WWII was over, most were distracted by the prosperity that came with victory and providing for the next generation. They did not practice vigilance at home and fumbled the ball. We Baby Boomers failed to recover the fumble and kicked the ball down the field in the wrong direction. We are facing abusive bureaucratic giants bent on removing the foundations of the greatest nation in history.

I heard **Mike Pence** talk about Ukraine when I visited my daughter and her family in Iowa. He spoke of how we need to be in Ukraine to defend freedom. There is more to the story than meets the eye. **Badlands Media Commentator Ashe in America** makes a good point regarding facing the transformation of America. She exposes the political fraud in Ukraine. Americans need to pay attention. The powers that be are showing us what they are doing. Most of us are asleep at the wheel. She wrote of:

¹ Psalm 118:8, ESV

The government shut down during the pandemic, and punished Americans who defied their orders, closing their businesses, fining them daily, and even locking them up. Then, they *benevolently* paid people \$600 while many fell into financial ruin, changing their lives forever.

The régime would hate for that to happen to the good people of Ukraine, so the US government has forced US taxpayers to subsidize the salaries of Ukrainians so they don't wind up like the working-class Americans.

This is the essence of taxation without representation, especially considering that there is no audit of, no accountability for a single dollar spent in Ukraine, and they are likely laundering money back into the pockets of the criminals in DC, forcing Americans to foot the bill. If we're not angry, we're not paying attention.

Our state and national officials do not care about their constituents. "We the People" no longer control our government. Thanks to election fraud, we can no longer vote out nefarious political leaders or insert godly people into the process. We have "selections," not "elections." They select those who will play their game.

At the time of this recording, Congress is at odds again about the US budget. If they cannot reach a fiscal agreement, they will suspend pay to government employees until they work out the details. However, most of Congress favors supporting the Ukrainian government and its employees while ours suffer. Most of the so-called "conservative" delegation from my state of Oklahoma is silent about this decision while wanting to keep the government open at all costs. The debt increases, and Americans' tax money goes to a corrupt nation and dubious war. We should have paid attention.

I am on a weekly email list from **Pastor Chuck Baldwin**. Recently, he wrote about how our nation's elites want to control even the tiniest parts of our lives. They want to destroy every trace of freedom and Christianity in America. He quoted journalist **Leo Hohmann** (LeoHohmann.com):

The U.S. government was never meant to be an all-inclusive entity involved in almost every aspect of our lives, the way it is today. So how did we get to this point, and what areas of our lives need to be taken back from the illegitimate claims of government to be able to say we live in a truly free country?

Little by little, the Federal government has whittled away our freedoms, at least from the Civil War years, if not before. Power and control dominate much of our nation's politics. Oklahoma State Representative **Jay Steagall** pointed out that governments on every level like to control the population. They tax us on every unalienable Right from God. If you want to hunt and fish, you are taxed. You must pay a tax to float a boat down the river. If you're going to get married, drive a car, or own a house, there's a tax. While the government raises money with these taxes, it also controls the population, which is more important.

Leo Hohmann lists twenty subjects that the federal government is in various stages of regulating. The list is in the notes, but I will mention a few.

- **Wood stoves** (strictly regulated; some models [already banned](#))
- **Gas stoves** (federal government openly says it [wants to ban](#))
- **Gas generators** (the federal government [wants to ban](#))
- Gas cars and independent vehicle travel (taxed, phased out, [banned, and replaced by 2035](#) with autonomous electric vehicles with a remote [kill switch](#))
- Air travel ([taxed, regulated](#), soon to be restricted and rationed)
- Gas lawn equipment (the government [wants to ban](#))
- Supplements (regulated, the government [plans to ban](#))
- Over-the-counter cold meds ([banned](#))
- **Berkey carbon water filters for clean drinking water** ([EPA trying to ban](#)) – WHY? Could it be they don't want us to have clean drinking water? Have they been putting chemicals in our water like fluoride to make us more pliable to their control?

- **Physical cash** and coinage (wants to ban, started phasing out during Covid, will gradually be replaced by digital, programmable money with an “on-off switch.” This transition is already happening in some countries and will launch soon in America.)
- Physical ID cards (plastic or paper being replaced by digital and biometrics such as facial ID, palm scans, or eyeball scans)
- **Borders and boundaries between nations** (already banned by most Western nations except when convenient to harass and persecute law-abiding citizens)
- National citizenship and sovereignty (plan is to have global citizens under global governance)
- Genders (it’s all fluid, right?)
- **Rainwater capture** (already [regulated](#) in at least thirteen states including California, Oregon, Nevada, Wisconsin, Colorado, Illinois, Georgia, Ohio, Washington, Rhode Island, Utah and Virginia)
- **Private well water** (already [regulated](#) in some states, California plans to [meterize private wells](#) and sell your own water back to you, the homeowner)
- **Removal of water from creeks or streams** (regulated, restricted, plan to ban)
- **Backyard gardening** ([registration “encouraged”](#) for future regulation?)
- **Firearms** (ultra-regulated and restricted, plan is to ban them outright)
- The ability to procreate and reproduce (Already severely discouraged, the plan is to ban and replace with artificial insemination; designer babies will be grown in labs with DNA features for sale, under government registration, regulation, fees, taxes, etc.)

People in strategic national positions are talking about these things and we should listen to them. We easily want to dismiss these subjects as “conspiracy theories” and lies, but these notions are becoming reality day by day. All of the items on Hohmann’s list have one thing in common — independence from the government. Once the government claims a right to regulate, restrict or ban these items and actions, the powers that be know we will become totally dependent on the system for our survival. Food, water, energy, money, healthcare, and the freedom of movement will all be 100 percent controlled.

Is it any wonder that the constitutional attorney, **John Whitehead**, has said that the U.S. Constitution has already been “effectively terminated?” We need to believe what they tell us and push back. “Just say no!” applies.

Pastor Baldwin made an application to American Pastors and included an insightful **Patrick Henry** quote in his email article. Remember, America’s condition comes back to the churches and their failure to obey God in pursuit of ease. To reestablish our nation, we must return to God. Henry stated:

Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren but whose enchanting song lured sea-travelers to their death till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and, having ears, hear not [Matthew 13:15], the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation? For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it.

For the most part, America’s churchmen are indulging in illusions of hope. They are shutting their eyes to painful truths and listening to the soothing songs of dangerous sea creatures. They have eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear the things that concern their natural lives, Liberty, and safety.

I attended a conference in Des Moines, IA a few weeks ago. One of the speakers said, “If the churches had just done their job, we wouldn’t be in this mess.” He was correct in his assessment. Churches have opted to be silent in the face of adversity and obey men in government more than God in heaven. Encourage your church leadership to get into the battle if they are not. Christians created a vacuum when we stepped out of

the role of influencing culture with the gospel and sat in our church buildings thinking we were doing the will of God by singing a few songs and listening to hit-or-miss sermons. Nefarious celebrities filled the vacuum and look where we are.

We know that we are “saved by grace through faith” (**Ephesians 2:8-9**). Saving faith is more than an intellectual acceptance of Jesus’ deity. It is an active participation with God to bring His will to the earth. **James 1:22-25** (NKJV) reads:

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

The Lord’s half-brother gets even more invasive into our walk with Jesus. The only time the Bible uses the phrase, “faith alone” or “faith only” is in **James 2:24**, and he condemns it. James writes about the necessity of faith coupled with works. He illustrates active, working faith with Abraham and then states, “²⁴ **You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.**” He points out that if we have a faith that excludes action, we have a dead faith (**James 2:26**). Christians must act against the constant stream of evil we are facing.

Let’s pay attention to what our leaders are saying. Let’s take them for face value and hold them accountable for their words and actions. Jesus tells us that His word will judge us (**John 12:48**). He also says:

³⁶ But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.²

Some of the words spoken today are not idle talk but intentional to gain our consent. We can actively or passively agree to the Deep State’s propositions or we can resist the devil and his messengers. We have the choice and obligation stand up with Christ for the sake of the souls of a lost humanity and our nation.

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² Matthew 12:36-37 (NKJV)