

## When Opposites Conflict (2) – The Assault on Seniors

As Ronald Reagan campaigned for the presidency, an older lady asked him not to forget the senior citizens when he won. Reagan quipped, “Forget you. I am one of you.”

A few days ago, I discussed the culture’s attack on our children. Today, I want to address the second part of “Opposites Conflict” by looking at “Assaults on Seniors.” This is especially pertinent to me since, like Reagan, I am one.

I can only speak for myself, but as I look at the American culture, I see it conflicting with God in almost every case. It is like demonic leaders sit in a room, read the Bible, and immediately begin formulating plans to do the opposite of whatever God’s word declares. Then they go another step and determine they will brainwash us into affirming and supporting the actions and punish us if we do not. I can’t help but think of passages like Luke 16:15 (ESV):

And he [Jesus] said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Samuel Adams points out one of the reasons our national leaders are so bent on making us immoral and defy God. Tyrants need ungodly behavior to control the population. He said:

"Is it not High Time for the People of this Country explicitly to declare, whether they will be Freemen or Slaves? ... For wherever Tyranny is establish'd, Immorality of every Kind comes in like a Torrent. It is in the Interest of Tyrants to reduce the People to Ignorance and Vice."

God loves babies and wants us to share His concern for their well-being. Jesus rebuked His disciples for keeping the children from coming to Him. He blessed the children when the disciples tried to dismiss them. God also blesses the senior citizens where society rejects them. Listen to a few passages.

- <sup>32</sup> ‘You shall rise before the gray-headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I *am* the LORD (Leviticus 19:32, NKJV).
- They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, (Psalm 92:14, NKJV)
- The glory of young men *is* their strength,  
And the splendor of old men *is* their gray head (Proverbs 20:29, NKJV)
- <sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you (Exodus 20:12, NKJV).

Some Oriental cultures admire and respect the aged. At some point in America, we cast off the elderly in favor of the youth. When I was growing up, the leading hippies of the 1960s told us not to trust anyone over the age of thirty-five. How absurd was that? Many anti-establishment leaders became part of the establishment they preached against as stockbrokers and lawyers.

During the COVID Plan-demic our governmental leaders showed disdain for the older population. NY Governor Andrew Cuomo and others decided to lock down nursing homes and block families from seeing their parents and grandparents in the crisis because they might spread the virus. THEN, they sent infected adults into those same retirement centers. The result was an immediate spread of the COVID-19 flu and the deaths of many senior citizens.

Could it be that the powers that be want older citizens to die off? Perhaps they think we cost too much to maintain. I am learning as I age that I have to take a lot more time and exert a lot more effort regarding my health. My systems are not as resilient as they used to be. I have had operations that I did not think I would ever need. Those were expensive.

For the most part, seniors don't make much money, which could be taxed for the government coffers and wasted spending. Instead of making money and paying taxes, the older crowd receives money from the government through Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Maybe we cost too much, and they will gladly dismiss us in favor of the younger.

There may be another reason tyrants work to remove respect for seniors and their places of influence. Seniors know America's history better than the youth. In past podcasts, I mentioned that David Barton explained how America's education system has shifted significantly. We have gone from thinking to learning. Students regurgitate the information their teachers put in without thinking through it. If the teachers and textbooks don't put it in, the students can't spit it out.

While today's older population has been part of the dumbing down of America, many of us have spent an inordinate amount of time learning what the schools did not teach us and questioning virtually everything the MSM and our government tell us.

We don't hate America as much as many contemporary youth do. They have been fed lies about our country so that they believe the nation is evil at its core. Many of us have found that, while flawed, America was a virtuous republic in the beginning and lived under God, knowing we were accountable to Him. Much of that has changed. America has rejected God and developed a tyrannical and immoral culture. But seniors remember more freedom and better days and love to tell what they know.

Tyrants don't like competition. It is easier to eradicate those who resist than to debate them. Since seniors know better and are more willing to speak out than younger adults, they may find a listening audience that wants to learn about their ancestors and the documents of Liberty they defended. Reflecting on our true history can only harm the regime and make us non-compliant with their demands.

Think about some of our fiery patriots who initiated the cause of Liberty in America. The Bible and the preachers of the Great Awakening days influenced them to stand up to the blatant evil in their day. They should inspire us as well. Here are three quotes.

Patrick Henry, March 23, 1775:

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Thomas Jefferson

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

Pastor Jonathan Mayhew, 1765

The king is as much bound by his oath not to infringe the legal rights of the people as the people are bound to yield subjection to him. From whence, it follows that as soon as the prince sets himself above the law, he loses the king in the tyrant. He does, to all intents and purposes, un-king himself.

Maybe we seniors cost too much, know too much, or are too willing to speak out. As a result, the culture treats us as "deplorables," the opposite of God's treatment. Seniors, stay the course!

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