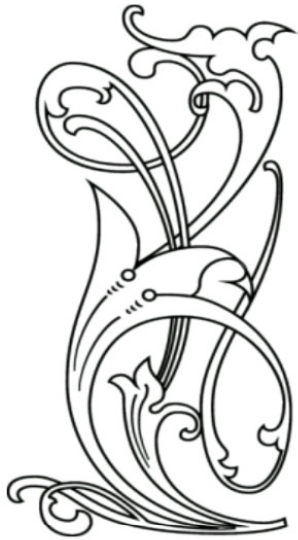


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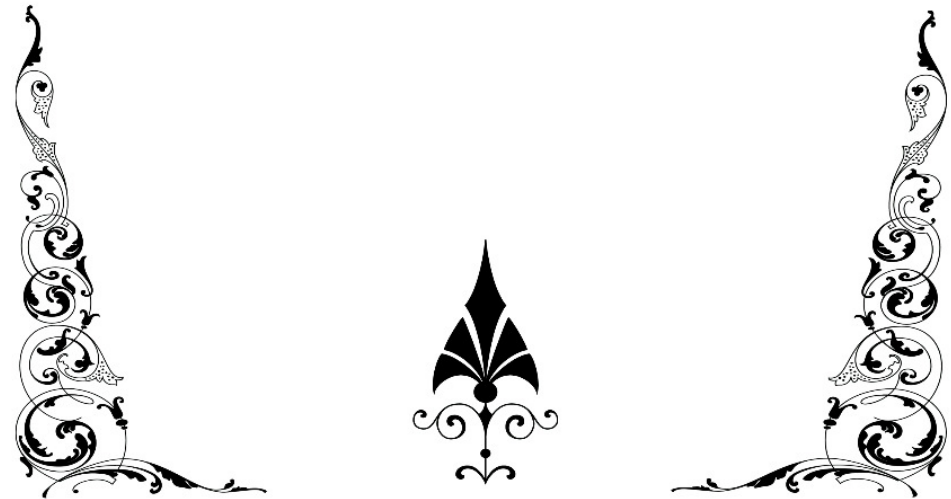
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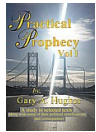
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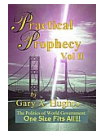
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Recognizing the Battle

Two kingdoms, God vs Satan, battle for control of this world. Jesus promised to separate the participants into two groups, righteous sheep and ungodly goats, the right and the left. Is this the same right and left we see in politics? Sure looks like it!

Tolerance

We hear a great deal concerning “Tolerance”. I’m here to state categorically that tolerance is a Christian virtue. Many, finding themselves an unpopular minority, will cry out for tolerance. And all things being equal, the Christian contingent is more than willing to show tolerance, acceptance, and even affection for those who may find themselves unlovely or unpopular by the current standard.

But many of those same people, when they achieve a majority, the cry becomes “Zero Tolerance!” And it’s our Christian convictions being challenged, or even trodden underfoot. The demand is that we set our beliefs aside, or face the wrath of those we once reached out to in friendship.

conservative allies suddenly compromised. A plant will ultimately show his true colors, advancing causes or actions that are neither moral nor conservative.

Above all, know that we have a Master in Heaven. Our ultimate judgment will not take place on Earth. Life deserves our very best shot but there is more to come—much more!

And they're not above joining your movement, party, or cause, but beware! They are still who they are and want what they want, which is the ultimate destruction of their right-wing adversary. Suddenly it's "your" people sowing discord, hijacking the reigns of leadership, getting funny with the money, voting with the other side, or staging photo-opp's that bring disrepute to your cause. And while your real members are dedicated volunteers, some of these characters are paid provocateurs, on salary from the radical left!

What can we do? First off, never compromise in the area of moral excellence. Be truthful, open, and especially honest. If you find yourself unable to keep a commitment, admit it, ask forgiveness, and be more careful of your words. Mistakes can be forgiven, but willful deceit should never be forgotten. Stand with those who stand with you, and be wary of rumors, both good and bad. We need to be both vigilant and loyal.

When in doubt, err on the side of acceptance. But since there is a doubt, make it a watchful, careful acceptance. Keep an ear out for a history of trouble, back-stories that don't check out, or

They say an elephant never forgets. Republicans have been known to.

Conservatism vs. Ideals

Something we really need to be aware of, conservatism, by itself, is a losing proposition. Conservatism is trying to keep what we already have. It's like continually being defendant in a lawsuit. The best he can hope for is to break even. He'll never wind up with more than he started with.

Ideals are a much better strategy. They should be based on VIRTUES—positive moral qualities. Beware of *values*. Values can be good or bad, and deceivers babble about "values" to give themselves a veneer of respectability.

Dialectics

Dialectics is the battlefield where "tolerance" is used as a weapon against godly virtues. In the first place, there is an organized opposition to everything Judeo-

Christian. We face an adversary who operates with:
“What’s mine is mine, what’s yours is negotiable.”

And we enter into this battle assuming far too many things. We assume, first of all, that the opposition wants “the same thing we do”. That is true for many of the followers, but the hard-left sprang out of a movement of God-rejecters known as *The Enlightenment*. These were the ones who began referring to themselves as “The Left”. Their first rise to prominence resulted in the French Revolution, which sowed the seeds which later became the communist movements we’ve been dealing with ever since. They have two characteristics which they may hide for a season but which ultimately define them:

- 1) Rejection of all things explicitly or implicitly Judeo-Christian
- 2) Throwing down established authorities to make way for their **New World Order**

The technical name for communism is *Dialectical Materialism*.

“Dialectics” follows a basic equation:

$$[\text{Thesis}] + [\text{Antithesis}] = [\text{Synthesis}]$$

17) “The Left” is a moral sewer.

The right values truth, the left, at its very heart, does not. They’ll use our morals against us but it’s all hypocrisy. They have no intention of living up to any kind of standard. The radicals intend to get their way “By Any Means Necessary”.

It starts with a rejection of Christianity. They try to appear open to all. Any belief is fine, as long as it’s not Christian. They will embrace and promote Islam, Buddhism, New Age or any such activity. This is especially puzzling when the feminists and LGBTQ crowd are on board, as Islam’s treatment of both women and gays leaves much to be desired.

It’s a snare to think that meeting this group halfway will solve anything. Although it sounds so reasonable it’s merely a ploy to steal some of your turf. They’ve been there before and walked away with whatever they wanted. Now they want more. “What’s mine is mine; what’s yours is negotiable!”

15) The greatest problem with the Income Tax, is that it taxes income.

Before you can pay your tax, you must document income, verifying not only what you made but especially what you *didn't* make! Every dollar you move in or out of a bank becomes somebody else's business. Suddenly every corner of your life is open to government inspection.

16) "Middle class" is more about hope than income.

Middle class is a state of mind. Those who perceive themselves upwardly mobile and bettering themselves through their own effort tend to be motivated, reaching out for success. As long as they see a pathway, they try to be on it.

Thesis is the status quo, stasis, where our culture is currently at:

* * * * * [Thesis]

Antithesis is the opposition, whatever radical idea is in fashion this year:

* * * [Antithesis]<< conflict >> [Thesis]

Synthesis is when the two opposing forces begin to meet in the middle:

* * * [Antithesis]>>[synThesis]<<[Thesis]

Of course, since revolution is progressive, the radical element is now free to be even more radical:

* * [Antithesis]<<conflict>>[Thesis] * *

Thus, the status quo is pulled inexorably leftward, abandoning all of its original premises. Isn't this what we've been seeing within our society?

So what does the radical left really want? Everything you have, and more!

Bible Basics

What principles are being violated in our day?

1) God ordained private property.

“Thou Shalt Not Steal” establishes a man’s right to own something, to have exclusive title, so that depriving him of it, whether overtly or covertly, is wrong. The final commandment, “Thou shalt not Covet ... any thing that is thy neighbor’s.” adds even more emphasis. Out of Ten Commandments, those two should make crystal-clear Our Lord’s attitude toward private property. It’s wrong to take it away, and it’s just as wrong to go lusting over someone else’s stuff.

In the allocation of Canaan we see that land and property were important, both to possess and

14) The single greatest cause of poverty is failure to perform.

While there are more shackles or obstacles than there used to be, America remains a land of opportunity. Proverbs has much to say about meeting such a challenge—with diligence, enthusiasm, planning, and thrift.

Some refer to these traits as elements of *White Privilege*. So be it, but the privilege works for Asians, Latinos, Eastern Europeans, and newly arrived Blacks from Africa. They get it, while many of our homegrown youth, of all colors and ethnic backgrounds, don’t.

Basic morality and strong families play their part too. The huge determining factor in Black poverty is whether dad’s actually living in the home. If the marriage is good, the kids generally are too.

So what’s really keeping people poor? Ignorance, substance abuse, and unwillingness to jeopardize one’s welfare benefits....

13) For government, we should fear size more than attitude.

A distant despot poses little inconvenience to the average citizen. A pervasive, benevolent welfare state, however, confronts us at every turn. Abounding with regulations and violations, it sustains itself by massive taxation and interferes with all aspects of our lives.

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience."

- C. S. Lewis

to pass on to one's children. All liberty actually derives from property rights.

This is especially important as we realize the welfare state is based on *The Politics of Envy*. The poor are incited against those with more, and it's implied that wealth comes by exploitation. We wind up with a land filled with screaming dependents, both grasping hands reaching for other people's money. Then, off in the shadows we see Klaus Schwab and his *World Economic Forum*:



By 2030 you will own nothing ... and you will be happy....

Or else!

2) Money is holy.

The root of all evil is not money but the love thereof, especially the lust for that which belongs to someone else: the sin of *covetousness*. When we talk money we're

speaking of something sacred, holy, that which gives substance to a man's hopes, plans, and dreams.

His income represents his very blood. He earns his money by the sweat of his brow and it contains a measure of his life, purchased with time that will never come to him again. If something is taken, he can work toward rebuilding but can never totally regain what was lost. To rob him of what he's earned, whether through fraud, violence, or oppressive taxation, is to commit a grievous sin before Almighty God.

3) The Greatest, World-changing Discovery of All Time:

Allowing
the common man to
Profit!
From the labor of his hands.

were declared essential or non-essential. Wal-Mart was open, your little store down the street was shuttered. Churches were forbidden to meet, liquor stores and marijuana shops did record sales. Amazon doubled in value, your favorite restaurant went broke. Landlords were forbidden to evict but nobody covered their expenses.

And when business was ready to start hiring, they found themselves bidding against government largess, as their workers were incentivized not to come back. But for all the private sector misery, federal and state workers have yet to miss a single paycheck. And the main response in Washington has been wave after wave of "pork barrel" relief, huge spending bills that do little to address actual problems and will leave us reeling under the ensuing inflation for years to come.

Do the "mistakes" make sense? They do if we realize the left finds the wealth, greatness, and exceptionalism of America offensive. It's the greatest impediment to imposing their New World Order across the face of the earth. So they come, not to heal but to hurt, not to save but to destroy, not to unite but to divide.

properly nourish their bodies. And so they die, alone and forsaken, sold out by some glib politician pandering to a bunch of greedy screamers. The One who sits on the throne hears the whimper of the oppressed! How do we bring the fear of God into the halls of government?

12) The Power to Tax is the Power to Destroy!

Anything that robs a man of what he's rightfully earned, kills incentive. Suddenly less work is being done, fewer people are applying for jobs, fewer chances are being taken, less is being invested in infrastructure, fewer people are being hired, business isn't expanding like it used to. Suddenly people just don't care. Why? Because without the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, why dare to dream in the first place?

We've just been through a horrendous season. "Fifteen days to flatten the curve" became multiplied months of mandates. Businesses

When there is no profit there is no incentive, no progress, no innovation, and no invention. It is the hope of reward that spurs a man to reach out further, try new things, try harder, and try again. The history of the world is largely of stagnant, impoverished empires, oligarchs living in little bubbles of splendor by holding vast numbers of subjects at subsistence level.

The dawn of the twentieth century saw western farmers using tractors and fertilizer, purchasing higher yield seeds to grow bigger crops with fewer man-hours, freeing others to work in factories or offices and raising the level of prosperity for all. In China, or India, farmers were scratching out the same level of poverty they'd always known, using techniques that hadn't changed for at least three thousand years.

Should anyone rise above their station someone higher on the food chain would swing into action and tax the offending party into submission. Even today, after years of forced and bloody "modernization", China remains a repressive society, an Oriental Despotism where

property is not secure. The state is all, the individual nothing.

4) It matters how we play the game.

Our adversaries claim the end justifies the means. If we start playing by their rules we become just like them, making any further opposition irrelevant. One cannot bring good from bad or light from darkness.

It is for this very reason we expect a slew of slander, humongous hypocrisy, and an almost unbelievable double standard. But Truth is powerful. Truth rises from the grave. People tend to love truth for its own sake, once they recognize it. People will fight for truth and even die for it.

Young people are ever on a quest for truth, zealous to make their world a better place. Today's tragedy is the huge number determined to become environmentalists, social justice warriors, and far-left activists, absolutely

Government merely prints it up, in mind-numbing quantities. We work for it, they don't!

Contrary to popular perception, money is not wealth, but a means of transferring wealth between parties. You can't eat it, wear it, drive it, or live in it, although in a pinch you could always burn it to heat your home. Money becomes wealth when we trade it for something of true value.

In one sense, that trade is basically an auction. The more "bidders" on a given item, the higher its price is likely to go. Are prices really rising? Or are some of the bidders showing up with armloads of newly created cash?

Deficit spending may be necessary during war or other emergencies but when the emergency goes on, unchecked, year after year, something is very wrong. Inflation is a sin, and the sinners are the politicians and bankers who keep making it happen.

When currency is debased, people die. The most vulnerable members of society, the poor, the elderly, those living on a fixed income or off their savings, suddenly find themselves unable to pay their doctor, heat their homes, or

benefits others will be forced to pay for. This is slavery of its own kind.

It raises up *overseers*, tax gatherers who help themselves to an ever larger portion of ones' earnings. It places money in the hands of profligate hucksters who spend it for whatever purposes they see fit. As that money will never be enough, the system tends to grow and grow and grow more oppressive all the time.

11) Inflation is just another form of theft

Rising prices are a sign that money has been cheapened, its value stolen to prop up government malfeasance. When your leaders spend more than they have available, money gets "created", diluting the value of what's already there. This is a breach of trust, a betrayal, a crime that should be punished!

For you or I must labor for our money, trading either goods or services in the marketplace.

deceived by the public school system their parents entrusted them to.

It's vital we not only stay on the side of truth but find ways to publicize and demonstrate our position. The house of lies must be brought down, for it is built on evil and poison.

5) Children are a target, the ultimate prize of a culture war.

Schools have become battle zones. No effort is being spared to destroy parental authority and poison young minds against Judeo-Christian values. For perhaps the first time in our nation's history children are not being educated but indoctrinated.

6) Democracy & morality are the bitterest of enemies

Morality is invariably linked to theology.

Without a transcendent standard, decisions become a free for all. Move over God, Church, and Bible, fifty one percent of the vote, or a 5-4 Supreme Court decision carries the day.

We need to realize that “Democracy” is a bad, bad word. It’s found nowhere in the Declaration of Independence, The US Constitution, or the constitution of any of the fifty states. The founders of our American Republic saw the chief purpose of government as to protect minorities from exploitation by larger groups or coalitions. Although they’d never heard of socialism, they had a word for a high-taxing, bread and circus welfare-state. That word was “democracy”. Our founding fathers wanted no part of such a thing.

With the dawn of the Twentieth Century the radical left set out to convince the American public they had a democracy, and that it was a good thing. Woodrow Wilson sent us off to a war that would “Make the world safe for

9) We all face accountability.

Lawlessness will destroy an individual or a society. One of the great doctrines of the Christian faith is *Eternal Judgment*. We are all heading toward a day of reckoning. The liar and the cheater will be exposed for what they are. Everything hidden will be revealed. And we’ll be rewarded, for both the good and bad we’ve done.

We know that our debt before God has been settled by Christ at Calvary. We can stand before His throne with no hesitation. But there will be a reckoning for how we treat our fellow man.

10) It’s wrong to place others in bondage

Most agree that forcing black slaves to serve white masters was wrong. But many of those most vocal about injustice long past have no trouble demanding their government provide

8) The law applies to all branches of government.

What came to be known as English Common Law was founded on the belief that the king was also subject to the law. This was the basis for our American Constitutional Republic. Our government was designed to be clumsy, inefficient, and poorly funded, possessing only the minimum authority required to maintain order.

In our day, power has centralized itself into autonomous sectors that trample on both the Constitution and the rights of the individual. Raising up an income tax made the federal leviathan master of the states when it was meant to be the servant. Direct election of Senators also meant a reduction in power for the state legislatures. And establishing the Federal Reserve sanctified an incestuous relationship with the very bankers we need our government to protect us from!

democracy.” To a huge extent we did just that and are paying the price, clear up to our day.

What happened when “Democracy” came to Iraq? The dominant Muslim group looked around and said, “Okay, Christians, we’ve never liked you, it’s time to start rounding you up! And you over here, you’re not our brand of Muslim, so you’re next!” A diverse nation that had been tolerant under a tyrant became a blood-bath under “A Democracy”.

Representative government must be undergirded by a moral consensus with a deep respect for life, liberty, and property. If men will not govern themselves according to the dictates and principles of the Bible, they require a stern master to hold them in line.

Enforcing a standard need neither be cruel nor heartless. One may acknowledge marriage as solely between a man and a woman while affirming the right of two men or two women to establish a domestic partnership with legal implications and protections. And if the domestic partners are unhappy because nobody wants to affirm them as married, that’s tough. Because as much as we desire to give everyone

support and protection, what they have is not a marriage, cannot be a marriage, and will never be a marriage.

Is that cruelty? Not compared to what we're doing to our children. While they're young and impressionable we lead them to question their gender and mutilate their bodies through surgery or puberty blocking drugs—mutilation that can never be undone. We set them up for a lifetime of regret and for too many it will be a short lifetime. These practices multiply their risk of suicide many times.

Can a man become pregnant? Does he ever have periods? Some schools try to say he can. But ultimately, truth is truth. Why not just teach it right to start with?

Ultimately, standards are liberating. No one will be totally "normal" but setting our sights on a goal bypasses the hurt and pain of many false starts. Should we force every generation to invent the wheel for themselves? History is plain as to what works and what never has. One merely has to think it through.

7) Nothing has ever set men and women free like the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Building on the rationalism of the Greek civilization, Christians added empiricism to the mix, demanding their theories be proved out in real life. Coupled with this was a new value to each and every human life, men and women created in the image of God. While this concept was inherited from Judaism, suddenly it applies to all men everywhere. Women were no longer chattel property and slavery fell into increasing disfavor.

As far as government is concerned, this means there are no more *disposable* people. Every man woman or child is of supreme importance and may no longer be sacrificed "for the greater good..." Violating one man's rights threatens all men everywhere.