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Well here we are, moving into May 2020. We find ourselves living in a new way of life concerning world affairs/concerns, all relating around the Coronavirus global pandemic. As you know, the world is basically shut down. Schools, county facilities, businesses, stores, restaurants, etc., remain closed. Over 26 million claim unemployment. Even churches are financial struggling, especially those who renounce government sponsored grants, which leads into a contractual relationship with the government and potential "Church and State" issues. What is happening behind the scenes regarding this pandemic, remains unknown to include medical science.

Below are interesting statements from those other than the team of doctors working with our National Task Force, the World Health Organization (WHO) and others that drive the main stream media.....

Dr. Dan Erickson (former emergency-room physician) and Dr. Artin Massihi (emergency medicine specialist affiliated with multiple hospitals) of Accelerated Urgent Care in California share their opinions about COVID-19 in a recent press conference.

"Why is there always so much conflicting information, and why is one side always ridiculed and sometimes deemed as 'fake news'? The claims made by our government regulatory agencies are coming under fire by doctors and scientists more and more every single year on several different topics.

Vaccines are a great example, at the World Health Organization's recent Global Vaccine Safety Summit, Professor Heidi Larson, a Professor of Anthropology and the Risk and Decision Scientist Director at the Vaccine Confidence Project, emphasized that, with the COVID-19 outbreak, we've seen many health professionals contradict information that's being put out by government agencies as well as mainstream media. The last example was about coronavirus deaths being miscalculated. Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, recently stated that, "Even if it's clear one died of an alternative cause, their death will still be marked as a COVID death." She is one of several health professionals who are now emphasizing this point. Furthermore, multiple studies have emphasized that the infection rate is higher, similar to other coronaviruses and respiratory viruses, which has them hypothesizing that the infection fatality rate is in the same ballpark as the flu. The point is, COVID-19 and the response from the government is causing more people, including many health professionals, to ask questions. 9/11, for example, played a huge role in shifting human consciousness. Events like COVID-19 are doing the same. Questioning and critical thinking is so important these days, and again, more people are doing it which is probably why a digital Orwellian and authoritarian fact checker seems to be patrolling the internet and censoring information, and even opinions of experts, labelling them as **fake news**."

Not long ago, Dr. Edward Snowden pointed out that fear and hysteria are always used to push authoritarian type of measures upon the citizenry, and that they are doing the same with regards to the new coronavirus. Dr. Ron Paul made this statement a while ago now, and yes, his opinion was marked as "false" by fact checkers. How can an opinion be false?

"People should ask themselves wheter this coronavirus "pandemic" could be a big hoax, with the actual danger of the disease massively exaggerated by those who seek to profit – financially or politically – from the ensuing panic. That is not to say the disease is harmless. Without question people will die from coronavirus. Those in vulnerable categories should take precautions to limit their risk of exposure. But we have seen this movie before. Government over-hypes a threat as an excuse to grab more of our freedoms. When the "threat" is over, however, they never give us our freedoms back."

As this global event continues to unveil, God the Father through Jesus Christ and in the Power of the Holy Spirit, tells us to PAY ATTENTION to God, His Word, and to Adhere, Trust, Lean, Obey and Pray. Our spiritual relationship with our soon coming King depends on His Grace and Mercy to include our God given will to **respond**. This is no time to play the game of what we might define "the Church" no matter what your denominational preference may be.

Could it be God is breaking down denominational walls? Could it be God is redefining His Church, which includes the New Testament church going back to the way it used to be? Is what we are now experiencing before our eyes the **New Normal?**

I recently watched several mega church services recently, as I am sure you have as well. On several occasions, the so-called worship services included dimmed lighting arenas, pulsating lights, smoke filled stages (for effect), various back round pictorial scenery in video format, all of which is said to "add to the worship experience."

In Johns gospel account, we see an amazing scene of Jesus as He is skillfully moving to the heart of a Samaritan woman who is open to know the "Truth" of Jesus' words. In chapter 4:21-24 we read Jesus to say:

"Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."NKJV

What is interesting about this text is; the worship of the Samaritans was a defective worship. They did not receive the prophetic writings. The Jews had a carnal worship, dealing only in the letter, and referring to the spirit and design, which were at a distance, by types and ceremonies. In other words, their worship was a false worship.

One Bible Scholar made this statement:

"There is a God, the cause of all things-the fountain of all perfection-without parts or dimensions, for he is ETERNAL-filling the heavens and the earth-pervading, governing, and upholding all things: for he is an infinite SPIRIT! This God can be pleased only with that which resembles himself: therefore, he must hate sin and sinfulness; and can delight in those only who are made partakers of his own divine nature. As all creatures were made by him, so all owe him obedience and reverence; but, to be acceptable to this infinite Spirit, the worship must be of a spiritual nature-must spring from the heart, through the influence of the Holy Spirit: and it must be in TRUTH, not only in sincerity, but performed according to that divine revelation which he has given men of himself....."

.....A man worships God in spirit, when, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, he brings all his affections, appetites, and desires to the throne of God; and he worships him in truth, when every purpose and passion of his heart, and when every act of his religious worship, is guided and regulated by the word of God."(from Adam Clarke's Commentary).

I know this is a long, different type of a Newsletter. But is not this a different time in which we are living? My closing words of encouragement are:

Stay close to Jesus, Don't be afraid, Stay in the Word of God, Pay attention, Respond in obedience to His Love. He is All Knowing, He is All Powerful, and He is Everywhere in Real Time. He is our Sovereign God of the Universe and no weapon formed against you (even death) will prosper.

The greatest revelation of God, however, comes through the Bible. Through the inspired written record, both the existence of God and the nature of God are revealed in and through Jesus Christ. Jesus stated, "He that has seen me, has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

Although the full revelation of God was in Jesus Christ, the human mind cannot fully understand God. One reason for this is that Scripture does not record all the actions and teachings of Jesus (John 21:25). Another reason is the limitation of the human mind. How can man's finite mind understand the infinity of God? It is not possible. But the Bible tells us:

1. God Is Changeless. Progress and change may characterize some of His works, but God Himself remains unchanged (Heb 1:12). He does not change; otherwise, He would not be perfect. Thus, what we know of God can be known with certainty. He is not different from one time to another.

2. God Is All Powerful. God's power is unlimited. He can do anything that is not inconsistent with His nature, character, and purpose (Gen 17:1; 18:14). The only limitations on God's power are imposed by Himself (Gen 18:25). "Impossible" is not in God's vocabulary. God creates and sustains all things; yet He never grows weary (Isa 40:27-31).

3. God Is All Knowing. God possesses all knowledge (Job 38:39; Rom 11:33-36). Because God is everywhere at one and the same time, He knows everything simultaneously. That God has the power to know the thoughts and motives of every heart is evident from many Scripture passages, notably Job 37:16; Ps 147:5, and Heb 3:13.

4. God Is Everywhere. God is not confined to any part of the universe but is present in all His power at every point in space and every moment in time (Ps 139:7-12). Thus, God does not belong to any one nation or generation. He is the God of all the earth (Gen 18:25).

5. God Is Holy. The word holy comes from a root word that means "to separate." Thus, it refers to God as separated from or exalted above other things (Isa 6:1-3). Holiness refers to God's moral excellence. Being holy, God demands holiness in His own children. And what He demands, He supplies. Holiness is God's gift that we receive by faith through His Son, Jesus Christ (Eph 4:24).

Our understanding of God continues to increase throughout this earthly life. It will finally be complete in eternity when we stand in the presence of God, only by trusting in Jesus who can save us.

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