



**I**T is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. 24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. 25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. 26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. 27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. 28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. (Lamentations 3:22-28)

**E**VEN a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding. (Proverbs 17:28)

There is an old 16<sup>th</sup> century proverb, now mostly defunct, that reads, "Speech is silver, but silence is Golden." Perhaps 35% of all our speech derives from some emotion not based on fact. When challenged, we feel the need for immediate defense, so we utter the first things, true or false, that come to mind. This is not wise. A man or woman who carefully weighs their thoughts before speaking on important matters is wise. But there are times when to remain silent in the face of injustice can be a grave sin.

**I**HAVE set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence. (Isaiah 62:6)

I learned the following lines in elementary school. In fact, we were required to recite them from memory: *These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.* by Thomas Paine. How many children, or even adults below the age of fifty, have ever repeated these lines or even heard them read today?

Something dreadful has happened to that wonderful nation our Forefathers established more than two centuries ago. Those wicked social values of our day did not happen overnight, but came insidiously over time so as not to waken the sleeping patriot.

Suddenly, those things unmentionable only a few decades ago begin to seem normal. That is the way the Prince of the Air works.

It seems today that those with the highest degree are precisely the most ignorant among us. We are now conditioned to feel that we are privileged if we are white and have worked and saved for what is being burned in the streets of our major cities. If we are black, we are conditioned to believe that there is no hope except to constantly need a helping hand from a welfare system that has encouraged one parent families. Every race is separated out by the social engineers to be accounted abused by others who labor for their bread.

### **Beware the New Normal!**

Normal has not changed from the beginning. The normal is to obey God and to live a Holy life. It was so in the Garden at Eden. There was no 'new' normal until Adam partook of the forbidden fruit resulting in pain, suffering and death for us all.

The unchanging and absolute normal for America has always been an unshakeable faith in the Sovereign Lord whose hand guided us from before Bunker Hill, and has guided us since through many hard-fought wars. The normal for America has always been a citizenship that holds aggressively to the guarantees enunciated in our founding document, the Declaration of Independence, and codified in the U.S. Constitution. I hope that every reader will remember that it is the US Constitution that is the 'Supreme Law of the Land' and not nine black-robed justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

So now we are counselled, "We must be prepared to accept the 'new norm.' That new norm is doubtless what the Fabianists, Marxists, Fascists, and every other 'ists' have been seeking for centuries enshrined in a global government whose seat of power is so far removed from those over whom it rules that no grievance could ever be uttered without immediate reprisal.

Students in our modern academies are made to feel guilty for striving for high marks of accomplishment, while the mediocre ones are exalted as role models to all. If you have any claim at all of some misfortune based on skin color or national pedigree, then march to the head of the line.

We have slept far too long. I only hope and pray that the radicals of the Left have miscalculated in making demands that are so far out of reason that a child of five years could understand. The Nihilist and Anarchist demand the abolishment of the very provisions made for our protection – the police forces! A reasonable person would wonder, "Do they have any idea what they are asking?" Regrettably, they do. This is not a struggle to make America better, but rather one designed to move the nation off its foundations and re-establish the same Utopia under which 40 million Eastern Europeans died under Stalin, 60 million Chinese under Mao, and six million Laotians under Pol Pot. They are not discreet, either, about whom they accept as allies. Islam works fine for them because it, too, is heartless and authoritarian. They can be accepted as allies until the globalists have achieved absolute power, then all religions (both true and false) will be harshly eliminated.

I would not waste my time reducing these thoughts to writing if I believed the people to whom I am writing lack the knowledge to comprehend. Most of you are senior Americans and have lived a part of your lives under an altogether different National Worldview. Do not let them tell you that your values are outdated. They are not at all dated but are timeless.

In the Mind of God, numbers are completely irrelevant. He is the Lord of Battles and the victory belongs to Him. Shall we claim Him as our Sovereign and stand upon the law of truth and liberty, or descend into the dust bin of history. Shall our memorial be, 'They slept while the enemy did this.'

The famous British historian, Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881) wrote:

*For the rest, let that vain struggle to read the mystery of the Infinite cease to harass. It is a mystery which, through all ages, we shall only read here a line of, and there another line of. Do we not already know that the name of the Infinite is Good, is God? Here on earth we are soldiers, fighting in a foreign land, that understand not the plan of the campaign, and have no need to understand it; seeing well what is near at hand to be done. Let us do our part like soldiers, with submission, with courage, with a heroic joy. Behind us, behind each one of us, lie six thousand years of human effort, human conquest; before us is the Boundless time, with its as yet uncreated and unconquered continents and Eldorado's, which we, even we, have to conquer, to create; and from the Bosom of Eternity there shine for us celestial guiding stars.*

Of course, Carlyle is referring to those celestial guiding stars as that faith once delivered to the saints.

Grow not weary in the battle:

**H**AST thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Isaiah 40:28,29)