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Where is the Light in America?

Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims! The light of Christ shines brightest when all of God's redeemed and born again children obey God's Word, the Bible, the only unchangeable inerrant Word from God. God shows His true unconditional love by redeeming us, and we are each a witness for Jesus in this dark world by becoming His Light in the world once again.

This nation was established on the righteous standard of The Word. In fact the Biblical references on various monuments in the Capital and around the country prove this. America was known as the "beacon on the hill", and that bright light was Christ shining through the lives of patriotic citizens. The nation was predominantly in unity with The Word of God believing in God's redemption plan for the lost. Nothing could divide us for we knew a house divided against itself would fall. This nation, its judicial system, its government, its educational system, and its citizen's personal lives were all established on God's righteous standard. Other nations looked to America for answers. What happened? Why is the world



now seeing our nation like Sodom and Gomorra? Here is an excerpt from a letter we recently received, although bitter it is thought provoking.

"Many Christians propagate that the USA was founded on Judeo-Christian heritage. So what happened? Millions of us Muslims don't see any example of the lives of prophets Moses and Jesus. In fact, the United States practicing immorality and its pervasive effect of sex and violence presented in its movies and on the streets persuade us that it is the way Americans really are. Your TV programs contain profanity in each sentence. Here you are trying to help Muslims to know Jesus and the grace and mercy he offers. Go and help first the Christian West to repent and embrace the good news you think will save us... You talk about Jesus telling you to love those who hate you, yet during my medical school time I visited several of your churches and they acted like I was there to kill them all. Some acted nicely but were after me in two meetings to convert to Christianity, but they did not show me enough evidence from their own lives how it changed them. Once my good Christian friend took me to a church which housed thousands of worshippers and I was impressed. The pastor was applauded on each of his remarks. A week later I learned the pastor was living an immoral life. So, is this what your Jesus teaches? If you all talk about the same Jesus, then why are you all so divided? Show us something that unites you. However, you don't even know anything about unity. Your family lives are in disarray; you are no different than the average non-Christian Godless person." – Dr. Zafar

Can any of us, brothers and sisters reading this newsletter see how DIVISION in the body of Christ is affecting the people in our nation and other nations? Can we see how we are no longer seen as the Light, the beacon on the hill and hope for the nations? Where is our witness? When will we lay down our pain, our offenses, our differences, our denominations, our doctrines and our own human interpretations of the Word of God before the throne? When will we repent of these stumbling blocks and turn around so God can BLESS our land once again? (II Chronicles 7:14). If our witness is gone then God will take our lamp stand from us. He will still draw His own to the truth without us through visions and dreams and many other ways.

His Word says that we are called to reach the lost and point them to the cross. Our lives should reflect the hope of Christ within us. It is time to bring our burdens to the cross, forgive one another and set ourselves free from the devil's bondage. Be a witness, a light, a beacon of hope for others who are desperately seeking the truth, but need to see our Godly example to follow.

Let us each become the example of Jesus by the righteous lives we live in front of everyone at home, in our community, in our state, and in our nation! We should be the same no matter where we go or where we serve so the lost will desire to be like us. Won't you join us?

Love others enough to care about their eternity. Let's realize that every person we meet in our lives is a divine appointment from God for us to be an example of Jesus. As His witnesses (Acts 1:8), let's be equipped and be ready for anyone God places in our lives including Muslims. Let's freely choose to be the Light of Jesus to a lost, lonely, and dying world. Let's be the beacon on the hill once again. Let's remember we are blessed to live in this nation where we have the freedom to share our faith with others and let's begin with ourselves to make this nation, America, the Christian nation it was founded to be. The responsibility lies with you and me to make the difference in someone's life and embrace each other's unique gifts given by God in the body of Christ as we are called to do (I Corinthians 12). Then the prayer that Jesus prayed for us to be one with the Father, doing His will

to reach the lost will bring perfect unity in the body of Christ and then our LIGHT will shine brightly in this nation and around the world (John 17:20-23). Then all who are lost including Muslims will be drawn to the Light of Christ and desire all that we have in Christ Jesus!

PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

- We praise the Lord for using us all through the help of His Holy Spirit to enlighten Muslim seekers to embrace eternal salvation through Jesus Christ. We pray that as Muslims read and recite the passage about Jesus in the Qur'an, they will be stirred to read about him in the Bible and know him as Savior.
- Pray that Muslims will listen to Jesus and not be confused by what they see in liberal media & among confused Christians
- We praise God for continuous help for Muslim background believers who are willing to be grounded in Biblical doctrines and live accordingly.
- We praise God for friends who help this ministry through their prayerful and financial support.
- We seek Godly wisdom and discernment in these difficult times that we all are facing. We pray that the church will unite as one body and rise to represent Jesus in this dark world.
- * We Praise God for His incredible blessing of servant help in Admin, video production and Bookkeeping! Please pray now for God to send another skilled Administrator with a servant heart for God's Kingdom to take over while our wonderful summer help goes to college!

JESUS TO MUSLIMS: FINANCIAL ASPECTS

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STRUGGLE AGAINST EVIL IN THE SPIRIT REALM.

If Christians can be allowed to do outreach, Satanists can as well (http://www.afterschoolsatan.com/the-liberty-counsel/). In a 2001 Supreme Court ruling, Good News Clubs, a Christian outreach program was made legal. This ruling says that after-school programs cannot be excluded on the basis of their sponsors' religious views. In response, using the same ruling, Satanists are introducing their after school club.

Satan knows the Scriptures and tries to use them to fulfill his desires. As the "father of lies" (John 8:44) he wants to convince people that the opposite is true. Satan tempted Jesus and was unsuccessful. Two thousand years later Satan is still at work to discourage us.

Let us be reminded that the time to prepare for spiritual challenges is before we face them. In the moment, we cannot trust what seems best to us. We must decide now that we will be faithful when the temptation or opportunity comes. Good students study for a test before they take it.

When we face challenges to our faith today, let us remember that Satan, as a roaring lion, is seeking to devour us (1 Peter 5:8) but Jesus who died on the cross for us is there to guide us. We are at war. The Devil seeks to destroy us but being in Jesus we are never defeated. For in Him we have life, abundant life! Let us be His imitators (Ephesians 5:1).