God Warned His Church

... it may be more relevant today than ever!...

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"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Hosea 4:6 KJV)



Let's look at it in a more contemporary wording:

"My people are ruined because they don't know what's right or true. Because you've turned your back on knowledge, I've turned my back on you priests. Because you refuse to recognize the revelation of God, I'm no longer recognizing your children." (Hosea 4:6 MSG version)

Let's put it in context with the full chapter, A Warning to God's People:

"Attention all Israelites! [Are you grafted into the family? If so, this is addressed to you.] God's Message! God indicts the whole population: "No one is faithful. No one loves. No one knows the first thing about God. All this cussing and lying and killing, theft and loose sex, sheer anarchy, one murder after another! And because of all this, the very land itself weeps and everything in it is grief-stricken – animals in the fields and birds on the wing, even the fish in the sea are listless, lifeless.

"But don't look for someone to blame. No finger pointing! You, priest, are the one in the dock. You stumble around in broad daylight, and then the prophets take over and stumble all night. Your mother is as bad as you.

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It goes on to say, "The more priests, the more sin. They traded in their glory for shame. They pig out on my people's sins. They can't wait for the latest in evil. The result: You can't tell the people from the priests, the priests from the people. I'm on my way to make them both pay and take the consequences of the bad lives they've lived. They'll eat and be as hungry as ever, have sex and get no

satisfaction. They walked out on me, their God, for a life of rutting with whores. (Hosea 4:1-13 MSG version)

Ouch!

How often do we hear this line quoted about '*My people are destroyed, or perish, for a lack of knowledge,*' all the while not realizing how this is speaking to us today? God's people are being slaughtered around the globe today and we simply flip the channel to something more entertaining for our listening and viewing pleasure. But even closer to home, *My people are ruined because they don't know what's right or true. Because you've turned your back on knowledge.* What an indictment on the church today!

How crazy is our world today? Could this be speaking to us?

- Elected officials fight for rights of illegal aliens and not their own citizens.
- Gender is no longer biologically based, but a choice.
- Video games have trained our children how to mass murder people.
- There are no winners and losers, just participants.
- To have faith, is to be a phobic of something.
- Officers who protect us are now the ones hunted and ambushed.
- What once were Christian founded universities, are now turning out graduates who are programmed to destroy our country and Christian heritage.
- Family values and connectivity are now survival skills and a game of connect the dots because of broken marriages.
- Cities and states are now declaring themselves "sanctuary cities/states" to protect illegal alien criminals against recourse from the state or federal government.
- People communicate by texting one another across a room or table, losing communication skills and what once was social etiquette.
- Immediate news and raw footage has desensitized us to the horrors in this world, numbing us from reacting the next time we see a man burned alive in a cage.
- News commentators are no longer unbiased third party voices, but agents for political agendas.
- Schools no longer focus on teaching math, science, English, and skills for life, but teach for a standardized test with a socialist, progressive agenda.
- Children are being trained to conform, not to excel and discover their special talents and gifting, that is, those who were not aborted.
- Etc., etc., etc.

...and we wonder why things are out of control? Crazy! The question really should be, *how on earth do we stop this internal destruction of our country and begin to reestablish the values we once held so dearly?*

That's a huge question, but it demands an answer. In order to shift or change directions, a choice must be made on where you want to move it to now. History has shown us the failures of Communism, Marxism, Socialism, and many others. As the expression goes, history continues to repeat itself when we don't know our history, and that is exactly what is happening today. The students being pumped out of the universities today have a false understanding of what living under socialism is really like. They desire all the FREE stuff without realizing someone must pay for them. They also do not understand what they know today as freedom would be gone. People in other countries do not have the freedom to speak or act openly like we do today.

The only system that has thrived for over two hundred years without being overthrown and destroyed, is the concept given to us by our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Those who have read and understand those documents, who have fought for them, and have seen the harsh reality happening in other countries, know the value of what we have here in America. The generations who have been schooled in America's poor education system over the last forty to fifty years, have no clue. We are the country the vast majority of immigrants want to come to, and it's because of our freedom, based on our Constitution.

The Constitution and Bill of Rights were drafted from the principles found in what was once called Holy Scriptures – The Bible. To call anything holy today is foo-fooed unless you're speaking of the "holy cow." (I never could understand that expression.) There is such a push back against "religious" things, unless we are making room for Islam, which even they teach their children is NOT a religion, but a way of life. Our healthy world has truly been turned upside down, where right is wrong, and what is wrong is right.

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God's people are ruined. They do not know what is right or true today. They are aligned with the world and not with the Word. Christians have turned their back on truth. We even see this coming from many pulpits today. They preach to tickle the ears, are seeker friendly, talk about self-improvement, but fail to point people to the cross, to Christ, to His Word.

Interesting comment – *I'm no longer recognizing your children*. Those of us who grew up with godly principles and values, before the breakdown of society

morals we live with today, still failed to instill in our children the values we were taught, because many of our generation had already moved away from them. Therefore, our children are blended in with the secular world and no longer are recognizable for their values and principles.

Unless we awaken quickly and come together to work on turning our country around, we are headed to a swift and complete failure. The whole world is watching, as they know if we fail, the world will move into a very dark era. America has been the bright and shiny hope for all the world, ready to fight and defend freedom and liberty wherever we were called or needed. Our allies realize the value we are to them and the stability in this world. God help us if we fail to survive this demise which is HAPPENING NOW before our very eyes.

When will someone be bold enough to shout STOP? To stand firm and demand our elected officials work to defend our rights as citizens instead of giving our rights away to those who want them illegally? To stop the insanity of having as many as thirty-seven recognized genders, instead of the God-given two. When will we shut down our universities until we can supply them with well-educated professors who honor our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and American values. When will we....

...and that begs the question, who? Who will be "that" voice to say enough craziness has occurred and lead us toward a healthy, sound, Constitutionally-based, Judeo-Christian culture once again? Consider this old saying: If it is to be, then it is up to me. Maybe it's *you*.

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