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HISTORY'S GREAT NATION

America is the climax of the Reformation. But will the Reformation Nation be intact when the Reformation's 500th birthday occurs in October 2017?

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AS THE CAMERA DRAWS BACK FIVE CENTURIES, WE SEE THREE THINGS THAT SET THE STAGE FOR HISTORY'S GREAT NATION. The foundation for America was laid in the middle of the millennium that ended in 2000. (1) Gutenberg's invention of the printing press (circa 1439), (2) Columbus' discovery of a third of the earth's landmass that was hidden from the civilized world for 90 percent of recorded history (1492) and (3) the Reformation (1517).

Without these three things, the United States of America, the most Bible-shaped country of the modern world, could not have been born. This historical triad was providentially clustered around the middle of the second millennium from Christ. Together it produced the modern world and its leading edge - the most advanced country and culture in 6000 years of recorded history. The USA's influence and model was so enormous, it changed world governance from the ancient institution of monarchy to modern electoral politics.

Gutenberg's printing press was the "Mother" of the publishing industry and more importantly- the modern invention of mass literacy. Gutenberg's byproduct, the Western phenomenon of reading and writing, was the instrument that created the modern world. The printing press began the widespread transfer of information and wisdom that is the platform on which the modern world sits. More than anything, mass literacy transformed the world from the illiterate dark ages to the bright lit modern age. The astonishing progress of modern science would be impossible without mass literacy.

But equally significant, Gutenberg's invention helped establish the Bible-reading epoch of history. More people have read *The Creator's Manual to Humanity* over the last 500 years than the total of all who actually read it going back to Moses and the first five books of the Bible. As historians have pointed out, the Bible was the *software* that created History's Great Nation.

It is God's providence, not random chance, that both Columbus' discovery and Luther's starting the Reformation occurred in October. Neither is it coincidence that October is the conclusion of the High Holy Days of the race (the Jews) that wrote the Bible. It was once a virtual doctrine among American historians that America's origin is rooted in Germany. Catholic monk, Martin Luther sowed the seeds that flowered in America, *the fruit of the Reformation*, when he nailed his 95 challenges to the church door in Wittenberg. Luther's critique of the Roman Church instigated the *Re-formation-of-Christ's-Church*. Rome denounced the Reformation as "*Protest-antism*." America is history's supreme Protestant nation.

The Reformation began the Bible-reading era of history that grew to its fullness in America. Were it not for the Bible and the American colonial-understanding that America was foreshadowed in God's Word - the British colonists would never have mounted an *impossible* war against *the* military superpower of the day.

Columbus debuted the idea that the discovery of the Americas was prophesied in the Bible as a sign of the last days of this Old (Fallen) World and the beginning of a "New World." Notice that Columbus didn't call his discovery, "Newfoundland." *Columbus' naming the western-most part of the earth the "New World" was prophetic in a number of ways. The most obvious one is the secular one - his discovery did indeed inaugurate a New World - the modern world. The modern world is as different from the "Old World" that preceded it as day is from night. From Columbus on, the West began a progressive expectation of Christ's return and the *Millennial Era* of history that He will bring with Him. The West began marching progressively towards the best age of history - the time when Christ will rule the world.

**Nowhere is the power of the Christ-Returning-millennial-thinking that began with Columbus and the Reformation (i.e., the Big Idea that has driven politics of the Reformation era) more obvious than the atheist mass media's calling the first generation of the 21st century, "the Millennials." Declaring the most atheist American generation "Millennials" is as nonsensical as calling Muslims "Protestants."*

The predecessor to "the Millennials" is the 1960's Democrat "Great Society" Crusade. The "Great Society" could easily be a nickname for "the Millennium."

By the same token - Democrat "Progressivism" quietly stole the Big Idea of the Reformation - that history was progressing to the return of Christ. The big question for political Progressives is - "What exactly is the destination you are progressing towards?" The terms "the Great Society" and "the Millennials," say it all. Progressives are building a manmade "Millennial Utopia." Famous historians have pointed out that Marxism hijacked Reformation Millennialism. Marxists, not the Messiah will bring the perfect society. There's no need for Jesus.

By the time America - the gravitational center of the New World - had passed its first 100th birthday, it had acquired international status as the shining antidote to the "Old World," a wobbly train of corrupt antique theocracies that enslaved its citizens theologically, politically and economically.

The British colonization of North America began after a 111-year percolation across Europe of Columbus' idea that the "New World" was the manifestation of Bible prophecy. Nowhere was this idea discussed more than in England. So, a century after the Reformation started, Englishman John Winthrop compared the "howling wilderness" he was about to land on in 1630 to Christ's prophecy of a "city on a hill" (Matthew 5:13-16) - the purest form of the Savior's Church. This is an idea rooted in England's great universities. Winthrop graduated from Cambridge University.

Americans did not regard Winthrop's application of Christ's words to what became America as the delusion of a man who spent too much time at sea. Rather, it - and Columbus' idea that the Creator foreordained America in His Word - became doctrines of God's providence in the most biblically shaped nation in the modern age. English aristocracy scoffed at the Puritan idea that the "howling wilderness" of England's colonies would become Christ's "city on a hill," yet, Winthrop's prophecy took hold, spanning 90 percent of American history.

In the latter years of the 20th century, two of America's most popular presidents - John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan - both used Christ's prophetic words as a nickname for America in their inaugural addresses. To get an idea of how much weight, Christ's image of a "city on a hill" carried in America - it united the two opposing poles of American politics - liberalism and conservatism. Liberal icon, JFK invoked America's nickname, "a city on a hill" in his 1961 inaugural address. And conservative hero, Reagan, did the same 20 years later in 1981. Let's remember that they were declaring a three-century American understanding of a Christ prophecy of America - in important *political speeches*.

The last ten-percent of American history - the apostate era - replaced "city on a hill" with the absurd concept of "American exceptionalism." Calling History's Great Nation "exceptional" is like saying Babe Ruth was a fairly decent outfielder.

THE REFORMATION NATION

The Reformation was the next step in God's progressive, providential movement after Gutenberg's invention and Columbus' discovery. Without the printing press, there could have been no Bible-reading Reformation. It is the Creator's supernatural superintending providence, not chance, that the printing press and the Reformation occurred in the same country, Germany, a generation apart. They worked hand-in-glove to create the great achievement of the Reformation - putting Holy Scripture into the hands of Christians. It was then when Protestants saw what God's

Word actually said, that the Roman Church's unholy mixture of ancient Roman theology with the Bible began looking a little odd. The Reformation's revealing of God's Word chipped away at the false doctrines and authority of the Roman Church, which had anointed itself as "Christ's True Church."

Let's remember that *the first half* of the second millennium from Christ (1000-1500) was a horror show. Plagues and wars wiped out massive swaths of European population, alongside notorious Roman Church corruption and the humiliating, bloody failure of Rome's Crusades to end the anti-Christ Holy War against Christ's Church. The Crusades were unable to stop the Islamic juggernaut that had swallowed most of the eastern half of Christendom and parts of Europe (Spain and Greece in particular). As the middle of the millennium approached (1453), Islam had for dessert the most powerful capitol of Christendom (Constantinople) - and along with it the seven churches that Christ addressed the last book of the Bible to. Europe was in a state of panic and confusion.

Europe wondered, "What was the meaning of the only letter in the Bible with Christ's authorship on it now that the seven churches He addressed it to were in the belly of the anti-Christ Beast?" It was then - after 500 years of God giving much of the Roman Empire Church over to the most anti-Christ organization in history (just as He had given apostate Israel over to Assyria and Babylon 2000 years earlier) - that Europe woke up. The Reformation was in large part a repentant reaction to an unholy Church of Rome that Reform leaders believed was the reason God had allowed Islam to eat large portions of Roman Christendom.

THE LAST MILLENNIUM DIVIDED IN HALF BY COLUMBUS AND THE REFORMATION

This article is published in the month (October) that is the 524th anniversary of Columbus' landing on a small island in the Bahamas, which he named "San Salvador" (meaning "Christ the Savior"). He didn't actually reach the South American continent until a few years later.

The significance and meaning of Columbus' naming of his New Found Land the "New World" must be put into the context of a confused, terrified Europe in the last years of the 15th century. For the previous 400 years, Europe was wondering when Christ would return and bring with him the 1000-year paradise (the Millennium) He predicted in the last book of the Bible.

The term, the "New World" was set against the Old World - i.e., the fallen world that began with the eviction of Adam and Eve from paradise. Columbus, a student of Bible prophecy announced his belief that his discovery was a sign of the last days of this fallen world and the return of Christ and the millennial paradise that would accompany him. Atheists insist Jesus is dead and isn't coming back. However, the world counts time according to Christ's end-of-the-Bible vow to return and end time.

Let's not forget the plain fact of history - the first and last halves of the millennium that ended in 2000 are night and day. One of the most astonishing, monumental hinges of history began turning around the middle of the last millennium. Columbus' discovery and the Bible reading Reformation that had gathered on either side of 1500, were manifestations of God's supernatural superintendence of history - a phenomenon now called "providence." Historians mark the modern age by the boundaries of the Reformation era - the last 500 years (1517-2017). America's founders were aware of the giant phenomenon, of God's precise providential fingerprints in history - His dividing the second millennium in half by Columbus's discovery and the Reformation. What is hidden from Americans today was obvious to America's founders. It is why they chose "Providence" as America's title for God.

After a half millennium of Islam ingesting, oppressing and humiliating Christ's Church, "Providence" unmistakably entered the public arena of history. He surgically divided the second millennium in half by Columbus and the Reformation. Similarly, God then surgically divided the Reformation era in half by the American Revolution, which was the separation of America from European Roman theocracy that Britain retained after it divorced Rome. Let's pause and ask - are we looking at a bunch of random-occurrences or God's moving hand in real time? The word "Providence" was used strategically in the last sentence of America's *birth certificate*. "And for support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge..."

America's founders understood the Bible presents God not just as Creator, but also as history's Director. They were well aware of one of the Bible's Mega-prophecies - the Old Testament Prophet Daniel's preview of the last four

Mega-empires of history. These empires arose, one after the other, Babylon to Rome, just as God informed Daniel centuries before they appeared.

The Bible-revealing Reformation and the necessary instruments for reading the Bible (literacy and the printing press) began in the center of Europe, but quickly moved westward, like Abraham, Christ's Church and the sun, moon and stars. Did you know Christianity became a western religion on the clock of the Reformation - because of Moslem Jihad's progressive ingestion of East Christendom, which fenced Christianity off to the West? By the same token - did you know Mohammed's Holy War instigated Columbus' westward voyage? Were it not for Islam's closing trade routes to the East, Columbus could not have gotten financing to make his westward voyage to access Eastern markets.

WHY DID CATHOLICS LOSE TO PROTESTANTS IN THE NEW WORLD *SUPER BOWL*?

Within a century of the Reformation's beginning, England, sitting off the Northwest Coast of Europe had become the experts on Bible interpretation and, especially, Bible prophecy. It was why England, the latecomer to the Roman colonization of the New World became the winner of the New World *Super Bowl*. Because of their passionate reading, understanding and belief in Bible prophecy, England was able to do what the Roman Church couldn't - attract a multitude of colonists willing to endure the many dangers, terrors and hardships of the primeval wilderness. Because the Roman Church believed it was the Catholic ("universal") Church of Christ the Papacy saw the New World as merely part of its "universal" mission. It could therefore not compete with the Holy-Spirit-prophecy-driven zeal of Protestant Bible readers like the Puritans, Quakers, Presbyterians, Anabaptists and others who flocked to the American colonies.

Let's remember - had Catholics colonized what is now America, there would have been no American Revolution. Catholics don't rebel against the Pope and "Christ's True Church."

Britain's English children won the Great Nation Super Bowl because of their belief in God's Prophetic Word and the conviction that God was doing something world-changing through them. What began in Germany, was stalled there by the 30 years' War - the Catholic Crusade against "Protest-ants." Providentially, the most refined scientific investigation of the ancient Hebrew Scriptures flowered in the islands off northern Europe: England and Scotland. However, the baton passed providentially to England's child, America, who won the New World Super Bowl against the Catholic powers, Spain and France. The American Revolution was built on the spiritual pillar of Columbus' belief that the New World was a sign of Christ's Return and that history was moving towards the millennial era of history.

The Reformation Nation became the political and cultural avant-garde of the modern world. Europe, by contrast, was transformed into a field of devastation by the French Revolution that sprung up on the heels of the American Revolution. Pretending to be the ideological brother of the evangelical American Revolution, the atheist French Revolution became the seedbed of atheistic-socialism-communism. Socialists and communists made the 20th century the bloodiest in recorded history.

The big question that hovers over America as the 2016 presidential-campaign-nosedive increases velocity, is how long America has left? Only the God who made America can save "The Last Best Hope" (presidents Lincoln and Reagan's nickname for America). Why would The Creator who made America save the nation that has turned its back on Him and His enormous power to save? Why would God rescue a country that no longer reads, respects nor has any understanding of *His Prophetic Word*? America's atheist ruling class has declared war on the Creator who established History's Great Nation while Christians stand by watching, texting, tweeting, joking and talking on their cell phones.

Will 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, begin with the installation of a president that has no interest in America's God, the Bible or Christ's Church? The ex-Reformation Nation seems to be anesthetized on the Reformation's half-millennium birthday. Will the world read this international headline next year?

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