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So what is to be gained from what has been related herein? This to be sure: The survey findings point to a nation that in large measure has turned from honoring Jesus as Son of God (which was the position of the founding fathers in the nations beginning) to a nation of largely self-willed, self-seeking rebels against Divine revelation and Divine authority.

Adultery, fornication, homosexuality, the gay lifestyle, are all abominations. Lying and stealing, the support of injustice, the favoring of the individual and corporate rich on the part of the leaders of government, the exaltation of abominable practices and wicked persons over righteousness and the righteous is a violation of the ten commandments of God.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.  
Thou shalt not make...take to thyself...serve...worship...idols.  
(that which is designed to take the place that properly belongs to God, and is therefore detestable—being put ahead of or in place of Him).  
Remember the day of rest, to keep it holy.  
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.  
Honor thy father and thy mother.  
Thou shalt not commit murder.  
Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
Thou shalt not steal.  
Thou shalt not bear false witness.  
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors wife, thy neighbors house, or anything that is thy neighbors.

To engage in adultery or fornication, or homosexuality is to live in wickedness before Almighty God. For politicians to lie to the people of the nation they serve in an attempt to cover their sins serves as a bad example to the youth of the nation. For courts to hold and declare that Christianity and God's moral laws have no place in government is a lie of the enemy designed to supplant the Lord as the true ruler of the people.

- **Those who rule Christ out of the courtroom, or the political arena, or the classrooms of society, or even the business community are not fit to rule.**

Those who in a court of law declare that God's laws are not absolute, or that because they do not represent the opinion of certain groups that, therefore, they must be disallowed as being the standard from which all conduct is to be judged, show their hostility to the Lord of the universe and that there is corruption in their hearts. Those who would oust Jesus from the political realm would add to the stripes laid on His back. They do not honor Him

for Who He is, and they do a disservice to the people they represent. They may hold power and influence over the affairs of men, but they do not contribute to the true success of society.

Those who have worked to expand government control over the citizenry through increased taxation and legislation do a disservice to their country. Also, it is worthy of serious consideration that God never gave to government the right to control private property. These are a part of the liberal agenda to gain totalitarian control over all aspects of society. Evil men, influenced by Satan, have devised (and continue to devise) man made laws as a means to support their agenda to gain increasing control over all of society, with the expanded goal to gain world domination over all nations.

Leaders exploit one another, and the media in general follow suit, in order to gain influence and prestige, wealth and power over people. What a pathetic picture of a morally fallen nation. No wonder the children of this nation of America are deceived as to what is important in life. "...73.6 % said they want to be very well off financially."

The youth of this nation are in large measure blind because the majority of the leadership of the nation is blind. When the nation's political, social and educational leadership, in the main, have chosen to defy the God of creation, to reject His commandments to men, and to live to themselves, the fruit that will follow in their footsteps can only be that of corruption.

"This know; also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, puffed up [as knowing it all], blasphemers [showing contempt or irreverence for God, using His name in vain ways], disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection [towards their children], trucebreakers [don't keep their promises], false accusers, incontinent [lacking in self-restraint], fierce [given to anger], despisers of those who are good [godly], traitors, rash, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness [only]..."  
(2 Timothy 1-5a)

Lovers of self and not lovers of God describes them accurately. Claiming to know more than they do. Conceited in regard to the information they have inbreathed, not knowing they are spiritually barren (unproductive) and empty. How accurately this describes so very many of this generation of adults and many of their offspring!

What can be expected of those whose values have been in great measure influenced by those who refuse to accept and abide by the rules of life given to man by his Creator?

America needs to examine its ways and to repent of its rebellion—while the opportunity is given to it to do so. A change of heart is the desperate need of this hour—if this nation is to survive.

- **To alter the laws of a nation is no real remedy for ill. Men's hearts must be changed by contact with Jesus.**

It is this writer's opinion that it will require some further sort of extraordinary event taking place in America is needed to shatter men's pride and to demonstrate to him that while he has the keys to his own personal destiny he does not have, in his own strength, the capability to win in the spiritual battles that are taking place all around him. As long as man rules out the real source of the warfare against him, and is unwilling to repent, so as to desire and receive the supernatural aid of the Savior, he will continue to be the loser in the real battles of life.

The pollsters conduct their surveys, but how the information is interpreted and for what use that information is directed determines whether the survey was of any genuine benefit. Educators may teach, but to what end is their teaching directed. To have the mind filled with information is a questionable blessing! Only what is centered in Christ has any ultimate benefit to anyone. People may gain houses and lands and much money in the bank, but to live without knowing Jesus as one's Savior and Lord is to lose everything and to gain nothing.

“For what shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father, with the holy angels.” ( Mark 8:36-8)

To reject the teachings of the Lord of Creation as not applicable or acceptable to society today is to manifest ill-will to the Creator Himself. We are here to do God's will, not our own. Those who are unwilling to accept that the word of God is binding on all men in all societies, are not qualified to serve as leaders or teachers of the people. Their own inner corruption disqualifies them.

“Because when they knew God they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their reasoning, and their foolish heart became darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible Man, and birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.” (Romans 1:21-3)

“...the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.” (Proverbs 12:23b)

“The tongue of the wise uses knowledge aright, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.” (Proverbs 15:2)

“A fool has no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.” (Proverbs 18:2)

One sort of fool thinks he has understanding when he does not. He desires that the “enlightenment” he has gained may be widely disseminated, or at least acknowledged by his colleagues, and that therein his true greatness may be applauded—in that he offers an important service to the world.

“He that trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoso walks wisely, he shall be delivered.” (Proverbs 28:26)

To trust in one’s own ability to gain success is the way of a fool. To know the Lord, and to live to please Him, though one gains very little of material goods in this life, is to gain true success in life, and at death to enter into the joy of the Lord for all eternity.

So educators may sway many to their views; but if what they teach be foolishness, both the mentors and those they teach are in danger of being overwhelmed by the deceiver. Teachers may teach, but if what is taught is dishonoring to God, how shall the teaching profit to anyone? These are the last days of this age of grace. Those who are wise take note of the times and seek to know what they should be doing to prepare themselves for the difficult times that are ahead. This is not a time to listen to the voices of the foolish, but to seek after the wisdom of God for these times.

Center your life in knowing and serving Jesus. Only in Him is there safety and security. Only in Him is there the promise of eternal life. Only in Him can we fulfill His purposes for us in this life. The world has nothing positive to offer that is safe to cling to. Jesus gave us warning of things that would take place in the latter days and how we are to approach them. “Here ye Him.”

Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When its branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near; So likewise you, when you shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Truly I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour no man knows, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And (they) knew not until the flood came, and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. . . . Watch, therefore; for you do not know what hour your Lord will come. . . . Therefore be also ready, for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man comes. . . .  
(Matthew 24:32-39,42,44)

Surveys may prove helpful; however, if they are of the liberal establishment, know that the researchers have purposed to use them to further their own immoral, unspiritual

agendas. Men are like a person's breath. Man only lives a short time on this earth. As for the Word of God, it endures forever. The word of God is not under scrutiny on this earth. No one and nothing can remove God from His throne. Since He is forever enthroned as Sovereign over the universe, He watches over His word to see that all that is declared is performed. God's word stands forever as master over God's universe. It is imperishable, unconquerable. Nothing can overwhelm it, or disprove it, or win out against it.

- **The Word of God is God over His universe.**

A man either stands or falls based on his reception or rejection of the truths of God's word. God's Word, Who is Jesus, rules over all of the universe and He does as He pleases in the armies of the heavens and among the inhabitants of the earth.

If you have not been so inclined, cease now in your opposition to His rule, and be a friend to Him by committing to obey Him in all He asks of you, in the name of Jesus—in the authority of His name.

We submit to you that Jesus is the reason God's grace is available to man.

If you have not yet done so, be a receiver of His grace today! Commit to knowing and serving Jesus the rest of your days on earth. That will gain you much success which includes, above all else, eternal life in Him. To know Him, to love Him, to serve Him, for you to be His favored child and He your loving heavenly Father—living forever in His presence and with the other members of His chosen family—what higher destiny could you desire?

What more could you desire from Him, from anyone, from life?