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The Clarion Call has sounded! It is time for Americans to respond

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We are now only about halfway into the first month of a new year and already each day becomes more and more bizarre leading us to believe that we have now entered the "Twilight Zone." Did we go to bed at the end of 2020 in America and wake up in 2021 to an altered universe controlled by the communist party? The Covid-19 pandemic has provided an excellent opportunity for the left to put Americans under the thumb of those who wish to control our lives. You remember Rahm Emanuel's statement, "Never let a crisis go to waste." Well, Socialists/Liberals now have the opportunity to do the things that would not have been tolerated under normal circumstances.

Adding to the confusion is the ever-growing list of events that shake we our that continue to shake we our the trust have in



government institutions, the most recent being the 2020 Presidential election. American citizens just experienced a national election that produced a multitude of unanswered questions as to the validity of the results. Whenever we have had questions concerning the conduct of our elected officials, we have been told that our opportunity to state our concerns was at the ballot box. That is the place to let our voices heard, **one person, one vote!** The very heart of our country has been its voting system. It is the glue that binds us together as a free people. Our confidence in free and fair elections has been a hallmark of our political system. And with so many unanswered questions concerning the outcome of the election, a very unfortunate and destructive reaction transpired on January 6th. There was no excuse for such behavior, but the jury is still out as to what actually happened that day. We pray that those responsible will be brought to justice, as we wait for equal justice to be applied to those who destroyed property and persons this past summer.

To add even more frustration, distrust and a sense of despair, the Democrats rushed to impeach President Trump for **a second time** in the House of Representatives. Good job, Pelosi! So much for creating calm after the election, and promoting a sense of unity among all Americans.

There is no question that we are living in crazy times, but we still have choices, the choice to take action for the good citizens of this country, and the choice to defend the values and ideals that America has historically tried to attain. Yes, America is known for facing the problems of the day and for attempting to find positive ways to resolve them for the good of the country, its people, and for America's future. It is time, once again, to face some tough issues, work together for good and seek God's guidance as we move forward.

Thankfully, we are currently not involved in any major external conflicts. This is a fortunate blessing. But with the new administration and this time of turmoil and division, we may not be in a position to enjoy the absence of foreign intervention in our affairs for much longer. The laws of nature apply not only

in the animal kingdom, but have been historically inflicted upon vulnerable nations, as well. Survival of the fittest continues to be a reality among nations. Many adversaries, such as China, Russia, and Iran, will not hesitate to take advantage of our current upheaval and division. It won't take long for both enemies and allies to reveal their intentions and take advantage of our unrest.

Historically, America has been blessed with strong traditions centered on Judeo-Christian beliefs. We value family, hard work and local control of our communities. With an abundance of churches in every community, faith and the freedom to worship freely has been a cornerstone of our republic. America has become known for its wonderful educational system in all grades K-12. Our colleges and universities have been the envy of the world. America has also been the world's leader economically in the areas of agriculture, business, technology, and even in the world of sports and the arts.

But it has become apparent that 2021 will present new challenges that, if not addressed, may have an

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irreversible impact on America, as we know it. These very real adversities will not only impact us in the short term but will have lasting consequences, consequences that will affect American generations yet to be born. Our role as the primary leader of the free world will be over, if we don't take the current situation seriously. Not only will we be unable to stand up for the freedom of others, we will be unable to protect the values and freedoms enjoyed by our own citizens for over 200 years. Those who have fought and died to protect our way of life will have sacrificed for nothing if we give in and give up so easily. We are in the arena now. It is our responsibility to answer the **clarion call** of our day. Others have done so before us, so that we can enjoy the advantages of a free society. Don't we owe the same dedication to those who come after us?

The world is constantly changing and that affects America, but since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and ratifying the U.S. Constitution, each generation has embraced the fact that America was built upon the fundamental belief that our rights come from God, and it is to Him that we ultimately answer. Anything or anyone who contradicts that premise should be denied.

As we anticipate the direction that will be taken by the Biden administration, the following are areas of concern:

1. We have a new administration promising radical changes to our policies both foreign and domestic.
2. Foreign policy continues to be a delicate issue, and the number of countries currently developing nuclear weapons must be of major concern.
3. Terrorism is a dominant problem that may resurface. Under the policies of the Biden Administration,

terrorism may rear its ugly head once again.

4. We also have to deal with the many issues involving our economy. How will so-called "climate change" be addressed? Will the Biden administration attempt to redirect our energy resources? Will we secure our borders, and what will be our approach to immigration issues?

5. Of utmost importance, we must maintain our rights under the Constitution and safeguard domestic and family concerns. Will our rights guaranteed by the Constitution remain, or will more and more restrictions be placed upon our daily lives? The plate is full, the list is long, so we must stay vigilant.

Hopefully, the **clarion call** of the November 3rd election has been heard in every corner of America. It may have been a welcomed call for some, one that brings good news, an opportunity to return to the political status quo, but for those of us who value the traditional ideals upon which America was built, and believe in our God-given rights of liberty and freedom, it is a resounding "alarm", an "alarm" that is ringing loud and clear. Our nation is facing the dangerous possibility of a national train wreck going from a free and capitalistic system to one of radical socialistic-communism. We do not have confidence in the new president as to his qualifications to keep America on a steady course. Under the new administration and Democrat control of the Senate and House, we may be facing our own demise, sending us over the cliff to self-destruction. America's future has never been more uncertain!

Fundamentally, the heart of our American governing system places the responsibility for good government in the hands of its citizens. "We the People" has

been the basic structure upon which our laws are determined. We elect our leaders to represent us, to be our voice for the common good, and trust must be a primary element in that relationship. Currently, that trust has been and continues to be broken. The framework that **makes America great** is now in jeopardy. America's unique approach to governance has been possible not only because the people outnumber the elected officials, but because the citizens have respected and accepted their part in the equation. To make this great system work, it is imperative that each of us accepts his or her responsibility to be informed and take an active role in our constitutional guarantees. We must be participants, not just spectators. America is unlike other nations in history where monarchs and tyrants have dictated the laws and set the rules for their subjects. Although the people outnumber their elected or appointed officials, we must be proactive to protect the system that allows us participation in the governing process. Unless we are vigilant and respond to the **clarion call**, we may lose the most precious form of government that God has made available to mankind. If we allow ourselves to take the "line of least resistance", to be content with the direction America is now taking, we may be the last generation to enjoy the privileges not available to the majority of people in the world. Our traditional American way of life is on the brink of extinction unless we take positive action to protect it.

Therefore, the question must be, "What are you willing to do to answer the **clarion call**? America's fate is in our hands!

God bless,
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