

WE ARE IN THE LAST DAYS

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Before His death and resurrection and ascension Jesus talked with His disciples about the last days. They said to Jesus; ... [“Tell us, when will these things be? What is the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age? \(Matthew 24:2-3 WEB\)](#)

Jesus said that in the last days there will be tumult and hatred and persecution, and fake Messiah's, and He said. ... [you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. \(Matthew 24:6 AMPC\)](#)

In Matthew 25 there is more talk about the last days and still the question of “When?” hung heavy in the air. Jesus answered saying [“So stay alert. You have no idea when he \[The Son of Man\] might arrive. \(Matthew 25:13 \(MSG\)](#)

Peter, speaking about the last days says that... [in the last days mockers will come, walking after their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? ... \(2 Peter 3:3-9 WEB\)](#)

In other words, just 30 years after Jesus ascension you have critics saying; “You Christians keep saying last days, last days, last days. Is Jesus coming or not? Give us a date, or else stop talking about this.”

There is a good reason we cannot give a date. Here it is, “We do not know!”

It's like if you invited me to a baseball game—a double header (2 back to back games of 7 innings each). The first game is over in about 3 or 3½ hours. Then, after a 30 minute break the last game begins. Suppose I turn to you and say, “What time

will this last game will be over?

You might say, “Well it will *probably* be over in about 3½ hours. “Probably”, you say, because you do not know, and maybe because you remember the double header played on May 31, 1964, at Shea Stadium in New York City, between the San Francisco Giants and the New York Mets. Game 1 began at 10:30 AM and ended at 2:29 PM. Over and done after 7 innings of regulation play. Giants win 5 to 3.

About 30 minutes later (about 3:00PM) the last game begins. After 7 innings of regulation play the score is tied 6-6. Who could have known that the game would go on until the bottom of the 23rd inning when finally the Giants scored two runs to break the tie and win the game 8 to 6. The last game had taken 7 hours and 23 minutes to conclude. Who knew?

It's sort of like that for those of us who use the term ‘Last Days’. We know the First Days of Old Testament Covenant are over. The results in the history books. And we know that now, since the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus we are in the Last Days, but we cannot say when THE last day will come.

Going back to the baseball analogy, you might tell me that a 7-inning game shouldn't take more than 3 or 3½ hours. Similarly I could tell you that the First Days of the Old Covenant lasted about 4,000 years during which time people were living and dying, nations were rising and falling, droughts and storms were coming going, and undulating seasons of revival and deep moral declension came and went the whole time, but knowing that does not help me to know when the last day of the Last Days will come.

Here in the US, we are in a time of steep moral decline such as we have not known

on a national scale. Seasons of moral decline are never an accident. They are a purposed and demonically inspired rebellion against God. Other people and nations before ours have rebelled against God. Paul tells us what that rebellion looked like. He says that people [Romans 1:22-32 MSG](#) ...pretended to know it all, but were illiterate regarding life. 23 They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in his hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand. 24 So God said, in effect, "If that's what you want, that's what you get." It wasn't long before they were living in a pigpen, smeared with filth, filthy inside and out. 25 And all this because they traded the true God for a fake god, and worshiped the god they made instead of the God who made them—the God we bless, the God who blesses us. Oh, yes! 26 Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either—women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men. 27 Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men—all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it—emptied of God and love, godless, loveless, [angry, empty, depressed] wretches. 28 Since they didn't bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose. 29 And then all hell broke loose: rampant evil, grabbing and grasping, vicious backstabbing. They made life hell on earth with their envy, wanton killing, bickering, and cheating. Look at them: mean-spirited, venomous, 30 fork-tongued God-bashers. Bullies, swaggerers, insufferable windbags! They keep inventing new ways of wrecking lives. They ditch their parents when they get in the way. 31 Stupid, slimy, cruel, cold-blooded. 32 And it's not as if they don't know better. They know perfectly well they're spitting in God's face. And they don't care—worse, they hand out prizes to those who do the worst

[things best!](#)

Here is something else we know, that when these last days are finished—finished for you personally by death, or finished for all by the return of Christ, there will be no more days such as these again where a person can choose to surrender to Jesus and be forgiven of all sin and receive a new life. When *the* last day of the Last Days comes the entire history of your life will be in the book as you actually lived it.

There will be no further opportunity to repent, no opportunity to do this or that. It's 'game' over. The stats are now a matter of permanent record and every man individual must stand before God in order to point to his name already written in the Lamb's Book of Life, or give an account of his life, motives, thoughts, words and deeds.

So let me ask a very important question. Do you understand the times you are living in? Can you clearly articulate your understanding so as to pass your knowledge on to others; say your children or grandchildren, or your neighbors?

To help us understand our own current events I want to look at what began to happen in Russia around 1860 and then compare it to what began happening here in the USA in the 1960s.

My hope and prayer is this, that we walk in the sandals of the men of Issachar, of who it was said;

[1 Chronicles 12:32](#) The men of Issachar:

- **Understood the times in which they lived.**
 - **Knew what Israel ought to do,**
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In 1974 a book called *From Under the Rubble* was published.

The book is composed of 11 essays written by seven Soviet dissidents. Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who was living in the USA at that time, is himself the author of 3 of the 11 essays. The other six brave contributors still lived in Russia. Their names are; Mikhail Agursky, Evgeny Barabanov, Vadim Borisov, F. Korsakov, A.B., Igor Shafarevich.

As the title, "*From Under the Rubble*" suggests, they saw themselves as speaking from beneath a massive heap of political lies, moral ruin and spiritual rubble, rubble that first began to accumulate among the university intelligentsia of the late 19th century, as they read and absorbed Karl Marx's *Communist Manifesto* 1848, and *Das Kapital* 1867.

They swooned over this one world utopian culture vision—this heaven on earth, if only Marx's ideas were rightly implemented.

Over the next 50+ years, the professors managed to reproduce their enthusiasm for Marx in many of their students.

What came out of their shared enthusiasm nearly 60 years later was Russia's 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

What followed was not heaven on earth at all, but rather deception, outright lies, massive cover ups, entrapment, mass murders, mass jailings, forced labor, torture, and mass starvation. What only began under Lenin, continued unabated and with deadly force under Stalin.

When priests demanded freedom of religion, they were sentenced to death. Between 1917 and 1935, 130,000 Russian Orthodox Priests were arrested, 95,000 of whom were executed by firing squad. (Page 11, Dark

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Numbers vary, but nearly 40 million Russians died. Few dared openly oppose "the party" and those who did disappeared.

But in 1974, after over half a century these 7 authors began to write *From Under The Rubble*. They openly examined, discussed, and wrote about Russia's past and now present state of affairs. And, as the introduction says, although the issues are discussed primarily in their Russian context, the authors show an awareness concerning the problems of Western Europe and the USA.

To the question "*What happened to us?*" the authors answer saying; "...what happened was not simply a change of regime, but a spiritual disaster, a self-willed descent into the moral abyss of evil called socialism." Make no mistake, in asking and answering this question, even in 1974, they were risking their very lives.

The central premise of these collected essays is that the problems of the modern world, Soviet as well as the West, can no longer be solved on the political plane alone. Instead, the quest for solutions must begin on the ethical level. Thus, the authors analysis and suggested solutions are spiritual in nature. They reject all forms of physical violence and compulsion. Their goal is to bring about a revival of morals in Russia based upon long ignored Christian values once quite alive in the Russian people.

As they see it, the *political revolutionaris* have always said: "Let us go and kill our enemies and then everything will be fine." But as *moral revolutionaries* the authors are saying, in effect, "Let us put ourselves in danger. Perhaps we shall be killed. But as a result of our acts, there may be an improvement in the life of the nation."

These writers call upon the Russian people to embrace *a new life of repentance and self-restraint*. This sort of repentance can

happen among nations as well as among individuals.

Quite unlike the Socialists, who see families and nations as a huge impediment, the authors are convinced that families and nations are both relevant and of great intrinsic value.

So here in the United States, our nation, a few are waking up to the impact of 60 years of our own intelligentsia drumming Marxist ideology into the heads of students in high schools, colleges and universities across this land.

As with the Russians, so with us. Every effort is being made to stifle debate and dissent. This very open effort is flexing its muscles with great effect on college and university campuses. It is showing up in major corporations, our entertainment, our social media, our news media, and now in our pre-schools, grade schools.

I am convinced that the reason Donald Trump is so hated by some is not his New York City accent, or his rude New York way of speaking. He is bitterly hated because he is driving a Mack Truck into the socialist's meta-narrative as regards families and nations, as regards government control, taxes, trade, tariffs, global warming, border security, abortion, embassies in Israel, the Golan Heights, and so on. Socialist are enraged by Trump's total disrespect of Marx, and because he is managing to do something that no one was ever supposed to attempt. He is speaking (shall we say *tweeting*) plainly and *effectively* from beneath the growing heap rubble of last 60 years.

Concerning those who oppose him, well, they don't just disagree with him. Their hatred of him is pathological. Why? Because he is standing in the way of people what suppose their ideology is so pure, so lofty and so perfect, that any sort of effort (lying, cheating, vilifying, false and libelous

dossiers, physical violence—illegal counter intelligence—*ANY means* is right and righteous and acceptable because of the greatness of their cause.

The church, too, even though it is nowhere near as bold as Trump, is constantly being shamed away from biblically based faith. Among the clergy there is strong 'felt' social pressure to avoid controversial things. The church is under a growing load of pressure to just be kind and nice, and abandon biblical morality. And too, the church is being sorely tempted to use strange means in order to grow its numbers.

Some members of Christ's body are now, 'WOKE' to the realization that many (and maybe most) of our college and university students are graduating as cock-sure leftist ideologues. At best they know very little history. At worst they know only a few narrow and dark threads of history which they use to bolster their hatred of America and support their socialist meta-narrative. Worse yet, they do not know what they do not know.

They are ill-equipped for open ended critical thinking and debate. Thus, as the name '*Snowflakes*' suggests, they are terribly threatened by an opposing view or an intelligent argument, and quickly resort to cursing, chanting, destruction of property, and more than a few are resorting to vicious ad hominem violence.

Already, churches are aware of a high-speed transition moving from free speech toward enforced silence, and many university students are all for it.

Why the hatred of the first Amendment? Because the facts and history are not on the side of the Marxists, thus, they will not, indeed dare not listen to any opposing view. It enrages them. Speaking metaphorically, they want free speech beheaded. But here is something they would only know if the read the record of all Marxist revolutions,

this metaphorical guillotine will soon be turned on them. Why? Because when the first wave of rebels cannot make the system work, they are done away with *because* the socialist dream is flawless and so the failure is in the administration of the dream.

What shall we do? First, we need to listen to Jesus. He tells to...; **Watch therefore [give strict attention and be cautious and active], for you know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will come. (Matthew 25:13 AMP)**

Second, it is vital that we understand the times in which we live, understand with enough clarity to describe the danger to others, and with enough clarity to discern the direction and speed of the cultural current. It is unlikely that we will resist forces and directions that we neither understand, see or feel.

Be cautious and active... **Romans 12:2 MSG Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.**

Or, as J.B. Phillips has it; **Romans 12:2 Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good.**

Here is a quote from an Alexander Solzhenitsyn. It comes from the first of his three essays in *From Under The Rubble*.

The essay is titled ***“As breathing and Consciousness Return”***. It can be found beginning on page 24. He writes saying;

Russia's present "...system is unique in world history, because over and above its physical and economic constraints, it demands of us total surrender of our souls,

continuous and active participation in the general, conscious lie.

To this putrefaction of the soul, this spiritual enslavement, human beings who wish to be human cannot consent when Caesar, having exacted what is Caesar's, demands still more, insistent that we render unto him what is God's — that is a sacrifice we dare not make!

The most important part of our freedom, inner freedom, is always subject to our will. If we surrender it to corruption, we do not deserve to be called human.

But let us note that if the absolutely essential task is not political liberation, but the liberation of our souls from participation in the lie forced upon us, then it requires no physical, revolutionary, social, organizational measures, no meetings, strikes, trade unions — things fearful for us even to contemplate and from which we quite naturally allow circumstances to dissuade us.

No! It requires from each individual a moral step within his power — no more than that. And no one who voluntarily runs with the hounds of falsehood, or props it up, will ever be able to justify himself to the living, or to posterity, or to his friends, or to his children.”

—Alexander Solzhenitsyn 1973

RULES FOR LIFE STYLE AND LABOR

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1. Never think of your work and as keeping you from doing God's will. Working is God's will. [1 Thessalonians 4:11](#) [make it your ambition and definitely endeavor to ... mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands.](#) **All the directives of God are spiritual in nature.**

2. Don't rely on others to pay your way because eventually, like unused muscles, your will and ability to earn a living will atrophy and fade away. To the best of your ability take responsibility for your own welfare.

3. Do not suppose that the government should or will take care of you. Their care for you can easily be used as leverage to control your life and your vote.

4. Be very suspicious of the word '**free**', when uttered by politicians.. Every time you hear them say the word '**free**' you should think of the word **enslave**. Free stuff from any government will cost you freedom, and eventually nearly *all* of it.

5. If any person with ideas such as those expressed by Alexandria Ocasio Cortez ever comes to power to enact their Marxist ideology, millions and millions of people will starve to death—*literally and actually "starve to death"* here in the USA.

6. When things get desperate even the nicest people become thieves and criminals, and anarchy reigns. Anarchy is the precursor to tyranny.

7. Christians who pay attention to history abhor socialism. Why? Because where ever socialism is tried it ends up looking like Stalin's Russia in the 30^s and 40^s and into the 50^s, or what Venezuela looks like today, and tens of thousands of believers are arrested, and many are worked to death or shot.

8. Use your voting rights to:

- a) keep the government limited to its constitutional duties.
- b) keep the government out of the day to day affairs of your life.
- c) maintain control of your own life and economy.

9. Beware of people who desire the political power and money to save humanity and the planet.

["Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the "good" of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral](#)

busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity^[greed] may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience." C. S. Lewis