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### **STAMP SOMETHING WORTHY ON THIS AGE**

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

Since the days of Jesus man's been working out his salvation. It's evident in the Biblical accounts of the Apostles. Over the years the testimonies of many overcomers were recorded as the biographies of great men and women in history. It's been said, "Every man should be ambitious to stamp something worthy upon his age and leave behind him something which the world will not willingly let die." Those who've spearheaded great causes live on in their testimonies.

John Calvin left his mark by writing books that not only documented his age but also became a blueprint for a new format of 'how' church and government could be more effective. He revered history as a record of what 'worked.' Calvin's belief was that civil liberties governed the state and spiritual liberties governed the church. His separation of church and state was only in actual function—he believed both should be in conformity to the scripture.

Martin Luther, John Knox and John Calvin were only part of a team of reformers. But Calvin focused on collecting the important discoveries of their day to document their history. He wasn't trying to "reinvent the wheel"—he just was looking for what worked. If it worked and was based on the scriptures, then it was useful material to record so the next generation could benefit studying what they learned through experience.

Another important factor was his understanding of the ministry of the saints—Calvin didn't think ministry was limited to just pastors. He believed everyone had a ministry—it was their function and purpose in life. Calvin was convinced that 'whatever' you did had value and 'how' you did it was practicing your faith. Because of his belief in the ministry of the saints he further revolutionized the reformation movement to another level of possibility for everyone.

John Calvin started a ‘work in progress’ in Geneva that transcended all barriers of known government in his time and it became the blueprint for a new type of tabernacle in the earth. It was the ministry of the saints governed by the people, for the people and of the people—something unheard of before Calvin’s time.

Calvin envisioned a better structure of government and wrote *"Institutes of Religion."* Yet it wasn’t fully implemented until a future generation came to America who’d use his blueprint to form a nation under God. It happened because Calvin created a practical application for spiritual truth—a platform or ‘thought form’ for them to stand on.

America reveals the true ramifications of Calvin’s ministry and the impact of his genius. The biographies of those who sought liberty had one common thread—they studied the works of John Calvin. 200 years after his death men and women were still reading his work, studying his form of government and implementing his brilliance in the drafting of a constitution. Thomas Jefferson even wanted to purchase the school that Calvin started in Geneva and move it to Virginia!

*“Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to dwell in.”*

There are some thoughts of who should lead our nation next. But maybe what hinders our liberty from advancing is the ‘thought form’ itself. Our generation must first create the ‘platform’ for those among us who are the gifted leaders to stand on. We may not be able to do it before November but we certainly can come together into an alignment that will create a godly ‘platform’ for a nobler America in the future. Are we ready to make a difference by standing for what we believe must come to pass? Have we had enough and ready to move into another dimension of government?

For years some have said they’d had enough of religion and politics? Just saying ‘it’s enough’ indicates a readiness to do something about it. But what are we fighting for? Christian beliefs? Civil liberties? For lifestyle choices, prayer in schools or the right to life? What is it that we stand for?

The song says America is the “land of the free and home of the brave” but we’ve become the land of ‘special interests’ and the home of ‘faltering beliefs.’ Many only look for failed policies and picture the worst scenario for our future. We’ve had enough of that—we can’t build on negatives. Is it possible to do what’s right when the main focus is on what’s wrong with America? We desire to build on what’s true, honorable, right, just, etc.; expanding on the original tenets of our beliefs as a nation formed under God.

Lincoln advanced freedom for the unity of the brotherhood. We’ve no ‘platform’ if we aren’t fighting for justice and peace through the manifestation of love in our nation and abroad. The land of the free means equal rights for the unborn because we value all life. We’re not judging sin in our outcry for freedom and liberty but rather we’re remembering the unborn, abused and neglected!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. picked up the chords of “a battle cry for freedom” ... and while advocating nonviolence, he courageously sang, “We shall overcome.” Through his unwavering efforts our nation passed the Civil Rights Act in 1964. Coretta Scott King wrote that her husband had as an “ultimate goal of healing and regenerating an entire population ... to eliminate injustice within ourselves”—it’s a change of ‘thought form.’ Dr. King believed that this was the ‘platform’ for a greater spiritual freedom “by reaching into and beyond ourselves and tapping the transcendent moral ethic of love, we shall overcome these evils. Love, truth, and the courage to do what is right should be our own guideposts on this lifelong journey”—creating a new ‘platform’ or ‘thought form’ for America to stand on.

We’ve enough government—we want liberty. In this day of restoring the foundations of many generations we look to those who stood in the gap in the past; such as the Apostles Paul and Peter ... William Wallace, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther ... George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson ... Abraham Lincoln, William Wilberforce ... Dr. Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Jerry Falwell, etc—but who’ll stand in the gap now?

Maybe if we studied what our founding fathers considered to be God’s government on earth we would seek something that would not only sustain us now but forge a ‘platform’ for the future generations to stand upon. We need to establish the foundations before we advance the cause of freedom to a new level. But who’ll pick up the gauntlet for this generation? Who stands in the gap now? Out from among us shall rise up those who’ll lead the battle cry for freedom. But not until it’s the higher call of God will there be a manifestation of the tabernacle of God in the earth. We want something but we don’t know exactly what it looks like yet. What we need is a ‘platform’ or ‘thought form’ that speaks the plan of God for the Millennium.

We can’t force something to happen but we can prepare ourselves for the moment when it does. We can be conscious of a change of atmosphere. The heart or thoughts of people actually impact the atmosphere over cities and nations and can be sensed. For example an intercessor in a vision saw voluminous clouds of red, white and green and a sleigh with Santa Claus pulled by reindeer—a whole winter wonderland scene with Christmas trees and presents for everyone. He was engulfed with it and wondered why since he wasn’t even thinking or focusing on Christmas yet—it was another three weeks away.

He then saw a vision of the land mass of North America and what looked like a huge cloud hovering above it. He understood it to be the ‘thought form’ generated by the millions of people’s minds excitedly anticipating Christmas. The next time you’re caught up with the spirit of the holiday you’ll know you’re sensing an actual ‘thought form’ in the atmosphere. Weeks later he again saw a vision of the continent of North America but this time he didn’t see the ‘spirit of Christmas’ because there was no energy or thought generated to sustain it past the holiday.

If the hearts and soul of the people thinking about the season of Christmas can have that type of affect on the atmosphere what would happen if as a nation our hearts were turned to God? Would it manifest as a covering of love, peace and liberty over our nation? What if all were seeking and saying “*Come Lord Jesus Come*”—“*eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ?*”

Groups of people as well as individuals can create ‘thought forms.’ What would happen if we sustained a ‘thought form’ for an extended period of time? How would that change the atmosphere in our nation? We experienced a change of atmosphere recently when the Pope came for a visit. He may not be everyone’s ‘father’ but he’s a recognized figurehead in Christianity. Songs were sung in baseball stadiums that would otherwise be considered politically incorrect. Even the programming on major networks was preempted to view what was happening with the Pope. Focus changed to Christian values and positive emphasis placed on God ‘blessing’ America.

Our thoughts and beliefs take on form—that’s how we build a platform that reaches into the heavens. The foundations are already laid and now we build a platform for future generations—a structure built by our higher thoughts, our God consciousness. It’s exemplified in those praying at 8 PM every evening for God’s peace and for the safety of our military—collectively building a ‘thought form’ in the Spirit realm.

We each have God’s spirit within us. He dwells in us. But when our thoughts are directed towards Him in love and anticipation then we build a ‘platform’ others can actually see in the Spirit realm—like a cloud. Religious doctrine doesn’t build a ‘thought form.’ A thought-form or platform is a defined belief as illustrated by the thoughts of Christmas. Thinking what’s best for America, S. Africa, etc. manifests as a cloud on the horizon. But manifesting God’s love enters into “the great cloud of witnesses”—it’s being one with His Spirit and generating His purpose.

What will we stamp on our age? Will we leave behind some worthy ‘platform’ or ‘thought form’ that others will build upon? It’s time to reevaluate our beliefs so that we know what we’d fight for—what really makes a difference and then spend the rest of our lives pursuing that higher ideal with a hunger for greater excellence. Let’s exemplify the heroic and courageous acts of men and women set on pursuing liberty and justice for all and magnify God’s light into our future generations.

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