

If America were more like Jonesborough

It's so easy to go "to the dark place", especially when you study history...and see correlations between now, and our past. We're in dangerous times, and many compare right now to pre-World War II just before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Internally, powerful forces are seeing that their campaign of shame and name-calling the sane into silence just isn't working anymore. More and more folks are seeing that "Misinformation" is a Synonym for "The Truth". Our media has failed to be the watchdog of government, and instead too many of those dogs are fast asleep on the lap of the Deep State. Those in "permanent power" are in return getting their fat bellies rubbed by corrupt corporations, and lobbyists.

The problem is that when powerful people in command of great power see their strength being diluted by a populace that is starting to wake up (as contrast to "woke") ...they turn to two time-tested methods for securing (and increasing) their power. **Inflation and War**. Or both. So... here we are. **What are we to do?**

Well, let's try prayer. If you need inspiration, might I suggest a listen to Dolly Parton's new song: *'Don't make me have to come down there'*. If the Air Force wouldn't send a \$200,000 missile to shoot it down, wouldn't it be just fun to park a balloon in the clouds high over the US Capitol and play that song all day long? Well, shucks that idea won't work...most of our elected officials are too busy staying in office to stay in the peoples' office. So, I wonder...*what if America was more like Jonesborough?* When Good People feel the pressure of false gods and evil seems close...those majestic church steeples downtown are sort of akin to being like a giant protective fence. Like all fences, they hope to both establish a boundary plus make evil think twice about entering. That's Jonesborough. As society wakes up to the dissatisfaction of large anything, it comes looking for the Sanity of Small. The closer I get to home, the better I feel about the world. How about you? What if America felt good about itself, pledged to forgive itself when she failed...and then followed "One Nation Under God" as originally uttered by our Founding Fathers? What if our government *actually liked us*? It's been my un-nerving awakening that our government is made up of people who don't respect us, and people we would never invite over for a barbeque. I truly believe the elites are so self-absorbed in their power accumulation they could not care less how many of us suffer...as long as they prosper. In contrast, we hear the imperfect leaders of our Jonesborough Community trying their best to have perfect intentions for the residents. I'll take that any day of the week. America needs to be more like Jonesborough.

How about **humor**? God indeed has a sense of humor, and many times He allows it to be delivered with a message. Angela Davis (79) is a Marxist, former member of the u.s. communist party, and supporter of the Black Panthers in the 1960's. She purchased the guns used to kill a judge and three others in 1970. Of course, she's now a professor at US Santa Cruz...and a

proponent of Critical Race Theory (CRT). CRT labels all white people as oppressors and all other races as the oppressed. William A Jacobson, a professor at Cornell Law School said that the problem with CRT is that it reduces everything “to what historically has been the single most divisive aspect of American society, which is race, and makes everything about race, and that makes the United States systemically racist.” Of course, none of us had anything to do with our sour past, but you can bet in the name of “equity” (which is not equality) what I now have should belong to someone else, because I’m white. If you don’t buy all of that...of course you’re a racist. Ok, ok...the humor? Well, Angela Davis went on a PBS show entitled “Finding your Roots” (ok I’ll be happy to fund PBS for another year) where the host Henry Louis Gates Jr. disclosed to the geriatric Marxist that in fact, ***one of her ancestors came over on the Mayflower***. It got better. As Ms. Davis gasped in horror, the host further disclosed that Davis ***was the descendant of slave OWNERS***. Now, I can’t even imagine how she could process that. Here you have argued all your life that America was built on slavery by racist colonizers...and you find out in your latter years that you indeed are “part of the problem”. Maybe there will be an IRS form someday that will have a formula for receiving reparations, as well as paying them out! There’s one thing our Federal Government does well...collect from those who can afford it the least. Oh...if this is the first you’ve heard of this story, you might want to reconsider your source for news!

I mean no ill will towards Angela Davis. I believe she was used as a messenger of sorts. We’re to look upon all people as equals, and treat each other, as we would wish to be treated. We’re all part of a huge tapestry of history that can’t be defined by superficial characteristics. The more we focus on what can separate us, the greater the distance we must go to discover what can save us. Walk the streets of Jonesborough. Realize how lucky we are to be here. Pray that others in the land will get their head out. Laugh at ourselves and grow something for tomorrow. Pray it comes, and maybe ask the Almighty to make America more like Jonesborough.