Setting the Stage for the Last Days.

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God's word provides many clues about what the last generation will look like. These include:

A spiritual "falling away" (1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 4:3,4; 2 Thes. 2:3); moral decay (2 Tim. 3); Increase of Wars (Mt. 24:6; Rev. 5); Centralized Government (Rev. 13; Dan 2,7); Centralized Religion (Rev. 13:12; 2 Thes. 2:3,4); Centralized Currency (Rev. 13:16,17); Increased Deception (2 Thes. 2:9-11)

There are powerful forces at work to move us toward this end. (Eph. 6:12; Rev. 12:12; 2 Thes. 2)

Satan has been actively using "men, methods, and money" to help set the stage for the last days.

2 Tim. 3:12 "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

History is filled with the "Big Ideas" of little men, trying to build their "kingdoms"!

The involvement of "Big Tech" in the recent elections has exposed the power of money / influence, but there has been an intentional undercurrent of progressive change for > 150 years!

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- 1. 1889: Cecile Rhodes' "Society of the Elect" combined the influential English / American wealth to work toward a "New World Order" by infiltrating and influencing media and governments. 1889 "Gospel of Wealth" article (North American review) Society member A. Carnegie wrote: "a cadre of millionaires should preside over the government, as a 'beneficent necessity' of human evolution."
- 2. 1903: JP Morgan (Chase Bank) established the American branch of the "Pilgrim Society"; Working with like minded men (Rockefeller, Carnegie, etc.) to further Rhodes' dream of a New World Order. Pilgrim Society Motto was: "hic et Ubique" (Here and Everywhere)
 - A. Out of this "group" grew (or developed) the:
 - 1) Carnegie and Rockefeller "Foundations"
 - 2) The Federal Reserve. Dec. 23, 1913
 - 3) The League of Nations 1920 (morphed into the UN)
 - 4) The Council on Foreign Relations. 1921
- B. They became so influential that T. Roosevelt declared during his 1912 Presidential Campaign:

"Behind the visible Government there is an invisible government on the throne that owes the people no loyalty and recognizes no responsibility. To destroy this invisible government, to undo the ungodly union between Corrupt business and corrupt politics is the task of the statesman."

His involvement split the Republican Ticket and gave the election to Woodrow Wilson. (Their candidate)

- C. Pilgrim Society Members grew to include movers and shakers of policy such as English Royalty and Prime Ministers, US Vice Presidents, Secretaries of State, Ambassadors, Attorney Generals, Supreme Court Justices, Senators, Directors of US Intelligence agencies, Business Leaders, Federal Reserve Chairmen, Military Chiefs of Staff, Media leaders (Publishers, Founders of Time MagazineM, President of CBS, etc) https://www.fbcoverup.com/docs/library/2019-08-10-Pilgrims-Society-Summary-NNDB-accessed-Aug-10-2019.pdf
- 3. 1905: Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Training (CFAT) formed.
- A. By 1909 it had become the "unofficial" accrediting agency for colleges and universities.
 - 1) Since Andrew Carnegie was an avowed socialist, agnostic and globalist, the "grants" were used to introduce (aka: require) these ideas and values.
 - 2) Universities that "Complied" survived by receiving huge grants of money. President of NY Board of Ed.:
- "Mr. Carnegies efforts are crushing individuality out of the colleges...He has deliberately and conspicuously made a mark of religious colleges...seducing them by great wealth to give up their independence..."

- **4. 1905: John D. Rockefeller formed the "General Education Board"** (GEB) with \$129 Million grant. Frederick Gates (His investment manager) wrote: "In our dreams, we have limitless resources and the people yield themselves with perfect docility to our molding hands. The present educational conventions fade from their mind and we work our own good will upon a grateful and responsive rural folk."
- A. CFAT worked with Rockefeller's GEB to develop "standardized curricula" for U.S. schools.
- 5. 1913 the Rockefeller Foundation was established with \$100 million endowment "to promote the well being of mankind throughout the world."
- A. It was set up as a tax shelter and he immediately dumped another \$83 million into it.
 - 1) This (tax free) money was used to further their (Pilgrim Society) goals and philosophy!
 - 2) 1914 the New National Education Association wrote: "We view with alarm the activity of the Carnegie and Rockefeller Foundations- agencies not in any way responsible to the people- in their efforts to control the policies of our educational institutions, to fashion after their conception...And surround them with conditions which menace true freedom and defeat the primary purpose of democracy."
- B. Rockefeller Foundation funded the Columbia Teacher's College where professor Harold Rugg said: "Through schools of the world we shall disseminate a new conception of Government...one that will postulate the need for scientific control and operation of economic activities." (aka: Central Bank System) Rev. 13:17
- C. Rockefeller Lawyer and Biographer, Raymond Fosdick encouraged him to fund the Interchurch Movement (ICM) which was led by Raymond's brother, Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick.
- 1) He was Rockefeller's Pastor and denied the virgin birth of Christ as well as the resurrection! The ICM was the forerunner of the Ecumenical Movement and WCC. (World Council of Churches)
- 2) The Rockefeller foundation began funding seminaries that embraced liberalism and "higher criticism".
- a) Many seminaries "took the bait" and began to compromise God's word, producing a preachers and pastors who didn't believe the scriptures! (2 Cor. 11; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Tim. 4)

These grants "set the stage" for the Humanist takeover of American Schools (and pulpits) a generation later.

The 1933 Humanist Manifesto 1 was Signed by 14 Educators, 8 Media executives, And 11 "Theologians"!

In 2005 almost \$200 billion was given to US Universities through "endowments".

By 2015 that amount increased to \$395 Billion!

China has recently given billions of dollars in endowments to over 100 US colleges.

Conclusion: There's a (spiritual) battle raging around us! Ephesians 6:12

It shouldn't surprise us that there are people committed to using their money and influence to further their own (and unwittingly Satan's) priorities! (Lk 16:8; 1 Tim. 6:5-10)

But it should surprise us that there are so few Christians committed to using their own money/influence to further God's priorities! (1 Tim. 6:11-12) "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, ..."

Faith (from Peitho: Conviction, Commitment)

Application: How do we "fight a good fight of faith"? (conviction, commitment)

- 1) Denial: "Flee these things" (Lk 9:23; 2 Tim. 2:4; 1 Pt 2:11) "abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul."
- 2) Desire: "Follow after godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness..." (Grow in Faith/Grace)

 2 Tim. 2:3 "be strong in the grace that is in Christ..."
- 3) Disciple: "Fight the good fight..." Recruit/influence others: 2 Tim. 2:2 "the things that thou hast heard..., commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others"