Whom Can You Trust?



When I was younger, say 50 or 60 years ago, I assumed that anything I read in the newspaper was true. I also believed that the institutions of government could be believed. If the FBI said something was true, it was true. I even assumed the CIA could be trusted. We have always known America's enemies cannot be trusted.

But events that have happened over the last thirty years, and especially over the last fifteen have changed my perception dramatically. Now we have people in America who are more inclined to believe America's enemies are telling the truth than that America's president is telling the truth. Watching the mainstream press is, frankly, disheartening. The mainstream press want to discredit everything the current President does and says. But if one of their own political party were doing the identical thing, the mainstream press would praise him to high heaven!

Sidney Powell has practiced law in the Fifth Federal Circuit for years. She has been lead counsel in more than 500 federal appeals. She wrote *LICENSED TO LIE: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice*. She did so after seeing a core group of federal prosecutors break all the rules, make up crimes, hide evidence, and send innocent people to prison. So much for truth in our government!

Now we have an ongoing medical crisis. And we have a growing divide in the medical community on how to treat the invasion of the Wuhan, China coronavirus. At the beginning of this new coronavirus I unquestioningly accepted the verdicts of Drs. Anthony Fauci and Deborah Birx. This was a deadly virus and we had to do everything they said. We needed to quarantine the whole country. But some things bothered me. They never gave us any light at the end of the tunnel. They never said when it would be safe to stop this shut-down. And when anyone ever brought up a cure that had worked in some cases, like Hydroxychloroquine, Dr. Fauci would dismiss it entirely.

Recently, I watched a video by Dr. Dan Erickson and Dr. Artin Massihi, owners of Accelerated Urgent Care in the Bakersfield, CA area. They said that, at the beginning, we did not know anything about this coronavirus. But now we have had two months to learn about it. They asked some amazing questions. They said that in the past we have quarantined the sick and let the healthy go on their way. Why are we continuing to reverse that policy and are quarantining the healthy? They have done their own testing and found out that a lot more people have had Coronavirus than we have been led to believe. Their estimate is that, at least in their own area in California, there is a 0.03 chance of dying from COVID. Its lethality and occurrence is not substantially different than the average flu season. They believe there is no reason not to get our economy going again. One of the doctors said, "This whole thing is not really about science, and it is not about COVID. It is about control!"

The outrage at their view point was visceral and immediate. <u>Youtube has censored them</u> by removing their video. Youtube gives credence to the World Health Organization, <u>who falsely reported, initially, the severity of the illness</u> in Wuhan, China. Yet Youtube censors will believe the WHO but they will not even allow these California doctors' viewpoint to appear. So I am supposed to trust the Youtube censors?

So whom can you trust? You even have to pick which doctors you are going to trust and which doctors you are not going to trust!

Thankfully, we can always trust God! David wrote of the "God of truth" (Psa. 31:5). Isaiah wrote about the "God of truth" (Isa. 65:16). Paul wrote that we Christians live "in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago …" (Titus 1:2). We can always trust Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6). Paul also wrote, "…let God be found true, though every man be found a liar" (Rom. 3:4). Jesus spoke repeatedly of God's Holy "Spirit of truth" (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13). The writer of Hebrews wrote of "two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie" (Heb. 6:18).

So we can trust God and what He says. It is so wonderful to have someone we can always trust. Men will lie, but God cannot!

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