

As I was trying to decide on what to share, I found myself in a quandary because my mind has been filled with many different thoughts and questions. I decided to purge some of these thoughts, one by one. I know I can't be the only one who is pondering some of these ideas.

First, I am still disgusted by the fake news in regard to Charlie Kirk's death. I am 99.9% sure the young man they are holding in jail is the fall guy. There is something much bigger at play here, and this guy, although possibly knowledgeable of the truth, is not the trigger man. Nothing about this entire crime seems right, and great pains are being taken to cover the truth.

It occurred to me the irony of President Trump's efforts to embark on a new, multimillion dollar renovation of the White House ballroom, when federal workers are still waiting to find out if they'll have jobs to go back to. And will they actually be paid for the work that is being done while they wait?

On that note, I understand the big issue with the shutdown is about healthcare costs. I'm hearing that whatever is decided will affect future Medicare and Social Security funds. As someone who is planning to retire in the next few years, and who will depend largely on my Social Security money for income, it scares me.

As a Christian, I have always hoped for a pre-tribulation rapture of the church. In other words, I held to the belief that we Christians will be called home before it really gets bad out there. A Christian teacher who I have listened to for a very long time, now says that he believes we will go through the seven-year tribulation. He used to think the way I did but has changed his views. I fear he may be correct.

Am I the only one that is freaking out about driverless cars on the roads and robots flipping burgers and processing our Amazon orders? Or people in Denmark and other countries allowing the implementation of a small grain of rice-sized chip to be inserted into their hands in order to buy things, to open doors, to travel? Duh?

¹⁵ The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. (Revelation 13:15-17)

Regarding the tribulation and today's events, I feel as if my eyes have been opened to truths that I never would have believed. I love America, with all my heart, but I am disappointed and disillusioned by our leaders, past and present. I believe we have been lied to about certain events, including, but not limited to the truth about who killed President Kennedy, and the truth about who was really responsible for the 9/11 tragedy. The truths are out there...All you need to do is look for them.

With this knowledge, how can I trust our leaders today? I'm in my sixties now, and I feel like a child that has been duped to believe in something grand. It is disappointing but has caused me to trust in God for all things, that much more. He has never lied to me, and everything that is happening was told to us in His Word.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12)

Since I've already stepped out on the ledge, you'll love this one. Years ago my sister watched a documentary on Nostradamus and his prophecies about the last days. I remembered her telling me that Nostradamus said that the antichrist would rise in the Middle East. Well, before I share my current thoughts, I simply Googled "Nostradamus and the antichrist Middle East." Sure enough, her words were confirmed, for what it's worth.

With all the political rhetoric and constant warnings about certain people groups from places like Iran and Iraq, I always assumed the antichrist would rise from one of those countries. With things the way they are today, and feeling like my eyes have been opened to certain truths about a country I have continually prayed for, wouldn't it be just like the enemy, the copycat without an original thought, to make his antichrist a Jew, like Jesus? In no way am I saying any one person is the antichrist today, but I'm definitely seeing his henchmen at work. The Israel of today is not the Israel I have grown to love from the Bible. But we can still pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Selah.

So my mind feels a little less crowded, regarding the things of this world. My personal world, however, is as busy as ever. Still raising two young men, my grandsons. I'm getting ready to help with another wedding for my other son, and Christmas is going to be here tomorrow. Just the trials of life can be overwhelming sometimes, and even the things that happen to those we care about can weigh us down, especially when there is absolutely nothing that we can do for them but pray.

Prayer may seem small in comparison to our worries. But today, it's all I have, so that in itself makes it something extraordinary. Think about it... We have a direct line to the Creator of the universe. He wants to hear from us, and for us to know that He sees us and is listening. A much needed reminder for me and my overactive brain. I hope my shared thoughts (you don't have to agree) have shown you that you're not alone in your concerns. As I will always say, you are never alone. God is watching, and He loves you!

Blessings,

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