

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: II Timothy 2:3-4 “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.”

World War I was called by many *The War to End All Wars*. Over 8.5 million soldiers died and millions more were wounded, not to mention the war’s impact upon countless civilians. There is indeed a war to end all wars, but history confirms that it certainly was not World War I. It is a war like none other in that it effects all individuals within “every tribe, tongue, people and nation.” It began with the rebellion of Satan prior to the creation of our universe and pitted him and his demonic hoard against the eternal Son of God and the holy angels.¹ It engulfed all of mankind when Adam chose to rebel against the clear command that God had given.

This warfare that is spiritual in nature has raged throughout human history.² The battlefields have varied and the strategies used by Satan have been as subtle as those used in Eden. Slowly, bit-by-bit the norms of nations have been eroded one generation at a time. America is no exception. In the 1983 January/February *Humanist Magazine*, secular humanist activist, John J. Dunphy, wrote, “I am convinced that the battle for humankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes and respects the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers, for they will be ministers of another sort, utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to convey humanist values in whatever subject they teach, regardless of the educational level—preschool, daycare, or large state university. The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new, *the rotting corpse of Christianity*, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism,

resplendent with its promise of a world in which the never-realized Christian ideal of “love thy neighbor” will finally be achieved.... It will undoubtedly be a long, arduous struggle replete with much sorrow and many tears, but humanism will emerge triumphant. It must if the family of humankind is to survive.”

How have humanists fared in their crusade to rescue the world from “*the rotting corpse of Christianity?*” How have the values wars changed the moral landscape in our country? Look at the content of many television programs, movies and video games! Look at the laws passed and the court decisions rendered in recent years that defy the Laws of God. Have the efforts by humanists to fashion a secular society brought us closer to “the never-realized Christian ideal of ‘love thy neighbor’”? Are they letting up in their assaults on the Word of God? In an April 2011 article on *The Temple of the Future*, a humanist web site, American society was described as “racist, sexist, ageist, homophobic, transphobic.” “In a society in which the voices of *the repressive right* speak loudest and most stridently, Humanism holds forth the promise of a progressive counterweight which could punch back at *those who buttress inequality, foment fear, and preach hatred*. Humanist communities— real communities, with dedicated spaces, effective leadership and an inspiring message— could revitalize American civic life and *alter American politics*.” The dedicated spaces include most university campuses. The effective leadership includes many politicians, media, and Hollywood activists. Do you recall the following message that inspired a majority of Americans? “*We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America.*” [Candidate Barack Obama, 2008] Have you seen any transformations in American society in the past several years? Ominous storm clouds loom ahead. There is no place for carnality or complacency in the battle for truth that encompasses far more than education, entertainment and politics! The War that Ends All Wars will have its final battle sooner than later.

Jesus said, “He who is not with Me is against Me.”³

1 Matt.25:31 2 Eph. 6:11-18 3 Matthew 12:22-37