

IT WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

You know it's not coming back. Life as we knew it B.V. (Before Virus) will never be the same.

I just looked at my personal email Inbox and saw the headline:



"Mets, Marlins players walk off Citi Field in protest". The article summary stated, "Mets and Marlins players took the field for the scheduled 7:10 p.m. ET start time, observed a 42-second moment of silence and then walked off the field in protest. The team left a Black Lives Matter T-shirt on home plate."

You know what else they left lying there? Thousands of former baseball fans that will no longer tolerate and subsidize such attitudes and actions. Baseball has jumped on the bandwagon that football created, followed by the NBA, and other major sports, and even NASCAR, for Pete's sake. NASCAR was supposed to be THE sport that all of us Normals could enjoy, without the grating political overtones that remove the relaxed enjoyment of escaping reality for a few hours. But NASCAR threw us all under the bus and joined the cave-in crowd. How disappointing. Even Chick Fil-A did the same!

This is not limited to sports. Many large companies have beaten a path to the doors of these leftist movements and thrown millions of dollars at them, dollars we spend with those companies. They grovel before these purveyors of the phony narrative of systemic racism in our nation. The end result is that they fund the violence and destruction we have been seeing all over the country for weeks now.

Does it do your heart good to see our kids attend school behind Plexiglas dividers, carefully spaced to keep them 6 feet apart, wearing masks so that you can't see their faces? Much as I APPRECIATE Superintendent Peter Livingston's ongoing struggle to open the elementary school, successful but as described above, and also the

middle and high schools, unsuccessfully for the foreseeable future, I can barely look at pictures of classrooms in which those conditions apply. Mr. Livingston has been able to place our kids in the best circumstance allowable in this dysfunctional state, and for that we must be grateful, but really? Young children have to live this way?

When will this end?

How about the little things that touch our daily lives? We can't enjoy eating a delicious Superburger in our Deli Café, people-watching, seeing folks we don't often see, just chatting and neighboring as we're designed to do. Instead we see a big sign "Take-Out Only", tape on the floor to mark where we must stand, and chairs to sit in while waiting for the order, and of course they are spaced just so. Wow! We complied as minimally as possible so that we wouldn't jeopardize 60 jobs and this community store. Ugh!

Getting our hair cut or a massage can get us arrested. Or the barber or beautician fined, with license suspended. Will we have

to get a permit to go to those places at pre-ordained times, whether or not it fits our schedule to do that? As it is, we sneak around, sometimes in the dark, to visit the few who have the guts to try to serve their customers somehow, some way. Really???

And LVEDA (Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association), an unsung, underrated organization that has advocated for important issues on behalf of our local community since 1998, has had to meet in an awkward place, on the porch of the Moose Lodge. Why? Because the County won't open the Community Center (paid for with our taxes, so it belongs to us), and they won't open the Senior Center, our usual venue. Thanks to the generosity of the

Moose, we have somewhere to meet at all for now.

For now? Will things change? Will the California Plantation bosses loosen the ropes with which they have bound us into a kind of slavery to their edicts? Will the nation recover from all of the violence and rioting that intensifies for the flimsiest of reasons?

We've just experienced a magnificent week of inspiring testimonies and speeches at the Republican National "convention", itself affected by the new prohibition against large gatherings so that the speeches were pre-recorded

in empty venues or given before smallish audiences spaced out for "safety". Do we believe after hearing those speeches that if only Trump gets reelected, things will get better? Yes, they might improve, or it could get worse if the agitators and their backers -- George Soros, his cronies, and most of the Democrat Party -- decide to contest every detail of the election and wreak more havoc to express their anger and hatred.

Well, foo! What to do? Who wants to live behind masks,

marching like automatons to rules we suspect are without merit but designed to control us? I sure don't! Americans don't do that stuff! We don't meekly comply with outrageous commands from the rulers. We stand up and fight back.

Remember our heritage! Were you fortunate enough to be taught our nation's history? American patriots resisted and fought a war against the super power of that time, Great Britain. They shed blood. Many died or lost everything, even family. They survived a horrible winter at Valley Forge without proper food, no shoes, scant clothing, but still persisted and prevailed against the British!

And we are afraid simply to remove the masks, especially



now that we know that the virus is abating and the crisis is past?? How about a mass movement to remove masks? To reopen bars, bars, salons, restaurants, and other small businesses victimized by all of this? If we all do it, what are the slave masters going to do? Come at us with armed troops to force us into compliance while they let big cities burn without consequence to the agitators?

And the churches! Thank God that quite a few are standing up for our true Master, God Himself, and remaining open. Unfortunately many are not, but are conducting tele-services. Why is there even one church that caves into this godless pressure?

Where is our hope? If we learn anything from all of this, it's that what we've always assumed as a baseline in our American lives, what we've always thought of as "normal", just isn't so anymore. It's toast.

And what are you going to do about it? What will be your new baseline for your life? It has changed, whether you face it or not. What a great time to make your baseline God's baseline!

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