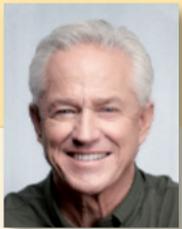


Dark and Light (yes, again)



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We honor Pastor Ray's life by continuing to share the daily devotions he prepared for you, his precious readers.

Let Your Light Shine!

Ray Bentley Ministries

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."—Matthew 5:16

In the highest mountains of Switzerland, centuries ago, a beautiful church was built by a local nobleman who wanted to leave a legacy for his townspeople.

Nobody saw the complete plans until the church was finished. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty. But a few noticed something missing.

"Where are the lamps?" they asked. "How will the church be lighted?"

The nobleman smiled. Then he gave each family a lamp. "Each time you are here, the area in which you sit will be lighted. But when you are not here, some part of God's house will be dark."



Every Sunday evening the people who lived nearby saw something beautiful happen. The church bell would ring, and worshippers would wind their way up the mountain. They would light their lamps and light up the church. On their way home, it was as if light poured out of the church into the world.¹

If you believe in Jesus, you are a lamp to those you meet each day, a reflection of the true Light of the world

"You are a guide for the blind and a light for people who are lost in darkness" (Romans 2: 19). The Lord has called each of us to light up our part of the world; our homes, workplaces, social events, and even a mundane trip to the grocery store.

Are you a shining light? Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"* (John 8:12).

I am so thankful that the Lord puts us all in different places to shine. You might be a missionary in Africa, or a wife and mother in southern California,



a student, a teacher, a laborer, a clerk – wherever the Lord has placed us, we are called to shine.

Sometimes it's hard to shine through your own hurts and pain. Ask God daily to fill you with His Holy Spirit and the "light of life," and your heartache and pain will be eased as you light the way for others.

You can shine with His love and joy and help lead lost and hurting people out of darkness and pain.

We are the lamps that light the church, keep the darkness away, and glorify our heavenly Father.

¹ A version of this story is found in the liturgy for The 5th Sunday of Year (1999) by Rev RJ Fairchild.

In the column nearby, Ray Bentley challenges the readers to let their lights shine, and to be a lamp to those we meet each day – in "our homes, workplaces, social events, and even a mundane trip to the grocery store." (Your trips to Lucerne Valley Mkt & Hardware are NEVER mundane!) As the beautiful moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect God's light of the Holy Spirit, which in these times will shine ever brighter, casting light into the growing darkness.

Last week in this space, we said, "The spiritual darkness that has been spreading across our nation like the approach of nighttime after sunset has consumed and digested the abortion issue so that a large percentage of women believe it's their right to decide life or death for the infant they carry. Now that dark spirit is consuming innocent young children as young as five and into the teens. These are the victims, . . . of human sex trafficking." (LVM commentary, 7/13/2022)

Below are examples of some of my heroes shining their lights of Truth.

Howard Galganov (Galganov.com, 7/20/2023) speaks of Bob Unanue, CEO of Goya Foods, who rescued the movie "Sound of Freedom" from Disney Studios, who had shelved it for 5 years (why??). This was news to me, and Goya's courageous stands for conservative issues is one reason we carry their products in our store. This is Howard's light for today.

Had It Not Been For Goya Foods CEO & Billionaire Bob Unanue, Who Isn't Afraid to Say that He is Conservative, and Would Not Cower . . . Even When The LEFT Tried To Cancel Him & His Products Because He Stood With Trump.

Bob Unanue Bought & Paid For Sound Of Freedom Because Unanue Who Created "Goya Cares" . . . Cares About Saying & Doing the Right thing Regardless of the Consequences. Just As An Aside – When the LEFT Went After Goya



Foods Because of **Unanue's** Support for Trump, **Goya's Sales Multiplied Significantly. . .**

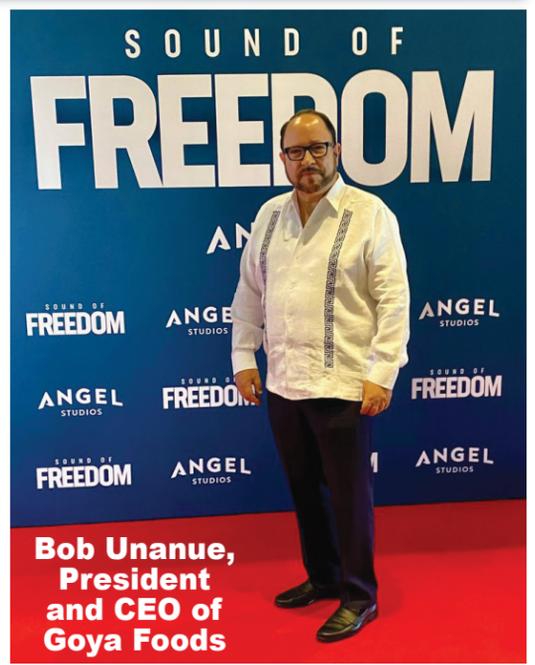
Had The Voters Known Then, Just How Evil The Open Southern Border Was . . . And How Integral it was Then as it is Now to Have Finished the Wall . . . And How Right Donald Trump was to Have Wanted the Border Sealed, It Is Very Possible In My Opinion, that the People Would Have Given Trump Four More Years In-Spite of the Election Cheating . . . Had They Seen The Sound Of Freedom. . .

These next paragraphs come from the website of Goya Cares, and includes a statement by Mr. Unanue about the birth of Goya Cares. Mr. Unanue shines the light of the Spirit clearly for all to see. Who knew?

GOYA CARES – Bob Unanue, President and CEO of Goya:

Goya Cares, a global initiative dedicated to combating child trafficking and educating on child mental health, announces its support as executive producer for the release of the new movie SOUND OF FREEDOM, coming to theaters nationwide on July 4, to help raise awareness of the child trafficking epidemic.

"It has been a spiritual calling that led us to this point with the hopes to not just shed light but put an end to this horrific evil. We are proud to be a part of this movie since the beginning and support the incredible work of Eduardo



Verástegui and Tim Ballard (film based upon his life). I founded Goya Cares with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the inspiration of SOUND OF FREEDOM. Angels Studios is a Godsend that will raise awareness of this crisis and ultimately help put an end to this epidemic. In the words of Saint Mother Teresa, 'We must bring the child back to the center of our care and concern,'" said Bob Unanue, President and CEO of Goya Foods, and Executive Producer of SOUND OF FREEDOM.

Finally, as you may know, American Thinker is one of my most favorite light-shining-brightly websites. Molly Slag writes of our degraded nation, shining her light to show us the wreck of our nation's house. She offers suggestions how to fight back without violence.

America's Degradation is No Accident, by Molly Slag, 7/20/2023, American Thinker What happened? In a single word, the answer to the question "What happened" is "Hijacked." The government we inherited from the American Founders has been hijacked and turned against us. . .

This further illuminates the meaning John Adams intended in his well-known "morals" dictum; to wit, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other". . .

Today we have an enormous cloud of enemies of the republic, including the US Federal Government, about half of the state governments, major corporations (Disney, Target, Budweiser, Ben & Jerry, Hollywood, Maybelline, etc., etc.), public education, the United Nations, and the WEF [World Economic Forum], [among others], all pushing onto the U.S. population the full delusion of the woke hoaxes, from global warming to transgenderism, [and now child sex trafficking]. This cloud of enemies of the republic employs the police power of the state to repress the political liberty of the citizens rather than to protect the citizens from the criminals. . . .

What has hastened this situation is that the church is no longer a bulwark for liberty. Indeed, often it operates as an enemy of the republic. . . . Consider how, week after week, we hear from the pulpit that Christians are not under law and that salvation is a function of mere belief, not moral conduct, notwithstanding the express revelation in Psalm 15 that salvation requires holiness. . .

Here are a few examples of non-violent revolutionary actions that citizens can effectively take in pursuit of the restoration of law:

1. **Extract children from public schools** and either home-school them or send them to non-leftist private schools.
2. **Teach** children the truth about God, **God's moral law, and sin.**
3. **Teach** children the truth about sex and the **requirement of righteous sexuality** for civilization.
4. **Teach** children about **the value of family.**
5. **Start each day praying** with the children to thank God for ELLP: Existence, Life, Liberty, Property.
6. Hire math and English tutors for the children.

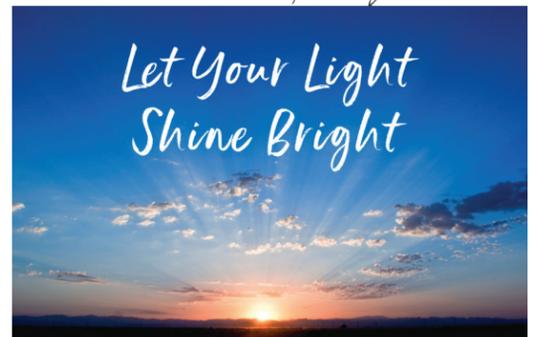
In accordance with this line of thinking, you can establish your own legal, non-violent revolutionary acts.

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told us, *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

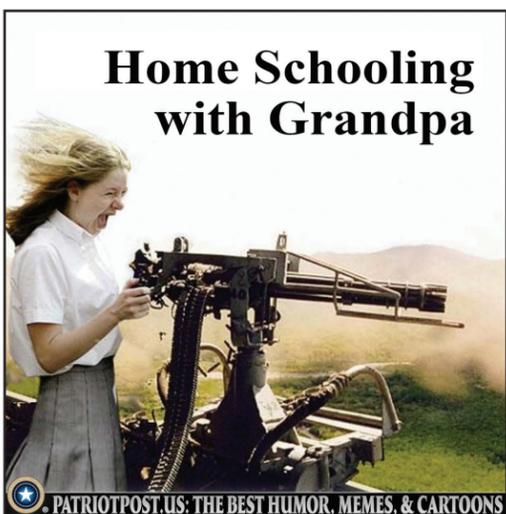
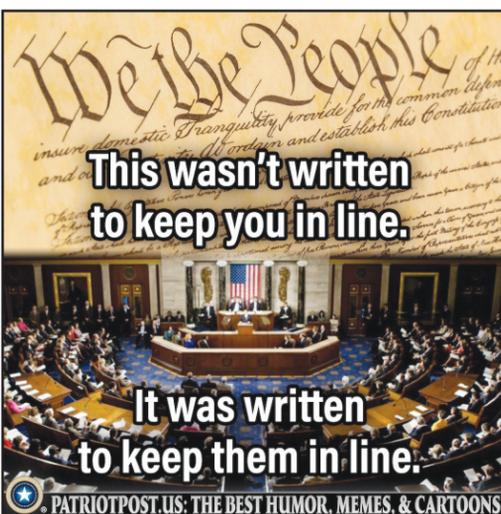
Let's let our lights shine brightly, reflecting God's glory, penetrating the black darkness to help others find their way to Him!

Linda Gammel

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