

# Should Biden Be Added to Monument for Mount Rushmore's 75th Anniversary?

As you read this commentary, a ministry I've been a part of almost since its inception will celebrate our 50th anniversary in D.C. Intercessors for America's core Scripture (alongside 2 Chron. 7:14) is 1 Timothy 2:1-2, directing us as our first priority to pray for our governing authorities.

I pray for Mr. Biden every day but that does not mean I must respect him as a person (while I respect the office of the presidency). I believe he is guilty of grave dereliction of duty and instead of being the problem solver desperately needed at this critical time, he is detached and seemingly cares little about the plight of the American people.

He ignores the economy (gas, groceries, savings, interest rates) and conducts himself in a ceremonial way with a leisurely lifestyle frivolously spending trillions. He is the biggest spending president in U.S. history, adding an astronomical \$6 trillion to our national debt which can lead us to financial collapse.

He pays no attention to our border crisis, lying brazenly with his team ("The border is closed, secure and under control") as fentanyl seizures have increased 800% with annual related deaths over 100,000. He projects weakness to world leaders, suggesting appeasement with Hamas as he regularly brushes off alleged corruption with Hunter.

I have no malice towards him but there comes a time when we must "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15).

**Are You Listening?**

If you've listened to Joe Biden's speeches from his inaugural address on "America United" then "America's Successful Withdrawal from Afghanistan" plus numerous addresses celebrating the "phenomenal success" of "Bidenomics" for working class Americans, you might be persuaded he sincerely believes what he says and might believe it's time to make room for him on the world famous monument of Mount Rushmore.

Should we be broaching the subject with FBI Director Wray raising the serious specter of Hamas and jihad terrorists in America which differs with Biden's stirring speech in Philadelphia (with the ominous red backdrop) where he warned America's biggest threat today is "Trump's MAGA Republican extremists"?

## **2 Questions**

**1. Should we carve out additional presidents on Mount Rushmore, our iconic symbol of America to include Biden?**

We just celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Mount Rushmore monument where over 3 million pay tribute yearly, awestruck by the 60-foot-tall sculptures of four outstanding presidents:

Washington, Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Lincoln.

The colossal project started in 1927 in the granite mountain of Black Hills, South Dakota. Heavy-duty dynamite blasted out almost half a million tons of rock!

If you've visited the breathtaking site, you quickly observed the mountain is barely able to hold the four presidents. It would be a catastrophic event if some ambitious individuals tinkered with the classic stone carvings. The national monument is overseen by the reputable U.S. Park Services who would not be amenable to marring the classic achievement. It would take a massive fundraising effort alongside an enormous amount of legal red tape.

So, is there any chance of carving out room for additional presidents like Joe Biden? Nope—ain't gonna happen.

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## **2. Are there other presidents in line ahead of Biden?**

I personally believe Joe is delusional about what he's done and is somewhat of a legend in his own mind. He does campaign appearances at taxpayer expense in cities portraying a picture of a prosperous and progressing America that doesn't square with reality. The Bible warns all in Romans 12:3 "not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment..." I don't know if he'd do this, but why don't we line him alongside previous presidents?

## **3 Heroic Ones**

### ▪ Lincoln

This outstanding Christian Republican leader was the "Great Emancipator" who exhibited competence and courage, being honored worldwide for the values he embodied and espoused. The outstanding leadership and tireless work he invested to overcome slavery even at the cost of his own life is evidenced by his statues seen in 145 places in America and two dozen abroad. His Gettysburg Address is a classic masterpiece.

### ▪ Washington

The "Father of our Country," first President and leader of the Constitutional Convention was also a military hero in the Continental Army that defeated Britain, the most powerful military force on earth. He was a strong Christian whose values of patriotism and conservatism would have placed him as a Republican, but the party didn't exist.

- Reagan

He was older yet indefatigable. The “Great Communicator” after two terms as Republican Governor of California took on the challenge of a nation in decline and turned things around through his strong leadership and uncompromising traditional principles. His conviction was “peace through strength” and he led the way to victory in the “Cold War,” defeat of Communism, collapse of the Berlin wall and release of American hostages in Iran. He boldly declared “Government does not solve problems; it is the problem!” With Russian leader, Gorbachev, not even a hint of appeasement.

### **3 Horrific Ones**

- Buchanan

This Democrat president took office in 1857 and was inept and left a legacy that led to the Civil War and over 700,000 Americans killed. His laziness and lack of leadership resulted in civil unrest, secession of states and a divided country. He never married and many believe he was a homosexual. He supported the infamous Dred Scott Decision and was an unskilled puppet in the hands of pro-slavery forces undermining our society.

- Hoover

After a period of prosperity, wasteful and foolish spending led to the Stock Market crash of 1929 and Great Depression. He was an uncaring man living in a “bubble” who ignored the needs of the people and with millions out of work, in debt without homes ending up in shanty towns (“Hooverville”). Hoover, a self-absorbed individual, eventually departed, moving into a posh Waldorf Astoria luxury suite in New York City.

- Carter

In 1976, a supposed “down home, good ol’ boy” from Georgia, Jimmy Carter, slipped into the White House as a Democrat you could trust. His policies plummeted America into decline and a “state of malaise.” Mortgage rates shot up to 18.6% and inflation hit a record 14.6%. Ignorant and naïve, I confess I voted for Carter, learning my lesson that elections have consequences, and I’d never be an uninformed voter again!

**Here’s the Deal:** For over three years, I’ve been “blowing a trumpet” that Biden is inept and incapacitated. His cognitive state is only going to get worse. His cadre of Marxist propagandists shamelessly prop him up.

It should be obvious to the reader that I was never serious about him being placed on Mount Rushmore, but it was simply another way to say with urgency as the 2024 election is less than a year away: “Joe has got to go!”  
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## **Charisma News Brief: Alexander Paganì Rebukes Demonic Spirits Over New York City**

During a night of worship hosted by Pastor Mike Signorelli as

part of "The Domino Revival," Apostle Alexander Pagani rebuked demonic spirits that have held the clutches of New York City for far too long. He specifically called out none other than the false god, Baal.

"Not too far from here they erected an altar to Baal," Pagani said. "And not too far from there they erected a statue to the beast. But God sent us here today to confront the ruling principality called Baal, and to tell you, you will not have New York City."

Pagani also came on with a strong and stern warning to those steeped in the occult and other demonic practices that their day and reign had ended over the city.

"And God sent us here to tell every witch and every warlock and every priestess and every coven that we cancel every blood ritual. We cancel every contract. We cancel every sacrifice made for New York City. We cancel it out by the blood of Jesus," Pagani said.

Pagani equated the faithful and true followers of Christ today who are ready to fight the good fight of faith to that of the Gideon army. While it may seem like the numbers are small, God is going to use those who He has strengthened to pull down the satanic strongholds over the big apple.

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"Gideon's army could not be successful until they first take down Gideon's father's altar to Baal," Pagani said. "There's way too many altars all over this city. So, before revival would come we gotta kick the devil out."

Pagani then led the crowd into a mass repentance and renunciation of the demonic spirits gripping the city.

“We come against the spirit of Baal. We command you in the name of Jesus, loose yourself. Get off of New York City. Every demon, spirit of witchcraft, spirit of new age, we command you in the name of Jesus, we order you, go back to hell where you came from, in Jesus’ name,” Pagani declared.

There’s no question that the bondage of demonic spirits needs to be broken off all over the world. However, there is something incredibly special about the strongholds that must be shattered over New York City. New York Times best-selling author Jonathan Cahn says it is the gate to America and Alexander Pagani warned that NYC has acted as a symbol of temptation just like the fruit of good and evil. May we heed their advice and pray for a breaking of strongholds and a coming revival in America’s city. {eoa}

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## **What’s The Difference Between Quenching and Grieving the Holy Spirit?**

Is there a difference between quenching and grieving the Holy Spirit?

In one of his latest videos, Pastor Benny Tate answered the question about the difference between the Holy Spirit being quenched and grieved.

“We quench Him by what we don’t do, and grieve Him by what we do,” Tate said.

One of the key understandings that Tate explained as to why we can both quench or grieve the Holy Spirit is from the fact that the Holy Spirit is much more than just a fantastical power source that so many people treat Him to be. He’s a person.

“I hear people talking about ‘it’ as if the Holy Spirit is an ‘it.’ Folks, if your Bible refers to the Holy Spirit as an ‘it,’ that’s a bad translation. Because see, He’s not an ‘it.’ He’s a person. He’s not energy, He’s not force, He’s not excitement. Literally the Holy Spirit is a person,” Tate said.

Tate also shared how coming to know the Holy Spirit is pivotal and necessary to live out the Christian life. Otherwise, a believer is not completely filled with God’s presence and guidance.

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“God doesn’t want people to blow up. God doesn’t want people to dry up. God wants a balance of Spirit and truth. And when you have a balance of Spirit and truth people won’t blow up. People won’t dry up. People will grow up,” Tate said.

Because the Holy Spirit is a person and not just some mere power, we cannot treat Him as though He is only a force. Instead, we must realize that because He is a person and because He is completely holy and perfect, there are times when He will speak truth to us that is even if it isn’t exactly what we want to hear. Tate points out that this is where many churches go wrong because they are so careful to be seeker sensitive that they end up pulling the truth of the gospel away from their core messages.

“I was taught you need to design services to attract people,” Tate said. “Felt-needs, seeker sensitive. Some would say ‘don’t say anything that would offend anybody’...this is what I believe: I don’t believe we need to try to attract the people. I believe you need to try to attract the Holy Spirit. Because see I believe if you will attract the Holy Spirit you will attract the people.”

While it is critical for churches to preach the gospel and bring in new people seeking a relationship with God, it is impossible for anyone to truly meet and build up that relationship without the Holy Spirit.

“If we want to attract the Holy Spirit, it can’t be about individuals, it can’t be about a financial status, it can’t be about status in any way. We’ve got to lift up Jesus and brag on Jesus and promote Jesus, and when you do that you will attract the Holy Spirit,” Tate said. {eoa}

Benny Tate’s new book, “Unlimited,” can be found at .

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## **Navigating the Spiritual Minefield: Astral Projection and Biblical Caution**

Satan is working overtime to permeate society with the deception that the occult, New Age and witchcraft will answer

timeless questions about humanity's spiritual nature.

But Satan is a corrupter, a mimic of what God created. This is especially true when it comes to ways to commune and worship that which is spiritual.

Christians are commanded to worship the Lord and meditate on His Word (Josh. 1:8; Ps. 119:15), but the devil has taken meditation and twisted it into something evil that is forbidden by the Lord.

Author, lecturer and Nephilim specialist L.A. Marzulli discussed with Charisma News in a recent interview the dangers behind the practice of astral projection, and how very real they are.

"Shamans and witch doctors and medicine men, they all go to the same place. They get their power from the second heaven; they get their power from the dragon. It's an occult technique, and they learn how to use [Christians] are forbidden to do that," Marzulli explains.

Astral projection is defined as, "an intentional out-of-body experience that assumes the existence of a subtle body, known as the astral body or body of light, through which consciousness can function separately from the physical body and travel throughout the astral plane."

Marzulli, along with former satanists, witches and occult users such as now-evangelist John Ramirez, have all shared that astral projection is very real and they were able to accomplish this practice while they were under satanic influence.

"People with familiar spirits sometimes will astral project and my previous incarnation in the new age, I did astral project. Some people also call it lucid dreaming," shares Marzulli.

“It’s very pleasurable, because you’re flying. And you’re flying through rooms and walls, and everything else, because we’re spirit, soul and body. And what leaves is your spirit. But that’s not supposed to happen,” he continues.

Being taken by the Lord, however, explains Marzulli, is a distinctly different and holy event.

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“Now if God takes us out and shows us something, that’s a whole different deal. I’ve been taken twice. But I was fully awake. I wasn’t asleep and I wasn’t trying to do anything,” says Marzulli.

Marzulli shares that when he was still a baby Christian, the Lord took him and gave him a vision reminiscent to Revelation 19, with Jesus depicted as the rider on a white horse, flanked by the armies of heaven. After the vision, Marzulli was back and astonished at what had just happened.

“And then I’m back. And I’m going like, what was that? That’s when the Lord takes us and does something. I’m not initiating. I’m looking for it. It’s a gift,” Marzulli shares.

The warped versions of God’s granting visions and dreams have deceived many and allowed demonic oppression to enter their lives.

Warnings throughout the Bible were given to steer God’s people away from these practices because the Lord finds them abominable (Lev. 19:31; Deut. 18; 2 Kings 21:6; and many others).

With biblical discernment and wisdom however, believers will be able to avoid these counterfeit practices that seek to twist the gifts of God and lead His people into spiritual

bondage. {eoa}

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## **Carlton Pearson's Tragic Journey to Deception**

Carlton Pearson, the Pentecostal bishop who was labeled a heretic by his peers because he rejected the authority of the Bible, is now "at death's door" according to a video he posted last week from his hospital bed. The 70-year-old preacher, who has battled prostate cancer off and on for years, was put under hospice care a few days ago.

From his deathbed, Pearson smiled and told his followers he would see them in heaven. But will he? I'm glad I'm not the one to decide that. But I wouldn't want to be in this man's shoes as he steps into eternity.

In the 1980s, Pearson was one of the most recognized preachers in America. Raised in the Church of God in Christ, and mentored by evangelist Oral Roberts, Pearson established his Higher Dimensions Christian Center near Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pearson's popular Azusa conferences attracted thousands to Tulsa every year, and his church grew to 5,000 members at its peak.

But one day a bizarre message appeared on the marquee in front of the Higher Dimensions sanctuary on South Memorial Drive. The sign said, in plastic moveable letters, "JESUS IS THE WAY.

HE'S JUST NOT THE ONLY WAY."

That was one of the more obvious signals that Pearson had begun to move away from biblical faith. Decades before anyone would talk about "Christian deconstruction," Pearson began dismantling his beliefs—adopting instead what he called a "gospel of inclusion." The Pentecostal bishop became a universalist, and he announced that all people—whether Muslim or Hindu, Christian or non-Christian, repentant or unrepentant—would go to heaven.

Pearson also began teaching that the Bible wasn't inspired by God. He claimed it was mistranslated and full of errors.

"I won't get into great detail, but I'm just saying that which we revere as the most sacred lexicon of truth on the planet is not necessarily—and any true scholar will tell you—infallible or inerrant," Carlson said. "I am saying what we were taught was wrong. We've been sold a bill of goods. I'm assaulting 1,500 years of tradition."

Some secularists applauded Pearson because they viewed his outlandish statements as bravery. But members of his Bible-believing church left in droves, and the Higher Dimensions facility ended up in foreclosure. Oral Roberts then refused to allow Pearson to host his Azusa conference on the ORU campus' Mabee Center.

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After the Joint College of African-American Pentecostal Bishops Congress labeled Pearson a heretic in 2004, he doubled down on his deception and became a Unitarian. He publicly denied the existence of hell, declaring that a God of love would never sentence unbelievers to eternal damnation. And before long, fawning secular reporters were calling on Pearson every time they needed a nonbelieving liberal to make social

commentary.

When Pearson's critics argued that Jesus often preached about the reality of hell, and that the Bible clearly states that God judges the wicked, he said the Scriptures are themselves flawed.

"The average person, even preachers, that you approach and ask, 'Where did we get the Bible?' most of them can't tell you that," Pearson once said. "Men sat around tables in rooms for weeks drinking wine, eating and taking breaks, fussing, and sometimes cussing, arguing over what would be in the Bible and what would not."

I have nothing but sympathy for a man who is battling cancer in a hospital bed, and I wish Mr. Pearson no ill will. But as people mourn this man's passing, I hope we won't feel any sympathy for his dangerous teachings—which no doubt misled thousands of people during the two decades that he preached a counterfeit gospel.

In times like these we must remember that God holds people accountable for spreading heresy. The letter written by Jude, the half-brother of Jesus, is a short epistle, but it is blunt in its condemnation of false prophets who "turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:4).

The Bible isn't "nice" to heretics because they lead people astray. Jude offered no sympathy to false teachers who had every chance to repent, but didn't. He said: "Woe to them!" (v. 11), and he compared them to "clouds without water," "autumn trees without fruit," "wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever" (v. 12,13). False teachers incur God's wrath because their lies are the ultimate form of spiritual abuse.

I wish I could call Pearson my brother, but the Bible says those who depart from the faith have fallen from grace. Even

though this man wore a clerical collar, stood behind a pulpit and carried ordination credentials, he butchered the Bible, misled naïve Christians and arrogantly opposed God with his heresies. Thankfully this man's "assault on 1,500 years of tradition" was unsuccessful.

In the last moments of his life, I pray that Pearson can repent and be reconciled with his Maker. May God have mercy on his soul. {eoa}

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