

Was Notre Dame Burning an Omen?

My wife Cindy and I have been guests at several of Dennis and Sue Prager's Shabbat dinners. Of course, the Pragers are Jewish. Dennis wrote an insightful article concerning the problems facing Europe and Western civilization. It is titled "Notre Dame: An Omen" and is reprinted in its entirety below.

To the challenge how to put a halt to the secularization of America, 1 Chronicles indicates it ought to be done by "those who had understanding of the times" (1 Chron. 12:32b, NKJV). What is needed for the spiritual renewal of the nation are Issacharian leaders with know-how and mastery who can recognize and implement Solomon's directive that "By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice."

Dr. Bruce K. Waltke pointed to the virtues begotten in those who have with awareness and perception "sought Wisdom, [and] submitted themselves to her teachings, and so attained the personal, spiritual, and moral knowledge" the contemplation of Scripture gives rise to. Wisdom's virtues, such as "shrewdness, discretion, counsel, resourcefulness, and heroic strength," says Waltke, "enable kings to reign and rulers to decree justice."

The all-pervading confusion about gender that holds sway over the Millennial and Gen Z generations has its origins in the apostasy that started in the late 19th century and continues unabated to this day. As a case in point, the latest media miracle-man, Millennial South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, is running for president on the Democratic ticket. Latterly, Buttigieg pontificated about what he called the way for "developing a closer relationship with God."

"And yes, Mr. Vice President," he said in affirmation of his

marriage to another man, "it has moved me closer to God."

Let's be clear: Mayor Buttigieg is as hard left as any of the other Democrat presidential candidates, most notably Bernie Sanders. His only chance to come through in the Midwest and the South will be to rewrite the Bible so as to vindicate his lifestyle. Hence, his undue focus on the vice president.

What is now taking place in America did not happen overnight. The current savagery and ramping up of the Philistine vulgarity of the culture is on full display as the outgrowth of a nation moving away from God. The political, cultural and personal war being waged in the public square is spiritual, against the living biblical God Jehovah. As per the Tytler cycle in history, each generation, as sin compounds, becomes more worldly and carnal. And then "carries to the third and fourth generations."

Unless broken by Christ's intervention.

State-sponsored immorality codified into law, as exemplified by the Obergefell vs. Hodges decision in 2015, compounds the disconsolate outcome of America's apostasy over the last century. At long last, Christians will either have to return to the model that Jesus said He would build, of which "the gates of Hades will not prevail against it," or lose their freedom.

Praise be to God for the good news that Gideons and Rahabs are beginning to stand.