

Will the Deep State Manipulators Ignite an Evangelical Turnout in 2020?

Remember “The Response: A Call to Prayer for a Nation in Crisis?” The Response was a “solemn gathering of prayer and fasting” called for by Texas Gov. Rick Perry and produced by us on Aug. 6, 2011, at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

In the promotional materials, we did not announce which “Christian celebrities” would be joining Gov. Perry on stage, as is usually done to drive attendance for events. Instead, we had decided that the occasion would be all in the token of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Lord of life.

The night before the event, we weren’t sure if even 300 people would show. However, more than 40,000 people turned up, fasting and praying for America.

One of the catalysts for the unexpected high attendance was the Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation, a self-declared “voice for freethought (atheism, agnosticism, skepticism).” “Freethought” as a perspective on life underscores Dr. Joseph Boot’s succinct observation that “Christians must recognize that all of life—including cultural life—is shaped by the beliefs, or more properly the religious worldviews, of those who participate in it—and I have already described some of the fruits of the religious worldview that increasingly dominates the culture. I say ‘religious worldview,’ because man is a worshiping being.”

Two weeks prior to the event, FFRF sued Gov. Perry, alleging something to the tune of “Governor Perry can’t call a prayer event at a public stadium in America. Don’t you know about the separation of church and state?”

Kelly Shackelford, president and CEO of First Liberty Institute, the largest legal firm in the nation dedicated exclusively to protecting religious freedom for all Americans, represented Gov. Perry personally as to his rights as a private citizen. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who is now the Texas governor, represented Mr. Perry on the state government side.

Following the dismissal of the lawsuit the week before the event, *The New York Times* yammered that "The judge's ruling handed Mr. Perry a key legal victory in what has become one of the most controversial events of his political career in Texas."

"Controversial" to whom?

Controversial, of course, to secular and media luminary combatants dominating the "organs and institutions of modern culture [which] have been thoroughly saturated by humanistic and pagan assumptions about the source and nature of truth and freedom," says Randall Currie in *Living in God's Kingdom*. "These pretensions have steadily redefined intellectual, social, familial, sexual and ethical norms, unleashing real evil and enslaving Western society in a radical opposition to Christ and the freedom brought by the gospel. From the school, academy and courthouse, to senates, parliaments and palaces, the Christian faith is being systemically expunged from public life and ignored or assaulted in our corridors of learning and power. If we love the gospel, our neighbors and freedom, Christians must take up the cultural task with faith and courage."

Or in the wise words of A.W. Pink from *Gleanings From Joshua*: "It would indeed be strange if we apprehended how that on the one hand Canaan was a free gift unto Israel, which they entered by grace alone; and on the other, that they had to fight for every inch of it!"

With that as background, the 2011 move to sue by the Freedom From Religion Foundation corresponds in some ways to the current Democrat “trumped-up” impeachment charges against President Trump on Ukraine. By opposing in 2011 Rick Perry’s religious freedom to call a prayer event, secular “freethought” humanists unknowingly set in motion a tide that, when taken at its flood, led to the emergence of 40,000 believers at Houston’s Reliant Football Stadium.

This resembles how George Soros’ deep state manipulators, along with unscrupulous and scheming liberal rebellion/resistance leaders, will set evangelical turnout on fire in 2020.

Evangelical and pro-life Catholic Christians have never seen President Donald Trump as “saintly” or as a paragon of “pious behavior.” However, in biblical terms, specifically Judges 14:4, President Trump can be characterized as a Samson, whose “father and mother did not know that it was the Lord—that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines [read human secularists in America],” to quote Joseph Boot in *Gospel Culture*. “For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel [read ‘various organs of culture—education, law, arts, charity, medicine, government—almost entirely to the increasingly humanistic state’].”

According to public opinion polling of evangelical and pro-life Catholic Christians, President Trump’s strength is regarded as a “bulwark against a culture that they feel is increasingly hostile to them,” according to the Winthrop Poll. A culture “all dressed up in the garb of freedom and human dignity, which amounts to nothing but radical autonomy,” says Boot.

With this in mind, we can be sure that Christians will turn out en masse on Nov. 3, 2020.

Gideons and Rahabs are beginning to stand. {eoa}