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"All That Is Necessary for the Triumph of Evil Is That Good Men Do Nothing"

Edmund Burke

The Daily Jot

Daily reporting and analysis of current events from a biblical and prophetic perspective.

NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Then There Were Locusts

The "president's" policies in his last days in office appear to reflect the strategy of a movie villain by understanding his time is near the end and he wants to do as much damage as possible before he goes. For this Islamic Marxist, he is only doing what he thinks is right, what his Democratic Party would want him to do to set the stage for even more such policies in the event another Democrat takes over the White House. The "president" has accomplished much of what he told Americans he would do: remake America. He has kept his word through the bending of the Constitution, breaking some laws and ignoring others while an impotent Congress looks on. Now, in the final days come the locusts.

Prophesying of Babylon, a nation that in ancient times had a lot of similarities to modern-day America, the Lord said in Jeremiah 51:14, "Surely I will fill you with men, as with locusts; and they shall raise a battle cry against you." We have seen throughout the Bible the consequences of both good and evil leadership. America is reaping the consequences of repeatedly choosing bad leadership in both the White House and Congress. Those consequences are being heaped upon us at an increasing rate the closer the election approaches. One such consequence of bad leadership is found in the *Washington Times* report that a record 225 Syrian "refugees" were admitted to the U.S. on Tuesday. But wait, there's more.

The *Times* says that setting the single day record is evidence of the "president's" intent to admit at least 10,000

such "refugees" before the end of his term. Security analysts claim that the policy is dangerous because these Syrians are not being properly vetted and that there are terrorists among them. Policy Studies Director for the Center for Immigration Studies, Jessica Vaughn, told the *Post* that the Administration, "is on full throttle to admit as many people as possible before the time clock runs out on them. This is the classic scenario when political expediency trumps prudence, and someone slips through who shouldn't have, and tragedy ensues."

The true concept is one designed to bring Islam to the U.S. and, quite frankly, to permanently change America. A refugee is someone who cannot find sanctuary in their own country because of fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality or membership to a political ideal. This would apply to Syrian Christians for sure. But Syrian Christians are not being admitted to the US. These "refugees" are victims of a civil war, essentially one inspired by Arab Spring, which was supported by the "president." They are not being persecuted because of race or religion. And they can find sanctuary in neighboring countries who are sympathetic to the overthrow of the Syrian government. But to change America the way the "president" has promised, the locusts must come.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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An Exclusive Interview:

Mike Vanderboegh, Founder of the III% Movement

(Editor/GG: As most of our readers and local patriots are aware, Mike came all the way out from Alabama three years ago to march with the Southern Colorado Patriots Club in the Westcliffe July 4th Parade to celebrate our Second Amendment. He then came out last year, sick with cancer, and gave a stirring speech at the Patriot's Day Celebration in Cañon City. Mike has been a inspirational leader in the patriot movement for decades, and sadly it is coming to an end as his cancer has become terminal. We will never forget the time he spent with us here.

As gracious as ever, Mike agreed to give the Sentinel an exclusive, "farewell" interview. As usual, Mike cuts to the core in his answers and at the same time inspires us to never stop fighting for a return to a Constitutional America. God Bless you Brother, and see you on the other side.)

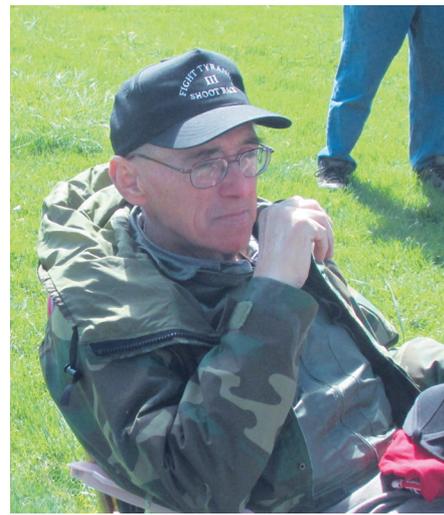
Sentinel: You have seen the "liberty" movement change and evolve over the last 30 years. What are your observations on the changes in the last five years versus the prior decades?

First, as one citizen journalist to another, I would address the media message aspects. The more things change the more they stay the same. Unfortunately, the liberty movement in its various forms and parts, has precious little institutional memory. We continue to be plagued by unprincipled hucksters and disinformation-artists who are believed by the credulous and who discredit us with serious folks who are otherwise predisposed to agree with us. We do have the advantage of an increasingly powerful weapon in the Internet but this is a two-edged sword used by our enemies perhaps better than our friends. The best tools for organizing are local – including the Internet, which allows us to

network with like-minded folks close to us but focused on local community issues with a state and



national perspective –and from which local and regional political power and influence derive. I have often said that all liberty, property and life is best secured on a local basis from free association of friends and neighbors. The idea that the federal government could provide these things



Mike Vanderboegh at last year's Patriot Day Celebration where he gave a stirring speech.

Photo by George Gramlich

would be absolutely repugnant to the founders. We are first free citizens, securing our own liberty by the fatigues of our own efforts.

Local newspapers such as the *Sentinel* are an important way of taking the true material gleaned from the Net and presenting it to a local audience (especially in rural and suburban communities), much as the dinosaur printed media used to use "official" news

services such as AP and Reuters. What is refreshing about the new media on our side is that we are

honest about our political POV and do not pretend to be "objective" without bias.

As Orwell wrote in "*Homage to Catalonia*", "It is difficult to be certain about anything except what you have seen with your own eyes, and consciously or unconsciously, everyone writes as a partisan." Truth is vital,

but then so is honesty without the cant of political correctness. We must be both honest and factual. This was an essential element of the struggle to get the truth out about Fast and Furious and other scandals. I often have said that people are welcome to doubt my ancestry but not my footnotes. Yet our efforts would not have been noticed without the Internet.

As far as the broader liberty movement, especially that portion that makes up the active armed citizenry we have always been motivated by (and grown as a result of) events. In the 90s these were Ruby Ridge, Waco and the collectivist power grabs of the Clintonistas in the form of the AWB and Brady bills. The

administration of Dubya, upon which so many folks counted to roll back federal power merely enhanced it. The decade was useful in that it discredited the idea that any deliverance could be expected from the corrupt GOP. The PATRIOT Act and the flood of illegals convinced us of that and from which the Minuteman movement was born. Then came Obama and his naked power grabs and the further exposure of the GOP as spineless mandarins.

As Ben Franklin noted, "Nothing concentrates the mind so wonderfully as the prospect of being hanged in the morning." We are fortunate in one respect however. Dubya's decade long war has produced a trained pool of combat veterans familiar with the necessities of war and disillusioned by the way an empire uses and abuses its own people. In this we are remarkably similar to the colonists hardened in the school of the French and Indian War and it has stiffened the resolve and skill-set of today's armed citizenry in much the same way.

Sentinel: Looking back at the liberty/militia movement in the 90's and it's almost subsequent complete collapse, what lessons are to be learned from that experience for today's freedom lovers?

I would dispute that the constitutional militia movement "completely collapsed" in the aftermath of the OKC bombing. What happened was that we changed our organizational model, less public units, more clandestine, we lowered our signature to prevent agent's provocateur and snitches. We concentrated on local organization and discovered that training did not have to be done wearing BDUs in public and we all developed an allergy to the "mainstream media" and to members who were "look at me I'm

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*Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,
for when he has stood the test
he will receive the crown of life,
which God has promised to those who love him.*