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Christianity played an enormous role in the formation of and early foundations of the United States. Christians actively participated in every nook and cranny of America's political institutions, deliberating bodies, and schools.

The formerly profound influence of Christianity has waned dramatically during the past century. We've come to where not only are Christian opinions and influence nearly absent, but any effort to revive this former influence is met with public outrage, derision, and censure. This is especially so because biblical Christian morality directly contradicts "politicly correct" progressive leftist agendas.

Evil is very real and is now boldly marching upon our land.... What practical steps can be taken to revive the Founders' Fire and raise the bright torch of liberty again?

First, we must realize that each of us has a part to play. Each of us has a gift to bring. The ongoing battle for Freedom is not a spectator sport. It is not just the "mighty deeds" of so-called "great" men and women that will win the day. It is, rather, the countless small acts of ordinary people (the "hobbits" of our world, to borrow from J.R. Tolkien) that eventually overcome and conquer evil.

Some Strategies

We must take control of the education of our nation's youth and stop relying on a centralized secular government bureaucracy to handle this crucial task. Secular education agendas have decimated our republic by brainwashing generations of our young with "approved" world views that are antithetical to biblical truth.

Parents and grandparents must attend school board meetings, get involved, and seek election to local school boards and committees of policy influence, particularly concerning curriculum development and textbook selection.

Christian conservatives who are unashamed of America's Christian heritage and conservative founding must infiltrate public schools and secular universities and colleges acting as agents of influence in those venues.

We must encourage and train those who are gifted and qualified (possibly YOU?) to run for public office at the city, county, state, and federal level. After they are in office, we must hold them accountable to maintain their integrity and uncompromising faithfulness to the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

We must identify every politician who violates their Oath of Office *no matter what their party affiliation*—and pursue litigation to impeach and put them out of office.

Every lover of America and the Constitution should exercise their Godgiven privilege and responsibility as a citizen to vote. It is disheartening to hear of recent polls that show millions of eligible Christian and conservative voters refusing to vote because their "favorite" candidate or particular social or moral issue was underrepresented by an otherwise conservative candidate. Politics is an inexact science, and no one ever gets to vote for a "perfect" candidate because none has ever existed. There is (and always has been) a lesser of two evils. Our founders fought for the right of the people's voice to be heard; we should honor their efforts and exercise our rights.

Christian law associations and individual attorneys must be supported and encouraged to wage this battle in our nation's courtrooms, utilizing every legal recourse within our power to prevent and overthrow damaging litigation.

Christian and conservative writers, film producers, musicians, and artists must pull out "all the stops" to promote America's heritage and Christian history to stand up for Truth. Christian podcasters and writers must crank up their efforts to inform, inspire, and motivate people to community action and awareness through books, articles, and podcasts.

We must pray for and encourage the shepherds of God's people, for it takes great courage and personal sacrifice to stand up against spiritual darkness and endure the inevitable backlash that comes when Christian leaders challenge the status quo with a biblical perspective.

Every Christian should set aside extra time to study and pray. Each follower of Christ should be able to "give an answer" to every person regarding the hope that is within them by sharing *what* they believe and *why* they believe it. If we are effective, we will be attacked and criticized by those wishing to silence us. If we're *not* experiencing criticism, we're probably not saying or doing anything of importance.

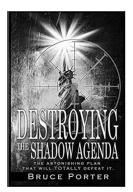
Most important of all, Christians must purposefully lay aside time every day to pray for our nation and leaders. This mandate especially applies concerning prayer for those leaders who fight against us. God may show mercy to them—and by extension to us—by opening their blinded eyes and breaking their proud, hardened hearts.

We are at a defining moment—a pivotal point in history—and a time of impending monumental change orchestrated by God in every detail. In this confidence, we can walk with inner peace and serenity no matter how crazy this world becomes in the short-term.

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An evil Shadow Agenda is threatening to destroy the United States as a Constitutional Republic and replace it with a dystopian socialist nightmare. Far more than simply a political struggle, it is at its core a spiritual battle between good and evil. This epic struggle between light and darkness will end in the total defeat of darkness and the longed-for inevitable victory of Christ over all His enemies. This victory will come about by God's Spirit, and not merely through political maneuvers or the wisdom of

man. However, God ordains human participation as an ancillary means to His foreordained purposes. This book will help each Christian find his or her place within the ranks of God's army to carry forth the banner of His glory with complete confidence.