

The Traditions of Men



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A Defining Period in the History of the United States

There is a growing awareness by the American people that this nation is rapidly changing - politically, economically and spiritually. Many are starting to accept that life will be different in the years to come. What they haven't done is to stop and consider what life might look like as they turn the last page on their calendar in 2014. The busyness of everyday life, and for many, economic concerns, hinder them from examining their changing nation with a biblical and historical perspective. Thus, they have not made the connection between the acceleration of the rate of change, and longer term societal trends which have been in place for decades.

Yet these trends are real. They are powerful. History demonstrates that they have a consistent way of resolving themselves. The major trends in place today are set to converge over the next four years. Because people with diametrically-opposed worldviews are driving these trends, as they intersect, something must give. What gives and what takes will determine whether our children and grandchildren will live free, or as subjects of an emerging supra-governmental body.

Many important variables are driving these trends. This paper will a) help the reader identify the major trends that are set to intersect in the years to come, and b) provide a plausible scenario which may unfold as they do. The scenario presented is backed by historical precedent, and a list of supporting sources is provided at the end of the paper.

I hold these conclusions so strongly that they form the baseline from which I prepare my family, church, friends, and as much as the Lord allows, city and state, for what appears to be a very challenging time in the history of the United States.

Before these trends are examined in detail, it is important to provide a foundational understanding of what prevents most people from accepting what historical precedent clearly tells. By understanding our limitations and tendencies, we can identify when our biases hinder us from accepting the reality of our situation. More importantly, once aware of our biases, we can take action to correct our thinking. Truth then becomes reality, rather than our desires. Truth has a way of motivating people to align their lives with it. Proverbs 22:3 then comes into full effect. "A prudent man foresees evil and takes refuge, while the simple pass on and are punished." This paper is to help you become a "prudent" person.

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Normalcy Bias

Prudence and good leadership dictate that it is incumbent on us to continually and realistically examine the world around us, and then take steps to lead our families, friends and other loved ones through the reality that exists. Note, I said the reality that exists – not the reality we want to exist.

It is human nature to desire to live a “normal” life. The average person doesn’t like change, particularly if change forces them to take action they consider abnormal. When people are confronted with facts that require them to consider “abnormal” action, their mind simply rationalizes altering or ignoring those facts in a manner that allows them to avoid taking action. This allows them to maintain a state of normalcy. This phenomenon is what is known as “normalcy bias.”

Throughout history, there are long periods of time when normalcy bias is not a problem. Factors that affect our lives simply do not change drastically. However, when we enter periods of history when dramatic changes occur which affect our lives directly, normalcy bias becomes a problem. In fact, it can be harmful beyond what we can imagine.

We are now entering one of those periods in history. I implore you to read this paper with an open mind. Do not let normalcy bias cloud your thinking. If you reject the conclusions found here, do so based on *objective analysis of facts*, not because accepting what is written would require action that you feel is outside of your comfort zone.

Basis For This Analysis

Why should this paper be any different than those written by other analysts? I humbly submit that there are three fundamental weaknesses that I see in most trend analysis today.

First of all, conclusions are often presented dogmatically – or simply stated as fact. “This is how it is going to happen.” There is very little consideration given to other factors that could dramatically alter the course of events. I understand that we must speak from our convictions. However, we must also accept that many of the variables at play are constructed from data that is a) incomplete and/or b) taken from a political and economic environment that is unlike anything we’ve seen in history (e.g., the global construct of our economy, all currencies being fiat, coordinated drive toward global governance, etc.). Because of this, analysis presented should be given with an open hand. We must be willing to adjust variables that could change dramatically, and thus adjust our outlook accordingly.



The second weakness I see in much of today’s analysis will come as no surprise. People carry their biases into their analysis and heavily slant it toward their area of expertise (economic, political, etc.). Again, they fail to give proper weighting to many other variables that will have just as much, if not more influence on how events unfold. Economics alone will not determine this nation’s future. Neither will our political environment. Neither will the condition of the church. They will interact with each other and will, at times, have disproportionate influence over one another. Favoring one factor is like trying to solve a mathematical equation with portions of the formula missing. If all of the variables are not accounted for, or weighted properly, the answer will always be invalid. Thus, any analysis that focuses exclusively on one particular arena, or even gives undue weighting to one particular arena, is, in my opinion, worthless.

Third, most trend analysis gives little consideration, if any, to 5,000 years of historical precedent (*both* biblical and secular), or to principles found in Scripture. Even western Christian analysis assumes that because God has blessed this nation, somehow we will avoid repeating mistakes made throughout history. It assumes we will have the wisdom to react differently to circumstances that are similar to those mankind has faced before. This is simply the manifestation of “normalcy bias” in their analysis.

How do I propose to mitigate these weaknesses? God has given me a broad background of life experiences. I’ve always been a “big picture” person as opposed to one who focuses on the details (I praise God for those people!). One way he has developed this is through my shepherding responsibilities. As a pastor, I have been called to show no partiality when considering testimony given during personal conflicts. This has sharpened my ability to listen to passionate opinions given by people I highly respect, and yet separate the conviction of their presentation from the facts contained therein. It has helped me see potential blind spots in their understanding of the conflict in order to

help them see those blind spots as well. With God's help, this experience will serve this analysis well, because many analysts I refer to present strong cases with great personal conviction.

I began research for this paper by examining eight years of articles, books, podcasts and videos presented by people and organizations that have, over the years, proven to have had the most accurate view of the state of our nation. They have been reasonably, and in some cases, uncannily accurate in past forecasts. Thus, they have earned a well-deserved measure of credibility. They do not all agree on the particulars, mainly because of differences in their areas of expertise. I have taken their data and formulated an aggregate opinion that is as objective as I can present, based on biblical and historical precedent.

The resources I used to formulate these positions are listed at the end of this paper. This is not an exhaustive list. However, it is representative of the sources I use. Collectively, they represent years of research.

A discussion of how these events fit into eschatology will not be included in this analysis. I believe applying a particular eschatological viewpoint would introduce bias. Many would argue it would be proper bias because it is biblical. However, the subject of eschatology is widely disputed in the church today. By simply presenting facts and trends, each person can deal with the issue of eschatology on their own. God will reveal where we are on the prophetic calendar. He doesn't need me to do it for Him.

Challenges Facing the United States

This section gives a broad overview of the major macro arenas that contain the variables that will shape our nation and world in the coming years. While these arenas are global in nature, the focus will remain on how they impact the United States.

Economics

Economically, we are in unprecedented times. Stating that will come as no surprise to those who have read my past work. However, most people do not grasp just how deep and inescapable our problems are.



The foundation of our economic problems is a monetary system built on an unjust weight and measure. It is in direct

violation of God's commands (Deut 25:13-16, Prov 11:1). History has not been kind to nations that have pushed fiat monetary systems upon their people. Yet that is exactly where we find ourselves today. Only we are not just talking about a single nation. The entire global monetary system is based on fiat money. The global fiat monetary system is failing. As it does, some very important developments are occurring.

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, people in this nation trusted the Federal Government. Today, however, that is not the case. According to a November 2010 Rasmussen poll, 44 percent of Americans believe that the government no longer operates within its constitutional mandate, while only 39 percent believe it does. Only one in five people believe the Federal Government has the consent of the governed. And 48 percent believe the government is a threat to individual rights. Trust in the Federal Government is failing at the same time many Americans are awakening to the fact that our monetary system was built to benefit bankers and powerful politicians at the expense of the average citizen. These Americans are becoming educated and organized as they consider their options on how to deal with this situation.

As a result, backlash is growing against bankers and politicians who have enacted policies that enabled large multi-national corporations to devastate small business and drive out competition in some of the most important sectors of our economy — healthcare and food production. The growing distrust creates an important link between a very unstable global economy and an increasingly unstable domestic political environment. It is a major factor in the growing probability that we will experience major social dislocations in the years to come.

Politics

Most of the analysis in this paper will focus on domestic politics rather than global. Politically, we are a nation divided more than at any time since the Civil War. Our differences are vast and growing, and are centered around the most basic of our belief systems — our worldview. Failure to understand the ramifications of this fact clouds the thinking of analysts who presuppose an ability to maintain "politics as usual" in the years to come.

Sadly, it is unlikely that compromise will carry the day. Consider the recent re-election of Nancy Pelosi as leader of the Democratic Party in the House of Representatives. The Democratic leadership simply refuses to acknowledge that a majority of Americans have rejected her political tactics and the resulting policies. By adopting the post-election party line “the election was about the economy” they have deceived themselves (and many in their party) into believing something that is simply untrue. That is, their social agenda is still embraced by the American people, and that they should continue to implement it without concern for or consideration of those who oppose it. They will continue to ignore the will of a large percentage of the American people — and the rights of all. This is a significant miscalculation that will have serious consequences in the years ahead.

would transfer our national sovereignty to the global governance of the New World Order (NWO).

The term New World Order carries a stigma. Thus, I will comment briefly on it. If you do not believe there in the NWO, then you need to read through some of the sources at the end of the book. The term “New World Order” (and all that accompanies it) has been openly discussed for decades — long before President George H.W. Bush mentioned it in his 1992 State of the Union address. Today, it takes on different names, the most current being “global governance.” The goal is the same – a global government that is dominant over nation states.

The agenda being executed by Progressive Socialists is in their best interests, of course, yet is undeniably not in the best interests of freedom-loving American people. As with all movements, there are diverse objectives within the Progressive Socialist movement. Generally these interests fall in one of two categories.



Financial – The international banker’s goal is to increase their wealth and control citizens through enslavement in their debt-based monetary system. Large multi-national corporations seek dominance of their respective markets worldwide as they remove competition through their alliance with the Federal Government. Both serve to place controls on citizens while limiting their freedom.

Political – These people seek to bring the United States into the NWO as a fully-compliant member, devoid of national sovereignty. They detest the nation state, particularly republics, as this particular form of government gives too much power to the individual. It leaves open the possibility of revolt, which would thwart their globalist agenda.

The degree to which these two are interrelated is of some dispute. At a minimum, they feed off of each other to further their respective, complementary agendas (financial slavery on one hand and socialist domination on the other). At most, they are one and the same, actively coordinating strategies in order to deliver this nation into the NWO.

The Progressive Socialists have been working for decades toward this goal, and now see it within their reach. They have thrown off any effort to hide their intentions and are running as fast as they can toward the finish line,

The Players

Those elected to Congress represent two primary groups of people who will increasingly be at odds with one another over the coming years. Progressive Socialists are one of these groups. They hold a secular/humanist worldview, which declares the state as sovereign, controlled by a majority of people who must (according to their worldview) evolve to the status of ruling class. Their worldview **will not allow them** to embrace the assertion in our Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.” This is **the primary point of conflict** between them, and those who hold the Judeo/Christian worldview which inspired Thomas Jefferson to pen those words.

Progressive Socialists are deeply entrenched in nearly all aspects of society. They hold tightly to their worldview, and are increasingly bold in their denunciation of the Judeo/Christian worldview. They have the backing of the main stream media, the pop culture, and the government school system from pre-school through PhD.

For decades, this group has been pushing forward an agenda that has a stated goal of dismantling the Constitution. In its place, they wish to institute a government that ultimately

hoping to make it there before they can be stopped. And they have quite a head start.

The other primary group of people in this struggle to determine America's future is small, but growing in number. Constitutional Conservatives are those who now realize that the constitutional republican form of government given to us by our Founding Fathers is hanging by a tenuous thread. They are a subset of what was once the "silent majority." For the most part, they hold a Judeo/Christian worldview, which declares that God is sovereign and man is subservient to Him, free from servitude to other men. They embrace our Declaration's assertion that "all men are created equal." Their desire is to be ruled by laws, rather than men, and have no plans to let the United States be folded into the NWO.

Unfortunately, the Constitutional Conservatives remained silent during the decades when Progressive Socialists infiltrated our major institutions. Some saw their religious convictions diluted by prosperity and a misguided "pursuit of happiness." However, today they are awakening. They recognize the Progressive Socialists for who they are — a group of well-organized people who have an agenda to "fundamentally transform the United States of America." They understand that if the Progressive Socialists succeed, life in the United States as they know it will be over. The Constitutional Conservatives are quickly becoming re-educated on the principles that this nation was founded upon, and have taken up the challenge to stop the Progressive Socialists - regardless of the cost.

The 2010 mid-term elections altered the power structure in Washington and, more importantly, in the state houses across the nation. Prior to this election, Progressive Socialists were able to move rapidly toward their goal. Now, in all likelihood, we will face a two-year season of substantial gridlock. This will frustrate the American people, as it comes at a time when the country needs strong and decisive leadership. Instead, acrimony within the halls of Congress will grow to match the reality of our divided nation. However, that is only the beginning.

The most significant political factor over the next few years will be a growing recognition by many old guard Republicans that the vast majority of those in the Republican Party, whom they hope will stop the Progressive Socialists, are still loyal to the bankers and large corporations, and many are sympathetic to the cause of global governance. Many will begin to abandon the Republican Party .



Meanwhile, the Progressive Socialists will attempt to continue to press their weakened advantage in Washington by co-opting establishment Republicans while marginalizing libertarians and the Tea Party. They will continue to push toward the finish line, albeit by a different route and at a slower pace.

This will not fool the Constitutional Conservatives. As their frustration with establishment Republicans grows, they will begin to abandon Washington. Turning their focus on their individual states, they will begin to build firewalls to stand against the edicts of Federal Government. Conflict between states and the Federal Government will rapidly increase over the next several years, as Constitutional Conservatives and Independents demand relief from overreaching laws, regulations and taxation.

It appears that the political "center" – including some neocons, libertarians, and Independents – who have been the swing votes in elections for decades, will find themselves increasingly marginalized. This is a group comprised of people with no firm worldview. They attempt to straddle the fence between the Judeo/Christian worldview their parents held and what they perceive as a new, enlightened, more "tolerant" worldview. They will find that neutrality is not sustainable in a war of worldviews.

As political battle lines are drawn between the Progressive Socialists and the Constitutional Conservatives, the political "center" will find themselves on the outside looking in. Some will join the Constitutional Conservatives in the battle for freedom. The majority will remain confused, divided and vulnerable to the MSM's propaganda. Their choice in 2012 will not matter. The battle will be fully engaged. By 2014 they will have to choose which vision for America they wish to support.

The Church

The spiritual condition of a nation has always been a vital factor in its direction – whether in its ascension or decline. Our nation has for some time been sliding toward

becoming a Romans 1 nation (see verses 22-32). Yet over the last three to five years, we have seen the emergence of a group of prophets along the lines of Isaiah and Jeremiah. They understand the condition of our nation and are placing an urgent call of repentance, or face God's judgment.



They rightfully observe that the vast majority of the Christian church in the United States is at best lukewarm, and is most likely apostate. During the next few years, these prophets will increase their calls for true, biblical repentance. Some will heed their call. However, what has happened in the Tea Party provides a clue as to the enemy's tactics as he tries to keep the church asleep. The Tea Party has been significantly infiltrated by the old guard Republican Party (albeit temporarily I believe). As the repentance/freedom message gains momentum in pulpits across the nation, the church will be infiltrated by influential "leaders" in the mega-churches and denominations of today.

These leaders will at some point begin to call for repentance. Their repentance however, will include a major component: submission to governmental authorities who they claim, were appointed by God to "solve" our many problems. They will base this teaching primarily upon heretical exposition of Romans 13 and Titus 3, ignoring Acts 5:29, Numbers 14:9. They will also ignore the historical role of the church from 1620 – 1780, which while not fully unified, contained enough freedom-loving members to make history as they stood against governmental tyranny and gave birth to a new nation.

When this call for submission occurs, it will produce a sharp conflict within the church, as a few brave local pastors break from their denominational directives and begin to speak out against governmental tyranny.

What occurs during this critical time in church history will determine the outcome of our nation's future for generations. If the Christian church finds true repentance, it will recognize the bondage that awaits it if it does not stand against the tyranny of man. We then have hope that the duration and magnitude of our coming challenges will be minimized.

Note, I did not say avoided. We cannot avoid the challenges that lie ahead. If the church refuses to repent, the enemy will

keep the church weak and subservient to a secular/humanist government. Our challenges then will be difficult, and it will take decades, if not generations, to be delivered from their hands.

It is too early to tell if Christians will wake up in time to save the nation from a long period of "captivity" and a very long struggle for freedom. The trend is not encouraging. For years, statistics coming out of the Barna Group regarding the worldview of professed Christians has shown a steady deterioration. Their latest report is not encouraging. Because of this fact, my analysis must include the extension of that trend – although my prayer is that I am wrong.

Our Nation is at War

Exercising our first amendment rights to peaceably protest the government for a redress of grievances is commendable — even necessary. Yet one of the fundamental realities that Constitutional Conservatives will have to come to grips with is that **we are at war**. The fact bullets are not flying does not change this reality. And protests alone will not win this war.



A rather broad definition of war, which is useful in this analysis, is as follows: "a period of conflict between states, regardless of *whether or not war has been officially declared*. It is a means of physically forcing one's will on an opponent."

Our war is not a war on terror, or a war with another nation state. The war the United States finds itself in today is being waged, not overtly by force (although the threat of force by the state is present), but through propaganda (public opinion) and legislative fiat (enacting laws that undermine the individual liberties granted by our Constitution).

A major reason that the Progressive Socialists have achieved such strong gains in our institutions is that they have waged this war on many different fronts, making it difficult for their "opposition" (constitutionally-minded Americans) to properly identify how they are being attacked. What type of war are they engaged in? Is it a "revolutionary" war, a "civil" war, a "religious" war, a "nationalistic" war, a "class" war, or an "insurgency?"

In reality, in some form or another, we are engaged in all of these various types of warfare. As a result, many who sense that something is wrong, find themselves in a state of cognitive dissonance as they come face-to-face with the overwhelming diversity and intensity of the attack. They are unable to pinpoint the enemy or his tactics, thus they became frustrated and, rather than dig deeper, ignore what is right in front of them.

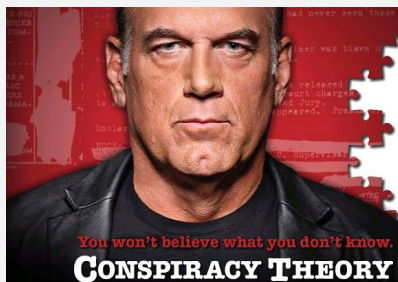
Winston Churchill said: “Men stumble over the truth from time to time, but most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened.” This is how powerful normalcy bias is. It allows people to dismiss evidence rather than to confront it and engage. People simply choose the wide path and return to their favorite TV reality show, sports team, or whatever else allows them to feel normal for one more day.

Slowly but perceptively however, people are beginning to take a second look at the truth they have “stumbled upon.” They are beginning to identify the war fronts, and are increasingly willing to engage. The strategies and tactics this growing group chooses to employ to counter the Progressive Socialists will be a major factor in what course this nation takes over the next few years — and beyond.

Conspiracy Theory

At this point I must address what has been mislabeled by the MSM as “conspiracy theory.” First of all, the term has been misused by the MSM and politicians in order to paint their opposition as fringe lunatics. A “conspiracy” is a plan, hidden from view to achieve evil intent. An “agenda” is a plan, laid out in the open and then executed.

One of the most important dynamics in our nation today is that a growing number of people are opening their minds to the possibility that many of these “conspiracies” have merit. Upon further investigation, they discover that they are not conspiracies at all, but rather the brilliant execution of the Progressive Socialists’ agenda, which has been openly discussed for decades. This dynamic is important, in that as truth is discovered, trust in the Federal Government will continue to erode. The Progressive Socialist’s iron grip on our nation’s capital and educational institutions will loosen.



The Rise of the Police State

The existence of a police state is a reality that for several years I was reluctant to embrace. Being an ex-old school Republican, it took time for me to throw off the propaganda that the dramatic increase in surveillance and control of many aspects of our lives has been implemented solely as a matter of national security. Instead, the rise of the police state is a method to condition the American people to submit to the Federal Government in all areas of life, no matter how intimate. It is a tactic employed throughout history to control and intimidate a nation’s citizens.

While the rise of the police state arguably began well before President Bush II took office, it enjoyed a quantum leap forward with his administration’s implementation of Patriot Act’s I & II.

Just as the name “Federal Reserve” was designed to deceive the American people, the Patriot Act is anything but patriotic. There is little in it that original patriots would have embraced. In fact, they would likely have mounted an immediate and forceful revolt the minute it was introduced as legislation, and it would never have come to a vote!



The provisions in this act laid the groundwork for what we see today—a citizenry required to “submit” (a word used by the Federal Government) to increasing government tyranny. It began in airports, where they broke off little metal files on fingernail clippers. It expanded to require all passengers to take off their shoes and dump water bottles prior to boarding an airplane. It now includes scanning emails for key words and patterns. It now allows searches of homes and businesses without probable cause. It now means you cannot deposit or withdraw cash in any meaningful amount from banks without being reported. It weakened the resolve of Americans to the degree that Obamacare was able to pass by the use of unconstitutional measures without an out and out revolt by the American people (the 2010 mid-terms to not constitute a revolt).

The police state now has the American people so docile that large food corporations are on the verge of eliminating competition from small farms through draconian “regulation.” Many Americans simply accept police raids of

food co-ops and the arrest of farmers selling raw milk and other produce. They turn a blind eye when police raid and shut down a child's lemonade stand in California and a cupcake stand in New York because the children did not have a permit issued by the government.

It does not stop there. The New York police ticketed two men for playing chess in a "kids only" playground even though no children were present. In Florida, legislation is being proposed in some counties to allow "no refusal" DUI checkpoints. If you do refuse, a judge is on site to issue a ruling whereby police can use force to draw blood for the test.

The police state is enabling internet "regulation" in the name of "net neutrality" and to combat "cyber terror." This legislation, if passed, will empower the government to allow or deny content and access based on who does and doesn't meet their criteria. The list of accounts of this growing threat to freedom could literally fill pages.

The acceptance of the police state by the general public has been so effective that its violation of basic human rights makes back page news. And comments such as those made by United States Senator Jay Rockefeller, where he stated unashamedly that he would like to see MSNBC and Fox News shut down, do not even make it into the main stream news.

The frequency of such occurrences is growing exponentially. Yet the most stunning example of the people's acceptance of the police state may be the TSA's "naked body scanners" and "enhanced pat-down" procedures. These blatantly unconstitutional (see the 4th Amendment) procedures allow government agents to commit acts against United States citizens, that if done by any other person, would be considered sexual molestation.

And of course it will not stop in airports. Homeland Security Secretary, Janet Napolitano has announced plans to expand these searches into malls and hotels. Unbelievably,

except in a few concentrated circles, public outcry has been muted. People simply line up to have their basic human rights violated in the name of "safety."



A significant number of Americans embrace the police state because it is said to offer them safety. They have forgotten

Benjamin Franklin's warning that "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." History has shown that Franklin was correct. The people get what they deserve — neither. And that is what we have today.

A major factor that is of supreme importance in blunting the reach of the police state is your local sheriff. Few people realize that your local sheriff is *constitutionally the highest law enforcement officer in your county.* This includes state and federal law enforcement. If your sheriff knows his authority and is willing to exercise it, his office will stand as an important firewall between you and governmental tyranny. Get to know him and support him.

Which brings me again to the major point of this paper. The Progressive Socialists and Constitutional Conservatives, hold opposing views on the role of God and government in our lives. Historically, such groups have not been able to co-exist for any period of time. Something has to give.

An Overlooked Variable

There is an important variable that I believe is often overlooked, and in fact is politically incorrect to discuss. It encompasses all three arenas mentioned above. World Net Daily's Joseph Farah summed it up well in his recent documentary *The Fall of America and the Western World.* He states:

"I believe that we are very close in this country right now to the point where there's a remnant of people who understand what we've lost and they will basically do anything to recapture what we've lost." (emphasis mine)

One will, at their own peril, ignore the ramifications of that statement. The key words here are "do anything." To put those words in context, you must understand that there are people in this nation who stand ready to literally do what is necessary to stop the ever-growing influence of the Progressive Socialists and their end goal of the United States' assimilation into the NWO. For the remainder of this paper, we will call this group The Gadsdens, as the Gadsden flag best represents their mind set: a) individuals are sovereign and should be left alone, and b) states' rights supersede federal mandates.

For the past three years, I have been reading what some of The Gadsdens have to say. Their leaders include the more obscure Mike Vanderboegh blogger for [The Sipsey Street](#)

[Irregulars](#), and the [Western Rifle Shooter's Association](#). Both are more active in the (constitutional) militia movement. Others include the [Oath Keepers](#), who are involved with current and past members of our armed forces as well as law enforcement officers. The Gadsdens also include the relatively well known [Chuck Baldwin](#), 2008 presidential candidate from the Constitution Party.



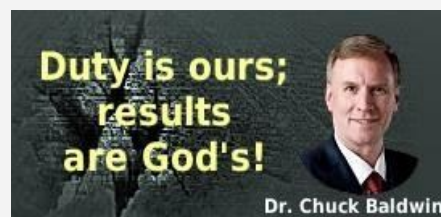
Vanderboegh and his “merry band of three percenters” claim to stand ready to oppose federal tyranny by force, but only in response to blatantly abusive force from the Federal Government or the police state (“no more free Waco’s”). Occasional reading of his blog (and the Western Rifle Shooter’s Association) has helped me learn about this group of patriots, their mindset and to gauge the strength of their following. News stories of importance, which are not posted in the MSM, find their way into blogs such as his. Contrary to the MSM’s portrayal of the constitutional militia movement, people like Vanderbough appear to align with what the founders viewed as a militia, with its primary function being the organization of an armed and trained citizenry – ready to defend the people of the United States on our soil from enemies both foreign and domestic.

When Farah said people will “do anything” to reclaim what they feel they have lost, it includes the final line of defense - the 2nd Amendment. As sobering as it may sound, it means citizens would take up arms and give their lives if necessary. If we fail to believe that under certain circumstances, this is a serious consideration by a growing number of people in this nation, then we fail to account for a very significant variable that will effect what transpires over the next few years. We need not go there, but the mere threat of this deterrent, if recognized as a real alternative, will have an impact.

The main objective of Oath Keepers is to remind military men and women (both active and retired), as well as law enforcement officers, of their oath to defend the Constitution, not the current administration. Their presence injects an interesting variable into the mix. What will the military’s response be if, for whatever reason, they are called on to restore order in an emergency, and those orders will clearly harm the American people and/or their constitutional rights? It would not take many soldiers and law enforcement officers standing against orders to disrupt operations materially.

Should this occur, one might see an alliance of sorts form between the militia and the Oath Keepers. Such an act would be a precursor to armed conflict within the United States. Once again, the conflict would begin only if these groups were attacked. They have no plans to engage in any form of offensive “overthrow” of the government.

Chuck Baldwin, former pastor of Crossroad Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida has a listing of “black regiment” churches on his website. This list enables people to find churches in their area where the pastors preach a message of freedom and the biblical foundation for limited government. After reading Dr. Baldwin’s articles over the years, I can say that he understands the general direction in which America is headed. To prepare for what is coming, he recently moved his family to Montana, where he believes the western states will be the “tip of the spear” in the Constitutional Conservatives’ struggle to reclaim the nation. For someone of his stature to make such a move, speaks to his conviction that our present course is going to take us through some very difficult times.



These are only a few examples of dozens of websites, blogs and organizations that claim to stand ready to “do anything” to take this nation back. Whether or not you agree with this group is immaterial. The fact they exist and are growing in number is a major development in this nation. They have the potential to change the dynamics of how our present situation as trends unfold over the coming years.

Currently, The Gadsdens, in part (and this is a very broad generalization with many significant variances within), see the Tea Party and its influence in the 2010 mid-term elections as a first step toward turning the nation around. While they are a sub-set of the Constitutional Conservatives, (again, some would challenge that) many have little hope in the Constitutional Conservatives’ ability to turn the tide in Washington. Thus, they continue to erect their lines of defense, which include, as a last resort, exercising their second amendment rights, at the state level.

State Sovereignty

One of the Constitutional Conservatives' primary focuses in the coming years will be the restoration of state sovereignty. The flood of red into the U.S. House of Representatives in the 2010 mid-terms dwarfs the flood of red that engulfed state houses around the nation. This new crop of local Republicans is made up of many more Constitutional Conservatives than their Washington counterparts. Their task is to build a firewall between their state and the Federal Government as we move into the next phase of our national crisis. The question is, do they have enough time?

There is hope that a small group of Washington constitutionalists (Rand Paul, Ron Paul, Michelle Bachmann, Jim DeMint and a few others) will work with state constitutionalists and their governors to roll back Washington's power. While this is a noble goal, in my opinion there are not enough of them in Washington to make a meaningful difference. They will have to wait until the 2012 elections, where it is possible they will gain a stronger voice. Until then, gridlock in Washington will continue, frustrating the Constitutional Conservatives and driving them to seek refuge closer to home.

Over the next two years, expect to see significant legislation coming out of a number of states that will stand against federal edicts. [The Tenth Amendment Center](#) is one organization that is leading the way in efforts to educate and coordinate the response to federal overreach. The response of the Federal Government to these state laws will be an important factor in what unfolds in this nation.

One of the preferred methods of neutralizing unconstitutional federal edicts is called "nullification." This is not a new concept. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison wrote extensively on the concept, saying that states have not just a right, but the obligation, to ignore unconstitutional laws coming from Washington.

They viewed nullification as a necessary check on the Federal Government in order to give states another option besides secession if they felt the Federal Government had left the boundaries of its mandate. Nullification has been effectively practiced as recently as this decade. RealID was passed into law by the Federal Government, yet states refused to implement it, thus effectively nullifying it.



When Joseph Farah said people will "do anything" to reclaim what they feel they have lost, it includes the final line of defense - the 2nd Amendment. We need not go there, but the mere threat of this deterrent, if recognized as a real alternative, will have an impact.

Other Significant Variables

In order to avoid turning this paper into a book, I will list several significant variables that will not receive extended comment, but will contribute to how the next few years in this nation will unfold.

Immigration – While it has been on the back burner, it is a significant issue for the Democratic Party as they seek to expand their voter base by the millions. I do not see them abandoning the cause. At some point it will again be an issue that further divides the union.



Terrorism – This is an unpredictable variable, and could so alter or accelerate the trends in place that it is intentionally left out of this analysis. A large scale terrorist event would shorten the timeframe of the events listed in this paper from years, to weeks or months.

Geopolitical tensions – This analysis is predicated upon the ability to avoid, at least for a few more years, an escalation of new global conflicts that would require the participation of the United States. This is by no means guaranteed, as tensions around the world will be very high as nations deal with their own economic problems in our global economy.

China — The 800-pound gorilla in the world has to have its own special mention. Some analysts believe China is poised for tremendous economic growth. Others say they are due for a crash. It doesn't matter. China will have its problems, however, it is a nation on the rise. They are poised to join, and then replace, the United States as a world power much sooner than most people realize. The subject of China merits its own paper. Suffice it to say, they will have tremendous influence in how the world is shaped over the next decade and beyond. Such is the result of the United States becoming their debt slave.

Energy – This is a major variable that almost made it into prime time with full analysis. However, I will instead provide a brief summary conclusion: increasingly scarce supplies will make for very high prices in the coming years. This will contribute to economic dislocations and lead to heightened global tensions. War over energy after 2014 is a real possibility.

Food – ditto energy in every aspect.

Putting it All Together

Now that the major arenas and variables have been examined, it is time to explain how they intersect, and what that means for the United States in the years ahead.

What follows is my opinion of the most likely scenario to unfold over the next four years. I give it a 30 to 40 percent chance of occurring. There are many other scenarios that could unfold as well. However, brevity permits only examining the most likely one. I will also examine what may occur after 2014 if this scenario, or some form of it, comes to pass.

A reminder. I write this in narrative form, and it will read as though I view it as certain. Also, there will be many generalizations in the narrative. Detail to support this view can be found by reading through the sources listed at the end of this paper, on [the ministry web site](#), and as you do your own research. Remember, I hold this analysis with an open hand. There are many factors that could drastically alter the timeline and/or events presented. This is simply a benchmark against which to track events as they unfold.

Summary of Scenario: 2011-2014

This is a summary of events set to occur in the next four years.

- Austerity comes to the United States with significant budget cuts all levels of government.
- The insolvency of individual states becomes more apparent.
- A significant deflationary scare in 2011. New wave of corporate bankruptcies late 2011.
- Near collapse of the European Union followed by a rescue by International Monetary Fund in conjunction with other global participants (including the United States)
- United States political gridlock leads to unprecedented acrimony and division in Congress.



- High inflation in food and energy grows into the realization that full blown hyperinflation is at the doorstep. Proposals for a new currency are front page news.
- Spiritual awakening gains momentum in 2012, but not in time to keep us from traveling a very difficult path.
- Attempts to roll back Federal Government through the legislative process in Washington fails.
- State sovereignty battles reach the Supreme Court.
- Abandonment of the Republican Party by the Constitutional Conservatives. Rise of a third party.
- Bankrupt states caught between the need for federal money and their constituent's cries for protection from the Federal Government.
- By 2014, we are moving toward a major armed conflict within the borders of the United States.

As we move into this crisis window, the church continues to lag behind in its awareness of the seriousness of our situation. Consequently, it has little positive impact on events early in the timeline. By 2014, the degree of turmoil present will drive the church to seek true repentance. However, because of their late entry into the battle, any path to freedom will be longer and more difficult than it could have been. I pray that it were not so; however, there is no denying the trend. The church, for the most part, enters this critical time in history asleep.

During the next few years, bold and coordinated action is required at both the state and national levels to avoid the looming crisis. Yet this action simply will not happen. In fact, because of extreme political gridlock, the rhetoric emanating from Washington will continue to deepen the divide between the nation's citizens. Most policies that normally would have bi-partisan support will not pass. Through this, the bankers continue to get a relatively free pass to plunder the American people. There will be no legislation passed to rein them in. They will only receive an occasional slap on the wrist. This further serves to frustrate a majority of Americans, especially the Constitutional Conservatives.

A Possible Timeline

2011 — Another significant deflationary scare occurs in 2011, as the situation in Europe continues to deteriorate. This allows the bankers to chase money out of Europe and back into the dollar and U.S. treasuries. Precious metals also benefit from this move, as more people

awaken to the realization that the global fiat money system has no refuge to offer.

At some point in 2011, the volatility in precious metals and commodities becomes unprecedented, with gold trading intra-day within a \$100+ range and silver \$5+. Oil sees wide price swings as do grains. This volatility



comes as those who have benefited most from the rigged system work to keep people from fleeing their failing system. I will make no predictions on prices of precious metals and commodities, other than to say that they will trend substantially higher in the years ahead.

Mid 2011. A bond market revolt, which began in late 2010, gains momentum because of a growing realization by everyone that if debt monetization stopped, the system would implode. Several states are faced with bond defaults. Their debt is downgraded multiple notches. To placate the bond market and keep interest rates from rising beyond six percent on the 10-year, Congress is forced to pass legislation that appears to enact austerity programs similar to what is being attempted in Europe.

Late 2011. Like in Europe, once austerity begins to be felt here, even slightly, a substantial percentage of the population that is affected by it revolt. Like Europe today, social unrest comes to the United States by late 2011. Official unemployment moves toward 12 percent (real unemployment/underemployment approaches 30 percent). Massive protests are staged by those on the government dole. They are not peaceful protests, either. These aren't Tea Party people. They are people whose lives are dependent upon government handouts and/or paychecks. (One should take note of the restrained response of police as they seek to control these protests, and the sympathetic voice given to them by the MSM.)

2012. The political pressure coming from the protesters becomes too great for Washington to bear. These are the people who keep the Democrats in power, and, with elections looming, they have to act. Under tremendous pressure from the White House and Congress, the new Federal Reserve Chairman officially resorts to the policies of his fired predecessor, Ben Bernanke, and turns up the speed of the printing press (even though, in reality, they have never stopped). Bernanke was sacrificed sometime in 2012 in order

to appease those calling for a full audit and Congressional oversight of the Federal Reserve.

The dollar is now being openly sold by the world's central banks. With this backdrop, Congress opens debate on enacting price and currency controls. When yields on the 10-year Treasury rise past seven percent, another major financial crisis unfolds. Housing collapses further, as prices fall another 25 percent or more below 2010 levels. Litigation regarding fraudulent practices in mortgages and their related securities continues, as high-powered lawyers see not only a chance for riches, but for fame as well. Charges are filed against high-level executives in some of the largest banks. In order to save their own hides, they begin to rat out their bosses. The first CEO of a major bank comes under investigation.

Congress is deadlocked on what to do about the real estate market. Battles wage as legislation is proposed to insulate banks from fraud charges in exchange for a massive write down of principle, backed by more money printing. Neither side can agree on meaningful legislation. A meaningless law is passed in order to make it look like Congress isn't impotent. It is.

The only people who are able to buy and sell in this environment are those who a) own their homes outright, b) receive large subsidies from their employers, or c) trade some of their precious metals (or other hard assets) for real estate. The temptation to trade \$3,000 gold for residential real estate selling at 40 percent of its 2006 highs proves to be too much for some. It's still too early, though. At the bottom, median real estate prices will be less than 50 ounces of gold. The dollar's



long-term bear market resumes after a 2011 rally brought about by a deflationary scare and turmoil in the EU.

Among all this, a new trend is well under way. Crime in large cities is exploding. A growing number of Constitutional Conservatives, Independents and even some Progressive Socialists finally see the economic handwriting on the wall. Despite being caught in the real estate nightmare, they simply give their keys to

the bank and look for a place to rent - in the country. Some use what's left of their savings to buy a few acres and a mobile home. They get a few chickens, stock up some food, grow a garden, and dig in for what they now see coming.



Several of the states receiving “back door” bailouts in 2011 will now face imminent bankruptcy. Political pressure to reign in the federal budget slows the flow of back-door payments. With little help coming from Washington, state legislators are hard pressed to abandon the Federal Reserve system. Some introduce legislation that will allow them to set up their own banking system (similar to what North Dakota is doing now). Trial balloons are also floated by some state representatives to set up their own currencies. The idea is surprisingly well received.

Another wave of derivative defaults rocks the markets. This time, instead of mortgage-backed securities, the defaults are largely tied to rising interest rates as a 30-year secular bull market and subsequent bubble in bonds collapses. Calls for the banker’s heads grow louder. A major bank nearly fails, but instead is taken through a government-managed bankruptcy, similar to what happened with General Motors. It is government managed so that its books do not see the light of day. Still, this bankruptcy sets up the sequel to the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy-induced financial crisis of 2008.

The ensuing financial crisis precipitates yet another rescue program for the banks. For many, this is the last straw. The Constitutional Conservatives demand that the banks be allowed to fail, and that their books be opened to the public. Ron Paul, Chairman of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Monetary Policy, continues to appeal to the American people to pressure Congress for direct congressional oversight of the Federal Reserve and, simultaneously, a return to some form of gold standard. However, he is unsuccessful in making it happen. The Senate, which has always been the final guard of the banker’s interests, blocks any attempts to pass a meaningful bill.

The environment leading up to the 2012 elections is marked by increasing civil unrest and a clamp down by the police state. Tension within the nation is at its highest levels in recent history. Police are called to handle violent altercations between family members who are politically divided. A third party is

formed by a coalition of Tea Party, Libertarians, and Constitution Party members. A strong appeal is made to the American people that this is a solution to the problems the nation faces. Infighting over the platform is significant. Views on social issues, and military spending in particular, are quite diverse within the new party. This, coupled with vicious attacks from both the Democratic and Republican parties, keep it from making substantial headway in the 2012 elections.

The world, which is dealing with its own turmoil, believes the United States is moving toward economic and social collapse. Around the globe, allies begin to abandon support for the United States as they simultaneously strengthen ties with Asia and Europe. Many nations issue travel warnings, advising their citizens to prepare to leave the country. Globally, nations are posturing to maximize their position in what appears to be an imminent restructuring of global power.

Europe is still unsettled, however it will have worked through some of its problems, aided by the IMF and the Bank of International Settlements (in exchange for a large measure of their national sovereignty). The unlikely allies of Russia and Asia stand to gain politically, economically and militarily from a stable Europe, absent influence from the United States. The United States is becoming more isolated by the month. We can do little but stand by and watch as our most powerful allies are slowly turned against us in the name of economic survival.

While not completely escaping economic hardship, Russia and Asia avoid the major civil unrest that plagued Europe and is now becoming a daily occurrence in the United States.

2013 to 2014. Protests over bank bailouts, the seizing of private pension funds, and increasing governmental oppression trigger what becomes known as the 21st

century “Kent State” incident. A dozen or more citizens are killed in a clash between protesters and counter-protesters. It isn’t clear at first whether protestors killed each other or if it was police intervention. Various



conflicting accounts surface. Distrust of law enforcement reaches an all-time high. This causes the government to clamp down even further. Organized protests are banned by the Federal Government.

The Gadsdens, whose numbers have grown over the past two years, mobilize. The Federal Government publishes a list of “dissenters,” who include leaders of The Gadsdens, including the groups listed earlier in this paper. They are warned that if their rhetoric does not stop, they will be arrested on the now-expanded definition of “hate speech,” which includes “language which may cause another person to violently oppose government policies.” Internet sites are taken down. Free speech in America suffers a near death blow.

The 2012 elections produce a significant number of Constitutional Conservatives in both the federal and state governments. Angered by the unconstitutional nature of the Federal Government’s response to an ever-growing national emergency, they step up their campaign of exposing corruption within the system by publishing confidential internal memos which are not flattering to either of the established parties. Wikileaks comes to Congress. The political divide grows. Fistfights break out in the halls of Congress.

As more states become increasingly defiant of federal law, people begin to read their history books and discover the possibility that the crisis will take a more ominous form — armed conflict. They leave the cities and move to states based on their stance on the issues of nullification, state banking systems, their strength of agriculture, strength of local sheriffs and strength of the church. Yes, finally the church is becoming a factor.

After being relegated to passive observer for the better part of two years, a new crop of church leaders find a wider following. These leaders will call for personal repentance, prayer and accountability of government officials. This message will strike home with a growing number of today’s cultural Christians, who are returning to their roots and rediscovering their faith during hard times. While the number of these pastors is still relatively small, their message of individual responsibility and freedom, once hallmarks of our nation, once again gain influence in the hearts and minds of independent thinkers. Because of their effectiveness, these pastors come under government scrutiny. They make the dissenter’s list as the state prepares to bring charges under hate crime laws.

Food has now become a major issue, both its source and distribution. Global supplies of food are at historic lows, while

prices have doubled from levels seen only two years prior. Rural areas, having received many “immigrants” and “transplants” from the cities, hold back some of their crops due to concern over global food shortages. They, along with beef and other local food production, are not simply shipped to the nearest terminal for export. The idea of stockpiling food now is on the agenda of small towns across the nation. News leaks out that the Federal Government is preparing to declare a national emergency and seize distribution and control of all food.

Through all of this, the markets have been chaotic. The DOW has whipsawed between 8,000 and 16,000. Gold is trading violently between \$2,500 and \$3,500 with silver trading between \$75 and \$150. Oil is also very volatile. Having seen a low during the deflationary scare of \$70 in 2011, it now settles between \$100 and \$200. Agricultural real estate joins the list of appreciating assets. Prices are up 20 to 50 percent over their 2011 lows as more people see it as a means of providing self sufficiency if the now obvious trend toward economic collapse and/or civil conflict continues.

As inflation rages at 15 to 25 percent (officially – unofficially it is 30 to 40 percent), protests ensue from all quarters despite the federal ban. The Constitutional Conservatives in the state houses are now in full rebellion against the Federal Government. They call on their state legislators to join foreigners and flee the sinking Federal Reserve Note currency system (aka U.S. dollars). That states would dare to debate such action is a huge development, and introduces incredible tension in an already volatile political environment.

In response, the Federal Government threatens an immediate cutoff of all federal funding to states that introduce legislation to charter their own banks and/or issue their own currency. The Constitutional Conservatives call on their state governors to ignore Washington’s threats and draw up plans to manage their local economies and handle currency exchanges between other states. Several states relent and begin the process. With the dollar on the verge of collapse, it doesn’t matter. The self preservation instinct kicks in.

Foreign treasury departments step up the rate at which they dump U.S. treasuries. The Federal Reserve continues to monetize Federal Government debt. The move toward hyperinflation intensifies. World governments clamor for the U.N. and the IMF to step in and do something to protect their interests. The IMF offers a new reserve currency for the world. But first, the United States must agree to strict oversight of their economy by the IMF, Bank of International Settlements and United Nations. The Progressive Socialists throw their full weight behind the proposal. They see this as their final push to force the United States into the New World Order.

The EU has already been forced into the plan, and while its economy is now stabilizing, it has given away any pretense of sovereignty to global governance. China and Russia, having stepped away from trading oil in U.S. dollars in late 2010, have the most stable currencies in the world. They are thus exempt from the United Nations and IMF requirements. Consequently, they are in the strongest position to take advantage of the coming global power grab if the United States capitulates.

Despite having more Constitutional Conservatives in Washington, Congress leans toward agreeing with the U.N./IMF proposal. They claim if we do not join the rest of the world in this plan, our economy will completely collapse. Remembering a similar tale told by then Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson in 2008, and having witnessed the power grab the bankers pulled off during that crisis, Constitutional Conservatives in the state and Federal Government will have none of it. Governors of nine states threaten immediate secession if the Federal Government persists and hands over our national sovereignty to the globalists through adoption of a global or regional currency. The world awaits the outcome.

Facts Are Stubborn Things

What I have written in this document may sound far fetched to a reader who has not been actively engaged in the debate over our nation's future. However, there are some basic facts that the reader must grapple with if they choose to dismiss this account.

1. We have a nation divided along ideological lines that encompass diametrically opposed worldviews and have no historical precedent for reconciliation.
2. The economic crisis will continue to unfold. There is no way to avoid the consequences of the massive debt which our nation has piled up. Only decisive leadership making very difficult decisions can mitigate the damage.

3. We will have little or no leadership in Washington capable of #2 because of #1.
4. Nearly every crisis in the last decade, minor or major, has been taken advantage of to expand the power of the Federal Government and/or the Federal Reserve.
5. A growing number of people are fed up with #4.
6. The church remains asleep. While it pains me to have had little to say about the church, that is unfortunately reality. I pray updates to the outlook will show a change in this trend.
7. People in the nation are beginning to erect walls of defense at the state and local level to try to stop the Federal Government's unconstitutional mandates.
8. History has proven that money and power is not given up by governments without a fight. The Federal Government in the United States today has a tremendous amount of power, and thus a lot to fight for.
9. It is a rare historical event for people to take bold action to prevent war. Normalcy bias, enabled by state propaganda, hinders it.
10. We have a second amendment and a heavily armed population.

The timeframe I have laid out in this paper will be too slow for some. In defense I would say that thus far, the world's central banks have been able to hold the global financial system together longer than most people have thought they could. Absent any major geopolitical or terrorist event, I see no reason for an interruption of that trend.

You must remember that it is not yet in the best interests of the major global economic powers to have the United States collapse. Each needs time to extricate themselves from our monetary system based on their exposure to it. They also are not yet through positioning themselves to take advantage of the United States' exit as the world's dominant power. A cat and mouse game is being played internationally as Russia and China jockey for position to maximize their power when the United States finally falls from grace.

Furthermore, it is my feeling that the bankers would like nothing more than to continue to chase this huge amount of global liquidity around the globe – from emerging markets to the Eurozone and back to the

United States – for as long as possible. As this “hot money” moves around the globe, bankers make huge trading fees and can front-run the intermediate trends, adding to their profits. They know no shame and will continue this game as long as the rest of the world allows it.

The game will end when either the bankers feel they no longer can influence the global hot money pool and/or the rest of the world feels the benefits of allowing the dollar to collapse outweigh the benefits of keeping it alive. Neither condition appears imminent.

That leaves us with a drawn-out period of high drama punctuated by growing economic and political instability in the United States and around the world. Regardless of our weakened state, the Constitutional Conservatives will continue the war against the Progressive Socialist’s efforts to unify economies, currencies and governments. The final outcome is still very much in doubt. Yet the winner of this war will determine if future generations will live free or under tyranny.

Factors That Would Alter the Outlook

The scenario outlined in this paper is far from certain to unfold as presented. However, I believe it is a reasonably-balanced analysis of the interrelationships in the United States between economics, politics and religion. Following are a few of the many variables that could drastically change how the next several years unfold.

The Church

If, by a sovereign work of God, the church awakens earlier than it appears at this time it will, the issues we are dealing with will come to the forefront and will have to be dealt with much earlier. Tensions between the Progressive Socialists and Constitutional Conservatives would escalate rapidly. Christians moving into the political arena in force would produce an immediate and forceful backlash. Sermons from the pulpit denouncing the practices of the bankers and many of the policies of the Progressive Socialists would send each into a fit of rage.

It would require 20 to 25 percent of the pulpits, preaching a common message of repentance and freedom, to reach this critical mass. Great skill and patience would be needed to work through the resulting conflicts. Christians would have to find a



way to engage the Progressive Socialists in as non-confrontational a manner as possible. The path forward would be difficult. If the church wishes to restore Judeo/Christian values to our culture it must first start by reforming itself, and then it must be patient, or it will only contribute to a greater conflict.

War

Sadly, history shows us that this is the most likely of the variables to be introduced. With the tensions in North and South Korea bubbling to the surface, the specter of war is again on people’s minds. War would drastically alter the above scenario, most likely by dramatically shortening the timeframe of events. It would distract citizens, and the government would once again “take advantage of a good crisis” to further clamp down on citizens via the police state. The government would use the opportunity to pass emergency laws, ranging from economic sanctions to price controls. The backlash from the Constitutional Conservatives, if not immediate and forceful, would not be enough to stop the Federal Government from taking complete control, including instituting martial law.

With war breaking out, the government would trumpet the increased “threat” of terrorist attacks as a reason to implement checkpoints within the United States’ borders. The militia would mobilize in several states. A few would even have an unofficial backing by the state government. Tensions between those states and the Federal Government would soar.

Terrorism

Our enemies overseas who may be inclined to launch terror attacks on U.S. soil are aware of our tenuous economic and political situation. Thus, in my opinion, they are content to wait a few more years to see if our nation fails on its own. Why give American citizens a reason to unite at a time when our differences are poised to bring us to conflict with one another?



Threats from terrorists would increase if we actually begin to return to a Federal Government with constitutionally-limited power. At that point they would strike in an attempt to resume the current trend of a weakening United States moving toward subservience to global governance. They would like nothing better than to see this outcome, because a free and strong United States is a threat to their religious/political system of Islamic Law.

Depending on the timing and magnitude of attacks, they could be successful. At a minimum, it would once again give the Federal Government an excuse to expand the police state and seize greater control of the economy.

Constitutional Conservatives Fizzle

If it turns out the Constitutional Conservatives are just a bunch of posers, they will fall back into the shadows when crunch time comes. The Gadsdens would then be on their own, and likely not last long if they decided to forcefully resist. This would not change the outlook of the economic storm we are facing. However, it would remove any significant obstacles to the assimilation of the United States into the NWO. Our nation would simply turn over its national sovereignty with little fanfare after a brief resistance is put down. Vladimir Lenin will have been proven right when he said “someday America will fall into our hands like ripe fruit.”

I believe this is the least-likely scenario. It is going to take some time to build the Constitutional Conservatives into a political force; however, I believe they will become a force to be reckoned with. Additionally, there will be a significant number of them who join The Gadsdens.

Beyond 2014

Following are three possible long term outcomes based on how the trends outlined in this paper actually unfold.

Decades of Reclamation

Our Representative Republic is the only political system on earth where a peaceful resolution to our problems is possible. It will require a decades-long struggle, as institutions in which the Progressive Socialists dominate (education system, Federal Government, main stream media, environmental movement, etc.) are slowly brought back into balance, with meaningful representation from people with traditional American values.

This would begin over the next four years as the Constitutional Conservatives gain meaningful ground in Washington and state houses. The church regains its voice and rises to support them. They will be in a position to counter the Progressive Socialists’ propaganda in the marketplace of ideas on a much broader scale. The battle for the hearts and minds of Americans will once again have a meaningful counter balance to the dominance of the left in the mainstream media.

It will still be far from a level playing field. However, the left will not be able to ignore the debate. Fundamental first amendment rights are restored to the Christian community, as restrictions placed on the church by the 501(c)3 are removed. The American people once again have the opportunity to consider fundamental values such as faith, family and freedom as solutions to our problems.

This is, in my opinion, the most peaceful outcome possible. It is also, unfortunately, the least likely to occur based on historical precedent (see facts #9 and #10, pg 16). That is why, if it happens, it will truly be an act of God. Man will not be able to claim credit. It is the outcome I pray for.

Capitulation and Assimilation

If the Progressive Socialists are able to push their agenda across the finish line over the next several years, the people of the United States will be subjected to the full force and control of global governance. Our once sovereign citizens will now be global subjects, controlled by the bankers and multi-national corporations. Whether the governance takes on the form of socialism, fascism, or some combination matters little to freedom-loving Americans. Life in the United States will end as we, our parents, and our grandparents, know it. A return to freedom will not happen for a generation or more — if it is able to happen at all.



We have already traveled a great distance down this path. Today, the Federal Government does not view our remaining freedoms as “inalienable rights” bestowed upon us by our creator. Rather, it views them as rights benevolently bestowed upon us by the elite ruling class, and thus are subject to revocation at their whim. If we allow this nation to be assimilated into the Progressive Socialists’ New World Order, we will find out just how many of our remaining freedoms they view as “necessary.” The list is very short indeed.

This reality is not lost on many in this nation. They simply will not allow it to happen without a fight. It is the last option, but it is an option which has been called upon throughout history. It would be a mistake to believe that it cannot happen here again.

Revolutionary/Civil War

It is probable that the growing representation of Constitutional Conservatives in the governing bodies of this nation will be ignored by the establishment in Washington, which controls both the Democratic and Republican Parties. The establishment will use everything at their disposal to stop them from enjoying any meaningful success. The path to global governance will continue to advance through both the Democratic and Republican parties.

A growing number of Americans will at some point stand and say “enough.” They will not remain idle while this nation becomes subservient to a foreign governing body. They will, as Joseph Farah said, “do anything” to stop it from happening.

The situation will have to be desperate. The Constitutional Conservatives will have to believe that all political options are exhausted, and that unless immediate action is taken, the republic will fall into the hands of the NWO. A significant number will join the ranks of The Gadsdens. This new group will be forced to turn to their final option—their second amendment rights. Their hope will be that even though the United States’ military is the most powerful military on earth, there are enough soldiers within its ranks who refuse to fire on American people, creating chaos within. It would only take 10 to 20 percent of military and law enforcement officers to keep their oath to accomplish this.

There is a second set of circumstances that could cause The Gadsdens to engage. During the next few years, tension between the militia and those enforcing the police state will be at an all-time high. If government directed law enforcement kills American citizens in another Waco style raid, or as they attempt to enforce unconstitutional mandates, it could be the

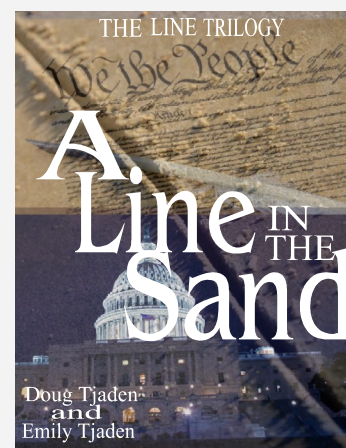
trigger that thrusts the United States into a second revolutionary/civil war. This isn’t speculation. It is one of The Gadsdens stated “lines in the sand.”

Summary Thoughts

I realize the scenario outlined in this paper could include much more detail. This paper would then, however, become a book and would not be finished for another six months. This paper is written to get people to think. The scenario outlined has historical precedent based on trends and outcomes experienced by other nations. It can happen here. In fact, some variation of it is likely to happen. Little can be done at this point to stop it.

Americans need to understand the urgency of our situation. In order to attempt to reach them, my daughter Emily and I are writing a book that follows a family’s life as they adjust to conditions similar to those described in this paper. We plan a trilogy—three books, which will be a story of discovery, faith, hope, courage and multi-generational vigilance for the cause of freedom. Our prayer is that it will bring awareness of the reality of our situation as we move through this critical time in history, by bringing reality to the hardships that every family will have to face, and the very difficult questions every family will have to answer.

The book, which was begun in 2008, is entitled *A Line In The Sand*. As the title suggests, every person in this nation will be required to draw boundaries and choose sides in the coming struggle for freedom. The book will help people define where their “line in the sand” is before it is approached — or worse, crossed — by those who seek to take our freedom.



Targeted release is sometime in 2011. If you wish to stay informed of its progress, and receive a copy when released, email me at doug@traditionsofmen.org. I plan to develop a website around the trilogy, which will have study guides to help people biblically answer the tough questions it raises.

The Love of Money

Regardless of the path we travel, it will eventually become evident to all that money (or more biblically

speaking, the love of it) is at the root of our troubles. In the aftermath of the failure of our current monetary system, the people of the United States will have a choice — return to a constitutional, honest monetary system, or accept a new form of fiat monetary system. The form they allow to replace the current dollar will be a direct representation of the future of this nation. Let me explain.

The people of the United States were never more free or more prosperous than when there was not a central bank, and our monetary system was based on constitutional, honest money. Today, the Federal Reserve creates debt-based fiat money. This simply means that our “paper” money is backed by other “paper” debt instruments. Thus, when all money is created, someone is immediately placed into servitude to a creditor. This could be an individual as they take out an auto loan, or it could be the unsuspecting citizens of the government, who are responsible for paying back debt that the government issues. This is a de-facto loss of freedom. It is the manifestation of the biblical truth — “the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Simultaneously, our debt-based fiat monetary system allows both the government and the bankers to legally plunder the wealth of the people. The Federal Government accomplishes this through deficit spending, which levies a tax on the future income of its citizens. Meanwhile the bankers plunder our wealth through the “invisible” tax of inflation. And yes, these same bankers are also the recipients of interest paid by the Federal Government as they put their citizens in bondage with their deficit spending. These facts are but a few that Americans will have the opportunity to discover in the coming years.

Money plays a personal and vital role in each of our lives. If “we the people” choose to accept another fiat currency after the U.S. dollar collapses, it will signal that the years after 2014 will be exceedingly difficult. Any new fiat currency will be under the control (directly or indirectly) of the IMF and the BIS. The result would be a de-facto loss of national sovereignty. They will seek to use this new fiat currency to control nearly every aspect of our lives. Extricating ourselves from global governmental control of our lives would take generations, if it will be possible at all.

The other choice “we the people” have is to eliminate our private central banking system, headed by the Federal Reserve, and return to the constitutional mandate which places the power to issue money in the hands of Congress and the states. This system would have gold and silver as its

foundation. It was what our founding fathers gave us in order to ensure our economic freedom.

However, honest money will not be easily accepted by the Progressive Socialists and bankers. Their worldview requires a fiat monetary system, which will allow them to continue to fund their socialist programs and plunder the people’s wealth.



Over the course of the next several years, we will learn which group of people—the Progressive Socialists, or the Constitutional Conservatives, is more determined to see their vision of America realized.

Money has the potential to marshal the forces of good or evil in a way that no other single variable (outside of God) does. It is why Mayer Rothschild said: “Give me control of a nation’s money and I care not who makes her laws.” It is that powerful. It is why I firmly believe the battle over the very nature of our money is at the heart of this nation’s future.

Where to Place Your Trust

The future is uncertain. A great deal of history will be written between now and when the outcome becomes evident. I continue to pray that God will intervene and spare us from the most likely path set before us. He may. However, as I look at the condition of our nation today, I cannot help but make similar observations as Isaiah did about Judah and Israel.

As then, the political leaders of today have constructed a political and monetary system to plunder and oppress the poor. Most of our church leaders have, primarily through ignorance, allowed this system to enslave their flocks in debt. Meanwhile they have turned their blind eyes from what it has done to the poor. Ignorance is no excuse.

“Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, For the reward of his hands shall be given him. As for My people, children are their oppressors, And women rule over them. O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err, And destroy the way of your paths.” The LORD stands up to plead, And stands to judge the people. The LORD will enter into judgment With the elders of His people And His princes:

"For you have eaten up the vineyard; The plunder of the poor is in your houses. What do you mean by crushing My people And grinding the faces of the poor?" Says the Lord GOD of hosts. Isaiah 3:11-15

Yet, He also promises deliverance. It is a matter of which path to deliverance we choose.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive."
Jeremiah 29:11-14

We are captives. However, we are captives who have a way of escape, if we only have the courage to fight for our freedom.

Summary

This has not been a deeply theological paper. A thorough examination of Scriptures that support the assertions made in this paper is found in my book *Fool's Gold—How the Traditions of Men Have Replaced God's Honest Money*. If you need further biblical support, please order the book from the website (www.traditionsofmen.org).

For the Christian reader, it should be evident that the degree to which we will be required to put our trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, over the next 10 years will likely be greater than at any time in our lives. The wisdom each individual needs to shepherd their families through the coming trials will only come from the Word of God. Study it. Apply it. Seek the godly counsel of others.

Then take action. Educate others, regardless of the personal cost. Stand boldly for truth in your home, your church, and your city. Host an event where people are able to come together and talk about these issues. Start with two or three people if that is all who will attend. You must build a foundation from which to help others in the years to come. As the reality of our situation becomes more widespread, the number attending your meetings will grow. I've experienced it. The Lord is at work in the hearts and minds of His saints. They simply need leadership. Be that leadership.

Lord willing, The Traditions of Men ministry will be there to help you. As we move through this period of time, our website will host articles, videos, audio messages, and commentary to help you see where we are along the path. There will be practical resources to help you prepare for life during challenging times. Finally, we will make adjustments to this outlook and its associated timelines if and when circumstances require. The goal is to help you become "sons of Issachar." To understand the times and know what to do.

Stay in prayer my friends. It is going to be a challenging time for us, our nation and the world. With God's help, we will not only navigate through the years ahead, but be used by Him to bring His name glory, as good once again triumphs over evil.



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