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PORTER'S REPORT

Mark 13:34-37 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Jesus introduces the command to the porter. The porter is the keeper of the door. The door is Jesus the Christ [John 10:7-9] and the opener or closer of the door is the Holy Spirit of God [door open: 1Co 16:9; door closed: Acts 16:61. The porter is not only the keeper of the door to watch over all coming through the gate, but they are to watch for the signs of the season in order to warn their flock or household to be prepared for what is coming. This means they need an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying. God has given me a door

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which to warn the people. He confirmed His Word to me in Hab 2:2 "... Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." I am to watch the times and seasons and give warning. I am not to watch how you respond or be fearful what you might think of me.

I have a serious message to consider and I hope you will take it seriously as well. To tell you, let me first build some history.

Do you know why Indians lost their land? You can say it was because of the cruel "white man" who took it away from them, but that was the smaller factor. The main reason the Indians lost their land was that they fought each other...tribe against tribe. They reduced their strength by their division. The Scripture reading that a house divided against itself cannot stand rings true for a nation as well. This nation has become divided between the secular and the Christian, or you could say in an election year the conservative and the liberal. The main reason the Christians have lost ground is that we fight each other...denomination against denomination. We have reduced our strength by our division. We have learned nothing...especially the principles of the Bible we say we believe whole heartedly. Do you happen to remember the time that John told Jesus that they [disciples] had seen someone casting out demons and they stopped him because he was not of their following? Jesus told them that whoever is not against us is for us.

That being said, one minister of a large following said a vote for Romney is a vote for Satan. His perspective is that Mormons are not Christians, even though their church is called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Anyone who refers to Jesus as the "Christ" is saying that He is the Savior and Son of God. All that aside, let me ask you this: The

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Christian faith is for life of the unborn [Ps 139:14-16]...is Romney? The Christian faith indicates that we are brothers and sisters of Israel and we stand firmly with her [Gen 12:1-3]...does Romney? Our Christian faith says that we have liberty in expressing our faith [2Co 3:17]...does Romney support our liberty? The Christian faith is for the union of marriage to be man and woman [Gen 2:24]...is Romney? If he is not against us, Jesus' said he is for us.

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THE SOMNAMBULIST

A somnambulist is a sleepwalker or someone who is in the act or state of walking, eating, or performing other motor acts while asleep, of which one is unaware. I know of a man who got up, dressed, grabbed his golf clubs and drove to a golf range all while sleeping. He woke up after hitting a few balls and wondered what he was doing at 2:40 in the bless-ed AM! Amazing!

Spiritual somnambulists show up dressed for church every Sunday. They go to their customary pew, sing some familiar hymns and sit through an entire service before they wake up not knowing what words they sang or

the message ministered. They awake just in time for lunch having skipped the spiritual bread altogether.

I, myself, have awakened during praise and worship only to realize that I was unconsciously singing in my sleep. When this happens I awaken my heart to the occasion before the blessing escapes me altogether.

Many Christians are living as somnambulists performing motor skills yet never fully aware of who they are or the manner of their spirit.

One thing all somnambulists have in common is that they can never tell the time. Though they are living in a sea-

son; they do not know what season it is. Again I repeat this Scripture:

Mark 13:35-36 Watch ye therefore:
for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

Somnambulists' motor skills may be working but their faith is not.

Luke 18:8 Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

What a sad question! Are you awake?

PORTER'S REPORT cont.

Obama has called himself an Evangelical. Now ask yourself: The Christian faith is for life of the unborn...is Obama? The Christian faith indicates that we are brothers and sisters of Israel and we stand firmly with her...does Obama? Our Christian faith says that we have liberty in expressing our faith...does Obama support our Christian liberty as one nation under God? The Christian faith is for the union of marriage to be man and woman...is Obama?

Matt 21:28-31 "But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The

first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."

Who is doing the Will of the Father is the question we must ask ourselves not their religious label.

I understand that Obama being an anti-colonialist has perceived this nation as imperialistic and wanted to *change* that, so that we are more like the rest of the world. Yet in Christianity, in which this nation was born, we are to be a beacon of light to influence the world. I can see that from his perspective as an anti-colonialist that even Christianity seems rogue; however, Christians have been given a great commission by Jesus to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. While Obama sees this nation and Christianity as an overwhelming intrusion in the world's scope, we see ourselves in the abundance of God's blessings a testimony to the world of a Great, Compassionate God. A welfare mentality indicts that abundance is an oppression of the wealthy, yet Jesus said He came to bring us life and that we might have it more abundantly. Obama has not missed the fact that when you take away the abundance you have taken away the power. In this case Obama has been successful. When achievement and wealth are put down as the enemies, the only conclusion is defeat, deficiency and borrowing from other nations.

We have gone from wealth and abundance to welfare and entitlements. Do you believe that the nations of the world will rally to pay our food stamps? China is not investing in America; she is buying us out like a bad game of monopoly. America's turmoil is in having to go around the board once again afraid of what she will land on next and how to pay the bill.

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CAKE OUTCRY

What if you woke up one morning and the NEWS flash of the day said NO MORE CAKES! All bakeries closed down, no more Betty Crocker or Dunkin Hines mixes to be sold! The cry on the street is "We need our cakes!" Campaigners say they promise to bring the cakes back to your town, while the opposing side says they will not only bring back the cakes but frosting too! Campaign slogans publish the news: HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO! While the focus is on the lack of cakes and

mixes, a small voice in the background whispers, "Let's get the ingredients ourselves." What a novel idea, but then no campaigner wants that news out, since they already found a winning slogan. The people are crying out about jobs and economy: so the campaigners promise and post winning slogans...while ignoring the ingredients. "One Nation under God" has been the most important ingredient of provision and prosperity in our nation. Moral issues of the conservatives are slowly being replaced by social

issues, which is like baking a cake without flour! But sadly you cannot sell it to the masses who just want cake now!



HOME, HOME ON THE RANGE

Ahh yes, where seldom is heard a discouraging word and the skies are not cloudy all day! Where is that place?

There is not one person who has not wanted to pack it all in and move where discouragement could not find him. Unfortunately there is no safe place where discouragement does not reach, however, there are ways in which to handle it when it arrives. Some people put on praise music. I begin to verbally praise God for all my many blessings. I ask myself if someone in a third world country facing death and starvation would be uplifted just to live in one of my worst days, and the answer is always YES! I cannot complain, therefore I try not.

Personally, I get a kick out of smiling in discouragement's face knowing that the enemy is watching for a negative response. I do not ever want to be caught following the devil's script.

I remember having one of those days where everything that could go wrong DID, and each time I sang praise songs right out loud smiling and knowing that I was driving Satan crazy, which always brings me great satisfaction.

My mother once told me not to respond to bullies or mockers because that is just what they want. There is no greater bully than the enemy of our soul so I cut off Satan's pleasure. "Resist the devil and he will flee."

Looking at the word itself: dis-courage. We see that the prefix dis means *not*. "Not courage" is the meaning. Discouragement is the lack of courage in the face of a trial.

Interestingly the word discouragement has the remedy if you look within the word. *Take courage* as the Scriptures say:

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Ps 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. KJV

HAVING CHARACTER VS. BEING A "CARE-ACTOR"

Character is a set of qualities that distinguishes who we are from one another especially in mind and feelings. As we express our thoughts in actions others view our character, since our actions reveal our character.

True characteristics match our words with our deeds. To label ourselves as Christians is not only to display those Christ like qualities but live His Words even when no one else is watching.

Care-actors are scripted in the things they say for the purpose of looking good for the cameras. The qualities of a care-actor is to make people believe that he/she cares about what they are concerned. They say one thing but live quite another since their thoughts reveal an opposite view from the one the cameras display. It is: "Lights! Camera! Action!" all for show, all scripted...careactor.

To be called a Christian and live Christ's Words is not above anyone's pay-grade. Seeking God in prayer leads us in all wisdom to make the right choices.

This is the season to pray for our leaders to be men and women of good character and not care-actors.

The difference between *having* character and being a care-actor is more than just the spelling.

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CHECKERS TO CHESS

We all remember the story of Sampson who took his enemies out with him by putting his hands to the pillars of the great temple and with divine, supernatural strength collapsed the building. This is not simply the old Bible story for children in Sunday school; it is ongoing plans of Israel to this day some have termed the Sampson Option.

The "Samson Option" is Israel's strategy of massive nuclear retaliation against "enemies" should its existence as a Jewish state be jeopardized through military attack. Israel has sworn, "Never again!" The "Never again" resolve reasons that the possibility of annihilation would not stop Israel from attacking first if it felt its survival was on the line anyway. The Samson Option psychology would be different for the Iranian mullahs [Muslim clerics] perspective even though the result might be the same. In its extreme form, the most radical Islamic terrorist accepts suicide to advance his cause. But the mad mullahs typically motivate others to commit suicide while they remain safe at home. However, when presented with the opportunity to destroy Israel magnificently, even the mad mullahs might accept their own ticket to heaven as the price they had to pay to achieve their goal.

From Israel's perspective, of thoughtful consideration and evaluation, Iran must never be allowed to possess nuclear weapons. Iran has made its intentions abundantly clear. Any stoppage to enriching uranium will only be temporary. Iran has announced to the world that the mullahs will have atomic bombs. The only guestion is when? As of the news reports dated Jan 1, 2012, Iranian scientists have produced the nation's first nuclear fuel rod, so said the country's nuclear agency. Although the rods are easier to make, Iran is also seeking to produce the pellets with enriched uranium. But so far it is not known whether Iranian nuclear scientists have been able to overcome the

technical hurdles to do so.

The problem with the West is that we do not share the same mindset as the Middle East. The analogy of the West playing checkers when Iran is paying chess fits the description well in my view. For example, when Iran offered negotiations last May 23 in Baghdad, the Obama administration jumped at the offer, as one would playing checkers, seeing a positive move and opportunity. It has been noted that the Western diplomats are like compulsive gamblers feeling that if they went back to the table they could win everything back. However, as I said Iran plays chess to our checkers. Americans did not know two very important things: Why meet in Baghdad and why on May 23? Iran was making a critical chess move in which all of those in the Middle East recognized immediately. Obama's roots may have been on American soil part of the time but with his radical upbringing and his father's dream he has the advantage of knowing full well the thinking of the Middle East. That same mindset is his. For Iran, May 23 in Baghdad was the 30th anniversary of the victorious Iraqi defeat to Iran, and America was used in these negotiations as the backdrop for their victory. America was set up for a chess match yet thought we were there for checkers...America's ignorance is Obama's advantage and he comes off well intended.

Israel is part of the Middle East and knows the mindset that we do not seem to understand because we have the delusion that everyone thinks like us! WRONG! This is why we have not understood Obama. He does not think like Americans; his dream is not the American dream. His dream is a dream for one world power, but the power of America has stood in its way. Removing Sampson as a major power is to save the world in Obama's eyes. His dream is larger than America. We think he has failed because we see the demise of America's strength as a world power, but we have been playing checkers to Obama's chess strategy. Ask yourself that of the 30 different countries, many of them Muslim, that Obama has visited, why not visit our

ally Israel. Not once in his 4 year term has Obama gone to Israel, yet he tries to make us believe that he supports Israel. The proof is to the contrary. Obama is playing chess right along with Muslims. Their beliefs are his roots. The Dems own platform removed two things from the last election under this administration:

- The word God was removed. Now, I realize that the speakers at the DNC used the word God, but that is different from the core platform statement. The platform is what the Dems stand on and for. It is not simply that they neglected to put God in, but they took Him out. Taking God out of the platform as well as calling America a "secular" nation is a chess move for the anticolonialist dream like cutting off Sampson's hair...it takes this country's power away.
- 2. Another very big thing removed was acknowledgment that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. We have always known that Jerusalem belongs to Israel, but it is no longer acknowledged by the current administration's platform. We have never before leaned toward Palestinians and away from Israel. A bonus for the world is that America no longer stands in strength with Israel.

Israel will watch for the moment of no return; the time when Iran has everything necessary on its own to make a deliverable nuclear weapon. Once convinced that Iran has reached that point, Israel will feel compelled to strike with or without America. America is like Sampson in that our strength was compromised in the last election by a smooth talker, but if we remember the story Sampson's hair grew back and so did his strength.

If Christians do not take advantage of our moment in this election knowing Sampson's hands are to the pillars, many of us will go down too. This is not a threat, it is the porter's report.

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THE SOMNAMBULIST

Out of bed, toiletries, eating when he rose Getting dressed for the day, socks to cover toes All of this and much more he did while not awake He even got into the car to drive for heaven's sake!

All the day passed him by as he slowly lumbered Ran errands 'fore goin' home, all the while he slumbered Eyes wide open, not alert, they were only faking Pulled in the drive, pet the dog, still not even waking

Ate his supper, watched TV, closed his eyes to sleep Even though he slept all day, not a clock to keep A wifely nudge startled him as he scratched his head He awoke in time to find that it was time for bed!

The time has come for all God's children to awake and know
That though we lumber through the day, asleep we never grow
The bridegroom came and took His bride and all He left was me
But if we sleep through all our days the Truth we never see!

-Rebecca O'Connor

DNA

DNA carries our genetic make-up. We have only learned about this in recent years. DNA can tell us many things in identifying descendants to hereditary illnesses. They are as individual as fingerprints. Man cannot see DNA with the naked eye, however we know that dogs can detect a person's DNA.

Have you ever heard of dogs being able to identify, for instance, when an epileptic is about to go into a seizure? The dog sees this with a sight we do not have and immediately signals the person. Dogs can be trained to signal a person to prevent further injury from falling etc.

My point is not in the special sightedness of dogs, but that this same sight is in demons. They are spirit beings having spiritual 3-D glasses: Discerning Death and Destruction. L.A. Marzulli explains it as man being in a corn field with the stalks 8 ft. in front, behind and on either side of him. No matter which way man looks, he only sees CORN. The demons are more like a fire truck driving into the cornfield and sending up that great extension ladder availing them to see that cornfield and the fields around it

as well. God, of course, is like the satellite that can see everything. In other words, devils can see our DNA, which shows our weaknesses to be targeted. If your mother had anxiety problems and it shows as a characteristic in an offspring they say, "It's in the genes!" It is in the DNA. The enemy knows just what to target and pushes those buttons until medication is required for that person to function. Sounds scary, right?

No one wants to be an open book for the enemy's attack. Ahhh but wait we have been given a "Son-block" against these rays of our DNA disclosure through God's Son by His shed blood and the Ephesians' 6 armor, which means covering or wearing the Word of God.

This is good news for Christians who have all the pieces of their armor in place. I have seen people physically put invisible armor on just by saying Eph 6, however, saying it is one thing and living it another. To solely go through the motions of "putting" the armor on is like the story of the Emperor with no clothes. He dressed with the actions of putting clothes on,

but there was nothing on his body as he paraded himself before the town naked! To have the armor in place is something you live. For example to have the breastplate of righteousness means that you have asked Jesus into your heart, and you are the righteous ness of God through Jesus' shed blood. The shield of faith means fidelity in the Word of God and not by our own reason or intellect. To have our loins gird is to have committed the Word inside us. The helmet of salvation means that we are in Christ rather than just having Christ in us. If we are not a ready witness then our feet are not shod...gossip makes for bare feet. The Sword of the Spirit is the Word spoken and our first reaction to any given situation. You cannot reach into thin air and grab invisible armor; you may, however, remind yourself of your investment that way. You either live it or not, but do not be fooled if you are naked in missing any one of those pieces of armor you are an easy access for the enemy to read. Invest in the only armor that repels the enemy by investing in the vesture of the Word.