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## America's Beacon of Hope

When Patrick Henry gave his stirring "Give me liberty, or give me death!" speech on March 23, 1775, he acknowledged, "We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren till she transforms us into beasts." And then he asked, "Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and, having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?"

"For my part," Henry said, "whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it."

Because sufficient numbers of patriots rose to the occasion, the then-American Colonies declared their independence from Great Britain the following year. They then went on to win their war for independence against seemingly impossible odds, and to initiate the greatest experiment in liberty in world history.

That experiment resulted in what W. Cleon Skousen called "the 5000 year leap." For millennia, humankind lived basically the same way. There was no electricity, refrigeration, or indoor plumbing. Life was hard, and countless hours needed to be devoted to carving out a subsistence living. But that quickly changed with the rise of the American Republic. Almost overnight, America became prosperous as well as free, and Americans found they had much more time for other endeavors outside of simply surviving, including "the pursuit of happiness." America became a beacon of hope for the rest of the world.

Many came to our shores, willing to start with nothing and pull themselves up by the bootstraps in order to pursue their dreams in a new land. But many more, who remained in the "Old World," also benefited greatly from the American experience. American economic and technological progress spurred progress globally, and many countries moved in the direction of more economic and political freedom.

Of course, in other countries, progress for ordinary citizens was inhibited by the iron boot of totalitarian regimes. But even in those countries, the American beacon offered hope for the oppressed.

However, that beacon has been noticeably dimming in recent years. In fact, it has dimmed to such an extent that America has also been experiencing a great awakening. The Covid lockdowns and forced vaccinations have opened many eyes, as have the growing censorship of speech and the increasingly transparent war against Christianity.

Increasing numbers of Americans recognize that our freedoms and national morality are under attack. And, having opened their eyes, many of them want to "know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it." In this sense, many may want to emulate Patrick Henry. But many fail to emulate him by concluding, falsely, that America is beyond the point of being saved. And so, they are now doing nothing to save and restore America.

Ironically, many who have only recently come to realize that our country is in serious trouble have already concluded that it is too late. On the other hand, many other newly awakened Americans are involved in the freedom movement.

So, "Is It Too Late?" That's the subject of our cover story by Steve Bonta. His answer is: Absolutely not!



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But why is that? In his article, Dr. Bonta surveys the lessons of history to show that seemingly hopeless odds have been overcome time and again by those who know the truth, become involved — and “put on the whole armor of God,” who makes possible the seemingly impossible.

Another reason it is not too late is the simple fact that we still have our priceless Constitution; we can still use our freedoms to save our freedoms. If you are not involved in the freedom movement because you believe it’s too late, we encourage you to read Dr. Bonta’s article “[Is It Too Late for America?](#)”, and to defeat whatever defeatism may be holding you back. As to how best to channel your efforts, please see “[Taking Action.](#)”



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