

WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TO?

By Tom Wacaster

I am determined to keep fighting the fight of faith, even as Timothy was admonished to do by Paul the apostle (1 Tim. 6:11-12). However, I sometimes wonder if my two cents worth that I put into my weekly mail out really makes that much of an impact on anyone or anything outside this small part of the world in which I live. And about the time I think about hanging up my pen, something appears in the news that I simply cannot ignore. Maybe by God's divine providence the few words that I share with my readers from week to week will make a difference. This week's pen has me asking, once again, "What in the world is this world coming to?" Allow me to be more specific.

Forty years ago this baby boomer generation thought they had all the time in the world. So we marched on Washington, participated in week long "sit-ins," picketed our government's presence in Viet Nam, and decided that we were going to make our mark on the world with a "new generation" of free thinkers and liberal philosophers. Many a prodigal made the trek to Canada and/or California where they clouded their brain with LSD and marijuana, waited out the "war," and then returned to their home states to run for congress or some other political office. One would think these "hippies" and "flower children" from the drug crazed streets of San Francisco would have learned to be a little more sensible in their later years, but I am prone to think they inhaled deeply on some weed that one could not purchase at your local convenient store. At least back then it was illegal!

No doubt our parents and grandparents observed this "untoward generation" from afar and asked, "What is this world coming to?" It would appear that the baby boomers are now asking the same question. Sometimes I feel sort of like the old Quaker who said to his neighbor, "I think the whole world is going crazy except it be thee or me; and I have my doubts about thee." Consider the following:

Abortion continues to make headlines. The "pro-choice" [maybe pro-murder would be a better description] attempted to pass a bill so partial birth abortion could be enshrined in the halls of justice and made a permanent law. Not sure what the final outcome of that was, but with the Supreme Court overthrowing Roe vs. Wade, it has been pushed into the background. It may be freedom of choice for the mother who seeks some easy solution to her irresponsible life style but it certainly denies any choice to the unborn child!

Led by their poster boy Al Gore, the environmental movement is pushing for government legislation that will "save our planet." From what, I might ask! These environmental

whackos want to limit how many miles you can drive in a day, restrict the size of the house you can own, and somehow keep tally on how many squares of toilet paper you use at any one time [really! Some are suggesting a maximum of two squares per...well, you know!] Global warming and climate change has become the catalyst for government control. What confuses me is, "What ever happened to the ice age?" While we should be good stewards of what God has given us, it seems that some are over-reacting to the warming trend of this world. In my estimation, the "mechanism" that is fueling the liberal power grab today is bundled up in the imaginary threat of global warming. We have seen a lot of "nutty" philosophies come down the pike, but this one is, without doubt, insane. It seems to me that God promised that summer and winter, fall and spring, would be around as long as the world exists. Personally, I think He has a better handle on how things are going to turn out than any of the politicians in Washington or the professors in the once-respected Ivy League Universities in our country. *(continued next week)*