

SHIP OF FOOLS

INTRODUCTION

While talking to a good friend of mine about the mess that America and our world is in, he said that it reminded him of a book or movie called ‘*the ship of Fools.*’ My mind immediately began to work. I went to the internet and did a search for “Ship of Fools” and found that the name came from ancient times and many people have written books, plays and even songs using that title. So, what I am embarking upon is not something new, but something that I believe should be approached from a decidedly Christian view point.

From Wikipedia: “*The **ship of fools** is an [allegory](#) that has long been a fixture in [Western literature](#) and [art](#). The allegory depicts a vessel populated by human inhabitants who are deranged, frivolous, or oblivious passengers aboard a ship without a pilot, and seemingly ignorant of their own direction. This concept makes up the framework of the 15th century book [Ship of Fools](#) (1494) by [Sebastian Brant](#), which served as the inspiration for Bosch's famous painting, [Ship of Fools: a ship—an entire fleet at first—sets off from Basel to the paradise of fools](#). In literary and artistic compositions of the 15th and 16th centuries, the cultural motif of the ship of fools also served to parody the 'ark of salvation' as the [Catholic Church](#) was styled.*”

The previous illustration and synopsis serve to illustrate the spiritual mindset of our 21st Century world and the lawless, godless generation that is our society today.

Chapter I.

“The God Rejector”

You will find many categories of “*fools*” on this ship of fools. In the following booklet we will endeavor to identify some of these categories.

God tells us in His word that men and women who reject Him and His word, either openly or by their ignorance of Him are fools.

Psalm 14:1-3 *To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

Several years ago Mr. John Nyquist wrote a great article for World Net Daily (wnd.com) which he entitled "*The Intelligent Idiot.*" It endeavored to bring to light some of the oxymoronic activities of our world. In the short article he included the ridiculous amalgamation of the rock music industry and so-called 'Christian' lyrics. Mr. Nyquist called this "*ingenious stupidity*". Here are some of his comments,

"As noted earlier, an ingenious stupidity -- to be truly ingenious -- must strike at the fabric of our existence.

Another example of brilliant idiocy is the way some older people have begun to follow young people. This is an incredible reversal. A few months ago a leading senator, running for president, gave out the name of an outrageous rock band as his favorite musical group. As usual he had no idea what he was saying, but he wanted to be cool, he wanted to be up-to-date. This is called "finding the parade and getting in front." An egregious blockhead once described this technique as "the Taoist model of leadership." Under this model a leader is merely the first to follow. In other words, there is no leadership.

The same logic appears in the churches, where popular rock music is gradually supplanting traditional sacred music. Admittedly, rock 'n' roll is entertainment for millions of people, but is there anything worshipful about it? In this context the late Alan Bloom wrote that "rock music has one appeal only, a barbaric appeal, to sexual desire ... undeveloped and untutored." Bloom added that young people know "that rock has the beat of sexual intercourse." Let us be honest about this. The music that

emerged from the '60s has an inner logic that corresponds to the sexual revolution of that time. There is nothing accidental here. To take this same music and use it in the worship of God is questionable.

Yet many ministers, who think of themselves as conservatives, see nothing questionable here. The argument is that the church must appeal to young people in order to survive. Therefore, the church must offer the kind of music young people favor. But if the function of the church is to collect worshippers by pandering to popular taste, why not have standup comics deliver sermons? Why not go all the way, and make the worship experience as entertaining as possible? The churches would then be filled up, quite readily -- with nothing to distinguish them from movie theaters and rock concerts.”

This is just what I have been saying for years. If all we want is for our churches to be full why not bring in topless waitresses and serve cocktails? The bars are full of “*egregious blockheads*” who have given themselves over to the fulfillment of the desires of the flesh. Mr. Nyquist’s brilliant article however, fails to get the real reason for the “*brilliant stupidity*” of the “*educated herd*” as they thunder toward the cliff of destruction. However, I digress from my analogy of the “*ship of fools.*” The real reason that the “*ship of fools*” keeps on getting more and more deranged is that they refuse to follow the directions of the One Who gave Himself for their sins.

The Bible has the guidelines that humankind must follow, but mankind continues to follow the mob to folly and eventual complete collapse of our world including America.

Romans 1:20-22 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

The following quote ostensibly came from a highly influential person in Europe. I was unable to trace or verify the statement, but it sure gets to the point of what is wrong with our country.

"The danger to America is not Barack Obama but a citizenry capable of entrusting an inexperienced man like him with the Presidency. It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president. The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails America. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince. The Republic can survive a Barack Obama. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools such as those who made him their president."

This nation previously elected an ungodly profligate as President who actually had illicit, ungodly sexual relations in the Oval Office. He was elected not once but twice. We came extremely close to electing a politician, who actually thinks that he invented the internet and that the warming of the earth is caused by man, to this office. Barak Hussein Obama was elected, not once but twice, by a majority of voters. How could the voting public in America believe that these men could have or should be leaders of the free world? It can only be that the vast majority of voters in our country can no longer distinguish between good and evil. **Hebrews 5:14** ***But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.***

The reason that America can no longer distinguish between good and evil is because we as a people and as a nation have officially said **NO** to God. In 1962 the Supreme Court of the United States officially declared that it was a violation the US Constitution to pray in schools. Within just a few years, the Bible was rejected by the SCOTUS. Just a short time later the Ten Commandments were declared to be a threat to school children and were ordered to be removed from the schools of America. When a person or a nation rejects God, He rejects them, and then they no longer have wisdom. Indeed, God's word is correct when it says, ***"The fool hath said***

in his heart, there is no God..." Those who reject God will experience the judgment of God.

The writer of the previously quoted article used the expression, "*a vast confederacy of fools.*" What just exactly does this mean? Mr. Webster defines the word, confederacy as,

"A league, or covenant; a contract between two or more persons, bodies of men or states, combined in support of each other, in some act or enterprise; mutual engagement; federal compact.

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Note that one aspect of this definition is that there is a league, or covenant or a contract between two or more persons. In the case of recent elections there were over 60 million people all across the United States who as a "*vast confederacy of fools*" may have plunged this nation into its death throes. No matter the results of future elections in our country, it is a matter of conjecture as whether we will be able to survive the demonic legislation which has been and will be enacted to drown our beloved country in socialism and despotism. The legacies of Presidents Carter and Clinton still haunt us today. I personally do not see that it is the will of the majority of the people of America to embrace the God of the Bible, Jesus Christ the Lord. Yet, history and the word of God are clear, the individual and the nation that reject God are doomed.

Isaiah 60:12 *For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.*

I pray that I am wrong, but the word of God is very clear, and it is absolutely reliable and trustworthy.

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Evangelist Sammy Poole wrote these words,

I'm a big boy now.

*What a tangled web we wove,
When from our land the Lord we drove;
As our world around us begins to fall,
Folk asked, "Where God was through it all?"
His answer came with pained chagrin,
'You told me to 'leave' ~ Not 'to come in;'
That you were 'big enough to handle your care,
You had no need for Me ~ and prayer.'
I took you at your word, you see,
You were 'big now, and 'didn't need me;'
I stood there watching the 'big boy' fall,
Waiting, once more, for you to call.
And in spite of all your pride and sin,
I'm ever-present ~ as I have always been;
So, humble yourself beneath my hand;
I will hear from heaven, and heal your land.
Remember this time, with all its woes,
And learn the 'truth' a "Big Boy" knows;
I am God, and I hear the pleas,
Of child, or nation, on its knee
by [Sammy Poole - Nov. 17, 2001](#)*

Another word that must be defined is the word “fools.” It is the plural of the word “fool.” What is a “fool?” God says in His word, that a “fool” is one who rejects God. That is precisely the meaning of the Scriptures. **Psalm 14:1, and 53:1** both reiterate this definition. Why would a person reject God and His existence? All the evidence that a rational person needs is available. There is no real evidence for evolution, yet foolish men embrace it as scientific fact. “*Fools rush in where wise men never go*” are words from an old love song, but never were words more true concerning living a life without God and His word. The decisions made by our legislators backed up by –some of the nine black robed ‘*priests of Baal*’ called the Supreme Court have done more to destroy our country than any external threat could ever cost. The vast majority of the people in our nation today, including the courts, are ‘*clever*

blockheads' when it comes to understanding God. Yes, there is a vast confederacy of fools that exists in America. It is a people without God in their lives who have embarked upon a voyage of destruction – “A Ship of Fools.”

Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 1:7 – “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction”.

2 Timothy 2:7 – “Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.