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**What is Next**

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Gotta say … God’s been good to us for the last coupla weeks or so. Just think of the blessings He’s given us lately:

He cut Donald Trump a huge amount of slack by turning his head ever so slightly … saving him from certain death at the hands of a sniper less than 150 yards away … at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania - just before this year’s Republican National Convention.

About the same time, The Lord helped a dear friend of mine begin to grow out of a deep funk and start to look at life more as great adventure rather than a dreaded daily challenge. (I gotta tell you … there are those who will say, “Life’s a bitch, and then you die.” Then, there are those of us who look at every new day as a mighty challenge - pitting us against the Devil - in which we have a tremendous advantage with God right here hangin’ out with us.)

For me, the gift of life each day is a blessing everyone I know over threescore-and- ten is delighted with! Almost all of them are not only looking forward to life today, but also to our eternal lives because of what Jesus did for us on the cross outside the gates of Jerusalem over two-thousand years ago. Be that as it may … just gracefully embracing life and all the challenges it presents is such a wonderfully great adventure, I can’t imagine it any other way!

I recall the 1977 movie “Oh, God!” in which George Burns played the part of The Big Guy who made it clear that everyone is free to make their own choices about how to live their life. But he also made it very clear that those who live their lives in accordance with His great principles would have a lot easier time of it.

John Denver, who played the central figure in the movie, was raised Presbyterian … but as an adult he found himself more inspired by Buddhism and Native American spirituality. The 80-year-old Burns, whose real name was Nathan Birnbaum, was not a practicing Jew and his wife Gracie was Catholic. No doubt, that colorful bunch really made an uplifting film!

So, I guess the real question is, What is next? What kind of adventures does the Head Kahuna have in store for us just around the corner? Are the Liberal doom-sayers going to prevail in charting our course into the future? Or is God going to step in and take the Helm of the Ship of State? Can the negativity and immorality at the roots of D.E.I., Woke and Government oppression continue to be acceptable anywhere there are populations of God-fearing Americans? I think George Burns, as God, made it clear as a bell when He assured us that … “things will turn out alright if they would have faith and do the right thing.”

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