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a finger in the eye of God

"You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness. why do You look on those who deal treacherously, and hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a person more righteous than he?" hab 1:13

as i look around at so much distortion of all that is right and good, i am even more amazed at the patience and mercy of our God. so much of the darkness has even penetrated His church body. we hear the band begin to play and watch as almost everyone around us bows down; bows down to "acceptance."

the other day i heard someone liken today's world to the band that played on the titanic as it sank into the ocean. our world is sinking into darkness and the frolicking and pleasure-seeking continues. "mene, mene, tekēl, upharsin" ... you have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting." dan 5:25,27

remember, you and i will have what we tolerate. in a culture advocating tolerance at all costs, we must learn to live with the pressure it exerts. in the final analysis, what God says is still much more important than what we may think or what anyone else might say about what we do or don't do.

our culture - our world is deliberately sticking their finger in the eye of God. a "poke in the eye" means deliberately trying to provoke someone. trying to start a fight, right? i'm reminded of the three

stooges and their antics. believe me, we are all being stooges when we try to mess with God. i think of the great king nebuchadnezzar as he boasted with pride over his great babylon. he was driven mad and assigned to wander and eat grass as an animal for a determined period of time; a time which allowed him enough grace to come to his senses.

"i, nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the king of heaven all of whose words are truth, and His ways justice. and, those who walk in pride He is able to put down." dan 4:37 those words were true when spoken then and they are true now. mankind, in their arrogant pride, announced several years ago, "God is dead. it has just taken some time to bury the body." that came out of the cult known as the world economic forum which is even now preparing for their "great reset." their redo of God's work to "make it better."

recently the grammy awards on television had a skit about the devil and ungodly things. then after openly promoting satanism the commercial said, brought to you by pfizer vaccines. cbs declared that it was "ready to worship." poke, poke, poke - who is God and what is He able to do about it? rebellion and blasphemy has gone amuck.

even now, the church of england is considering dropping the phrase "our Father" from the start of the Lord's prayer, and instructing clergy to refrain from using male pronouns when talking about God, according to a report in the telegraph. yes, God's own church is now joining in the "poking." nouns and pronouns gone crazy among those who couldn't diagram a sentence if they had

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our great God in His unfathomable love and amazing grace puts off hurt and destruction as long as He may without giving one over to the darkness. then in His loving patience He puts forth the rod of correction. "before i was afflicted i went astray, but now i keep your word. you are good, and do good; teach me Your statutes." psa 119:67-68

why does someone reject goodness and truth, allowing them to fall back into their old ways. truly, "'a dog returns to his own vomit,' and, 'a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.'" 2 Pet 2:22 i have a friend who was recently released from prison. while they were in there and we wrote, i had great hopes of seeing them walk with God; so young and so much possibilities lay in their future. alas, they returned to their old life and are now back in prison. once again we are in correspondence in hopes that this will be a lasting change. we are all in prison if we do not know His saving grace. "therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." john 8:36

so go ahead world, poke if you must but know this: there will be a reckoning in the end. God is able to humble those who walk in pride. soon, very soon, there will be no more pokes but only pleas for mercy coming forth. when that time comes, i earnestly pray you will not have filled up the grace allotted for you.