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## READ FOR YOU – ISSUE IV

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart". Bible, Jeremiah Ch. 29v13

DONALD TRUMP THE UNFIT PRESIDENT? By Guy Kasongo



I still believe that this whole world will be judged, but I also think God has allowed Trump to be president of the US for a reason. Like the rest of us, Donald Trump is not perfect but he is currently making difficult decisions which part of the media find controversial. Those decisions are an attempt to tackle some of the key economic and social issues which led the majority of the American elect Donald Trump to presidency. The key question is how long Trump will continue to courageously implement those policies for the benefit of his people. As Christians, we must continue praying for him and for this great country. My personal opinion is that whether or not you support Trump, it's my conviction that Hilary would have been so much worse!

As Trump is not perfect, some of the criticisms against him may be true but some are definitely not, while some are simply exaggerated. It is crucial that Christians must know what they want and remain consistent with their convictions and creed. Some Christians have joined the growing media hostility campaign against Trump and support that he is a pseudo Christian, a sophisticated deceiver or even antichrist for some others. Let's ask ourselves the following simple questions:

- Why do world media hate Trump and were so supporting of Obama from day one?
- Is it democracy when you insult the president loved by the majority of Americans?
- Would you 'clownise' a successful billionaire as vulgar idiotic delinquent?
- Why would genuine Christians oppose Trump's attitude to abortion?

- Why would they oppose his determination to protect the Americans?
- Wouldn't the whole world widely acclaim Trump if he really was their choice?
- What makes Trump more antichrist-like than Obama?
- And what is Obama's legacy in the world anyway e.g. same dictators in Africa?

The Bible says that we are saved by grace through faith. Trump is not an exception to this truth and must come to God for his own salvation if he hasn't done so yet – please help me out here as you all seem to know the state of his heart before the Lord. However in the Bible, the Lord has used believers and non believers either to bless or to judge His People. Salvation is a personal decision in response to the Gospel of our Salvation but we are talking about Trump's action as the president of the US here. It is well plausible that the Lord has allowed him to become president at a time such as this in answer to His people's prayer and desperation. It is really both frustrating and upsetting that even Christians will throw very sharp and flaming darts at poor Trump, under the disguise of spiritual discernment when we should all be thanking God and praying that the president will grow in the fear of the Lord and so mature in heavenly wisdom unto the Lord's glory.

I have always warned fellow believers that the biblical discernment is miles away from human sense of suspicion, personal preferences or predictions. Some so-called modern prophets and teachers have been cunningly adapting/ updating their biblical interpretation to suit and fit every/any current situation as a permanent source of lucrative fundraising.

Donald Trump was accused of erecting more barriers in a globalising world when he announced his intentions to build a wall on the Mexican border or when he said what he thinks of NATO and Brexit. Now every contact with foreign governments is criticised, whether it be with Russia, Israel or the recent visit of the Japanese Prime Minister to the US. In fact, the Telegraph wrote "Donald Trump mocked for 'awkward' handshake with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe".

Simon Jenkins wrote in the Guardian: "Yes, Donald Trump is a monster. But his agenda isn't all bad". He went on to say "Donald Trump is a monster. He's an idiot, a liar, a narcissist, a sex maniac, a torturer, a xenophobe. Come to that, he is a bully, a nepotist, an adulterer, thinskinned, corrupt and fat. I should add that he is also a tiny-handed, Putinloving, hateful, rightwing populist. And have you seen his hair? Does that make you feel better? Is that OK? [...]. for Donald Dreaming up insults Trump is the latest party game for the same people whose view on the world induced millions to vote for him last November".

Whether or not Donald Trump is a believer is certainly a matter of concern to God primarily, whose desire is to save all men through His Son Jesus Christ. Do people hate him because he is not saved? No! It's essentially because of his attitude and determination in tackling the key social and economic issues that affect daily life in the US. As said previously, God does use humans to bless or judge His People and nations in general. In the Bible, Nebuchadnezzar was a Babylonian king who surrounded himself by wise men such as Daniel. He worshipped idols but came to "praise and extol and honour the King of heaven".

In Daniel 4:34-37 we read: "And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted eyes to heaven, and my mv understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honoured Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?". At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honour and splendour returned to me. My counsellors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down".

Thus, under this king, the Lord raised Daniel and his God-fearing companions to prominence in the Province of Babylon. Daniel became the Governor of all the King's wise men. In fact, we read that "The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon. Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king". Daniel 2:47-49.

However, following this encouraging episode, Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon – Daniel's jurisdiction. Daniel and his godly friends refused to serve the king's gods or worship the gold image. They had two choices: worship the king's image be cast into a burning fiery furnace. To which Daniel's companions answered and said to the king, "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

The problem is not really about Donald Trump but rather Christian's attitude in the current situation. Rather than relaying the hateful message against Trump, the Church should build on the prayers that were made at the Inauguration and work towards promoting righteousness that will exalt the nation. We need to remember that " we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12.

Since Daniel and his friends were not the only advisers to the kings; other wise men – satraps, magicians, etc- also counselled the king and were opposed to godly men. Daniel's ordeal followed straight after his promotion and favour from the king. So the main question for the godly around Trump is how long would righteous advice last and would they remain steadfast in upholding that. Remember that very soon the president will interact with other world's leaders and powerful 'societies', probably resulting in drastic change in the way he appoints his advisers or an overall attitude shift on key social issues. I call on these godly men to remain true and faithful to Christ in order to restore the fear of the Lord in a time such as this in the US. I urge them to be inspired by Daniel and Joseph or Moses in the Bible, to be prayerful, watchful and aware of the Enemy's cunningly devices against them. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses before Pharaoh, so will certainly men of corrupt minds, also oppose your work. But as the Bible says, they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all. Promote God's righteousness in the nation in love and longsuffering as faithful, servants for the people and being primarily accountable to the Lord. Be prepared for the coming persecutions and afflictions but know that out of them all the Lord will remain faithful for He cannot deny Himself. To the American Christians, I beseech you to intercede and discern what is happening in order to understand that God has personally intervened to help this great nation. Consequently, people should be grateful to the Lord and pray rather than giving into the media hostile propaganda and let it influence our trust in the Lord.

As an accomplished and successful businessman Donald Trump dreams to put "America First"! Just like the rest of us, he is allowed to have a dream. King Nebuchadnezzar - idol worshipper- had a dream and was helped by Daniel; Pharaoh also had one which resulted in Joseph - who relied on God's wisdom being charged of executing an ambitious seven year economic plan that prevented a long term economic crisis. Trumps' collaborators have the responsibility to advise him wisely while aligning their conviction with God's righteousness. They should not be quick to resign simply to gain public acceptance that easily undermines the Trump Administration. They should always remember that being in high office to serve the people is an honour from God that requires dexterousness, and a degree of self-denial. This reminds me of the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, goodness, longsuffering, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

They need humility and heavenly wisdom when speaking publicly too.

As a successful businessman who is aware of the business world's traps and snares, Trump reminds me of the biblical story told by the Lord in Luke 16:1-8.

" He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. "So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 'I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' "So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light". The King James Version has: "And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of *light*". The steward was not a believer and did not certainly act honestly but he was commended by his master for being prudent. My main point is that Jesus Christ concludes on this basis that, "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of *light*". The non believers would never despise Trump or anyone else if they felt that he would promote widespread unrighteousness. Yet, it is very sad to see how some Christians can so easily put their own preferences before encouraging signs of good decisions albeit feeble and perhaps ephemeral. Yes, God made us all from one blood in order for every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth but He also appointed the boundaries of their dwellings! [Acts 17: 26]. "The boundaries of their dwellings" also include 'America for the Americans'.

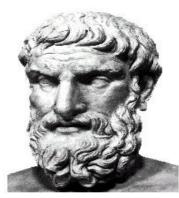
So it's perfectly legitimate that their elected president Donald Trump should put AMERICA FIRST!

## Not Philosophy but Christ

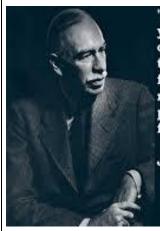
Now this I say *lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words*. [...] Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. Colossians 2:8-10

Epicurus says: "Life is good!

Make sure to enjoy it."



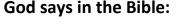
"Death does not concern us because as long as we exist, death is not here. And when it does come, we are no longer here". Epicurus

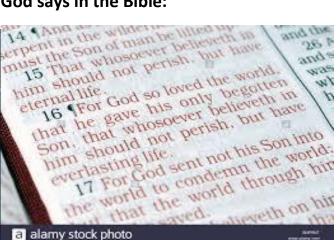


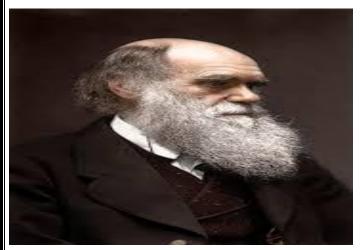
"For at least another hundred years we must pretend to ourselves and to every one that fair is foul and foul is fair; for foul is useful and fair is not. Avarice and usury and precaution must be our gods for a little longer still."

John Maynard Keynes

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"Thus man has ultimately become superior to woman [...].that if men are capable of a decided pre-eminence over women in many subjects, the average of mental power in man must be above that of woman."<sup>i</sup> Darwin



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