

*...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. (Romans 8: 20, 21)*

## **Freedom & Anti-Freedom**

If you read or watch science fiction (serious science fiction, and not the sword-and-sorcery stuff that often *passes* as science fiction), eventually you'll encounter a substance called anti-matter. It's often used as a plot device that enables faster-than-light travel or greater energy than can be generated by conventional means. You might also have heard of the stuff if you study cosmology or anything beyond basic physics. Because anti-matter actually exists. At the atomic level, where you have protons, neutrons and electrons, anti-matter particles are the same size and mass, but with opposite charges; anti-protons, anti-neutrons and positrons, or anti-electrons. The thing about anti-matter, however, is that it is very unstable; it does not last long in our universe. Which is probably a good thing because matter and anti-matter, coming in contact, tend to annihilate each other, producing large amounts of energy in the only reaction scientists know of that is 100 percent efficient.

We are seeing a curious parallel to matter/anti-matter in our nation, in the form of how we are to live as a people. The nation is devolving into two camps; one might call them *freedom* and *anti-freedom*. Both groups read the same founding documents – the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States – but from different viewpoints.

In America's case, freedom as the Founders who drafted those documents saw it was the ability to pursue one's God-given rights (life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, etc.) with as few obstructions as possible. Government was to provide a very basic and limited list of services, such as justice, domestic tranquility, national defense; government was supposed to be small in order to let a people that for a century and a half took care of themselves handle everything else.

The other camp reads the same Founding Documents yet confuses "freedom" with "security." Either through ignorance – for many of them were taught by similarly misled teachers – or deliberate malice and hatred toward the system the Founders established, their claim is to create a society where every person is cared for from cradle to grave with (theoretically) no worries or cares about one's physical needs. And that's putting it kindly for such a utopia does not exist in this world. (It *did* at one time, at a place called Eden, until the first humans screwed it up.) The darker reality that is emerging is one of a global society ruled by a class of elites who deem to know better than the majority of humans and, by many reports, are trying to steer us away from our basic humanity to an "improved" version using technology and genetic alterations.

Abraham Lincoln, 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, in speaking of the great issue of slavery in America that was about to come to a violent resolution, said that a society cannot exist half-slave and half-free, but must be one or the other. Likewise, *freedom* and *anti-freedom* are on a collision course, only to an even more cataclysmic end. For the reaction that occurs at the end of that course is one of annihilation of the United States as we know it, with only the energy of anarchy remaining. And since

anarchy cannot survive for long, a “government of the strong hand” – a dictatorship – must by necessity emerge to restore order.

There is, however, good news in this analogy. Matter and anti-matter particles can “change sides” (if you will) and often do in space, mostly with anti-matter changing to matter. Keeping with the analogy, anti-freedom advocates can be converted to freedom and speak out to others against their former side. We have seen this happen in recent years as members of the Antifa and BLM movements have come to recognize their folly and left those groups.

You who read this may be thinking that *I have to pick a side*. It’s likely that you already are on the side of freedom; all you need is to educate yourself on the details so that you can educate others. Speaking out is what is necessary, especially when your kid comes home from college spouting copious amounts of prattle over a socialist system that has never worked in practice without ultimately resorting to brutality and bloodshed.

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