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### **REARRANGING THE DECK CHAIRS – THE WORLD TODAY**

You may have always wondered why and how the orchestra on the Titanic could have continued to play as the ship sank into the frigid waters and they too were engulfed.

An amazing act of courage and consideration for the passengers? Certainly.

Personal sacrifice for others? A contribution to peace in a time of horror? Probably.

Another possibility exists: They didn't know what else to do. Men were not being allowed in the lifeboats anyway. So they played while the ship sank. Certainly with higher motives they played, but this is a bit like the old saying of Nero fiddling while Rome burned.

And in this they are not unlike many Americans. What do I mean? Well, many Americans at least somewhat have recognized things are not going well in the country. Something is wrong. Even the political polls have uncovered this view among the majority. But, and here's the tragic part, most Americans don't know what else to do about it all. They are like the Titanic musicians. So they go to work and care for the kids and struggle to make the monthly debt payments on the mortgage and the credit cards and the car loan. And all the while the nation sinks away from its former greatness and its original objectives.

Why are they so lost? Most Americans today sadly do not know the heritage of the country, the amazing struggles of the founding generations, the struggle of the spiritual fathers like the pilgrims, the dreams that were held. This could all be taught in history classes and also in churches, but evidently it is not because most don't seem to know much about it all. Witness the totally ignorant answers of people on the street when entertainers or reporters take a microphone into a crowd and ask such questions as "What did George Washington do?" or "Who is the Vice President?"

We have let the evil one have his way, and he has corrupted the educational system, the court system, taken away our basic freedoms, corrupted the entertainment and news media...well, he has because Americans have let this happen. If Americans had known the Bible, had known Jesus Christ, had known who a true believer is in Jesus, had known their history, had known how to fight attacks from the evil side, they could have stopped this. But they allowed the evil one to march on in so many ways, such as the court decisions that took God out of schools and

away from the public places despite the fact that the overwhelming majority disagreed with all this. The people forgot that this was a government by and for the people. They preferred to remain mute and invisible as they were robbed of all things of real value. For some reason, they were meek and did not respond as the generation in WWII or those who fought with Washington and froze in Valley Forge or so many more.

Well, those past heroic generations did have bold leaders, which the country certainly has not had. Are there none out there in the land today? Don't know. Maybe not. Maybe it at last clearly is all beyond the abilities of man. Maybe at last people will realize what has been true all along – only God has the answers. They have to depend on God. Without him, they are lost.

**Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!**

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