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Dear fellow countrymen and countrywomen, I greet you with the words: Praised be Jesus Christ!

States ought to be very satisfied. Our country flows According to our all-knowing calculators and statisticians, people living these United with milk and honey.

We have everything in abundance. We back up our needs in cyphers. We have workers and salaries in the millions. Every week without end, salaries are brought home in stuffed envelopes Wages are through the roof, the biggest in the history of our nation. Our schools, elementary, high and higher education are filled with the possibility of armed forces in defense of our democratic way of life. We have an arsenal of atomic bombs, which can wipe our adversaries off the face of the earth. We have the highest standard of living among nations. Our people lives better and more comfortably than King Midas the owner of countless treasures. Finally we are proud of and boast of our democratic way of life. We stand at the head of all nations of this earth. How marvelous do all these things look on paper. How glibly are all these things as we look at them as cyphers on paper. But in spite of this manifold goodness, these material things, does our nation have peace, satisfaction and happiness? Not really! And people argue: okay, as a nation we have this spectacular income, but look as the cost of living and the national debt. Our educational institutions are filled? What are the students taught? They eat and drink and search for more. These universities manufacture the hot dog and sausage, but do not form in students’ character and the way of faith. Okay? We have atom bombs, but worry about the other counties which may have the bombs also. Okay, we have our democracy which in time may become a tyranny if in that democracy there are no links to protect the principles of democracy to the principles of Christianity. The citizens of our country are not so easily convinced as one might think. Praising prosperity and crowing in honor of democracy is in disbelief, and has to be taken as a grain of salt, because it is very disturbing like movie trailers on the

future outlook of the country. Among them, in the darkest tragedy which plays out in our country, namely the permanent distancing of the nation, especially by the intellectual and very educated people, from the fundamental principles of religion which unify people in a beautiful unity. It seems that man in his race for his own bit of goodness, loses his dignity in the beehive of humanity. Quite a few ministers and preachers instead of keeping view of taking care of vocations join politics or preaching and see in these professions the curing of American society. And our society is reminiscent of the Biblical Tower of Babel. And so to our talk entitled:

 WITH FAITH OR WITHOUT FAITH

 Several months ago, the census bureau announced the results of the last population statistics of our nation. We learned that the population of the United States grew to one hundred and fifty million people. From this calculation around thirty seven million people attend church regularly. What remains is 115 million. The statics show that about 90 million do not belong to any church and do not acknowledge having any faith. The rest, 25 million are neither believing or non-believing; having some kind of religion or no religion at all. They go to church now and then like Catholics on Christmas and Easter. And that is the tradition here in the United States, the last ditch stand for freedom and democracy in the world, in this modern world which is tamed and enslaved by the Communistic Russian bear. And this happens in this country which according to Abraham Lincoln, is one country in all peoples protected by God. This frightening indifference, the unfeeling coldness and anesthetic to the church and religion, which in our times, is at least one agent and the only moral force, capable of building a molding character that would be able to effectively resist the rudiments of the enemy, striving to lift the world order; the destruction of everything valuable in the spiritual field and the moral indifference and coldness should install fear and terror in the soul of every free man, every Christian, every free and honest person in the United States. A week ago I proved that a man without faith is not happy; that people without God are unhappy; so what is a nation without God? After all, a nation is nothing more than a collection of people who live in one country held together by traditions, laws, for the common good. Perhaps a better definition would be the totality of citizens of one country. If then, one person

\ in that totality is faithless and unhappy, could a nation without God and faith be happy? Prohaszka, a Hungarian Bishop, in his meditation figures this way:

Look at the flower, which has be cut away through a storm; what happens to it? See what happens to stream when it flows over its bonds. Look at a baby bird which fell out of its nest – what happens to it? Look at a spark unhinging itself from the sun – what happens to it? Look at the star which went off its track? Look at a man who has detached from his way – What befalls him? Look at a nation which does not recognize God – what happens to it? One does not have to go back to 1793 to the French revolution when God was thrown out of it borders and the religion of Christ was replaced by the religion of intellect? Permit me to pen a few scenes. The first is like this: When the United Nation was praised for it’s the reigning faith – the faith of reason, the horde of revolutionaries determined a special public celebration, and they chose the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. They celebrated by having a dancer dressed with a miter and priestly garments. They gave her a consecrated chalice filled with champagne to worthily honor their new goddess- Reason! The drunken Frenchmen drank and bowed to the obeisance to the Queen of Reason who danced and sang dirty and tabloid songs. As a reward, they gave her relics, albs, and surplices. The stacked them in a pile in the middle of the Cathedral. They converted the Church of St Eus tace into a restaurant, a café filled with piles of food and bottles. The Goddess “Reason” served the congregation. Children were dispensed, given privileges and the “pious” worshipers laughed at the antics of the drunken children. Such was the result of abandoning God and rejecting religion. The guillotine went into operation. Cutting off heads morning until night and from evening until morning. People were drowned; no respect as to women or children. In November and December of 1793, in the environs of Nantes, beheadings, mass shooting, and drownings counted about fifteen thousand victims. The chronicler Lebon wrote: “The heads of princes, barons, marquees, priests and religious and plain people fell like rain” -From that time on the star of France began to dim, blanch and today it fails to shine brightly. With the loss of faith, France was was relegated

to the street. The unity of the nation began to wane. In current times, France, as a nation, modern France, is only a impoverished. It lost its vitality, energy, and elan. Morality skeleton, a portion of the France that was, powerful, honorable and faithful. But, as I already mentioned, I need not delve further into history, to prove the worth of a nation without faith, without God. Among others of our time, German Hitlerism and Russian Communism are examples. I have no need to repeat what happened in the German Third Reich and there where the policy of Hitlerism engaged in the Second World War and the events in Russia. It still recurs in the teachings of Communism behind the Iron Curtain. (sic) It is now 50 years after WWII (2016). What has happened with the nation, which has turned from religion and faith in God as it turned into a secular state? What has happened with the huge state of Russian and what is the result of Communist teachings? What has happened when nations who gave up God and Religion? It turned into a legion of executioneers and brutality; the nation was changed into one large jail! What has happened in the great Russia when the crazy government systematically and without concern for the souls which were choked out of their spark and flame of faith. Millions were murdered; others rotted away in concentration camps. Spies cruise throughout the nations seeking new victims. Life is not only cheap but worth nothing; one does not see any happy faces. They live lives of sadness and oppression. They were deprived of religion and their God; deprived of the light of their faith. Where there is no God, life revolves around man’s failing to recognize the worth of human life and the relationship to the Creator of all. If there is no God there is no compassion, pity or mercy; true nation cannot be built without those characteristics. A sincere and honorable man is reckoned as a freak, a moron and an idiot! Communists teach that faith is superfluous; that in view of faith, which teaches mercy, honesty, forgiveness and love the enemy cannot built a country! This is an old and perverse argument. Almost every Caesar, every emperor, every temporary victor, maintained something similar. “The world can’t be built by prayer.” “Gentleness cannot put up the building of the State.” So also may speak the staunch unbeliever, jester and coxcomb! History teaches us that the foundation, underpinning and upholding of a man, country or na tion is faith. Who would be smug enough to maintain that you

can built a many floored sky scraper without a deep and sturdy foundation? What is the use of a military nation, the use of the best commerce and industry if there is a lack of fundamental morality from which the public, political, family and social gives it strength? Where does morality come from? From faith in God! To a faithless nation, the words of Seneca who quoted the words of Hannibal: “He won by force of arms but his faults won over him.” The nation which lost the battle lost much. The nation which lost the war lost more. The nation which lost faith, lost everything. In the biblical book of Proverbs we read: “Justice puts the nation on a pedestal, but sin makes its people miserable.” Take for a good example, the political searching campaign for votes when the various political work to seek votes. They stand behind microphone and speak in the name of the party they belong to. They bring out the artillery to shoot down their opponents. The public, this man and this woman, this forgotten contributor and this middle class citizen: their hair stands on their heads from fear. All these poor listeners let themselves be convinced that the United States will utterly perish, unless this or that political party will lose in the nominations. They believe that the existence of this or that party, that this or that party’s losses will occur in the hands in either party. What a fatal error what a terrible mistake; everything depends and is in God’s hands; it all rests in the lap of the Lord. Our nation cannot endure without the hand of God. It cannot build with or without God’s hands. It can build with the help of God. It ought to endure on the eternal, unchanging principles of God which will help to build a great nation, but if the principle are taken lightly and neglected then the nation will lose its abilities and with be affected with cancer and in the end, it will die. God revealed the way to obtain national greatness. The principles are plain and easy and clear. Beside their clarity and simplicity, the nation builders with deep reverence and respect admit I was right reasoning. “Justice makes for a greater nation, but sin makes the people miserable. This is not theory, this is no assumption, it is not pious talk, - it is history. Perhaps you don’t believe. Stand in front of the Jerusalem Temple; tour the Sahara

Desert, see the ruined walls of Babylon and Assyria. Look along dales of the Nile River, you will see the ruins of the marble columns of the ruined palaces and amphitheaters; everything gives testimony to a ruined nation as punishment for sin. And what happened to the Roman Empire? How about the territories of Alexander the Great? How about Cyrus the Great of the Achaemenid empire? Wherever you go in this world, you will find ruins of long gone empires, long gone nations that once existed. Testimonials, relics of civilizations which declined evidence themselves in relics and it is still happening and will happen as Isaiah, the prophet, says in sacred scripture: “The nation or kingdom which does not serve God will be lost and nations will turn into ruins. Perhaps the American Nation is without fault or criticism? Having eyes, look at our society. How much cheating, theft, bribery, etc. is there in the midst in the midst of countless laws? A report: The subsidiary of the largest public utility in the world and of the world’s largest corporation, symbol of our greatness, aiding racketeers to violator lw and thus destroy faith in our representative government.” Look at the constant battle between labor and capital? Workers accuse the workers of laziness, incompetence, negligence in the workplace – it is endless. In our country we have at our disposal plenty of opportunity and goods. Even though we have all this plenty there are thousands families deprived of food or in need of shelter, impoverished parts of our cities. How do we explain this situation? We have in our federal treasury masses of gold, two thirds of the world’s gold. In addition in our colleges and universities we have the very learned, the well-educated. We have the most schools; there is no other country on earth equal such institutions, so many prisons and prisoners as we have here in the United States, so many correctional institutions. Who’s fault is it? Government and the individual citizen! It is the reward for the lack of faith. The guilt for neglecting a moral posture; The result of a life without God; a life without morality, because God cannot be where there are no moral laws. Hold on! This is not the end. Fear was created, because in the floodplain of society there turned out to be a new plague, intimidating plague that fell on numerous hosts of children and young people. Crime of minors! Murders, killings, suicides, use of narcotics and many other crimes, such as I will

not list. Are you seeking reasons for this? The reason is: because God is not present in the lives of the children and so there is no morality. As far as the parents are concerned, there is neglect to teach children about morality, right and wrong. That neglect and lack of care is sinful. They do not take care of the children entrusted to them through the grace of the Creator. Such children do not know the authority that God is and so they are not conscious of any laws issued by the Creator. The horizons of our country show two more harmful in the making: colossal federal debt and a spirit of anarchy and a coup under the mask of communism, which warns the nation. Here is the prize, or rather the punishment, with which the Creator punishes the nation. God’s justice comes down on every revolution against His laws! - “Sin makes people miserable, a nation not governed by God – perishes – every nation without exception, without regards as to its riches or its power greatness. Who is to say that even though these are our qualities that we also would be undergo some calamity? I must admit that because our great resources coupled with our newly gotten technology, we are able to fortify our nation’s borders from the influx of enemies. We are able to protect the air influx of the enemy by our squadrons of airplanes, bombers, and missiles; we have he capability of creating quantities of airplanes and many aircraft carriers; but is it possible to protect our nations from the almighty hand of God, who is Lord of Lords? Do not say that we have such great capabilities and plans to cover every eventuality, because “all the plans of mice and men are oft put asunder” not matter how diligently and resourcefully they are executed if the nation gets rid of God but blasphemes Him as well. It will ultimately collapse and in the rubbles not only buries its supporters, followers and apostles, and together with them the innocent as well. Above totally lost glory and splendor of long-lost country, at the crumbling triumphal arches of the right hand of the Creator and in the pen of history outlined the verdict: Reward for sin! "- the voice of the prophet reminding us that “righteousness exalts a nation” is neither a chimera nor delusion, nor ever lost hope . It is God’s truth and a historical

fact.” Whenever and wherever the people turned to God, there the country became the salt of the nation, the salt that preserved the traditions and so prevented the decline of the nation. It is there that the good, satisfied, and joyful live blossomed. The first group of Christians, in a very short time, changed the fact of the earth. They delivered the status of marriage to the altar; raised the status of women from the street and put them on the pedestal of dignity and beside her the child strengthening the care of it and making it a child of God! That same group of believers gave us the work ethic its dignity; before this, work was considered something belittling and shameful, which was looked upon as slavery. The coming of faith established it as reasoned and free. In a word, that scrappy group of believers in spite of persecution brought about what they could not before accomplish and all philosophers and statesmen could not in the old world. It bestowed upon humanity justice; a justice which uplifts a nation. There is no even on this earth, which faith cannot be victorious over; but such faith changes people into a civilization; people are brothers and sisters to one another in and they become just, noble and merciful; see with a sober eye a new world and a new way of viewing it. Judgement looks upon divorce as divisive in the social structure. Children of the new marriage acquire faith; the parents kneel with them in prayers to the Creator. Our penal institutions are filled with criminals; records maintain and these unfortunates come from homes where they are bereft of religion. In this cloudy and sad state of affairs, how can we dare to assure happiness to the people and assure the greatness of the nation. We wish to build toward the future: without thought of doing it! And so, we need to build according to God’s guiding hand. The plans are inherent in the commandments of Gd. The plans rest in the love of God and neighbor, on honesty and justice. The are related to family life, society and nation. We do not consider the plans of reformers, social workers, shallow thinkers who do not recognize the authority of God; they believe nothing themselves but looking at society they write various recipe for the moral posture, which turn virtue to ashes as in the American pioneers: religiosity, respect for the law, equality in brotherhood, a

work ethic, sobriety and the love of freedom. They advise therefore, something to improve the educational system, strengthen the construction of the character of the wider sports, and even dances; adopt new modern ones, as if we already didn’t have enough but, what is most interesting is that the school of learned atheists maintain that every American man and woman ought to get checked out by psychiatrists, who after checking the intellects of fifty million citizens, advise as to what to do. What childish tactics, talk about pulling the wool over people’ eyes. Can all these ploys or even all of them change human nature, which is wavering and unstable in regard to human will and the weakened will of people. Give me a break. All of these attempts to subdue the flesh which is weakened are to no avail. There is only one and only medication which is capable and salvific not the so-called “modern faith”. But the faith of Him who said, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” And a1nthe other words, “Without me you can do no good. I assume to the Cross, who took upon his shoulders your sins and mine in order to save us from our sins and open the gates of heaven to humanity, to expiate for our sins. His faith must return to our families. It must enlighten us, warm the heart, give live back to our souls. The Faith of Christ out to be asked back to American schools, in order that our youth be able to face the exigencies of daily life. The faith should come back into our commercial and business lives; in our courts, federal governance. Unless the faith of Christ be rekindled on American life by its industrious labor, sobriety, and love of freedom. The advice is then to repair the education system; strengthen the building of character through sports, even dances, and virtuous lives; then we can be assured that our country will have a good and salutary future. Oh that the Good God, creates nations and erases them, will take care of our nation in critical times.