

Dear Miss Taylor:

## Re: That We Might Be Free –Parts I and 2

Submitted by Dora S. Young

I have been reading with interest your articles on “That We Might Be Free”. These articles with pictures are so true and sobering. I’m sure you’ve heard and know the old saying “If we don’t pay attention to history, its bound to repeat itself”.

‘This is why it will be very important to draw close to our Father in Heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. If we stay close to God in prayer and worship He will keep us under His loving watch care from the Great Tribulation (See Revelation and Isaiah).

When we stay close to Jehovah, our Father in Heaven, He promises to take us to a Place of Safety but in order for us to qualify for His protection, we must be obedient to

Him by keeping His 10 Commandments including His Holy weekly Sabbath-Obedience brings His blessings-disobedience bring His curses.

To that end, and as we approach the End Times, included is an article from the Trumpet magazine published monthly from the Philadelphia Church of God, Edmond OK entitled “7 Challenges Facing the New President” that America and her peoples are facing in the not too distant future!

I know the Presidential Elections will be over by the time this issue is published, however I wanted to submit this article as food for thought.

Thank you and I look forward to your next article.

## 7 Challenges Facing the Next President

By Robert Morley, from the October/November 2012 Trumpet Print Edition  
submitted by Dora Young

Will Mitt Romney pull America out of its financial dive? Or will Barack Obama turn it around since he will have eight years to work with instead of four? Both candidates are framing the presidential election as an economic choice. Many Americans believe this is a choice between fiscal sustainability and economic collapse. Others believe it is about social justice and who will shoulder the economic burden. But let’s look at some apolitical realities about America’s economy that the next president, whoever he is, will have to face.

Challenge 1: Conceptualize \$1 trillion

One million seconds is 12 days. One billion seconds is more than 31 years. One trillion seconds is about 31,688 years!

That is what a trillion is in seconds. In dollars, America goes more than \$1 trillion further into debt every year. The federal government’s total yearly budget is only \$3.7 trillion. So, close to a third of our total spending per year is borrowed. That means that if the new president wants to suddenly balance the budget, he will have to cut almost a third of the entire federal budget.

Most of the budget-balancing would need to be done by cutting funding—because there simply is not enough left to tax. According to Mike Shedlock from Global Economic Trend Analysis, even if the government taxed 100 percent of profits from every corporation in America and confiscated every single asset of the super-wealthy (like Warren Buffet and Bill Gates), it still wouldn’t even get close to balancing the budget. We would still have to “take the combined salaries of all players in the NFL, Major League Baseball, the NBA and the NHL, cut military spending by \$254 billion, and tax everything people make above \$250,000 at a 100 percent tax rate,” Shedlock says.

That’s unrealistic. But so is the expectation that America can keep borrowing trillions forever.

Of the more than \$1 trillion America borrowed last year, about half was money the Federal Reserve created out of thin air. Why did the Fed do it that way? Because foreigners would not lend it at the interest rates America wanted.

This is a clear sign that America’s deficit is dangerously unsustainable.

And regardless of whether the next U.S. president decides to cut spending, increase taxes or both, our deficit will inflict huge gashes in an economy that is unstable and probably already in recession again.

Challenge 2: Come to grips with the nation’s debt

As huge as America’s deficit is, the bigger threat is America’s practically unfathomable debt. America’s official fed-

eral debt is over \$16 trillion, but that is only the tip of the iceberg. America has promised its citizens tens of trillions more in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Laurence Kotlikoff, professor of economics at Boston University, puts America’s total liabilities at a mind-boggling \$222 trillion. Go back and re-conceptualize a trillion.

Not all of this money is due at once, but increasing portions will be as America’s 80 million baby boomers retire. There is not a chance that America can pay this bill.

America’s next president will have to cut much if not most of the promises that have been made to retirees—and even if he cuts them all, his government will still owe that official \$16 trillion.

The most imminently dangerous part about this debt is refinancing risk. America is constantly borrowing money to pay back money that is coming due. Right now, borrowing rates are good, because Europe appears to be in worse shape. But when Europe eventually gets its act together—and it will—America won’t have as many willing lenders.

Challenge 3: Get a handle on uncontrollable welfare dependency

The U.S. federal government now funds 79 welfare programs: 11 programs just for housing assistance, 12 for social services, three for energy and utility assistance, 12 for food aid, 12 for various education assistance—on top of nine for vocational training, three for childcare and child development, seven for medical assistance and 10 providing cash assistance.

Add to that a myriad of welfare-type programs at the local city and county levels.

The total price tag for just federal and state welfare programs came to almost \$1 trillion in 2011, according to the Heritage Foundation (see Challenge 1). So almost a third of America’s yearly budget now goes to welfare.

And if nothing is done, the share of welfare spending in the federal budget will dramatically increase. Under the current 10-year budget, federal welfare spending alone will total \$1.57 trillion by 2022.

There is no easy fix. In fact, there may be no fix at all. About one in three Americans get some sort of government hand-out. Politicians can cut spending—but not without massively damaging the economy. The economy is addicted to government spending. There are whole industries that cater to welfare dependency. Go cold turkey, and the president can expect massive economic, if not social, upheaval.

Challenge 4: Work with a corrupt and collapsing banking system

(To be continued in December)

## Church of God Bible Study Schedule for November and Early December 2012

The schedule and topics for the Church of God Bible Study for November and early December 2012 at the Sac and Fox Chapel, beginning at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., is as follows:

On November 10, 2012: The Study will be on: “God’s Master Plan of Salvation for Mankind”

On November 17, 2012 - The Study will be on “Is God Fair”

On November 24, 2012 - The Study will be on “Drought”

On December 1, 2012 - The Study will be on “Does God Control the Weather?”

The Study topics have been carried forward since we had to re-schedule due to a funeral and inclement weather. If you have not seen the Sa and Fox Chapel it is a very nice building - the Chapel Committee have done an excellent job of design for

the building.

If there is enough in attendance at some future time, arrangements will be made for a Church of God pastor to give the Worship Service.

All are welcome to attend and please bring your Bibles. It will be a round-table discussion and Scripture reading by all. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel dining room at each Study.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call Dora Young at 405-382-7941 and leave a message if I am away from home. In case of inclement weather, non-availability of the Chapel, a funeral, etc. the Study will be cancelled.

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## NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2012 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

As the first people to live on the land we all cherish, American Indians and Alaska Natives have profoundly shaped our country’s character and our cultural heritage. Today, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society -- from the classroom, to the boardroom, to the battlefield. This month, we celebrate and honor the many ways American Indians and Alaska Natives have enriched our Nation, and we renew our commitment to respecting each tribe’s identity while ensuring equal opportunity to pursue the American dream.

In paying tribute to Native American achievements, we must also acknowledge the parts of our shared history that have been marred by violence and tragic mistreatment. For centuries, Native Americans faced cruelty, injustice, and broken promises. As we work together to forge a brighter future, we cannot shy away from the difficult aspects of our past. That is why, in 2009, I signed a bipartisan resolution that finally recognized the sad and painful chapters in our shared history. My Administration remains dedicated to writing a new chapter in that history by strengthening our government-to-government relationship with tribal nations while enhancing tribal sovereignty and tribal self-determination.

Because we know that the best ideas for tribal nations come from within, my Administration has continued to engage tribal leaders in developing an agenda that respects their expertise on matters affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives. In collaboration with tribal nations, we are making critical investments to improve health and education services, create jobs, and strengthen tribal economies. In July, I was proud to sign the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act into law, which will enhance tribal control over the leasing of Indian lands. Last December, I signed an Executive Order to expand educational opportunities for Native American students. It aims to preserve Native languages, cultures, and histories while offering a

competitive education that prepares young people to succeed in college and careers. And under the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Safe Indian Communities initiative, we are continuing to work with tribes to build safer communities. My Administration also supports the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Many longstanding Native American legal claims against the United States have been resolved, which will help accelerate the restoration of trust in our relationships with tribal nations. The settlements that came out of these claims -- including the historic Cobell and Keepseagle settlements, as well as more than 50 settlements in cases alleging Federal mismanagement of tribal trust funds and resources -- will put an end to decades of litigation and help drive economic development in tribal communities in the years to come.

In partnership with tribal nations, my Administration has addressed injustices and built new avenues of opportunity for American Indians and Alaska Natives. As we celebrate National Native American Heritage Month, let us move forward in the spirit of mutual understanding and mutual trust, confident that our challenges can be met and that our shared future is bright.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 23, 2012, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

BARACK OBAMA

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Conducted by Dora S. Young  
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Lunch will be served 12 noon - 1pm



## Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

### Domestic Violence Program

**Mission Statement**

*The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma’s Domestic Violence mission is to eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence. Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence program serves Native American families and Non-Native families by providing advocacy in the areas of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Dating Violence.*



### The Domestic Violence Department provides services to:

Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault (on call 24 hours per day), Stalking, and/or Dating Violence. We serve Native and non-Native victims as well as their children, as these problems affect everyone in our community. When a victim flees the situation they often leave behind all of their belongings, that’s where we step in, offering a hand up to the victim. We offer advocacy for the victim, through the process of court, counseling, housing and utility assistance, referrals as needed (for services ASTDV does not provide), shelter, and transitional housing. We have four transitional houses fully furnished, where victims will be provided the opportunity to get an education and obtain job skills. Emergency transportation can be provided as well. For questions regarding necessary paperwork in order to receive assistance please contact the AST Domestic Violence Office.

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National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233  
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