

Not spiritually deep, but unmistakably true.

Consider this

My friend sent me an article about "all this stuff" that's going on around us, and all the spiritual implications with regard to end times, antichrist, mark of the beast, etc, etc, etc... (I hope I don't sound dismissive, cuz I believe we're fast approaching this point.)

But at the end of the article the author breaks down the gist of "*all this stuff*" thus, in a way that **Anyone** can comprehend...

"If you accept the idea the government has the rightful power to inject a substance into someone against their will (or pressure them to submit), then government power has no limit.

Unfortunately, far too many people believe the government does hold this power. And their belief enables the mark of the beast system, creating a world ripe for the rise of the Antichrist."

Decisions mean things, and I guess we'll all have to decide just how far we're willing to take our compliance or non-compliance.

Consider this

Someone ask if you wanna take a ride to the store. Their spouse needs something to finish the dinner. You ignore them. They ask again, and again. You ignore them again and again. Finally, they go to the store without you, after you've made them late by not responding/answering/going.

The store's closed, and it was the last one open.

You didn't go, they didn't get the stuff, the dish was not finished and the meal was ruined.

You didn't say anything, neither did you do anything, therefore it's not your fault and you had nothing to do with the unfinished dish nor the ruined meal. Your inaction had no impact on the situation. Right?

That is a mundane example, but it is an accurate one.

While some dispute the attribution of this quote to Dietrich Bonhoeffer (I do not), the truth of the words rings in my heart.

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

Confused?

Consider this

Judas Iscariot betraying Jesus of Nazareth was foreordained by God.

Period.

Some would therefore excuse Judas' guilt. Perhaps even the One whom provided for our forgiveness,

Jesus Himself, would also consider forgiving the one whom God used to fulfill that which was foreordained of God.

But I don't think so.

At the "Last Supper" Jesus said, "*The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.*"

Find a voice and speak. Find a way to act and act, for it is true. God will not hold us guiltless.

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