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As we are living in the last days, Christians will have to be as conscious of security as the first century Christians were. During the first century, Christians used symbols to identify themselves to other Christians. In those days if the authorities knew that you were a Christian, they would have you executed. The Bible informs us that it is going to be the same in the last days.

There are some who think that the Christian fish symbol was a challenge and response between Christians so that they could know if they could talk with each other about the Christian faith or not. In the early days of Christianity, it was extremely hazardous to be known as a Christian. In the near future it will be the same. The Christian community will have to start using some form of encryption for communication. For instance the simple phrase, "Jesus is Lord," becomes:

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I made a simple text file called text.txt and ran the command:

gpg -easr ldc@lrcressy.com text.txt

which produced the above signed and encrypted message. Only those who know the passphrase can unlock its secret.

patches-place:~\$ gpg -d text.txt.asc

You need a passphrase to unlock the secret key for
user: "LeRoy D. Cressy (ldc) <ldc@lrcressy.com>"
2048-bit ELG-E key, ID FBF1253E, created 2004-02-08 (main key ID 8501AFEA)

gpg: encrypted with 2048-bit ELG-E key, ID FBF1253E, created 2004-02-08
"LeRoy D. Cressy (ldc) <ldc@lrcressy.com>"

Jesus is Lord

gpg: Signature made Sun 14 Mar 2004 02:43:09 PM EST using DSA key ID 8501AFEA
gpg: Good signature from "LeRoy D. Cressy (ldc) <ldc@lrcressy.com>"
gpg: aka "LeRoy D. Cressy (ldc) <leroy@lrcressy.com>"
gpg: aka "LeRoy d. Cressy (ldc) <ldc@lrcressy.com>"

This is not a lesson on computer encryption, but is a lesson on the coming need of Christians to once again inaugurate a secure means of communication. This past week, we have heard of the destruction in Madrid Spain. And there is a lot that is not being reported. Throughout history, the Christian has come under attack. The Bible even warns us that we will be hated by even members of our own family.

Mark 13:1-13

- 1 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!
- 2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
- 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,
- 4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things

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shall be fulfilled?

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:

6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.

8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Here we see it foretold of children turning in their parents for being a Christian. The time that is mentioned in the Bible is rapidly approaching. Christians are being hunted by some radical Muslim groups. Just because you live in the United States gives you some freedom. The terrorists have a desire to kill all Christians, Jews, Buddhists, and anyone who is not a Muslim. The first century

Christian needed some security, and the days of no thought of security are gone.

Below is an email I received some time ago that I would like to share with you:

U.S. Navy Capt. Ouimette is the XO of NAS, Pensacola. Here is a copy of the speech he gave earlier this month. A wonderful and accurate account of why we are in trouble today.

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America WAKE UP!

That's what we think we heard on the 11th of September 2001 and maybe it was, but I think it should have been "Get Out of Bed!" In fact, I think the alarm clock has been buzzing since 1979 and we have continued to hit the snooze button and roll over for a few more minutes of peaceful sleep since then.

It was a cool fall day in November 1979 in a country going through a religious and political upheaval when a group of Iranian students attacked and seized the American Embassy in Tehran. This seizure was an outright attack on American soil; it was an attack that held the world's most powerful country hostage and paralyzed a Presidency. The attack on this sovereign US embassy set the stage for the events to follow for the next 23 years.

America was still reeling from the aftermath of the Viet Nam experience and had a serious threat from the Soviet Union when then, President Carter, had to do something. He chose to conduct a clandestine raid in the desert. The ill-fated mission ended in ruin, but stood as a symbol of America's inability to deal with terrorism. America's military had been decimated and downsized / right sized since the end of the Viet Nam war. A poorly trained, poorly equipped and poorly organized military was called on to execute a complex mission that was doomed from the start.

Shortly after the Tehran experience, Americans began to be kidnapped and killed throughout the Middle East. America could do little to protect her citizens living and working abroad. The attacks against US soil continued. In April of 1983 a large vehicle packed with high explosives was driven into the US Embassy compound in Beirut. When it explodes, it kills 63 people. The alarm went off again and America hit the Snooze Button once more.

Then just six short months later a large truck heavily laden down with over 2500 pounds of TNT smashed through the main gate of the US Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut. 241 US servicemen are killed. America mourns her dead and hit the Snooze Button once more.

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Two months later in December 1983, another truck loaded with explosives is driven into the US Embassy in Kuwait, and America continues her slumber. The following year, in September 1984, another van was driven into the gates of the US Embassy in Beirut and America slept. Soon the terrorism spreads to Europe. In April 1985 a bomb explodes in a restaurant frequented by US soldiers in Madrid. Then in August a Volkswagen loaded with explosives is driven into the main gate of the US Air Force Base at Rhein-Main, 22 are killed and the Snooze Alarm is buzzing louder and louder as US soil is continually attacked. Fifty-nine days later a cruise ship, the Achille Lauro is hijacked and we watched as an American in a wheelchair is singled out of the passenger list and executed.

The terrorists then shift their tactics to bombing civilian airliners when they bomb TWA Flight 840 in April of 1986 that killed 4 and the most tragic bombing, Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988, killing 259. America wants to treat these terrorist acts as crimes; in fact we are still trying to bring these people to trial. These are acts of war? the Wake Up alarm is louder and louder.

The terrorists decide to bring the fight to America. In January 1993, two CIA agents are shot and killed as they enter CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. The following month, February 1993, a group of terrorists are arrested after a rented van packed with explosives is driven into the underground parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people are killed and over 1000 are injured. Still this is a crime and not an act of war? The Snooze alarm is depressed again.

Then in November 1995 a car bomb explodes at a US military complex in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia killing seven service men and women. A few months later in June of 1996, another truck bomb explodes only 35 yards from the US military compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. It destroys the Khobar Towers, a US Air Force barracks, killing 19 and injuring over 500.

The terrorists are getting braver and smarter as they see that America does not respond decisively. They move to coordinate their attacks in a simultaneous attack on two US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. These attacks were planned with precision, they kill 224. America responds with cruise missile attacks and goes back to sleep.

The USS Cole was docked in the port of Aden, Yemen for refueling on 12 October 2000, when a small craft pulled along side the ship and exploded killing 17 US Navy Sailors. Attacking a US War Ship is an act of war, but we sent the FBI to investigate the crime and went back to sleep.

And of course you know the events of 11 September 2001. Most Americans think this was the first attack against US soil or in America. How wrong they are. America has been under a constant attack since 1979 and we chose to hit the snooze alarm and roll over and

go back to sleep.

In the news lately we have seen lots of finger pointing from every high official in government over what they knew and what they didn't know.

But if you've read the papers and paid a little attention I think you can see exactly what they knew. You don't have to be in the FBI or CIA or on the National Security Council to see the pattern that has been developing since 1979. The President is right on when he says we are engaged in a war. I think we have been in a war for the past 23 years and it will continue until we as a people decide enough is enough.

America has to "Get out of Bed" and act decisively now. America has changed forever. We have to be ready to pay the price and make the sacrifice to ensure our way of life continues. We cannot afford to hit the Snooze Button again and roll over and go back to sleep. We have to make the terrorists know that in the words of Admiral Yamamoto after the attack on Pearl Harbor "that all they have done is to awaken a sleeping giant."

Thank you very much.
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Pensacola Civitan
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With the signs of the times along with the increased threat, it is time for the Christian to become concerned with their own security. Is your computer safe? Are your children safe? It is not the government's responsibility to provide security. It is your own responsibility to provide the required security for your own family. You may say that you don't know that much about computer security; but you know enough to lock your doors, so the same should hold true for other forms of security. Just as the first century Christian had to provide for their own security, you have to provide for yours. In the first century if anyone knew that you were a Christian, your life would be hanging in the balance. Those days are rapidly coming again. Are you prepared to die for being a Christian? The day and hour is coming where this will no longer be a rhetorical question. The day is soon at hand where if you stand up for your faith in the Lord that you will be executed for that faith. In some countries, that is already the case. The same situation is going to come to America whether you

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want it or not. There will be nothing that the government will be able to do to stop it. We are dealing with fanatics who are willing to blow themselves up in the process. Are you ready to confess your faith knowing that you will die for your confession? The day of the Lord is closer than you think. Just look at what is going on around the world and contemplate how close we are to the days prophesied in the Bible.

As a Christian, you need to look for your own security and to totally trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus calls his church home, will he tell you to enter into the joy of the Lord? It is those who hold fast to the end who will be saved.

Praise the Lord :-)

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