

## **From the President**

# **For Such a Time as This**

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As I have been pondering and praying about what to focus on for my initial President's Page for the AAPS journal, I am frequently reminded of Esther 4:14 from the Holy Scriptures: "For such a time as this." As Queen Esther risked everything and took a bold stand to save her Jewish people from annihilation, so must we collectively as AAPS and individually as independent physicians step up to save our country and medical freedom. We are at a critical time for our nation and for the practice of medicine. If there was ever a time that AAPS was needed, it is now. We must stand against the tidal wave of tyranny.

We are at war for the soul of our nation, yet sadly, most are clueless to the war raging against us. The war is being waged on numerous fronts simultaneously. There is a war on our national sovereignty as well as our individual sovereignty. We are also fighting a war that is attacking the practice of medicine, the expression of faith, and the very fabric of our culture and constitution.

### **War on National Sovereignty**

As we look at the world stage and the powers at play trying to usurp our national sovereignty, the WHO (World Health Organization) has been at the forefront with the pandemic treaty and various avenues to exert their control over our affairs. The WEF (World Economic Forum) comprised of ultrawealthy unelected technocrats is bent on determining what is "best" for us common folk. The Communist Party of China has infiltrated our research, universities, and media. I recently watched the movie *Reagan* regarding the life of our past U.S. President Ronald Reagan and his contributions to our nation, especially his standing strong against communism even in his earlier days in Hollywood. Now we have communists in U.S. government positions. Our national sovereignty is at great risk.

### **War on Individual Sovereignty**

As we look back across the past few years, individual sovereignty has suffered great loss. Restrictions on personal freedoms with lockdowns and mandates took a huge toll that is still affecting individuals. When individuals are not fully sovereign over their own body and life choices, then we are no longer truly a free people. This freedom was annihilated on many levels under the excuse of COVID-19 measures for the "greater good." Our individual sovereignty is also being attacked by propaganda, both by foreign enemies such as the Communist Party of China, via Tik-Tok, as well as domestic enemies within our own government, and much of the mainstream media. In his book *The Indoctrinated Brain*, Michael Nehls, M.D., Ph.D., exposes the globalists' dark agenda with their "global war on the human brain."<sup>1</sup> His book, which I highly recommend, is enlightening and extremely concerning with the attack on our psychological health and cognitive functioning. The

number of people that seem to have lost reasoning and critical thinking skills or even much independent thought process is highly concerning. They plod along listening to the talking heads spew propaganda and can't discern what is true. We are in peril.

### **War on Medicine**

The practice of private medicine has long been a noble profession with the Oath of Hippocrates as its core, but medicine has lost its way. The focus on the health and wellbeing of each individual patient has been shifted to the "greater good," as determined by the reigning authorities. Medicine has also been hijacked by "woke" agendas, and in some regards has shifted from healing to harm, such as abortion and gender surgeries. It is no longer the good of the patient, but rather the demands of the patient. The recent DEI (Diversity–Equity–Inclusion) philosophy being pushed in medical schools and continuing medical education puts the practice of medicine and the safety of patients in danger. We must keep medicine a profession based on merit.

The FDA, the CDC, and many pharmaceutical companies have been corrupted. The FDA's abject failure in its mission to ensure the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals and therapeutics was paramount with the COVID-19 injections that were promoted as vaccines and as safe and effective when they were none of these. The definition of vaccine was changed to force these onto the public. At the same time, medications that were safe and effective were restricted, and Hippocratic physicians who used these treatment options for the benefit of patients were attacked. The FDA has been suppressing other safe treatments for patients, such as some homeopathic remedies and peptides. My patients found many of these treatment options to be very beneficial before access to them was banned. Compounding pharmacies were cut off at the knees by the FDA prohibiting them from making helpful remedies for the good of patients.

### **War on Faith**

Eric Metaxas in his book *Letter to the American Church* draws historical parallels between the failure of the religious leaders during the Nazi regime and the failure of pastors, priests, and rabbis in our current time to courageously and unambiguously speak out against the anti-religious forces that threaten to permanently transform American society and our beacon of freedom and justice to the world.<sup>2</sup> Almighty God warns us in Holy Scripture through the prophet Isaiah, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." (Isaiah 5:20)

In addition to the failure of those who should be calling out and confronting evil, we see the forces of evil mounting against people of faith, such as the FBI targeting traditional Catholics or parents standing up for their children at school board meetings as

“domestic terrorists,” and treating whistleblowers who are calling out wrong as if they are the ones in the wrong. Dr. Ben Carson in his recent book *The Perilous Fight: Overcoming Our Culture’s War on the American Family* writes about the battle for the soul of our nation, especially the attack on two essential pillars of American society, faith and the nuclear family: “We are facing an enemy who wishes to destroy us, not with rockets, bombs, or ballistics of any kind, but from within.”<sup>3</sup>

## War on Culture

The very fabric of our culture and civil society is being pummeled by Marxist groups such as Black Lives Matter, the George Floyd riots, anti-Semitic protests, and open borders. When a country does not have a secure border and does not enforce its laws, it will cease to be a strong, sovereign country.

Our nation is being invaded, and persons entering illegally are being transplanted into small communities across the country. This is changing the local culture of many communities, especially smaller towns. A friend who works for a local government agency has shared the frustrations of not having resources to assist our local citizens who are struggling to make ends meet and yet having ample resources designated for those non-citizens who have come into our country illegally from other countries.

After Springfield, Ohio, was brought up during the Trump and Harris presidential “debate,” my first patient the following morning asked me whether I had watched the “debate.” I acknowledged that I had, and she informed me that she was from Springfield and had been there recently to visit her family. She shared with me pictures of the havoc taking place in this formerly pleasant community, and said that she did not feel safe to return and visit her family again. Innocent, law-abiding citizens are having their lives torn apart by foreign invasion. Springfield and many other communities are being reduced to developing-country status with the influx of non-citizens, realignment of resources, rising crime, and inflation-induced poverty. I see a noticeable influx and change of demographics in the community where I live.

Another invasion is of militarily capable young men from enemy countries entering freely and establishing themselves inside our country. Even several years ago in his book *American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Among Us*, author Steven Emerson addressed the concern of this influx and establishment of sleeper cells, and this was prior to the massive invasion we have seen in these past few years.<sup>4</sup> We are a sitting target. Our enemies are poised to topple us from within.

## War on Justice

We have seen the widening gap of a two-tiered justice system and the weaponization of the Department of Justice. “Justice” is no longer an accurate description of this federal agency. The recent targeting of political opponents as well as of law-abiding American citizens, never before tolerated in America, is a disgrace to our judicial system. This is about power, not justice. The efforts of “court reform” are also about power, not the rule of law. In an article titled “Court Reform or Political Coup? Politicization of the Supreme Court Threatens Judicial Independence,” Kelly Shackelford, Esq., of First Liberty Institute, states: “In truth, ‘court reform’ is nothing more than a desperate attack to subvert the legitimacy of the U.S. Supreme Court because it contains a majority of justices committed

to the constitution and originalism. If this coup succeeds, the rule of law will be over as the judiciary will become little more than a political tool of whomever holds power.”<sup>5</sup>

## For Such a Time as This

In conclusion, despite this war being waged against us, we must not lose hope. Hope is powerful. We the People must unite. This war being waged against us is much bigger than most realize. We are in the midst of psychological and spiritual warfare. This war is good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, truth vs. lies. As we stand for what is good, righteous, just and truthful, Almighty God is on our side. Just as Queen Esther stood up to the powerful king, and just as David stood up against the powerful Goliath, we as AAPS must continue to take a bold stand against evil, injustice, and lies. Thankfully, AAPS has a strong track record of standing boldly and not backing down from the fight.

By joining together, AAPS gives us a united voice against tyranny and evil. We must stand against the raging tide. “For such a time as this.” If you are an AAPS member, thank you for standing on the front lines of the battle. If you are not an AAPS member, please join us. We have various membership categories. With the help of Almighty God, we like the examples of Queen Esther and David will continue to stand boldly against our foes and the evil that is warring against us.

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