Is it Dusk Moving Toward Midnight or Dawn Moving Toward Noon Time?
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Proclamation Against Edom

11 The [d] burden against Dumah. He calls to me out of Seir, “Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?”
12 The watchman said, “The morning comes, and the night. If you will inquire, inquire; Return! Come back!”
Isaiah 21:11-12

There is a burden against Dumah. Duma means “silence of the night and of death. Seir is a central mountain range of Edom that is heavily forested area, that is inhabited by the Edomite people.

- The watchman is on the wall
- People are confused because its night and they have no lights, except for the stars and you couldn’t see them if it is cloudy.
- They had no GPS, no technical direction.
• They found themselves stumbling and afraid and asking the watchman who was on the wall, ---what of the night?

**How long will it be dark?**
**Will it be dark always?**

The *watchman said,*

“the morning comes, and the night will come again. We must be prepared to fight and survive, by day and by night.

**A fundamental question is whether it is the dusk moving towards midnight, or dawn moving towards noon?**

There is a certain darkness in our nation today. Elections based upon who has the most money, the most deceptive ads, the real capacity to suppress votes without any conscious restraints.

**What time is it? …**

**I. When POTUS says he is a nationalist presiding over a multicultural country and a global world we must ask the question:**

**What time is it?**

• White male supremacy has no export value in the world today.
When elections in Georgia are determined by the referee and the score keeper who is the player presiding over the game

**What time is it?**

- Can you imagine a football game, the review and the close call, the player accused of committing the foul judges the review?

- Race and racism are used interchangeably
  - Race is the division of peoples in the world.
    - There is no harm in people taking on their parents, their geography and topography, whether they are living in the extremes of the equator or on the equator itself.
    - There is no sin in that.
  - Racism is the idea that one people is superior to another. That is to say:
    - The first and the most of all things valuable.
    - The other is the least and the last.

Such a nation challenges the ontological make up of all mankind. God cannot be pleased with racism.
That is policy at every level: educational, political, economic and criminal justice systems.
When the President arbitrarily threatens a counter investigation if he is investigated--- such abuse of power contributes to the darkness.

- Affordable healthcare spitefully named obamacare to turn sick people away from it. (They want an omelet without the eggs)

- The President puts babies in cages on the border as a tactic of deterrence to keep their families from fleeing terrorists.

- The President threatens illegally to send our troops to the US. boarder to stop an imaginary invasion. If this be true, he might as well use a few of the troops to remove poem written on the statue of Liberty by______________________________ _____.

- There is a danger in the powerful abusing border babies. Moses was such a baby. Through the genius of his mother, Moses was spared, and rose up to lead a nation. Jesus was a border baby. He was taken to Egypt as an immigrant, became a refugee, and grew to become a millennial whose values redirected the course of the world.
• What time is it when voter suppression becomes art work and a sport violating rights Hispanics and Native Americans.

• What time is it when manipulated against each other?

II. How does one navigate in the darkness?

  o To some people it means sleep or to hide
  o To others it means to surrender
  o To others it means work while the enemy is asleep.
  o There was a ship captain and crew when to the harbor to drink and have a party. Robert Smalls, a slave, took the confederate ship by night and steered it to freedom in the dark.

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    But I submit to you—stars are seen more clearly in the dark

Rosa Parks defied a bus arrangement in the darkness of the South. She unleashed an avalanche of cries for justice that were heard around the world.
I submit to you that the stars seen more clearly in the dark. Dr. DuBois in post slavery in the height of lynching earned a PhD from Harvard. He studied in the dark.

- Mandela emerged after 27 years from the darkness of a tomb on Robbins Island freeing a nation, with more moral authority than Popes and Presidents.
- During this dark season, the refugees from Central America, Beto in Texas, Gilliam in Florida, Abrahams in Georgia are the lights of hope.
- In the darkness you can dream of lights, not just personal but world changing dreams. This is no time for ethnocentric nationalism.
- The world is too small

- you can study in the dark
- you can plan in the dark, but as sure as it is dark the morning cometh
- the light emerged in Texas—Beto Florida—Gillum, Abrams—Georgia

III. In the darkness --- you must imagine globally—not just personally or nationally
the world is too small dwarfed by speed distance in time. One can fly to Senegal and the other to Los Angeles, both would arrive about the same time.

there are no more foreigners in the world in light of social media. Everyone is everyone’s neighbor in the world house.

in the world house climate change is scientific predictions based on man’s violation of the atmosphere, not superstition

in the world house there are not winnable nuclear wars

therefore, using nuclear threats as a bargaining chip is absurd.

in this world there is too much violence Parkland to Pittsburgh, Sandy Hook to 1000 Oaks,

IV. Its dark but the morning comes—

People of faith know that darkness is not permanent. Its dark, but the morning comes.
• When its dark we sow by night and reap by day

• People of faith declare the lord is our light and our salvation whom shall we fear

• perfect love cast out fear

• People of faith believe that weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

They never give up on the formula for healing as found in 2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways. I will hear their prayer and heal their land.

That eternal flame must never be extinguished