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The year 2004 has begun. What will it bring us? More terrorism and violence in the movie industry, in our streets, and in the air, in the international arena? More restrictions of civil rights? More lies? Or the rebirth of the spirit of God in all sections of our society, the American spirit, which motivated the founding fathers of this nation?

"AMERICA - A Call to Greatness", a new book by John Chalfant, should be read by every American. It describes how this spirit was lost and how to get it back into place. A nation under God, which through her people and government gives moral leadership to a world, which is heading in the wrong direction and hungry for selfless and inspired leaders, backed up by mighty armed forces and a strong economy. That is what I like to see emerging in this year.

For that task an inner strength is needed, which is missing. Other nations notice the discrepancy between words and reality because too many people are chasing the wrong things and follow false gods. Lies should not be tools for foreign policies or instruments of bickering party politics. Imagine, how the world could be if voters wouldn't vote known liars for personal gain into public office, and there was no lying in the parliaments of the original Christian Western nations with The Congress setting the pace? If there would be governments guided by God instead of self-interest and the American government setting the pace? The Ten Commandments instead of being forcibly removed from schools and public areas should be the guides for the life of the nation. The family, man, wife and children should again provide the heart beat of society. Godless judges who distort the truth and ruin the American heritage should be impeached.

I wish that America and Western nations learn and recognize where and who the real enemies of freedom are. It's not just an evil bunch of terrorists, who threaten and attack anything American, but worldviews and philosophies, which are based on lies and hatreds. Class-, race- and religious materialistic ideologies has to be overcome by a better idea, hatreds have to be healed, divisive worldviews to be changed, promiscuity to be stopped so that a nation under God and a peaceful world can emerge. Godlessness with the absence of absolute moral standards is the real enemy.

This demands a base of patriotic people, men, women and children, who stop lying, stand up and fight for truth, irrespective of what the costs may be and never quit the battle. Everybody can be part of this base, and be part of the solution and not of the sickness. I quote an unknown author who has the following to say on the subject:

**Don't Quit**

When things go wrong as they sometimes will;  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;  
When the funds are low, and the debts are high:

And you want to smile, but have to sigh;  
When care is pressing you down a bit -  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
Success is failure turned inside out;  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;  
And you can never tell how close you are;  
It may be near when it seems afar.  
Reason for the season!

**S**o, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -  
It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit

**I** am not very impressed with the 'holiday greetings' I got recently from so-called Christians and I want to stick in the year 2004 with the Spirit of Christmas: Jesus is the reason for the season.