

In the Pursuit of Happiness

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In my early twenties I was working at Orly airport, as a ground hostess for "Olympic Airways" owned by Onassis. I spoke some Greek at that time, and sometimes seeing the big boss pass by with the famous Maria Callas to catch a flight, I was wondering to myself, is he happy? is she happy? I was in search of the pursuit of happiness.

I would look at the titles in the Paris newspaper stands, and I remember them vividly: "The 21st century will be religious or won't be," "We are in the age of Aquarius," and "Nostradamus predictions." Among the other titles of everyday politics, those headlines were catching my eyes and I was wondering what this all means and wanted prove that God exists.

Shortly afterwards, arriving in Milano, Italy and continuing my search I met a group called in 1970 the "Unified Family." I found what I was looking for.

In the Introduction of the Divine Principle, the text revelation received by the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the first sentence said: "Everyone is struggling to attain happiness and avoid misfortune." As I continued reading, it felt like the words were jumping out of the page into my heart with such deep meaning and emotions. I had finally found what I was looking for. I did some dancing for joy in the streets of Milano and then the streets of Paris.

A year earlier my husband to be had a similar experience in Vienna, reading that all men want to find happiness: "Everyone without exception is struggling to find happiness." The Divine Principle is a vision, a guide that offers hope to those who wants to find the essence of life and live righteously. We were studying the same book before we met and for both of us these teachings were the best influence in our life.

When we met in America, we knew very well the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

There are no coincidences. In these 250 years celebration let's celebrate One Nation under God.

An inspiring talk on the 250 years of the nation was given by Dr. Frank Kaufmann at the Settlement Project Conference in Columbus, OH, July 18, 2026. You can read his speech here: [The 250-Year Milestone](#).

The 250-Year Milestone

Frank Kaufmann
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I want to quickly describe our current situation, look a bit at some history, and envision together a clear path forward toward an even brighter future than our exemplary achievements of our first 250 years.

We can thank the Heavens above that this year's most special anniversary takes place under an administration that loves America. When we hear so clearly the truly disastrous state of US election security (which many of us knew already), we can count these patriotic 250 year celebrations as nothing short of a miracle.

We were hurtling toward complete collapse of our country. We still struggle to meet the challenges caused by 4 years of rampant government deceit and a Democrat orchestrated invasion of our homeland.

America is such a truly beautiful country. Why so openly hate it and try to destroy us? Ours is the only country in the world in which every single person you see looks like an American. Every accent, every color, every creed. How remarkable it is. I

get into an Uber, I hear a Nigerian accent so thick I can barely make out a single word, and I say, "Oh. You must be American." And he beams as answers, "Yes I came here twelve years ago, my eldest daughter is going to high school next year." Everybody looks like an American. Everybody sounds like an American. Why be against such a place?

In session one, we deliberately created a clear statement, American culture, and who and what we are as a country is not a race or a tribe, or a lineage. It is not a geographic accident. It is a creed. A shared space of spiritual affirmation, of trust in norms, or bonds of love from shared ideals, a home of common understanding, a love of good, and a pride in our beautiful founding.

I was watching a Senate hearing the other day. A nasty, dripping Senator woman was laying into a 58 year old businessman calling him a billionaire as proof that he was beneath contempt. He responded. "My parents came here and neither could speak English. When I was little, I ran errands to help our family have enough money for food. Yes, I'm a billionaire. No one gave me that money. I worked for it and earned it." How incredible is this? Why is it taught and taken for granted among media and professors that our country is bad, when just the opposite is true?

These assumptions, and this hatred have seized control of every US institution that creates the mind and thoughts of our young people and our citizens. I will touch on this serious danger in a moment.

My hope for these few words today is to carry us seriously into the work of the next few months, not just thinking of the next election cycle, but more serious thinking for the next 250 years.

Before we can discuss this positive vision, we must be honest about our current reality.

Historians often like to dismiss alarms, smugly pointing to parallels. They look at our current situation and say, "Oh. This is just like the 1860s or the 1930s." But I am here to tell you the opposite. **This era is like none other before. It is radically different.**

One perhaps biggest reason for that is that fierce determination to destroy our great country is no longer amassing just at the gates; It is inside the house. We have never faced this before.

Yes, in prior times foreign enemies could always find a few turn coats and collaborators. But there has never been a time

in which the very soil in which Americans grow is poisoned to the limits of every fenceline and every corner.

This capture of our nutrients, our institutions, and our foundations was contrived and pursued precisely and deliberately by neo-Marxist Europeans who had developed with truly evil genius, a new and infinitely more virulent form of Marxism-Leninism. Dutschke, Gramsci, Marcuse, and Adorno and others. They became known as “The Frankfurt School,” They advanced and refined critical theory, forging it into what is called “Cultural Marxism,” and then systematically and successfully planted this demonic spirit throughout American politics and culture in what was known as “the long march through the institutions.”

They managed to capture every institution that informs our “leaders,” our people, and our culture. This abominable mindset is buried in our churches, in our K-12 classrooms, and in university lecture halls. It controls news and entertainment media, newspapers, television, and most virulently social media algorithms. It even extends through the arts and sports that used to unite us in a shared life of beauty and excitement.

America is now cursed with false premises that are taught as true, complex philosophies that are boiled down in slogan driven ideologies that create a land full of rage and violence.

From black fitted antifa lasering the eyes of police, to some poor old hippie with a walker and a silly No Kings placard.

This mental and moral decay is the full blossoming of a single fateful misstep of the French Enlightenment when human reason was placed as superior to God's truth and love.

God's truth and love is known through Scripture, through Nature, and through the inner beating of our hearts and conscience. Our founders and framers knew this and built a Republic to reflect this love.

The paths that flowed from the rationalist replacement of God, first produced the French Reign of terror, brutally slaughtering 10s of thousands. It then went on to produce Marxism-Leninism, which along with the Communist Mao went on to brutally slaughter over 100 million civilians in less than 70 years. This is the precise same line of philosophy that now informs the current glut of celebrity campaigns of America haters who call themselves Democratic Socialists.

An additional fork off of Marxism is one that proved difficult for the longest time to grasp. Despisers of Western Civilization departed from the economic-based rage of Marxism, and exported that philosophy and spirit into race and gender. Two areas that should abound with love and harmony. This became complicated and hard to follow. It produced CRT, DEI, ESG, Gender Ideology. Each and all riven with conflict,

vengeance and division, the same trademark as Marx. Hatred, blame, violence. The same poison infects feminism (not to be confused with the desired and wonderful progress of women's rights). Feminism on the other hand is a gender based costume of Marxist blame and violent overthrow.

This has come to be understood as Wokeism. The main evil of Wokeism is its possessed wrath against norms. Norms, laws, and orderly human relations are forced into the minds of students and citizens as the structures and systems of oppression and marginalization.

Wokeism exalts the "Queering" of all norms, and from this it is a small step next to puberty blockers and surgical mutilation of minors. A small next step to demanding and celebrating male aggression in women's sports. It is the curricula that force racial resentment and division into the lives of innocent children, and the firing of sincere public servants with the dreaded smear of racism. Children who have no idea what race is are contaminated from the earliest years of socialization. Wokeism is the philosophy fueling the inane view that national borders are evil, and that police who risk their lives to protect us are enemies.

The other important leg of Woke ruination is decolonial studies. From this comes the mental insanity that calls math racist, and calls time racist. Unfortunately these are not the

rantings of people in straight jackets, these are tenured professors in elite universities that exert autocratic control over your children in school. Decolonial studies are what cause mindless students, and overpaid media to attack Jews for the crime of having been etting kidnapped, raped, and murdered while innocently attending a music festival.

This is explained in my book *Woke Ideology: Critique and Counterproposal*. We have to understand the roots of the internal attack on our country and our children.

Do not believe Wokeism is dead because of a couple of years of legislation against some of it. It is more deeply entrenched and as pervasive as ever.

The rebirth of Communism in the guise of Democratic Socialism, is very closely wed to the lanyard of Wokeism that imports the Marx narrative into all human relations.

When the very institutions meant to preserve our culture are used to dismantle it, we are in a time of crisis.

Now, not to further depress us. And please hang on. We will win this battle. But the second set of concerns we must face are the superior development of our foreign enemies. These are superior plus they have the benefit of our unique and

unprecedented level of internal vulnerability that I just described.

We have always had foreign enemies, but never while we are crippled by this internal bone cancer I just described. Millions of ideologically twisted youth and emerging professionals graduate from Left infested universities go on to become prime targets to aid and abet our foreign enemies.

I live in NY and I am surrounded by, and visited by these dangerous idealists.

Foreign enemies are wealthier, more sophisticated and more powerful than ever before, and they have a far broader field of welcome and support inside America than ever before.

These foreign enemies collaborate in the shared target of America. These are:

1. **Post-Maoist CCP Communism:** A system that has weaponized technology, capital, and cultural and military hostilities against our country
2. **Radical Islamist Extremism:** Regimes that pervert the sacred ideals revealed in Islam, distorting them into vehicles for oppression, genocide, and violent hegemony.
3. **Extremist Political Left and Post-Marxist Globalism:** This is a wedding of much of the European Union and the

UN. Pushing an elitist techno-surveillance despotism bent on destroying personal and local sovereignty.

All of these regimes and ideologies share one thing in common: they are based on conflict, vengeance, and deny the affirmation of benevolent and compassionate order for human life. Their shared goal is the destruction of the US.

Crisis and Opportunity

It is easy to look at this landscape and feel overwhelmed. But we should not feel so. Crisis and Opportunity are known as one and the same.

We of the Settlement Project and our friends nation-wide confidently orient ourselves toward opportunity.

We do not do so naïvely. We do not "coat over" the deep threats I just described. We take full responsibility for them. But we recognize that our country was founded for a noble purpose, and we have worn that purpose valiantly. We have resisted enemies. We have won at all times, and we will continue to do so now.

We do have the resources needed to build a golden era ahead. Doing so will probably need more of us to wake up than before. We will probably have to dig into the fight more

seriously than before. Winning this time is not guaranteed, but we *can* do it.

We have two primary resources that will carry us, and the rest of the world, into an international time of promise.

Our first resource is our own, true ideological foundation. It towers over the dark, secretive, and deceit filled ideologies of our enemies.

The American Founders recognized that our lives, our families, our freedoms, our equality and our oneness come directly from God, by whatever name or understanding you choose. In our founding documents, He is referenced as "Nature's God," "the Creator," and "the Supreme Judge."

This is the root of the American difference and the basis by which we surely prevail: **Our freedom, our equality, our security, and our prosperity are NOT human inventions.** They are God-given.

If rights are granted by a government, they can be taken by a government. But if they are granted by the Creator, they are unalienable. This is the primary guarantee that we will prevail. While our enemies build on vengeance and violence, we build on free creativity, forgiveness, compassion, and the Rule of Law, the foundation of safety and prosperity.

The second resource is the main thing I want to communicate today:

American founders did not recognize God merely as the provider of the true nature of the human condition. They also knew that this same infinite divine is the **God of Providence**.

I put this strongly before you today; To be patriots today in this most dangerous yet most opportune moment, we must take the next step beyond merely affirming that our rights, freedoms, and equality come from God. The step beyond that is to forge a working relationship with this same God of Providence. God in the American build is just a referencable original source of things. This God is a living figure

This active relationship is the source of America's uniqueness. This is what our founders consulted to design our Republic. We must not only protect and preserve our blessings; we must act as the heirs of the genius of it all. As we grow in the knowledge of providence, we will know the right action and what is needed moment by moment? What exactly is the play called on *this* down, at *this* hour, for *this* yardage?

Providence is the understanding that there is a design and a timing to the affairs of men. It is the belief that we are here "for such a time as this."

One of the fine songs of Providence is known to us all. It is found in Ecclesiastes 3:1–8:

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven... A time to break down, and a time to build up... A time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time of war, and a time of peace."

As Patriots, we must recognize the "season" we are in. We are in a season of building. We are in a season of speaking. We are in a season where this "Settlement" must be established in our homes, in the minds of our children, then in our communities. We bring the same life as we boldly reclaim, school by school, program by program. Vote by vote.

Strong Families build safe and prosperous Communities.

National health begins at the dinner table. Civic engagement begins at the local school board. Sovereignty begins with the individual.

We are here at the Yokoso Cultural Center to do more than just listen to speeches. We are here to become the pioneers of a "New American Renaissance."

The challenge of the current election season is real, but our vision is larger than any one election cycle. We are here to start building the next 250 years.

Our way is to walk with the author of America's providence.

Thank you,

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.