

mm **Awakening from a Dream in January**

I WOULD VOTE FOR THE WALL...ON ONE CONDITION

*“As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, the people raised a great shout,
And the wall fell down flat.” (Joshua 6::20)*

My dawn news fix leads me to miraculous ideas and solutions to world problems. Sometimes I can't tell whether I'm dreaming or receiving prophetic visions. Let me explain.

You know that island of plastic debris out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean? It's supposed to be twice the size of Texas and growing.

Well, one morning I caught news of a Dutch company that has been working on a system called *“The Ocean Clean-up.”* It's still experimental but can scoop up to 110,000 pounds of plastic daily.

Your first question, and mine, is *“What are they going to do with it once they get it out of the water.”* Someone foolishly proposed that it could be used for heat instead of oil and coal. Foolish, I say, because who needs any more poison in the sky?

Then I heard that the latest executive order under the umbrella of *“protecting our national security”* is to transfer so many billion dollars from the defense budget to lengthen the wall along the Mexican Border. A brilliant strategy to get funding without anyone's approval. Congress wouldn't pay for the wall, but the military budget could...and everyone knows that no politician (or very few) would dare vote against a military budget. (Is there any political district that doesn't have some military base or industry?)

Then the same bright light that appeared to Moses in the burning bush appeared to me: Let's make a deal to build the wall from that Texas-sized island of plastic. The Dutch could make it an international partnership. It would provide jobs, jobs, jobs. That multi-billion ton pile of plastic could be formed into giant blocks, like those in the timeless Egyptian pyramids. They could be built into a beautiful wall, with a wide walkway on top. I would vote for the wall if it was built like that.

I am assuming that the wall wouldn't deter trans-border crossings, legal or illegal. Walls have a poor performance history. The wall of Jericho was brought down by a trumpet, and the Berlin Wall came down after Reagan's speech. Sooner or later it could become a tourist attraction for centuries to come like the Great Wall of China. Revenue from tourists could go to poverty-stricken places to help people in their own countries and stabilize their societies.

Imagine building relationships to connect us instead of building walls to keep us apart.

I realize this is bordering on politics and economics and science that I don't know much about. So I add a little Bible stuff like preachers do to give a religious touch. I quoted the Bible story about the wall of Jericho. A story sure to raise more questions about God than answers about the fall of the wall. Archaeologists say that it wasn't trumpets that actually flattened the wall anyway, but an earthquake.

Do you think a wall built of plastic could withstand an earthquake?

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