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Dear Ones,

Is God responsible for the election results? If He isn't who is?

When I was a little girl in a one-room-schoolhouse (Yes, I am among the last of privileged students.) I had hours at my desk to gaze at the world globe that hung from the ceiling while the upper grade kids "recited" in front of the teacher. Great Britain's color was pink. Many of the countries were colonized by Britain so much of the globe was... pink. Britain's great cathedrals were full of worshippers. The country appeared to be rich. Then the government distributed the wealth, taxing the people, including the Church of England which became a government in and of itself. Persecuted believers fled to our America's beckoning shores in order to freely love Christ without government control. People met in homes for worship, much as in the fledgling days of the Church. Today in once-merry-old-England, the churches are virtually empty. God has removed His hand of blessing and the globes kids see today are no longer "pink". As much as England wanted to own the people who had fled to America, God stayed their hand and hundreds of thousands of our men gave their lives to preserve hard-won freedom.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. Following is the predictable cycle of world powers:

- **from bondage to spiritual faith**
- **from spiritual faith to great courage**
- **from courage to liberty**
- **from liberty to abundance**
- **from abundance to complacency**
- **from complacency to apathy**
- **from apathy to dependence**
- **from dependence back into bondage**

We do not have any right to expect that Jesus will come back and rescue us from the next phase of the cycle. We are reaping what our countrymen have sown. God and His powerful Word NEVER change. We have both...for such a time as this.

Love, Jo



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