The Rich Fool

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There were all sorts of things that people today can't even imagine. Just a few years ago. In fact if you were to go back 20 or 30 yrs. and see the way people actually lived (today) in America in this country, today most people would hardly believe. The changes have most of them come so gradually.

But this country is the wealthiest in this worlds advantages and material advantages that the world has ever seen. Take the telephone just as an example. We have 1/6 of the people of the world and, I believe, we have half of all the telephones in the world in the U.S. When it comes to automobiles the proportion is about the same, or greater. The Lord has blessed this country materially as no country in history has ever been blessed. Is the Lord one of these days going to say of this nation, Thou fool this night shall thy soul be required of thee? Is this nation going to disappear if our Lord tarries as dozens of other nations have disappeared.

When you look at Russia spending the great part of its income every year on building up its armaments. When you look at the tremendous propaganda for us to cut down our armaments, it is not at all impossible that one of these days we will get the WEXXX word that all the Russian people practically have gone into their shelters, so that our bombs will do them no harm and they promise not to shoot their bombs at us if we surrender and let them take us over. I don't know that that will happen. It may never happen, but it is a possibility.

But that is onlyone of many ways our nation could come to an end. Does our nation deserve to continue? Why do we have the wealth, and it is indeed wealth that ournation possesses. Half the people of the world have less than \$200 a yr. to live on and can purchase for that not more than we could for \$200 or \$300 but they survive on it (How do you know?)

I heard the statement on the news several days ago that with the election that retired Mrs. Ghandi and made India again in the eyes of the reporters a democracy that now the number of people living in democratic countries was doubled! what it was. According to this reporter the number of people of India were equal to all the people in any countrythat would have any sort of a government that we would think was a democratic form of government. I imagine that of material goods every person in this room spends as much in a week, or at least in two weeks as the average citizen of India does in a whole year.

The blessings the Lord has given this country in material ways we cannot understand, living (as we do) in it, not being accustomed to what the world situation is as a whole. But why has god given us these blessings in this country?

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