



Point of View

Dear Marketplace Friend,

This just in: we're living in very serious times... serious enough that frivolity ("*not having any serious purpose or value*") seems very out-of-place. Escapism ("*to seek distraction or relief from unpleasant realities*") is the reaction of most of our generational peers, even among our Christian buds. But, if you're counted among the leaders in this cohort of history, serious times should breed strategic living.

Most people live in a small bubble; their home and their workplace are their two fields of engagement. Right now, for many, both seem to be in crisis: their jobs are tenuous, and their home may be upside-down (they owe more than it would sell for today). Their bubble has burst... or is threatened.

"Big Thinkers" are likely to be people whose bubble is bigger; *BT/Level #1* has a national perspective - they dial in on the financial state of the Big Three, or the bonus wrangling at AIG. *BT/Level #2* are the internationalists - for them, the stimulus actions in the European Union and the growing unemployment levels in China are as troubling as the closing of Circuit City and Mervyns. Both **BT/1** and **BT/2** are small-minded, short-term thinkers. I choose to focus my comments for *Big Thinker/Level #3* leaders. Those are the top-tier thinkers who include heaven in their



geography... and operate with a timeline that begins with Creation and ends with New Heaven/New Earth. The shorthand for that mindset: they see history - and, today - using a biblical worldview.

BT/3 knows that we're locked in an ongoing war between God (*good*) and Satan (*evil*). They've been at it since way back when; we've just joined the battle. The Evil One is strategic in his opposition to the Almighty; he reloads and refocuses with every generation, and aims his attacks at the most important targets.

In our Boomer generation, the War Room in Hell has planned - and, executed - four strategic attacks against the Kingdom of Heaven, with malicious intent. *What are they?*

Front #1: Drugs. On the campus, late '60's and early 70's, get 'em hooked. Result: today's drug war is lost, with blood flowing in the US-Mexico border cities. Legalize pot? Only a matter of time.

Front #2: Life. Same period, sow the seeds of illegal abortion as a solution to free love's outcome. Result: Roe v. Wade won't reverse. And, assisted suicide is now legal. Attack life at both ends. Done.

Front #3: Sexuality. Freedom without restraints means anything, anytime, with anyone. Result: today, heterosexuals reject marriage as "just a piece of paper;" homosexuals demand it. Erosion ongoing.

Front #4: Money. American Evangelicals have been the funding source for world evangelism for the last 60 years. Reduce their assets... and remove their confidence in the God who promised to provide. Result: Boomer Christians are more worried about funding their Golden Years than funding the Great Commission.

So, are you a **Big Thinker?** or, do you live in your *little bubble*? If you're a **BT**, are you **#1, #2** or **#3**? If you're a biblical world-view leader - **BT/3** - are you conscious of the Evil One's strategic attacks? And, if so... what are your proactive counterinsurgency measures that will assure that God wins in your life... and in the lives of people who look to you for influence

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