What has happened to America?

I do not recognize this once proud land anymore… it has been turned inside out and upside down.

I remember when it was safe to leave the doors to your house unlocked and not worry about being robbed of your possessions. Today, we need to protect ourselves in ways unimaginable a few years ago in order to retain what we have worked for. Thieves abound in our communities and online and rob with impunity, while their victims are left to pick up the pieces.

Not long ago, it was acceptable to allow your children to play outdoors and walk to school unattended; now this is called letting your children 'free range'… no longer encouraged to run and enjoy the outdoors for fear of being abducted by deviants…these are our kids, not chickens!

Once upon a time, it was considered normal to live within your means and save for the future so as not to burden yourself with debt. Providing for your family meant honest labor, not welfare or other government give-aways; do you remember when it was considered shameful to accept a handout?
Folks knew the implications of borrowing more than they could pay back and the risks involved which could mean losing your home and possessions.
It's too bad that those in charge of our government are incapable of understanding this basic tenant. We are in debt as a nation as never before to foreign creditors to the tune of an unfathomable amount. But "We, The People" voted them into their seats of power…shame on us.
A house cannot stay solvent by borrowing and borrowing; the piper must be paid eventually… What is going to happen here when the bill comes due?

Speaking of welfare, why did our local church congregations fail their duty to provide for the poor within their membership and encourage their progress and instead let our overgrown government take this on? No wonder membership is falling off as never before.
"Practice what you preach"…and please, start with the Vatican. Perhaps, the Pope would consider selling off a few of the accumulated art treasures hoarded there or a bank account or two to relieve the burdens of the poor of this world instead of continuing to push a collection plate through the congregation…

America: where the poor die of obesity-related diseases…our 'poor', considered rich in most countries, where there is not enough food to eat.   Perhaps, poverty has another face when complaints are voiced loudly about the lack of mere possessions - wants rather than needs-, which makes them feel so very bad… and there is all the time in the world to protest this indignity. I call that 'greedy' and 'entitled'.

But it does appear that honesty, duty and consideration- along with the other virtues once so prevalent in America- have left the building.

What happened in the land of the free and the brave? "We, The People" have made a colossal mess of this country.

Government begins with the self, then extends to the individual family, town and city, state, and then country…but it has to begin in the heart of everyone before we can begin to make our way out of this.

Long ago, we had the answers…let us begin the restoration before it is too late.

Does anyone else get this? It is time to wake up and find out why this has happened, and what can we do to get this country back to the basics…before it is too late.