

The Game Changer's Passion

Acts 2:1-4(NLT): "On the day of <u>Pentecost</u> all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the <u>Holy Spirit</u> and began speaking in other <u>languages</u>, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability."

Genesis 1:1-3(NLT): "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the <u>Spirit of God</u> was hovering over the surface of the waters. **3** Then <u>God said</u>, 'Let there be light'"

Ezekiel 37:1-7(NIRV): "The power of the Lord came on me. His Spirit brought me away from my home. He put me down in the middle of a valley. It was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them. I saw a huge number of bones in the valley. The bones were very dry. ³ The Lord asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Lord and King, you are the only one who knows.' **4** Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones. Tell them, 'Dry bones, listen to the Lord's message. **5** The Lord and King speaks to you. He says, 'I will put breath in you. Then you will come to life again. **6** I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh on you. I will cover you with skin. So, I will put breath in you. And you will come to life again. Then you will know that I am the Lord.' ⁷ So I prophesied just as the Lord commanded me to. As I was prophesying, I heard a noise."

"The secularization of U.S. society — the waning of religious faith, practice and affiliation — <u>is continuing at a dramatic</u> and historically unprecedented pace. While many may consider such a development as cause for concern, such a worry is not warranted. This increasing godlessness in America is actually a good thing, to be welcomed and embraced.

<u>Democratic societies</u> that have experienced the greatest degrees of secularization are among the healthiest, wealthiest and safest in the world, enjoying relatively low rates of violent crime and high degrees of well-being and happiness. Clearly, a rapid loss of religion <u>does not result</u> in societal ruin." Phil Zuckerman's Op-Ed in the Los Angeles Times "Why America's record godlessness is good news for the nation"