**WHEN THINGS ARE MOST UNCERTAIN** by Al Diestelkamp

The emergence of a viral epidemic in China quickly developed into the threat of a worldwide pandemic and prompted numerous warnings and appeals for extraordinary precautions in a concerted effort to slow or stop the spread of the pernicious virus. Certainly, this has created a period of uncertainty throughout the world.

Understanding this, governmental and scientific agencies have tried to assure us through news conferences and public service announcements that “we will get through this” if we will heed their voices. The appeal is to rely on the knowledge and expertise of the scientific community.

One particular ad sponsored by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals caught my attention by its blasphemous message. The announcer, speaking in an authoritative tone, boldly says, “At a time when things are most uncertain, we turn to the most certain thing there is…Science.”

There was a time when the word science meant “knowledge,” but some modern dictionaries list that as an “archaic” definition. Today, the most common usage of the word refers to “the *study* of the physical and natural world,” much of which is unproven and therefore uncertain. The apostle Paul warned Timothy to “avoid the profane and vain babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge” (1 Tim. 6:20).

I am confident that a remedy to this scourge will be found, but when this happens it will be because God has supplied it. He may let the virus run its course, or He may allow men to discover a solution; but it is God who will deserve the credit.

When looking for answers in uncertain times, what is “most certain” is not a thing—He is God Almighty!

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