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THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

Growing up, I listened to the radio. Not a whole lot but a fair amount; mainly Oriole games on WBAL. I also tuned into the Rock-N-Roll stations; sometimes turning them on early in the morning before school. We Baby Boomers were the first, full-fledged, from-birth, TV generation. But sometimes I listened to the radio.

Unlike my Dad's generation when Radio was the primary Entertainment medium, I never listened to dramatic or comical programs on. In the prelude, listeners were told that these 'News Bulletins' were purely fictional but some people missed that forewarning and actually believed a real "War of the Worlds" was taking place in our Country.

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Today, the United States is not involved in any 'War of the Worlds' but we are engaged in another type of war – only this one is real. We may call it *'The War of the Words'* the radio. TV now dominated. However, I did listen to a recording of one of the most famous Broadcasts of all time: Orson Well's "*The War of the Worlds.*" I recommend you listening to it.

The broadcast was an imaginary account of our Country being invaded and overtaken by Martians. What was unique about this program was that some people actually believed this was happening - as they listened- and experienced a sense of panic. 'Maybe you're not aware of it. Maybe you've never thought about it. Nevertheless, it's true. This is a conflict of staggering importance with unspeakable potential to change America forever.

We're beginning a series of writings on the language war raging – yes, raging - in America today. This especially affects people of religious persuasions who have held to cherished beliefs for Millennia. Our starting place is a saying first coined by a man named Saul Alinsky:

"He who controls the language, controls the masses."

If you think this sounds like some type of communist slogan or rallying cry, you're not far off! We'll get to that later. In our study, we'll explore such topics as:

- Who was Saul Alinsky?
- The changeability of language
- George Orwell's classic book '*1984*'
- How radicals are attempting to manipulate language to suit their political objectives

To whet your appetite, Saul Alinsky once wrote a book in which he acknowledged satan as "the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he won his own kingdom – Lucifer." We'll discover that Alinsky had a very famous disciple - none other than Barack Obama. Interesting! I sincerely hope that many will be alerted and alarmed to this new war. BUT IN ALL THINGS, REMEMBER: BIG BROTHER (or shall we say: BIG SISTER) is watching!

