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'In a dark time the eye begins to see'
~THEODORE ROTHKE

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SONS OF LIBERTY

Two hundred and twenty-nine years ago, on July 2, 1776, a small group of terrorists betrayed their country and voted to commit any and all acts of terror and treason which they claimed would be necessary to separate from their government. Two days later, on July 4, they publicly declared their intention of betrayal and categorically stated their reasons for turning against their country — and threatened to murder or otherwise terrorize all who did not join with them.

They began their terrorist acts several years earlier. They burned, looted, tortured, murdered, kidnapped and held hostage representatives and supporters of their government. They ambushed and killed soldiers and policemen.

Several attempts at negotiations only increased their demands and brutality, until finally the previous year, in April 1775, they committed open rebellion by attacking government forces that had been sent to protect loyal citizens from their terrorism.

The terrorists cloaked their atrocities and treachery with a specious document that claimed the sanction of God and the sympathy of humanity. They named their perfidious document a Declaration of Independence.

~MICHAEL PAUL McCUSKER