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7/4/2020--I cannot write my book fast enough. Now David Brooks writes about "a pervasive loss of national faith." I Have a whole Chapter on that, which will not come out until next summer. Well, presumably we will still lack faith then. It is a really simple idea. We lack faith because the object of faith, God, died. Once that occurred, all the selfishness and banality became inevitable. Easier to tell the story than to do something about it. But all we need is a substitute for God--but not an idol. The universe will do. The universe is on our side and that will be the beginning of a new faith. So, I have just given my book away, a year early and for free. But at least my readers can have a happy fourth.