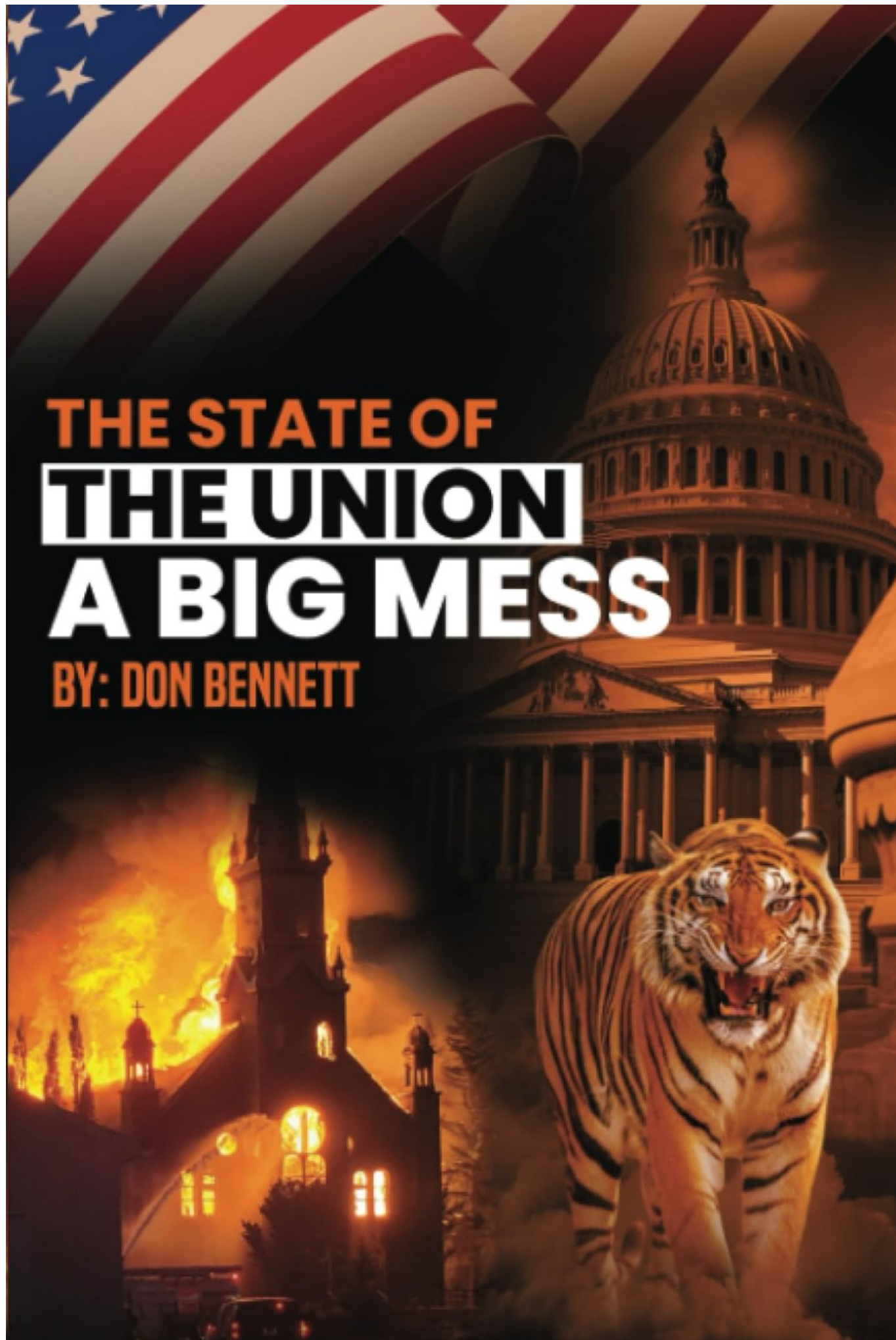


Don Bennett Examines Truth, Lies, and National Turmoil in His New Book The State of the Union: A Big Mess



THE STATE OF **THE UNION** **A BIG MESS**

BY: DON BENNETT

Portland, Oregon Dec 16, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Retired judge, military officer, and longtime legal professional **Don Bennett** release *The State of the Union: A Big Mess*, a provocative and unflinching exploration of what he views as the troubling moral and political decline of the United States. Drawing on a lifetime of public service, Bennett presents a personal examination of deceit, misinformation, and cultural shifts that, in his perspective, have contributed to what he calls a “national crisis of truth.”

About the Book

In *The State of the Union: A Big Mess*, Bennett explores themes of **lies, deception, distortion, and governmental misconduct** ideas he believes have shaped modern political and social unrest.

Chapter 2 focuses specifically on the nature and impact of falsehoods, while other chapters examine events, public narratives, and what Bennett describes as systemic dishonesty within government and media. He also critiques high-profile public statements and cultural flashpoints, raising concerns about the long-term consequences of misinformation becoming precedent.

Through the book’s tone and its intentionally striking cover imagery designed to convey **anger and fear**, Bennett aims to evoke reflection and urgency in readers. His central message: that truth matters, and that America’s future depends on confronting uncomfortable realities.

About the Author

Don Bennett, a widower based in Dothan, Alabama, has lived a life rooted in service to the law, to the military, and to his faith community.

He is a graduate of **King College (now King University)** with an AB in English and received his **LLB from the University of Alabama School of Law**. Licensed for over 65 years for both state and federal courts, Bennett served as a Circuit Judge for the State of Alabama before retiring from the bench in 1983.

A dedicated member of **The First Presbyterian Church of Dothan**, he has served as Ruling Elder and taught youth and adult Sunday school.

Bennett is also a **U.S. Army veteran**, having served during the Korean War, later continuing in the Alabama National Guard. He retired as a **Colonel** and received multiple commendations, including:

- **The Army Commendation Medal**
- **The United States Meritorious Service Medal**

His military background spans Infantry, Air Defense, Quartermaster, and JAG Corps assignments, including overseas tours in South Korea and advanced military judicial and command education.

Inspiration Behind the Book

Bennett shares that the book was driven by his frustration with what he sees as **news media**

distortion and the widespread acceptance of misleading narratives. He hopes readers will critically evaluate the information they receive and consider the broader consequences of misinformation.

Message to Readers

“Read the book, study it, and reflect on what it has to say.” Bennett encourages readers to engage deeply with the message rather than merely skim its surface.

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The State of the Union: A Big Mess is also available for viewing and purchase at PSM Bookstore, where it is prominently displayed as part of the store’s curated collection of impactful and thought-provoking works. Readers are encouraged to visit the bookstore to explore the title in person. **Previous Media Appearances**

- Studio 9 KTSM El Paso, TX — TV Interview
- Kate Delaney — America Tonight Radio Interview <https://soundcloud.com/kated-294710598/donbennett-mp3/s-IRF2D8oNdZa?ref>

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Book Availability

The State of the Union: A Big Mess is available now on **Amazon**.

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