

BIBLE QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY DR. AYODEJI AWE

QUESTION 71- PASTOR, WOULD YOU PLEASE WEIGH IN ON THE CURRENT US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THAT IS ONGOING. WHAT WOULD BE THE RECOMMENDED CHRISTIAN – GOOD CITIZEN VIEW ON IT?

ANSWER:

Many in the nation have questions concerning the outlook of the two top contenders for the presidency of the United States in this year's election: Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. However it is noteworthy that their character which has been the point of concern is a reflection of the morality trend of the nation. Many are concerned of their character flaws- Trump as intemperate and Clinton as untrustworthy. But this you have to remember that they are the best that the two parties have to offer. Each, flat out, won the majority votes in their party's primary elections. Though loathed extremely, each was the majority choice. The representative of each group is always a reflection of the group.

As a good Christian (who is expected to be a good citizen because we are the salt and the light of the nation), we approach matters of this sort from two angles:

1. Alignment with God's mind and prescriptions.
2. Truth and fairness of the main issues raised concerning the state of the nation.

Measured from these two angles, let us calibrate the two candidates:

Support for gay and lesbian marriages and rights; transgender and abortions are issues that God frowns at (Lev.18:22-25; Rom.1:16-32).

Hillary Clinton supports and Donald Trump is against.

Other issues that Hillary stands for in addition to Gay and lesbian support and abortion are open border, reconstructing Obama Care, increasing the number of refugees to be admitted into the US from Syria, amnesty for all illegal aliens that are in the country, choosing liberal supreme court justices and following most of the policies of President Obama in the last 8 years, (Remember, she was his Secretary of State at one time).

For Trump, he offers changes to the status quo and had vowed to change situations that are stagnant and have robbed the country of economic progress. They include:

Made in China to become more of Made in America goods in the stores,

Jobs sent overseas to be brought back home,

Tax cuts-knowledge of tax issues and how to maximize available opportunities at increasing internally generated revenues,

Deregulation- job creating friendly atmosphere,

Build wall at the southern border – every good and sovereign country must have a boundary; why should America be different?

Immigration- knowing those to be admitted and extreme vetting for people coming in from the areas of the world that is notorious for breeding radical Islamists and terrorists,

Renegotiation of trade deals- fair international trade deals,

Repealing and replacing Obama Care,

Stronger security- restoration of law and order in the country, better security and protection for all, and

Choosing conservative Supreme Court justices.

Conclusion:

The general gamble and prayer of everyone is that both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump would have changed significantly in the areas of their character flaws by the time the bazookas trailing the campaign fizzle into silence on November 9, 2016. By then, it is believed one of them would have emerged a winner to become the new President of the greatest nation on earth. Having gone through the drills, screening and the pounding of electoral processes, both the pungent mouth of Trump and the contaminated heart of Clinton would have been healed. With all that both of them have been exposed to, this is what I believe will happen, hopefully. Then the dust will settle to issues. With a good non biased look at the nation, the current situations that must change include:

-Made in China (and other countries) goods that have flooded our stores must be replaced by 'Made in America'. A country cannot economically survive when almost all her consumption goods are imported.

-Better secured country. No matter whom you are whether Democrat or Republican, Muslim or Christian, young or old, you want to feel safe and secured.

-Illegal pouring into the United States of America from the south border need be curtailed. For the country to be a place that many will aspire to come, immigration must be controlled.

-This beautiful country must have a clear boundary; this is needed for defined ownership and security.

-A formula that will make every citizen pay their fair share of taxes must be in place.

-Jobs formerly outsourced must come back in to America. Manufacturing industries are needed to boost employment in the country.

-National debt must be reduced. This country cannot continue to amass deficit which comes because of imbalance in international trades and national overspending.

-Status of the US as a strong and leader nation must be restored. Right now it is contestable. To a good degree the world, as bad as is, needed one powerful but reasonable country to look to as leading the charge in fostering peace and good world environment.

-Judges that will think alongside God's mind need be selected into the Supreme Court. This is a nation created by Christians and is under God; therefore the principles of God must steer the governance. Non Christians can still be absorbed so long they live their lives peaceably and do not dissent that this is a Christian nation.

-Muslims must be made to agree that the Koran has provisions that are toxic to community tolerance and peace and such verses are apt to be potently amplified by devotion. This admission will urge the Islamic teachers and clerics to find a way to re-interpret them for a moderate meaning and application thus reducing Islamic

radicalization that has led to a chunk of terrorism in the past and in fact could, in future, if things are not checked.

All these are changes that are in line with Trump's heart and mouth. On the other hand Hillary's views are far from any of these. And so, decision making at this election boils down to individuals. If you feel you are ok with the ways things are right now you go for Hillary. But if you and your family dream of a better life in the realm of the aforementioned, and are not scared of changes, very clearly you go for Trump.

Please be informed that democracy is not always right in God's eyes except in occasions where the populace is trained in righteousness (cf. 1Sam.8). This then means that God's spirit and inspirations are highly needed to influence people's hearts in order to think, decide and act right. The purpose of good governance is peace, prosperity and destiny fulfilled for the citizens. That tally with what God originally intended as his main purpose in creation (Gen.1&2). For the United States, a nation under God created by people who long after God, it is a no brainer that veering away from God's approved principles and ways will hardly contribute to governmental success. It is imperative that those seeking to lead this country must align with God and aspire to govern in righteousness (Prov.14:34).

Finally, with things looking subpar in this nation right now, anyone who dreams of an improvement and elevation in good life, peace and prosperity must take a cue from God's advice: "if my people that are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn away from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2Chro. 7:14). He promises further that when people wears this posture his eyes will be set upon the land for protection and his ears inclined towards our furtherance calls for assistance. A guarantee is even pledged of continuous divine favor and approval for our nation (v.15).

That clearly is practical when you go out and vote between now and November 8 for the candidate that plays by the rules of God as clearly stated in scripture. God bless you as you play a part in securing the future of our beloved country.

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