THE R.U.S.H. BIBLE STUDY

POLITICS PART THREE

THE ISSUES

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With great love and respect for **David Barton** and **Wall Builders** among many others.

The entire premise of the political portion in the **RUSH Bible Study** is to promote right wing politics as long as it stands on one principle. **The protection of the traditional family**. Everything in this series is in order to support this position. When you are unsure of a particular viewpoint assess it against that one yardstick. When you do that, you will always find yourself on the right side of both God Almighty and history. **DH**

Everything else is, to be completely honest, just fun to argue about and is icing on the cake.

The Issues

Separation of Church and State.

The phrase "separation of church and state" is not found in the constitution, but rather in a letter from Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptists. He was correct. This concept comes from the Bible. When God set up the nation of Israel under Moses, He made this distinction Himself. Moses ran the executive branch, and Aaron ran the priesthood. Moses did not function as a High Priest, Aaron did. Aaron had no executive power, Moses did. Aaron and others did council Moses such as Jethro (Moses father-in-law) Miriam, Joshua etc. with Moses making the final decisions. The problem facing us today is the Earl Warren Supreme Court began the nasty habit of applying the separation clause to the citizens of America Back in the 1960's. The constitution was not written to limit the power of the American people, it was formulated to limit the power of the American government.

The Arguments and Responses:

"Our founding fathers wanted this to be a secular country with no ties to any religion. They intended for there to be no public display or mention of any religious reference or scripture. No laws or endorsement of a belief in God or any encouragement to seek such beliefs. They intended for us to be free from religion."

We know this is not the case because *the 1st Bible published in America and endorsed by Congress was the Aitken Bible in 1782. Often called* ***"the Congressional Bible"*** *Congress approved the translation and endorsed it as* ***"The Bible of the Revolution****". On September 12, 1782, Congress authorized a resolution praising the work as a "pious and laudable undertaking" and recommended it to the nation. The resolution stated that Congress* ***"highly approve the pious and laudable Undertaking of Mr. Aitken... and being satisfied... of the Accuracy of the Impression... recommend this Edition of the Bible to the Inhabitants of the United States".***

The endorsement helped establish the bible's reputation as a "patriotic" work during the war, meant for use in schools and churches.

Further arguments against our position is often framed as follows, "We are a secular nation, there should be no affirmation of religion in the public sector, especially from our government."

There are too many references to list of our founding father's public adoration of Jesus and His word. Here is a sampling.

Declaration of Independence: *Explicitly references "Nature's God," the "Creator," the "Supreme Judge of the world," and "Divine Providence".*
George Washington: *FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

Frequently referred to "Providence" in his public proclamations and expressed strong personal belief in God's role in American affairs.

Benjamin Franklin: *Often spoke of a "superintending providence" that "governs in the affairs of men.*

Thomas Jefferson: *Despite being considered more of a strict separationist, he referenced the "Creator" in the Declaration and attended church services held in government buildings.*

John Adams: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; JUDGE; DIPLOMAT; SIGNER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS; SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.

"Without religion, this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company: I mean hell."

"The Christian religion is, above all the religions that ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times, the religion of wisdom, virtue, equity and humanity."

"Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited. . . . What a Eutopia – what a Paradise would this region be! "

"I have examined all religions, and the result is that the Bible is the best book in the world."

John Quincy Adams: SIXTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; DIPLOMAT; SECRETARY OF STATE; U. S. SENATOR; U. S. REPRESENTATIVE.

"My hopes of a future life are all founded upon the Gospel of Christ and I cannot cavil or quibble away [evade or object to. . . . the whole tenor of His conduct by which He sometimes positively asserted and at others countenances [permits] His disciples in asserting that He was God."

"The hope of a Christian is inseparable from his faith. Whoever believes in the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures must hope that the religion of Jesus shall prevail throughout the earth."

"Never since the foundation of the world have the prospects of mankind been more encouraging to that hope than they appear to be at the present time. And may the associated distribution of the Bible proceed and prosper till the Lord shall have made "bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" [Isaiah 52:10].

"In the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity."

Samuel Adams: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; "FATHER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS

"I . . . [rely] upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.

The name of the Lord (says the Scripture) is a strong tower; thither the righteous flee and are safe [Proverbs 18:10]. Let us secure His favor and He will lead us through the journey of this life and at length receive us to a better."

"I conceive we cannot better express ourselves than by humbly supplicating the Supreme Ruler of the world . . . that the confusions that are and have been among the nations may be overruled by the promoting and speedily bringing in the holy and happy period when the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ may be everywhere established, and the people willingly bow to the scepter of Him who is the Prince of Peace.

He also called on the State of Massachusetts to pray that . . ."

"the peaceful and glorious reign of our Divine Redeemer may be known and enjoyed throughout the whole family of mankind."

"we may with one heart and voice humbly implore His gracious and free pardon through Jesus Christ, supplicating His Divine aid . . . [and] above all to cause the religion of Jesus Christ, in its true spirit, to spread far and wide till the whole earth shall be filled with His glory."

"with true contrition of heart to confess their sins to God and implore forgiveness through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior."

Josiah Bartlett: MILITARY OFFICER; SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; JUDGE; GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Called on the people of New Hampshire . . .
to "confess before God their aggravated transgressions and to implore His pardon and forgiveness through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ . . . [t]hat the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be made known to all nations, pure and undefiled religion universally prevail, and the earth be fill with the glory of the Lord."

Gunning Bedford: MILITARY OFFICER; MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS;
SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; FEDERAL JUDGE

"To the triune God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost – be ascribed all honor and dominion, forevermore – Amen."

Elias Boudinot: PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS; SIGNED THE PEACE TREATY TO END THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION; FIRST ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO THE U. S. SUPREME COURT BAR; FRAMER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS; DIRECTOR OF THE U. S. MINT

"Let us enter on this important business under the idea that we are Christians on whom the eyes of the world are now turned… Let us earnestly call and beseech Him, for Christ's sake, to preside in our councils. . . . We can only depend on the all-powerful influence of the Spirit of God, Whose Divine aid and assistance it becomes us as a Christian people most devoutly to implore. Therefore, I move that some minister of the Gospel be requested to attend this Congress every morning . . . in order to open the meeting with prayer."

"For nearly half a century have I anxiously and critically studied that invaluable treasure [the Bible]; and I still scarcely ever take it up that I do not find something new – that I do not receive some valuable addition to my stock of knowledge or perceive some instructive fact never observed before. In short, were you to ask me to recommend the most valuable book in the world, I should fix on the Bible as the most instructive both to the wise and ignorant. Were you to ask me for one affording the most rational and pleasing entertainment to the inquiring mind, I should repeat, it is the Bible; and should you renew the inquiry for the best philosophy or the most interesting history, I should still urge you to look into your Bible. I would make it, in short, the Alpha and Omega of knowledge."

Jacob Broom: LEGISLATOR; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION

A letter to his son, James, attending Princeton University:
"I flatter myself you will be what I wish, but don't be so much flatterer as to relax of your application – don't forget to be a Christian. I have said much to you on this head, and I hope an indelible impression is made."

Charles Carroll: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; SELECTED AS DELEGATE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; FRAMER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS; U. S. SENATOR

"On the mercy of my Redeemer, I rely for salvation and on His merits, not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts."

"Grateful to Almighty God for the blessings which, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, He had conferred on my beloved country in her emancipation and on myself in permitting me, under circumstances of mercy, to live to the age of 89 years, and to survive the fiftieth year of independence, adopted by Congress on the 4th of July 1776, which I originally subscribed on the 2d day of August of the same year and of which I am now the last surviving signer."

"I, Charles Carroll. . . . give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it, my body to the earth, hoping that through and by the merits, sufferings, and mediation of my only Savior and Jesus Christ, I may be admitted into the Kingdom prepared by God for those who love, fear and truly serve Him."

Congress, 1854:

"The great, vital, and conservative element in our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and the divine truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Congress, U. S. House Judiciary Committee, 1854:

"Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle… In this age, there can be no substitute for Christianity… That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants."

John Dickinson: SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE; GENERAL IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:

"Rendering thanks to my Creator for my existence and station among His works, for my birth in a country enlightened by the Gospel and enjoying freedom, and for all His other kindnesses, to Him I resign myself, humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through Jesus Christ for the events of eternity."

"[Governments] could not give the rights essential to happiness… We claim them from a higher source: from the King of kings, and Lord of all the earth."

Gabriel Duvall: SOLDIER; JUDGE; DELEGATE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; COMPTROLLER OF THE U. S. TREASURY; U. S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

I resign my soul into the hands of the Almighty Who gave it, in humble hopes of His mercy through our Savior Jesus Christ."

Benjamin Franklin: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION; DIPLOMAT; PRINTER; SCIENTIST; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"As to Jesus of Nazareth, my opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the system of morals and His religion as He left them to us, the best the world ever saw or is likely to see.

The body of Benjamin Franklin, printer, like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and guilding, lies here, food for worms. Yet the work itself shall not be lost; for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more beautiful edition, corrected and amended by the Author".
(FRANKLIN'S EULOGY THAT HE WROTE FOR HIMSELF)

Elbridge Gerry: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; FRAMER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS, GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"He called on the State of Massachusetts to pray that . . .with one heart and voice we may prostrate ourselves at the throne of heavenly grace and present to our Great Benefactor sincere and unfeigned thanks for His infinite goodness and mercy towards us from our birth to the present moment for having above all things illuminated us by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, presenting to our view the happy prospect of a blessed immortality."

"And for our unparalleled ingratitude to that Adorable Being Who has seated us in a land irradiated by the cheering beams of the Gospel of Jesus Christ . . . let us fall prostrate before offended Deity, confess sincerely and penitently our manifold sins and our unworthiness of the least of His Divine favors, fervently implore His pardon through the merits of our mediator."

"And deeply impressed with a scene of our unparalleled ingratitude, let us contemplate the blessings which have flowed from the unlimited grave and favor of offended Deity, that we are still permitted to enjoy the first of Heaven's blessings: the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Alexander Hamilton: REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; AUTHOR OF THE FEDERALIST PAPERS; SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Following his duel with Aaron Burr, in those final twenty four hours while life still remained in him, Hamilton called for two ministers, the Rev. J. M. Mason and the Rev. Benjamin Moore, to pray with him and administer Communion to him. Each of those two ministers reported what transpired. The Rev. Mason recounted:

[General Hamilton said] "I went to the field determined not to take his life." He repeated his disavowal of all intention to hurt Mr. Burr; the anguish of his mind in recollecting what had passed; and his humble hope of forgiveness from his God. I recurred to the topic of the Divine compassion; the freedom of pardon in the Redeemer Jesus to perishing sinners. "That grace, my dear General, which brings salvation, is rich, rich" – "Yes," interrupted he, "it is rich grace." "And on that grace," continued I, "a sinner has the highest encouragement to repose his confidence, because it is tendered to him upon the surest foundation; the Scrip¬ture testifying that we have redemption through the blood of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins according to the richness of His grace." Here the General, letting go my hand, which he had held from the moment I sat down at his bed side, clasped his hands together, and, looking up towards Heaven, said, with emphasis, "I have a tender reliance on the mercy of the Almighty, through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ."

One other consequence of Hamilton's untimely death was that it permanently halted the formation of a religious society Hamilton had proposed. Hamilton suggested that it be named the Christian Constitutional Society, and listed two goals for its formation: first, the support of the Christian religion; and second, the support of the

Constitution of the United States. This organization was to have numerous clubs throughout each state which would meet regularly and work to elect to office those who reflected the goals of the Christian Constitutional Society.

John Hancock: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS; REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL; GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"Sensible of the importance of Christian piety and virtue to the order and happiness of a state, I cannot but earnestly commend to you every measure for their support and encouragement."

"He called on the entire state to pray "that universal happiness may be established in the world [and] that all may bow to the scepter of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the whole earth be filled with His glory."

He also called on the State of Massachusetts to pray . . .

"that all nations may bow to the scepter of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that the whole earth may be filled with his glory."

"that the spiritual kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ may be continually increasing until the whole earth shall be filled with His glory."

"to confess their sins and to implore forgiveness of God through the merits of the Savior of the World."

"to cause the benign religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be known, understood, and practiced among all the inhabitants of the earth."

"to confess their sins before God and implore His forgiveness through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior."

"that He would finally overrule all events to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom and the establishment of universal peace and good will among men."

"that the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ may be established in peace and righteousness among all the nations of the earth."

"that with true contrition of heart we may confess our sins, resolve to forsake them, and implore the Divine forgiveness, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. . . . And finally to overrule all the commotions in the world to the spreading the true religion of our Lord Jesus Christ in its purity and power among all the people of the earth."

John Hart: JUDGE; LEGISLATOR; SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION.

"[T]hanks be given unto Almighty God therefore, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and after that the judgment [Hebrews 9:27] . . . principally, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner . . . to receive the same again at the general resurrection by the mighty power of God."

Patrick Henry: REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL; LEGISLATOR; "THE VOICE OF LIBERTY"; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

"Being a Christian… is a character which I prize far above all this world has or can boast."

"The Bible… is a book worth more than all the other books that were ever printed."

"Righteousness alone can exalt [America] as a nation…Whoever thou art, remember this; and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself, and encourage it in others."

"The great pillars of all government and of social life [are] virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone, that renders us invincible."

"This is all the inheritance I can give to my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed."

Samuel Huntington: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS; JUDGE; GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT

"It becomes a people publicly to acknowledge the over-ruling hand of Divine Providence and their dependence upon the Supreme Being as their Creator and Merciful Preserver . . . and with becoming humility and sincere repentance to supplicate the pardon that we may obtain forgiveness through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

James Iredell: RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA; U. S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON.

"For my part, I am free and ready enough to declare that I think the Christian religion is a Divine institution; and I pray to God that I may never forget the precepts of His religion or suffer the appearance of an inconsistency in my principles and practice."

John Jay: PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS; DIPLOMAT; AUTHOR OF THE FEDERALIST PAPERS; ORIGINAL CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE U. S. SUPREME COURT; GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

"Condescend, merciful Father! To grant as far as proper these imperfect petitions, to accept these inadequate thanksgivings, and to pardon whatever of sin hath mingled in them for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior; unto Whom, with Thee, and the blessed Spirit, ever one God, be rendered all honor and glory, now and forever."

"Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved Son. . . . Blessed be His holy name."

"Mercy and grace and favor did come by Jesus Christ, and also that truth which verified the promises and predictions concerning Him and which exposed and corrected the various errors which had been imbibed respecting the Supreme Being, His attributes, laws, and dispensations."

"I recommend a general and public return of praise and thanksgiving to Him from whose goodness these blessings descend. The most effectual means of securing the continuance of our civil and religious liberties is always to remember with reverence and gratitude the source from which they flow."

"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts."

"[T]he evidence of the truth of Christianity requires only to be carefully examined to produce conviction in candid minds… they who undertake that task will derive advantages."

Thomas Jefferson: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; DIPLOMAT; GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA; SECRETARY OF STATE; THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"The doctrines of Jesus are simple, and tend all to the happiness of man."

"The practice of morality being necessary for the well being of society, He [God] has taken care to impress its precepts so indelibly on our hearts that they shall not be effaced by the subtleties of our brain. We all agree in the obligation of the moral principles of Jesus and nowhere will they be found delivered in greater purity than in His discourses."

"I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished anyone to be: sincerely attached to His doctrines in preference to all others."

"I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ."

William Samuel Johnson: JUDGE; MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; FRAMER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS; U. S. SENATOR.

"[I] . . . am endeavoring . . . to attend to my own duty only as a Christian. . . . let us take care that our Christianity, though put to the test . . . be not shaken, and that our love for things really good wax not cold."

In an address to graduates:

You this day. . . . have, by the favor of Providence and the at¬tention of friends, received a public education, the purpose whereof hath been to qualify you the better to serve your Creator and your country. You have this day invited this au¬dience to witness the progress you have made. . . . Thus you assume the character of scholars, of men, and of citizens. . . . Go, then, . . . and exercise them with diligence, fidelity, and zeal. . . . Your first great duties, you are sensible, are those you owe to Heaven, to your Creator and Redeemer. Let these be ever present to your minds, and exemplified in your lives and conduct. Imprint deep upon your minds the principles of piety towards God, and a reverence and fear of His holy name. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and its [practice] is everlasting."

Francis Scott Key: U. S. ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; AUTHOR OF THE "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

"[M]ay I always hear that you are following the guidance of that blessed Spirit that will lead you into all truth, leaning on that Almighty arm that has been extended to deliver you, trusting only in the only Savior, and going on in your way to Him rejoicing."

James Madison: SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; AUTHOR OF THE FEDERALIST PAPERS; FRAMER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS; SECRETARY OF STATE; FOURTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest, while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here, we neglect to have our names enrolled in the Annals of Heaven.71

I have sometimes thought there could not be a stronger testimony in favor of religion or against temporal enjoyments, even the most rational and manly, than for men who occupy the most honorable and gainful departments and [who] are rising in reputation and wealth, publicly to declare their unsatisfactoriness by becoming fervent advocates in the cause of Christ; and I wish you may give in your evidence in this way."

James Manning: MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS; PRESIDENT OF BROWN UNIVERSITY

"I rejoice that the religion of Jesus prevails in your parts; I can tell you the same agreeable news from this quarter. Yesterday I returned from Piscataway in East Jersey, where was held a Baptist annual meeting (I think the largest I ever saw) but much more remarkable still for the Divine influences which God was pleased to grant. Fifteen were baptized; a number during the three days professed to experience a change of heart. Christians were remarkably quickened; multitudes appeared."

Henry Marchant: MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF RHODE ISLAND; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; FEDERAL JUDGE APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON

"And may God grant that His grace may really affect your heart with suitable impressions of His goodness. Remember that God made you, that God keeps you alive and preserves you from all harm, and gives you all the powers and the capacity whereby you are able to read of Him and of Jesus Christ, your Savior and Redeemer, and to do every other needful business of life. And while you look around you and see the great privileges and advantages you have above what other children have (of learning to read and write, of being taught the meaning of the great truths of the Bible), you must remember not to be proud on that account but to bless God and be thankful and endeavor in your turn to assist others with the knowledge you may gain."

George Mason: DELEGATE AT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; "FATHER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS"

"I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God that gave it me, hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ to receive absolution and remission for all my sins."

"My soul I resign into the hands of my Almighty Creator, Whose tender mercies are all over His works. . humbly hoping from His unbounded mercy and benevolence, through the merits of my blessed Savior, a remission of my sins."

James McHenry: REVOLUTIONARY OFFICER; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION. SECRETARY OF WAR UNDER PRESIDENTS GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JOHN ADAMS.

"[P]ublic utility pleads most forcibly for the general distribution of the Holy Scriptures. Without the Bible, in vain do we increase penal laws and draw entrenchments around our institutions.[77]

Bibles are strong protections. Where they abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience."

Thomas McKean: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA; GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA; GOVERNOR OF DELAWARE.

In the case Respublica v. John Roberts, John Roberts was sentenced to death after a jury found him guilty of treason. Chief Justice McKean then told him:

"You will probably have but a short time to live. Before you launch into eternity, it be¬hooves you to improve the time that may be allowed you in this world: it behooves you most seriously to reflect upon your past conduct; to repent of your evil deeds; to be incessant in prayers to the great and merciful God to forgive your manifold transgressions and sins; to teach you to rely upon the merit and passion of a dear Redeemer, and thereby to avoid those regions of sorrow – those doleful shades where peace and rest can never dwell, where even hope cannot enter. It behooves you to seek the [fellowship], advice, and prayers of pious and good men; to be [persistent] at the Throne of Grace, and to learn the way that leadeth to happiness. May you, reflecting upon these things, and

pursuing the will of the great Father of light and life, be received into [the] company and society of angels and archangels and the spirits of just men made perfect; and may you be qualified to enter into the joys of Heaven – joys unspeakable and full of glory!"

Gouverneur Morris: REVOLUTIONARY OFFICER; MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; "PENMAN OF THE CONSTITUTION"; DIPLOMAT; U. S. SENATOR.

"There must be religion. When that ligament is torn, society is disjointed and its members perish… [T]he most important of all lessons is the denunciation of ruin to every state that rejects the precepts of religion."

"Your good morals in the army give me sincere pleasure as it hath long been my fixed opinion that virtue and religion are the great sources of human happiness. More especially is it necessary in your profession firmly to rely upon the God of Battles for His guardianship and protection in the dreadful hour of trial. But of all these things you will and I hope in the merciful Lord.

Jedidiah Morse: HISTORIAN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION; EDUCATOR; "FATHER OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY". APPOINTED BY SECRETARY OF STATE TO DOCUMENT CONDITION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. All efforts made to destroy the foundations of our Holy Religion ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation… in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom… Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government – and all the blessings which flow from them – must fall with them."

John Morton: LEGISLATOR; JUDGE; SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION.

"With an awful reverence to the Great Almighty God, Creator of all mankind, being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same."

James Otis: LEADER OF THE SONS OF LIBERTY; ATTORNEY & JURIST; MENTOR OF JOHN HANCOCK AND SAMUEL ADAMS.

"Has [government] any solid foundation? Any chief cornerstone?… I think it has an everlasting foundation in the unchangeable will of God… The sum of my argument is that civil government is of God."

Robert Treat Paine: MILITARY CHAPLAIN; SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MASSACHUSETTS; JUDGE

"I desire to bless and praise the name of God most high for appointing me my birth in a land of Gospel Light where the glorious tidings of a Savior and of pardon and salvation through Him have been continually sounding in mine ears."

"I am constrained to express my adoration of the Supreme Being, the Author of my existence, in full belief of His Providential goodness and His forgiving mercy revealed to the world through Jesus Christ, through whom I hope for never ending happiness in a future state.87

I believe the Bible to be the written word of God and to contain in it the whole rule of faith and manners."

William Paterson: ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; U. S. SENATOR; GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY; U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

"When the righteous rule, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan. [invoking Proverbs 29:2 to instruct a grand jury]."

Timothy Pickering: REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL; JUDGE; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; POSTMASTER GENERAL UNDER PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON; SECRETARY OF WAR UNDER PRESIDENTS GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JOHN ADAMS; SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER PRESIDENT JOHN ADAMS

"Pardon, we beseech Thee, all our offences of omission and commission; and grant that in all our thoughts, words, and actions, we may conform to Thy known will manifested in our consciences and in the revelations of Jesus Christ, our Savior."

Charles Cotesworth Pinckney: REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL; LEGISLATOR; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; DIPLOMAT

"To the eternal and only true God be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen!"

John Randolph of Roanoke: CONGRESSMAN UNDER PRESIDENTS JOHN ADAMS, THOMAS JEFFERSON, JAMES MADISON, JAMES MONROE, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, ANDREW JACKSON; U. S. SENATOR; DIPLOMAT

"I have thrown myself, reeking with sin, on the mercy of God, through Jesus Christ His blessed Son and our (yes, my friend, our) precious Redeemer; and I have assurances as strong as that I now owe nothing to your rank that the debt is paid and now I love God – and with reason. I once hated him – and with reason, too, for I knew not Christ. The only cause why I should love God is His goodness and mercy to me through Christ."

"I am at last reconciled to my God and have assurance of His pardon through faith in Christ, against which the very gates of hell cannot prevail. Fear hath been driven out by perfect love."

"[I] have looked to the Lord Jesus Christ, and hope I have obtained pardon."

"[I] still cling to the cross of my Redeemer, and with God's aid firmly resolve to lead a life less unworthy of one who calls himself the humble follower of Jesus Christ."

Benjamin Rush: SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; SURGEON GENERAL OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; "FATHER OF AMERICAN MEDICINE"; TREASURER OF THE U. S. MINT; "FATHER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION"

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life. Happy they who are enabled to obey them in all situations! . . . My only hope of salvation is in the infinite tran¬scendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the Cross. Noth¬ing but His blood will wash away my sins [Acts 22:16]. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly! [Revelation 22:20]"

"I do not believe that the Constitution was the offspring of inspiration, but I am as satisfied that it is as much the work of a Divine Providence as any of the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testament."

"By renouncing the Bible, philosophers swing from their moorings upon all moral subjects… It is the only correct map of the human heart that ever has been published."

"[T]he greatest discoveries in science have been made by Christian philosophers and . . . there is the most knowledge in those countries where there is the most Christianity."

"[T]he only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible."

"The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effective means of limiting Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools."

"[C]hristianity is the only true and perfect religion; and… in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts, they will be wise and happy."

"The Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in his present state than any other book in the world."

"The Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life… [T]he Bible… should be read in our schools in preference to all other books because it contains the greatest portion of that kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public happiness."

The Arguments, Abortion:

"It is our fundamental right as a free people to decide for ourselves what to do with our bodies. The government has no authority to limit my access to abortion and may not come between me and my doctor. My body, my choice." The answer for this issue should be made from the moral viewpoint as the scriptural arguments are obvious. Why is abortion wrong if you don't believe in a God?

We use the Anagram S.L.E.D.

The S stands for SIZE:

The Argument: It is small at 1st. It is not even visible to the naked eye. Because of this it is inconsequential and therefore I am justified in killing it.

The Defense: My three-year-old grand-daughter is shorter than my 19-year-old grand-daughter. Is it therefore O.K. to kill my three-year-old grand-daughter?
I'm taller than you, or fatter than you, can I kill you?

The L stands for LEVEL OF DEVELOPEMENT:

The Argument: Because the child has not yet developed yet, I am justified in killing it. It's just a clump of cells.

The Defense: My three-year-old grand-daughter is less developed than my 19-year-old grand-daughter, can I kill her?

The E stands for ENVIRONMENT:

The Argument: Because the child is in my body, I can kill it. Because it's in my body, it's my choice if it's O.K. to kill my baby or not.

The Defense: The problem with this position is, somebody did something wrong, or most often, two people did something wrong. Either a man raped a woman, or two consenting adults had sex. Either way, The answer can not be that the answer is to kill the only innocent person in the picture is to be killed.

The D stands for DEPENDENCY:

The Argument: Because the baby is not yet able to survive on its own, I can kill it.

The Defense: Children aren't easily able to survive on their own sometimes until they are adults. Is it O.K. to kill them? Mentally challenged people often are never able to survive without assistance, is it O.K. to kill them?

Transgenderism/Homosexuality/Pedophilia/Bestiality:

"I was born this way. If it's wrong, why did God create me this way?"

This makes a mockery of biology, logic, and faith. It is amazing that the moment someone claims to be the other gender, we all are now expected to obey their demands. **Nope.**

A quick question,

"If God made you that way, why take drugs to change the way you are made?"

This lie we are all supposed to accept was once a mental disease call **gender dysphoria**. **When you affirm transgenderism, you are now part of the problem.** It is exactly the same thing as telling an anorexic person, "You are correct, you look fat."

Gender is a part of who we are in our totality and in the details. It is in our genes, our DNA, our bone structure, muscle mass, and of course, our respective roles in procreation. We do not possess the right to determine our gender any more than we can determine our ethnicity. To be honest with you, I personally don't care what someone wants to call themselves…..or how they desire to express their selves….but….

The big problem for me personally is that now I am expected to play along and lie with you.

I am supposed to call a man "she". As **"dead-naming"** (calling someone who has transitioned, by their old gender) legislation becomes a thing and as parents are losing the right not to transition their children, you will have to choose between **the woke transgender revolution** or the clear biblical teaching on gender.

What arrogance it must take for someone to tell someone else……

"You have to say what I order you to say, and you can't disagree with me about it, you must keep quiet."

The reasoning behind this? "Your speech makes me feel unsafe."

God's Position on Crossdressing:

*"A woman must not wear men's clothing, and a man must not wear women's clothing. This **is abhorrent** to the Lord your God."* **Deut. 22:5 (TLB)**

*"A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whosoever doeth these things **is an abomination** unto the LORD thy God."* **Deut. 22:5. (KJV)**

*"Women are not to wear men's clothing, and men are not to wear women's clothing; **the LORD your God hates people who do such things."*** **Deuteronomy 22:5 (GNT)**

*"A woman shall not wear a man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things **is utterly repulsive** to the LORD your God."* **Deuteronomy 22:5 (AMP)**

"Abhorrent, abomination, hates, repulsive" I am reminded of Werner von Braun's famous quote. He was the man that designed the V2 rocket for the Atomic Bomb. When asked what he thought about his rocket he said "The rocket worked perfectly, it just landed on the wrong planet." This must be how God feels when we use the beautiful design meant for pro-creation and sharing our love with our spouse for perversion.

The Scriptural Position on Pedophilia:

"And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea." **Mark 9:42 & Matthew 18:6**

Spilling from the lips of Jesus. Although not mentioning the sin of pedophilia specifically, Jesus goes all in on the place children have in His heart. He communed with thieves, prostitutes, tax collectors and drunks. He was kind and forgiving to all of them. He reached out and forgave them all. Even the people who killed him. But people who abuse children? ***In His own words, they are better off dead.***

The Biblical Position on Bestiality:

"Whoever lies with an animal shall be put to death." **Exodus 22:19**

"And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion." **Leviticus 18:23**

"If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them." **Leviticus 20:16**

The Homosexual Community:

"I was born this way."

It all makes sense now. Gay marriage and marijuana being legalized on the same day.

"If a man lays with another man he should be stoned." **Leviticus 20:13**

God's Opinion of Homosexuality:

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable" **Leviticus 18:22 (NIV)**

"No man is to have sexual relations with another man; God hates that." **Leviticus 18:22 (GNT)**

Just think for a moment about this truth. Why would God hate it? What's the big deal? For starters, you must realize that with-in 100 years or so from today, every living person on Earth will be dead. Every man, woman and child, because of our life expectancy. If everyone on the planet lived the gay lifestyle strictly, the human race ends in 100 years. The gay lifestyle leads to death. God's design leads to life. And I realize there are ways around this medically, you don't need to patronize me. The best solution is in God's plan. The reason for this is we need each other for more than procreation. Our children need their dads and moms to love each other, to work together, and raise them together, under one roof for life. If you don't recognize this truth, I can't fix what's wrong with you.

God's Proclamation on Homosexuality:

"If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a detestable act. They must both be put to death, for they are guilty of a capital offense. **Leviticus 20:13 (NLT)**

"'If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads. **Leviticus 20:13 (NIV)**

Just as in the New Testament, we see here "the wages of sin are death". Just to be clear, I do not feel that there should be the death penalty for homosexuality today because of Jesus admonition in Revelation 22:11.

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." **Revelation 22:11**

The blood of Jesus is a game changer. No doubt about it. In this dispensation of grace, mankind is no longer under the Law of Moses, and I am glad for that truth. There is a big problem however when it is now becoming the case where not only is homosexuality legal, it is applauded, and often by mandate. Hollywood has already made it a rule that to be considered for an Oscar the movie must have a prominent LGBTQ+++ character. It is in many school systems today in America that everyone associated, and all teachers/guidance counselors must be gender affirming and pro-gay. It will soon be legislated, I fear, that we will not be able to preach against certain sins in the church. This is already the case in Canada.

Redemption and Restoration for the Repentant Homosexual, and the Rest of Us:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." **2 Corinthians 5:17**

The good news is that there is redemption in Christ Jesus. The blood of Jesus provides the hope for the homosexual, and the rest of us. There is room for forgiveness and reunion available to this community. Don't give up on your friends and family that may be playing in this sin. You also were once a sinner, and found forgiveness in Christ. The gay community is no different than any other group in this regard.

The Science: *This is taken from an NPR report on the largest genetic investigation of sexuality ever performed. It was hilarious when it came out. Heads exploded on the left. All these loons in vagina hats crying on t.v. was quite enjoyable to me. The reason being is "if there is no gay gene, then homosexuality is a choice." To the Christian this is a moot point of course because desire doesn't justify behavior anyway. Sexual desire doesn't justify sexual behavior. What if someone desires pedophilia, or bestiality? Does that justify those behaviors? This study proved that the argument "I was born this way" is a lie. (I would caveat intersex).*

There is no 'gay gene' Sexuality is complex, study confirms. Science Magazine **Aug 29, 2019**

There is no single gene responsible for a person being gay or a lesbian. That's the first thing you need to know about the largest genetic investigation of sexuality ever, which was **published August 2019 in Science**. **The study of nearly a half million people closes the door on the debate around the existence of a so-called "gay gene."**
In its stead, the report finds that human DNA cannot predict who is gay or heterosexual. (*Notice here where they start trying to nullify some of the devastating consequences to the pro gay crowd.*) Sexuality cannot be pinned down by biology, psychology or life experiences, this study and others show, because human sexual attraction is decided by all these factors. *(All these factors? You just said there is no gay gene, which means the contributing factors of psychology and life experiences from the list they provided above are the culprits.)*

"This is not a first study exploring the genetics of same-sex behavior, but the previous studies were small and underpowered," Andrea Ganna, the study's co-author and genetics research fellow at the Broad Institute at Mass General Hospital, said in a press briefing on Wednesday. "Just to give you a sense of the scale of [our] data, this is approximately 100 times bigger than any previous study on this topic."

Moreover, the researchers found that sexuality is **polygenic** — meaning hundreds or even thousands of genes make tiny contributions to the trait. That pattern is similar to other heritable (but complex) characteristics like height or a **proclivity toward trying new things**. (Things like red/green colorblindness, freckles and dimples **can be traced back to single genes**). But polygenic traits can be strongly influenced by the environment, meaning there's no clear winner in this "nature versus nurture" debate. *(Notice how the left wing NPR spins this? The study makes it clear that there is no gay gene. NPR uses polygenesis to justify proclivities. In the nature versus nurture argument, nurture clearly wins.)*

It is worth keeping in mind that this study only covers some types of sexuality — gay, lesbian and cis-straight — but doesn't offer many insights into gender identity. In other words, the team only looked at the "LGB" within the acronym LGBTQIA+.

What the scientists did
The study set out to investigate a 20-year-old genetics debate in sexuality by combing through two huge collections of DNA profiles: the UK Biobank and 23andMe. With a reported 9 million users in its database, 23andMe is arguably the most popular, direct-to-consumer DNA testing company on the planet. The UK Biobank was established in 2007 by the medical charity The Welcome Trust as a resource for research. It contains the DNA sequences of 500,000 middle-aged people, who were 40 to 69 years old when they were recruited between 2006 and 2010.
This study pulled the information for 477,500 people across the UK Biobank and 23andMe who had taken a survey about various life behaviors, including whether they had engaged in a sexual experience with a person of the same

sex at any point in their life. About 26,800 individuals — or 5 percent of the subjects — fit this description, which is similar to **the percentage reported across society more generally.** All of the subjects consented to this research, including those pulled from 23andMe's archives.

A GWAS study scans the DNA of hundreds or thousands of individuals, looking for common patterns that correspond with our health or our behaviors.

With this genetic trove available, the researchers conducted what's known as a genome-wide association study, or GWAS. As the PBS NewsHour has reported previously, a GWAS study scans the DNA of hundreds or thousands of individuals, looking for common patterns that correspond with our health or our behaviors. Think of all of humanity as consisting of 7 billion copies of the same book. All humans contain the same words — or individual genes — that make up how we think and how our organs function. But the words in our respective genetic books — or their code — look slightly different. Some of my letters might be red, while some of yours are colored blue. They vary, which explains why we don't look exactly the same nor have the same health. This may sound counterintuitive, but those variations can also share similarities. The books that make up my family look similar to each other — in this example, they contain other shades of red. The same applies if two people have the same height or if we're both bald or if we're depressed. These genetic patterns look more similar among myriad types of groupings and that's what GWAS hunts down. The technique can be used to suss out why certain people (and their particular genetic variations) correlate with health conditions **like autism**, physical traits like curly hair or colorblindness, behaviors like handedness or emotions like loneliness.

What they found:

This GWAS study found that, like with many human behaviors, sexuality doesn't have a strong genetic backing.
When the team looked for DNA patterns that had strong correlations, they found that no one gene could account for any more than 1 percent of people's sexuality. The strongest signals came from five random genes. Two of those genes correlated with same-sex sexuality in males, one of which is known to influence the sense of smell. One gene cropped up for females and two others showed solid patterns in both males and females. But their **individual scores never passed this 1-percent mark** — meaning they are all minor contributors if any to same-sex sexual behavior. **"It's effectively impossible to predict an individual's sexual behavior from their genome," said Ben Neale, a geneticist at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Broad Institute who led the study.** They did attempt to examine some elements of this continuum by conducting GWAS analysis on three smaller DNA databases wherein the participants had been surveyed using the Kinsey Scale. The Kinsey Scale is a somewhat infamous test for determining the strength of a person's feelings toward members of the same- and opposite-sexes. In other words, it tries to judge if a person leans gay, straight or bisexual.

The team found genetics cannot explain people's scores on the Kinsey Scale. Bailey did agree with Neale that the debate is now closed on whether any single gene is responsible for sexual orientation. "[Our study] underscores an important role for the environment in shaping human sexual behavior and perhaps most importantly there is no single gay gene but rather the contribution of many small genetic effects scattered across the genome," Neale said.

Polygamy:

"But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband." **1 Corinthians 7:2**

Polygamy was never endorsed by God in the Bible and never ended well. The 10 tribes have all been lost to history and only the tribe of Judah and Levi survive today, both from Israel's first wife. It ruined King Solomon and The Middle-East is still suffering today from Abraham's folly over 3500 years ago.

The "Wall" and Illegal Immigration:

Securing the border and preventing illegal immigration is Biblical.

Bible verses regarding the building of walls and securing borders often revolve around themes of protection, restoration, and establishing security for a community. The primary biblical narrative regarding this is the story of Nehemiah.

The Story of Nehemiah (Rebuilding the Walls)

The account of Nehemiah highlights the physical reconstruction of Jerusalem's walls to remove the "reproach" of vulnerability (Nehemiah 2:17).

"But when I got back, I said to them, "Jerusalem is truly in a mess! The gates have been torn down and burned, and everything is in ruins. We must rebuild the city wall so that we can again take pride in our city."

It emphasizes dedication to the task (Nehemiah 4:6)

"The people worked hard, and we built the walls of Jerusalem halfway up again."

and the dual role of defending while building (Nehemiah 4:17-18).

*"Who were rebuilding the wall. Everyone who hauled building materials kept one hand free to carry a weapon. **18** Even the workers who were rebuilding the wall strapped on a sword. The worker who was to blow the signal trumpet stayed with me."*

The completion of the wall is portrayed as a source of security and a testimony of divine help (Nehemiah 6:15-16).

*" On the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul,[a] the wall was completely rebuilt. It had taken 52 days. **16** When our enemies in the surrounding nations learned that the work was finished, they felt helpless, because they knew that our God had helped us rebuild the wall."*

Verses on Security and Borders

Other scriptures emphasize the importance of secure boundaries and safety.

Micah 7:11 (NIV): Mentions a day for "building your walls" and "extending your boundaries."
Psalm 147:13-14 (NKJV): Highlights strengthening gates and establishing peace within borders.
Isaiah 60:18 (ESV): Connects safety and security to the presence of walls.
Deuteronomy 32:8 (NLT): Focuses on God setting boundaries for nations.
Ezekiel 36:35-36 (NKJV): Describes fortified and inhabited cities as a sign of restoration.
Zechariah 2:5 (ESV): Symbolizes God as a protecting "wall of fire" around His people.

Verses on Vigilance and Protection

Proverbs 25:28 (ESV): Uses the metaphor of a city without walls to represent a lack of self-control.
Isaiah 62:6 (NIV): Focuses on the role of watchmen on the walls for constant protection.
2 Chronicles 14:6 (ESV): Connects building fortifications to achieving peace.
Psalm 127:1 (NKJV): Emphasizes that ultimate protection comes from God, rather than solely human effort.

We are right to defend ourselves.

Hate Speech (*and hate speech is violence).*

"You can't say anything that offends me."

And as if that isn't bad enough, compulsory speech.

"You must also use speech that affirms my feelings and my worldview".

The hubris of those statements is mind-boggling. The arrogance it takes to believe that you have the right to go through life and never be offended is unquantifiable. **Even God Almighty doesn't demand that**.

Jesus himself said in **Matthew 12:32** that

"Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven Him…"

But this pack of woke lunatics actually think they have the right to not only tell you to stop speech that you feel is important, but now you also have to affirm and agree with their speech, no matter what your position might be.

Willful promotion of "hatred" is a criminal offence in Canada. Willful promotion of hatred means to make "statements" in public that willfully or intentionally promote hate against an "identifiable group." Unlike public incitement of hatred, willful promotion of hatred does not have to involve a breach of the peace. **BC's office of Human Rights Commissioner. Now it is held that if I disagree with you, I hate you!**

Mark my words, the next phase of this law's progression will be the Gospel message will be outlawed in Canada. Ministers in Canada are already banned from preaching against homosexuality, and more is coming down the pike shortly. **The next stop on that little train ride will be America.** *(For research on Canada's hate speech laws see Canadian criminal law Bill C-63, section 318, 319(1), 319(2), and the On-line harms act.)*

The Environment:

Ideological Positioning: Environmental care is often treated as a left-wing issue, allowing conservatives to align against it to strengthen their political identity. The mistake being made we need to make this a conservative position. God gave us a wonderful planetary home; we should appreciate it. That was the task God gave Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

"Creation Care" Conflict: While many religions emphasize stewardship, some conservative religious groups, particularly evangelicals, have moved from supporting stewardship to climate skepticism and opposing environmental regulation. We must prepare ourselves better regarding the lies often center in the environmental scientific discussions. The fraud in science is taking money away from actual conservation projects.
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Discourse of Skepticism: Apologetics often frame environmental impacts as far away in time or place (e.g., polar bears, foreign countries) to minimize concern within the U.S.A. Rather than denying all environmental issues as bogus we should turn the discussion toward real environmental projects. Follow the money.

Reclaiming Conservatism: Some, including conservative leaders, argue that conservation is inherently conservative, citing Russell Kirk and Ronald Reagan to link protection of natural resources with protecting heritage. This shouls be a religious discussion.

Framing Matters: Research suggests that using "binding morality" (e.g., patriotism, local stewardship) rather than global "care" framing can increase conservative support for environmental action. Real science results in real results.

Slavery is a part of our History and the Bible seems to be in its favor:

"The Bible is pro-slavery."

It's an accusation commonly charged by the new atheists against believers in Christ today. It is often the first bullet fired against the church in a debate on the inspiration of scripture.

"How can the Bible be inspired by an all-powerful loving God and get slavery wrong?"

It is an honest question. It also has some apparent, face-value support, and not just in the Old Testament, but in New Testament epistles written by both Paul and Peter.

> Ephesians 6:5: "Bondservants, obey your earthly masters."
> Colossians 3:22: "Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters."
> 1 Peter 2:18: "Servants, be subject to your masters."

How should Christians respond to this concern? It's a complicated and sensitive issue that we will answer here.

When we are discussing slavery in 21st century western cultured Christianity we are typically talking about the **Atlantic Slave Trade.** The technical term for this is **chattel slavery**. Chattel slavery is forbidden in the Bible.

"Whoever <u>steals a man</u> and <u>sells him</u>, and anyone found <u>in possession</u> of him, shall be put to death."
Exodus 21:16

"The Law was written for people who are sexual perverts or who live as homosexuals or are <u>kidnappers</u> or liars or won't tell the truth in court. It is for anything else that opposes the correct teaching."
1st Timothy 1:10

Chattel Slavery is kidnapping someone, for forced labor or to sell to someone for forced labor, or transporting someone for the same. The Bible prescribes the death penalty for all three. Slavery is out-lawed in scripture.

When the word slave is mentioned in the Bible, it is referring to **indentured servitude**. We will use Onesimus as our example of indentured servitude from the book of Philemon.

Philemon was a wealthy Christian from Asia Minor, married to Apphia, and the two of them set up a church in their home after Paul led them both to Christ. According to early church records, they were martyred when Nero killed many in the church at Colossae during the 1st general persecution of the Christians. Philemon headed the church in Gaza up to that point. Onesimus was the indentured servant of Philemon by mutual agreement.

The reason Paul was writing to Philemon was Paul had converted a gentleman named Onesimus to Christ. Paul would soon find out that Onesimus was the runaway slave of Paul's friend Philemon. It is important to note that this was not slavery as we think of slavery in our history in America. This was a case of indentured servitude. Indentured servitude was a voluntary, or sometimes court ordered servanthood to pay off a debt. If one's family was poor, you could hire yourself on as a servant to a rich family, work for several years and receive a lump sum, or have your debts paid when the service was completed. Onesimus ran from his obligation before the debt was paid. Indentured servitude also was used to pay for higher education, paying for land or travel etc. According to Leviticus this type of agreement between two parties could not extend past seven years.

The Greek word (*doulos*) can be translated “slave,” or sometimes “servant” or “bondservant,” and often referred to people who had a surprising level of legal and social status in the first-century Greco-Roman world. Most were not “slaves” from their birth, or for their whole life, or because of their race—for instance, the Roman jurist Gaius (second century) claimed that most slaves were prisoners of war who actually would have been slaughtered if not made slaves.

In conclusion the Old Testament, freed slaves every seventh year **(Ex. 21:2)**, commanded the death penalty for manstealing **(Ex. 21:16),** and generally sought to limit the institution in protection of the slave. Further, slavery was generally not organized by race but by circumstance and economics (for example, foreigners, debtors, and so on). To be clear, slavery in any sense perverts God’s created intention for human beings.

Top Policy Priorities

Economy & Inflation: Republicans prioritize lowering inflation, reducing taxes, decreasing government spending, and boosting economic growth.

Key Biblical Principles & Verses on Financial Restraint

Contentment vs. Greed: 1 Timothy 6:6-9 indicates that godliness with contentment is true wealth, advising against chasing money. Hebrews 13:5 warns, "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have".

The Danger of Debt: Proverbs 22:7 advises that "the borrower is slave to the lender," highlighting the loss of freedom associated with debt.

Diligence and Planning: Proverbs 21:5 states, "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty," highlighting the need for careful financial strategy. Proverbs 13:11 notes, "Wealth won quickly dwindles away, but gathered little by little, it grows".

Avoid Excessive Spending: Proverbs 21:17 warns that those who love pleasure and luxury will become poor.

Stewardship and Savings: Proverbs 21:20 highlights that "In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has".

Budgeting: Luke 14:28-30 encourages "counting the cost" before starting projects to avoid unfinished ventures and foolish, unplanned spending.

Spiritual Focus: Matthew 6:19-21 advises against storing up earthly treasures, which are vulnerable to loss, and suggests investing in spiritual, eternal treasures.

Immigration & Border Security: A top concern is securing the U.S.-Mexico border, decreasing illegal immigration, and implementing stricter immigration policies.

Key Scriptural Principles on Borders:

God Established Boundaries: Scripture states that God determined the boundaries of nations. *“When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance... he fixed the borders of the peoples” (Deuteronomy 32:8).*

Purpose of Borders: Biblical borders, such as those mentioned in Numbers 34:1–12, provided security, defined jurisdictions, and maintained national identity.

Fortified Walls: The Bible mentions physically fortified cities with gates and bars (Deuteronomy 3:5, 2 Chronicles 14:6-7).

Orderly Entry & Citizenship: Moses requested permission to pass through territories, respecting their borders (Numbers 20:17). The Bible highlights the distinction between citizens and foreigners (nokri) who did not assimilate.

Crime & Safety: Emphasizing "law and order," the party focuses on backing law enforcement, reducing crime rates, and supporting stricter penalties.

Key Biblical Verses on Safety and Protection

Psalm 91:1-16: Abiding under the shadow of the Almighty provides protection from dangers.

Proverbs 18:10: "The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe".

Psalm 4:8: "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety".

Psalm 23:4: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me".

Isaiah 54:17: "No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment".

Proverbs 29:25: "Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe".

National Security & Foreign Policy: Focused on maintaining a strong military, "peace through strength," and addressing national security threats.

These verses reflect the importance of strategy, counsel, and readiness, including the establishment of fortifications and, in some contexts, preparation for physical defense.

Psalm 144:1, Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;

Proverbs 11:14, Where there is no guidance, a people fall, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Nehemiah 4:14, And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

Numbers 32:17, but we will take up arms, ready to go before the people of Israel, until we have brought them to their place. And our little ones shall live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

Luke 22:36, He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.

Energy Independence: Advocating for increased domestic oil and gas production to lower energy costs.

While this is a rather modern problem and doesn’t easily fall in the Biblical timeframe, there are many verses in scripture that hold to the principle of self-reliance on a personal level. Here’s one:

2 Thessalonians 3:10 (ESV): "...If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat."

Where we can improve our platform and message:

Biblical verses on social issues emphasize justice, care for the marginalized, and fair treatment of the poor and vulnerable. This discussion always is sidetracked when the left applies these principles to people who are self-marginalized. People who are marginalized because of their own criminal or perverted behavior. Truly marginalized members of society are not poor people for example, who engage in criminal behavior, but poor people who don't. Not a guy that wears lip stick and heels, but inter-sex people with two x chromosomes and one y chromosome.

Key themes include:

Protecting orphans and widows, (why is abortion so cheap, and adoption so expensive?) Welcoming legal immigrants, and demanding fairness from the powerful, (why does no one rich or powerful ever go to jail?).

Prominent passages include:

Micah 6:8: calling to "do justice, love kindness."

Matthew 25:31-46: which links serving the needy with serving God.

Habakkuk: The entire book of Habakkuk deals with just this subject.

Justice and Advocacy:

Proverbs 31:8-9: Commands speaking up for the destitute and defending the rights of the poor.

Isaiah 1:17: Directs to "seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow's cause".

Amos 5:24: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream".

Jeremiah 22:3: Urges acting with justice and protecting the vulnerable from oppression.

Election Integrity: Promoting policies aimed at strengthening the security of election processes.

Maintaining Election Integrity from a Biblical Perspective (from our friends at well versed world).
Election integrity is the foundation stone on which representative government rests. With it, participants in the political process can have confidence that their elected leaders actually represent what the public wants. Without it, the voting public quickly becomes cynical and will rarely see an "elected" leader as having legitimacy.

In a nutshell, if you have election integrity, you have confidence that election results accurately reflect the informed voting decisions made by legitimate voters. While there are many biblical examples of appointing leaders (i.e., Exodus 18:19-22; Deuteronomy 16:18; Acts 14:23), the Bible doesn't directly address voting in the same sense that modern elections are conducted. There are, however, biblical principles that if followed would help ensure elections are valid (i.e., honest and trustworthy), and yield results the voting public can have confidence in. The following lists some of those principles.

One person, one vote - *Genesis 1:27*: Everyone is made in God's image and therefore has intrinsic value and worth. This value is independent of social status, amount of wealth, race, ethnicity, country of origin, or even what faith a person has. In effect, voting is the great leveler among people. This basis principle is violated whenever one person votes multiple times, or a vote is duplicated or falsified or bought, or when votes are not counted.

Who Should Be Allowed To Vote?

You should be an Adult - *1 Corinthians 13:11*: Although our nation has decided that a person is mature enough to vote when they're 18 or older, biblically being 20 years of age appears to be more aligned with adulthood. For instance, a person had to be at least 20 years old to serve in the military (Numbers 1:3), be counted in a national census (Numbers 1:2-3), to bring offerings to the Temple (Exodus 30:14), and to be personably accountable for major sins (Numbers 14:29-30; 32:11). Although biblical adulthood at 20 years of age appears more prudent than 18, any attempt to lower it even further (i.e. 17 or 16) appears unwarranted and ill-conceived.

You should be of sound mind - *Matthew 5:37*: A voting decision is in a sense a vow that that decision represents what we sincerely intend. The biblical equivalent is letting our "Yes be Yes" and our "No be No." Vows are serious matters, implying we understand the gravity of our decision and that it is a legitimate reflection of our desires. Filling out a ballot for someone that is not cognitive or able to think clearly for themselves is in effect stealing their vote and exploiting the defenseless and weak (Proverbs 22:22), which is strongly condemned biblically.

Proof of Identification - *Philemon 19*: In Biblical times, kings authenticated their personal approval by imprinting their seal on a document (Esther 8:10). The Apostle Paul validated his authorship of the letter to Philemon by using his own, easily identifiable handwriting (see also Galatians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:17). Being able to personally authenticate a document has always been extremely important. No less important is being able to prove who you are when you cast a vote. Therefore, the use of signature verification and/or government issued identification appears to be a prudent minimum requirement. Falsely identifying as someone else is a violation of this principle (1 Kings 21:8) and is a false witness (Exodus 20:16).

Simple Process - *1 Corinthians 14:33*: The Bible tells us we serve a God of order, not confusion. When the voting process is unnecessarily complicated, confusing, subject to interpretation, extends over long periods of time, has multiple paths with numerous third parties handling the ballot before counting, and has a loose (or even partisan) chain of custody, it will be open to easy manipulation and fraud. Returning to a simplified voter and vote accounting system would reduce complexity and allow for proper accountability, similar to the Old Testament need for a simple temple "lock-box" that eliminated theft and kept the system of tithes and offerings secure (2 Kings 12:4-12).

Obey the Rules - *2 Timothy 2:5*: Voting rules should be easy to understand and then enforced. Just as athletes who don't follow the rules should be disqualified because they are misrepresenting themselves, so purposeful violations of voting requirements should result in ballot and voting disqualification in order to maintain election integrity.

Citizenship - *Exodus 12:24-27; Ezekiel 44:9*: Biblically, native born citizens and foreigners were treated the same under civil laws (Exodus 12:49; Numbers 15:15-16). However, to be fully recognized as part of the nation of Israel, foreigners had to show fidelity to national purpose (Exodus 12:48) and recognition of transcendent values and beliefs (Ezekiel 44:6-7). The same loyalty significance applies today. To directly participate in the governing of our nation, a foreigner must show commitment (citizenship) towards our values and what our nation represents. To let loose voter registration processes allow non-citizens to vote trivializes the high privilege and duty of voting and creates significant opportunities for abuse.

Independent Verification - *Proverbs 18:17*: Proverbs says: "One man seems right until another man questions him." All elections are by nature partisan. Limiting open accountability and transparency for competing interests to verify election integrity throughout the entire election process in an open invitation for election fraud. Resolving any discrepancies that are found must also be done in a just and fair manner, otherwise any transparency is futile (Proverbs 21:15).

The three most common complaints against the Gospel message are:

1. **The Gospel is selfish.**

2. **The Gospel is naïve.**

3. **The Gospel is impotent.**

So, what is the answer? What can we do as a church? The Bible offers 1 solution.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

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