## Six Spheres of Man

The Six Spheres of Man looks at six foundational aspects of humanity and how they relate to the politics of the day. I present three sections under each topic—God's view, opinions or beliefs that are opposed to His view, and those that favor His view. This is by no means a complete and thorough study. It's meant to be a basic introduction for those who have not previously considered God's view on the politics of our day and are looking for a place to start.

The United States Constitution emphasized freedom and limited government. Our founders understood the importance of personal freedoms. However, to maintain order, some laws were needed. The question ever before us in our political views and decisions is, "How do we balance both law and freedom?"

President John Adams said in an address to the military on October 11, 1798, "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. **Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."** (*America's God and Country*, William J. Federer).

Not only did John Adams understand the importance of not trying to govern the morality of the people through law, but an understanding of the Bible reveals the same thing. In the book of Galatians, the Apostle Paul warned of false apostles who were teaching legalism and removing the people's freedom in Christ. Yet, he also warned them to guard against sin and beware of those who were practicing sin, as they would corrupt the Church. The Church, and the American people, need to guard against both legalism and lawlessness if we want to remain a free nation.

A free America without a strong, solid, mature, biblical Church will not work. The Church must preach and teach the gospel. We must raise our kids in the ways of the Lord. We must also take the lead in governing the government. Otherwise, the government will try and make the people moral, and the freedoms of the people will be trampled on.

We must self-govern, and this can only successfully be done through the Bible. We have free speech rights in our Constitution, but shall we slander or gossip? No, but the way we keep both our freedom and our morality is when we refrain from gossip because we want to please God, not because there is a law against it. So when we pass laws making "immoral behavior" illegal, we slide down a slippery slope of restricting our freedoms to make government our conscience. The government is not a good conscience. Our nation was designed to have the people be the conscience of the government. Not the other way around. If the Church would practice and teach the Bible we wouldn't need frivolous laws!

We can't allow government to legislate morality. Morality must be in the hearts of the people. Freedom is for a moral people who have God as their moral compass. Because of that, we must guard our Christian religion. But we must not only guard our religious rights and the freedom to live out our faith, we must actually do so—PRACTICE and TEACH it or we will lose both our freedom and morality.

Through study of the Old Testament, we learn that Law didn't make people inwardly moral, it only exposed their sinful nature. It kept immoral behavior in check to a certain degree, but both desire and shame still plagued the heart.

Through the New Testament we learn that a free society without inward morality, doesn't work either. True morality is not forced behavior but comes willingly from a moral heart. If morality is not in the heart of a free society, then immorality will be even more openly and debasely expressed. And the only way to put morality in the hearts of people is through faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the key. He must be King. His Law—the Word of God, the Bible—keeps people both moral and free because faith in Him produces an inward morality, a change of heart, a filling of His Spirit that leads to a people who truly want to live moral lives. When people love God, they will freely and joyfully do what He says. Through true faith in Christ, freedom and morality become both inward and outward.

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## A godly view on politics

LIFE / AUTHORITY		
Opposes God's View	God's View	In Favor of God's View
Evolution, Idolatry, Abortion, Depopulation, Euthanasia, Genocide, Anti-speciesism, Governmental limits on number of children, Adultery, Divorce, Homosexuality, Mistreatment of gender or sexual dysphoria.	<ul> <li>All life and all of creation comes from God, therefore He holds all authority over it.</li> <li>God established the family unit as the core of mankind.</li> <li>God created the human race in His own image; He distinguished between male and female and gave them authority to rule over the earth. He told them to have children and populate the earth. He told them to subdue the earth—to rule over it all, including the creatures of the earth.</li> <li>God blessed them as He gave them the first and foremost command—to rule over the earth, in the image and likeness of God, and to reproduce—to fill the earth with people.</li> <li>The highest governing unit on earth is two or more people—a father and mother who have children.</li> </ul>	Creationism, Worship of one God—the Creator, Traditional marriage, Protection of children (born and unborn) Adoption.

Genesis 1:26-28, Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 8, Psalm 139:13-18, Romans 1:20-27, Deuteronomy 22:5, Leviticus 18:22-23, Hebrews 1:1-3, John 1:1-3, Genesis 1:1

FAMILY		
Opposes God's View	God's View	In Favor of God's View
Large welfare state, Governmental handouts, Government funded (controlled) housing, Government funded (controlled) education, Government funded (controlled) healthcare, Charging parents for their child's crimes.	<ul> <li>Fathers and mothers (parents) are accountable to God to have children and raise them in the ways of the Lord. They are not accountable to men, or a government.</li> <li>Each person will bear the responsibility for their own sin. Parents will not bear the punishment for their children's sins before God (neither will the children bear the punishment for the parents).</li> <li>The family is to take care of their own needs—to work to provide for themselves.</li> <li>The family is also to take care of their own needy—the widows, elderly, orphans, and the poor of their own family.</li> <li>If the needy have no family to care for them, believers in Christ—the Church family—assists the poor, widows, and orphans.</li> </ul>	Pro-family and pro- parental policies, Church involvement in the community and awareness of needs.

Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:1-4, Romans 2:6, Ezekiel 18:20, Proverbs 6:20-23, Colossians 3:20-21, Genesis 18:19, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 1 Timothy 5:3-16

WORK / STEWARDSHIP / FINANCES		
Opposes God's View	God's View	In Favor of God's View
Governmental price controls, Governmental hiring/firing restrictions, Governmental handouts and dependency, Socialism, Communism.	<ul> <li>People are accountable to God to work to provide for themselves—to steward what He gives them.</li> <li>A person's talents, skill, gifts, and call in life are given by God, so the person must have the freedom to pursue an avenue of provision for themselves according to their own conscious, as directed by God.</li> <li>To the extent a person works to provide for themselves and their family, they are to enjoy the fruit of their labor. The one who produces much will enjoy much. God didn't design a system where wealth was to be distributed equally, or to where the government controls a nation's wealth by controlling individual family or business wealth.</li> <li>A person is free to give of his wealth as he chooses. Generosity is encouraged in Scripture and blessed by God.</li> </ul>	Free-market economies, Freedom for private businesses, Entrepreneurship, Freedom on personal giving, Tax-free inheritance.

Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:11-27, Luke 6:38, Philippians 4:10-19, Galatians 6:7, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-12, Acts 5:4, Proverbs 10:16, Proverbs 10:4, Proverbs 13:4, 11, 22. Proverbs 19:15, Proverbs 21:25, 1 Samuel 8:10-18

EDUCATION		
Opposes God's View	God's View	In Favor of God's View
Government mandated schooling, Government chosen curriculum, Government chosen careers, Banning Bibles, prayer, or biblical viewpoints in schools, Anti-American, anti-God policies, Censorship, Intimidation.	<ul> <li>God's design is for the education of our children to be parental-based.</li> <li>Parents have responsibility to God for how they raise and educate their children (or allow them to educated). Therefore, they have God-given authority to make decisions about the education of their children.</li> <li>Education in the Bible was history based—knowing the history of their nation, of what God had done for them, and the history of the mistakes and errors of a nation and what that led to.</li> <li>Biblical education—teaching the Scripture to children—is not only commanded by God, but will benefit them, and society, as they learn how to gain wisdom from the Scripture, how to find God, hear His voice and therefore pursue His call for their life.</li> <li>Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding comes from God (not man).</li> <li>Scripture-based living produces peaceful societies, non-discriminatory living, and genuinely kind, tolerant, "non-offended" people</li> </ul>	Creative thinking, Philosophy, Logic, Free thought, Free speech, Debates, Parental rights, School choice, Homeschooling, Parent chosen curriculum, Freedom to choose one's own career.

Proverbs 22:6, Genesis 18:19, Deuteronomy 32:44-47 (also verses 1-43), Deuteronomy 4:9-10, Deuteronomy 8:1-3, Psalm 145:4, Proverbs 4, Proverbs 2:6-7, James 3:13-17

JUSTICE / FREEDOM		
Opposes God's View	God's View	In Favor of God's View
Censorship, "Hate speech" labels, Forced acceptance of other's beliefs, Adopting policies or laws that favor religions who oppose biblical laws, Health mandates, Property tax, Criminalizing Christian or biblically moral beliefs, Compromising freedom for "safety," Numerous and frivolous laws, Big government.	<ul> <li>Freedom and justice are only found in Christ and His Word—the Bible. It is found in the Kingdom of God, and under His rule alone will true justice and freedom be implemented.</li> <li>To live and maintain a free society we must have freedom of speech to preach the Gospel.</li> <li>Freedom and the preaching of the Gospel go hand in hand.</li> <li>Protecting our religious freedom and freedom of speech, therefore, is important.</li> <li>Idolatry is a threat to our freedom and to the blessing of God upon a society that honors (or once honored) Him.</li> <li>Antichrist views of those in positions of influence or authority in our government, or among our people, will bring a curse on our nation. As believers, we must guard against those views in our own lives, our families, our churches, and in those we vote for.</li> <li>We bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ to maintain victory over the spiritual forces which try to stop the will of God from being done on earth as it is in heaven.</li> <li>Every person is responsible for their own actions before God, therefore a person has authority (freedom) over their own body, as well as their own property (land). Each person remains responsible for their own health care decisions.</li> <li>Parents are answerable to God for the actions they take (or allow to be taken) concerning any child of theirs (born or unborn).</li> <li>Military strength protects our land from "outward" enemies. Faith in Christ protects our inward thoughts from our spiritual enemy.</li> <li>The judgment of right and wrong, good or evil, is the basis for justice in a society. When good is called evil and evil is called good, it brings "woe" or suffering and trouble onto a society.</li> </ul>	Freedom of speech, Freedom of religion, Bill of Rights in the constitution, Support of Christianity, Support of biblical laws and policies, Constitutional laws, Rule of law, Personal health care choice, Criminal laws that align with biblical truth, Respect toward those who disagree, Obeying laws unless they violate the Word of God, Limited government.
John 8:31-36, 2 Corinthians 3:17, 2 Peter 2:19, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Acts 5:29, 1 Corinthians 10:29, Acts 4, Psalm 106:34-43,		

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NATIONAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS		
Opposes God's View	God's View	In Favor of God's View
Globalism, Racism, Religious persecution, Weak defense budget, Open borders, Non-citizens allowed to vote	<ul> <li>God revealed His thoughts on "global" thinking during the Tower of Babel.         Globalism, open borders, one-world anything opposes the diverse tribes and cultures He created. Globalism not only tries to make man a "god" but is an attack on cultural diversity, race, and ethnicity.</li> <li>When we vote in governmental leaders who recognize God as the ultimate authority, and therefore protect and properly steward what God has given them authority over, the blessing of God will remain on our land.</li> <li>Those leaders who are able to communicate to other nation's leaders respectfully and negotiate without compromising that which maintains our God-honoring ways, will promote peace in the world.</li> <li>It is our duty to vote in leaders who understand the importance of protecting and stewarding that which God has given us to do as a Christian nation.</li> <li>Our national call is to preach the gospel here and abroad. The enemy of God, and of our faith in Christ, wants to stop this at all costs.</li> </ul>	Strong military, Protected borders, Sound (vetted) immigration, Election integrity, Protection of (but not force of) Christian values and beliefs

Genesis 11, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, Proverbs 29:2, 4, Proverbs 16:12, Proverbs 14:34, Proverbs 11:10-11, Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 18:18-20, Matthew 24:14, 1 Timothy 3:7, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Exodus 20: 1-6, 1 Chronicles 22:17-19, Luke 6:27-28, Revelation 12:9-12, 1 Peter 5:8-9, James 4:7, Acts 17:24-28, Psalm 33:8-12

We can see that limited government is the biblical view. King Jesus ruling in the heart of a population far outweighs any "good" that a human government would try to do to make life "fair" and good for all. God oversees all and distributes gifts in people that are needed for each generation. Power corrupts, and the more power a government is given, the more corrupt it becomes. The Kingdom of God is the only exception.