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Whose Agent Are You?

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There are many categories of things in both the spiritual and physical world that can be classified as opposites. To cite but a few examples: liberty and tyranny, truth and lies, heaven and hell, angels and demons, flood and drought, anarchy and rule of law, etc. To this mix, Dr. David Jeremiah, a pastor, teacher, and author, has added yet another fascinating category.

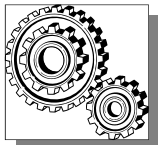
In his newly-published book Agents of Babylon, Dr. Jeremiah states that human beings are divided into those who, during their time on earth, function as either agents of God or agents of hell. Or, as he so aptly puts it: agents of Heaven or agents of Babylon. Whose agent are you? From whom do you take your marching orders? Jesus or Satan? Godly men and women, or

the immoral and/or morally relativistic? Are you prolife or prochoice? Are you a supporter of true marriage or same-sex marriage? Do you believe in creation or evolution? Do you believe that Jesus is divine, as Christians do, or that He is only a man, and of lesser importance than Mohammed, as Muslims believe. Did Jesus rise from the dead, or did his disciples steal His dead body and pass around a false tale that He had risen? Do all roads lead to Heaven or is there only one Way? These are fascinating concepts to ponder. What is your personal worldview? Your answer will determine in whose ranks you have enlisted: the ranks of Heaven or the ranks of Babylon.

The recent 5-4 *Obergefell v Hodges* US Supreme Court decision concerning same-

sex marriage is a perfect example of this question. Five SCOTUS Justices functioned as agents of Babylon, legislating from the Bench and giving the stamp of authority to same-sex marriage, while four Justices functioned as agents of Heaven, trying to protect true marriage. In an article entitled “The Wreckage of Obergefell”, essayist Michael Paulson, writing in the October 2015 issue of **First Things**, calls Obergefell a “paradigm-defining case: a decision that determines [legal] ethos and frames the political, judicial, and academic debate for the next quarter century or so.” He describes the case as marking “an **ending**, substantially revising the judicial ethos of the earlier paradigm-defining, debate-framing” cases or mindsets of previous courts and of society itself. I would go

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Candidate Scorecard

Same-sex marriage

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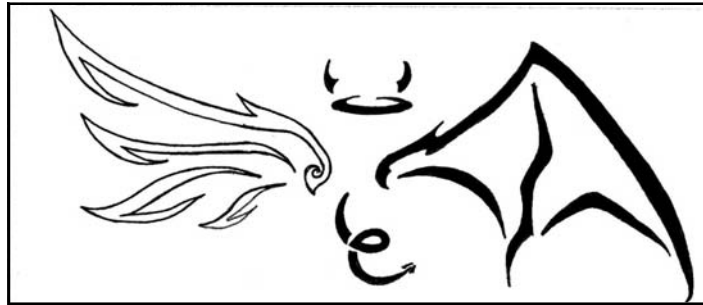
“‘Hubris is sometimes defined as o’erweening pride; and pride, as we know, goeth before a fall. The Judiciary ... has neither force nor will, but merely judgment; and must ultimately depend upon the aid of the executive arm and the States, even for the efficacy of its judgments.’ With each decision of ours that takes from the People a question properly left to them --- with each decision that is unabashedly based not on law, but on the “reasoned judgment” of a bare majority of this Court (as in the 5-4 same-sex marriage decision) --- we move one step closer to being reminded of our own impotence.”

US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, also quoting from Alexander Hamilton

even farther, and say that this decision was not a matter of the moment or even 25 years. It reversed the ethics of thousands of years of Judeo-Christian culture and Western civilization, opening the door to untold evils to come. Paulson calls the Obergefell decision a "... prime illustration of judicial activism run amok," and a "... fundamentally lawless and illegitimate decision." The infamous SCOTUS abortion decisions *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* of 1973 have continued to affect America well beyond 25 years.

Are we exaggerating the Babylonian influence of the same-sex marriage decision? Hardly. On October 29, 2015, a news story appeared online concerning the next argument to come down the highway to hell: two homosexual brothers who wish to marry. This latest development comes hot on the heels of the polyamory movement, encouraging people to accept "open marriages" and/or living arrangements of three or more people in every possible combination of genders. The transgender rights movement has also been made bolder. Numerous lawsuits have now been filed on behalf of (usually)

teenage males who identify as females, dress as females, and are demanding the "right" to use the girls' restrooms in their high schools. In these cases, the schools have offered the use of a separate, gender-neutral restroom with a door (like a family restroom), which any student is actually free to use (straight, gay,



transgender, or just plain shy). But the students and their lawyers reject that common-sense arrangement, and continue to demand the right of a teenage male (who still has the complete physical body of a male), to use the female students' bathroom. In some cases, the high school girls have staged walkouts and protests, because they do not want a male in their bathroom. The girls display the common sense here, and amoral lawyers and the legal system are acting as agents of Babylon. Whose agents are we when we seek to cor-

rupt children or kill them in the womb?

In modern times, says Dr. Jeremiah, there are people of prayer and firm conviction who know Who the true God is, serve Him, and refuse to compromise their Christian faith by giving in to the demands of "a secular corrupt and godless culture."

Those are the agents of Heaven. On the other hand, there is the other group of people "who are filled with pride, given to debauchery, and have no respect for any god but their own glory and appetites" and crave earthly power. The first group of people follow the Bible and will not compromise their faith to accommodate the secular world. The agents of Babylon are all the others. People in the second group do not have to be overtly wicked and evil in their daily lives, although many are, but they accommodate themselves to the secular culture and do not

oppose it. They go along to get along. They quail at the thought of speaking truth to power or resisting evil in the public arena. Jesus calls such people "lukewarm". (Revelation 3:15-16)

Dr. Jeremiah says that knowledge of these two perspectives is valuable information for the Church of today. They bring to light historical cycles past and present, and "project them into the future" so that we who follow Jesus Christ "can live in the present while preparing for the future." He states that it is critical that the Christian Church today not compromise out of a false sense of politically correct "compassion". We must not go along to get along, as did the majority of the German Church during the rise of Hitler. The modern American Church MUST NOT be people of compromise with the world and the principles of ancient pagan Babylon in areas such as abortion, infanticide, sexuality, marriage, idol worship, abuse of other human beings, abuse of political power, or surrender to Chrislam, a trendy movement that seeks to blend the beliefs of Islam with those of Christianity, claiming that the Muslim Allah and the Judeo-

"No people will tamely surrender their Liberties, nor can any be easily subdued where knowledge is diffused and Virtue is preserved. On the Contrary, when People are universally ignorant and debauched in their Manners, they will sink under their own weight without the aid of foreign Invaders."

Sam Adams 1775

Christian God Jehovah are one and the same. False. The only way you can embrace that concept is by denying the divinity of Jesus Christ. Dr. Jeremiah states that people with discernment read the trends of today and the signs of the times, and recognize that our culture is transforming itself into the culture of Babylon. The only way for Christians to endure is to boldly stand for the principles of righteousness, and refuse to compromise with the world.

The pull of the world is often subtle and seductive. Remember, Satan and his Babylonian agents do not appear with a forked tail and horns, wearing neon red suits, and carrying pitchforks. The higher one rises in the entertainment culture, political positions, education, the legal profession, or the economic spheres, the more insistent the pull and the more pressure there will be to compromise. The agents of Babylon are relentless. They pressured the Boy Scouts of America for years before the leadership caved and accepted openly homosexual Scoutmasters. The Girl Scouts caved earli-

er and with much less pressure by accepting lesbian Girl Scout leaders and using “educational” materials from Planned Parenthood. The agents of Babylon pressured the mainline Protestant churches into accepting and then endorsing same-sex marriage and tolerance of open homosexual activity by both the clergy and laity. They applied pressure by accusing them of being bigoted and unloving unless they conformed to compromise. So far, the vast majority of the evangelical churches appear to be staying true to God’s Biblical standard concerning human sexuality and true marriage. Unfortunately, the divorce rate in the evangelical churches is very similar to that of the unsaved world. The actual doctrines of the Catholic Church remain unchanged in these areas, but there is increasing pressure by the agents of Babylon to ordain female priests and accept homosexuality. Satan’s agents still have time, but pressure is increasing as their time is visibly growing shorter.

Dr. Jeremiah admires the Old Testament prophet Daniel, and holds his life up to

us as an example of a man who rose to a position of great power in a godless kingdom, yet remained uncorrupted. He states that the principles by which Daniel governed his life are no different than the principles by which Christians ought to govern their lives today. Fidelity to those principles is increasingly tested in contemporary society, is it not? But it is as important today as it was in Daniel’s time. Both Daniel and contemporary Bible-believing Christians operate in times of “rampant godlessness” and lawlessness, as well as in nations which “wallowed in opulence, material goods, arrogance, debauchery, blasphemy, and a lust for power.” The agents of Babylon within this type of pagan government (today we call it secular government) will, according to Dr. Jeremiah, bring devastation and persecution to God’s people. They did to the Jews in Daniel’s day, to the Jews in Europe during the Nazi Reich in the 1930’s and 40’s, and to Jews and faithful Christians in the Communist Soviet Union and in Communist China. Absent revival in America, they will

do the same here. If revival does not come to America, according to Dr. Jeremiah, the Church may not be able to prevent America’s fall. But we must “resist the temptation to be pulled along in its wake through compromise.”

Standing up for your faith today is not easy. But then again, when was it ever easy? It never has been. Was it easy for all the young Jewish men and women captured and taken to Babylon after the fall of Jerusalem? Was it easy for Daniel or Esther? Was it easy for the martyrs of ancient Rome, Nazi Germany, or the former Soviet Union? How about for the persecuted Christians in the Middle East or North Korea today? Christians must confess the name of Jesus, follow the Bible, and never surrender to the pressure to conform to the world. Are you boldly advancing the Kingdom of God, or the kingdom of Babylon? Who do you work for? Whose agent are you?

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“All four dissents (in the 5-4 Supreme Court decision in the Obergefell same-sex marriage case) condemn it as illegitimate. The Court is not just wrong, but has become a renegade institution that needs to be reined in by democratic forces outside of itself. Judge Roberts calls the decision ‘an act of will, not legal judgment’, a decision so fundamentally wrong that it calls into question the legitimacy of the Court ... and Judge Thomas calls the decision ‘at odds not only with the Constitution, but with the principles upon which our Nation was built.’ ”

Michael Stokes Paulson, Professor and Distinguished University Chair of the University of St. Thomas School of Law



What can I do?



Faith without works is dead
James 2:17

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This year, 2016, will be an important year for our Country and our State. Elections will be held that will determine the direction that both Vermont and the United States will take. There are many problems in our society. We need good Christian leaders to guide us out of the moral morass we have drifted into. The Christian Action Ministry will continue to research and report on these issues and remind our readers from whence we came, as well as addressing new issues that will undoubtedly emerge.

We urge our readers to get involved, read and study about the issues, and vote; not just for what will benefit you personally, but for what will bring our State and Nation back to an acknowledgment of God and a desire to do His will. If we are in God's will, as individuals as well as a Nation, we can be instrumental in bringing our country back to the God-fearing, great nation that God has so richly blessed in the past.

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