Politics and Religion

Inspired by Matthew 22:15-20

Now I will say without a doubt,
two things never to talk about:
politics and religion.
And yet Jesus does not shy away
from entering into the fray
of politics and religion.
Yet he does it in such a way
that challenges how we talk today
about politics and religion.

His opponents wished to trap him
with a "gotcha" kind of question
which they would use to accuse.
But while they thought binarily,
Jesus was thinking multiply
and he refused their ruse.

Life is filled with complexity
which calls for much dexterity
in questions about polity.
Thus our Lord's reply tempers us,
teaching that helpful answers are
rarely yes-or-no, black-and-white.

The ground of our humanity
is rooted in the Trinity,
which is a multiplicity.
And that should spark humility
in all that we see fit to share
about politics and religion.

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