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## Brief Foreword

The organic process of putting these essays together and posting them on my website throughout 2016 has culminated in this book. You have the essays here as they appeared online, with only the very slightest variation here and there in punctuation, capitalization, or use of italics (that is, if *any* such variations still exist in this format). All that means is that the copy you downloaded from the site may differ somewhat in minute details, but *not* in content.

## Series Introduction

What immediately follows is the first in a series of 4-page light essays on worldview topics. The plan is to release 26 installments of material — every second Saturday from now on and throughout AD 2016 — that can be pulled together into a volume at year’s end. Topics and titles will match successive letters of our alphabet, from A through Z. Because I didn’t decide to attempt this writing schedule until January 2 (the *first* Saturday) had already come and gone, the first *two* installments are being posted on the 16th of the month.

You may be wondering, “Why the huge font?” Two reasons; 1) when this 24-point type is transferred into a booklet format, it’ll remain readable without a magnifying glass, and 2) it will force me to be more focused and less wordy.

## Anachronisms

Right off the bat, I'd like to address just two concerns touching Christian worship and involving anachronisms. I suppose most of us are fairly adept at spotting *anachronisms* — things, concepts, and people misplaced in time — when we encounter them in pop culture:

“Hey! That Ferrari doesn't belong in the background of this sword-and-sandal flick!” But when it comes to vitally important issues like *Biblical worship and eschatology* (last-things doctrines), most people are oblivious to such glaring chronological errors. Allow me, then, to point out 2 anachronisms that prevail in (professing) Christian circles today;

1. The Bible clearly teaches that the *miraculous sign-gifts* were given by God to *mark* the hand-picked *Apostles* as the *authentic* Gospel-carriers in the *1st C., AD.* That generation was the most vulnerable; certification was crucial.

**God** still performs miracles today, of course, but there are no modern apostles; each and every sign-gift served a specific purpose (authentication) and was bestowed during the *foundational era* of the NT Church. When that era passed, the Church was given the inerrant, infallible and *immutable written* Word of God as an enduring witness. God left nothing out of that testimony that could have better informed us now.

2. We decry the use of modern music (sometimes) in our worship, but are you aware that your *hymns* were neither approved nor widely used until *1700 years beyond the apostles*? What did Christians sing throughout the ages? The Psalms, “**God’s Hymnbook.**” Note well: there is *no Biblical warrant for composing man-made, uninspired songs to replace or even supplement the Spirit-breathed Psalms.*

To claim, “we’ve *always* sung the hymns, right from the beginning!” is to play

with history and truth. Where is the hymn composed by Matthew, John, Peter, Paul, another apostle, or Christ Himself, and in continuous use for 20 centuries? Nothing of the sort exists. Furthermore, consider these Biblical facts: Paul encouraged his fellow Christians to *speak* to one another (Eph. 5:19) and to *teach and admonish* one another (Col. 3:16) in “psalms and hymns and *spiritual* songs.” Then look at how the *inspired* Psalms are presented in the Greek Old Testament, the Septuagint (LXX). Each of the terms Paul used— psalm, hymn, or (spiritual) song—shows up as *the* title or *one of the 2 or 3* titles used in combination (see Psalm 76) for various Psalms. What’s the point? 1st C. Christians were intimately familiar with that Greek OT; it was quoted far more often than the Hebrew OT in the New Testament, including Paul’s letters to the Ephesians and to the Colossians. When he told them to share psalms-hymns-spiritual songs with each other

and to use them in worship, they knew what he was saying: turn to The Psalms! Once again, there is no NT command or even a hint for God's people to *write* new psalms-hymns-songs for the purpose of enhancing public corporate worship. God is not impressed with our uninspired hymns, no matter how beautiful and pious they may sound to us. We must worship God by His design, with *His* "hymn book," the 150 *God-directed* Psalms. So am *I* the one engaging in anachronism on this? No. Without a Scriptural warrant for new compositions to be used in God-pleasing worship, the proponents of man-made hymnody are the ones who are attempting to inject our current, unbiblical practice into our corporate Christian past. If you ever feel compelled to complain about the use of contemporary "praise and worship" music (in reality, it is neither), think again about your unwarranted use of hymns as well. Only God-approved worship is truly worship.

## Biblical Basis

I will unashamedly and unreservedly state that the Bible - the perfect written record of God-spoken truth for all ages - is the ultimate and sole authority directing and governing all of my worldview decisions. As a woefully-fallible sinner myself, I know better than to trust any other fallible human teacher, one who is necessarily limited by time, space, and sin-impaired judgment, just as I am. We can't live without trusting fellow humans to a certain extent, but the Truth (John 14:6) delivers all *essential* truth to His people, and it's our eternal and spiritual lifeblood. In all things, as the Holy Spirit enables, I will trust Christ. Christ *is* — and always was — the Word of God. What God is and wills, and what He has spoken are embodied in Jesus Christ; hear *Him!* (Deut 18:15-22; Mt 17:1-8). The Bible, in turn, is the inerrant and infallible record of the testimony of and to

the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible is not God, but it perfectly reflects and communicates all that is true about God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To me, the biggest fool on earth is the *professing* Christian trying to live without a growing, sustaining knowledge of what the Bible teaches in every area of life. What are such persons thinking, if they're thinking at all? It's practical atheism, atheism in daily living and practice. If you're determined to sort everything out on your own, you're determined to fail, and to fail *eternally*. On the other hand, the *sane* way to go is also, to use an apparent oxymoron, *transcendently practical*. All I mean by that is this: in God's universe (make no mistake, it *is* God's universe), it makes zero sense to fight the holy, all-powerful King who is forever secure in His throne. And you, one who has less power than a gnat by comparison, *you (!)* are going to challenge Him?!? That's not only the height of arrogance, but of folly as well. Still,

that is the way of the ungodly (Psalm 1); in a word, *rebellion* against the authority of the Creator-King to whom we are all subject. The point here is that “Bible-believing Christian” should be seen as a *redundancy*, since no *true* Christian ignores or despises the Bible or fails to regularly be informed by it in decision-making. Again, the Bible is *God speaking* (understand that in the *present* tense if you wish, since God exists in what we might call “the eternal now,” and His Word is eternally true, past, present, and future: Isa 40:7; Heb 13:8).

Let’s back up for a moment. I’m not recommending turning to God merely out of fear for our skins because He is all-powerful and able to grant our thoughtless, suicidal wish to live apart from Him eternally (though *not* in comfort, by any stretch of the imagination!). Coming from the lips of Jesus, we know all of that is true (Luke 12:4-5), but the nominal “Christian” who despises time spent

in learning the way and will of God despises God Himself, and that person will share the fate of the *known* ungodly. Such a person forfeits hope of salvation and drains his own lifeblood. He/she will go through this life in a fog and be led by evil hands into the eternal pit, from which there is no hope of rescue — *ever*. It is so obviously far, far better to receive The Word as our unerring guide through this life and into the next. If you want to know the truth, you must know The Truth Himself. To whom shall we go for the words of eternal life? Only to Him (John 6:68-69). Don't expect Him to come to you in a private dream, vision, or "word of knowledge." That, too, would be redundant and even *counter-productive*, since He has already been thoroughly revealed in the pages of the **unchanging Bible**. As the Holy Spirit leads us to understand the Holy Book that **He** ultimately authored in every part, we will find Christ and all essential guidance. "Gray areas" will disappear.

## Christ: What He has done, and what He will not do

In its essence, *The Gospel* (Gal 1:6-9), expressed in 3 words or less is just this: **God saves sinners**. And this *is* just — *right* — according to the Creator-King-Sole Proprietor of the universe, the One who sets the rules and presides over all time and space. Within and between the triune Godhead — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — it was agreed that Jesus Christ, the Son, would be the only appointed Savior (Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5-6). Jesus was not sent to save the already-righteous (there exists no such person, see Psalms 14 & 53, Rom 3:9-20); only repentant sinners “qualify” for the grace of God that saves (Luke 18:9-14), and that salvation comes only through the person and *completed* work of Christ. Now, professing Christian, do you believe that? Has Christ done all that is necessary to save sinners, including you

yourself? Think things through, and think them through *Biblically*. If Jesus has left something undone (to date), then neither you nor I nor anyone can say that we *are* saved, though we might still try to say — by a blind, groundless “faith” — that we are *being* saved. Let me explain that stark, shocking statement in clear terms. Please pay close attention, because this is crucial.

If Christ has not yet fulfilled *all* of the Bible’s prophecies concerning the conquering Messiah, we’ve all got some *huge*, unthinkable problems! If this is the case, then:

1. God the Son hasn’t done *all* that God the Father gave Him to do, even though He has been admitted back into Heaven to eternally share the throne with His Father when redemption had been *completely accomplished*,

His uniquely pure and righteous High-Priestly blood having been presented and accepted (read with the Spirit-enabled eyes of true faith: John 14, Heb 8-9; important to understand: if the only blood that can save has not yet been presented *and accepted*, Jesus has left this undone, and in disobedience to the Father, the lone mediator has failed! Unthinkable!)

2. If Jesus has *yet* to return in our day (or *beyond* even *our* day), *against* the NT testimony of every Spirit-inspired writer and Christ Jesus Himself, it can be claimed that God (Father-Son-Holy Spirit) has lied! Unthinkable! Yet this is what unbelievers quickly point to in order to discredit the Bible as inerrant truth and the Truth Himself (John 14:6, 8:32). This is also what is devastatingly effective in turning professing Christians into

apostates: “Jesus hasn’t returned when expected, so he was either ignorant or a deceiver, or both. I can’t believe what he says, therefore, about anything. I reject him.”

Note well: nearly every “Christian” “leader”/ “ministry” is teaching a ***non-biblical*** yet-future return of Jesus and the *end* of planet earth and/or time. Even when they get the *beginning* right, (*e.g.*, 6-day Creationist ministries), they blow it completely on the *time of the end* (Dan 12:4, 9 & ***The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants, things which must shortly take place...TO His servant John...the time is near*** (*ca.* AD 63, when the Son DID know the Day and the Hour —Mt 24:36—and informed those 7 Asian churches). Bottom lines: Christ saves only repentant sinners, and *has* done so; He will *not* save the self-righteous. Christ *has* returned (**THE *Parousia***, or “Second Coming”). He *won’t* come again because He doesn’t need to do so.

## Connections

It occurs to me that I've assumed too much familiarity with the Old Testament *typology* on the part of most professing Christians. In the immediately previous essay, I pointed the reader to John 14 and Hebrews 8 & 9 in order to reinforce some Biblical teachings, namely;

1. Christ's *first* coming was for the stated purposes of *fulfilling the holy Law* of God (Mt 5:17) and the *entire will of the Father*, with which (the Father's will) He was in 100% agreement (along with the Holy Spirit); throughout John 14, Jesus made it abundantly clear that this complete unanimity in design, purpose, and means exists, and in verse 31, He flatly stated, "As the Father gave Me commandment, so I do." There's no wiggle room here: Father commands, Son does *all*.

2. Also in John 14, Jesus told His hand-picked 1st C. apostles just *why* He'd have to go away in the first place: to prepare places in His Father's house for them (v. 3). "That where I am [in Heaven, His Father's house], you may be *also*." In the same breath, He said that when He would return to *them* [context! original audience relevance! was He speaking directly to you in 21st C. Main Street, USA?], He would receive *them* to Himself. We see in this the purpose of His "Second Coming" (*not* a Biblical term, by the way, though *parousia*—Strong's NT Greek word #3952—*is*: Mt 24 (4 times); 1 & 2 Thes (7); James 5:7-8; 2 Peter (3); 1 Jn 2:28). With respect to His hearers, the Lord's purpose in returning would be to receive them into Heaven at the time of their full redemption.

But Christ had to first fully clear the way into the Holy Place — the way to the Father — by fulfilling every jot and tittle of the Old Covenant Law, and as the true High Priest and holy sacrifice that the entire Levitical priesthood prefigured, He had to go “inside the veil” of the Holy of Holies to present the spotless blood that He shed on behalf of all His people to the Father. Until the Father accepted that perfect one-time sacrifice, the high priests in the *earthly* temple (the one appointed by the Father as the only meeting place for this transaction, the temple in Jerusalem that hasn’t existed since AD 70) had to annually go behind the veil and *hope* that they’d done everything according to God’s command on the annual Day of Atonement (Lev 16). To err in any way would be fatal; the type-antitype link was at stake.

3. Hebrews (especially 6:11-12:28)

spells all of this out, hence the suggestion to readers of my previous essay. Then, putting together Heb 1:1 (in *these* last days) with 1:14 (for them who *shall* [Gr. *mello*, or “are *about to*” ] *inherit salvation*, we can see that salvation/redemption was NOT yet complete when Hebrews was written. More than 30 years *beyond the cross*, the time had *not yet* arrived when the way into the Holy Place (the Father’s House) had been *opened* to those who would be received there by The Way (Jn 14:6). Circa AD 63, the everlasting kingdom (Dan 2:44, 7:14, 27; Luke 1:33; Eph 3:21; Heb 1:8, 12:28) had not yet been *consummated*, though it had been *initiated* 30+ years earlier. Do I have Bible for that? Of course!

—Luke 21:28: Jesus said that His immediate hearers (AD 30) should

be encouraged (“lift up your heads”) when *they’d* see the signs that led up to His coming (return), for it would mean that their *redemption* was *THEN* drawing near; if their redemption was not fully realized in AD 30 (at Christ’s death and resurrection), why would He who can **NOT** lie (Titus 1:2, Heb 6:18, Rev 3:14, several other places) say that it would still be “drawing nigh” at the time of His return (Parousia)? — The Spirit-inspired Apostle Paul, writing during the *transition period* between the covenants (AD 30-70) — [KEY CONCEPT ALERT!] — pointed to a close-but-not-yet fulfillment of the covenant of redemption and the consummation of the everlasting Kingdom of Christ as well:

Rom 8:23— “...even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for** the adoption, *to wit*, **the redemption** of our body.” The Spirit didn’t correct him!

Rom 13:11-12— “for now is our **salvation nearer than when we believed**. The night is far spent, **the day is at hand...**” The Spirit let this stand, too.

Rom 16:20— “And the God of peace shall crush Satan under **your** feet **shortly**.” Satan’s power had not yet been destroyed (this was roughly 28 years after the Cross), but the end of his evil reign would occur *shortly*, so soon that Paul could tell his letter recipients that Satan would be crushed under *their* feet; some would survive to see that day. Again, the Holy Spirit — who can **NOT** lie nor permit a lie to be told in His holy name — let Paul’s statement stand.

So there’s some Bible for you on that. Many other passages could be cited, but for the sake of brevity in this short piece, I’ll point to Acts 28:31. Paul is said to be (still) “preaching the kingdom of God” in about AD 64. Why would he be preaching that it was still (then)

coming as a future (to *him*, and to *them*, his hearers) event that had not yet occurred? Well, because the crucifixion-death-burial-resurrection-ascension events didn't cap off/seal the redemptive process: Christ had yet to demonstrate — *emphatically!* — that His blood had indeed been accepted by the Father, the way into the Holy Place had been fully and forever established for all of the Lamb's brother-sheep, and that the deaths of the martyrs were indeed being avenged; God's wrath and justice had to be meted out.

This is what AD 66-70, the 3.5 year, 42-month, 1260-day period of Christ's one-time **Parousia** was all about! It was then that salvation came in its complete form to the faithful, and final judgment and everlasting destruction came to the faithless. The New Covenant Kingdom that was *replacing* the Old Covenant (Heb 8:13) and *being received* by the faithful (Heb 12:28) in around AD 63 was

fully and forever ushered in, only a few years later in AD 70.

This is why we in the past-in-fulfillment school of Bible prophecy (“preterists”) have to shake our heads in sorrowful amazement that any true Christian could even begin to think that the temple in Jerusalem should be rebuilt, the whole Levitical, type-and-shadow sacrificial system should be reinstated, and that it remains for the True Temple (the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb, Rev 21:22) to deny all that’s been accomplished under the eternal covenant of redemption and “try again” to establish an *earthbound* throne. That is Christ-denying blasphemy, folks!

When are you going to get over yourselves and admit that God knows His Word and the future better than you do? When are you going to humble yourselves before the Lord of lords and the King of kings, the One who is perfect in

knowledge, and Who alone has the power to not only see into the future, but to control it?

If any modern “prophet” wants to impress me with his knowledge of the future, let him tell me — infallibly — what I will have for breakfast on a certain date that’s in my mind — a date that he’ll have to divine with his awesome powers of prognostication — and how many calories will be involved. Never mind the “end-times,” I just want to know about some pretty mundane things. Can you fill me in on those? You can’t? Then shut up and repent, false teacher and false prophet! Because here’s the point: God knows even the most mundane details about my life and *every* life, past, present, and future. You *truly...know* nothing. You and I can guess and wish and recklessly assume all we want, but unless we fear and respect The LORD, we can’t even begin to *actually* know (Prov 9:10). Wise up!

# Challenge to the Churches

As you might have learned from your own life-experience, sometimes brutal honesty is necessary. Sometimes folks need to be shocked and shaken from lethargy and sleep, and jolted awake. Before it's too late. I hope it's not too late for anyone who happens upon this to benefit from what follows.

First things first. This challenge goes out only to those churches that profess to be Protestant/Baptist. I'm not speaking to the world-control cults that masquerade as God-fearing religions, by which I mean Islam, Eastern Orthodoxy, LDS (Mormons), and Roman Catholicism. "Christendom," like Mohammed-ism, is all about church-statism and not about Christ. True *Christianity* centers on the *lone mediator* of the new, everlasting covenant (1 Tim 2:5, Acts 4:12, Heb 12:24, 13:20), appointed by God the Father. There is no room in true *Biblical*

Christianity for another god (Isa 44:6), a sharer of His glory (Isa 42:8), or co-mediating savior (Isa 43:11). Romanists and “Orthodox,” Mary is not to be worshiped, no matter how you try to redefine the term to avoid the charge. Mary is in heaven, yes, by God’s grace in saving a sinner, but she is absolutely *not* the “Queen of Heaven.” Read her own words recorded in God’s Word: my spirit has rejoiced in *God...my...Savior* — Luke 1:47. And Mary’s being blessed *above all women*? Read Judges 5:24, where Deborah and Barak sang, “*Most blessed among women is Jael*” (the background story is in Judges 4:4-22). So what was said about the blessed virgin Mary — I agree with every word of *that*, but not her supposed *perpetual* virginity nor her supposed sinlessness and deity! — was also said about Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite: “most blessed among women.” Now Jael was not the mother of Jesus of Nazareth, but God saw fit to *confer* that honor upon another woman

who was in need of salvation as much as any other sinful human being. That's right, Mary was born in sin, the original sin of *Adam*, *her* many-generations-removed father. *Her* father was not God the Father, and *that's* why Jesus was not an inheritor of original sin, but Mary was. Jesus was *uniquely* conceived by God the Holy Spirit, Who proceeded from the Father; Mary was born of two *human* parents who were themselves conceived in sin *and* sin-committers, so the state of original sin passed to her from her *father*. The doctrine of Mary's "Immaculate Conception" falls apart instantly in this light. And if you insist on *her* sinlessness at birth, *her* mother had to have been born in sinless perfection, *her* mother, *etc.*, all the way back to Eve! Do you really want to argue with God and say that because you want to make Mary sinless, then *Eve* never actually sinned, and *Eve*, too, (and all those mothers in between her and Mary) lived a perfect life? Leaving aside all of this,

nowhere in Scripture is Mary cited as an exception to the chain of original sin inheritance (see Rom 1-5, where it should appear if that were true). And was she even a leader in the church? Nope. Hers was a role that remained in the background, and that by God's design as both the Author of Scripture (2 Peter 1:21) and man's salvation (Heb 5:9, 12:2). Christians should respect and love Mary as a fellow Christian, but she herself would be utterly horrified to hear that millions of deluded souls have regarded her as no less than God!

So before we turn to that challenge directed to Protestants, the simple message to Romanists, Orthodox, and Muslims (you'd be amazed at how many Muslims, too, are engaged in mariolatry): drop your idolatry. Stop worshiping unbiblical idol-gods of your own making or of another human's unfettered imagination. We all need to be tethered to The Word constantly. He is our only lifeline.

Okay, fellow “Protestants,” it’s your turn to get a dose of brutal honesty. You’re getting it from nobody special. I’ll freely admit that for several years now, I have not been a member of a visible church body. The specific reasons for that — my personal “odyssey” from the Missouri-Synod Lutheranism I was born into, to the PCA church I transferred into, to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America flock I intended to join but didn’t — could fill a book. I may yet write that book if God wills it, but right here and now, I think it’s irrelevant. My purpose in this essay is to call the attention of the visible Church at large to two elephants in the chapel, so to speak.

**Unbudging elephant #1** is careless and false worship of the *true* God, which, though not considered by many to be idol-worship, is idolatry by God’s definition nonetheless (Second and *Fourth* Commandments of the ever-binding

*moral* Law of God, see Exodus 20 & 32; Leviticus 10, the “strange fire” episode of Nadab and Abihu; Uzziah’s crossing over into priestly privileges from his civil government position, 2 Chronicles 26, *etc.*). The fact is that there are *thousands* of denominations that differ primarily in worship practice distinctives, and each leadership group considers itself to be purer-than-thou on such matters. I get that; it’s human nature on display in the church sphere. On an individual level, I’m the same way: I think that my couple of decades’ worth of fairly intense personal theological study has brought me to a level of confidence in the truth of my convictions that just may be unjustified. I’m aware of that, too. The last thing I’d ever want to do is to set myself up as a Protestant “pope” in exile! [or *another* one, maybe?] I’m guessing that some of you self-described “dedicated churchmen” loathe the likes of me already. Perhaps you see me as someone who’s lobbying hand

grenades into the Church from the outside. And perhaps there's some resentment along these lines: "Hey, that's *our* prerogative to throw grenades at *each other!* But an *outsider?* No way!" [recall that I've spent much of my life in Reformed circles, eyes and ears open]. In order to clear things up for any reader of this essay, let me zero in on these facts concerning my perspective;

1. By God's *grace* alone, through His *bestowed gift of my faith* in *Jesus Christ alone*, I am a saved sinner. It is only because my salvation has been *won* by God the Son *for me* that I can have any assurance to say that. He did what I could never do, and He did it all in and to perfection, so **HIS** work on my behalf can't possibly be undone. *Sola deo gloria*: to Him alone belongs the glory! I belong to the *true, invisible* church because of *Him*.

2. Because Christ (only) is the Head of His own church, *you* (church official or congregant) can't keep me out of it for your own reasons. Yes, you can bar me from membership or impose conditions that effectively turn me away from your *visible* church body, but *Christ* has paid for my membership in the true Israel of God (Gal 6:16, 3:24) and the congregation of Heaven with His precious blood *AND* His imputed righteousness (Rom 4:5-8).
3. I would love to join a Biblically-faithful congregation, enjoy the fellowship, and actively contribute to it in every possible way. Here's the problem: which denomination lines up closest with the perfect and unchanging Bible regarding the *preaching* of the *whole counsel* of God, church government, ordinances, and God-pleasing worship practice?

Believe it or not, I can offer a fairly objective answer to that question. I've already revealed that I'm not a member of any local church, so when I say that I think the RP's have got it right — the Reformed Presbyterians who sing only God's inspired Psalms when worshiping Him — it's not an advertisement. In the interest of full disclosure, minus some distracting details, I'll say that I could easily have been writing today as a member in good standing of a Seattle RPCNA church. They'd received my approved transfer of membership from a PCA (Presbyterian Church in America) flock, which I'd left on good terms, though I'd come to reject their use of uninspired hymns and musical instruments in worship and observance of manmade "holy days" (Christ-mass and Easter). [two ironies: just months before, I'd paid for 100+ Trinity Hymnals, and the previous December, my height was put to use in decorating the chapel! minds can change — even *quickly*]

The *lone* obstacle that prevented me from joining that RP church was this: I was honest enough to say to the pastor in one-on-one discussions that I was becoming increasingly convinced that the most God-honoring eschatological (“last things”) position was that of the *preterists*. And — this may not be an accurate assessment, but I’ll put it out there for consideration — when I referred to *J. Stuart Russell*, author of the 19th C. book, *The Parousia*, he immediately associated *J.S.* with the Jehovah’s Witness founder, *Charles Taze Russell*, and I think that association never fully left his mind. From that point on, throughout our exchanges in person and via email, I could see that the wall of resistance was being built, and membership could be available, but only with this non-negotiable (and verbally expressed) qualifying condition: I could not (ever) express my views on eschatology, since I was “not necessarily” a heretic, but I *was* definitely “in error.” This pastor

was looking out for his flock, as well he should, and I understand that. From copies of some of our emails that have survived, I can relive the sting of his assertions that I would be a “disruptive” influence on the other sheep, and when I offered that I was only interested in taking my Commander at His word in *all* things, he asked, “Has he commanded you to be disruptive?” Well, that was it. Message received and noted. I shan’t darken your doors anymore.

Which brings us to **unbudging elephant #2**: There are pastors and teachers and even whole congregations, synods, and denominations holding to each and every possible (and frankly, *impossible*) view of eschatology within Christianity. You’ll be able to find a well-known public champion for your own view. *Unless* it’s preterism. I can almost hear many a reader say at this point, “Well, yeah, there’s a reason for that!” To which I reply, “But no *Bible-supported* reason!”

My Open Challenge to All Futurist  
(non- “Full” or Consistent Preterist)  
Pastors, Teachers and Promoters

Show me, from the Bible alone, that:

1. Jesus Christ did *not* teach that His return in the glory of His Father, with His angels, for judgment and deliverance would occur before all of the people He personally spoke to during His earthly ministry would be dead. In other words, explain to me how I’m misunderstanding Mt 16:27-28; Mark 8:38-9:1; Luke 9:26-27; Mt 10:22-23; John 14:3 (He would not *return* to *them*, but to *us*, who live 1985 years in the future, and who have never seen Him?); Luke 18:6-8 (He still hasn’t avenged His own elect “*speedily?*”); Luke 19:11-27 (the Master *didn’t* return to the same servants, but to their great-great-great (50x great-) grandsons? And He rewarded and punished *them* for their ancient *ancestors’* responses to His commands? Isn’t it

rather obvious that the same people to whom the commands were given are the same people to whom the Master returned for judgment? Show me how I got that wrong, or that this parable *doesn't* relate to the return of The Master); same deal with Luke 20:9-19 (I'm applying that wrong, too? It had nothing to do with the evil leaders in Jerusalem in the 1st C. AD? Really? The Bible says that those scribes and pharisees "*knew* He had spoken this parable against them"); Rev 1 & 22 (undoubtedly now aware of even the "day and hour" of His return, Jesus Christ Himself revealed through His angel TO John that He would be coming *quickly*, all of the events described were *near, at hand, and must shortly* take place, and once again, He testified, "SURELY, I am coming *quickly*," Rev 22:20). I could go on for hours, but until some faithful student of Christ can show me how an alternative interpretation of His words *in each case cited* makes more sense, I won't budge.

2. (Show me from the Bible alone that...)  
Jesus and *EVERY* Holy Spirit-led New Testament writer either a) did NOT expect the events of the “time of the end” (of the *age*) to occur within a generation (about 40 years in Biblical terms), or that b) they were *off by 1945 years and counting!* (caution! keep John 16:33 in mind when formulating your answer; also the fact that the Holy Spirit — God — can **NOT** lie, Titus 1:2). Those are the parameters; those are the treacherous waters which you must successfully navigate: Either Jesus was ignorant and mistaken in his [<note: *no caps*] own understanding and/or failed to communicate to his disciples what was true, or a man claiming to be the Son of God spun deliberate falsehoods, and could not have been God. I don't see how any true Christian can even imply that Jesus talked right past His own hand-picked disciples or right past His own generation of sinners in desperate need of the one true hope, deceiving them all.

3. Along the same lines, show me from the Bible alone that Christ *ignored* His own church-in-the-cradle (in the 1st C. AD), when newborn believers faced persecution and death from not only the Jews — always — but also from the ruling Romans (especially AD 63-68 under Nero). Convince me that all of the promises about avenging *them*, the *most-persecuted generation of believers*, were just empty rhetoric, and that all those promises really were meant to apply to some future generation, and that generation is *ours* (or not; who knows? maybe the Lord will “tarry” even longer than 1945 years past AD 70, despite what has been written in Heb 10:37). Be careful here, too. If Jesus offered *false hope* to his contemporaries — I mean that’s what they understood him to say, and he let them go on in false hope — we must realize that this man who claimed to be the I AM (God) was not God, not the Christ-Messiah sent from God, and just another lying sinner. If

one believes something to be true and then says something that doesn't align with that belief/knowledge, deception is occurring; deception proceeds from a deceiver. No matter how intentional or professedly *unintentional* the deception is, deception *is* going on, and it *is* harmful to someone in the end. But God is above *all* falsehood (see Psalm 119, Num 23:19, 1 Sam 15:29, Titus 1:2, Heb 6:18, Rev 3:14). Just one deceptive statement that runs counter to what is known by the speaker marks a person as a liar, and immediately disqualifies him as God. The point is obvious: you just can't have a "savior" who ever told a lie because that person is a sinner in need of salvation, too, by someone who *is* sinless, who never lies. If Jesus of Nazareth deceived the people of his generation by telling them that either the end-times prophecies didn't apply to them, but to a far-far-*far* distant generation, or that the promises of hope *did* apply to them, when he thought otherwise, he

disqualified himself as the sinless savior of anyone. If you intend to prove to me that we can still *trust* in a known *deceiver*, I must ask you what drug is clouding your thinking! And it simply isn't good enough nor is it true to contend that Jesus "often spoke in parables to His disciples" or "often left them in the dark" (as if there's a connection between His teaching methods and the deliberate misleading of an entire generation, believers and unbelievers alike). Not so, on either count! He spoke in parables to the unbelieving goats, but not to His own sheep (READ: Mt 13:10-17). In case anyone is still missing the point, here's my overkill punch: the Christ (Anointed One/Messiah) can only be the Savior of *anyone* if He is sinless — always and forever, not one sin on His record. If He *ever* spoke incorrectly about *anything*, He proved to be just another "he" (lower case), and ALL of us are without a savior. I really think the skeptics get this better than Christians.

4. This is sort of the “flip side” of point #3, or maybe a corollary: Show me from Scripture alone that the generation that Jesus had in mind when He used the terms, “THIS generation” and “THIS evil/wicked/adulterous/sinful/perverse/faithless generation” was *our own* generation *or one to follow*. Here are the places in God’s Word that I’ve just got dead cold wrong, according to you, the futurist: Mt 11, 12, 16, 17, 23, 24; Mark 8, 9, 13; Luke 7, 9, 11, 17, 21 (you can throw in Peter’s “Be saved from THIS perverse generation,” Acts 2:40; warning: consider to whom *he* was speaking concerning how *they* crucified Jesus (v. 36); did *we* crucify Jesus only just recently? [I mean other than in the “mass” of the Romanists, and in a literal sense]). Once again, I await your thorough refutation of our preterist interpretation of each and every one of these passages, and your thoroughly convincing alternative explanation that absolutely links all of these references to our own era.

5. [It's always 5 points with Calvinists, isn't it?] Show me from the Bible alone that....or, "Sum up *your* eschatology that trumps preterism, using only Scripture."

In this part of the challenge, he who takes up the challenge must know that if you were to add up the combined weight of opinion, trustworthiness, and integrity of Hal Lindsey, Harold Camping, Jack Van Impe, Billy Graham, John Hagee, Mike Evans, Chuck Missler, and every other "Christian" Zionist, Dispensationist, or end-of-the-world-obsessed false prophet of any stripe, on *my* scale, it wouldn't even register. I won't mince words here. Some will caution me to be more charitable towards such men, seeing as how they're my "Christian brothers," and "respected teachers" to boot! Baloney! In this, too, I will follow Jesus. He said in Mt 12:50, "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." I don't see where any of the above-named

demonstrably-false teachers and well-documented false prophets are doing the will of the Father, so I do NOT consider them to be my brothers. In fact, all of the evidence points in another direction entirely. What, after all, can be in a man's heart when he sees fit to churn out one false prophecy after another, or one supposedly biblical template to impose *on* Scripture after another? It almost makes us wish that just *one* element of the Mosaic Law could be brought back to make just *one* prominent example of one of these false prophets of our time (see Deut 13 if you're not picking up on my sarcasm).

One important disclaimer is necessary before we proceed: Anyone who trusts *solely* in Jesus Christ as BOTH Lord and Savior, is indeed my brother in Christ, *regardless* of his eschatology. That must remain clear. Correct eschatology will save nobody; only the person and work of Christ can and does save anyone.

Even brothers in the Lord who try to write us (preterists) off as heretics, usually employing the “hyper-preterist” tag in order to marginalize those of us who are *consistent* in our preterism, while they try to trademark their *partial*-preterism as the official eschatology of the Bible, must be considered to be true brothers *by us*; at least by those of us who *are* trusting in Christ alone. The preterist camp has at least its share of Christians-in-name-only and false teachers, just like futurists do (including “partial-preterists”). In particular, I want to caution against (consciously) Arminian people (who think they’ve regenerated themselves to true faith or rely on the power of their own free will to gain heaven), collective-body resurrection teachers or “heaven now” adherents (who deny that the Resurrection out of Sheol/Hades at the Parousia involved *individuals*, and/or deny that every person is ultimately headed to a literal and eternal afterlife in either Heaven or Hell.

## The Challenge: Two-Page Treatment

In order to be *Biblical* and *therefore* valid, any proposed eschatology must:

1. Preserve the absolute integrity and holiness of Christ, else none of us has a savior in your scheme.
2. Demonstrate trust in the Word of God at all points, considering context, original audience relevance, original author intent, literary genre, and compatibility with the themes of all Scripture.
3. Satisfactorily explain Mt 24:34 & Luke 21:22, 32; accurately define what exactly comes under the headings, “all these things” and “all things which are written,” as well as “these be/are the days of vengeance” and “THIS generation.”
4. NOT import or impose any ideas foreign to the Word of God, or any anachronisms that muddle the Biblical picture (*i.e.*, it can't

force-feed the modern world into the ancient, the 21st C. scenario into the 1st C. scenario, or America into Judea; how does Mt 24:16 read? “Then let those who are in JUDEA flee to the mountains” or “Then let those in Flat Prairie, Kansas, USA, flee to the mountains”?) [what mountains? what housetops, v. 17, are folks supposed to use to make their way out of town, jumping from one to another, as they *could* do in ancient Jerusalem? historical context, people!].

5. Bow before the triune, ever-truthful God in unreserved acknowledgment of His omniscience, omnipotence, and worthiness of all glory and honor. For He who knows all things has declared immutable truth, and what He has revealed to us is sufficient and complete, according to His holy will (Deut 29:29; Rev 22:18). Amen!

## (D)s and (R)s

If tasked with characterizing the “souls” of the two major American political parties as they exist today — in a single descriptive word for each — I’d say without hesitation that the (D)s are all about *control*, and the (R)s are all about *careers*. Given a two-word limit, I’d go with **total control** and **political careers**.

[For my opinions already proffered in print, and as background for this piece, please see my *ATHEOS: 6 PATHS TO DESTRUCTION*, Volume I, *ATHEISM/AGNOSTICISM-TOTALITARIANISM-HUMANISM*, especially pages 46-95; free PDF download available on Home page]

Now to the core messages of *this* essay. Tyrannical totalitarians as they really are, the *Demo-rats* (from the Greek *demo* for “people” and *rats* for the plural form of the English word for detestable rodents), will do absolutely anything to

obtain, expand, and keep absolute power over everything and everyone. Power, of course, means control, and *total* control over a *godless* universe is always the goal of the totalist Democrat. Oh, here and there, *in election years*, you'll hear some D-rat lip-service paid to God, but only for self-serving, *ungodly* purposes, and *always in deception*. For the *de facto* god of the (D) party is big, all-controlling Government, run by the self-appointed/anointed elite (that would be *them*). In the Jackass-party universe, God does not sit on His rightful throne, nor do *His* laws hold sway. In fact, taking their cues from their major prophet, Evolution, "God" does not even exist, so the only laws that *could* exist are the ones that the elite invent and install, albeit on an *ever-evolving* basis. But the Bible teaches that a shifting basis is no basis at all (Luke 6:46-49), and that the house (or nation or society, by logical extension) that's built without God is built in vain (Psalm 127, verse 1).

Now, if you know the true history of America's founding, you'll probably recall that one of the secularists' heroes, the deist Ben Franklin, quoted that Bible verse (among others) when he urged that prayer *to God* be made in order to seek *His* help in *forming* the government. Question: what legitimate god was ever *made, formed* by another? The Bible calls that idolatry, and so it is. The Government-worshiping (D)s show themselves to be rank idolaters in this.

But Franklin can also link us to the shame of the current (R) party, which I'm nowadays compelled to dub, the *Repulsicans*. When Franklin was asked by an American citizen about the nature of the new constitutional government, he replied that it was "a *Republic* , if you [posterity/following generations] can keep it." Today's *establishment* Republicans have demonstrated very little interest in keeping the republic, and they pour all of their efforts, it seems to me,

into keeping their *jobs* as career politicians. The very idea of a *politician-for-life* would've been repulsive to the founders, and I find it equally so, if not *more* so; I have the advantage of seeing what the vast majority of career politicians look like as a species, and the all-but-inevitable trajectories they pursue once they hit D.C. and drink the Nectar of the Elite. In their minds, the offices to which they were elected *by the people* became their personal property and HQ for their perpetual wealth-fame-status acquisition-extension machines. I say, "repulsive" for this reason as well, which is a natural corollary: (R) "leadership" — out of fear of the media and the Head Jackass and Usurper-in-Chief, a fraud from head to toe — *eagerly* caves in to the godless Osama Obama and his Thugs, Inc. regime time after time, each time breaking campaign promises, each time abandoning the voters who put them into office *and* their *sworn* promises to uphold and defend *the Republic*.

Proof of the personal knowledge among “public servants” that there *is* a great tension between responsibly serving the people who do the electing and serving would-be dictators out of a desire for self-preservation (in the name of “bi-partisanship”) can be found in the resignation of (R) House Majority Leader, John Boehner. That he felt the tension and needed to get out is obvious; I believe that he responded to a remaining shred of conscience. Advice to Mitch McConnell: follow his lead, and do the same. If your allegiance to King Barry or to the Spirit of Compromise supercedes your loyalty (if any) to those who trusted you to properly *represent* them, and to the **God** who built this nation “from scratch” (see **Job 12:14, 23**), *get out!* By God’s grace, we are a *republic*, a *constitutional, representative* democracy! To you and all of your ilk (I do **NOT** include the (R)s who *are* responsible **under God**, and for whom I’ll still vote), I simply say, “BE *true* Republicans!”

## Dog-whistle Socialists

This is a rather spontaneous reaction and follow-up to a conversation I had yesterday with an observant friend, one of the few people I know who takes the time to seek out the truth and form *informed* opinions on that basis. He, like me, does not rely on either common hearsay (folks talking “over the fence”) or the *controlled* hearsay of the mainstream media, the propaganda mouthpieces of the ever-growing, controlling government. We both distrust the career-politician set, too, and in the course of a discussion along those lines, he asked me whether I thought Bernie Sanders was actually a Socialist, and not more or less just an old-style Democrat, but because our *terminology* (political branding/labeling) had changed, Sanders goes by the label, “socialist.” (This was not *his* opinion, but this had been suggested to him as a possibility). Because I wasn’t part of that particular

discussion, I can't claim to understand the flow of thought involved, but it did prompt my own take, which follows.

I see Bernie Sanders as a card-carrying Socialist (capital 'S'), and I can at least credit him with being *honest* about it. He wears the label with pride and carries the banner at the head of the parade. On the other hand, there's Liarly Clinton, who never met a lie she couldn't use to her own perceived advantage. Like "the One" that falsely and illegally occupies the Oval Office — largely due to his world-class ability to lie, cover the first lies with a new layer, and rearrange the host of lies into one big, overwhelming swarm of lies — Mrs. Clinton is at the head of the "*Dog-whistle* Socialists." I shall explain the term and how it applies.

The term itself ("dog-whistle") has been around for awhile, but I'm not so sure it has been used specifically in the same

connection, linking it to “socialists.” I am referring to blowing a whistle in order to communicate something to dogs that *only* dogs can hear, and in this case, communicating in *code-speak* to the Socialist base (voters of that political persuasion, whether *known* as (D)s or not). We naive, clueless God-fearing citizens of any land in *God’s* universe, have the outdated notion rattling around in our brains that we are individuals made in *His* image, and *therefore*, each of us has some unique *personal* value. Socialists — *ALL* socialists, whether declared, big-S (like Sanders) or *decidedly deceptive* small-s (like Komrade Obama/Frank Marshall Davis Junior and the Clintons) — have no use for that “individual” nonsense. When a socialist is working a gathering of what you and I might call potential *voters* (**PEOPLE** who can vote), the socialist sees not *them*, but their *votes* swirling in mid-air, and they need only to be grabbed! The upshot of these political realities is achingly simple:

When potential votes are at stake, out comes the dog whistle. Those who are *not* dogs (**NOT** socialists) will hear campaign rhetoric that sounds good, red-white-and-blue, even “godly” at *opportune* times. But the dogs get the real message: every pup in the litter thinks it’s one of the favorites, and on the *side* of the ruling elite, eligible for favors. “Go, Mother Dog!” says each one. [think about *that* for a tick or two; get it?] But this mother eats her young and rolls over them if they get in her way. How many times have I said this, and in how many ways? To any power-hungry politician (**EVERY** socialist, to start with), the living, breathing human beings you and I know, who are capable of rational thought, *true* passions, and explainable actions driven by both, are only soulless screws in their Power Machines. One final thought: the “Dog-whistle *Islamists*” are among us, too. Witness he who sits on the throne. Dog-whistle politics have been *doubly* successful, I must say!

## *Everyday Errors in Eschatology*

As that consistently faithful and Reformed teacher of *Biblical* eschatology, Ed Stevens, has so often correctly said, “Eschatology *is* soteriology.” Put another way, your doctrine of “last things” is intimately linked to your doctrine of salvation, *informing* it and even *driving* it to a great degree. Diced further into practical small bites, we might say, “What you believe about the “last things” has *very much to do* with what you’ll come to believe about salvation.” This is, as the Lutheran catechism famously says, “most certainly true,” a fact proven by the plethora of *false* “gospel” teachings that really have little to do with the whole-counsel-of-God teachings (**Gal 1:6-9 & Acts 20:27**) actually found in the Bible. I’m referring to those erroneous alternative non-gospels that often had their origins in fatally-flawed alternative eschatologies: dispensationalism and “Christian” Zionism, to

name just two of the most widespread mass-deceptions, both of which attempt to *reinstate* the *types-and-shadows economy* of the *pre-Christ* incarnate centuries. Along with the unbelieving Jews, these “Christian” *unbelievers* are *still* looking for the Messiah to come down to Jerusalem to sit on an earthbound, *physical* throne, *against* the Biblical testimony in Luke 17:20-21, John 18:36, Rom 14:17, *etc.* Such blasphemous *soteriology* is the result, as night follows day, of unbiblical *eschatological* schemes imposed on Scripture by undiscerning mere men, their every judgment soaking in sin; they’re unable to rise above it.

As a layman servant of the living and *now-and-forevermore reigning Christ*, I *plead* with all you who presume to teach (be admonished by James 3:1), who have taken on the awesome responsibility of teaching God’s truth, in its *entirety*, and *without alteration* (Deut 4:2, 12:32; Prov 30:5-6; Rev 22:18-19), to do just that.

Drawn from the Word of God, when read and studied with discernment, here are some hints on how to preach about the last things. In this essay — which I'd like to keep short, leaving thought-expansion for other works (Lord willing) — *4 basic hints* will only be *listed* here:

1. When God says “When,” THAT determines and defines the fixed, ***Biblical timetable*** for that prophecy's fulfillment (Isa 46:10);
2. When God says “What,” THAT determines and defines what is to take place at the fixed Biblical coordinates of time and place. Only Almighty God, in His exclusive saving power and grace and perfect omniscience, can determine the **nature** of any prophetic fulfillment, and He will unfailingly bring it to pass (Isa 46:10-11, and see the Holy Spirit's prompting of Peter in Acts 2:16 to pronounce the *fulfillment* of that spoken by the prophet Joel);

3. Always, always, *always* keep in mind the closely-related concepts of *original audience relevance* and what the speaker/author intended to communicate: to **WHOM** was the inspired apostle (including Christ, the *First* and *Chief* Apostle) speaking or writing, and **FOR WHAT PURPOSE** (God's Word will not return to Him void, without the intended results: Isa 55:11; neither has He any need to self-validate himself as someone who happens to "know" a thing or two that everyone else has missed [*ahem!* I'm thinking quite unfavorably now of a *ton* of false teachers; *Here's* today's headlines for ya: THE BIBLICAL EPISTLES (LETTERS) WERE *NOT* WRITTEN TO YOU!, and GOD DOES *NOT* REVEAL DIRECTLY TO YOU *NEW* THINGS HE HASN'T REVEALED IN HIS COMPLETE WRITTEN WORD!]

4. Preach the unvarnished truth that Hades/Sheol *has* been emptied, and the way to Heaven *has* been secured!

## *Eden to Eden*

“In the beginning” (Gen 1-3), there was the original Eden, *planted by God* (2:8), Paradise *on earth*. God made the first man, Adam, the head of the **ONE race** of human beings. Our common ancestral head began with a “clean slate.” He was created in a state of *original righteousness* (without sin of any kind). While in that perfect state, in a sinless paradise, our God-appointed representative had unaffected free will to choose either to obey or disobey — to choose good or evil — and God gave him a probationary-period test on that basis. Had Adam successfully passed the test for as long as it was in force, we may assume from what the Bible relates that he, Eve, and all of their posterity (that would’ve included you and me) would live without end *on earth* in perfect happiness. Act II : enter *Original Sin*, in direct opposition to original righteousness: Adam, and all humanity *through* him, were plunged into

a perpetual environment of ever-present sin. Each and every father since then (including Adam, who'd forfeited his original righteousness by his disobedience) has passed that *original sin* on to any offspring ("original" in the senses of being the *first* sin, and in *every origination/conception* of new human life; see Romans 5). ONLY Jesus, the absolutely unique *seed of the woman* (3:15), who was conceived in human form *by God* (Luke 1:35), has ever escaped the automatic curse of original sin, and *Jesus alone* has retained a *perfect, untainted free will*. [to say that man, "DEAD in trespasses and sin" (Eph 2:1, 4:18), *still* has the ability to raise himself and choose ultimate good over ultimate evil — *on his own*, without first being made alive (regenerated), is unbiblical heresy; therefore, Arminianism must be rejected without apology; equally offensive is the notion that *Mary* escaped original sin ("Immaculate Conception"), so Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy

must also be jettisoned on this basis]. So the first *physical* and historical Eden has passed out of existence, *never to be restored*. Stop looking for Paradise on earth! That's what every Utopia-pusher *promises* (almost always government-by-elite, government-as-god socialists), and what *nobody* can *ever* deliver. When God kicked Adam and Eve out of that garden, He kicked us *all* out...*forever*.

*But God promised AND delivered* to all of the faithful in all times, something infinitely better, entirely by His grace: the second, *eternal* Eden, the Father's own abode, **Heaven**. Since AD 70, when the place of departed spirits — Sheol (Heb.)/Hades (Gr.) — had been emptied by the Resurrection of “the dead ones” out of that two-compartment realm (Luke 16:19-31), from AD 66 to late summer, AD 70, Heaven became the *immediate destination* for all who are trusting in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Sheol/Hades is out of business, tossed

metaphorically into the “lake of fire” (Rev 20). It’s crucial for any professing Christian today to understand that Sheol/Hades *was* where all disembodied spirits were held, on either the “pre-Hell” side where the rich man *already* experienced unrelenting torment, or the “pre-Heaven” side, also known as “Abraham’s Bosom” or “Paradise” — to which Christ Himself referred, Luke 23:43. When Jesus was “in the grave” for 3 days, His spirit was in Sheol/Hades/Abraham’s Bosom/Paradise (which leads to a possible interpretation of 1 Peter 3:19). Even *He* didn’t bypass that “holding area.” And until He fully and finally opened access to Heaven with His Parousia (AD 66-70), entailing the Resurrection of/out of the dead (the Bible *never* uses the phrase, “resurrection of the *body*”); deliverance for the living faithful (1 Thes 4:15-17, 1 Cor 15:50-56); the “Great White Throne” Judgment (Dan 12:2; Mt 25; Rev 20); and the final discarding of the Jewish, Old Testament

temple-sacrifice system as outmoded and irrelevant (now that Christ fulfilled all that pre-figured Him as *THE* Temple and *THE* High Priest), all believers went to Sheol/Hades, and NOT to Heaven (excepting *Biblically* only Enoch and Elijah). Yet, what do so many offer at the funeral or graveside of a “dear departed” professed believer? Quite dishonestly, they give the surviving loved ones one of two *false* hopes, false *if* Christ *hasn't* returned, and Sheol/Hades is still in operation: either he/she is *in Heaven* as we speak (couldn't be true if Hades was still the preliminary stop), or that on some still-future “last day,” the very same atoms of the deceased body will be *reconstituted* and raised to Heaven, reuniting body and soul. Sorry, but you can't have it both ways!

Consider well what is taught by the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul in that most-explicit Resurrection-themed passage, **1 Cor 15**. Are believers promised

to get *their* old physical bodies back, atom-for-atom, in the same way that Christ did? Be careful! *ONLY* the physical body of Christ did *NOT* see corruption (**Psa 16**), since *only His* body was untainted by either original or personal sin. Nothing that's corrupted or corruptible will ever pass into Heaven. What is required for admission *to* — and life *in* — Heaven is the *UN* corrupted and the *IN* corruptible; **ONLY A NEW, SPIRITUAL BODY SUITABLE FOR HEAVENLY EXISTENCE WILL DO, AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT'S PROMISED TO THE BELIEVER: 1 Cor 15:35-54.** Either tell the truth that you're saying one thing while believing the contrary, or *much, much better*, tell THIS Biblical truth: Christ HAS returned, HAS put Sheol/Hades out of business, HAS conquered Death, the "final enemy" (1 Cor 15:20-58), and HAS secured entrance into the Eternal Eden for all of those who are in Him, *immediately* upon leaving this sin-soaked existence for that sin-free afterlife. Tell *that* truth!

## ***Four Favorite Founding Fathers***

Having considered consistent, Bible-shaped (*Christian*) character and undeniably important contributions to the cause of American independence, I've landed on four personal favorites: Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, George Washington, and Rev. John Witherspoon. To me, these four best epitomize the kind of man that God, the *Ultimate Founder* (Job 12, Dan 4, 2 Cor 3:17) was pleased to use to the greatest advantage in founding the United States. Washington, the *indispensable* man, without whom — humanly speaking — there would be no USA, but possibly a “West Brittania” under an insurmountable monarchy, is the one we all know about. *Sort* of; we have to sort fact from fiction, and true history from force-fed anachronisms that are driven by current ideologies. At this writing, I'm in the first stage of constructing a George Washington page on my Trutholio website. If the

Lord wills (James 4:15), I will develop that page to the degree that it gives him a semblance of his due recognition before men, while pointing heavenward to God, under whose Providence all transpires, and to whom all glory belongs (*Soli Deo Gloria*). For the most thorough, *well-documented(!)* treatment of the man and the true nature of his faith, I most heartily recommend the excellent Peter A. Lillback/Jerry Newcombe book, ***George Washington's Sacred Fire*** (2006, Providence Forum Press). At nearly 1200 pages, it might scare off some potential readers because of its girth, but it shouldn't, since the arrangement of the book readily lends itself to a research-by-topic approach or intermittent reading. To pass it up would be a mistake for anyone in pursuit of the truth.

On the other hand, little is generally known about the only ordained clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence, the Reverend John Witherspoon.

Witherspoon quite literally personified the unnamed “Presbyterian parson” with whom “Cousin America” had run off, according to British parliamentarian, Horace Walpole. What Walpole and scores of British observers recognized was that the “**Black (-robed) Regiment**” of American *pastors* — yes, you read that right — had led the way into the worthy battle for American independence. A fire based primarily on Biblical teachings about proper and lawful authority and, in turn, to *Whom* obedience was ultimately owed, had been lit and stoked by a growing number of exceedingly influential black-robed, Calvinistic clergymen, and none more so than the earnestly-recruited president of the College of New Jersey (later, Princeton University), Rev. John Witherspoon. In 1768, he was imported from Scotland, and within a decade, he had become a thoroughgoing liberty-seeking republican, and a king-pin of national influence. The principle architect of our Constitution, and 4th

President under it, James Madison, was just one of *dozens* of students of Wither-  
spoon who went on to *national leader-  
ship roles*: 49 congressmen; 28 sena-  
tors; 37 judges, including 3 Supreme  
Court Justices; 10 Cabinet officers, and  
perhaps most significantly, 12 members  
of the Continental Congress, right there  
from “Day One.” When you add it all up:  
Committee of Correspondence member;  
Congressional delegate *and its chaplain*;  
preacher of the famous, widely-pub-  
lished sermon, “The Dominion of Provi-  
dence over the Passions of Men (1776);  
indefatigable service on over 100 Con-  
gressional committees, and contribu-  
tions to their debates and the docu-  
ments they produced; New Jersey state  
legislator; professor of Divinity, History,  
and Moral Philosophy, as well as Presi-  
dent of the college that he helped build  
into a top-level institution, and all of the  
integral knowledge that he passed on to  
so many other leaders, not to mention  
his *highest* calling, that of a *pastor*, ....

well, let me just say that this, too, was a man greatly used by God in *His* own cause. God built this nation from the ground up, if I may presume to know His will in this matter, in order to:

- 1) Give free reign to *The Gospel of Jesus Christ* in a vast new territory;
- 2) Transform the inhabitants into a cohesive and flourishing society of continued obedience and moral virtue, an example to the world;
- 3) Shower His blessings upon a Christ-centered nation of truly free people, so that they could make good use of their unmatched prosperity in taking The Gospel to all the world (wealth and protection given to us for a good reason!);
- 4) Extend such gifts of unfathomable grace to people of all countries in all succeeding ages, world without end (Eph 3:20-21).

Witherspoon took his part in all of this.

We turn now to those two essential firebrands, Samuel Adams and Patrick Henry, the “Father of the American Revolution,” and his Southern counterpart, the orator/voice of the revolution, and major proponent of liberty under God. Adams deserves that title of “father” — humanly speaking — because he was among the very first to see what was happening in the colonies under British rule, and more importantly, what could well lie ahead. He connected the theological and political dots and articulated what all of that meant for the benefit of the citizenry, *before* most, and *better* than all. He *acted*, and he acted, like a good Calvinist, with dogged perseverance. If you want to collect Samuel Adams quotes and anecdotes, many of which I’d love to inject into the pages of my website, you can find ‘em easily enough; they’re all over the web. But I will again recommend a single, definitive work: ***Samuel Adams: A Life***, by Ira Stoll (Free Press, 2008). I read this years

ago, but I can only count on one hand the number of books that have changed my life so positively. If you want to know what — or *Who* — motivated Samuel Adams, here's your path to the truth. Myths must be dispelled and discarded, and even when the truth is a bit unseemly (we're all sinners, and always capable of less-than-perfect judgment), truth must be told. I believe Mr. Stoll got it right. Get hold of his book and learn.

As you may have noticed, I've dedicated an entire web page to Patrick Henry. In doing so, I'm not saying that Henry was perfect in all his ways either. But did you know that, on an issue which people are likely to use in attacking him — that he was supposedly an unrepentant slaveholder and steadfastly pro-slavery — he wrote the following?

Is it not amazing, that at a time when the rights of humanity are defined and understood with

precision in a country above all others fond of liberty, that in such an age and in such a country, we find men professing a religion most humane, mild, meek, gentle and generous, adopting a Principle as repugnant to humanity, as it is inconsistent to the Bible and destructive to liberty?...I will not, I cannot justify it...I believe a time will come when an opportunity will be offered to abolish this lamentable evil.

I've included the above for at least a few good reasons:

- 1) No Founding Father was perfect;
- 2) But no *CURRENT* leader is perfect either, and those who make "race" the all-defining issue are themselves engaging in slavery of the mind; *ideological* slavery prevails, and this era's plantation bullies are enforcing reverence for anything "non-white" or anti-God;

You don't embrace and celebrate each and every (non-white) cultural difference as equally valid? You're in for a flogging. And you have the unmitigated gall to call out homosexuals as practitioners of evil, simply because *God* has called it an abomination? Go to jail, or to the lynching gallows of public scorn (if not a literal capital punishment). You dare to speak against the all-wise, ever-benevolent Government? Off to the loony bin or jail with you, too, if not to your execution; Slavery of one horrible kind has been replaced by another that enslaves even more, by the tens of millions. Wake up to this fact, *SOON!*

3) Patrick Henry and his wife were *given* six slaves and a 300-acre plantation when they wed, and Henry himself *worked with* those people in his employ; I've yet to read that any of them were ill-

treated or abused, and that could not be said of every 18th Century Southern plantation owner! Like his fellow slaveholder, Gen. Washington, enough of the tenets of Biblical Christianity were sufficiently engrained in Henry so that he came to see the hypocrisy of the situation, despite the great pressure to preserve it. Through his will, Washington freed all of *his* slaves upon *Martha's* death, *and...did you know this?* — he provided for the more elderly and indigent among them with pensions. Both of those actions were very unusual in that era.

- 4) Taken as a group, there is not a pro-slavery champion among these four. Adams and Wither-  
spoon never owned slaves, and both steadfastly opposed the practice in public, and in writing.
- 5) Today's race-baiters and "gay" activists are throwing stones from

a glass house. Oh sure, it seems they've got everything going their way now, but let's look at the long term, when people who fear God more than men wake up *en masse*. Those stones will come back with a vengeance, and a justified vengeance at that: "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. (Rom 12:19; Deut 32:35; Heb 10:30). The enemies of God are inevitably destroyed, and in most cases, God acts *through* His chosen agents, whether warriors or writers, political leaders or Gospel-preachers. So my advice to you who are currently riding a wave of anti-God sentiment is simple: your downfall is coming. You may even "go out on top," but you'll find that you strode right into an irrevocably hopeless eternity of perpetual death. That's the reality, the plain truth. In God's universe, there is no neutral

ground, no “no man’s land” or DMZ (de-militarized zone). Either you’ll fight on the side of the Lord, or you’ll be destroyed along with all of His other enemies. I could cite or quote dozens of Bible passages in support of what I’m here asserting, but if you are Bible-oriented to any degree, you already know these things are true; you’re either with God or against Him, as Christ said (Mt 12:30). Once more: if it’s God’s will to raise up His army from that stuff between your elite toes, that’s just what is gonna happen! I’d be more careful about how you treat His soldier-servants, if I were you, enemies of the Almighty!

Conclusion: Each of these four favorites dutifully responded to God’s call to action, and He rewarded their faithful, God-honoring efforts with marvelous success. Read and learn: 1 Sam 2:30.

## **Fraud**

Back there somewhere in the last third of 2008, I walked through the back hallways of the Walmart store where I then worked, singing (I use the term loosely) this ditty, to the tune of the jingle, “RICE-a-Roni, the San Francisco Treat”: “Ba-RACH [as if clearing the throat] Obama, *he’s a fraud from head to toe.* Ba-RACH Obama, *he’s one you’ll never know!*” That was the whole “song,” and I think at least a couple of my co-workers might still recall that I did in fact use those very words. And today, I stand by them 100%, on *both* counts: “Barack Hussein Obama II” (it’s NOT *Junior*, and that affords a clue in itself), IS a world-class **F-R-A-U-D** by any reasonable measure, and he IS someone the American public will never come to know, because that’s the way he and all of his gang want it. When I did that little ditty, I was not even familiar with the “birther” brouhaha, nor is it *central* to my argu-

ment now. For the record, I'm convinced from all of the *available* evidence (more on this a bit later), that there's only a very slim chance that he was actually born in Hawaii; the paper trail, forensics, and logistical dot-connecting all point to a birth *in Kenya*, as attested by his "paternal grandmother" herself (before she had her own story changed *for her*; *another* clue). If that was the case, neither his "father" — not an American citizen, but a Kenyan under *British* colonial rule at the time, so a *British* citizen — nor his mother — not yet age 19, so *too young* to confer American citizenship upon her son, under U.S. Code Section 301(a)(7), which applies to births on foreign soil — could make this child an automatic American citizen. [I know, I *know...*, this is getting into the deep woods, but the fact is that these statutes applied to the situation in 1961, so they are parts of the whole puzzle that simply must be taken into consideration; just hang in there!]

So if this baby was born outside of American soil, there was no way to claim natural-born status. Strike *one*, but *only* strike one, because there is a way that his father *could* have conferred American citizenship on him at his birth after all: *if* his father was actually *Frank Marshall Davis*, friend of the Dunham family, FBI-monitored Communist, and, oh-by-the-way, a photographer who took pictures of a nude Ann Dunham (she became pregnant right about that time with the child we're talking about here; something to think about, isn't it?).

So that's where I can see the "born in Hawaii" claim holding up, and the *necessity* for the flurry of fact-shuffling, evidence destruction, and the whole leak-plugging cover-up. That is to say, maybe there *was* an authentic long-form Birth Certificate at one time, but it identified the *real* father, and he was NOT Barack Obama (I); it didn't fit the manufactured narrative, so it had to "get lost." Keep in

mind: having FMD, radical, card-carrying Communist, for a father *still* can't be seen as anything other than a net political liability. Here enters the bogus Certification of Live Birth, deemed to be clearly fraudulent by *several independent* forensics experts, that photocopy of a piece of paper that materialized with details that better suited the new narrative. It should be noted also that the COLB does *not* rise to the level of equal legal status with the long-form Birth Certificate: just another FYI, another thing to keep in mind. Anyway, there's a short description of the angles in the "birther" controversy, but if it sounds like I've fully subscribed to any particular conspiracy theory, I haven't. However, I will say this: I *think* that at least one of the following is true;

1. "BHO II" *was* born in *Kenya*, or
2. "*FMD Jr.*" was born in Hawaii, and he was passed off as the son of BHO (I) to hide the identity of the real father, a Communist,

and a lecherous, *married* man,  
one Frank Marshall Davis

What makes the most sense to me is that the child was conceived in Hawaii by FMD, and to give credence to the cover-up story, it was decided that mother Ann Dunham would travel to Kenya to give birth in the *purported* father's home country, where the "grandmother" could personally eyeball the newborn child. The Dunhams (Grandpa, Grandma, Mother) apparently seemed to think that this would "cement" the various parts of the cover story together. Once again, all of that is what I *think*.

But here's what we *know* for sure: when Ann Dunham "RE-married" (that's another whole can of worms, but never mind now), her Indonesian husband legally adopted her son, and he became ***Barry Soetoro***, and by Indonesian law, a citizen of Indonesia...ONLY. Dual citizenship was not allowed, so at that time

Soetoro/Obama had to have forfeited his citizenship as an American, if he had indeed ever had it! Were you aware of *that* little wrinkle? Well, carry that knowledge forward four decades and apply it to “Barack Obama” in 2008, running for President of the United States, an office open only to “*natural-born citizens.*” In order for this man to qualify as such, he would have had to renounce his *Indonesian* citizenship AND *re-apply* for his status as a natural-born *American* citizen. THIS is the real national identity issue, because the whole idea behind the U.S. Constitution’s Article 2, Section 1 clause, is to prevent anyone with DUAL CITIZENSHIP from occupying the office of President; it would create an *obvious conflict of interests*, and *split-allegiances!* Here’s a “hypothetical” example of what the Founders sought to avoid: let’s say an officially-Muslim citizen from the one nation with the *most Muslims on earth* is making a foreign policy or national security decision as the President of the

historically-Christian United States of America (recall that it most definitely *WAS* a Christian nation — upwards of 98% of the population were designated as such — when the Constitution was debated, formulated, and ratified in the 1780s). In our “hypothetical” example, do you not see the possibility of split allegiances and a *real* conflict of interests? The truth is, Osama Obama *has* consistently thrown Christianity and Christians under the bus and *has* favored Islam at every turn. And every time *our own* national security is at stake, his policies and actions *undermine* it. I really wish that he’d just admit it to one and all: he *hates* America. He’ll do anything in his power, as well as anything *beyond* his legal power to turn this nation into a pile of rubble. After all, when his work is done here, he can always become *Kenya’s* top dog (don’t laugh; *THEY* think he’s a native son!). But I digress. The larger point has not been approached so far, so we move on.

Honestly, I have a great natural aversion to speculation and fiction. That passage in Scripture resonates with me: “Remove falsehood and lies *far* from me” (Prov 30:8a). In every area, I want to know the truth, even if it crushes my spirit for a time. And my experience has been that time spent in speculation is generally time wasted, not to be redeemed. These factors, I suppose, probably have something to do with the fact that I’ve never been very good at speculating and predicting. But there is one thing that I know quite well, thank you very much, and that’s why I was able to smell a certain fraud coming a mile away, whoever he actually was. I know human nature.

I’ll repeat what I said earlier. Even *before* I’d heard little more than the first “birther” *whisperings*, I already knew that the man was no “uniter” or “compromiser” or middle-ground friend of the middle class. *All* of that was *obvious* horse-hockey, and I knew it right

from the start. Equally obvious and phony were the staged campaign rally “faintings” in the presence of this new god, freshly descended from on high. How could *anybody* NOT see through that?!? *The One*?!!? There went my lunch again! Looking back, I have to think that had I not avoided *all* TV and *most* radio coverage of the 2008 campaign season, I would have succumbed to a stroke. In late 2008 (or was it January, 2009, before the inauguration?), I wrote an email to my parents and siblings, a “Diatribes” on what we could expect from this out-and-out fraudulent Deceiver-in-Chief. I remember urging them to keep copies in their inboxes or to print copies for future reference. *You* know, for *laughs* at some future time when all was well, and everyone could shake their heads and say that I sure was off in my *wacky* predictions! That kind of thing. Of course, events that have taken place ever since have proved that, if anything, I only *understated* the case. I *did* nail him on the

main thing: he's apparently never told a *complete, unadulterated truth* in his whole public life, and we can never... *ever...EVER!...* feel that we're finally seeing the real person, and not the image-of-the-moment that he wants to project.

Fraud is defined as: deceit; trickery; *intentional perversion of truth in order to induce another to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right* [like getting Americans to surrender the highest office in the land, perhaps?!?]; an act of deceiving or *misrepresenting* [Bingo!]; *one who is not what he pretends to be* [c'mon, his *picture* belongs right there!].

Be fair now. Does this perpetual lying machine (only Liarly Clinton is in his class) *NOT* deserve the label of "FRAUD?" Before he defrauded his way into the Oval Office, he defrauded his way into and through Harvard and Columbia and political offices in Illinois, where opposing candidates kept disap-

pearing, dropping out of races or being “disqualified” at critical junctures; defrauded his way into collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars for two books that he was supposed to have written (it turned out that one was actually written by Bill Ayers, so the shadow of legitimate doubt has been cast on the authorship of the other as well); defrauded the people of Illinois who elected him to actually do his job at the state and federal levels, where he led the world in “present” votes (each one a non-committal *non*-vote, so that he had no discernible track record on the issues at hand); and when he ascended to the throne as Czar of Czars — *twice, illegally* — he defrauded the whole nation out of a healthcare system that only needed some reform, and gave us *Debacle-care*, the head-to-toe disaster from the head-to-toe Fraud. All along the way, the “race card” was played, he was Kenyan when that helped (*i.e.*, foreign student aid?), and strictly American when it didn't,

and “Christian” when it was called for (when *campaigning* only, and he’d go into Black Preacher mode, complete with changes in voice, cadence, mannerisms, and all the rest; CALLBACK: “one who is not what he pretends to be”) . And for one who was raised as a Muslim in Islam-saturated Indonesia, who wears a ring bearing an inscription glorifying Allah, who consistently mocks Jews AND Christians, while *promoting* Islam,... if he is *not* a *bona fide* Muslim, he certainly creates that impression in the minds of many people who just don’t know better. *Especially*, as I’ve written before, when one considers that this man really has no reason to tell the truth:

1) for both Alinsky-trained Marxists and Qu’ran-trained Muslims, the ends justify the means, so lying to infidels/enemies is perfectly acceptable, even honorable (Muslims call it **taqiyya**; Marxists call it “business as usual”); 2. “Barack Hussein Obama” is both Qu’ran-trained and Alinsky-trained;...Think hard about that. [“ATH”-page 95]

Okay, *now* is the time to bring up what I hinted at back on the second page of this essay: “I’m convinced from all of the *available* evidence (more on this a bit later)....” On his very first workday as “president,” the all-time heist having been pulled off, King Barry issued and signed into law, Executive Order 13489. [you can track down all of the executive order lists on Wikipedia; see for yourself]. This order effectively *sealed off the entire document set* pertaining to Obama’s *birth*, medical history, *travel* (including past *citizenship* status and passport data), *school records* (grades, courses taken, papers written, aid received and basis, *etc.*), work history, personal associations,...*ALL* of it! In essence, his *entire past* was put out of the reach of the National Archivist, and therefore off-limits to anyone who should ever submit an inquiry regarding anything related to his mysterious past. And *this* from what was going to be the “*most transparent administration ever!*”

But here's the kicker, for anyone who's still apt to defend this career criminal (it should make any taxpaying citizen's blood boil, even if none of the other stuff does!). The Social Security website has verified that the Social Security Number used by Obama-Soetoro is from a bank of numbers set aside *exclusively* for *Connecticut* applicants, and it was issued between 1977 and 1979, two years *after* Barry was employed by an Oahu, Hawaii ice cream shop. Two things to notice; 1) This fraud *NEVER* resided in Connecticut (and has *no* family connections there), and 2) either he worked *without* a legal — and *required* — SSN in Hawaii, or he obtained, *first*, the Hawaii-bank SSN, and for some reason, a *second ILLEGAL* CT-series SSN. It's against federal law to either have a re-issued SSN (held by *two* people), OR to have a second number issued to someone who already has one. ***Illegal-Alien-In-Chief!*** If you still don't see what a FRAUD this evil man is, that worries me. Wise up!

## Global Snow Jobs (Fraud, part 2)

You may want to consider this as follow-up and expansion on two previous themes: leftist-socialist hypocrisy in constructing the *new, ideological slavery* plantation; and the utterly fraudulent characters of their individual leaders. Leftist-socialist-totalitarian ideologies are really all of one piece. The object is always, *always, always CONTROL*. And anyone who doesn't get that is setting himself/herself up for *being* controlled by these godless, evil control-freaks. It's really that simple, and the very real nature of the danger to *you, personally*, is something that must be understood. Let me help you to understand.

Item one: "man-caused Climate Change" (nee "Global Warming," nee "Global *Cooling*" in the 70's). If this isn't the most obvious *fraudulent power-grab* on a *global* scale, I'm Hitler Marx (both namesakes big on control-via-ecology).

Here are just a few tell-tale signs that it's all a snow job, for all whose brains haven't already fallen out on the floor;

1) The perpetual claim, "The science is settled" or "The debate is over."

Since when? When was this great debate held? Doesn't a debate *necessarily* involve — by *definition* — *more* than one side on an issue? And since when does *scientific* inquiry have to come to a halt because a *political* agenda requires it to do so?

2) This "nothing more to see here" line is the equivalent of answering a "Why?" with a "It just *is*, okay?"

3) There are *thousands* of reputable, *actual* scientists (*ahem*, Mr. Gore!) in all parts of the world who know better and otherwise; *they* are still "doing science," and they are exposing the Climategaters worldwide.

What's more, *they* understand that we're usually talking about a difference of <1 degree centigrade! *C'mon!*

4) Just days ago (March, 2016), current U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch openly stated that she'd contacted the *FBI(!)* about the possibility of prosecuting "climate change deniers!" Let that sink in. *Really*. Take a minute to think about that. "Our" top lawyer wants to FORCE AN ALL-CONTROLLING POLITICAL IDEOLOGY DOWN *YOUR* VERY THROAT IF YOU DO *NOT* BUY ONE OF *HER* PET LIES! DON'T AGREE? GO TO JAIL, WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE #1 LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCY! Free speech, anyone? And this follows close on the heels of the free speech-squelching, religious liberty-destroying, anti-marriage LGBT-agenda crowd, that tail wagging the dog. So if you try to think with your *own* mind and come to conclusions that may differ with statist bullies, you become a prime target for enslavement on the State Ideological Plantation. Indeed, slavery is alive and well!

Well, enough for now on the very real topic of *eco-tyranny*, because I'd like to keep this one shorter than recent essays. But here's the connection to another massive, *global* snow job:

Item two: frauds commit fraud, liars lie, and thieves steal, all at the drop of a hat, no reason or excuse needed. *Career criminals*, devoid of any true morality, commit crimes *naturally*, and until they are stopped by those who have retained some moral backbone. Which is as much to say that *Socialists will continue to steal even the highest political offices* and crush the speech and even the *will* of all those who even question their actions. *They* can *self-justify* any action on the basis of the "pure" ends they just *have to* achieve; all means are in play, without apology. This is why you can find electoral fraud *wherever* Socialists are involved, and you can be *certain* that it *will* exist. It's just so darn easy to pull off, and so *hard* to prove. It works.

The very fact that the voter's *privacy* is *supposedly* protected by law, provides the election-manipulators their best opportunity for theft: "Hey, it's none of *your* business *if* or *how* that *dead* guy, *felon*, or *illegal alien* voted, or *how many times* he voted!" The point? The *guilty* are protected, and the law-abiding citizen's vote is cancelled without remedy, without public knowledge. Like everything else touched by Socialists, the election process is turned *upside down*. Evil begets evil, justice is slain. In America, we got the Usurper, and then we got his appointees, the race-baiting Holder, and the eco-thug Lynch. It all started because we didn't care enough as a country about our free and fair elections to vet a certain candidate. But if *you* have a shred of God-given conscience left, your duty is clear: oppose the anti-God mob via all legal means. Get the truth from those who *value* truth for its own sake, vote accordingly, support *honest* elections, and seek always to do *God's* will.

## ***Holidays?***

Next year, A.D. 2017, we get an extra, bonus holiday. How is that? Well, instead of the standard 52 holy days (***Sundays, or “Lord’s Days”***), 53 days will fall on such sanctified days, including the first and last days of the year! Do I pass this on as just a neat little factoid, or is there some real significance to this? Be advised that it’s much more than trivia, because the glory of God is at issue here. Two important introductory points; 1) our English word *holiday* is in fact a contraction/combination of “holy” and “day” (consult any dictionary), and 2) the only being *authorized* to declare a holy day is God; He alone defines what is to be *sanctified* (set apart from or above the rest in some category, including things like temple utensils, altars, and festival days, as we see in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy especially). Note that the *saints* are God’s “sanctified ones,” — that’s where

we get *that* term. By God's gracious election even before He created our world, *He* set apart — for *His* holy purposes — all those “*in Christ*” (2 Tim 1:9, Eph 1:4-6) to be recipients of eternal graces, thereby enabled to truly please Him with the very same good works they were called to do (Eph 2:8-10). They (*we* who were elected, who actively trust in Christ alone) are “the saints.” Neither any human being nor any church entity has the right to confer “sainthood” on anyone. It's God's call all the way; one can't elect himself into *God's* sanctified circle. God's universe, God's rules.

Only God can declare who is among His saints, and only God can declare a *holy* day, a day set apart *by* God *to* God. Yes, we humans can declare *national* days of celebrating and memorials (*e.g.*, *Purim*, in the book of Esther), but such observances are not mandated by God, nor are they required by Him. The *only* holy day commanded by God is the Sabbath.

Between the covers of the Bible, we find only that singular holy day enduring, having been observed on the *seventh* day throughout the Old Testament (the *creation ordinance* was codified in **Ex 20:8-11**), and observed on the *first* day of the week from the time of the Resurrection of the *Lord of the Sabbath* (**Mt 12:8; Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5**). It's evident that God's declared holy days continue, with only the day of the week undergoing any transition; the *fourth* commandment (*third* for Lutherans) is still in place, and remains in force. And if you took the time to read those passages just cited above, you'd realize that this commandment — along with all of the others — is for our own good; we benefit by obeying. Let God refresh you and energize you for the week ahead. It works!

Now here's the part where you might think I'm stepping on your toes: there's *no Biblical warrant* for "Christmas" or "Easter." Sorry, but that's the truth. Let's

calmly consider some readily-apparent facts:

1) *Every* Sunday/Lord's Day is a commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, an historic event that occurred in A.D. 30; neither Christ nor His Spirit-directed, NT Church-founding apostles (see **1 Cor 3:11** and **Eph 2:20**) ever set up an *annual* observance, and they had about *40 years* to do so, had it been God's will;

2) As was the case with the "first Easter," the first Christmas (literally, the "*mass of Christ*") was not "officially" observed — by the *Roman Catholic* papacy — until the *fourth century, A.D.!* A human-hewn "holiday," to be sure, and *not* God's idea. It rankles me to no end when professing Christians refer to the day of our Lord's resurrection as "that *first* Easter." It was no such thing, since "Easter" (*eastre* or *oestre*) had been a *pagan* festival for centuries,

and any trustworthy source, whether “sacred” or secular, can confirm that. The Romanist church simply took two pagan festivals that had been around for a long time (the other was *Saturnalia*, the winter solstice), tweaked the names a bit, kept and perpetuated the age-old customs, and spun out “Christian” versions. Again, sorry, but this process does not yield a *God*-ordained holy day.

3) With specific regard to the day on which Jesus was born into our world, do you suppose that maybe God the *Father* had a fairly good idea of when that was? Year? Month? Day? Hour? *Nanosecond*? Of course! And could there be a father more proud? His beloved Son, in Whom He was well pleased, had been born into the world as The Savior. It’s ludicrous to suggest that God would leave it up to sinful humans to invent “Christmas” to mark the occasion. And with a *lag time* of 400 years?!? I think not!

## **Idol of Convenience**

Speaking of “holidays” as convenient, handy tools implemented to *supposedly* honor the triune God, we now turn our attention to other *uncommanded means* to worthy ends. Here we are chiefly concerned with some aspects related to the breaking of the second of God’s holy Ten Commandments, that moral Law of *eternal* duration. This is the commandment against *images of God*, most often numbered as the second of the ten, but sometimes lumped in with the first, with the commandment against coveting being split into two in that ordering (*e.g.*, Lutherans, following the Catholics).

This essay’s title has been carefully chosen as the best way to lead us into two areas of brief discussion, namely; 1) the concept of convenience/expedience/path of ease has become a sort of false god in itself — an *idol* — and 2) many

professing Christians seem to have missed the facts that the commandment against making images of God has never been rescinded (if so, *when?*), and that the Holy Spirit, speaking through the Apostle Paul, condemned the use of evil *means* to achieve good and holy ends. As I've pointed out elsewhere, Paul puts it this way to his *slandorous* critics, "And why not say, 'Let us do evil that good may come?'" (**Rom 3:8**; read the whole verse). In other words, God can't be expected to honor those means which He has *not* commanded to accompany and lead to even the holiest of goals. No matter how convenient it is for His well-meaning servants to use movies depicting Christ (*i.e.*, *The Jesus Film* and others); *uninspired* hymns; and all the trappings and lures of "contemporary worship" and "seeker-sensitive services," He has *not commanded* any of it. He will not honor sinner-appointed means to obtain God-appointed ends. Faith comes by hearing/reading the Word (**Rom 10**).

It was true in Paul's day, and it will forever be true: faith comes — along with true repentance (**2 Tim 2:25**) — only *from God*, and those *twin gifts* are not bestowed on any person who does not *hear* (reading is included in hearing) God's Word. We walk by faith, *NOT* by sight (**2 Cor 5:7**). Seeing an actor portray the true God in human flesh will not get anyone to heaven! What He looked like has nothing to do with it, and that's according to God Himself. That's made clear by the commandment against *all* images of God, whether in an attempt to conjure up a likeness of the Father, the Holy Spirit, *OR* Jesus Christ. We must hear — and *receive* as the pure truth of God — what Christ has *said*; *that's* the key. Each of us must know The Way, The Truth, The Life (**Jn 14:6**). None of us can truly know Him through water baptism, an uninspired (non-God-breathed) song, or a favorite picture of "Jesus," whether still-shot or moving. Let's stop trusting in means that dishonor God's design.

Now we'll very briefly look at the idea of convenience as an idol in itself. It's actually pretty obvious, when you think about it: if we call it "the easy way" or the "path of ease" or "no-strings attached instant gratification," it can all come into focus in a hurry. [ironic?] Now think about the "service" industry. How much of it is geared to making things *ultra-convenient* for every potential — and hopefully, every ongoing and *loyal* — customer (moving from "guest" to revered/valued "patron" to inseparable partner in the enterprise). Buyer *loyalty* cards, anyone? A dozen ways to pay, including more and more taxpayer-funded programs? So the exchange amounts to super-convenience for super-loyalty; the wide-open free market narrowed to those offering the most convenience and/or chosen by the government as suppliers to the buyers. I don't want to exaggerate a relatively small point here, but the 21st-Century American reader should at least be aware that there are

*thousands* of people *in* government who are ideologically committed to government as god. They see themselves as the dispensers of all blessings, and thus the true God is displaced. This is a fact, and the more honest God-opposers can be coaxed to admit it. But then too, there are the business people who see *themselves* in the same light. They not only claim to care so much about *you* that they give you the lowest prices *with* the most bend-over-backwards customer-tailored service (ultra-convenience), but they also claim *moral* authority over the populace, so all must be taught their ways, for the betterment of all society. This is how we have come to *understand* (I speak as a fool) that sodomite sex is actually Jesus-blessed, and can even be the foundation of legitimate marriage; that organizations that murder human life in the womb are doing the world a great favor, and they are to be thanked with taxpayer money *besides* the millions forked over by those “served.”

And upon which altar are the pre-born millions sacrificed? Usually, on the *altar of Convenience*. Carrying to term the child produced by a sexual union can prove to be somewhat inconvenient, I readily admit, but each life is a life sent by the Author of Life, and His will for that life supercedes all others. *Inconvenience* is part of the curse (**Gen 3:16**), I hate to tell ya, so deal with it. Your right to murder does not come with your inconvenience, and because of sins (like adultery, for example), there is pain. But to those who worship Convenience/Ease of Life/Instant Gratification and/or The Almighty Dollar, sin is what *they* make it, and they simply can't find it in their own actions. In *yours* and *mine*? Oh, yeah! Because we fail to bow down to one in their pantheon, or because we expose their false gods, we are ridiculed and pushed to the outer margins of society, the sinners of all sinners. And all because we didn't *go along to get along*. We honor *not* the idol of convenience.

# Immigration

I will tell you this, right at the outset: I strongly *affirm and support* the right of any person to seek *lawful* entry into this country, as well as permanent residence status with full citizenship, when obtained through *lawful, constitutional* processes. Just as strongly, I oppose all **ILLEGAL** immigration and all forms of amnesty. There are four simple points to be made in this essay, all of which are taught and supported by the Bible;

1. A nation has the legitimate *right* to maintain and control its own borders (1a. “open *borders*” is a nonsense term, self-negating)
2. A nation has the *duty to protect and serve its citizenry*, and protection/defense starts with the security of entry/exit points
3. Bad behavior rewarded is bad behavior approved and fostered
4. Good behavior *should* be rewarded

Points #1 & #2: God grants the right of national border control for the express purpose of protecting its law-abiding citizens. This protection applies to not only their very lives, but also to their property. So in addition to the 6th Commandment against murder and bodily harm, witness both the 8th and 10th Commandments, “Thou shalt not steal” and “Thou shalt not covet” (that is, *think* about getting something that’s desired in an UNLAWFUL way, which is stealing). Stealing always involves coveting first, and in the context of ILLEGAL immigration, this makes all the difference: do it lawfully, through proper, legal channels, and you do no wrong; welcome, and go in peace, friend to this country. But do it any other way, and you indeed do much wrong, no matter how you try to spin it; you are neither to be welcomed nor admitted without the legal consequences, and you are no true friend of this nation of law-abiding citizens, we who are to benefit from government protection.

Continuing the thought, we are now moving into Points 3 & 4 territory. If anyone has even the *slightest* familiarity with the Word of God — The Holy Bible — one clear message throughout the 66 books is that bad/evil/unlawful/illegal behavior is anti-God, displeases Him, is considered by Him to be no less than sin, and is destructive to human society; it is to be avoided at all costs, punished (in a lawful/legal manner), and *NEVER condoned or rewarded*. The reason is obvious to every conscience in minimal working order: if you *do* condone or reward bad behavior, more of the same will naturally follow, and at an increased rate. Human beings *need* STOP signs. We *don't* know the best course of action unless we get it from God via His Biblical instructions or are channeled towards it via His *gift* of conscience. The “Open Borders” crowd pushes God and His gift right out of the picture, and it *encourages* coveting and stealing, lying cover-ups, racism (*La Raza, THE [latino] Race*),

and even — all too often — murder. How does *any* of this benefit the law-abiding citizens of this sovereign nation in *any* sense? The rhetoric of all of these Soros-funded groups and fellow travelers is not only insultingly simplistic and off-target, but devoid of truth. We, the people, are to let all of that ILLEGAL behavior go so we can have cheap lettuce?!? No crops would be otherwise harvested, no motels would be cleaned, no residential construction would take place, if we got back to enforcing the immigration laws duly passed by our elected congress?!? [*oh,...don't even mention* Osama Obama's executive *scamnesty*; the scammer-in-chief is ILLEGAL ALIEN #1!!!!]

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Okay, let's look instead at the second group of true *victims* of the current immigration scenario, the usually-forgotten would-be good American citizens who have endured/are enduring the

*legal* path to entry and citizenship, those who've had to have had the "patience of Job." What else can we call it when some have waited in hope — and so far, in vain — for *two decades* to *legally* obtain their great desire, and to *add* to this country's growth, and not to bring it down? I say, God bless every one of *them*! I have been moved to tears at the contemplation of such an individual when combined with the realization of God's grace towards *me* in making me the son of *Christian* parents *in America*. But in upwards of 75% of all the immigration policy literature, I'd venture to say, this *third* group is left out entirely. It seems that *both* of the warring parties on the issue have chosen to ignore those with the best intentions. I ran across a copy of a post I submitted when the "Gang of Eight" bill was being debated in the media. Here's what I wrote then:

*Nowhere in Scripture do we see a*

*command to reward lawbreaking and forfeit defense of law-abiding people. Whatever case can be made for illegal immigrants who are “just providing for their families” can just as easily be made for “hit men” and thieves who prefer stealing over honest work. Make no mistake, every illegal alien is at least a criminal trespasser and would-be thief, and too many are criminals of even a murderous sort. Wake up, and do right by those who are usually left out of this discussion: those who are abiding by the laws and due process to gain admission to this country and help it, not take from it!*

We can leave it at that, but if you want to ascend to a higher level and get the *full Biblical picture* (sound exegesis), I can do no better than to recommend ***The Immigration Crisis***, by James K. Hoffmeier (Crossway, 2009). As usual, I defer to someone who has said it better.

## *Jesus is Jehovah*

“Jehovah” and “Yahweh” are English transliterations of the Hebrew sacred *tetragrammaton*, rendered as JHVH or YHVH/YHWH, the name of God thought by some of the ancient Hebrews to be too holy to ever be uttered. Whether this grew out of true piety or if it was just another man-made superstition is not at issue here. Neither is the issue at hand that secondary controversy over *which* of the two, *Jehovah* or *Yahweh* — if either one — is closest to the actual pronunciation of “**The Name**” that was eventually “banned” (it wasn’t always so). Many scholars contend that *Jehovah* is a *mistaken* Latinized-English transliteration that *misread* vowels and additional consonants *into* the four-letter Hebrew form; that *Yahweh* is closer to the mark, than *Jehovah*. Other scholars defend the opposite side, and, as usual, there is a third camp, where proponents hold out for the *tri-syllabic* *Yahuwah*.

We're going to avoid those deep woods so that we can get right to the central point: the Bible teaches that Jesus *is* Jehovah-Yahweh.

[Note on attribution: more than any other individual, I am indebted to Dr. James R. White for this particular line of thought and direct Biblical proof; we definitely disagree on eschatology and some worship practices, but we're Reformed brothers *in Christ* just the same]

Exhibit A: Compare **Phil 2:9-11** and **Isa 45:23**. On the NT side (Phil 2), we read that God (the Father) has highly exalted His son Jesus, and has given Him the *name [title] above every name*, so that *at the name of Jesus (the title, Lord), every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ IS Lord*. In essence: Jesus, the Anointed One/The Messiah *IS* Jehovah God. All the knees and all the tongues are acknowledging Jesus as *THE LORD, THE KING, Jehovah/Yahweh. God*.

Now look at the OT roots of this passage by turning to **Isa 45:18-23**, with emphasis on verse 23. The speaker (through the prophet Isaiah) is “the **LORD**” — that is, **YHWH**, Jehovah/Yahweh — v. 18 and in the following context. In v. 23, Who is speaking? It still is the LORD/YHWH/Jehovah/Yahweh, and He says, “To **ME** every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear [confess].” So what do we have here? Are the Father and Jesus in competition for glory? Is that what this passage teaches? No way! We know better from the same two books, in **Phil 2:6 & 11** and **Isa 42:8**, that Christ Jesus is *equal* with God the Father; that He glorifies the Father when *He* is glorified Himself by all those knees and tongues; and there is no God besides The LORD, Who does not share His glory with another. Even if we had nothing else as proof, a comparison of these two representative texts of both the Old and the New Testaments click the connections together seamlessly: Jesus=The LORD=Jehovah.

Exhibit B: Compare **Heb 1:6-11** (NT) and **Psa 102:25-27** (OT). In the 6th verse of Hebrews, the writer (I'm convinced it's Paul) quotes from **Psa 97:7**, in singling out God — in context, the very person of Jesus — as the One Whom the *angels* must worship: ...*let all the angels of God worship Him*. Only God can be lawfully worshiped, and God *alone* can receive worship. That's the first thing involved here, that Jesus Christ is above all the angels, and indeed established as true God. Verses 8 (from **Psa 45:6-7**) and 10-11 (**Psa 102: 25-27**) link Jesus — *unquestionably* — to a) the *eternal, exclusive, holy throne/kingdom of God* and b) His status as *THE Creator*. So, knowing that there is only One Creator-King, only One Who is eternal and unchangeable, all knees should again be bowing before Jesus as Jehovah God; as Yahweh.

Exhibit C: Compare **John 12:37-41** (key verse is 41) and **Isa 6:1-5**. When Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on His throne, the

holy-holy-holy LORD of hosts, Whose glory fills the earth, Who exactly did he see? He would say that he saw Jehovah/Yahweh, and he did. The apostle John, too, saw the glory of Jehovah-Yahweh in His human form as Jesus, from lowly servanthood to humiliating death (**Phil 2:6-8**), to the preview at the Transfiguration (**Mt 17; Mark 9; Luke 9; Jn 1:14**), to His glorious Resurrection and Ascension (**Acts 1**). When the apostle John connected Jesus, whom he knew in the flesh and had seen glorified when *en route* to His Heavenly throne, with Jehovah God *in* Heaven, *on* His throne, in the prophet Isaiah's vision, all connections were made, and the circle was closed. In the unique God-man Jesus, all the fullness of the Godhead — triune Jehovah — dwells bodily/in human form (**Col 2:9**). If anyone has seen God, they've seen Jesus. No one at any time has seen the Father (**Jn 1:18; 4:24; 6:46**). Yet, Christ Himself has shown us the Father (**Jn 14:8-11**). Jesus *is* Jehovah/Yahweh; *God!*

## ***Job to do***

In this current (and *every*) election cycle, we're hearing a lot about "jobs/bringing jobs back to America/creating jobs/keeping jobs in our own land" *etc.* In this context, a *job* is always meant to be understood as an economic arrangement whereby a worker is paid by an employer for services rendered; work-for-pay=job. There are, however, other ways to be doing one's job *without* working for a payer, and *without* supporting the payer's agenda. Let me unravel this in short order. And yes, I'll be pleading my own case in the process.

This is yet another worldview issue, and when it comes down to it, what *isn't*? If you've read (maybe *endured*?) even a smattering of my writings, you already know that I strongly believe that where one stands on faith/non-faith, creation/evillusion, Biblical morality/man-made "morality" and politics — all of that and

more — makes up one's worldview. You may not have *consciously* assembled a worldview, bit by bit, but you do have a worldview, nonetheless. If you are one to insist that you really don't have a discernible worldview, that stamps you as a person who is either lazy, indifferent, or clueless to a dangerous degree. Why? Well, if you can't even be bothered to try to figure out why you exist on this planet or what ideas are good and constructive for human society, how can you possibly be expected to care enough about the other lives that interact with yours? How *can* you care about other lives if yours has no meaning? That kind of "thinking" (*lack* thereof) can never lead to good, can never be *productive*.

So maybe **job#1** — common to all — is simply this: recognize that you are a *unique living part* in the Creator's universe, here for a specific reason known to Him, and necessary to the overall plan. God *wants* you here to do a job.

The job which God has in mind for you may not necessarily be a high-paying job, or even a job for which you're paid at all. Christ's hand-picked, personally-trained "employees" could barely rub two silver mites together, but they were all doing their appointed jobs well (Judas Iscariot excepted, but *he* had an *evil* job to do that was central to God's plan of redemption, too). The related point right here is that *God* is *everyone's* boss; all human beings, whether good or evil in our eyes, ultimately have to answer to Him, and work for *His* agenda, like it or not. Look at Pharaoh, Joseph's brothers, Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Alexander the Great (NT gospel to the world via Greek language), the Romans, a God-hating Pharisee turned into the premier missionary (Saul to Paul), monks and priests sold out to salvation by works becoming leaders in the Reformation (Luther, Calvin, Zwingli), ***Provi-***  
***dential*** twists and turns in so many wars involving this nation, and "chance"

medical discoveries, and on and on. We *all* work for God in the end. I, for one, am not going to stamp my feet and demand greater benefits from my Employer. That would be just plain nutty and sinfully ungrateful, since everything I have has come from His open hand. I might ask the rhetorical question, “What, exactly, have I *done* that merits any wage or salary?” Even if I ask it within myself, God hears it, and He has answered:

***“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’ ”***

**— Luke 17:10**

So there it is. We all work for God; we all have a *duty*. The rewards are totally up to Him, yet there is no one who pays so generously for such feeble efforts. Each of us has a job to do in *God’s* company.

We should be happy to have that job and always striving to do that job better. This is what has motivated me — and many people *like* me — when we’re doing “lowly” work like cleaning public restrooms, waxing floors, and sorting recyclables from trash (throw in carrying mail door-to-door and box-to-box if you like). If anyone wants to understand why I’m no longer willing to work for *outside* employers (which I did for forty years), it boils down to this: 1) Corporations have agendas that vary greatly from my own (which is to simply serve God honestly in accordance with my capability, and not to grab every dime possible); 2) Judging by the fact that God freed me from such *outside demands* on my time and *loyalties* (to *alien* and *undesirable* employer goals), I believe that God has led me to my appropriate workstation. Apparently, my Boss wants me to seek, embrace, and disseminate the truth in several areas. He’s given me the necessary *freedom* and time. I’ve a job to do!

## King James ONLY?

Professing Christian, I have some simple questions to ask you. I'd like to examine some assertions being made by King James Only advocates in a Court of Common Christian Sense, if you please. But first, *FYI* (For Your Information), a "King James Only" advocate is — for our present purposes — one who insists that *ONLY* the King James Version (KJV), also known as the "Authorized Version" (AV), is the actual, inerrant and infallible Word of God in written form. These KJV-only advocates insist that God spoke the *true* inspired words of the Holy Bible in *17th-Century English*, having given only Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek "pre-Bible" hints for all of those centuries from Creation to AD 1611 (or, more technically correct, 1629/1638/1653/1762/1769?). In other words, did God *directly inspire* the *TRANSLATORS* on King James' committee to give His people His true words 1581 years (or more?) *after* the end of

the personal earthly ministry of Jesus Christ? Does that make sense to you? What “Word of God” was Jesus preaching in AD 26-30, 11 or 12 centuries before “English” started to come together as a recognizable language? If it is true that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (**Rom 10:17**), then no generation before at least AD 1611 had an opportunity to even hear the true word of God, according to those who claim *inspiration* for the KJV *translators*. I continue to emphasize that word, “translators” because the difference between “inspired [God-breathed] word of God” and *translated* “word of God” is critical. I know of no Christian Confession worth its salt that holds for the inspiration, inerrancy, and infallibility of *ANY translation* FROM the original manuscripts; that’s the key: only the original manuscripts (hand-written scrolls/parchments/papyri) carry such a Divine stamp of approval. *NO translation* meets that holy standard, and just

what were those scholars up to in 1604-1611? I ask you: were they *translating* from the original Hebrew, Greek, *and earlier English* into contemporary (for them) English, in hopes of improving understanding of the long-before-given Word of God, or were they putting onto paper the actual God-breathed Bible as it was *FIRST* given to them in that 17th-Century committee session? Were *they* the true writers of the Bible? Was there no real written word of God until the first copy of the KJV was produced? Does *that* make sense to you? It would mean that even Jesus was a false teacher, inasmuch as He went through Judea for three years, speaking and teaching in BC/early-AD Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek, quoting what was presented as the Old Testament Word of God (most often in Septuagint Greek), and never once uttering King James-era English! So nobody, from Adam to Noah to Abraham to David to the Apostles to Luther and Calvin to Tyndale had heard

the pure word of God? Does that make *any* sense at all?!? But hairsplitting between different shades of KJV-Onlyists aside, the common gist is that illogical assertion: that a *translation* in a *certain* language of all languages, and idioms used in a *particular period* of time *ONLY*....can be considered to be the pure word of God that is necessary for the salvation of the sinner. No KJV=no God's truth=no salvation; that's the equation, when you get right down to the core idea. Does that make sense to you, *modern* English-speaking Christian? *NON*-English-speaking Christian, one of those from EVERY *TONGUE* AND PEOPLE AND NATION pictured in the throng around the throne (**Rev 5:9+**)? Sad to say, what's happened — again — is that well-meaning Christians let the desire for piety (reverence for God and His Word) lead them by the nose into a legalistic posture, imposing man-made traditions where *God's* commandments alone must reign (**Mark 7:6-9**). Don't be fooled!

## Loving Parents

In my life, second only to saving knowledge of the God-man, Jesus Christ, is the blessing of my loving Christian parents. I never married, but it most certainly was *not* because *they* didn't provide a great example of two people united as one flesh by and under God (**Matthew 19 & Mark 10**). For 62 years and counting, they have been a God-honoring *team*. They have consistently shown exemplary Christian love to each other, and to each of their five children as well. To this day, they serve God in the capacity of life-guides towards and under Christ, even when four of us have shot past fifty years of age. That all five of us — and in-laws and grandchildren, too — can still converse with them and learn from them, is yet another blessing that too often goes without proper acknowledgment. From time to time, I do remember this, and I say so. I hope my siblings do so more often than I do.

That brings us to the responsibilities of *children* to parents. The Biblical view has been literally engraved by the finger of God in the Fifth Commandment, **“Honor your father and your mother”** (Exodus 20:12). Reiteration and further exposition can be found in **Lev 19:3**, **Deut 5:16**, **Eph 6:1-3**, and **Col 3:20**.

***Children, obey your parents  
in the Lord, for this is right.***  
—Eph 6:1

***Children, obey your parents  
in all things, for this is well  
pleasing to the Lord.*** —Col 3:20

This is abundantly clear, isn't it? In God's universe — the only one there is, as I often remind — there is a chain-of-command, and it goes: God>parents (His first-line representatives)>children (under parents who are under God, so under them *and* God, the Universal Parent). It's *top-down* authority; it's *reality*.

So once again we see that all aspects of life on earth go back to the Creator-King. God originates all things and holds all things together (**Col 1:16-17; Heb 1:2-3**). Sinful creatures that we humans are, we will take turns at challenging God's structure and rules, even though they are perfect in integrity, holy in their design, insurmountable, incapable of improvement, and — *get this straight!* — there *for our own good*. If you haven't absorbed this fact yet, or if you've overlooked it in complacency, re-read the "promise clauses" of **Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16, 33 & 6:2, 11:8-9; Eph 6:1-3**. In each case, longer, more-enriched lives are said to naturally result from obeying parents who obey God. ***The chain-of-command is at the same time a chain-of-blessing.*** While obeying parents *without exception* is never held out as God's standard (children must obey *in the Lord*, or, not in *disobedience* to God, *The Father*, whose commands supercede all), the *principle* holds; obedience will be

rewarded by The Father, Who sees all and blesses accordingly (**Mt 6**). The idea here is that an absolute guarantee of long life is not made, but the principle is simple and *full* of promise: obeying one's parents who convey *God's* rules for life by example and instruction leads to longer, better lives. Throughout history, we've seen countless examples of obedient sons and daughters living long, successful lives. We've also seen many examples of the rebellious (think Absalom, Eli's sons, and more modern examples) dying "before their time." All of the days of each and every human being are numbered and ultimately in God's hands. Parents can't get their offspring to Heaven, but they can point to the Savior Who alone can (and *will*). A *team*, consisting by God's wise and irrevocable design of a male father and a female mother joined together in Christian matrimony, can provide the ideal, *Biblical* family structure. My loving parents have done this. I thank them; I thank *God!*

## ***Lying Leftists***

When government is your god, your god lies constantly to you. Because it *can*. Because it *works*. Because you believe its every pronouncement in the sheer gullibility born of willful ignorance and greedy wishful thinking. If you want something from government that is either outside of its job description (protect and serve the citizenry) or distorts that *proper* role to that of an out-sized personal genie, you can be promised the world *and* believe it's owed to you. When that's the case, expect to hear promise after promise, and *necessarily*, lie after lie. The one who does not possess all resources can not bestow all resources on another. Only God Almighty can lay claim to and distribute unlimited resources from an unlimited storehouse. Leftists know this, but they'll never acknowledge it. Every fiber of a Leftist's being throbs with anti-God, anti-holiness, anti-truth hate.

Granted, that sounds like a careless over-generalization, a wild accusation, or even a lie. But hear me out. I submit that the proof is in well-known patterns of well-known leftists, from Karl Marx to Lenin, Hitler, Goebbels, and the Nazis (National *Socialists*, remember) to today's consummate liars, the Clintons, Osama Obama, and all of their D-rat ilk. Let's hop through a very brief review, via word association with a few of the themes, scandals, and statements of the government-as-god Left:

*Religion is opiate of the masses/people; capitalism, private property, and the nuclear (traditional, God-designed) family must be abolished; atheism integral to any "progressive" society; the children belong to the state; Der Fuehrer IS the State; evolutionary theory proves the less-than-human status of certain "races"; political dissent is to be eradicated when the Left is in power, beatified when the "Far Right" is instead;*

*Whitewater, Troopergate, Lewinsky sex scandal wherein BJ Clinton “did **not** have sex with that woman” and the definition of “is” was given to us under oath; Ron Brown and Vince Foster mystery-deaths; illegal foreign donations by the megamillions, even while Hillary was Secretary of State; Benghazi catastrophe on her watch and, “What difference does it make?!?”; the Bill, Hillary, and **Chelsea** Clinton Foundation (using your child as a money-making prop or as a shield against personal criticism is despicable, and they’ve both done it); “I promise 100% transparency in my administration”; “I will allow five days of public comment before I sign any bills”; “I, Barack Hussein Obama, do solemnly swear...” (to uphold and defend The Constitution and faithfully execute the laws of the land) [as written, and not just in part]; “If you like your [current] health plan, you can keep it.” etc. etc. **etc.** And like I said, that’s a *brief* review, jumping among bigger rocks in the lie-stream.*

So am I saying that *only* Leftists ever lie? Of course not! Furthermore, the Left has its minions in the *GOP*, too, in *addition* to the spineless “majority Republican” boot-licking evil-enablers in leadership positions; they *also* bring me to a boil. But I do want to zero in on the central point of this essay: lying is *foundational* to all Leftist ideologies; none could have been built without *direct denials of God’s truths*. These anti-God, fires-of-hell ideologies can’t survive without a steady supply of lie-fuel. Each lie is used until it’s seen to be losing utility, and the next lies are brought in. How many times have we seen it? Invet-erate liars tell the first lie, backpedal, re-group with the next wave, backpedal, sink deeper in falsehood, and on and on until cornered without possibility of escape. Even *then*...the truth is the very last thing they’ll offer. Where lies are *not* painstakingly avoided as *ungodly*, you’ll find an unapologetic liar. The go-to tool of the anti-God Left is the lie.

## **Mindless Man-made “Morality”**

Within the last week, we’ve heard and read about two murderous rampages (Orlando, Florida and France) conducted by *militant Muslims*, or *radical Islamists*. Same thing (either name or still others will do), same old story, horrific and tragic as always. We’ve heard of these incidents *ad nauseam*, but holding candlelight vigils for the victims and taking away every single firearm from every private citizen won’t do *anything* to stop the steady onslaught of these terror attacks in the name of Allah. You know something else that won’t help one bit? Blaming *Christians* for these atrocities! Yet that was the knee-jerk reaction of LGBT activists [see *The Washington Times* article of June 13, 2016 for starters]. Again, same old story from the morally clueless Left. Even the very liberal Bill Maher has enough sense to have admitted that the LGBT “community” has nothing to fear from *Christian* mass-

murderers. The *real* persecution — not something overblown in fevered imaginations, like where one has “liberty” to urinate or defecate — is going to come from those who hold to the *Koran’s commands to kill homosexuals*; that would be *Muslims*, folks. Face that truth, speak that truth, deal with it, and shut up about Christians coming after you! Even your much-dreaded, much-castigated so-called “anti-LGBT bills” (really just reinforcement of common-sense, practical norms) can’t possibly *put you to death*. Get a grip on reality and recognize your *real* enemy, the one who’s convinced that persecuting, kidnapping, raping, torturing, and killing *all* “infidels” and *all* LGBT people is imam-pleasing, Islamic State-pleasing, Mohammed-pleasing, and Allah-pleasing. *There’s* your hater; someone who knows who, what, and why to hate and how to act upon it! Have enough integrity to at least admit that you don’t fear a Christian coming to behead you, but a hell-

bent militant Muslim/radical Islamist. It's rather obvious that Leftists — of all camps, with various pet issues — can still find common ground, when you tear things down to their roots. All control-freak Leftists (I've just used a *redundancy*) are *anti-God*, through and through. That most certainly includes the political-religious system of Islam, which sets up Allah in the place of the true, triune God Who gave us the Holy Bible (and not the Koran), and the Chief Prophet-Priest-King, Jesus Christ, *THE last prophet* sent by God. As I've written elsewhere and have often emphasized, Islam ("submission") is really about conquering and dominating the entire world. The worldwide *caliphate* is the all-consuming goal, and anything that can be made out to have been the command of Allah *OR* Mohammed is seen and used as a means of obtaining it. In other words, since Mohammed supposedly was enlightened directly by Allah, whatever Mohammed said to do, that

should and *must* be done. *Or else!* Some people are so lacking in decision-making powers that this totally graceless system appeals to them, especially when they have no knowledge of the freeing grace that issues from God The Father to sinners through the Savior, Jesus Christ. The sad, tragic irony for many Muslims is that they think that they *are* embracing and following *God's* morality, and not *man-made* "morality" (Mohammed's). But they're *not* Holy Spirit-guided.

There's the rub, the unmistakable connection between two factions of the All-Controlling (*Totalitarian*) Elitist-Government Left: Man-made "morality" in the place of God-defined, unchanging, *true* morality for *all* humanity. Every time — every single stinkin' time! — that selfish, sinful, sin-*loving* sinners try to substitute an alternative system of ethics and morality, hell breaks loose in our world. And the anti-God crowd is dazed again. "Why? How could such a thing

happen to such good, innocent people?” they whine. Well, those clueless leftists siding with the *victims* say that. At the same time, *other* Leftists — the “radical” imams — are saying that they had it coming, that Allah and Mohammed are *pleased* with their murder — because they were either “infidels” or “gay” or *both*. [This is where their theological ignorance *really* comes out, because any true Christian is *not* someone who continues to embrace the soul-killing abomination of the homosexual “lifestyle.”]

Let’s quickly sum up. First: LGBT Leftists and Totalitarian (Islamic State/Militant Muslim/Radical Islamist) Leftists inhabit the ***same anti-God ideological bed***. Second: both factions ***reject God’s true morality*** and substitute their own man-made mess. In both cases, their main ***disagreement*** is ***with God***. Third: both factions see Christians as enemies that *can* be attacked with success, so they do just that. Doomed *and* dumb. Mindless.

## National Pride

With our American Independence Day right around the corner, amid election-year rhetoric coming at us from every part of the political spectrum, let's pause for a momentary reflection. This is as good a time as any to ask if pride in our homeland is *always* appropriate, or even if it's *ever* appropriate. Or, when is pride a *good* thing, and when is it evil? On the horizontal (human-to-human) plane, all things are obscure, and all waters are muddied. This is by design of the anti-God forces, no matter which banner they're waving: Gay Pride, Islamic Flag of Conquest, La Raza/*Reconquista*/Mexican flags; neo-Nazi white supremacists; "My country, right *or* wrong" Americans; or the Humanist Self-Esteem pushers. This kind of pride is unwarranted and ungodly, surefire sin in the sight of God. God's Word is filled with what such forces for evil will call "hate speech" about this *sinful* pride.

Those of us who esteem God and His Word more than we esteem our sin-soaked selves, however, can be prone to error, too, in thinking that pride is *always* evil, that to be proud of family, friends, country, or *truly good* accomplishments is to manifest pride already gone too far. This is why I'm writing today: to suggest that there *is* a place for pride *within **Biblical** parameters*. This involves the *vertical* plane, the *human-to-God* relationship, as I'll try to show.

I referred to the "My country, right or wrong!" crowd before, and I italicized "*or*" for emphasis. That points to the problem. When my country does right, I have the right to be proud of it; doing the right thing is God-pleasing. *But...* should we be *proud* of our children, parents, employer, sports team, church, clergyman, military force, or nation when they do *evil* things? Should we fully (100%) back/own/praise such actions when they are clearly *wrong*?

Is it God-pleasing loyalty or deluded and misplaced pride when a mother *knows* her son has committed murder, but insists on accusing everyone *else* of evil, because *her* son can simply do no wrong? Is God buying any of that, do you suppose? Or reverse the polarity: should the sons and daughters of America blindly accept everything that our duly-elected officials — I have *great* reservations about just how honestly *many* were elected in recent decades — decide to do on our “behalf” — as our representatives? How about our governmental “parents” declaring that it’s a good thing to kill off our pre-born brothers and sisters? Is *God* “cool” with that, do you suppose? And how about making us *accessories* to those murders by stealing *our* money to *pay* for them? Of course, that’s just *one* instance of proof for what I’m saying: *unqualified* support *for* and pride *in* my country is foolish and sinful, because my country has become increasingly anti-God.

So where do we draw the line, if we're seeking to be proud within *Biblical* parameters, exhibiting pride to the extent that God permits? First of all, no saved-by-grace Christian (that would be *every true Christian*, folks) can be *proud* that they're saved. **Ephesians 2:8-10** dispels any such notion in a hurry, and with finality. If you *are* saved, *you* did *nothing* to be proud of, nothing to set yourself atop the trash-heap of sinful human flesh as a singular diamond. However, there *is* **God's grace**: you *should* be proud of God's mercy towards *any* sinner *period*; towards *any* nation *period*! How can you *not* be moved to revere, love, and yes, *be proud of* The Holy One who *always* does right and saves from *all* nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues (**Rev 7:9-10**)? And when He *owes* it not to one of us? And has God not also built this most-blessed nation from scratch? Of course He has: "**He** makes nations great and destroys them; **He** enlarges nations, and guides them."—**Job 12:23**.

Now put those two simple truths together. Whether it's an individual or a nation, *God* does the saving. And America didn't build itself; *God* built it. *God* does the *good* that is to be done and preserves society through His chosen *faithful* servants, as long as He is properly acknowledged, and as long as His patience holds out (even *His* patience does have limits, as history has demonstrated: Jerusalem and Judea, AD 66-70, for instance!). When the time for national judgment comes, God will always execute that, too, *through* His chosen *instruments of destruction*. God builds, enlarges, and guides nations, but He also *destroys* them when they abandon His ways and embrace what He hates. This is where America is today: if our "leaders" could get their way, they'd convince every soul of the *non*-existence of the eternal God of *all* existence. It wouldn't be until we all strode blindly right into eternal damnation that we'd know how alive and how holy God is!

Shudder at that thought, but then leave it behind with this hope: if we stop trusting in the fact that we are *Americans* — as if that’s enough to guarantee our survival and continued prosperity — and we go back to earnestly trusting in *God’s* building, enlarging, and all-wise guidance, He might still keep His protective hand in place. *Yet longer. Again.* God *SAVE* America should be our prayer. Because each day we give Him *less* “reason” to *bless* us; He’s already blessed us like no other nation in history, yet we stand there, rocking on our heels like Nebuchadnezzar (**Dan 4:29-31**), in love with the way we Americans have made such a big deal of ourselves and how we’re so free that almost anything goes. That’s national pride run amok, and it precedes a certain fall, barring repentance (**Prov 16:18, 8:13**). Now please get this: I love America for all of the good it has done as a nation, but ultimately, I can only give unqualified admiration, thanks, and love to *God*.

## Nation-ruining 101

If you wanted to *destroy* a whole nation, you'd do it just the way it's being done right now, right here in America. What we've experienced for the last eight years of "fundamental transformation" is just the last chapter in the Left's go-for-it-all Socialist playbook. There are no real mysteries yet to be solved; "end game" is here for the God-hating, *true-freedom-hating*, America-hating Left. What started in earnest in about the 1920's with the founding of the ACLU and the ever-increasing coalescence of disparate groups uniting in a general *anti-ism*, is so near the goal now that the scent of blood has been detected, and the sharks are circling in a feeding frenzy of freedom-eating laws, regulations, and executive orders. Like I say, no mystery here. Consult the Communist Manifesto, Mao's Cultural Revolution dogma, the Nazi blueprint and actions, and Saul Alinsky's blatant *Rules*

*for Radicals.* The nation-ruining template has been established for several decades now, and Marx-Alinsky acolytes like Osama Obama (Frank Marshall Davis Jr.?) and Hi-liar Clinton (wrote her thesis on Alinsky) are **devoted to their anti-God *god*: government by elite rule (*they* are the elite) over subjugated masses of useful idiots.** [For an idea of just how much you mean to them as a *person* — once they've bought your vote and gained their coveted power — read my *ATHEOS*, Vol. I, most specifically, pages 62-63; more context: pages 54-68 and 71-81; bigger chunk okay? add pages 89-95; best: 46-97, the whole *Totalitarianism* section of the book, which is available on the *Trutholio* Home page as a free-download PDF].

So what are the goals that the Leftist-Marxist-Alinsky template is designed to achieve? Marx said it earliest and set the course: 1) dethrone God; 2) destroy capitalism (free markets, private property).

The rest is gravy, secondary; petty details. After all, if you can take down the Creator-King-Sole Proprietor of the universe, what's really left to achieve? The way is open for evil to rule without obstacles: good for the elite in power, extremely bad for those who aren't among the elite (*there's* your 1% and 99% split!). Capitalism melts away instantly under such an arrangement, so goal #2 is achieved by default; it's of no concern.

If you can merely *convince* the people that God has gone away or has never actually existed — through Deism first, and Evolution second and ever *since* (see my *ATHEOS* Vol. II, *Evillusion*) — **government as god** starts to look like a reasonable solution, perhaps the *only* solution to solve all of society's problems. What problems, you ask? Well, in a nation that has no moral compass (without *God's* morality in place to guide law and ethics), who's to say that *anything* is a problem at all? Why, the ruling elite, you

silly vassal! That's what they're *there* for, you small-brained toad! A problem can only exist whenever those in power sense that they're not getting *everything* they want, and something — *somebody* — is preventing that. [Ever notice how King Barry sulks, glares, and gets ultra-sarcastic when he doesn't get his way 100%? Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown of all wisdom, I guess!]. *Your* worthless life has somehow presented an obstacle, so it is *your expendable* head that must roll. Whether that's *literally* or *figuratively* is also up to the all-wise rulers, of course. *You* get no vote.

Which brings us to template specifics. A necessary step to take to take total power is to strip the citizenry of any true voice, whether by free expression through speech and literature, or by the non-coerced ballot. Free, honest elections get in the way of Lefty's landscape-transforming excavator, so he must steamroll 'em. "*Outta the way!*"

“Vote early and often! The black man wins this time!” [Recall that intimidation incident in Philadelphia? Tip of the iceberg; isn't that right, ACORN, and ACORN Mark II zombie resurrectees?]

Other tactics (Marx-Alinsky favorites), used on a *daily* basis, and worldwide: ridicule, marginalize, or shout down the opposition at every opportunity and at every venue, even the smallest: from global media coverage down to classroom settings to Town Hall meetings to family dinnertable discussions, if they even exist anymore (sad to say). Alinsky was right about that: ridicule is *very* effective, because even the most genuinely stupid person doesn't like to *look* stupid. And who wants to be called a bigot, racist, or “hater” (hater, that is, of what all of us *good* people know is just peachy-keen, fine and dandy)? That's the Radical's Rule of the Double Standard at work: always hold Christians to their own high moral standards (God's),

and point out every breach, real or just imagined. Meanwhile, *you*, as a *radical*, have no such moral restraints, so all is fair in this all-out war for *you*. Only the Christian claims to be concerned with godliness, and he/she must adhere to that exacting standard 100% of the time or answer to the charge of hypocrisy (the existence of *sin* in *every* human life is not acknowledged, not on the radar; the whole concept of good versus bad has been rendered meaningless by all godless teachings). So what “people of faith” uphold as truly and perpetually good is only an illusory standard, and just for *them*; we smart people can do as we please and no harm will come of it. “It’s all good.” This is the “thinking” we’re dealing with here.

I’ll quote Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton, as we head into the wrap-up. If you’re still drinking the Leftist Kool-Aid, you might still suffer from the delusion that HRC is somehow “religious” or “moral” in a way

that the self-worshipping BHO II is not. Let me help in that regard:

*“Laws have to be backed up with resources and **political will**. And **deep-seated religious beliefs have to be changed.**”* (HRC, 2015)

You do understand what she said — and *didn't* say — right? *Political will* (the will of the elite ruling class) *must drive and determine laws* (for the lowly unwashed masses, that is, but *not* for those who are *above* the law, as the Clintons have *both* deemed themselves). That's despicable, yes, but par for the course, coming from this hardcore Marxist (“It takes a village to raise a child” means, “It takes *government* to raise a nation, and not God.”) There it is: *government* must be America's god; it's the only way forward. That deep-seated belief you've had in the “God” of the Bible must be changed. You think *God* built America? You *both* must go. Get on board. Or *else!*

## Obedience to Tyrants is Disobedience to God

An alternative, *positively*-stated way of rendering this essay's title would be, **“Resistance to Tyrants is *Obedience* to God.”** Both versions were used as rallying cries/slogans to fire the minds and hearts of the founding-era American people. A *third* popular “mission statement” — though it was probably used more often than the two already mentioned put together — was, **“No King But King Jesus!”** Now, I'm not denying that there were other more generalized and *secular* sayings that galvanized many people as well, like “No taxation without representation,” a *pre*-War for Independence favorite, but *upwards of 90%* of Colonial Americans could have identified with (and *did* identify with) those three God- and Jesus-invoking cries I've listed. Many a responsible and honest historian can back me up, and so

can every single colonial-state charter or constitution that emerged in the founding era. Suffice it to say that at the very least, *God-acknowledgment* was universal then, when an “atheist” was about as rare as an egg-laying rooster. With all due apologies to “Reverend” Barry Lynn, the ACLU, People for the American Way, and all of the other godless goofballs that insist otherwise (*NO* apologies *are* due to such professional liars), folks back there in America’s formative years had the good sense to mind their Father. Even the less Biblically-oriented people, those who were more “practically-minded,” if you will, saw the *value* in obeying God, if for no better reason than the fact that that’s how *everyone else* was pursuing happiness and prosperity. The way forward was just that clear to the vast majority: if you wanted to live in secure peace and prosperity, you toed God’s line. To use modern phrases, most people thought, “God *IS* the boss of me, and that’s a good thing!”

And right there is the first point I'd like to make: in each and every case, a **God-given law is a *protective* measure that *promotes* security, peace, and prosperity.** Contrary to the world's constant anti-God propaganda, He does *not* exist for the purpose of stealing your "joy." Your "joy" in sinning is not your right to begin with, something to which you're entitled just because you exist. God grants *liberty* — *within* the *context* that He has defined for humans in all ages — but *never license* to sin. On the other hand, the entire *universe* exists solely for the purpose of giving glory to God, its Creator, King, and Sole Proprietor. He has all of the rights and all of the power, and He dispenses as He sees fit (inarguably *holy* are all His ways). He has all knowledge and wisdom at His disposal, too, so when He foresaw in eternity past the inevitable consequences of particular sin-types, He put up ten unmistakable "STOP!" signs, the Ten Commandments. All moral law is built on that

solid, unchanging, and *protective* foundation. God saw that the bridge was out; He told you to stop moving towards destruction; you ignored Him; you plunged to your death. Now, ...who stole whose joy? And not for just a moment, but for *eternity*? Obey the all-wise One and live.

America, get back under God's unfailing protection and unerring guidance. Resist *anyone* who would steer you away from Him. Recognize that that is *exactly* the direction in which *ALL* anti-God forces want to channel you (under *their* boot). If you don't know by now that the entire (D) party is sold out in opposition to God, I don't know how to put it anymore. But beware of the (R) party-overall (establishment) crowd, too. They'll do all they can to suppress your sincerely-held Christian convictions on the way to "victory" in the elections. Every true Christian should both resist man's tyranny in *all* areas, and pray that God won't forsake us as we've forsaken Him.

## ***Parents, Revisited***

A while back, I wrote about *Loving Parents*, and more specifically, how thankful my siblings and I should be for *our* loving Christian parents. The main points intended were:

1) In His infinite wisdom, the God of the Bible has designed the *family* as the living-and-breathing foundational unit of societies under construction, and the *parental teams* are the “crew chiefs” of this ongoing enterprise. By this design, God, as the Architect, has set these crew chiefs/construction supervisors in positions of ultimate *human* authority over all of the crews/families on earth;

2) The *primary* task delegated to the parents by God is to train/instruct/lead their children in the way they should go (**Deut 4:9, 6:6-7; Prov 22:6; Eph 6:4**), which is always *towards* the one true unerring Shepherd who will lead them

home, Jesus Christ (**John 10 & 14; Heb 13:20-21**). Good health, security, and happiness will most often and most naturally fall into place where parents are *truly* first-line representatives of God's holy will, in that they convey His commands in all parts — as for the *good* of all — to those under their charge.

3) *Christian* parents are the ideal. And when I thank God for Christian parents, I don't limit that to thanking Him for mine only, but for *every* Christian parent, whether as half of a team, as one unequally yoked (**2 Cor 6:14**), or as one faithfully soldiering on alone. *Every* parent who points the next generation to the triune God is doing job #1 well. Keeping them alive, as much as it is in your power, is vitally important (**1 Tim 5:8**), but if they go without Christ into a hopeless eternity, what has really been gained? Keep them looking to Christ.

In this short follow-up, I want to add

only a quick point or two. I think it's important to emphasize that what made *my* parents such good and faithful and *responsible* servants to God AND society by extension, is that they took the job *seriously*. They didn't have kids because it was a "fun" idea (some think of their offspring as pets, or mere toy-like possessions); because it was what they thought other people expected them to do (meeting the usual expectations of normal people); because children could mean tax write-offs or welfare payment cash, or any other selfish reason. No. Mom wanted to be a "Mommy" from the age of four or so, and Dad obviously warmed to the idea of being a father — and *accepting all of the responsibilities* — when God put the two of them together for *His* purposes. Taking the job seriously translated to sacrifices across the board: sleepless nights through five pregnancies and early childhoods (and *beyond*, of course, as each child tested the limits of their "independence"); the

necessity of second jobs and careers for each, and a consistent smart thriftiness; having to endure temporary fits of resentment when *discipline* was justly administered (this is *so* critical, since permissive parenting is neither God-honoring NOR effective; see again the negative Biblical examples of David and Eli). The list could go on and on, but again, *my* parents were not unique in this; lifelong sacrifice on the part of responsible parents has always been the norm, though that's steadily changing. Now we are told that what we only *thought* constituted a family does not a family make. In fact, the *Government* (or "Village") is dad OR mom, and it functions as unfettered gift-giver *to* some children by stealing first *from* the other children. It doesn't add up, but that *is* the "new math." The responsible kids in the family must meet the ever-increasing demands of the brats. Train up a child in the way he/she should go? "Ha! That's the *loser's* way!" And society crumbles.

## “Prefers Republican Party”

In this “Left Coast” state, named after the great man who would shudder in horror at its current godless polity, our election cycles start off with top-two, open primaries. In Washington, the *state*, we *don't* register as (D)s, (R)s, or anything else. This is a fact that apparently has escaped (R) party members, since I continue to receive solicitations for my support on the basis that I'm supposedly a “registered Republican.” Not so; not in this state. Instead, in our voter's pamphlets and on our ballots we see the words, “Prefers Republican party” or “Prefers Democrat party” or “Prefers Libertarian party” and so on (some (D)s that have been bounced out of office are now going by the label, “Independent Democrat party,” as if we are *all* that stupid to fall for that subterfuge). But actually, in *my* case, the designation, “*Prefers* Republican party” is apt. I *prefer* the (R)s, to be sure, and

by a lo-o-o-o-o-ng shot! In fact, if we put these labels in the *negative*, I could truly say that I find the (D)evilish and (D)astardly acts and the (D)eceptive and (D)estructive policies — *all* of ‘em, including (D)ebaclecare — of *today’s* (D)emo-rat (“people-rat”) party to be (D)etestable; “*Detests* the Democrat party” would be truthful and spot-on. I will proceed with a short explanation.

Before the (D) party’s all-out embrace of systematic, pre-meditated baby-murder, yes, I suppose I could’ve voted for a (D), had I been old enough to vote. And I *did* make a thoroughly regrettable, horrible mistake in voting for that smarmy, two-faced peanut farmer in 1976, the first time I was old enough to vote, as I’ve related elsewhere (with no small amount of pain on each occasion; it haunts me to this day). But since 1973, when morally clueless, unelected “judges” gave us the twisted Roe v. Wade decision, the (D)s have gone on to adopt

every imaginable — and *unimaginable* — perversion of morality as part of “who we are” as a nation. Go ahead and search the internet for that phrase, “this is not/ isn’t who we are,” and note who’s made the statement, and about what. The Leftists — Osama Obama, Holder-clone Loretta Lynch, Dope Biden, *et al*, are trying to define *by negation* who 325 million American people are: we are *not* people of sincere faith in an actual God; we are *not* free people who give consent *to* the government to protect and serve us by the rule of law, but beings that live only by the “grace” of government elites, as long as *we* serve *them*; we are *not* citizens who have the God-given *and* Constitutional right to defend ourselves; we are *not* law-abiding citizens who have God-given *and* Constitutional rights to own property, and that *free of invasion* and intrusive agency oversight and control, right on up to outright government theft; we are *not* male OR female individuals only, but “fluid” life-

forms at the head — temporarily — of the chain of evolution (Go, godless Nature! Supercede Humanity, and leave us behind in the dust where we belong!). Etcetera, etcetera. The (D)s have *everything* turned upside-down and inside-out. That's Marxism, folks. Face the truth: the defining talent of Socialists is the ability to destroy; they *can't* build. The party of *(D)eath* is what *they* are. I *prefer* the Republican party because I'm *not* a God-hating, sin-exalting, evil-promoting, society-destroying moron. Having just recently read both 2016 (R) and (D) official platforms, I am wholly confirmed in my preference for the Republican *platform*; I find little fault with it, other than language about “earning” God's protection and blessing, whereas *I* will contend that it's much more a matter of God's *grace* towards a most *undeserving* nation (who we *are* in this sinner-worshiping era under the Fraud-in-Chief). I will vote only for those (R)s who are *true* to the whole, *Pro-Life* platform.

## Quick Review

No matter who you are, regardless of what you believe, there are three things I know about you:

1. Though you were made in God's holy image, you are a sinner, as am I;
2. The sinful state which we have *all* inherited, excepting only the absolutely unique God-man, Jesus Christ, has put you, me, and *all* human beings in the position of having severely-impaired knowledge *and* moral judgment;
3. In your *conscience* — or what remains of it, **you, too, know** that there IS an infinitely-existing God, THE Creator, THE sole source of all else, Who is *perfect* in all His ways, *including* in knowledge and what constitutes perfect, *holy* morality.

On the last point, you may object by saying, “I am an avowed *atheist*. I believe that “God” doesn’t exist. So away with *your* so-called God!” That last part is the most telling; away with *whom*? How can you remove a *non-existent* entity? You can’t, and you know it. *That’s* your real, core problem: you’re stacking a manufactured lie against the ultimate truth, by *claiming* — completely against universal hard-wired knowledge — that you don’t *believe* that God exists (THE absolutely necessary and ultimate truth of the universe), when it’s obvious to any still-rational mind that you just don’t *like* the idea, and the idea will not, *can* not go away. You fight against the Ever-Existing One behind that idea with all your might, at every turn. What a waste of time and effort, if this “enemy” of yours doesn’t even exist! You’ve defined *yourself* as truly insane. The only sane, safe, healthful, fulfilling way through life is the one provided by the One who *IS*, perfect in all His ways: God.

The title for this essay speaks about a *review* and begs the question, “A review of *what?*” In the immediate context, this refers to the roughly bi-weekly essay collection I’ve been stringing together into a full-fledged book, Lord willing, by the end of this year. But beyond that, I’m reiterating elements of my comprehensive worldview; *how* (process) I came to believe *what* (tenets) I do believe. The two most basic building blocks are:

1. I know little, ***God knows all; I’ll try to find out what God knows*** about any issue;
2. What God knows and *wants* us to know is imparted to us **in His written Word**, the everlasting, unchanging Bible; to this *perfect* testimony I’ll go. **(Isa 40:8, 8:20; Acts 17:11)**

With the immovable foundation in place, and God the Holy Spirit teaching, construction of a God-pleasing worldview

is merely a matter of receiving God's word as truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and applying the wisdom gained from it, putting into practice what *God* has preached. 'Nuff said! Now, *onward and upward!*

But that's just religion-talk, right? What has that to do with politics? Well, *everything*. Politics means government, and God has ordained government as the servant-protector of families *of* families. In other words, government under God's all-wise design begins with the father-mother-child (in most cases) family. Society is a collection of these families, and this larger group has greater interlocking and overlapping needs that must be met by governments — *also under God* — with *legitimate, God-fearing* authority and the power to enforce justly-enacted law. That's **Rom 13:1-7** in a nutshell. Government under God, by His design, is a blessing. *Over-government* — *or the lack of it* — is a curse.

So the Biblical way is the *profitable* way. I mean that in every sense: profitable in an *economic* sense, both nationally *and* individually (and even *globally*, if we're willing to be honest about it); profitable in terms of *true* peace and *dependable*, *lasting security*, the main elements of the only atmosphere that actively encourages confident enterprise in *positive* directions, spending less time and resources on defensive measures and on keeping the would-be society-ruiners at bay; profitable, most importantly, to the national *and* individual *soul* (**Psa 9:17; Mt 16:26**). Remember this simple fact: all of God's laws, rules, and guidelines are meant for our *good*; He is the *exact opposite* of a "cosmic killjoy!" You ought to be able to identify the originator of *that* lie, and *all* lies (**John 8:44; Gen 3**). God will tell you that good will come to you if you do things His way, and He speaks truthfully. *Always*. The followers of the father of lies will tell you that good will come by doing evil (*his way*),

and that will prove to be a lie. *Always*, in the long run (you may gain temporary pleasure, but it will add to your *eternal* misery, and that reality should make you think twice about pursuing evil, to say the very least).

Okay, how does this all relate to 21st-Century politics? And here in America? Here's how: I'm quite serious in saying that everything that God is for and recommends or commands is something that the political Left is dead-set against. And today the Left runs the (D) party. Whatever ideas and policies that Democrats in the past may have culled from a responsible interpretation of God's will in the Bible have been long-since abandoned. Some specifics for you:

+ God demands and deserves acknowledgment for His eternal existence, His creation of the universe, His provision of all things needed, His holy law, His

answer to Satan, sin, and eternal death in the person and work of Jesus Christ, and *thanks* for all of the above (God's Word says these things, in such passages as **Heb 11:6; Gen 1-2; Rom 1; Gen 3:15 & 1 Cor 15; Acts 4:12; Jas 1:17**).

—Taking their cues from Lucifer (ala Saul Alinsky), the Left, and therefore, the (D)s, deny all of this. They will assert — depending on the time and the venue — that “God” does not exist, or that if he does, he's a bigoted meanie, constantly killing the legitimate joys of innocent beings evolved from the first (*self-existing*) amoeba, so he is *not* to be heard from or listened to; or that He *sanctions* lawless behavior as acceptable (our sins are agreeable to this god, and they put a smile on his face); furthermore, if any deity is to be thanked, it's the all-benevolent Government, giver of all and taker of none. *No* scriptures can be cited to support this rot, but that's totally irrelevant to them: “Bible? *Bah!*”

+ God condemns the purposeless torture and murder of babies and “euthanasia” for those who are old, infirm, “useless eaters” or merely “enemies of the state.” He thunders, “You shall do no murder!” He *affirms and confirms self-defense* to protect against harm to body, soul, and *privately-owned property*. He *affirms and confirms* the right to maintain *secure borders, in order to protect the law-abiding citizens within*. Consult such passages as **Lev 18-19** (including the abominations of child sacrifice AND sodomy, another body- *and* soul-killing practice, and the positive command to *respect* our elders); **Ex 20:12-17 & 22:2; Prov 16:31, 20:29, & 22:28; Luke 22: 26-38; Deut 27:17**. Note two things; 1) the wandering Israelites of the Exodus era *had to obtain permission* to pass through the lands of even the *heathen* nations; even *their* borders were held to be inviolable by God, and 2) the *extreme hypocrisy of Mexico* in strictly enforcing *their* southern border, while *officially*

encouraging, aiding, and abetting the constant, unrestricted flow of **ILLEGAL** aliens northward into the United States, *AND*...those millions of lawbreakers provide the second or third biggest source of revenue for Mexico in *remittances* sent back to that country (the *trespassing aliens unlawfully earn money* in America — something that's usually recognized, in most contexts, as *stealing* — and the bulk of that money does not enrich the *American* economy, but the hapless *Mexican* economy!). I must say, if your religion condones this, you've got one warped religion! Isn't that right, "Pope" Francis, Socialist Society-Scolder?

+ It should go without saying that in all of this, too, the Left, and hence the (D)s, are directly opposed to God's will. But we all should be aware that Anti-God individuals exist among the (R)s as well. The (R) Party is constantly shifting leftward, increasingly abandoning those of us who actually believe that in their

founding ideals, subsequent policies, and current platform, they got it *right*. Right, as much as is humanly possible in recent decades, in that *true* Republicans have sought to govern by God's design and conform to His will for society on this earth. This is where I part company with the morally clueless *establishment*, Socialist-Lite (R)s, who don't have a worthwhile conviction to stand upon. They disgust me. And when they backstab and undermine *true* Republicans, *OR* even the (R)-come-lately standard-bearing Mr. Trump, who has gathered far more support than any of the old-guard types, I don't want any scolding from *them* about *our* need (we non-DC *peons*, that is) to line up with the Party in *unity*! Sheer hypocrisy! *We* are what's left of the Grand Old Party as it was formed and as it has existed until *you* tenure-seeking surrender-monkey door-mats came along to do the will of the Left, and not the will of God. Maybe Trump *is* God's instrument, after all.

## Queen of Heaven

I'm writing this at a time when my website, [www.trutholio.com](http://www.trutholio.com), has been inaccessible to the public for a full three weeks (and counting). While *I* can get into it through a host-provided control panel, the site's host has been the victim of malicious malware attacks — apparently *system-wide* — so all hosted sites are rendered off-limits for the duration. So when my next essay came “due,” I thought there was little point in publishing it at the time, since no one could see it and/or download it. In essence, my free speech outlet to the world, along with those avenues for thousands of others, has been temporarily squelched by some “tolerant” folks who just could brook *no* interference with their chosen agenda(s). But this is life in the techno-age among the anti-God forces, where neither common propriety nor Constitutional law, nor even the will of God Himself hold any sway.

Nonetheless, website or no, I press on, but in the direction of *slightly* more theologically-oriented themes. At the moment, I'm just about "politicked" out. One comment will I yet make in *this* essay that will help to make the transition: I see that the "Queen of *Corruption*" is at long last being exposed for what she is, and I fervently hope that The Judge has it in mind to complete the picture for the voting public before we tragically err *again!* [And don't forget that King Barry still holds the "martial law" card, if the elections don't go his way!]

Now to this "Queen of Heaven" business.

We start with a question: from whom and about whom do we hear this term today? Answer: Roman Catholics who prefer the dogma of their ecclesiastical "leaders" to what *God* has said through His prophet, Jeremiah, and it's in reference to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Here

then, we will come to clearly see, as just one example of so *very many*, that the Roman Catholic church is *not* about glorifying God by taking Him at His word, but about constructing a man-made counter-narrative to correlate with a man-centered mechanism for conquest and control. I mean every word of that, and it's precisely *here* that Islam and Catholicism have something in common: both are systems founded on extra-biblical (*outside* of the Holy Bible), non-Holy Spirit-inspired teachings of sinful men. And both have *world-domination* as the goal. Papal Rome has certainly worked towards that goal, right from the start (4th C. AD, from Constantine on), and Mohammedism followed three centuries later, with the *world-wide caliphate* representing the ultimate goal. In both cases, too, when they are *not* in power — politically, in civic rule — *and in the minority*, they often *seem* to be content to assimilate and “endure” peaceful rule by outsiders. But give ‘em

an inch, and they'll take a mile. When either Rome or Mecca is *in* the seat of political power (or even in ascendancy to power, as their influence grows),...*look out!* While our current global focus is on Radical Islamic terrorism (increasingly, and rightly so), let's not forget that Catholicism has enthroned Mary as a co-god, the non-biblical "Queen of Heaven" *at the side of* God The Father, the King of Heaven. What could possibly lend more sanction to Rome's plans to conquer the world, not for *Christ*, but for His earthly mother? After all, Catholics *pray to* this (non-biblical) co-high priestess as if she has "practically unlimited power, in the distribution of the graces which flow from the Redemption," and with the expectation of receiving power from her to do what pleases *her*. [Quoted from 1946 radio message by Pius XII; see Wikipedia articles, "Queen of Heaven" and "Queen of heaven (antiquity)" for background in support of this essay]. And yes, in 1964, the Second

Vatican Council “referred to Mary as *Queen of the Universe*”, no less!

[Wikipedia, QOH article; bold emphasis mine]. Well, that settles it then, doesn't it? If you want to rule the world, it only makes perfect sense to go right to the very top with your request: ask the Queen of All to empower you to do that, and in *her* name; how could she refuse?

DISCLAIMERS that seem necessary at this point: 1) *My* disagreement is with the Roman Catholic church's founding, teachings, and designs; I do *not* hate the poor souls who have been so grossly misled by the papal system, nor am I calling them stupid (unless they choose to remain ignorant of available truth in their obstinancy; *i.e.*, ignore *God's* Word); 2) I realize that individuals who self-identify as Roman Catholics vary in the degree to which they agree/disagree with specific church teachings; not all are sold on this Mary-as-Queen-of-Heaven thing, or on Mary as “co-God.”

Having said that, we move on to the real battlefield, where the issue must be settled. We will examine the Holy Scriptures. We will listen to what *God* says, in bullet-point style.

- + The **ONLY** references to a/the queen of heaven are found in **Jer 7:17-18** and **44:15-18**.
- + In both contexts, the 6th/7th C. *BC* Israelites are getting virtually *scalded* by God — through His inspired prophet, Jeremiah, for their ***rank idolatry*** in preparing and offering cakes (in worship) to a “queen of heaven.” Beyond doubt, God *opposes* this **IDOL**, and He would *never* share His throne and His glory with this idol (**Isa 42:8, 48:11; 44:6, 8**). *One God!*
- + Bible scholars are *nearly* unanimous (I’m qualifying this to be safe) in linking this “queen of heaven” to Astarte/Ishtar/Asherah (same deity known also as Aphrodite/Venus).

- + This “deity” was supposedly reigning, we point out again, in the *6th* C. BC, and it was a product of the Babylonian mystery-religion cult well before that, where the story concocted was that a widow gave *re-birth* to her late husband *as her infant son*. Even way back then, the real point of this weird narrative was to establish the *continuing authority and reign* of the *queen* that survived the departed king. [For an extremely *detailed* account of all of this, consult Alexander Hislop’s *The Two Babylons*].
- + Roman Catholic teachers will *abuse* a text that’s *totally unrelated* to the issue (**1 Kings 2:20**), by claiming that since Solomon honored his mother (Bathsheba) by seating her on a throne beside his, and at least gave the appearance of heeding her advice, God has done the same with the mother of Jesus Christ, the *God-man*. This *obviously* is a stretch.

*Why* does this not follow? Well, for starters, since when can God, source of *all* wisdom, learn from (and follow) the example of sinful men? Secondly, Solomon didn't do what he *had* to do (in honoring *his* mother), but what he *chose* to do; it was a matter of grace. Thirdly, GOD HAS NO MOTHER TO HONOR. Clear enough? Yes, Mary was the mother of Jesus, God *as man*, but Mary herself was created, and *not* the eternal Creator. The Christ preceded Mary in eternity past, as He was always with God and God Himself (**John 1**). Mary entered into existence and was chosen for her role in giving birth to the Savior-in-human-flesh *by God's grace. Alone.*

When we consider *all* of Scripture, we see that any "queen of heaven" is an *idolatrous fiction*. And nowhere in God's Word is there even a hint that the created being named Mary rules *with* God.

## **Respecting Power**

There are always *two sides to power*.

There is benevolent power that protects, and there is tyrannical power that abuses.

There is power used constructively, and there is power used only to destroy.

There is power to be coveted, and power that must be accepted as justly in place in the hands of others.

There is power lawfully obtained, and there is power fraudulently usurped.

There is power as the be-all, end-game obsession, and there is power as means to obtain good and desirable aims.

There is earthly, temporal power, and there is the eternal power of Almighty God.

There was a man you may have heard of who came to know just Who holds the true, overriding power. In AD 1863, as if he were speaking just hours ago in AD 2016, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln cogently observed,

*“It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended **Power**, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”* —  
**Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day**, March 30, 1863 (excerpts below also from the same document).

*What* behooves *whom*, and to which “Power” do the offenders confess and pray for forgiveness? I’ll offer some hints before I get out of Lincoln’s way and return to *his* words. 1) When seeking forgiveness (contingent upon sincere repentance), one must go to a *forgiver*. Buddha is not a forgiver, nor is Moses, Mohammed, a priest, or *anyone* but God, and on the basis of the merits of Christ.

2) The Forgiver *is* holier than thou, no matter who you are, and all offenses against others (and ourselves) are sins against The Holy One; *and seen* by Him. 3) Only the God of the Bible holds *all* ultimate power, including the exclusive power to forgive, or *not* to forgive. 4) Putting this all together, there is only One to Whom we *may* go to plead our case, and only One to Whom we *can* go.

Back to Lincoln and what behooves whom to confess to the offended Power:

*“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. **But we have forgotten God.** We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the*

*deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the **necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!***”

***“It behooves us then...”***

Now that who, what, and why have been established by one who is revered in this country by the right winger, left winger, and centrist alike, who can justify any *more* delay in bowing — as a nation, as well as individually — before the offended Power, “*devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in **all** the affairs of men and of nations?*” Keep in mind, too, that this was over a century *before* we *further* offended the Power with “legal” baby-murder and gay “marriage!”

## Reverse Engineering and Rewarding Bad Behavior

Giving the benefit of the doubt, I'll say that *most* people have at least a tiny shred of conscience left. Even a much-defaced, much-reduced *remnant* of the image of God that was originally hard-wired into a person can enable one to tell right from wrong. Even among so-called atheists/humanists, the knowledge that stealing *from them* is wrong is a universal, a given, even though *their* theft *from you or me* is not necessarily wrong, and even — quite likely — *justified* in their eyes. When “the ends justify the means” — a basic radical/leftist/Marxist tenet — any “wrong” is made right when used to obtain the worthy goal (the ends). And what's a “worthy” goal? Well, *any* goal of the *anti-God* mob is worthy *by definition*. Conversely, any goal of the God-honoring person is nothing less than ludicrous and *harmful* to

any *progressive* society. You do want society to make *progress*, don't you? Well, then, you'll have to abandon your silly, dead-weight superstitions about a god in heaven, or a *spiritual* guide in your life; get with the program, you selfish, progress-retarding lout! So says (or *intimates*, at least) the smug, self-satisfied "progressive." Message: *you* are in the way of the *good* people; remove yourself or be removed, faith-freak!

You may not have looked at what the progressives do in this way before, but if you think about it a little, *much* of their agenda involves **reverse engineering**. That is, they work *backwards* from the conclusion they simply *must* reach, to the means necessary to get there. The *ends* are obvious: a world without God, true, consistent morality, and anyone who reminds them that certain behaviors are in fact *wrong* and damaging to ordered, peaceful, secure society. Then, with conclusion in hand, how to get

there becomes the subject of intense study. The final step is to implement, piece-by-piece if necessary, the court decisions, executive actions, agency policies, and, very rarely, the *legislation* that will make it happen. The most glaring recent example is — need I say it? — the codifying of homosexual “marriage.” See how this works now? The end-game goal was *not* to “gain *equality* in marriage,” nor was it that first step of merely gaining “respect” for sinners of a certain type (as *NON*-sinners engaging in what was *normal, wholly-acceptable* behavior for them), nor any of the stuff in between. The real goals have always been to throw off God, His rules, and His followers. The other things were and are only battles and skirmishes, but that’s the *war*. And right now, they think they’ve won. We should pity them for their lamentable ignorance in denying God’s existence, holiness, and justice, which *will* be carried out in *eternal* sentences. *God never rewards evil.*

Now we turn our attention to two more-than-obvious examples of humans rewarding bad behavior. First, there are the trespassing, lying, thieving ILLEGAL aliens who are *at best* guilty of only these offenses mentioned, but way too often are guilty of unrepentant destruction of property, bodies, and lives. By the *hundreds of thousands*, even *millions*! And who is the main culprit (by far) in *rewarding* this bad behavior? Why, the fraudulent Illegal-Alien-in-Chief, who has “sworn” to protect legal, *law-abiding* U.S. citizens from such harm by enforcing the laws that have been *Constitutionally* enacted. Understand this: the man who was born in both Kenya AND Hawaii (in two different hospitals, no less) — by his *own* claims made at various times, and who holds a *Connecticut* Social Security number that had belonged to a person long-since deceased, is *inviting* them by issuing executive orders and thinly-veiled code-speak for promises *not* to prosecute.

Understand this as well: this isn't mere benevolence on the part of our American *king* (at the expense of the nation which he supposedly *serves*). There *is* a goal, and its achievement *is* in sight, at no long distance. By flooding our land with *criminals* who will naturally scoff at any restrictions on *voting* illegally also (*early and often* is the pass phrase), many thousands of D-rat votes will be gained, and who-knows-how-many *more* elections will be literally stolen this very year! So the anti-God, pro-sin, pro-death party rolls on, after coveting, grabbing, expanding, and cementing into place complete power and control. But if you think I'm exaggerating, you need only to look at what Terry McAuliffe, governor of Virginia, has recently done. With a few strokes of his executive-order pen, *206,000 convicted felons* had their voting *privileges* (they have no such *rights*, under the Constitution) restored. *Ka-ching!* *Truckloads* of new (D) voters eager to return the favor! No campaign

talk needed! Which brings us to the career-criminal Clintons (McAuliffe worked closely with both prison-worthy devils). If there is any woman on the planet who has gotten away with more bad, *evil* behavior than HRC, I don't know who that could be. She has skated through *dozens* of scandals, in which she has undoubtedly had a *central* role, all the while spinning out *endless* lies. Only King Barry is in her league as an accomplished, world-class liar (even her husband-in-name-only takes a back seat to her, I dare say). Evil *often* rewarded!

So now we're expected to reward a *lifetime* of bad, *evil* behavior by electing this witch?!? In the same way we *had* to elect the first African-American POTUS, regardless of his warped, nation-hating ideology and ultra-deceptive ways, and we *had* to keep him in office until we could elect the first *woman* POTUS, it's now our solemn duty to pick hell-bent Hillary to "lead" us? I think not!

## Setting the Record Straight

In a rare departure from my usual essay format, I'd like to turn this one into more of a resource-recommendation vehicle. But make no mistake, my usual *passion* — for truth and the *right* ways of the God of all truth — accompanies this as well as any other of my writings. When it comes to the truth, although it was certainly not always the case with me in too many years of my six decades on earth, *these* days, I'm always "on." So when I call your attention to these fine resources, I do it *passionately*, with a definite sense of urgency and purpose.

The title of this essay is taken directly from the book and companion DVD, ***SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT: American History in Black & White***, by historian David Barton (Wallbuilders). If you sincerely desire to know the *actual, thoroughly-documented* history of both Republicans *and* Democrats with respect

to racial relations in words *and* deeds, *this* is where you're going to find it. I've benefited from the book and DVD for several years now, and I've given copies of each to family members. What prompted my earnest recommendation at this particular time is the fact that I learned — not from the sold-out for D-rat mainstream media, of course — but from perusal of trending YouTube videos, that Dinesh D'Souza has recently released his latest feature film titled, "*Hillary's America: The Secret History of the Democratic Party.*" [Full disclosure: I have *not* seen this movie (yet); I *do* enjoy D'Souza's books *and* films, and I own copies of both "*2016: OBAMA'S AMERICA*" and "*AMERICA: IMAGINE THE WORLD WITHOUT HER.*"] From a sampling of reviews and short clips, I gather that D'Souza has hit the (D)s in some rather sensitive areas. But if his shots are landing "below the belt," it's because the (D)s have pulled their belts up to their armpits; the shots are *legitimate*

because *the history is accurate* to a very large degree. Having said that, however, I am willing to acknowledge that any time you're dealing with *political* history, there is an obvious (even if *natural*) tendency to be a bit selective in perceptions, connections, and conclusions. And this is *exactly* why I'll give more weight to David Barton's testimony on the page and on the screen: he's got the *unassailable documentation in hand*, and he shared the same evidence (and much more) with us in 2004 (book) and 2006 (DVD); he was out there *first* with these truths 10-12 years ago! I say it's about time that we give Barton his due and stand with him when the ever-present historical revisionists attack him simply because darkness hates the light (**John 3:19**). As a matter of fact, on pages 14 and 124-125 of the book, screen shots of the official Democratic National Committee website, at "BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY" are reproduced. See *their* words (and what they

*don't* say) for yourself. [Optional web-work assignment: sample various versions of their “brief history” page as it was *changed* — that’s right, they’re trying to *change* history by playing with it, folks — over the years via the Wayback Machine internet archives site; see the pages that existed at different stages of their “official” ever-changing narrative.]

Once again, I *strongly urge* all of those who genuinely value the truth *as it happened* (not how deceivers *want* it to be, in order to perpetuate their best-selling lies), to head straight for the book, the DVD, or both. If you do so, you shall come to know the truth about the founding of the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, *and....*the KKK. With all due respect for my first baseball hero, Hank Aaron, *he* also needs to read this book. He needs to set the record straight in *his* mind, too, so that he can recant his cringe-worthy linking of (some) (R)s to the KKK. The truth will set us *all* free.

## Slipping Into A Socialist Coma

Assuming that you are not already there, this is where you are headed. At least, that is, if you're susceptible to the usual external forces that have been gathered against you. Because, due to the combined efforts of the "mainstream media," all but scattered remnants of academia, the entire D-rat party (and their RINO allies), and the daily influence of an army of under-educated and/or grossly misled friends, neighbors, co-workers, and yes, *clergy*, your mind is no longer your own; you don't have the use of it for doing your *own* thinking. Unless you've retained the "mind of Christ" (1 Cor 2:14-16), so that you *do* have the power to discern between truth and falsehood, and between good and evil, you've slipped into a Socialist "walking" coma (like "walking pneumonia" but not as temporary). In this *un*-thinking, helplessly inactive lethargy, you go zombie-like through life, with

nary a genuine thought being generated *within*, where your soul used to be. All of “your” thoughts are coming from the *outside*, like mere injections *into* your brain. This is what a steady diet of socialism, be it blatant or sneaky, *can* do to you. And this is why I keep personalizing this insidious and highly-destructive process by using “you” instead of “some people” or “folks.” This can happen to YOU; *that’s* the point. DON’T let this happen to YOU is the warning.

Here are a few important words that I hope can still find their way into *your* brain: ***Socialism will steal your soul.***

I mean that quite literally, since Socialism/Marxism/Communism/ANY form of totalitarianism, *including* Radical Islam, lest we forget — name your poison of choice from among these — is a God-replacement ideology, and therefore a soul-stealing proposition ***by design.*** *All such statisticians want control of all souls.*

The *true* God will not share His *true* glory with another (**Isa 42:8, 48:11**), and the *State* (or *Caliphate*) demands all glory and allegiance, too. Obviously, something has to give. God and socialism are NOT compatible. Rehearsing some facts quickly, we should recall:

+ God declares and upholds rights to private property; all forms of statism (*fascism* included) deny them.

+ God grants the rights of individuals to act according to Spirit-led conscience; statisticians claim to grant the only rights that are to be had by a person, as a part of the masses *only*.

+ God *actually* meets needs, in accordance with His plans (**Rom 8:28**); statisticians *promise* much, deliver little, and deliver only what can be stolen from parties considered to be less friendly to the state (CRONYISM); Socialism is envy-driven State *theft*.

+ God *can not lie* (though He can re-inforce you in your chosen delusion, **Titus 1:2, Heb 6:18, 2 Thes 2:11**); Socialists must *depend* on lie after lie, in order to overcome the mind's God-given defense mechanism (the conscience, and His hard-wired Law); in ALL totalitarian systems, the lie is not only *permissible*, but the tool that gets *used the most*, as it's very effective in chipping away any conscience that yet remains; the only things that are *never in short supply in statist systems are poverty, misery, and lies*.

One qualifying statement on the lies of Socialists before we go. When speaking at *fundraisers*, the truth *does* come out. By these rare NON-lies, we know that all of their opponents (like you and me) are religiously-bigoted racists, scum and “deplorables.” So we must be put into a proper comatose state ASAP. Maybe now, though, you can see ‘em coming.

## Theological Hash

*Roast beef* hash is a *good* thing, in my book. I'd like to enjoy it often, but in *my* world, 3 or 4 dollars for a can of the stuff is a bit pricey. Compare with 3 or 4 *pounds* of healthful, cancer-fighting broccoli, for example, at the same price. Still, roast beef hash can be a treat. But *theological* hash is to be avoided like the plague. *Any* amount of poisonous falsehoods on your theological plate will turn even the truths into deadly abettors.

In previous essays and in my books, I've often expressed my revulsion for any thought or teaching that "butts heads" with God's Holy Word. When "the world" does it — those who don't claim to be spiritually awake in Christ — I certainly don't like it, but I certainly *do* understand it. A wall must be torn down by the Holy Spirit before the human being in a natural state can make out anything on the spiritual side (**1 Cor 2:11-14**). But

when “the vicar of Christ on earth” does it, you’d better believe that it riles me! *Big-time!* I’ll next relate what set me off.

The better part of most of my Lord’s Days (Sundays to most of you, Game Day to too many) is spent reading and studying the Bible and related Christian literature. In this particular case, I was reading through a supposed “Christian” magazine that operates on this equation: *Christendom* = *true* Christians in sum. In other words, Christians as defined by the culture; as opposed to Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, *etc.*, but very often *including* the adherents of papal Rome, the Eastern Orthodox, and even Mormons, *and* ... NT *Christians* are carelessly lumped together with *Christ-denying* Jews. This is an *unbiblical* mix, to say the least. It makes a *hash* of the pure truths that Christ preached, taught, and *lived* out. I’m talking, remember, about THE Head of His own Church; we who are *Christians* are of *His* flock only.

More specifics now: It seems the current “pope” wrote an “encyclical” addressed to “*every person living on this planet.*” I’ll let the reader pause and consider that for a moment, let it sink in. *My take in two words? **Astonishing arrogance!*** It made me wonder aloud — for the umpteenth time — just who do these propped-up sinners (“popes”) think they are?!? And what is the place of GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT in Rome’s Babylon-based scheme? Is *He* out of a job? I mean, if the “vicar of Christ on earth” controls spiritual life on earth on behalf of Christ, what’s left for *Christ’s Biblically-appointed Helper (The Paraclete, John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 13)* to do? *Anyone* who sincerely wants to follow the religion of *Christ*, where *all* is centered in *Him*, must take these questions *completely* seriously; there’s no hemming-and-hawing here, no wiggle room. Either the sinless Messiah is Head of His Church, or a deluded sinner attempting to speak *as* God, and *for* God rules in

the place of God, in which case “God” is not holy after all, and therefore, not the true God. It makes my blood boil.

So this *particular* throne-usurping deceiver shoehorned in a *third* table of The Law to add to *God’s* Ten Commandments. Almost *20 centuries* after Christ ascended to THE Father in Heaven, “our” [strike 1] “Holy” [strike 2] “Father” [strike 3, see **Matthew 23:9!**] told “every person living on this planet” that not only do we have “fundamental and closely intertwined relationships with God [yes, *first* table of the Law, Commandments 1-4], with our neighbor [yes, *second* table, nos. 5-10] and with *the earth* itself” [yesss...wait! Huh? Thou shalt not fail to recycle properly? Or think globally and buy locally? Just where is this in Exodus 20?]. *This* is a prime example of theological hash, and it’s just one of *many* instances tied to this sold-out Socialist *squatter* in the rightful throne of the holy *triune* God.

# Thinking Things Through (Part 1: Politics)

Like all of the other muscles in our bodies, the *brain* needs to be nourished and exercised, or it will be subject to atrophy and die “before its time.” Use it or lose it, in other words; nurture it or murder it. As is the case with most issues, there’s a “two kinds of people” statement that applies here, too: “There are two kinds of people in this world: Those who think things through and those who don’t.” In political terms, this roughly correlates to “conservatives” and “liberals,” respectively. [Liberals, your objections are duly noted here, but not allowed; this is *my* essay, so go dictate your latest narrative to the Kool Aid-drinkers in your thrall; more along these lines as we go.]

One qualifying/defining statement is deemed necessary before we proceed.

Generally speaking, I do *not* use the terminology forced upon us by the “mainstream media.” For example, I am *not* a “right-wing extremist” as they would usually have it, but a true *centrist* on the big-government (far left) to *no-government* (far right) scale. But “conservative” fits me well enough — because I seek to *conserve* what *remains* of our Biblically-rooted founding principles and mores. So, for the purposes of this essay, count me among conservatives, those who aren’t afraid to do some thinking of their own. Now onward, into the fray.

I’ve observed this probably a thousand times: Liberals will toss out a “talking point” agreed upon by those atop the propaganda pyramid — some assertion without proof — and the brainwashed masses will repeat it like mindless myna birds. So whatever “thinking” is involved usually stops with the first step; the process *ends* there for liberals. On

the other hand, conservatives want to *continue* to think on through, to get to the true-or-false part. Any time you're evaluating a statement made by a *human being*, this is at issue; only *God* can be taken at His word in *every* instance. Let me illustrate how the process *should* proceed. I'll use a common example.

A liberal asserts that every person everywhere is *entitled* to a home in the location of their choice, adequate food to fit their tastes, and free health care, *AND...*(wait for it...) the *animals* have essentially the same rights (or rights even *superior* to ours), as do the trees, rivers, and all other natural features. This liberal avers and infers that if all of these Left-defined "rights" are honored, *all* can then live in peace and harmony, all wars and skirmishes will cease to exist, and if people ever die in this Rainbow-World Utopia, it'll be from smiling too much. Thinking done, problems solved, [moveon.org](http://moveon.org), right? *Wrong*, myna-breath!

A conservative should reply in the following fashion. Preface each of these with, “In this ideal world of yours, ...”

1. Do two or more people ever want the *same* space for their home? How is that to be resolved? Sky-scraper huts, perhaps? Time-share?
2. Who has claims to any *materials* to be used in constructing “their” homes in this no-private-property collectivist scheme? And aren’t the local material-resources *limited*?
3. If animals and plants can’t be lawfully (and reasonably) used for food and shelter, just how are human beings supposed to exist? Must we all live in completely *natural* caves (*no* disturbance of the landscape allowed!), and subsist on a diet of gravel and bat guano?
4. Assuming that people will still have something to..er,....*eliminate*, how and where is that waste to be deposited in an *eco-friendly* way?

5. What is the place for education? In the current scheme of things, education is held up as *the* solution for all of society's ills, so what if all land use and construction efforts are committed to merely housing the billions of people (and the animals, don't you *dare* forget!) who *each...deserve...a decent* place to live? After all, where can folks be gathered in one place to receive an education if fossil fuels and the vehicles that use them are outlawed, and would-be teachers and students can't traipse to a common location for fear of desecrating the natural habitat of some slug or toad? Perhaps *all* travel is out, eh?

6. If a self-motivated person produces food for his own, what recourse is available — *if any* — to this person when another party takes it without permission? How does any society last without a bona fide legal-moral framework?

7. If a tree falls in the woods, is the closest guy with an axe in his hands to be beheaded in exchange?
8. Are *all* of society's *producers* to be gang-tried and punished for crimes against nature? [Like, for... oh, I don't know... maybe for constructing one or more of those billions of *entitled* residences, using materials provided by nature?].

Of course, the questions could go on for pages, and I could go on “killing trees” by the score, but the obvious, simple point should be clear. Even an idealized society must be moored in the realities and rules of the universe that exists. You may choose to ignore or fight reality, but reality wins in the end. Every time. For shelters to be built, materials and co-ordinated labor must be available locally or brought in. *Productive* humans are required for any needs to be met, and natural resources are there for our *productive* use. Think it through!

## Thinking Things Through (Part 2: Theology)

I'm used to proceeding from the theological to the political, so today we're going against the usual flow. It's just that I suspect more people want to deal with the political stuff these days (I'm told it's an election year of some sort), so that came first for the sake of *both* of my readers. [I *hope* I'm joking!]

So now, in *this* essay, we'll take another look at the importance of thinking things through — *beyond* the initial unproved assertion of the liberal — to the determination that the claim is either true or false, but from a *theological* perspective. In the previous *political* approach, it was noted in passing that only *God's* statements can be taken as true in each and every case. All *human* claims, however, are subject to verification via a process of honest inquiry, since many

humans have been known to lie from time to time (from midnight to 11:59 PM, in the case of BHO or HRC, or “I rather like being a god” Soros, or maybe “Nosferatu” Schumer, to name a few). But I digress, and I must remind myself that *theology* is the subject at hand. So now we look at the way *religious* liberals *among the masses* (not the “scholars” who are prone to *over*-think themselves into untenable corners) put their *un*-exercised brains into full-sleep/trance mode at the hearing of the latest pronouncement by an end-times “prophet,” a Billy Graham, an archbishop, patriarch, or pope; *all* of ‘em finite in knowledge and oh-so-capable of telling falsehoods. And they *frequently* demonstrate, to any who would notice, these serious limitations. Compare these *sinner*s to the God who can’t lie (**Titus 1:2, Heb 6:18, etc.**).

The reader may have noticed that I often “pick on the Pope” and those under his spiritual “care.” Let me explain why. It

has nothing to do with “bigotry” by a “Protestant” towards those of the Roman Catholic persuasion. Mock my sincerity in this, if you will, but the only woman I ever intended to marry (and proposed to) was a Catholic, as was (and is?) my best friend since high school. Most of the people with whom I have any face-to-face interaction these days are at least nominally Catholic. I *like* all of these people very much, and the thought that *any* of them is actually being “shepherded” into the afterlife by such a charlatan as the “pope” is a constant source of consternation and grief to me. Because I *firmly* believe that they are being led into a *hopeless* eternity by a deceiver who sets himself up in a throne that belongs *exclusively* to the Holy, holy, holy (Isa 6:3) Creator-God described in the Bible. In the pages of God’s very Word of Truth, *NO* place is given to a man as “father” of *CHRIST*’s flock, to Peter, or Mary, or any being *period* other than the one true God. It’s

utter and obvious *blasphemy* to construct and spin out a counter-narrative that attempts to rob God of the glory that's due to Him *alone* (Ex 20:3-6; Isa 42:5, 8-9; & 48:11; Matt 23:9-10; Rev 15:3-4; 19:1; 21:7 (“*I will be his God and he shall be My son*”) and 21:22-23, where *God's* glory illuminates the New Jerusalem; neither Mary nor any “pope” is *ever* in view when proper (idolatry-free) worship is the subject in Scripture. Please take the time to read and absorb the texts cited above. THESE are the Words of God; no *sinner* speaks for God!

So what about this idea of “thinking things through?” Okay, it's just this simple: God knows all, can't lie, IS the eternal Creator-Sustainer-Redeemer, THE Holy One who *alone* can convict morally culpable humans of their sinfulness and bring them from spiritual death into *eternal* spiritual life, and gently but firmly and securely guides *all* who are to be saved by *His* grace; **THE** Shepherd!

Contrast all of that (and much, much more that could also be said) with a far-from-omniscient, *finite* and mortal sinner in need of salvation himself “dispensing” grace and salvation as if they were commodities that belonged to him, and taking the place of *God*, The Holy Spirit (!!!) as Christ’s “holy” representative on earth *AND...the place of God, THE Shepherd (John 10)*! And for how many souls has any pope suffered and died? Or *Mary*? Or any Orthodox or *Protestant* “saint” for that matter?

People, I *beg* you! Think these things through! It’s not enough to recognize that the atheists are wrong, the JW’s are wrong, or the Mormons are wrong, or the Muslims are wrong, but stop and think about who *else* has been telling you lies and “shepherding” you right into hell! This isn’t some wild conspiracy theory; this is *Biblical* wisdom, true knowledge supplied and applied. Only *Christ* is the Way, Truth, and Life!

## ***Under God or Under the Boot***

If I did *not* come up with the slogan/essay title above on my own, I apologize up front for any misappropriation of the term (authorship and/or meaning). I first hinted at the phrase (in *print*, that is) on page 57 of my work, ***ATHEOS: 6 PATHS TO DESTRUCTION, Vol. I, Section Two*** (on Totalitarianism), and spelled it out on page 60 of the same work, among other “Totalist Type-Bytes.” Here, I’ll just reiterate what was written there:

*“The Boot” is that of your godless overlords on your throat. Try to exercise your free speech from that position!*

Now, it didn’t take one of God’s inspired “seers” — in October of 2014, after almost 6 full years *already* under the thugocratic boot that *still* presses ever-heavier on our throats — to see what was coming. But I *did* have open eyes.

Now, with the *utmost sense of urgency*, I'd like to do *my* best to *open the eyes* of any who still do not see. Then, when the truth of the stark contrast between liberty and prosperity under God and misery and poverty under The Boot is made clearer, each of us can aspire to emulate Esther (**Esther 4:13-14**). At Mordecai's urging (and admonition), Esther came to realize that *her* advocacy for *God's* own cause was what was needed at a very specific crisis-point, and it was so by *God's* design. Certainly, God could have used another instrument, or no instrument at all to do His will. But because of His grace, He — in all ages — grants His human agent-soldiers the incredible *privilege* of fighting *under* Him, *with* Him, and *for* what is ultimately *His victorious cause*. God-fearing people will naturally seek to *please* God through obedience and reliance upon *His* strength. If we shirk our *individual* duties under our Commander, we dishonor "our house." "To such a time as this" we're *all* called!

We, the people, have been given our marching orders, and we move out *now*. As I write this, a little over a month out from Election Day, already the Government-as-god forces are busy rigging the electoral processes and stealing the elections themselves. Witness the first Presidential “Debate,” where *one* side was given the questions in advance; had an illegal (by FEC law) electronically-wired candidate-moderator advising feed; and hand-signal prompts from Liarly Clinton to her bought-and-paid-for “moderator,” who interrupted the *other* candidate over three dozen times (when prompted)! [Research this for yourself via YouTube clips and official footage; even you KoolAid drinkers! that’s *your* “heroine” in action].

In order to train the spotlight on what the Left wants to hide, I’m ending with a copy of my chart-form comparison that first appeared on pages 89-95 of my *ATHEOS...Vol. I*. It’s the best *I* can do.

GOVERNMENT UNDER GOD BY HIS DESIGN	ISSUE/CONCEPT	GOVERNMENT UNDER THE BOOT OF MEN
God first, the people second	Allegiance (to)	The state/ruling power alone
Evil and ungodly	Autocratic rule	The only way to progress
Power granted by God, but shared by the people through representatives	Centralization/concentration of power	All power ultimately concentrated in one human head of state; people subservient
Primarily the responsibility of parents who are accountable to God	Child-raising/Education	Exclusive domain of the “Village” (Government); kids <i>belong</i> to it from birth
Primary reason for God to protect, bless, and advance any nation	Christians	Worst obstacles to progress, must be ignored or silenced; out-of-touch with reality
Perversion of justice: <b>Ex 23:6-8; Deut 16:19; 1 Sam 12:3; Psa 26:10; Amos 5:12,15; Acts 24:26</b>	Corruption	The necessary and natural oil that keeps things running smoothly; just how government works, so get over it
Violation of 10th Commandment, equated with idolatry in <b>Col 3:5 &amp; Eph 5:5</b> ; covetous ones have no inheritance in Kingdom of God ( <b>Rom 1:29; 1 Cor 6:10</b> )	Coveting	Basis for all socialism, the “gospel of envy”; you <i>shall</i> covet before the state can help you with the problem you didn’t know you had; Utopia open to you
God gives gifts to individuals for His reasons and <i>holy</i> purposes, merit not negated	Cronyism	The ruling power gets to pick winners and losers (think, <i>Solyndra</i> )

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Free market, with moral constraints under God's Law	Economy	Centrally-planned, top-down, the State is the law
Families raising godly offspring for God ( <b>Mal 2:15; Ezra 9:2; Eph 6:1-4</b> )	Educational focus	"Your children belong to us" (Hitler), to be educated to love and obey the State
All individuals created equal in the sight of God, should be given equal <i>opportunity</i>	Equality	Man has evolved, wasn't created; Govt. equalizes all <i>outcomes</i> (excepting new elite)
God the Father sees, cares, protects, rewards ( <b>Matt 6, 23:9</b> )	Father Figure	Government is your Big Daddy, but don't cross him! (think, "Papa Joe")
Ordained & granted by God to mankind as an inalienable right	Freedom of assembly	Only State-approved assemblies allowed; violators harshly punished
No religion to be <i>forced</i> upon anyone; matter of individual conscience	Freedom of <i>religion</i>	<i>Religious</i> freedom ( <i>public</i> expression of non-state religious practice) not allowed
Sacrosanct right of all individuals; <i>also</i> a matter of conscience and personal accountability to God	Freedom of <i>worship</i>	One is (supposedly, at least in political rhetoric) free to worship <i>privately</i> (lip service paid to this right)
Another God-ordained, inalienable right restricted only by His Law	Freedom of speech	Non-existent, for anyone outside the ruling elite and perceived loyalists

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Real and essential; let us <i>pray</i>	God-individual connection	Complete fantasy; let us <i>play</i>
Govt. is there only to protect and serve the people (“of/for/by the people”), and individuals matter	Government-people relationship	The collective masses exist only to serve and protect the ruling power; individuals are totally expendable
Merit should be rewarded, sloth must not be rewarded <b>(2 Thes 3:10-11)</b>	Government or <i>Giverment?</i> (Entitlements)	Take from the productive and give to the unproductive; buys loyalty and votes
Nothing wrong with <i>legal</i> entry into a country under the rule of law ( <i>e.g.</i> , <b>Deut 27:17, Job 24:2</b> ) with the intent of <i>adding to</i> national prosperity; <i>illegal</i> entry is coveting, criminal trespassing, theft, and destructive to the invaded territories	Immigration	Watch how people “vote with their feet”: which way are they gate-crashing? Trying to get out or trying to get in? Open-borders advocates throw gates open until votes are secured and control over the new wave of “useful idiots” is total; then, look out!
Christ-won, Christ-secured, so let no man be enslaved by another( <b>1 Cor 7:23,Gal 5:1</b> )	Liberty	Paperweight analogy: nothing moves until the king moves; State-slaves for life
True <i>liberty</i> to obey God’s Law, which is only there for our own good, individually <i>and</i> collectively; necessary moral restraints	Liberty or licentiousness	<i>Licentiousness</i> (God is not in the picture, so anything goes); the more moral chaos, the more govt. is called for, justified

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<p>Limited to job description: protect and serve the people</p>	<p>Limits on government</p>	<p>None, really. Government-as-god is unlimited</p>
<p>Necessary to protect the people and their <i>worthy</i> interests; defense against <i>outside</i> attacks</p>	<p>Military</p>	<p>Useful weapon against outsiders AND the people; <i>all</i> State interests are worthy and automatically justified</p>
<p>What <i>God</i> does: <b>Job 12:23;</b> <b>Isa 26:15</b></p>	<p>Nation-building</p>	<p>“Is not this great Babylon, that <i>I</i> have built?” (<b>Dan 4:30</b>)</p>
<p>Triune God alone</p>	<p>Omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence</p>	<p>The ruling human power</p>
<p>Responsibility to help <i>voluntarily</i> (charity free of coercion) whenever/wherever possible, but they will always be with us: <b>Mark 14:7</b></p>	<p>The poor</p>	<p>State-constructed “Utopia” will be “poverty-free” due to <i>involuntary</i> redistribution; note: <i>over 50 years since</i> “War On Poverty” launched</p>
<p>God has established it and safeguarded it as a right in His Law: 8th &amp; 10th Commandments</p>	<p>Private property</p>	<p>No such thing under totalitarianism; all property is <i>community</i> property (where communists take their name)</p>
<p>Individual dreams, goals, and their pursuit laudable and to be encouraged to aid human society; subject only to God and His Law</p>	<p>Pursuit of happiness</p>	<p>The State will tell you what you’ll do, where you’ll live, and what makes the <i>State</i> happy, which is all that really matters</p>

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Objective, defined by God	Reality	<i>As perceived</i> , ever-shifting
Each life, from conception to death (per <i>God's</i> timing) is sent to earth by God, and therefore, sacred; <i>He</i> says we each have the right to life	Right to life itself	The individual's life means nothing, except as a part of the collective; for the purposes of the State until deemed useless <i>by</i> the State
The Triune God's eternal, heavenly throne	Seat of power	Wherever on earth the ruling human power sits
Each one created by God; multitudes of them redeemed by God	(The) Soul	No such thing; the State owns all bodies <i>in toto</i> , each one <i>soul-less</i>
God, and they are <i>inalienable</i> (can't be taken away by men)	Source of all rights	The ruling human power; <i>always</i> subject to removal
Lawful and necessary for the <i>benefit</i> of the people ( <b>Matt 22:15-22 &amp; 17:24-27; Rom 13:6-7</b> ) to fund large, agreed-upon (duly legislated) projects	Taxation	Spend <i>first</i> , confiscate funds <i>second</i> is the way it works; name the State "requirement" and then bill the taxpayers for the redistribution process; like your \$, but not you
God has delegated the right and responsibility to elect our representatives, so we must be properly informed about what they're doing on our behalf	Transparency in government	Entirely unnecessary, not worth the government's time; just slows real progress, and the masses are too ignorant to understand govt. workings anyway

GOVERNMENT UNDER GOD BY HIS DESIGN	ISSUE/CONCEPT	GOVERNMENT UNDER THE BOOT OF MEN
<p>God <i>can't</i> lie (<b>Titus 1:2</b>), commands <i>us</i> not to lie (9th Commandment), and in our courts we swear <i>to God</i> to tell the truth, whole truth, and nothing but the truth (so help me, <i>God</i> ); truth is <i>con</i>-structive, lies <i>de</i>structive</p>	<p>Truth and lies</p>	<p>What is truth, anyway? Your truth may not be my truth, and all the truth that matters comes from the mouth of the ruling power, which reserves the right to “lie” for the good of the people; thus “lies” are often the most useful truth</p>
<p>There is no wedge to sever the God-individual connection for those who trust in Jesus Christ alone; He is the Almighty wedge-removing Mediator (<b>1 Tim 2:5</b>)</p>	<p>(The) Wedge of separation and division (“divide and conquer”)</p>	<p>The Wedge takes many forms, any of which can be most effective: hammer it in between family members, classes, “races,” but especially between God and humans</p>
<p>The will of the one true, triune God is supreme and will be done</p>	<p>(The) Will</p>	<p>As the ruling power wills, so shall it be done, and without question</p>

## WRAP-UP

One thing can be said for the totalists: they are unswervingly consistent. They are wrong *100%* of the time; they've got *everything* turned inside-out and backwards. Why, even a broken clock, with its hands fixed in place, is at least right *twice* each day! But totalists are *totally* wrong *at* every time *in* every time!

Final suggestions: There's *only one more page* (!) of my material to get through in this section, but please read and absorb it. Beyond that, I'm content to turn you over to more qualified writers such as those listed on the ensuing pages.

Early in this section, it was asserted that the political-religious system of Islam is indeed a form of totalitarianism. There won't be any backing away from that assertion here. We will reiterate: Islam (literally, "*submission*") is a *political system first*, though it's dressed in religious garb in order to be able to take full advantage of religious freedom in this country (as well as others). *Full advantage? Make that full advantage and then some*, as Muslims have succeeded in becoming the darlings of the politically-correct set. Anything Judeo-Christian must be eliminated, and the "religion of peace" must be given every consideration.

Back on page 56, I introduced the acronym, *F.A.T.W.A.* for **Fundamental America-Transforming War-Action**. Alert readers probably caught on right off the bat: there are three "veiled" references involved. First, the current *bad* ministration, when coming into power, bragged that they were just five days away from "*fundamentally transforming America*." Of course, it became obvious almost immediately that the fundamental-transformation process was going to take on all the aspects of a leftist, fascist "holy War," where **Action**, *constant aggressive action*, was the keyword (this is another thing regarding the methodology of fascists that was made quite clear by Jonah Goldberg in *Liberal Fascism*). So there's the second reference, which readily leads to the third: *fatwa* is an Arabic-Muslim word for an edict—usually a death sentence—issued by a religious authority (only an *Islamic* religious authority, of course). In the case of Osama Obama's *fatwa*, a death sentence against *America* is being carried out by the Osama himself and apparently, it's going to be death by a thousand cuts.

If you happen to be committed to the complete-skeptic's stance, that those of us who see virtually seamless co-operation between this Manchurian Candidate Impostor and the Islamofascists are way off the mark, keep your mind open just enough to absorb two quick facts: 1) For both Alinsky-trained Marxists and Qu'ran-trained Muslims, the ends justify the means, so lying to infidels/enemies is perfectly acceptable, even honorable (Muslims call it *taqiyya*; Marxists call it "business as usual"); 2. "Barack Hussein Obama" is both Qu'ran-trained and Alinsky-trained; he never feels obligated to tell the truth. Think hard about that.

## ***Unfettered (Essay U2, an appendix to Essay U)***

Following up on the subject of *true freedom*, and which system —one that is *under* God or one that's *anti*-God (“under The Boot”) is more conducive to it, I have some pertinent specifics to add. In other words, we're now looking at the two potential successors to a decidedly *anti*-God, heavily totalitarian-tinged autocrat who shall herein remain nameless (this is assuming that he does *not* impose martial law before his term runs out). I speak of Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Trump. We'll look at their rather obvious personality traits, and much more importantly, who will advocate for a system where religious freedom — key-stone right #1— and the freedoms of speech, assembly, and association are best preserved, and not *stripped*. Now, please don't get ahead of me. And remember, though I probably qualify as a

“deplorable” in HRC’s book because of my conservative, *Biblical* stances, I’m by no means an ardent Trump supporter either. So let’s walk through this together.

As any reader of my materials is probably (*acutely?*) aware, for me, the *Biblical* position on anything is *my* position. My intentions are clear: I strive to discover, embrace, and share *the truth* in all areas. But that I will often err in my imperfect, less-than-tactful *manner* is a given; that’s just how I’m “wired.” Which brings us to Donald Trump, whose main problem, in the eyes of many observers, is his direct mind-to-mouth speech-delivery system. He “shoots from the hip” and sometimes the bullets hit his own foot. So we may say that Mr. Trump “suffers from” *unfettered* free speech. But while he’s prone to make regrettable statements, he *is* exercising his rights as an American to speak his mind without fear of imprisonment for saying something that doesn’t please the gods of the

new, global “secular” *religious* pantheon. By this I mean the government elitists who set themselves up as rulers *for* life *over* all aspects of your life, my life, and the lives of all of the deplorable “little people” who just don’t understand much at all, who can’t decide anything for themselves. That’s *secular*? No, that’s anti-God *replacement religion*. And that brings us to Ms. Clinton and her “husband,” both of whom are high priests in this government-as-God cult. Both of them, I should add, have tons of experience in administering the Sacrament of Corruption. Can o’ worms, I know. Can’t dwell on that now. Onward.

Now *Hellary* (*sic*) does NOT shoot from the hip. She filters *everything*, so that it’s almost impossible to “catch” her in a *truth, unless...*she’s among wall-to-wall KoolAid-drinking worshipers and *new* brainwashing fodder (“off the record”), so that what she actually believes — at that moment, anyway — *can* emerge.

She *lies*, not from the hip, but through filters that screen out the truth to *most* hearers, and with an *unearthly facility* that is startling. She's an *unfettered* and calculating *deceiver*. I suggest to you — and I'm certainly not the first to do so — that the *father* of lies (**John 8:44**, please, go read it!) has had her ear and allegiance for decades (think of the direct Lucifer-Alinsky-HRC connection). The fact that this evil woman is not in prison for her *career* of crime says more about *rampant* corruption than any “innocence” on her part. But here's **the all-important, ironic connection:**

Under a President Trump, we *law-abiding* “people of faith” will have an advocate for *religious liberty*, and we WON'T be imprisoned for criticizing the powers-that-be.

Under a President Clinton II, we WILL be occupying cells that *should* confine both Clintons and their cronies.

Now back to Mr. Trump. My personal view of recent political history and the Presidential candidates who have sought to represent the GOP can be summarized in this fashion:

1. I've been less than impressed with Republican *nominees* since Reagan. (And I can take NO credit for voting for *him* or *anyone* at all during my "apolitical" years, c.1977-1990; I resumed voting in 1992, for Bush Sr., after my *shameful* hiatus).
2. In no election cycle did my *first* choice survive the primaries. For example, I contributed more (financially) to Michele Bachmann's campaign than any since because I saw that she went to DC with her *convictions intact*, and they didn't change, as far as I could tell. *This* time around, Carson, Paul, and Cruz were people I thought I could support (and *did*, to a necessarily-limited extent), but all were derailed.

3. Then along came the billionaire *populist* (ironic, no?), the choice of the tons of Americans who are clearly crying out, “More than enough is enough! Back to the Constitutional *Republic*, and ***one nation under God, indivisible; the one with liberty and justice for all.***” What *I* want, too.

So here we are again. Politically speaking, we want to see the Reaganesque 3-legged stool, where Economy, Moral Values, and National Security voters can be merged into a winning coalition. Okay, I get that, on the horizontal, human-to-human level. But what if we keep insisting that acknowledging God is irrelevant, that it has no real effect? And yes, we’re *still* talking about religious liberty. Well, what happens to nations that forget God or make public acknowledgment of Him a crime, as is now the case? They are turned into hell. *Not* Utopia, *not* Paradise, ...HELL. *True* freedom to live well is only possible under the true God.

## *U.S. Undone*

[First, some background on the chain-of-events that immediately preceded this:]

1. 10/6/16—I wrote **Essay U2**, “*Unfettered*” (Trump’s unfettered use of unfiltered free speech, *Hellary Clinton’s unfettered deception*)
2. 10/7 AM—I posted U2 to the Trutholio website *before* I even checked my e-mail or any news
3. 10/7 AM, an hour or so later—after an e-mail alerted me to the fact that Trump was being attacked for some remarks he’d made, I started checking out the story

That sets the stage as far as timing goes. Next, I’ll suggest a more *balanced* take on the whole sordid event-and-fire-storm, simply because you’ll never get this from the utterly ***HYPOCRITICAL*** media or their goddess, dressed all in white, as she ascends to her throne.

Finally, I'll try to articulate just what I *think* it all means for America in 2016 and beyond. The title provides a strong hint.

Okay, now I've seen the *11-year-old* video clip, an *outtake* from a morning show, where The Donald and his now-suspended accomplice (co-host of the show that I've never seen) are caught engaging in quite offensive language that *certainly* was demeaning to women. There was some bragging about groping them and getting away with it. And filthy language *was* used. Finally, whether or not his bit about the "married woman" — and therefore, his *actual marital infidelity* — was indeed factual or just a story, it was *wrong*. In God's eyes, even *thinking* about committing adultery (lusting) is adultery itself (liberals, have a conservative read the Bible to you at **Matthew 5:27-28**, to see that this is true). So these two immature, immoral chuckleheads were *w-r-o-n-g*.

Now for some balance, some *perspective*, Part I. Points to consider:

1. If this episode is so horrifically offensive *now*, why was it not offensive enough *11 years ago* to warrant criminal prosecution? Well, *I* have a theory: by releasing this old Trump-being-Trump clip *NOW*, it puts the (R)s in an impossible situation, where it's officially *too late* to get a replacement on state election ballots (if they wanted to do so). Cynical? No, *realistic*. I know how the (D) power-whores operate.

2. Speaking of whores and hypocrites, I can hardly think of a guiltier mob than the "mainstream" *media*! What percentage of the liberal media do you suppose have ever had such desires, expressed them, acted upon them, or used filthy language? My guess? **100 %**. *Every. Hypocritical. Attacker*. In case you don't recog-

nize this tactic, it's the old Leftist-Marxist-Alinskyist *double standard* at work, where your *enemies* are held to their own higher moral standard, while *you* can do as you jolly-well please because, hey, that's not *your* standard. Convenient, isn't it?

So when the morally bankrupt media do the strut of righteousness, it would be *Hilarious*, if it wasn't so pathetic.

Part II (balance and perspective):

1. According to Madame Hillary, Trump's remarks and behavior (in 2005, remember) were "horrific." Yep. Yes, they were. Yes, indeed. You know who *also* has been known (well, only *somewhat* known, because of the sold-out media) to lust after, kiss, grope, and fornicate with women? Not only her virgin-pure "husband," but....***Hillary!*** Go

and ask around in DC, New York, and anywhere you can *possibly* find *one* honest person who *knows* that there's actual truth in those countless rumors and whispers. Unless I miss my guess, you'll probably find scores of LGBT-types who are not only *aware* of her same-sex activities, but busting with "gay pride" about the fact.

2. Oh, and isn't it true that *Hillary* has a spouse, like Trump? You know, that uber-faithful Slick Willy? Well, if that's her *husband*, then...*SHE'S* a "married woman," is she not? If Trump's cheating on his spouse is/was reprehensible, how is either Bill's *OR...Hillary's* cheating on the spouse NOT reprehensible? Lesbian adultery is at least as wicked as heterosexual adultery (according to *God, Leviticus 18, Romans 1*). And BJ Clinton saying worse than Trump on the golf course? *Believe* it!

3. Or was it the *language* used by Trump that flat-out disqualifies him as a Presidential candidate? Is *that* the big bugaboo? Well, I have two witnesses to call in that regard. First, read or listen to ***Unlimited Access*** by former FBI agent, Gary Aldrich. He was there in the Clinton I White House at point-blank range. Liberals, your utter hypocrisy is again on display, because your goddess *excels* at pottymouth, per Aldrich. Witness #2: from the book, ***Conduct Unbecoming***, by “Buzz” Patterson, on p. 48, we read,

*“Nobody could throw more four-letter words around as effortlessly as Rahm Emanuel [another swell (D)-rat!] — NOT EVEN HILLARY CLINTON.”* [bracketed, emphasis mine].

There’s your pure, flawless heroine, you finger-wagging hypocrites!

## The “Undone” part

First of all, I didn't write this to defend Donald Trump. In a way, I felt an odd sort of relief when his true character — if it *hasn't* improved in *11 years*, at least — was exposed. Because *now*, I feel no external pressure to cast my single little vote for a man who no longer has any real chance of winning, nor do I sense a call to urge others to vote for such a man. Which is a shame, because on the *issues*, he's got it *all* over HRC. And as far as *evildoing* goes, he can't hold a candle to *Hellary*. But he's dead in the water, a victim of character assassination by the Soros-Clinton Mafia cabal. The Clinton body count has grown again, even if *this* one is only a figurative corpse (so far). And the Teflon-coated witch proceeds to her birthright coronation, attended by her media courtesans. For her reckless treason, and scandal upon scandal upon scandal, she gets *not prison*, but the *reward* of a throne.

So what does this portend for America? In a word, *judgment*. I'm convinced now. In previous writings, I've *often* pointed to the fact that our national destiny is in the hands of Almighty God (I refer you *again* to **Job 12:23**). Warnings are all over the place on my website: it's the *morality, obedience*, NOT forgetting God, abortion is baby-murder, *etc. etc. etc.* Call me a Jeremiah, if you will, but we "Jeremiahs" number by the hundreds of thousands, if not millions, so I am hardly alone in seeing what I'm seeing. If the "legal" torture and slaughter of well over 55 million defenseless human beings in the sacred wombs (or just outside of them) wasn't enough to bring God's just wrath down upon us, how about the *abomination* (*GOD's* Word, people) of homosexual SIN being elevated to the insane degree of a specially-protected and *revered* "lifestyle?" Or how about brainwashing the "little ones" with an impossible tale of *life* popping into existence from *non-life*? *Evillusion*.

The “gentle Jesus” of the liberal imagination says of false teachers who mislead others into sin (like denying that the Creator is the source of all life), that it would be better for them if millstones were hung about their necks, and they were drowned in the depth of the sea (**Matt 18:6; Luke 17:2**). That’s what God, the Son, thinks of you deceivers! Consider the *whole thrust* of the John Dewey-Leftist academia-Common Core agenda: ALL anti-God mind-whacking. Killing brains, searing consciences. God-pleasing?!? And more than ever, Ego, Power, and the Almighty Dollar take their places in the national pantheon.

So now we have to pick one of two very undesirable people to “lead” Americans in the proper way forward. *Both* are *morally clueless*. This is what convinces me that God *has* withdrawn His absolutely necessary protection, and judgment-time it is. You say, “I’m Ready For Hillary.” I say, “*Hell* comes with her!”

## Vengeance and Vindication

[Note on the writing process: In mid-October, I decided that I'd said what I wanted to say with regard to *politics* in this ultra-important election year, and that my focus should return to theological themes. Essays V through Z will deal with subjects closer to my heart.]

When I ended my “political analysis” avocation on my website, the last essay I posted (*U3, “U.S. Undone”*) revealed to those few still surfing my neck of the net that I had just then been *convinced* by recent events that God's patience with sin-soaked America had finally run out: *Judgment Time!* Because I'm *not* able to see into the future — and I would remind *everyone else* that *they also* suffer from this infirmity — I can't say with certainty what will transpire on Election Day, Inauguration Day 2017, or beyond. But for *me*, all of the hard-to-miss *signs*

point to the same destination:

**The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God—Psa 9:17**

Two things we *do* know: 1) Since the Bible is ultra-clear on the absolute sovereignty of God Almighty (see, for example: +++**Job 12:13-25**; +++**Psa 33:8-19**; +++**Prov 21:1**; +++**Dan 4:34-35**; +++**Rom 9:20**; +++**Rev 4:9-11**; and *hundreds* more), it's also ultra-clear that the *continuation of our ruination* is not happening *without* God noticing it, but much more than that, it's *by His will and design. Because...* 2) America has lost its moral compass; as a nation, we've done all we can to push God completely out of our consciousness and memory. We *have* rejected God's moral authority and turned to embrace *everything* that's wicked, and we *have* forgotten Him. We reap what we sow. That's the bitter pill of reality that we must now swallow.

## Historical Precedent

There are striking parallels between what has been occurring in America in 2009-2016 and what occurred in *Judea* in 63-70. Any perceptive reader of passages like **Matthew 23-25**, **Mark 13**, or **Luke 17-21** can see that God *does* run out of patience with nations. And when the unbelieving Jews taunted God by saying...

“[Let] his blood [Jesus Christ’s] *be* on us and our children” (**Mt 27:25**)

...within *that generation*, their “desire” came true. Acting through the armies of far-flung Rome (*gentiles*, see **Lk 21:24**), the *Lord* of hosts (armies) decimated Judea and the environs of Jerusalem (**Mt 24:15-16; Lk 21:20-22**), Jerusalem and the temple (**Mt 24:1-2**), *and* the two self-cursed generations. So in that 7-year period in the *first* century AD, God *enacted* His vengeance on the nation of Israel,

though it had been long in coming. *Now*, in the *twenty-first century AD, America*, too, has pumped a collective fist in the air and called Christ's blood down upon our own heads. And as before, God *will* have *His* vengeance (**Deut 32:35**) upon a most ungrateful and sinful people. The world itself will go on as before, but *our* world in America as we knew it *will* come to an end. The "leaders" we've (*supposedly*) elected in recent years are serving as *instruments of God's wrath*, and *not* as public servants for our protection and advancement. That's rather obvious now, isn't it? *Sovereign* God has willed it, and so it has been done. Vengeance belongs to *Whom?* To *God*, not to man. Who shall *always* be *vindicated*? The One who shed His blood *for* all of *His* people, in Whom we alone find true liberty: **2 Cor 3:17**. He *was* vindicated during His *Parousia* when He avenged the martyrs, emptied Hades, and delivered the blood-bought to Heaven. God's people will find vindication *in Him*.

## Wealth of a Different Kind

Wealth is *money*, or at least material possessions, right? *Usually*, that's what we're talking about. *Wealth* is what the "haves" have and the "have-nots" do not, in the ordinary use of the term. It has gotten to the point that the *radicals* preside over *all* definitions and all the nuances of nomenclature, so when there is talk of "redistribution of wealth," we all are supposed to be in agreement with the definition *and* the "fairness" of the concept, even if it *really* means "stealing from some to give to undeserving others" (breaking God's Commandments nos. 8 & 10, with support from breaking no. 9 on lying to achieve that). Well, *this* dissenting pipsqueak has another take on the question.

Decades ago, while attending college, I posted a couple of pretentious, self-defining notes over my desk in my dorm

room. One of those little scrap-banners read, “My Independence Is My Wealth.” Thus spake the one who was on the hook for repayment of thousands of dollars to student loan providers upon graduation (not to mention the fact that his folks were still providing for most of his needs *without* calling for repayment; NOT so independent, truth be told). So it was typical for a 19- or 20-year-old to exaggerate his own importance, dignity, and place in the grand scheme of things. But like I said, it was also *pretentious*. “Poorer than thou” = “holier than thou.” So *my* (true) wealth isn’t *your* (money-grubbing) “wealth.” *Saint Cookstan*, then, patron of wannabe hippies (that’s *another* story or *two*, since I’m not fluent in Catholic-speak). The point for us now is that I *did* say that (“my independence is my wealth”) when I didn’t know what I was talking about, but *now*, I can see that it *could* be true. I’ll try to explain my meaning in the next two pages, so we all can get out of here on time.

In purely financial terms, I am now *debt-free*. The student loans were paid off long ago; I've worked for what I considered to be fair wages, and was able to buy homes, including my current mobile home (my favorite place on earth to be); there *is* space rent, but no mortgage, and very low property taxes; credit card balances never get out of hand, and I pay them off *on time every* time. When added to the fact that I do *NOT* have to leave my "castle" to work in support of some other person's (or corporation's) less-than-God-pleasing agenda, *yes*, I'd say that I'm rather independent; I live simply and guard against coveting more than what God has seen fit to grant me. And what He's granted me is *freedom, true* freedom. Freedom to serve Him with my meager talents and bountiful time. Freedom to commune with Him in a sort of running conversation (although I sometimes imagine Christ clearing His throat to remind me of His presence in the room, as *you* can probably imagine).

Last page, bottom lines: I may have retired from working *outside* my home and *for* someone else; I did that nearly four years ago, and in that (classic) sense, I *am* retired. By *government* definition, I'm *well* below the "poverty line," since *ZERO* income from sources other than dwindling life's savings and stock payouts qualifies as "poor." [SoSec checks are several months away at minimum] But poor in my *spirit*? No! *Besides* the *paramount* benefit of eternal salvation in and through Jesus Christ, my Great Benefactor has led me to this place of independence. "My" time is my own (it's really His, on loan to me, but I'm speaking human-to-human now). If I *want* to work 8-14 hours in a day (as I often do), I can do that. But I work at my speed, and on what *I* want. I support the charitable organizations that I choose, and I boycott anti-God businesses. My time, my choices, my God. *That's* freedom and true independence. These days, that *is* my wealth. To God be the glory!

## X-ray of the Heart

On my original “schedule” — such as it was — this essay would’ve landed around Thanksgiving. Even though I’m writing and releasing these last five essays on an accelerated schedule, I see no reason to alter the subject matter. So let’s be thankful ahead of time. [I *kid*, you see.]

Our only *national* “holidays” which have a Biblical pedigree, as far as I can tell, are the Purim-like *Independence Day* (4th of July) and *Thanksgiving* (4th Thursday in November). We Americans can observe and celebrate a day of *deliverance* from oppression and widespread death on our Independence Day in much the same way that the Jews since Esther’s time observe and celebrate Purim, when the wicked, murderous, and treasonous Haman had the tables turned on him by God’s providence. Proclaimed

festivals of thanksgiving, whereby grateful peoples have openly and publicly given thanks to the Source of all blessing are also found in Scripture, as well as in world history. For the individual Christian, and for *all* individuals who can still be informed by any remnant of conscience, *every* day should be a day of thanksgiving to God, The Creator and Giver of all good things. That should be the natural, universal response, but of course, that isn't the case. And in *this* time and place — 21st-Century America — *ingratitude* is epidemic. Too many of us will thank *each other* out of *social reflex*, or will thank our “lucky stars” for favors big and small, but *sincerely* thank *God, THE Giver, THE Ultimate Source* of all good that circulates throughout the universe? Nope, not gonna happen; out of the question, and “unconstitutional.”

What the Holy Spirit prescribes is an X-ray of the heart. *He* knows what's going on in each heart, but we need to see it

for ourselves in stark black and white.

In this country, and in much of the world today, *self-esteem* is yet another obstacle placed in the way of getting to the truth. I'm OK, you're OK; it's all about YOU; YOU deserve special treatment, because YOU are such a *good* apple, yes you are, so you're worth it! The world's your oyster, and don't let anyone tell you differently! You can be and do anything you want, and there will be no bad consequences! No "God" could tell YOU what's right or wrong, and He's dead anyway, so let your urges run wild and free! *etcetera, ad infinitum*. That's what the *world* tells you, and the idea of a soul-searching X-ray is positively *abhorrent* and *verboten*.

God, the Holy Spirit, insists on it, however, and unless YOU repent, YOU are not headed into a blissful afterlife. Self-esteem may be a coin of the realm on this sin-saturated planet, but it will get

you not *one* step closer to God's holy Heaven. Instead, you *must* take the X-ray, see the damning evidence of your heart's true condition, and turn to the Great Physician for the cure. You should know that the Apostle Paul, writing *God-breathed words*, pointed to *ingratitude* ("neither were [they] thankful" — **Rom 1:21**) as a basic symptom of a society that can only *decline* into ruin (**Rom 1:18-32**). When people shove God to the sidelines of their thought or blaspheme Him, they cut themselves off from His help and protection. That only stands to reason, doesn't it? He doesn't exist to serve *you*, now does He? But if we fail to acknowledge *OR* thank Him, we incur His wrath just as surely. *All* good proceeds from the Father (**James 1:17**), and He most certainly *deserves* to be sincerely thanked for it; when you say, "Well, thank *God* for (whatever)...," *mean* it! Yes, *do* thank humans for the *derivative* good that they do, but be sure to thank The Ultimate Source above all!

## Yahweh, You, and Yours Truly

In this *penultimate* essay, [old English majors die hard] I'll endeavor to explain why I do what I do. Basically, next only to the true, triune God, or *Yahweh* (see my essay *J, "Jesus is Jehovah"* for more background), I love the truths that He has established for time and eternity. It gives me pleasure to seek them out, examine, embrace, and move forward in them, and finally — this is where *you* come in — to *share* them with others. I know that most people have neither the time nor the inclination to dig out God's truth in various areas, but I *love* to do it. The only thing that excites me more than finding how a "new" (new to *me*) truth clicks in place with all of the others in God's design is when I can detect "the light" coming on for someone else. That's what makes me tick; that's what energizes me. And that's what I'd like you (any reader) to know about me: It's

all about Yahweh-God, you, and *then* me. I am *third*, as the fine book by Gale Sayers reminded us years ago. Right now, we're seeing entire generations that have missed that lesson in *priorities* simply because the entire public school system through which they've passed has never *approached* it. I've already harped on this whole self-esteem issue, but have I mentioned that such teachings have taken *God's* former place in these idol factories? So the new order is akin to 1) YOU; 2) your *cool* friends (the only kind worthy of yourself); and 3) uh, ...what was the question again? [We were talking about priorities, but never mind; I can see you can't get there from where you are now.]

Sounds like I'm scolding again, doesn't it? I'll admit that I'm prone to do that if you'll admit that I have at least one good reason to do so: the *eternal* after-life awaits each and every one of us, and

I simply do not want to see *any* fellow human being stride right into the *unending* torments of a very real *hell*. I *mean* it when I say, “There but for the grace of God go I!” If the tables were turned, I’d want *you* to warn me away from the wrong side of eternity, and for the record, *many* servants of God *did* before the Holy Spirit in effect grabbed me by the shoulders and said, “NOW is the time to know the Truth!” (**John 14:6; Isa 55:6**). For my part, I didn’t show them much kindness, so I know a thing or two about your wanting to keep me and other truth-tellers at arm’s length. I’ve been there, I understand the situation, and yet I persist in putting the Truth before you. Why? I care about *you* because I love God first. God told His prophets that they *had* to warn others away from sin and its inevitable eternal consequences (apart from the true repentance and complete faith in the Messiah that they preached). Read about some of the things that Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and

others endured when their message was scorned and rejected; they took some severe lumps! (**Heb 11:35-38** provides some hints, as well as the OT books of the prophets). And it certainly didn't get smoother for Paul, Peter, James, and the rest. The message of Christ's salvation that they shared in speech and on paper got them killed; most people in *their* day, too, would have none of it. Today, there's hardly any difference. Most people have no patience with those of us who want to convey the Truth to them. I'm sure many people hate me and my kind (no *inspired* prophet among us, but many who carry the same message to a dying world, in one way or another). As I've said often in other writings, I sure can't blame anyone for resenting my tone, my pointed terminology, or my methods. I'm admittedly rough around the edges, and too often my tongue reflects badly on the Savior. But *He IS THE Savior*. Hate *me* and *my* ways, but love *Him*. All of the other "bridges" are out!

## Zeal

Like change, zeal isn't always good or always bad. There's *good* change, like a change of underwear, and *bad* change, like a change into *dirty* underwear (sorry, I lapsed into talking about Socialism again). It's the same with zeal; whereas zeal properly directed and correctly applied is good, even *Biblically* good, but zeal *improperly* directed or motivated or *misapplied*, a kind of zeal that is "not according to knowledge" (**Rom 10:2**) is most definitely *bad*. The word "zeal" is hardly ever heard today. "Passion" has largely replaced it, as has "passionate" replaced "zealous." And in recent years especially, but actually for several decades stretching back (think the *sixties*), *all* change is said to be good and *whatever* one is passionate about is okay; that's his or her "thing," and nobody can speak against it (*unless* your thing is moral discretion per the Bible).

Well, I'm one of those going "against the grain" because the foundation for *my* beliefs and practices IS the Holy Bible, the very Word of God. *God* is the *sine qua non* of all existence, and His Word is the *sine qua non* for any valid world-view. Without that starting point, humans are doomed to "firmly planting" their feet in mid-air/space, as Reformed theologian-philosopher Cornelius Van Til was fond of saying. If a person lacks a Biblical foundation, life will become a series of flitting about from one cause-of-the-moment to another: Down with capitalism; down with dead white-man influence and patriarchal society; down with global cooling-global warming-climate change-*deniers*; down with "gender discrimination" in all public restrooms, changing rooms, and locker rooms; down with *God*. In the cesspool that is American politics, we *must* join the movements to "elect" (install) the first black president, the first female president, the first "gay" pr.....*oops*, I

forgot, we got that covered as a “bonus” with Barry. I suppose that next on our list of electorate “duties” is (after the first woman *and* lesbian president has been installed and has served until her death, per her unilateral decree) is to get some transgender...er...what’s the P.C. term nowadays?...uh, *person* into a White House where *all* rest rooms are free of gender designation, and none have doors (what would be the point?). Or maybe the push will be for the first Latin-American prez, first Asian-American, first non-human mammal, ...who knows?!? The point? It could be *anything*! Anything that the Anti-God forces want to turn *all* attention to will be *your* cause that you must passionately support or *else*! [I’m *SO* glad that I’m no younger than I am, but I *shudder* at what my nephew and nieces will run up against in the *insane* future.]

By now, it should be clear that *everyone* has a worldview, and it’s either based on

what God has *declared* to be true in His *unshifting* Word and appeals to *conscience*, OR it will reflect what has been *imposed* from top-down by the ever-shifting powers-that-be via mental slavery. When we listen to mere humans, we get near-sighted opinions. When we listen to *God*, we get the *facts* of the past, the present, *AND* the future. **Only. God. KNOWS.** *Without* error, without having to retract something that was “misquoted” or “taken out of context.” Zeal for the *true triune God* and *His* ways is *always* good. Jesus Himself displayed this *holy* zeal in a very public way (**John 2:13-17**). He displayed it *every day* of His public earthly ministry among the multitudes of the lost, and it drove Him relentlessly towards the cross on the behalf of His people (*repentant sinners*, like you and me). But passion for petty politically-correct “causes?” *Dung. Vapid. Worthless*, a waste of time and life. Escape from soul-slavery, flee to Christ, and be zealous in *freely* serving Him!

## Afterword

Looking back, I stuck to the plan fairly well. I did indeed deliver on my promise (threat?) to write and post *at least* 26 essays throughout 2016, one for each letter of the alphabet. I shoehorned in an additional 17 — mostly politically-oriented diatribes inspired by distressing then-current events — so in *that* sense, it was “mission accomplished” and then some. With regard to the every-other-Saturday posting schedule, I was often *ahead* of schedule, so that worked out well, too. I not only kept up, but picked up the pace; I had lots to say. By early October, what I was observing in the disgusting political world — especially when added to what I’d observed for at least the eight previous years — led me to a nearly unavoidable conclusion: *America has* entered into God’s Judgment. We’ve gone way too far *out* of His will, and we’re now going the way of *all* once-powerful and influential nation-states: authors of our own doom.

When that *realization* supplanted my nagging *suspicions*, I saw no point in continuing to fight for a lost cause and wrapped up the essays. Because if Almighty God has decided that, like the First-Century Jews, we Twenty-First-Century Americans have filled up our cup of justly-deserved wrath, then His wrath *will* come upon *us*. *Now*.

We're just *beginning* to see how much this nation *needs* God. *Selfishly*, I'll reiterate: I'm thankful for 60+ years of life in America *under* God, and I'm SO glad that I won't live most of *my* life under the boot of oppressors, as will the members of generations just coming into the picture recently, and from here on out. It may very well be that my freedom will be taken from me by The State, if not *my life* itself. Because Statists demand allegiance as gods, and they're not going to get that from me. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

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