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"For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." (James 1:7-8)

"A person who does not have a biblical worldview will not stand under the intense heat of public opinion; he or she will always wither away. It is a biblical worldview that gives one the moral foundation necessary to lead people." —Dave





Democrats as a political party lost its way back in the 1960's. Not that

they were a party of moral absolutes, however you could usually count on them to do what they believed was best for the country.

Fast-forward to the 21st Century and you see a party in disarray. Who better to explain it than its current leader, President Barack Obama. As a senator, Mr. Obama said:

"Democrats, at times, have lost their way. We're trying to decide what our core values are."

That is a stunning confession! How is it a person, party, or organization does not know its own core values. For many different reasons it happens because they do not define them at the outset. Liberals do not define their core values because they are devoid of anything that resemble

morals. They reject absolute truth and biblical teaching. Without a standard by which to live, you get wishy-washy politicians who have no rudder and go wherever the wind blows. I wrote about this in my book <u>Understanding</u> Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland:

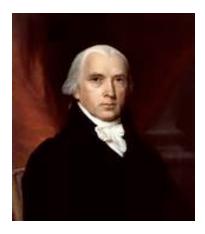
"When you have and agree with a fundamental standard to live by, outside of your personal opinion, you can actually determine whether something is right or wrong."

Of course Republicans are not immune to this malady, however it at least tries to pretend to embrace biblical morality with its party platform. In 2012, Democrats actually tried to remove the name of God from its platform. It almost passed.

Christians can never support a candidate who rejects a biblical worldview.

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FROM THE FOUNDERS



The lack of outrage and outright culpability of the Democrat Party in light of the atrocities committed by Planned Parenthood was spawned in its rejection of moral absolutes and biblical foundations. They are a party bereft of the ability to blush at or banish from its midst any and all levels of depravity.

"Religion and virtue are the only foundations, not only of republicanism and of all free government, but of social felicity under all governments and in all combinations of human society." John Adams, from an August 28, 1811 letter to Dr. Benjamin Rush

Democrats love Thomas Jefferson, however their love affair is based on a myth. Liberals attribute to Jefferson atheism and apathy toward any moral standard. They spew the toxic lie that Jefferson believed in separation of church and state in a way that rejects any religious influence on government. Obviously they have never read <u>The Northwest Ordinance</u>, of which President Jefferson's referred to when signing the enabling act for Ohio's statehood:

"Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." Article 3

Can you imagine the outcry today if a president were to refer to a document that stated religion and morality were necessary not only for good government, but also mankind and schools? No need to imagine; we hear the outcry daily.

So what is the big deal about the Northwest Ordinance and its significance upon American society?

The Northwest Ordinance is part of our nations <u>organic law</u> as specified in the US Code. That means the founding of our nation, based on "the laws of nature and Nature's God," directly refers to religion and morality as governing necessities as outlined in its founding documents.

FROM THE PULPIT

"The knowledge of God and his truths have from the beginning of the world been chiefly, if not entirely confined to those parts of the earth where some degree of liberty and political justice were to be seen, and great were the difficulties with which they had to struggle, from the imperfection of human society, and the unjust decisions of unsurped authority. There is not a single instance in history, in which civil liberty was lost, and religious liberty preserved entire. If therefore we yield up our temporal property, we at the same time deliver the conscience into bondage." Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Pastor John Witherspoon, "The Dominion of Providence Over the Passions of Men" sermon, May, 1776.

The fertile soil upon which the American Revolution was planted had prior been tilled by fearless preachers of the gospel. One such pastor was John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Conservatives rightly point to the secularization of every societal institution and the fact that it has been a systematic approach by the Left. One could describe it as a cultural coup d'etat. However this was not sudden; it was deliberate and secretly performed in broad daylight. And WE the People slept while our nation was seized from us.

How did this happen. The pulpits for the most part were silent. The pews for the most part were stoic. The parents for the most part scatterbrained, unaware and unconcerned of the events surrounding them.

Somewhere down the road Christians and conservatives decided that government was the answer to the cultural rot. What we failed to understand is that America cannot replace God with government. A government such as ours cannot exist outside of God.

We replaced the Bible as our moral foundation and now our nation is overwhelmed by levels of bureaucracy established to rule the hearts and minds of a pliant people.

Read again Pastor Witherspoon's telling words and heed them to the point of action:

"There is not a single instance in history, in which civil liberty was lost, and religious liberty preserved entire."

Now is the time to restore our original liberties. Turn the page to learn how to begin...

TO THE STREETS

If WE the People are to regain our liberties as American citizens, then we must recommit ourselves to defending the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Read again for the first time our First Amendment:

"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES."

Each right outlined above has been violated by our government; the list is too long to address in such a small place. What we will address is how to change it:

- 1. We need to understand what the First Amendment actually limits:
 - Congress
 - · Its ability to make laws
 - Against religion, speech, press, assembling, or redressing of grievances.
- 2. If Congress passes any law that violates the First Amendment, then that law is unconstitutional in respect to the First Amendment. A quick <u>primer</u> on this subject is provided by Barry Krush.
- 3. Understand the Left's subtlety and seemingly reasonableness towards infringing upon our religious liberty. This <u>article</u> in *The Atlantic* comes across on the surface as giving reason to the "moderate" restrictions against religious freedom in America. It does so by comparing us to other countries. This must be rejected outright because our liberties were never based by comparing them to other countries. They are God-given and unalienable.
- 4. Having read the first three points, we now have an understanding of where we need to stand in the gap, opposing any violation of our First Amendment rights regardless who treads upon them.

The US Constitution was written so has to give the final authority of government to the governed. We have usurped that power and have paid dearly for it.

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