



The Truth

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“It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established by righteousness.” (Proverbs 16:12)

“Our government is corrupt, no more so than Congress. They are derelict of their constitutional duties, at times usurping their powers to the executive and judicial branches, and at other times overreaching their own enumerated powers. As an institution, the US Congress is an abomination.” –Dave



As of this writing, the federal government is experiencing another shutdown. What this means is the large majority of government workers will be furloughed. Additionally, many “services” will be unavailable, which isn’t always a bad thing. Finally, and most importantly, our military readiness will suffer because of the lack of funding.

The last time Congress passed a budget, and signed by the president was in 2002. Congress is [constitutionally-mandated](#) to pass a budget (“bills for raising Revenue”) that the president can sign and his administration can execute.

Running on continuing resolutions ([CR](#)) is nothing more than kicking the can down the road. This leaves important government functions shackled by their funding uncertainties. There can be long-range planning with such a system.

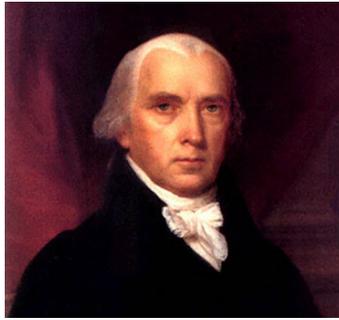
Where the maddening political macabre begins with both political parties using the budget as a way to not only pass unconstitutional legislation, but also to take political positions that support their current party’s agenda.

Currently, the National Archives is closed and many government workers may not have a job to go to on Monday because Democrats want to connect immigration reform to passing even a CR.

I am all for immigration reform, to include how to deal with the so-called [Dreamers](#). I am strongly opposed to paralyzing our federal government, primarily our military, from not functioning properly because Congress is incapable of passing a budget unshackled from a bill to reform our nation’s immigration policy.

This has gone on far too long. Regardless the political points trying to be made, any legislator holding up funding should be fired. It has to stop!

FROM THE FOUNDERS



Our Founding Fathers were not naive in believing that the Constitution they were having ratified would solve the evils of human nature. Quite the contrary. It was because of their knowledge of human nature that they put a separation of powers in our federalist form of government.

“It is a misfortune, inseparable from human affairs, that public measures are rarely investigated with that spirit of moderation which is essential to a just estimate of their real tendency to advance or obstruct the public good; and that this spirit is more apt to be diminished than promoted, by those occasions which require an unusual exercise of it.” James Madison, [Federalist #37](#)

I understand politics. I’ve had an interest in and studied it since I was 12 years old. I realized at an early age that our two-party system was a necessary evil because our nation basically has two worldviews. One is biblical, where we believe “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” are supreme in ruling our individual and collective actions. We understand that humans are inherently evil and their passions must be checked.

The other worldview is one of [secular humanism](#), which holds the belief “that humanity is capable of morality and self-fulfillment without belief in God.” It is interesting as you study secular humanism that immediately you discover a huge chasm between its belief and the actions of humans. Mankind’s history destroys secular humanism. Nevertheless, it is the prevailing philosophy of those who reject any form of religion.

So why the philosophy lesson? For those of us who consider themselves Christians who support constitutional conservatism, we need to understand the forces we are facing in our culture, which directly affects our government.

We cannot rely on the belief that all we have to do is send “our people” to Washington DC, then America will be great again. While that might improve our government some, we always get the government we deserve. Until we understand that our culture is rotting before our very eyes, only then will the true antidote be pursued. Turn the page for its description...

FROM THE PULPIT

“Most of us need a checkup from the neck up. We need to get our thinking straight. You may feel as down and defeated today as the people in the book of Lamentations. Because of their sin, they’d been carried away captive to Babylon. Far from home, they longed for the temple and presence of God. They felt God’s hand against them, hedged in with no hope for escape. Bitterness besieged them. Someone once said, ‘Hopelessness is the said word in the human language.’” Adrian Rogers, “Living Your Life With Hope” [article](#), Adrian Rogers Legacy Library.

Dr. Adrian Rogers was a Lion of the Faith, my pastor’s mentor and friend, and when he went home to be with Jesus, a huge void was left unfilled. Pastor Rogers always had a way of summing things up by pointing us to Jesus. His famous [quote](#) about taxation has been shared tens of thousands of times.

The antidote that I eluded to in the preceding page is found in Dr. Rogers’ article above:

“You may feel you have no hope, but I’ve learned this as I’ve gone through life: hope returns when we turn our eyes upon Jesus.”

Every person has experienced feelings of hopelessness. I would dare say secular humanists have more so than any other follower of the differing world religions and belief systems. I say this confidently because if you believe that man “is capable of morality and self-fulfillment” and yet you or someone you know fails you, then where is the hope?

Chuck Colson was a Republican’s Republican. He was a former Marine and Special Counsel to President Richard Nixon. He was known as Nixon’s “hatchet man.” He was also named as one of the [Watergate Seven](#), pleading guilty to obstruction of justice.

Chuck Colson knew how the political sausage was made. He knew the antidote to the corruption not only in Washington DC, but also in the human heart. He founded Prison Fellowship and did more to further the biblical worldview. In a nation where hopelessness, at the very least in our politics, seems the prevailing sentiment, is this reminder from Colson:

“Where is the hope? The hope that each of us have, is not in who governs us, or what laws are passed, or what great things we do as a nation. Our hope is in the power of God working through the hearts of people. And that’s where our hope is in this country. And that’s where our hope is in this life.”

TO THE STREETS

Hope is not hoping something happens; hope is faith in the future. It is easy to look at our nation and see only hopelessness. As Truth Warriors, we cannot take such a position. We know the truth, and as with all the blessings God has bestowed upon us, we must be good stewards of the truth.

It is our duty and privilege to spread the truth. We must share the gospel because it is not only the Truth, but it points us to the One who gives us hope. With that, we have God's holy word that reveals the truth to us.

I'm going to reiterate some tasks for us to complete because they are important to our being successful Truth Warriors. We must be grounded in biblical knowledge and the historical founding of our nation. I'd be generous in saying that 90% of elected officials have an incomplete knowledge of our founding documents and the biblical foundation in each of them. So again, here are some suggestions:

1. Please [sign up](#) for Hillsdale College's excellent and free online courses. There are a number of courses available to you; I recommend them all. If you can see a way, please consider a small donation to help keep the courses free.
2. If you have not already done so, I highly encourage you to "Take the Pledge" at our Truth Watch PAC [website](#). If ever there was a clear example of needing to send constitutional conservatives to Congress, it is the Schumer Shutdown. Please share our PAC with all your contacts.
3. Perhaps you need to further your Christian education further than what you receive at church and in your personal Bible study time. However, attending a Bible college is cost prohibitive. The Christian Leaders Institute is an online college that provide free higher education. [Visit](#) their website today and see if this may be beneficial to you. We need to strengthen our biblical worldview!

The challenge is before us. We know the tactics of the enemies of liberty and those opposed to any mention of Christ in our society. The God-haters on the Left will work to shut down the Church completely. They must be opposed, and more importantly, they must be shown the Truth that is Jesus Christ.

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