



The Truth

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“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” (Genesis 1:28)

“Last week Barack Obama denied America its God-given right to the bountiful natural resources God with which has blessed our land. Enough is enough! Obama must be replaced!” –Dave



No doubt some environmentalists are not going to see the connection between my statement above and Genesis 1:28. Nevertheless, God has given us dominion over the earth.

This does not give man the right to abuse or waste our natural resources. God expects all men and women to be good stewards of the bounty He provides.

However, Barack Obama has put our nation at great risk to our enemies, primarily radical Muslim oil-producing countries, by refusing to go along with the Keystone XL Oil Pipeline.

This was nothing more than a blatant appeasement of the Far Left Environmental extremists who want to return America back to the 18th Century.

In fact for most leftists, our lack of

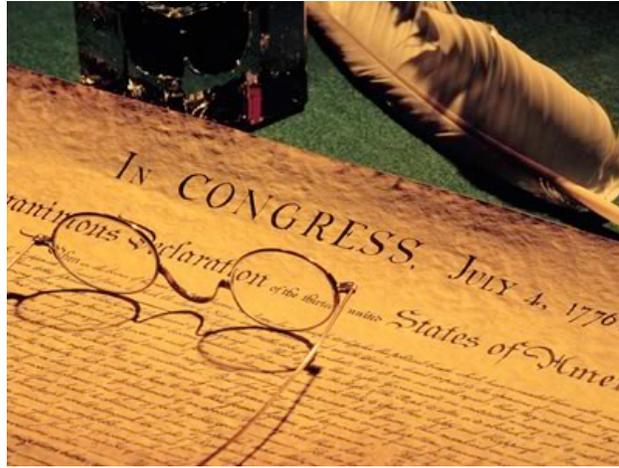
industrial progress is the only thing they embrace relative to our founding.

We don't mean to ignore legitimate concerns for our environment. Living on the Florida Gulf Coast, we know first hand the risks of offshore oil drilling. That is what makes the Keystone XL Oil Pipeline so important.

We have many resources on the continent and safe means of extracting our vast oil and natural gas supplies. If we were to maximize the use of our plentiful natural resources, we could not only meet our energy requirements, but also--and more importantly--end the need for offshore drilling.

We are the greatest nation on earth. We have the technological capabilities to safely extract our natural resources with minimal nuisance to the environment. We need to acknowledge this blessing from God and use it to His Glory.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



Our Founding Fathers expected government to “ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.” Part of that expectation was that government would not keep us from our natural resources.

“It is too early for politicians to presume on our forgetting that the public good, the real welfare of the great body of the people, is the supreme object to be pursued; and that no form of government whatever has any other value than as it may be fitted for the attainment of this object.” James Madison - Federalist Paper #45

A President who goes against the desires of the majority of our elected officials and the will of WE the People is a form of soft tyranny. One of the reasons for the commerce clause in Article I of the US Constitution was states were being denied prosperity because of the limits of the Articles of Confederation. Alexander Hamilton writes in Federalist Paper #11:

An unrestrained intercourse between the States themselves will advance the trade of each by an interchange of their respective productions, not only for the supply of reciprocal wants at home, but for exportation to foreign markets. The veins of commerce in every part will be replenished, and will acquire additional motion and vigor from a free circulation of the commodities of every part. Commercial enterprise will have much greater scope, from the diversity in the productions of different States.

A President who not only denies the people of securing “the Blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,” but also fails to “provide for the common defence” through his actions or inactions, is unfit for office. By continuing our reliance on oil from nations hostile to our Constitution, Barack Obama has violated the oath of office as designed by WE the People.

If ever there was a time to replace the man in the Oval Office and ninety percent of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, the time is now. Our Founders gave us the means through our Constitution. Time for WE the People to respond appropriately.

FROM THE PULPIT

“When you study creation, you study the mind of God. When you protect creation, you protect the work of God. When you admire creation, you admire the goodness of God. And when you love creation, maybe, maybe somebody begins the journey of loving the Creator. Our world needs to hear this. This is God's creation; it's not just nature, it's creation.” From the sermon “Is God Green?” by John Ortberg, Senior Pastor Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Menlo Park, CA - March 14, 2010

God created earth as a place for human beings to dwell. We were created to fellowship with God and with each other. God also gave man dominion over the earth, not to pillage it, but to take care of it. Notice God's actions after creating the Garden of Eden:

“Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.” (Genesis 2:15)

As you can read in Pastor Ortberg's [sermon](#), the word “tend”, rendered “work” in some translations, “can be translated, *to serve*.” To tend means *to keep*.

God blesses us and meets our needs through His Creation. And as His highest creation, we are expected to take care of it as God takes care of us. We are good stewards of our belongings because we know it is God who provides it.

You show me a Christian who is not a good steward of all that God has given him or her and I will show you someone who does not love God fully. We should want to keep God's creation in top shape for when He returns to it.

Environmentalists will tell you human beings are no more important than any other species on earth. That is not the aletheia truth; the Bible tells us differently.

These same environmentalists are keeping our nation in bondage to hostile oil-producing nations by working to stop any and all oil drilling. In fact, in some extreme cases they want us to never use another petroleum-based product.

These are the type of people who worship Mother Earth. Why worship the created when you can worship the Creator?

We can safely drill for and transport oil all the while protecting our environment by being good stewards of what God has given us.

TO THE STREETS

How do WE the People enforce the Preamble of our Constitution upon our elected officials? First, let's review the Preamble:

WE the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

How do we deal with a renegade executive branch and an unresponsive Congress? Let them hear us until we replace them. Here are some suggestions:

1. [Contact](#) the White House and demand Barack Obama support the Keystone XL Oil Pipeline.
2. [Contact](#) your US Representative, House Majority Leader Eric [Cantor](#), and Speaker of the House John [Boehner](#) and demand they not let up on this issue.
3. [Contact](#) your Senator, Senate Majority Leader Harry [Reid](#), and Senate Minority Leader Mitch [McConnell](#) and demand that they do what is right for America and not what is politically expedient for them.
4. Let's change the central theme of this issue. It is not about jobs; jobs are a benefit from this pipeline. It is about our constitutional rights to be secure and to enjoy the blessings of liberty.

For far too long we have allowed our Presidents and Congress to tell us what is important. That is like the employees telling the employers why they are in business.

While we do desire *and* require leadership from our elected officials, it is the type of servant leadership that Jesus modeled while on earth that is needed.

"True leadership must be for the benefit of the followers, not to enrich the leader." ~
John C. Maxwell

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