

46 BIBLICAL BASIS OF GOVERNMENT

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that <u>all men are created equal</u>, that they are endowed by their <u>Creator</u> with certain unalienable Rights [cannot be surrendered], that among these are <u>Life</u>, <u>Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness [self-determination]</u>.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the <u>consent of the governed</u>, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it..." Declaration of Independence excerpt

NATURE OF MAN

- 1. Man is made in the image of God, therefore, all men are created equal.
- **A.** "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them." Gen. 1:26-27
- **B.** "The God who made the world and all things in it,...he himself gives to all life and breath, and all things. 26 He made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the surface of the earth... 28 'For in him we live, and move, and have our being...'For we are also his offspring." Acts 17:24-28
- 2. Man is fallen, therefore government is needed. Government officials must be limited in power.
- A. "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." Gen 8:21
- B. "Stop trusting in man, whose breath is in his nostrils..." Is 2:22
- C. "Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire..." James 1:14.
- D. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jer. 17:9
- **E.** "From within, out of the hearts of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, sexual sins, murders, thefts, coveting, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." Mk 7:21-23

BASIS OF LAW

- 3. Right government is based on the understanding of The Good as the supreme ruler.
- A. Jesus said... "No one is good except God alone." Mk 10:18
- **B.** "You shall love the Lord your God [Good] with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment." Mt. 22:37-38
- C. "We love Him [God-Good] because he first loved us." I Jn 4:19
- D. "A second likewise is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself..." Mt. 22:39
- E. The Good Samaritan Story teaches all people are our neighbors. Lk. 10:30-37

4. The law governing all human interaction is simple.

"Whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them; for this is the law and the prophets." Mt. 7:12

5. The role of government is to be a "terror to evil" which protects the good. Rom. 13:1-5

Because all men are equal, we do not have leaders; we have public servants. We are answerable to conscience, not men. Anyone pretending to wield authority over lawful people (eg. "mandates") is a usurper and in rebellion against God.

6. World control belongs to God, not men. God is forgiving of our neglect, laziness when we repent.

- A. "The heavens are yours. The earth also is yours... You have founded them." Ps. 89:11
- **B.** "If my people...shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chr. 7:14

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7. Don't spend time with evil friends.
- A. "Don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?" James 4:4a
- **B.** "A righteous person is cautious in friendship." Pro 12:26
- C. "One who walks with wise men grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." Pro 13:20

8. Judge good from evil.

- A. "Don't judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." Jn. 7:24
- B. We are to exercise our reason to "discern good and evil." Heb 5:14
- C. "Whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." James 4:4b



9. Carnal people want to be told what to think and do by earthly authorities or "gods." Rule by their creator, conscience, submission to the Good, seems "far fetched" to them. James 4:4

When God told the children of Israel an earthly king would make them into slaves, they still insisted. The Israelites said: "We will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles." 1 Sam 8:19f. The history of the kings of the Bible is a long chain of wicked rule with only brief exceptions.

10. Godless governments act perversely.

- A. "Woe to those... who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice for the innocent!" Is 5:22-23
- B. "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness." Is 5:20

11. We must be able to stand alone, siding with God and Truth.

- A. "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them." Eph 5:11
- B. "Woe, when men speak well of you, for their fathers did the same thing to the false prophets." Lk 6:26
- C. "We speak; not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts." I Thess 2:4

12. We are delivered from the bondage of fear through Christ. Cowardice is godlessness.

- A. "God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control." 2 Tim. 1:7
- B. Christ.. "deliver[s] all of them who through fear of death were... subject to bondage." Heb 2:15
- C. "But for the cowardly, unbelieving...their part is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur..." Rev. 21:7-8

13. Walk wisely and peacefully in humble surrender and friendship with your Creator.

- A. "Be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Mt. 10:16
- B. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally... it will be given to him." Ja 1:5
- C. "What does the LORD require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

FINAL THOUGHTS

In scripture we see governments described as beasts (book of Daniel) and the kings of Judah and Israel repeatedly falling into wickedness (First and Second Kings). It alerts us to the watchfulness we must maintain over government because the beast or serpent nature asserts itself in the hearts of those who do not daily subject themselves to "the Good"— God's rule. This is why only limited power should be granted to government through delegated and enumerated authorities.

The wisdom of the U.S. founding documents affirm we are a nation of laws, not of men. No government official is above the law. The constitution preserves God-given rights so we can live in freedom with all men—under God, not under earthly rulers, but in cooperation with public servants. As a nation, we need to repent and seek to restore just and wise government.

NOTES

A. Milgram Obedience Experiments

The Milgram Obedience Experiments are secular evidence for the Biblical teachings of the depravity of man. In these studies, a large majority of participants subjected themselves in blind obedience to those they deemed an "authority" and went against their own conscience to perform what seemed to be atrocities. As we reflect on history, far more hideous crimes have been committed in the name of obedience than resistance/non-conformity.

"Yale social psychology professor Dr. Stanley Milgram was able to show that researchers could formulaically manipulate ordinary citizens, from all walks of life, to violate their own conscience and commit atrocities, so long as an authority figure (doctor in a white lab coat) ordered them to do so. The subjects believed they were torturing fellow volunteers, by electrocution, out of sight in an adjacent room. As a doctor instructed them to rev up the juice, the recruits could hear the nightmarish screaming of actors pretending to be suffering electrocution and their pleadings for mercy. Of Milgram's forty subjects, some 65% administered the full-bore 450-volt shocks they had been told were potentially fatal. Milgram describes his experiments as proof that "obedience to authority" trumps morality and conscience." Robert F. Kennedy Jr. The Real Anthony Fauci p.405

B. Cult Behavior

Many have been puzzled by the behavior of avid media consumers beginning in Feb. 2020. The behavior has been characterized as "mass psychosis" or "mass formation psychosis" by some psychologists, but we see it as classic cult behavior. Here we list cult characteristics in bold print and some of the behaviors we have witnessed.

1. Unquestioning commitment to leaders: Cult members do and think what politicians and media say because they believe, "They know what is true and would never lie to us." Cult members refuse to think critically about the specious mainstream narrative. Fear, engendered by the leaders, disables critical thought.



- **2. Disagreement with the leaders is prohibited.** Leaders mischaracterize and vilify those who question the prevailing narrative, as "tinfoil hat wearers," "extremists," "anti-science" "fringe," etc. Afraid of losing social status and being excluded, cult members quickly fall into full compliance <u>and</u> even defend the illogical mainstream narrative.
- **3. Mind-altering practices, rituals:** Masks, tests, isolation, quarantine, distancing, injections, "lock downs" are embraced. As in hypnosis, these rituals shrink the mind to an extremely narrow focus. "Fear" becomes a virtue instead of courage. Additionally, all are required to become hypochondriacs and germaphobes assuming everyone is sick even though symptomless, and require they ask authorities, through specious testing, to determine their state of health. This is, literally, insane.
- **4.** Leaders dictate how members think, feel, act through repetitious directing of the mind to fear provoking images and stories. Obedience to "the authorities" is presented as the unanimous opinion of <u>all</u> right-thinking people. Must adopt redefinition of common terms: vaccine, pandemic, natural immunity, herd immunity.
- **5. Leaders are "the enlightened".** Prominent, but compromised doctors and scientists are god-like, acting as final authorities. They embody and define "The Science" using unverifiable or specious "studies." Attack, censorship and canceling, cause critical thinkers to self-censor. "The noble lie" is used for "the greater good." (Note: True science requires open, honest and vigorous debate and is never "settled." New expert information must always be welcomed and considered.)
- **6. "Us" vs "them".** It is essential to censor and stifle any alternate views. There is one acceptable narrative and everything else is evil or stupid. Endless repetition is key to keeping members fearful and dependent. Abundant flattery is dished out to the "faithful."
- **7.** Leaders are unaccountable. Mega-companies are not liable for injuries caused by injected products and record injuries and fatalities are not reported to the people. Informed consent not given. Injections deemed effective but last only a few months or weeks. People told they can get back to normal after 2 shots, but then require more shots, more face-covering, endless tests.
- **8.** The ends justifies the means. Leaders use fear, coercion, lies, omissions, bribery, threats to attain higher injection rates. They claim "anti-shot" people are filling up hospitals. Hospitals incentivized, monetarily, to ramp up higher infection and death numbers.
- 9. Leaders induce feeling of shame and guilt to maintain control. Imply those who don't comply are irresponsible, science deniers, grandma killers, etc.
- **10.** Cut ties with family and friends. Believers told non-injected should be shunned and excluded. They are dangerous, selfish, like drunk drivers, against society, etc. So called health-protective directives have even caused people to abandon extended family and friends when they are sick instead of visiting and helping them in their need. Common decency, common sense, let alone Christian charity, disappeared under the hypnotism and repetition of the media narrative.
- **11. Must bring in new members.** Cult members repeat as fact that which cult leaders have programmed them to believe. Hollywood "influencers" are used. Disease is constant topic of news.
- **12. Preoccupied with making money.** 70% of TV sponsors are big Pharma. \$36 billion earnings for one mega-corporation in 2021. Media given billions from foundations and government to promote mainstream narrative.
- 13. Myopia. Members of the cult are so hypnotized into the rightness of their cause, they do not realize they have been transformed into devils who approve of: abridgment of virtually all God-given constitutional rights, unprecedented wealth transfer from poor/middle class to the very rich (500 new billionaires), world-wide mass starvation and poverty, mass injury and death through injection, suicide, mental illness, closing churches, social breakdown, depriving children of education, etc. They are unaware censorship is always demanded by evil people trying to hide the truth.

When we find ourselves exhibiting cult behavior, we need to turn to our Creator in repentance and a new resolve. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and He will direct your path." Pro. 3:5