

RESTORATION CONFUSION

Tonight I'm going to talk about some of the dangers associated with trying to "save" or "restore" America. Just as there are various political and religious streams that have joined together to destroy America's Judao-Christian heritage and institutions, so likewise, various political and religious streams are coming together in order to restore that heritage. Unfortunately, some of those streams are very polluted, spiritually speaking.

We need to understand that there is a difference between your average American Patriot and certain *religious* movements that are trying to "retake" the nation and establish a Christian "theocracy" over it. Many American Patriots are not advocating the establishment of a Christian Theocracy. They simply want the country to return to it's *proper* division of power between federal and state governments.

Since most of us were raised in a political atmosphere where everything revolves around the decisions and/or the laws of the *federal* government, we don't understand (or even think about) the role individual states are supposed to play in governing our nation. We don't realize that the federal government has become a usurper. It has become a political monster that gobbles up more and more *State power* every day.

The founding fathers established the Constitution to do two things: (1) establish a federal government for America and (2) delegate certain powers, which were both *limited* and *enumerated*, to that government. The federal government was created *by* the states (via the Constitution) and it exists to *serve* the states, and through the states, the people of the nation—not the other way around. Under the Constitution, the thirteen states delegated *some* of their own power to the federal government but they retained *most* of that power for themselves.

It's very important to understand that originally the states were the boss. The states *hired* the federal government to do *certain* things. It was the individual states that decided how much power the federal government should have and it was the individual states who set the rules as to and how that government should function. The Constitution is really just a *list* of those rules. As outlined in the opening preamble of the Constitution, it was the states intent to have the federal government perform *six* basic functions.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, 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".

#1 To Form a More Perfect Union: While initially, the (former) colonies weren't united, they soon came to realize that there is strength in solidarity and as such formed an alliance with one another. Thus, the Constitution provides for such a union.

#2 To Establish Justice: The most vital role in a republican government is to ensure justice within the nation. Though the term justice is open to interpretation, the explanation most widely accepted is that the law must be fair, unbiased and logical. While these standards we're not always met within this nation, the American people wish to strive for such ideals.

#3 To Provide for the Common Defense: While the Constitution didn't necessarily allow for elite military operations, it did intend for the government to provide a basic system of defense against enemies of the state. This is why a *federal* Army and Navy was created. However, the federal government created an Army and a Navy, it was also responsible to establish the rules by which these military organization were to behave and conduct themselves in battle. The federal government *followed* the same *moral* guideline the *individual states* had already instituted in *their own* state militias. In other words, the morals of the federal government were a reflection of the morals of state governments. This is because the federal government knew its proper place at that time. It was a servant of the states, and through the states, a servant of the people.

#4 To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: America was built around the ideals of individual freedom and liberty. Yet, at the same time, the founders realized that unbridles liberty without law produces anarchy. They knew certain boundaries would have to be established in order to ensure that such liberties would not breach those of other citizens.

#5 To Promote the General Welfare: This is a broadly stated purpose and it's open to adaptation and growth. The government is authorized to provide the American people with services and regulations that are for the public good. Such regulations may include health and food standards, public education, and consumer protection. But in order to allow capitalism to flourish—and all of the founders were capitalists—they knew the federal government had to leave certain services (like railroads) in the hands of individuals. This allows market competition to thrive so that the consumer can receive the best services and prices possible.

#6 To Insure Domestic Tranquility: This role of the federal government is relatively self-explanatory in name. The government must provide order in society and allow for domestic peace. It must also present the nation from ever ascending into anarchy.

We need to keep in mind that the Constitution of the United States does not give us rights. Every one of the founders considered our rights to be “God-given” or “natural rights”. The Constitution was not designed to give us rights; it was designed to *protect* the rights we are born with. It protects our God-given rights by *limiting* the powers of the federal government. Even that reality wasn't good enough for some of the founders because they suspected that eventually the federal government would be used to usurp the God given liberty of the people. That's why they demanded that a “Bill of Rights” be created, which would enumerate very clearly what is *assumed* in the Constitution.

The rights deemed most important by the founders are specifically listed in the Bill of Rights. In addition, they made sure there was a clause included in that Bill that basically said even though some particular right may not be listed in this document, the people still retain *that* right. Any powers not *specifically* delegated by the Constitution to the federal government are *retained* by the states and the people.

Therefore, without the Constitution, *the states* and *the people* have all the rights and there is no federal government. With the Constitution, the states and the people keep any rights not specifically delegated to the federal government by the Constitution. Unfortunately, the federal government has been usurping state authority incrementally over the centuries until today, it recognizes *only* those rights *specifically* listed in the Bill of Rights and even those which are clearly indicated are ignored by Supreme Court rulings in many instances. When our individual rights *interfere* with some federal government agenda or program they're basically ignored or explained away through a federal (Supreme) court ruling.

This is why I mentioned last week that some of the founders, particularly Thomas Jefferson, were weary of the establishment of a *federal* Supreme Court because that court would obviously be part of the federal government, which would automatically make it a conflict of interest. Under the Constitution, *the states* are the rightful *enforcers* of the Constitution. They have a compelling interest in speaking for themselves. But the federal court has no compelling reason to speak for the states. Indeed, the federal court has a compelling interest in speaking for the federal government and many times the federal and state governments are at odds.

Over time, the federal court has proven to not only *not* be interested in speaking for states, many times it fanatically opposes the positions of the states and regularly overthrows state rulings. Indeed, the federal court has become the *final* authority in the land. It answers to no one. None of the founders would have tolerated this kind of a situation. They would have disbanded the court and thrown its judges into prison for *treason*.

Patriots are also interested in restoring the principles of freedom *of* religion, which have been replaced by the secular and humanist idea of freedom *from* religion. Promoting a return to the original idea of freedom of religion does *not* equal right-wing extremism. Nor is it the same as wanting to establish a “Christian theocracy”. These kinds of accusations are disseminated by God-hating pagans and faggots who don’t even want to be reminded that there is a God, so they try to eradicate anything and every thing from American political and public life that might possibly remind them that there is a God.

If today’s leftist were thrown into a room with the Founding Fathers, after five minutes they would be calling them “Bible thumping fundamentalists” and “right-wing extremists” and “racist homophobes” who want to set up a Christian Theocracy because you see, the founders believed that only a virtuous people, grounded in morality and religion, can ever hope to remain free. Because most of today’s American are pagans, such an idea is as much a “revolutionary” concept today as it was in 1776!

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."

Benjamin Franklin

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion...**Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people** . It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

John Adams

Different founders expressed the same idea with different terms but they all meant the same thing. The necessity of virtue, morals and religion to freedom is undeniable. The idea was so common among the Founding Fathers it was almost a cliché: “only a virtuous people can live free”.

Please notice that Mr. Adams didn’t say the Constitution of the United States was designed to *make immoral people moral*; or to *keep moral people from becoming immoral*. He said it was designed for a people who already were moral and religious. What that means is that the Constitution will only operate the way it was designed to operate as long as the people are (remain) moral and religious. It will cease to function properly if the people abandon religion and morality, which is the case with the *vast majority* of today’s American. Even most of today’s “conservatives” are far from “virtuous”.

The founders of the nation warned us very clearly that liberty requires virtue and morality and that *political slavery* would be the punishment for embracing immorality and casting off our Christian heritage and roots. We now living in the days they warned us about over 200 years ago. As America has become more and more corrupt over the last 50 years, the people have been experiencing more and more *political slavery* in the form of socialism and judicial totalitarianism. Soon we will have another master (Sharia) enslaving us as well.

Revolutionary Americans hoped their young country would light the world's way to liberty and righteousness. Since they knew how important virtue and morality is to freedom, they were very committed to nourishing these things. Mr. Franklin not only listed 13 disciplines he considered essential—temperance, order, resolution, frugality, moderation, industry, cleanliness, tranquility, silence, sincerity, justice, chastity, and humility—he charted his daily progress in practicing each of these virtues. The founders of the nation insisted that virtue sprang from religion—and by religion they meant Biblical Christianity. Noah Webster, whose primers educated millions of Americans from the 1780's onward, said:

"[T]he moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to **form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws**.... All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their **despising** or neglecting **the precepts contained in the Bible**."

When you put all this history together, what you realize is that those who *despise* the precepts contained in the Bible are not only the enemies of God and of Christianity, they are the enemies of America—that is, the America that was established by the original founders. Conversely, those who are trying to restore those principles to society and the government are not “right wing extremists” but *true* patriots. Buy the same token, those who are pushing their anti-God, anti-Christian, pro-homosexual, pro-abortion, pagan, leftist, socialist agenda on this nation are *traitors* and they should be executed as traitors. Such a mind-set doesn't come from a perverted religious desire to establish a “Christian Theocracy” in America. It comes from rational review of historical facts regarding the founding of the nation, the beliefs and intentions of its founders, and the law of sowing and reaping.

We need to know the difference between a true patriot and various religious groups/movements who are pushing their own religious agenda under the guise of patriotism because there are quite a few “Apostasy Watchers” out there who *don't* know that difference. In their ignorance they lump *everyone* who is trying to stop America from self-destructing together and claim they are all part of one of these deluded religious groups.

One of these groups is famous for their vision of saving America through taking control of what they call the “seven mountains” of culture. These mountains are specific areas of influence that humanists and atheists have uses over the centuries to seduce and mold Americans into the immoral society we have become. This “seven mountain” idea is part of a larger theological framework called Dominionism or Reconstructionism. One promoter of this theology, named Mark Pfeifer, explains it this way on his web site:

“Dominion Eschatology is the examination of future events **through the lens of the dominion mandate in Genesis 1:28** and in Matthew 28:19-20. It **assumes** the influence of the church **will increase** on earth **until** Jesus returns. This view stands

against some opposing views which **see the influence of the church waning in the last days**. It does not intend to imply absolute dominion, as in a sinless earth, but a preparatory dominion, as in the earth being prepared for the return of the King." [\[Link\]](#)

Theology of Reclaiming 7 Mountains

The lens of Dominionism, according to Mr. Pfeifer is just the opposite as the lens that sees the influence of the Church *waning* in the last days. Right here is the fundamental difference between the Scriptural view of the last days—which is that the beasts of Revelation 13 and the little horn of Daniel 8 will be *overcoming* the saints in the last days—and the *idealistic deception* that Dominionists hold, which is that the Church will be overcome these beasts and eventually take dominion over the entire earth in the last days.

Not only is the Dominionist view unscriptural, it take your mind of the true goal of redemption. Those who follow the dominionist view end up focusing on *the earth*, and the *governments* of the earth (especially America) being prepared for the return of the Lord. In the Scriptural view, it's the *wife of the Lamb* who is being prepared for the marriage. The focus is not on this earth or on the American government. It's on our own perfection; on keeping our garments clean and remaining unspotted by the world.

Another promoter of this idea is a women named Bronwyn O'Brien, from Australia. On her web site she explains the origins of the seven mountains idea. She says that in the book, *Making Jesus Lord* (Loren Cunningham of YWAM, 1988, p. 134), Mr. Cunningham recounts how he got the seven mountains idea:

"Sometimes God does something dramatic to get our attention. That's what happened to me in 1975. My family and I were enjoying the peace and quiet of a borrowed cabin in the Colorado Rockies. I was stretched out on a lounge chair in the midday warmth, praying and thinking. **I was considering how we Christians – not just the mission I was part of, but all of us – could turn the world around for Jesus.**

A list **came to my mind**: categories of society which I believed we should focus on in order to turn nations around to God. I wrote them down, and stuck the paper in my pocket. The next day, I met with a dear brother, the leader of Campus Crusade For Christ, Dr. Bill Bright. He shared with me something God had given him – several areas to concentrate on to **turn the nations back to God!** They were the same areas, with different wording here and there, that were written on the page in my pocket. I took it out and showed Bill and we shook our heads in amazement.

Here's a list...that God gave me that sunny day in Colorado: (1. The home (2. The church (3. Schools (4. Government and politics (5. The media (6. Arts, entertainment, and sports (7. Commerce, science, and technology. These seven spheres of influence will help us shape societies for Christ." [\[Link\]](#)

God gives Loren Cunningham the 7 Mountain Strategy

Notice that Mr. Cunningham says he was meditating on "how we Christians...could turn the world around for Jesus". This shows that Mr. Cunningham had *already* rejected the view of the last days, as presented in the Scripture, so it was easy for *another spirit* to give him a brilliant idea regarding how to save the world.

It's very important what kind of end-time view we hold. If you start off on the wrong track, nothing you do will be of any value to the kingdom because you will only get further and further away from the truth as you proceed down that track. The only thing that's going to "turn the nations back to God" is when the Lord pours out His judgments and slaughters a *large portion* of the human race. But you see, since killing a large portion of the human race goes directly against the whole concept of a great end-time revival, where a large portion of the human race is swept into the kingdom, Mr. Cunningham would never accept the end time narrative presented by the Scripture. He and others like him would rather impose a religious fantasy upon the Scripture.

Description of "Seven Mountains". [\[Link\]](#)

This whole effort is doomed for several reasons. The first reason is because it *contradicts* the clear teaching of the Scripture on the last days. Except for a small remnant of overcomers, the Scripture paints a very grim picture of the last days. The majority of believers living in the last days will be overcome by the many powerful deceptions of Antichrist and the False Prophet. Indeed, the deception will be so dark and so far reaching, it will be almost impossible to tell the true from the false.

The second reason the seven mountains strategy will fail is because these people are ignoring the context of the founding of America. The founders didn't institute a government that would *make* people righteous. Nor did they institute a government that would *keep* people righteous. They instituted a government that would only work if the population *was* moral and righteous. It instituted a government that would only work *as long as* the people were moral righteous.

Today the majority of Americans are *immoral* and *wicked*. Therefore, there is *nothing* you can do to save America (short of a genuine revival that reaches hundreds of millions and restores virtue and morality to a majority of the population). If these people succeed in what they are doing (without a genuine revival) there will be a second revolution because today's pagans and God-haters are not only extremely wicked they are *very* violent. They won't hesitate to take up arms in order to overthrow any type of righteous government the Dominionists manage to create. There would be blood in the streets.

It's true that Satan has used these seven mountains to seduce Americans and make them an immoral people. But the fact is, if they had not already been backslidden, the influence of these mountains would have been minimal. Moreover, you can't restore what the enemy has destroyed by using the *same tactics* he did. Having Christians in control of the media, government, education and so on will not restore the foundations that have been destroyed. The foundation of America was its Christian and moral *population*. That's the foundation that has been destroyed and *that's* the foundation that must be restored if America is to be saved. If Dominionist Christians succeed in taking control of the seven mountains of the culture, the only thing that will produce is a *violent backlash* from the *majority* of Americans who now *love* their sin and hate God and righteousness.

There will be no genuine revival in this nation because the people have rejected God's call to repent once too often. The time for repentance is past. The only thing left for this nation is judgment and death. Individuals can still be saved, filled with the Spirit, and let God lead them onto perfection but the nation is *past* redemption. God's *not even trying* to redeem this nation and anyone who thinks He is, has opened themselves up to religious spirits.