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Caesar Is King!

By What Authority?

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By what authority does a woman have a 'right' to take the life of the unborn child in her womb? By what authority do men - in any capacity - whether a President, elected Senators, Representatives, appointed Supreme Court Justices, or unelected officials - have a 'right' to redefine marriage, morality, the family, or reason away any of what George Washington recognized were the "eternal rules of order and right?"

By what authority do our elected officials cater to bank executives whose actions have destroyed the life savings, hopes, dreams, and incentive of millions of Americans - actions that threaten to bankrupt and destroy the nation?

The Issue of Authority

The issue of authority has been an issue since the Garden of Eden in all cultures and in all governments. It is an issue of immense significance in contemporary American culture, particularly civil government.

To those on the secular left who are determined to **remove** all trace of morality, ethics, and principle from our institutions, including public schools, the courts, and our legislative and executive bodies, authority has become **a political play thing** to be manipulated for their own ends. To them, ultimate authority belongs to men who occupy positions of power, men who disdain the laws of God, pridefully think they can ignore Him, and bilk the American people of billions to fill their own personal coffers.

Authority comes from God

When Jesus of Nazareth would not answer Pontius Pilate, Pilate said to Him, "*Do you not*

*know that I have authority to release you, and I have authority to crucify you?" To which, Jesus said to Pilate, **"You would have no authority over Me unless it had been given you from above."** (John 19:11- 15)*

Jesus was reminding Pilate that his authority was not inherently his, but conferred upon him by God, for God's purposes, not those of men. Inherent in Jesus' declaration is that absolute authority belongs to God, and therefore **every decision by civil authority must be weighed in accordance with His purposes.** Upon hearing what Jesus said, Pilate tried to release Him, but the people said, *"We have no king but Caesar."*

The foolishness of men, including elected and unelected officials, tyrants, and bureaucrats, has its consequences . . . on all of us, the good and the evil, the wheat and the tares. God is the judge of our decisions, and what we sow, we will reap. We sow to the wind, we reap the whirlwind. And so it will be with the decisions we-the-people made to install a cabal of unenlightened, God ignoring, God disdaining, fools who are now determined -by their pride and agendas - to bankrupt the nation, morally, spiritually, and economically.

The Testimony of History

And therein lies the fundamental problem in America - **the refusal of the unbelieving secular left to recognize any authority over them, including we-the-people.**

Our leaders, like the religious leaders of the Jews at the time of Christ, have no need for this Jesus. He is a threat to their belief that men in positions of power are the final and ultimate authority. Their king is whoever they say he is at any given time. To the liberal media, the intellectual elites, the self absorbed, those who devalue life, and the morally licentious, it is Barack Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, liberal judges, and a democrat majority in Congress. To the greedy and unethical, it is the almighty dollar.

Our public officials, elected and non-elected, would do well to heed the testimony of history. 600 years before Christ, Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, learned at great personal loss, *"That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes."* And that... **"it is heaven that rules."** (Daniel 4:25-26)

*"Republics are created by the virtue, public spirit, and intelligence of the citizens. They fall when the wise are banished from the public councils, because they dare to be honest, and the profligate are rewarded, because they **flatter the people, in order to betray them.**"*

Justice Joseph Story, U.S. Supreme Ct. 1811-1845

*"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but **mighty** through God to the **pulling down of strong holds**; casting down **imaginings**, and **every high thing** that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every **thought** to the obedience of Christ."*

II Corinthians 10: 3-5

*"Do not be afraid of them. **Remember** the Lord, great and awesome, and **fight** for your **brethren**, your **sons**, your **daughters**, your **wives**, and your **houses**."*

Nehemiah 4: 14