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How Should a Christian Vote? Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

Many people are party bound. They always vote along party lines even if their party violates their biblical Christian values and beliefs. How sad! I have come to understand that although people make this a party thing: Republican versus Democrat, the very truth is this is a moral versus immoral fight, right versus wrong, godly versus ungodly (Proverbs 29:27), not necessarily Republican versus Democrat. To only look at the party name is to miss the very point of what is going on behind the scenes.

We need to find out the platform of the party or individual we want to vote for and make sure it does not violate biblical godly principles such as marriage (between a man and a woman), pro-life (against abortion), and encourages employment and hard work and not laziness and government dependency (2 Thessalonians 3:10), strong families, limited government, honesty and integrity, compassion, personal responsibility, freedom, and rule of law. Christians should not go into hiding or refuse to get involved in the democratic process of voting. This way, we get the moral majority to rule which is good for both the godly and the ungodly. I believe that the vast majority of religious, godly, and moral people are conservatives, and the opposite is true as pertains to the liberals. If we want godliness and morality to prevail, we the conservatives, the godly and moral people, have to come out of our closets. We have nothing to fear and hide. We are on the right side of things. If the liberals and ungodly like the pro-choice and LGBT have come out of their closets, should we stay in ours? Salt has to leave

its shaker to be of any good. We must learn to make God's Word our primary voting guide. The Bible says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105).

When we vote for the ungodly, we should not blame God for the aftermath of our decisions. Proverbs 29:16 says, "When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall." **We need to vote for a candidate who upholds Christian principles; whose ability to lead well has already been demonstrated; who is able to lead our country with justice and is God-fearing.** True, all candidates may not be godly, but we have to look for the one who represents our godly and biblical values more than the others. Even among two ungodly people, we can find one whose principles best align with God's. We should not stand by or sit out and let evil and ungodliness prevail only because we do not like a certain candidate. Additionally, we should also support the candidate that can win. It would be a waste to support any candidate that can't win because he or she will be spoiling the vote and the support that a potential candidate would need to win.

For example, during the 2016 presidential elections, Christians were left with a choice of three candidates: Donald J. Trump (R), Hillary Clinton (D), and independent candidate Jill Stein. Stein had no chance of winning. Any vote for her was a waste. It makes no sense to vote for the godliest person that cannot win. That is a wasted vote.

On the other hand, we had two candidates left, of which they were both not very godly candidates, but looking at the principles that they ran on, it was more than clear who was godlier than the other. Donald Trump supported marriage (man and woman), was against abortion, was in support of sending people to work and getting them off the government dependency. He was for a limited government, for putting America first not last, and finally, he vocally expressed his belief in the Bible as God's Holy Word. All of this was the antithesis of what Hilary Clinton represented and stood for.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

—Proverbs 14:34

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We must be very cautious about how we vote, for it will affect us whether we believe it or not. Our voting should be an attempt to exalt righteousness or the righteous, not the ungodly and ungodliness. I always believe in voting for the Bible and for godliness. I don't vote for personality, influence, appearance, or charisma. Seldom are you going to find a very godly politician; therefore, it is wisest to vote for the godliest person available that can win. There is no perfect man and if that is the standard you are looking for; you will never find any. We are to vote for those policies and godly principles that advance or uphold the kingdom of God. We should not be voting for baby killers. Abortion is ungodly. God is pro-life, not pro-choice. He is pro traditional marriage between a man and a woman, not same sex marriage, not bestiality, nor incest. God is pro hard work, not government dependency.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing.”

-Edmund Burke

One of the major reasons why ungodliness is prevailing and growing rampantly is because the church and the Christians have been in hiding. They have not gotten involved in this process of voting and turning things around. They have been deceived into only praying and sitting on their hands with zero action and participation. The truth is that we have a privilege, responsibility, and a right to get involved and turn things around for the kingdom of God. We must get involved or else things will never change. Christians should be involved in all the seven mountains of influence, including **Religion & Faith; Family; Education; Government (Politics) & Law; Media, News & Commentary; Arts & Entertainment;** and **Business & Economics**. We need born-again Christians in all these seven mountains of influence of society, not just the Religion & Faith mountain, but far beyond that including the political arena. Furthermore, here in the United States, we need to refute the lie of **“separation of church and state.”** I'm sure that you have heard this phrase. It is probably the best-known phrase in America, yet it is the least understood. Many people, especially those that hate Christianity, have used this phrase to build a wall of separation between one's personal faith and any public display of that faith.

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution clearly states and says, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

The famous phrase of separation of church and state is nowhere in that first amendment of the US Constitution nor the Declaration of Independence. This makes it clear that we can exercise our faith, wherever we are, including public schools, governmental venues, and the public square freely. This phrase first appeared in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut in 1801. Many people present it as if it were a part of the Constitution. There is nothing like “separation of church and state” in the Constitution. It is made up and designed to silence the freedom of religion and faith.

In an article written by Mr. David Barton (Wallbuilders.com) on *How to Respond to “Separation of Church and State,”* he says,

“Thomas Jefferson had worked very hard to separate the Anglican Church from the government in his home state of Virginia so that all other denominations could practice their faith without government penalty or persecution. Jefferson contributed to ending government-run religion in his state, so when he became president of the United States, the Baptists and those from other denominations were his strong supporters because he had fought for their freedom of religion—for their right to be free from state control in matters of faith.

The Danbury Baptists wrote Thomas Jefferson expressing their concern that the government might try to regulate their religious expression. In response, Jefferson wrote his now famous letter, using the phrase ‘Separation of Church and State’ to reassure the Danbury Baptists that the First Amendment prohibited the government from trying to control religious expression. In short, the First Amendment was intended to keep government out of regulating religion, but it did not keep religion out of government or the public square.”

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We should not be intimidated by the IRS to keep silent and not get involved in the political and government arenas because of fear that they will take away our tax exemption status. Big deal, they can take it back. I would rather lose my tax exemption than let people's lives be destroyed by ungodliness and go to hell only because I will not speak up in fear of the government revoking my tax exemption. Matter of fact, the Lord Jesus and the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel into the world without tax exemption and made a great impact. So can we.

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”

—Proverbs 29:2

This verse clearly says that if we get the ungodly into authority, we should forget rejoicing. Rejoicing is a byproduct of the godly being in authority. On the other hand, when the wicked and ungodly rule, people mourn and suffer as a result.

“You can be a believer and a liberal, but you can't be a disciple and a liberal.”

— Andrew Wommack.

As stated previously, there is a difference between a disciple and a convert. Disciples do not vote for people, they vote for the Bible (biblical values and principles), while the convert votes for people, emotion, charisma, looks, education, skin color, etc. God's Word has a lot to say about the issues we face today in all societies, but for us to have an impact on our societies, we must graduate to being disciples not just converts. Through God's Word, we must develop a biblical worldview, approach, and perspective on all things and speak up. We ought to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and one of the best ways to be effective in that is to study and continue in God's Word. We should develop a discipleship mentality.

Conservative vs. Liberal Beliefs

We all want the same things in life. We want freedom; we want the chance for prosperity; we want as few people suffering as possible; we want healthy children; we want to have crime-free streets. The argument is how to achieve them...

Liberals believe in government action to achieve equal opportunity and equality for all. It is the duty of the government to alleviate social ills and to protect civil liberties and individual and human rights. They believe the role of the government should be to guarantee that no one is in need. Liberal policies generally emphasize the need for the government to solve problems.

Conservatives believe in personal responsibility, limited government, free markets, individual liberty, traditional American values, and a strong national defense. They believe the role of government should be to provide people the freedom necessary to pursue their own goals. Conservative policies generally emphasize empowerment of the individual to solve problems.

NOTE: The terms “left” and “right” define opposite ends of the political spectrum. In the United States, liberals are referred to as the left or left-wing and conservatives are referred to as the right or right-wing. On the U.S. political map, blue represents the Democratic Party (which generally upholds liberal principles) and red represents the Republican Party (which generally upholds conservative principles).”

I have organized and put these issues in a table for easy access, reference, and study. After studying this detailed table explaining all the facts on these subjects or issues, you should be able to determine which side you belong to. However, it is evident that the side that best reflects the beliefs, principles, and values of the Bible is the conservative side.

“Not being heard is no reason for silence.” –Victor Hugo

“Silence in the face of evil is evil itself. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”–Dietrich Bonhoeffer (When opposing Hitler during WWII.)

Issues or Subject	Conservative	Liberal
<p>Abortion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human life begins at conception. • Abortion is the murder of a human being. • An unborn baby, as a living human being, has separate rights from those of the mother. • Oppose taxpayer-funded abortion. • Taxpayer dollars should not be used for the government to provide abortions and fund actions that taxpayers do not approve of. Support legislation to prohibit partial birth abortions, called the “Partial Birth Abortion* Ban” (*Partial Birth Abortion: the killing of an unborn baby of at least 20 weeks by pulling it out of the birth canal with forceps, but leaving the head inside. An incision is made in the back of the baby’s neck and the brain tissue is suctioned out. The head is then removed from the uterus.) • Why would an adult make adult decisions and actions and not expect adult responsibilities, repercussions, and consequences? • “I’ve noticed that everyone who is for abortion is already born” –Ronald Reagan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A woman has the right to decide what happens with her body. • A fetus is not a human life, so it does not have separate individual rights. • The government should provide taxpayer funded abortions for women who cannot afford them. • The decision to have an abortion is a personal choice of a woman regarding her own body and the government must protect this right. • Women have the right to affordable, safe and legal abortions, including partial birth abortion.

<p>Affirmative Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals should be admitted to schools and hired for jobs based on their ability. • It is unfair to use race as a factor in the selection process. • Reverse-discrimination is not a solution for racism. • Some individuals in society are racist, but American society as a whole is not. • Preferential treatment of certain races through affirmative action is wrong. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to prevalent racism in the past, minorities were deprived of the same education and employment opportunities as whites. • The government must work to make up for that. America is still a racist society; therefore, a federal affirmative action law is necessary. Due to unequal opportunity, minorities still lag behind whites in all statistical measurements of success.
<p>Death Penalty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The death penalty is a punishment that fits the crime of murder; it is neither “cruel” nor “unusual”. Executing a murderer is the appropriate punishment for taking an innocent life. • It is a biblical principle and a deterrent to violent crimes such as murder so that others do not emulate the act for their own fame and glory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The death penalty should be abolished. • It is inhumane and is “cruel and unusual” punishment. Imprisonment is the appropriate punishment for murder. • Every execution risks killing an innocent person.
<p>Economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The free market system, competitive capitalism, and private enterprise create the greatest opportunity and the highest standard of living for all. • Free markets produce more economic growth, more jobs, and higher standards of living than those systems burdened by excessive government regulation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A market system in which government regulates the economy is best. • Government must protect citizens from the greed of big business. Unlike the private sector, the government is motivated by public interest. • Government regulation in all areas of the economy is needed to level the playing field.

<p>Education - vouchers & charter schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School vouchers create competition and therefore encourage schools to improve performance. • Vouchers will give all parents the right to choose good schools for their children, not just those who can afford private schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public schools are the best way to educate students. • Vouchers take money away from public schools. • Government should focus additional funds on existing public schools, raising teacher salaries and reducing class size.
<p>Embryonic Stem Cell Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the use of <u>adult and umbilical cord stem cells only</u> for research. • It is morally and ethically wrong for the government to fund <u>embryonic stem cell research</u>. • Human life begins at conception. • The extraction of stem cells from an embryo requires its destruction. In other words, it requires that a human life be killed. • <i>Adult stem cells</i> have already been used to treat spinal cord injuries, Leukemia, and even Parkinson's disease. <i>Adult stem cells</i> are derived from umbilical cords, placentas, amniotic fluid, various tissues and organ systems like skin and the liver, and even fat obtained from liposuction. <i>Embryonic stem cells</i> have not been successfully used to help cure disease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the use of embryonic stem cells for research. • It is necessary (and ethical) for the government to fund embryonic stem cell research, which will assist scientists in finding treatments and cures for diseases. • An embryo is not a human. • The tiny blastocyst (embryos used in embryonic stem cell research) has no human features. • Experimenting on embryos/embryonic stem cells is not murder. • <i>Embryonic stem cells</i> have the potential to cure chronic and degenerative diseases which current medicine has been unable to effectively treat. <i>Embryonic stem cells</i> have been shown to be effective in treating heart damage in mice.

<p>Energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil, gas, and coal are all good sources of energy and are abundant in the U.S. Oil drilling should be increased both on land and at sea. Increased domestic production creates lower prices and less dependence on other countries for oil. Support increased production of nuclear energy. Wind and solar sources will never provide plentiful, affordable sources of power. Support private ownership of gas and electric industries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil is a depleting resource. Other sources of energy must be explored. • The government must produce a national plan for all energy resources and subsidize (partially pay for) alternative energy research and production. • Support increased exploration of alternative energy sources such as wind and solar power. • Support government control of gas and electric industries.
<p>Euthanasia & Physician-assisted suicide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neither euthanasia nor physician-assisted suicide should be legalized. • It is immoral and unethical to deliberately end the life of a terminally ill person (euthanasia) or enable another person to end their own life (assisted suicide). • The goal should be compassionate care and easing the suffering of terminally ill people. • Legalizing euthanasia could lead to doctor-assisted suicides of non-critical patients. • If euthanasia were legalized, insurance companies could pressure doctors to withhold life-saving treatment for dying patients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euthanasia should be legalized. • A person has a right to die with dignity, by his own choice. • A terminally ill person should have the right to choose to end pain and suffering. • It is wrong for the government to take away the means for a terminally ill person to hasten his death. • It is wrong to force a person to go through so much pain and suffering. Legalizing euthanasia would not lead to doctor-assisted suicides of non-critical patients. Permitting euthanasia would reduce health care

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many religions prohibit suicide and euthanasia. These practices devalue human life. 	<p>costs, which would then make funds available for those who could truly benefit from medical care.</p>
<p>Global Warming/ Climate Change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in global temperature is natural over long periods of time. • Science has not shown that humans can affect permanent change to the earth's temperature. • Proposed laws to reduce carbon emissions will do nothing to help the environment and will cause significant price increases for all. Many reputable scientists support this theory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global warming is caused by an increased production of carbon dioxide through the burning of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas). The U.S. is a major contributor to global warming because it produces 25% of the world's carbon dioxide. Proposed laws to reduce carbon emissions in the U.S. are urgently needed and should be enacted immediately to save the planet. Many reputable scientists support this theory.
<p>Gun Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Second Amendment gives citizens the right to keep and bear arms. Individuals have the right to defend themselves. • There are too many gun control laws—additional laws will not lower gun crime rates. What is needed is enforcement of current laws. • Gun control laws do not prevent criminals from obtaining guns. More guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens mean less crime. • <i>Full text of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Second Amendment does not give citizens the right to keep and bear arms, but only allows for the state to keep a militia (National Guard). • Individuals do not need guns for protection; it is the role of local and federal government to protect the people through law enforcement agencies and the military. • Additional gun control laws are necessary to stop gun violence and limit the ability of criminals to obtain guns. More guns means more violence.

	<p><i>to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”</i></p>	
<p>Healthcare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support competitive, free market health care system. All Americans have access to health care. The debate is about who should pay for it. • Free and low-cost government-run programs (socialized medicine) result in higher costs and everyone receiving the same poor-quality health care. • Health care should remain privatized. • The problem of uninsured individuals should be addressed and solved within the free market healthcare system—the government should not control health-care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support free or low-cost government-controlled health care. • There are millions of Americans who can’t afford health care and are deprived of this basic right. • Every American has a right to affordable health care. • The government should provide equal health care benefits for all, regardless of their ability to pay.
<p>Homeland Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport security – Choosing passengers randomly for extra security searches is not effective. • Rather, profiling and intelligence data should be used to single out passengers for extra screening. • Those who do not meet the criteria for suspicion should not be subjected to intense screening. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport security – Passenger profiling is wrong, period. • Selection of passengers for extra security screening should be random. • Using other criteria (such as ethnicity) is discriminatory and offensive to Arabs and Muslims, who are generally innocent and law-abiding. Terrorists don’t fit a profile.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The terrorists currently posing a threat to the U.S. are primarily Islamic/Muslim men between the ages of 18 and 38. • Our resources should be focused on this group. • Profiling is good logical police work. <i>"If people are offended (by profiling), that's unfortunate, but I don't think we can afford to take the risk that terrorism brings to us. They've wasted masses of resources on far too many people doing things that really don't have a big payoff in terms of security."</i>—Northwestern University Aviation Expert, A. Gellman. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "...Arabs, Muslims and South Asians are no more likely than whites to be terrorists." (American Civil Liberties Union ACLU) • Asked on 60 Minutes if a 70-year-old white woman from Vero Beach should receive the same level of scrutiny as a Muslim from Jersey City, President Obama's Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said, "Basically, I would hope so."
<p>Immigration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legal immigration only. • Oppose amnesty for those who enter the U.S. illegally (illegal immigrants). • Those who break the law by entering the U.S. illegally do not have the same rights as those who obey the law and enter legally. • The borders should be secured before addressing the problem of the illegal immigrants currently in the country. • The Federal Government should secure the borders and enforce current immigration law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legal immigration and more. • Support amnesty for those who enter the U.S. illegally (undocumented immigrants).

<p>Private Property</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect ownership and private property rights. • Eminent domain (seizure of private property by the government-with compensation to the owner) in most cases is wrong. Eminent domain should not be used for private development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government has the right to use eminent domain (seizure of private property by the government with compensation to the owner) to accomplish a public end.
<p>Religion & Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The phrase “<i>separation of church and state</i>” is not in the Constitution. • The First Amendment to the Constitution states “<i>Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...</i>” • This prevents the government from establishing a national church/denomination. However, it does not prohibit God from being acknowledged in schools and government buildings. Symbols of Christian heritage should not be removed from public and government spaces (e.g. the Ten Commandments should continue to be displayed in Federal buildings). Government should not interfere with religion and religious freedom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the separation of church and state. The Bill of Rights implies a separation of church and state. • Religious expression has no place in government. • The two should be completely separate. Government should not support religious expression in any way. All reference to God in public and government spaces should be removed (e.g. the Ten Commandments should not be displayed in Federal buildings). Religious expression has no place in government.

<p>Same-sex Marriage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage is the union of one man and one woman. • Oppose same-sex marriage. • Support Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), passed in 1996, which affirms the right of states not to recognize same-sex marriages licensed in other states. • Requiring citizens to sanction same-sex relationships violates moral and religious beliefs of millions of Christians, Jews, Muslims, and others, who believe marriage is the union of one man and one woman. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage is the union of people who love each other. • It should be legal for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, to ensure equal rights for all. Support same-sex marriage. • Opposed to the creation of a constitutional amendment establishing marriage as the union of one man and one woman. • All individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation, have the right to marry. Prohibiting same-sex citizens from marrying denies them their civil rights. [Opinions vary on whether this issue is equal to civil rights for African Americans.]
<p>Social Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Security system is in serious financial trouble. • Major changes to the current system are urgently needed. In its current state, the Social Security system is not financially sustainable. It will collapse if nothing is done to address the problems. Many will suffer as a result. • Social Security must be made more efficient through privatization and/or allowing individuals to manage their own savings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Security system should be protected at all costs. Reduction in future benefits is not a reasonable option. [Opinions vary on the extent of the current system's financial stability.] • Social Security provides a safety net for the nation's poor and needy. • Changing the system would cause a reduction in benefits and many people would suffer as a result.

<p>Taxes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower taxes and a smaller government with limited power will improve the standard of living for all. • Support lower taxes and a smaller government. • Lower taxes create more incentive for people to work, save, invest, and engage in entrepreneurial endeavors. • Money is best spent by those who earn it, not the government. Government programs encourage people to become dependent and lazy, rather than encouraging work and independence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher taxes (primarily for the wealthy) and a larger government are necessary to address inequity/injustice in society (government should help the poor and needy using tax dollars from the rich). • Support a large government to provide for the needs of the people and create equality. • Taxes enable the government to create jobs and provide welfare programs for those in need. Government programs are a caring way to provide for the poor and needy in society.
<p>United Nations (UN)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UN has repeatedly failed in its essential mission to promote world peace and human rights. The wars, genocide and human rights abuses taking place in many Human Rights Council member states (and the UN's failure to stop them) prove this point. • History shows that the United States, not the UN, is the global force for spreading freedom, prosperity, tolerance and peace. • The U.S. should never subvert its national interests to those of the UN. • The U.S. should never place troops under UN control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UN promotes peace and human rights. The United States has a moral and a legal obligation to support the United Nations (UN). • The U.S. should not act as a sovereign nation, but as one member of a world community. • The U.S. should submit its national interests to the greater good of the global community (as defined by the UN). The U.S. should defer to the UN in military/peacekeeping matters. • The United Nations Charter gives the United Nations Security Council the power and responsibility to take

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. military should always wear the U.S. military uniform, not that of UN peacekeepers. [Opinions vary on whether the U.S. should withdraw from the UN.] 	<p>collective action to maintain international peace and security.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. troops should submit to UN command.
War On Terror/Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrorism poses one of the greatest threats to the U.S. • The world toward which the militant Islamists strive cannot peacefully co-exist with the Western world. • In the last decade, militant Islamists have repeatedly attacked Americans and American interests here and abroad. • Terrorists must be stopped and destroyed. • The use of intelligence-gathering and military force are the best ways to defeat terrorism around the world. • Captured terrorists should be treated as enemy combatants and tried in military courts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global warming, not terrorism, poses the greatest threat to the U.S., according to Democrats in Congress. • Terrorism is a result of arrogant U.S. foreign policy. • Good diplomacy is the best way to deal with terrorism. • Relying on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism. • Captured terrorists should be handled by law enforcement and tried in civilian courts.
Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppose long-term welfare. • Opportunities should be provided to make it possible for those in need to become self-reliant. • It is far more compassionate and effective to encourage people to become 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support welfare, including long-term welfare. • Welfare is a safety net which provides for the needs of the poor. • Welfare is necessary to bring fairness to American economic life. It is a device for protecting the poor.

	self-reliant , rather than allowing them to remain dependent on the government for provisions.	
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Lastly, I want to add the subject of **infanticide**, which is the latest publicly promoted evil of our society at the time in my writing this book. First, let me boldly say, I have discovered that one of the main reasons that people support or legislate in favor of abortion and infanticide is so that they can profit from the selling of the body parts of these babies. Employees of a shameful renowned organization—*Planned Parenthood*, a chief in slaughtering babies in the womb and after the womb were later exposed on video for selling the body parts harvested in abortion. What a shame! This is evil and ungodly.

Back to infanticide, Infanticide is the crime of killing an infant or a child within a year of birth especially one who has survived the act of abortion.

Recently in February 2019, Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska proposed a simple bill in the United States Senate. It's called the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S. 311). It had one objective, and that was **to force lawmakers to go on the record about whether they support or oppose infanticide.**

The summary of the bill by Ben Sasse read along these lines, "If an abortion results in the live birth of an infant, the infant is a legal person for all purposes under the laws of the United States," and the Constitution, "and entitled to all the protections of such laws."

What were the results? The bill failed because it was opposed. The final vote was 53 to 44. They needed 60 votes for the bill to pass. A bunch of Democrats and among them several Democrat candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020 (Sens. Cory Booker (N.J.), Sherrod Brown (Ohio), Kirsten Gillibrand (N.Y.), Kamala Harris (Calif.), Amy Klobuchar (Minn.), Jeff Merkley (Ore.) and Elizabeth Warren (Mass.)—plus independent Sen. Bernie Sanders (Vt.)—voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

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All democrats apart from three (Democratic Sens. Bob Casey (Pa.), Doug Jones (Ala.) and Joe Manchin (W.Va.) voted in favor of this bill. All the rest of the democrats voted to block (against) the bill. In other words, they voted for infanticide.

Three Republicans did not vote. Senators Kevin Cramer of North Dakota, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Tim Scott of South Carolina. However, Cramer and Scott missed the vote due to flight delays. They had intentions to vote for it. They just didn't get there. So, it would have been 55-42. You can clearly see which side the godly side based on this issue of Infanticide. Who in the world would be in favor of killing a born child that has survived abortion, not to mention a child in the womb? The Democrats in the U.S. Congress, that's who. It is a shame that people would support such an ungodly position to kill born-alive abortion survivors. Who knows what is next? These Democrat jokers could be voting for killing your child or grandchild next, if not your grandma. If Jesus were present in the US Senate, which side would He vote with? **Yes, the Republican side—He would have voted in favor of the bill—NOT to kill the born-alive abortion survivors** who the democrats voted to kill.

We have to speak up, yet not just in the US, but also around the World. Evil is evil no matter where it is. All the godly folks ought to oppose and speak up against such.

“Not being heard is no reason for silence.” –Victor Hugo

“Silence in the face of evil is evil itself. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer (When opposing Hitler during WWII.)

I want to leave you with this powerful quote from President Ronald Reagan: *“In the Bible's pages lie the answers to all problems that mankind has ever known. I hope Americans will read and study the bible.”*



