

Kacer's Korner

Is Government a 'god'?

Before you think I've gone over to the dark side, notice I said "god" in the title of this article, not "God". As a Christian, I'm very sensitive to Biblical warnings about idolatry (Ex 20:3-7), false gods, or supporting anything that wants to take the place of God. Though many things may capture our devotion and allegiance, typically it's not the stone and wood idol of pagan faiths that we stumble over, but rather the temptations of money, sex, power or the pride of life (1 John 2:15-17). However, an area we're not as sensitive to is the growing threat of government competing for our affections as a replacement for true faith, trust and obedience to the God of the Bible.

Consider for a moment how "Omnipresent" our government is. Think of anything you see, touch, eat or use from the time you wake up in the morning until you go to sleep at night that has not been regulated, controlled, inspected, designed or taxed by government. It has assumed the role of parent in "protecting" us from both real and imaginary dangers – whether safety related, environmental, economic, or never ending (like wars on poverty, drugs, crime and terror). Government owns our labor and decides what we may keep of our earnings. Basically, through payroll withholding taxes, it demands for itself what rightfully belongs to the Lord - the first fruits of our work. Do you own your home - don't pay your property taxes and you'll find out. Also, remember eminent domain allows "your" property to be taken to create a greater tax revenue stream.

Government thinks its "Omniscient" in being able to determine if you're a fit parent and will re-assign your children to others if necessary. Since government knows what's best, its schools brainwash your children in values-free morality, re-constructed history (removal of Christian roots) and the latest PC issue of the day. School officials have assumed the parents' role of confidant, protector, nurturer and health provider to make parental authority irrelevant. Let's not forget – government also sexualizes our children at tender young ages, and indoctrinates them into accepting perversion (homosexuality) and immorality as healthy. Government (with accomplices) has tried to eradicate Christ, prayer, the Bible, the 10 commandments, and anything else Christian from the public domain but shows unusual magnanimity and "understanding" towards pagan belief systems, including earth worship (extreme environmentalism). Government has decided when life is of value, and when it should be encouraged to exercise a right to die. Government also knows what should and should not be hate crimes, hate speech and even hate thoughts.

Is it any surprise that government is creating services to "heal" the victims it has created? Government – not God or His people - becomes the compassionate, "Omnipotent" first responder for all of societies' problems with programs and health care for those that destroy their lives by rejecting moral values and

accountability. Government has made itself the protector and parent of the very poor that it helps create, and taxes those that are “too rich” so it has the resources to address everyone’s problems, whether government induced, self-inflicted or not. In all of these ways, people have become dependent upon government to help and protect them instead of turning to the almighty God that created them. Government takes much, demands loyalty, creates almost nothing, and instills enormous dependence upon itself.

Not convinced yet? Remember how flag burning (desecration) was almost made into a constitutional amendment? Think about it, a symbol of a secular government is held to such a high standard, yet Jesus Christ – the Lord of the universe - is purged from virtually every governmental setting. Under the guise of compassion and benevolence, government has assumed for itself the role of a god – a jealous god at that – one that cannot tolerate any challenge or rivals to its authority. Obviously, we know who the true Creator God, Lord of lords, and King of kings is (Rev 17:14), so we know how the story ends. But in the meantime, the government we took to be a reflection of our Christian heritage and values has grown into an untamed monster positioning itself to trivialize, minimize and neutralize Christian influence.

Why this warning about government? Because as Christians we know there is a proper role for government (Rom 13:1-7), and it must be constrained while it still can. We have a say in who rules over us and what government is to do, but without diligence and aggressive involvement this secular “god” will do everything in its power to first put us into the closet and then close the door. Each election we have choices to make, this one is no different. Ask yourself concerning every candidate for every elective office: is the candidate pushing to increase and expand government’s role or committed to reining it in? Do they understand that government is the last place to turn for compassion and hope? Do they look upon government as our benevolent father or something that has co-opted our individual, family, community and church roles? Choose well, remember that this “god” is not forgiving.

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