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God says: "Thou shalt not kill (murder)." Exodus 20:13, [KJV](#)

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PERSONHOOD ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND SCRIPTURAL BASIS OF HUMAN LAWS

Dear Pro-Life, Pro-Personhood Christian,

There is a hymn in The Baptist Hymnal (© Copyright 1991) entitled "[God of Our Fathers](#)" (#629). The first stanza starts with these words, "God of our fathers, whose almighty hand ...". Then, halfway through the second stanza,

"Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way." [emph. added]

Author Daniel Roberts wrote this hymn in 1876 for a "Centennial" Fourth of July celebration. In 1892 it was included in the Protestant Episcopal Hymnal, and now is published in 366 hymnals (source: [Hymnary.org](#)).

We may still sing this hymn, 142 years after it was written; but in an America of about [61 million](#) children *reported* murdered by "abortion" since the 1973 Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade Opinion*, and in an America where sodomite "marriage" is considered "lawful" [*sic*] after the 2015 Supreme Court *Obergefell Opinion*, we do not live this hymn.

In America today as we enter 2019, is there a faithful remnant Christian people extant in this country who possess the knowledge, vision (spiritual, prophetic), faith, courage, and will to seek to re-establish the Bible, the Word of God, as the rule in our lives, our families, our churches, and our civil government, as did the early New England Puritan colonial founders in this land in the 1600's? God says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:..." (Hosea 4:6, [KJV](#)). In the Proverbs, knowledge is valued and seen worthy of pursuit; it is mentioned in 22 of the 31 chapters of Proverbs. God says, "Where *there is* no vision (spiritual, prophetic), the people perish:" (Proverb 29:18, [KJV](#)); yet within American evangelicalism, the prophetic spirit is generally quenched, and the prophetic ministry often denied and rejected (1 Thessalonians 5:19, 20; Ephesians 4:11,12, [KJV](#)). John the Baptist was called by the Son of God the greatest of prophets (Luke 7:26-28, [KJV](#)), and yet John the Baptist wrote not one word of the Scriptural canon (66 books of the Bible). The prophetic ministry, despite all the red herring and strawman arguments to the contrary, does not any longer include adding to the written text of Scripture. The canon is closed. And the prophetic ministry does not only include foretelling, but most frequently today is manifested as **forthtelling** (e.g., preaching, and not just by pastors), as did John the Baptist (Matthew 14:3-5, [KJV](#)). To preach the Word of God from the 66 books of the Bible is to prophesy, and the sword of the Spirit is unsheathed for its work when it is dutifully applied to the matter at hand, as did John the Baptist. Furthermore, the Bible says, "But without faith *it is* impossible to please" God (Hebrews 11:6, [KJV](#)); and, "... with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26, [KJV](#)). Do American Christians have the courage and will to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." ? (Jude v.3, [KJV](#)). Yes, I believe so, and we do not need the defeatist, escapist, [Jesuitical Futurists](#) to discourage us ! Read Psalm 110:1, [KJV](#); quoted in Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42,43; Acts 2:34,35; Hebrews 10:12,13, [KJV](#).

Do you know why the State of Connecticut is called "The Constitution State" ? The first constitution written in America, adopted January 14, 1639, was [The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut](#), which stated in the Preamble:

For as much as it hath pleased **Almighty God** by the wise disposition of **his divine providence** so to order and dispose of things that we the Inhabitants and Residents of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield are now cohabiting and dwelling in and upon the River of Connectecotte and the lands thereunto adjoining; and well knowing where a people are gathered together **the word of God requires** that to maintain the peace and union of such a people there should be an orderly and decent **Government established according to God**, to order and dispose of the affairs of the people at all seasons as occasion shall require; do therefore associate and conjoin ourselves to be as one Public State or Commonwealth; and do for ourselves and our successors and such as shall be adjoined to us at any time hereafter, enter into Combination and Confederation together, **to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus which we now profess**, as also, the discipline of the Churches, which according to **the truth of the said Gospel** is now practiced amongst us; as also in our civil affairs to be guided and governed according to such Laws, Rules, Orders and Decrees as shall be made, ordered, and decreed as followeth:" [emphasis added]

Later in the same year, the [Fundamental Agreement](#), or [Original Constitution of the Colony of New Haven](#) was adopted June 4, 1639, as a series of questions adopted in the affirmative by the assembled meeting, including:

Query I. WHETHER the scriptures do hold forth a perfect rule for the direction and government of all men in all duties which they are to perform to GOD and men, as well in families and commonwealth, as in matters of the church ? (Agreed to unanimously by holding up of hands, no man dissenting). [emphasis added]

Query II. WHEREAS ... as in matters that concern the gathering and ordering of a church, so likewise in all public [offices] which concern civil order, as choice of magistrates and officers, making and repealing laws, dividing allotments of inheritance, and all things of like nature, **we would all of us be ordered by those rules which the scripture holds forth** to [us]; this covenant was called a plantation [civil] covenant, to distinguish it from a church covenant. (Agreed to unanimously by holding up of hands, no man dissenting). [excerpt, emphasis added]

The two documents above ordering civil government are part of America's Christian heritage. It is a matter of the historical record. There is much, much more. Click on the [No King but King Jesus !](#) link in the online version of this newsletter posted at the Christians for Personhood website [<http://christiansforpersonhood.com>] to see for yourself.

[No King but King Jesus !](#) (The Lord Jesus Christ)

Declarations and Evidences of [Christian Faith](#) in America's Colonial Charters, State Constitutions, and other Historical Documents during over 375 Years of American History: 1606 to 1982

Christian, do you know why America has been a blessed nation on the earth in the past ? Read Psalm 33:12; Proverb 14:34; Isaiah 33:22, [KJV](#). Do you know why America is already being judged and is approaching calamitous Judgment even now ? Read Psalm 9:17, Deuteronomy chapter 28, and Leviticus chapter 26. There are national, corporate blessings and cursings (judgments) upon nations for obeying and disobeying [God and His Word, the Bible](#).

America as founded was in great measure a fruit of the [Christian Protestant Reformation](#). [The Word of God](#) set much of northern Europe free from the spiritual darkness and tyranny of Popery with the launch of the Reformation in 1517, restoring the [Biblical truth of Justification by Faith Alone](#). Eventually and consequently, [civil liberty](#) improved among Reformation nations. The Bible says, "...where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty." (2 Corinth. 3:17, [KJV](#)).

Just as the Pilgrims (Reformed Puritan Separatist Christians) fled Europe to escape religious persecution, coming to America to seek religious liberty, so did many others. They sought to establish a life based upon [the Word of God \(The Bible \)](#). To the degree the Founding and Framing and following generations of America followed the Bible, this nation has been blessed.

American Slavery was a gross exception, for which, without repentance, this nation was Divinely and calamitously [judged](#) with the [War Between Americans](#), 1861-1865; much as America is again today in 2018, headed for a [national bloodbath](#) if we will not [repent](#) of the [shedding of innocent blood](#) by [child-murder by "abortion"](#) and rightly, truly, "[establish Justice](#)" for [all](#) human beings. Furthermore, the ongoing incremental "[regulation](#)" of this gross national corporate sin of [child-murder](#) will not spare us from God's Judgment, just as the "[regulation](#)" of the gross national corporate sin of American Slavery did not spare the nation from the "[terrible war](#)" given by God to "[both North and South](#)" and the attendant loss of 600,000 - 700,000 American lives in 1861-1865.

So how many Americans, [including Christians](#), understand today, without the [Christian Protestant Reformation](#), there would not have been the "[America](#)" which was [Declared Independent](#) in 1776; and whose [Constitution](#) was [Signed](#) in 1787, and [Ratified](#) in 1788, and [Implemented](#) in 1789; and in which the [Individual Rights](#) of American citizens are protected [from the federal government](#) by the [Bill of Rights](#) which was [Ratified](#) in 1791 !!!???

In the decade before the first shots of the American Revolution (War for American Independence) were fired on the green (common) at Lexington (Mass.) on April 19, 1775, English jurist [William Blackstone](#) published his four books of [Commentaries on the Laws of England \(1765-1769\)](#). "The [Commentaries](#) were long regarded as the leading work on the development of English law and played a role in the development of the American legal system." "The [Commentaries](#) are often quoted as the definitive pre-[Revolutionary](#) source of common law by [United States courts](#)." "For decades, a study of the [Commentaries](#) was required reading for all first year law students." Blackstone's [Commentaries](#) were used before, and for approximately 100 years after, the American Revolution (1776-1783) to train lawyers in the United States, [including at the University of South Carolina School of Law during part of the Reconstruction Era \(1867-1877\) after the USC Law School opened in 1867](#).

University of South Carolina Law School curriculum included Blackstone's [Commentaries](#) at times during period 1867-1877:

[USC Law School History: Reconstruction Era \(1867-1877\)](#) [excerpts, emphasis added]

The University of South Carolina School of Law was established as one of ten academic schools when South Carolina College was reorganized as the University of South Carolina in 1865 and 1866. The Board of Trustees elected twenty-seven year old South Carolina attorney Alexander Cheves Haskell as the first professor of law and the law school opened on October 7, 1867. Professor Haskell developed his own system of [leading the junior class through a course in \[Blackstone's Commentaries\]\(#\)](#) and the senior class through a course on Stephens' Pleading. ... [continued]

From the opening of the law school in October 1867 until the death of Professor Melton on December 4, 1875, classes were held in the University Library, now the South Caroliniana Library, and DeSaussure College. ... The Board of Trustees chose Franklin J. **Moses, Sr., the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina**, as Melton's successor. Under **Moses** the curriculum of the law school was modified to place a **heavy emphasis on Blackstone's Commentaries** and Kent's Lectures.

William Blackstone
Commentaries on the Laws of England (1765-1769)

[excerpts, emphasis added]

INTRODUCTION

Sect. 2: Of the Nature of Laws in General

"The doctrines thus delivered we call **the revealed or divine law**, and they are to be **found only in the holy scriptures.**"

"Yet undoubtedly **the revealed law** is of infinitely more authenticity than that moral system, which is framed by ethical writers, and denominated **the natural law**. Because one is **the law of nature, expressly declared so to be by God himself**; the other is only what, **by the assistance of human reason, we imagine to be that law**. If we could be as certain of the latter as we are of the former, both would have an equal authority; but, till then, **they can never be put in any competition together.**"

"Upon these two foundations, **the law of nature and the law of revelation**, depend all human laws; that is to say, no human laws should be suffered to contradict these."

In other words, Blackstone's *Commentaries*, which were used before, and for 100 years after, the American Revolution (1776-1783) to train lawyers in the United States, said **"all human laws" are to be consistent with the Word of God, the Bible !!!**

[Portion omitted]

Illinois State Supreme Court (*Richmond v. Moore, 1883*)

"... **our laws and our institutions** must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of **the Redeemer of mankind**. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. In this sense and to this extent, **our civilizations and our institutions are emphatically Christian**, ..." [47 Am.Rep. 449] [emphasis added]

Just as the Word of God unsheathed, set free nations on the European Continent during the Reformation, so can the word of the Spirit set America free as we enter 2019. It is not "conservatism", or the Republican Party (and certainly not the Democrat Party), or the Romish/ecumenical so-called "Pro-Life Movement" which will deliver America from the suicidal path we are on presently, of national calamity, financial collapse, destruction, and possibly the terrible divine recompense of a bloodbath for national sin as the nation experienced 1861-1865.

Especially we who are called by the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ must Repent and turn from our wicked ways. Then God will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land. We must Repent of not doing God's work, in God's way, according to God's Word, for His Glory ! In the pro-life arena, these sins include unequal yoking with unbelievers and false religionists, *and consequently*, pursuing incremental "regulation" of child-murder instead of standing in faith and obedience upon the Word of God and striving for abolition and the establishment of justice now !

Christian, the whole purpose of this newsletter, is to affirm and impart what Blackstone wrote about 250 years ago in his *Commentaries*, which were used to train lawyers in America for 100 years, including right here in Columbia, South Carolina at the USC Law School; i.e., ALL human laws are to be founded upon either 1) "the law of revelation" ("the holy scriptures", the Bible), and/or 2) "the law of nature" (God's Law in Nature, not Romish so-called *natural law*).

"The committee convened to frame" the Fundamental Orders (Constitution) of Connecticut (1639) "was charged to make the laws:"

As near the law of God as they can be.

[William J. Federer, *America's God and Country Encyclopedia Of Quotations*, 1994, p.177.]

So it is the **Scriptures, the Bible, the Word of God**, which is the authoritative and rightful source of human law.

For the Bible-believing Christian that truth corresponds well with his or her affirmation of the Bible as his or her own ***supreme, final authority***. The Bible is the supreme, final authority for the born-again Christian.

However, by definition, the Bible (66 books) is not the supreme, final authority for any other (false) religion, whether that false religion is Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Mormonism, Roman Catholicism, etc., etc.

As regards Roman Catholicism, the false Roman Catholic "bible" [*sic*] has 73 books, not 66 books, despite stern warnings in the Word of God not to add or subtract from God's Word [e.g., Revelation 22:18,19, [KJV](#)].

Catechism of the [Roman] Catholic Church

#138 The **[Roman Catholic]** Church accepts and venerates as inspired the 46 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New. [Note: The Christian Bible has 39 books in the Old Testament.] [comments added]

Unlike as for Biblical Christianity, the Bible is not the supreme, final authority for Roman Catholicism. Rome claims "**Both Scripture and Tradition**" as her authority, as interpreted by the Roman Catholic Church Hierarchy.

Catechism of the [Roman] Catholic Church

#82 As a result the **[Roman Catholic]** Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted [*sic*], "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. **Both Scripture and Tradition** must be accepted and honoured with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence." ⁴⁴ [comments, emphasis added]

So how can professing Christians "yoke up" with followers of the false religion of Roman Catholicism when **Roman Catholicism is NOT Biblical Christianity**, and does not have the same Biblical supreme, final authority? "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3, [KJV](#).

Ans.: They cannot and be obedient to God and His Holy Word, e.g., 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:11-13, [KJV](#).

Without the Bible (Exodus 20:13, Matthew 19:18, Amos 5:15, Psalm 89:14, Proverb 21:3, [KJV](#)) as Rome's supreme, final authority, the Papacy legitimized supporting legislation to ***incrementally "regulate"*** child-murder:

Papal Legitimization of Incremental Child-Murder "Regulation" Legislation:

EVANGELIUM VITAE ("The Gospel of Life" [*sic*])

25 March 1995 | Roman Catholic Pope John Paul II [papal encyclical](#)

"A particular problem of conscience can arise in cases where a legislative vote would be decisive for the passage of a more restrictive law, aimed at limiting the number of authorized abortions, in place of a more permissive law already passed or ready to be voted on. ... when it is not possible to overturn or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to procured abortion was well known, could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law and at lessening its negative consequences ... **This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law [*sic* – False !]**, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects." ([EV](#), #73.) [excerpt, emphasis added]

America has fallen so far from her roots of 400 years ago in Christ and His Word; has so embraced Romish thinking (2 Corinthians 10:5, [KJV](#)); as to become captive to the unconstitutional plague of judicial supremacy, foolishly submitting to the tyranny of accepting Supreme Court *Opinions* (!!!) as the "supreme law of the land", despite the fact any literate person can read [Article VI](#), [CI 2](#) of the [US Constitution](#) and see that is [not the case](#) !!!

The US Supreme Court has done to the US Constitution what the Roman Catholic Church Hierarchy has for centuries done to God's Word, the Holy Bible: usurped, perverted, ignored, corrupted and rejected the authority of [the written text](#) for its own pronouncements:

The Christian Statesman – 'For the Crown Rights of Jesus Christ'

'Court Tradition, or the Constitution Alone?'

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"... the [US] Supreme Court became to the [US] Constitution what the Roman Catholic Church had become to the Bible. Constitutionally speaking, there are few "Protestants" today. Few believe in the doctrine of the [US] Constitution alone. Few even know it exists." [Excerpt. p. 15]

*The way back is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is **THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE**. (John 14:6, [KJV](#))*

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In Christ,

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