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## JESUS AND THE SEPARATION-OF-CHURCH-AND-STATE

### *URNS OUT - JESUS TELLS CHRISTIANS TO BE INVOLVED IN POLITICS*

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As we saw in last month's article, America has been turned into an anti-Christian socialist country over the last 70 years by the "Separation of Church and State" ruling. 2017 is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Supreme Court decision.

A close study of the New Testament reveals that Jesus doesn't endorse the law, as Americans have been told, which bans Christianity in public. Quite the opposite, the New Testament shows Christ wants Christians expressing His righteous principles in politics and the public square. Before we look at Jesus' stated opinions on the "Separation" issue, let's look at what the edict has done to America.

The 1947 *Everson vs. Board of Education* decree, as the November *Last Days Beacon* chronicles is surrounded by bizarreness. Had you read last month's article, you'd have discovered that the words "there shall be a separation of the church and the state" are a doctrine of atheist communism, not the belief of America's founders. Those words were imported from the Soviet constitution and pasted over the words of the U.S. Constitution - bizarrely - just as the USSR was going to war with America!

Hugo Black's opinion in *Everson vs. Board of Education* is stated here: "The 'establishment of religion' clause of the First Amendment means at least this: Neither a state nor the Federal Government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions or prefer one religion over another. Neither can force nor influence a person to go to or to remain away from church against his will or force him to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion. No person can be punished for entertaining or professing religious beliefs or disbeliefs, for church attendance or non-attendance. No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion. Neither a state nor the Federal Government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups and vice versa. In the words of Jefferson, the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between Church and State.'" 330 U.S. 1, 15-16.

Think about it - the Soviet Union has been dead for a quarter century but words from its atheist constitution *have been preserved in the American mind* as the words of the US Constitution. Tragically, it reveals the degree to which Americans are brainwashed by the Media-Education Complex. Americans know very little about America's Constitution, but the one thing we definitely know is that America's Constitution commands a "separation-of-church-and-state." Just out of curiosity, why don't Americans call the First Amendment the "No-National-Church Law," which is what America's constitution bans - the legal establishment of "The Church of America". Obviously the intent

of America's founders was to avoid repeating the oppressive mistakes of the Church of England and the notoriously corrupt Roman Church-State.

What enlarges the bizarreness of the 1947 decree is the context in which it appeared. America and Russia were at war. Just as the decision, which imported a communist doctrine of banning Christianity from political speech or involvement, was handed down, President Truman was declaring a national emergency, calling the Soviet Union a threat to America and the world. He called for funds to fight Soviet communism as the U.S. Congress was holding hearings on Soviet spies and agents infiltrating American government, the movie industry and academia. Two years later, Alger Hiss, a close agent of President Franklin Roosevelt, was convicted as a communist spy on the payroll of the Soviet Union. Americans were terrified of Russian Communism, and its stealth "cold war." Schools held under-the-desk drills on the national fear Russia would nuke America.

This strategic communist doctrine of banning Christian speech in public as a means to restrain Christianity in Russia was implemented in America immediately. Within months of the decision, the tip of the "Separation" spear was in classrooms. Courts began banning prayer in schools the year the largest generation in US history, the "Baby Boomers" was being born. They were taught from childhood that this communist doctrine was the belief of America's evangelical founding fathers. Many Christians believed that the high court had bizarrely *legalized* communist atheism and *criminalized* American Christianity in the aftermath of WW II.

## SOME EVANGELICAL LEADERS USED JESUS' WORDS TO JUSTIFY THE "SEPARATION" EDICT



A few decades later, when the Supreme Court legalized abortion, some Southern Baptist leaders invoked the separation-of-church-and-state ruling as the law of the land. Keep in mind, the words, "separation of church and state" are in the anti-Christian Soviet constitution, not the American constitution. Baptists were early advocates of the separation of church and state, going back to the founder, Roger Williams. It is thus not surprising that as soon as Thomas Jefferson took office as the third president, Connecticut Baptists petitioned him for a ruling on the First Amendment issue, since Connecticut (and Massachusetts) still had a church-state government (that continued for another 30 years). The "high wall of separation" metaphor Jefferson sent to the Danbury Baptists has been used as a court rationalization of the "Separation" ruling thousands of times over the last 70 years.

How strange that the most militant objection to the "Separation" ruling as it relates to the abortion ruling came, not from American evangelicals, the spiritual descendants of America's founders, but from the European Roman Church. While evangelicals were reluctantly bowing down to the "Separation" law, American Catholics marched, held demonstrations in front of abortion clinics and stood up to the edict as a tyrannical assault on Bible teaching.

The constitutional "experts" who write about the Separation of Church and State law seem to be unaware that the Soviet Constitution has the very words Americans use to refer to the law - "separation of church and state." The experts call those words "a metaphor" coined by Thomas Jefferson, but it was no "metaphor" in the Soviet Constitution. It was the strictly enforced law for which many people were imprisoned. Not only isn't it a metaphor in Asia, it's a communist doctrine banning Christianity in communist countries.

## JUST AS THE SOVIET UNION COLLAPSED, THE CHRISTIAN COALITION ODDLY ENDORSED THE "SEPARATION" EDICT

In 1995, when the so-called Culture War *weaponized* with the "Separation" ruling had humiliated American Christianity, propagating the subliminal idea that Christianity is so evil it must be forbidden in public, the political arm of American evangelicalism rubber-stamped the "Separation" edict. At the same time, it strangely denied the 1892 Supreme Court investigation and ruling that defined America as "a Christian nation."



Ralph Reed

In a speech before the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, Ralph Reed, president of the Christian Coalition, announced that it is wrong to call the United States "a Christian nation" and that the

Coalition believes in the legal separation of church and state. It is here at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century that we can see the liberalization of American evangelicalism and the melding together of two false ideas. (1) The founders believed Christianity should be banned from the public square and (2) America is not a Christian nation.

Why would Reed deny the obvious truth the world believes? Most Americans claim to be Christians in polls and most American holidays are Christian. Every president has declared himself a member of the Christian Church. In the last election of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, both presidential candidates, Democrat Al Gore

and Republican George W. Bush immediately and adamantly declared themselves *born again Christians*. The second largest religion in history, Islam, along with most of the world, has no doubt that America is a Christian nation.

## JESUS DID NOT INTEND HIS "GIVE TO CAESAR" OPINION AS CHURCH DOCTRINE

It wasn't long after the ruling before evangelical leaders defended the "Separation" law with - of all things - a "ruling" from Jesus in the New Testament. It was this - the opinion of History's Most Influential Figure, the man on whose vow to return and end time our date is based - that gave the socialist reinterpretation of the First Amendment credible authority among American Christians. If Jesus agrees with the Soviet constitution and Hugo Black, the KKK Grand Wizard who wrote the ruling, who are Christians to disagree with their Lord and Savior?

As recorded in the first book of the New Testament (Matthew 22:19-22), Jerusalem leaders confronted Jesus trying to get Him to say something for which He could be arrested and jailed by Rome. "What is your opinion," Jesus was asked, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" After rebuking them for trying to "trap" him, Jesus "said to them, 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'"

The issue Jewish chiefs asked Jesus to comment on was a centuries-old festering Jewish issue - not a Church issue. Ever since Jews were under the control of gentile empires, from Babylon to Rome, the issue of God's "Chosen" supporting heathen anti-God of Israel governments was one of the big resentments among Jews in exile. To reinterpret this as a defense of the separation of church and state is a classic example of what is known in the science of interpretation as "eisegesis" - of taking scripture out of the context in which it appeared to alter the meaning.

## ON THE CONTRARY, JESUS MADE IT CLEAR - HE WANTS HIS CHURCH TO BE INVOLVED IN POLITICS

Jesus did not name His church, "Corpus Christi" (the "Body of Christ") nor did He call them "Christians." Of all the many names Jesus could have given to His people, He selected a distinctly *political* name - "ekklesia." This was a perfectly good Greek word recorded 114 times in the original Greek writing of the New Testament. "Ekklesia" was a word coined in Greek democracy centuries earlier to designate eligible voters in the many elections Athens held annually.

The “ekklesia” were the “called out ones” at the dozens of elections in Hellenic democracy. So - today, the word “ekklesia” could be used to refer to the Democratic or Republican conventions - i.e., *ekklesias*. A dictionary on ancient Greek words reports, “ekklesia was clearly characterized as a political phenomenon, rooted in the constitution of (Athenian) Democracy.”

Liberal Bible scholars scoff at the idea that Jesus named His Church, “ekklesia” by rejecting Jesus’ teaching that every word of the Bible is Holy Spirit inspired. Let’s not forget that Jesus didn’t merely believe every word was inspired by God, but as He said, “every jot and tittle” (i.e., smallest marks in the text) was God-breathed. The only writing in the Bible that Jesus specifically “signed” His name to (*Revelation*) is all about Christ and His Church. Over and over (18 times in the first three chapters) He calls His Church, “ekklesia.” Did John, Jesus’ chosen writer of Revelation, misquote Jesus by using “ekklesia” to designate Christ’s Church?

***HOW WEIRD THAT LAST YEAR’S PRESIDENTIAL RACE WAS BETWEEN A DEMOCRAT  
“SEPARATION” SOCIALIST AND AN AMERICA-FIRST CAPITALIST?***

***WAS THIS THE REVELATION OF THE MARXIST SPIRIT OF TODAY’S DEMOCRAT PARTY?***

*When thinking about the powerful influence of the communist doctrine of separation-of-church-and-state over the last 70 years, shouldn’t we wonder - is it just a Believe-it-or-not coincidence that one of the most popular candidates in the 2016 presidential race is a closet communist? Bernie Sanders’ admiration for the Soviet Socialist salvation plan is rooted in his participation in America’s 1960s Marxist Revolution.*

*Or is the widespread popularity of Sanders among the young the end product of a 60-year propaganda selling of Marxism by the Media-Education Complex? The Democrat’s secret embrace of Marxism goes back to America’s 1947 adoption of the Marxist “Separation” doctrine of banning Christianity.*

**CHRISTMAS 2017 - AMERICA AT A CROSSROADS**

The end of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Separation” ruling brings us to America at Christmas season. Whether you know it or not, History’s Great Nation is at a historic crossroads. Do 21<sup>st</sup> century Americans believe Jesus is returning ultimately bringing heaven to earth - something He hinted at in the Lord’s Prayer? Or do they believe that geniuses will build heaven on earth, which is the socialist-communist salvation plan?

Because Democrat socialism has won the hearts and minds of many young people through the ongoing propaganda of its Media-Education Complex, much of American youth believes the communist salvation plan is the more credible than the Christian plan - which is why a multitude voted for Sanders. Ironically, the media identifies these people as “the millennials,” a word that refers to the 1000-year era forecast in the book of Revelation that will be ruled by Jesus Christ. Many young Americans today believe Jesus will return and save them from the One World Government socialists and communists have been planning behind the curtain for a century. Many others believe the Marxist Man-Builds-Utopia plan is true salvation.

But here we are at the longest holiday at the end of the American year - an audacious violation of the “Separation” edict. The all-encompassing celebration of the birth of History’s Most Influential Man takes up ten percent of the year and generates the largest retail profits of the year. Democrat Socialists are powerless to restrain it because most Americans are Christians.

And this brings us to the Big Picture of Reality. Christmas looks back remembering the birth of Jesus - which is where we get the number of our date. And a week later, a New Year opens with a new number and a big question and a big hope across the world. The two holidays are directly related. Christmas remembers the historic reality of His birth. And New Year’s Day celebrates the beginning of another year that raises the question that hovers over the next 12 months - is this the year Jesus will return? Rome set the date based on its belief Jesus will return - i.e., Christ’s vow to return is *the clock of the modern world*.

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