

A Challenge



to Vote



I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

Deuteronomy 30:19

On November 8th of this year, citizens of our nation will go to polling places to cast ballots for our next President. The issues to be decided between the two major candidates having a chance to actually become President, go well beyond personality and personal quirks to determine the very shape and future course of our nation. As Chris Wallace put it, when framing an opening question during the third presidential debate, regarding how candidates Clinton & Trump would nominate candidates for the Supreme court:

. . .First of all, where do you want to see the [Supreme] court take our country? And secondly, what’s your view on how the Constitution should be interpreted? Do the founder’s words mean what they say or is it a living document to be applied flexibly according to changing circumstances? . . .*

In framing his question so pointedly, the moderator brought into the open a fundamental difference

now dividing our nation—of whether or not to forsake the last anchor and vestige of what once made this nation truly great: a document based upon Judeo-Christian values –or turn the Constitution into a “living document” that can just “walk off” into the sunset of libertine doctrines that have left many socialist governments shipwrecked in the past.

Whatever you may think of these two very different views, at the moment, please allow an expansion of this last point. For it is becoming increasingly obvious that as our nation and world becomes increasingly lawless in it’s ap-

*<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/10/full-transcript-third-2016-presidential-debate-230063>

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proach to traditional morals, an iron fisted government must inevitably be put into place that will indeed be based upon socialist principles—not to contain “*illegals*” but our *very citizenry*. Consider the following:

Within the Judeo-Christian framework upon which our nation was founded we citizens are urged to forgive our neighbors for personal slights, because we have been forgiven (Matt. 6:14,15), to show grace and kindness, because God has offered grace to us (Eph. 2:8-10, Matt. 5:7) –and to love, even our enemies, because Jesus has done this for us from the Cross (Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13). This has helped to produced a society that was homogenous, at peace and that, even when prejudice raised its ugly head, had the promise having differences resolved with grace and forgiveness: not vengeance and bitterness.

Now, because we are more formally rejecting our foundations, our country is becoming one wherein citizens cannot trust one another, prejudice is greeted with increasing acrimony, distrust, and un-forgiveness; and honesty and virtue are becoming distant relics—only to be mocked on Saturday Night

Live as unattainable.

We are increasingly rejecting true faith in God in order to dance with the devil. Yet contrary to the Cinderella fantasy –even if we return home before midnight, there is no redemption for those who continue to court our nation’s current dancing partner from Hell. There is a price to pay for our reckless flirtation, that is resulting in **an increasing tendency to legalize all things perverse and decadent** (like drugs, etc.).

Please understand, the above statement is not a “scare tactic”— to be rejected out of hand, simply because our cold and proud society now refuses anything

that would even resemble a twinge of conscience.

Take a moment to consider the possibility of these comments being helpful, not destructive; for objections based upon one’s conscience and the Holy Bible are increasingly being denounced as “hate speech.” Anyone (even MLK) openly espousing that we can all get along as brother and sister within our society; without regard to race and prejudice, is increasingly mocked as naïve and deluded. –And is this not to be expected? With no Bible to guide us, and no God to turn to, our nation is (literally) turning to the devil, himself, and descending into a chaos which must ultimately result in an iron fisted totalitarian state to maintain order.

The resultant loss of freedoms threaten to rival that of the Third Reich and the former Soviet Union. Instead of living within a society fed by a free citizenry, we will become one that devours its people with ever increasing distrust, hatred, fear and back stabbing—ultimately requiring the use of secret policing regiments, designed to suppress all dissidence. This last point now brings one last question to light, regarding the second amendment: Is it the people’s right to protect itself from government overreach?

Or, placing all of these issues more simply: We are rapidly approaching a point at which government becomes a god (or God). Is this the altar you personally feel we should now kneel at?

Accordingly our two articles today will confront two very pressing issues:

- What role does “political correctness” *legitimately* play within society?
- Just a simple home town discussion: How should we now vote?

Along the way I will be projecting who I think will actually win this election, and why. May we all live, vote, and conduct ourselves today, in a manner that we will be happy with in our nation’s future.

This will be our challenge on November 8th.



Politically Correct “Religion”

*Then [Jesus] looked at them and said, . . .
"Whoever falls on that stone will be broken;
but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."*

And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people

--for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

Luke 20:17-19

In all fairness, there is a place for political correctness. It may be utilized, for example, when seeking to speak politely to someone you know is criminal, a liar, or despicable—but you do not wish to “put them away” just yet. So you dodge the bullet, you speak politely to them, and seek to avoid conflict. If you were at a black tie affair, for example, and you saw someone in the crowd you recognized as an organized crime figure, who was carrying, and actively surrounded by “body guards” looking out for his “safety:” you might address him/her as sir, or madam, while politely making small talk; all the while being careful not to say something that was too “pointed,” might be offensive, or trigger an unwanted response. This is what Jesus was doing in the above passage, while his “time had not yet come” . . . to go to the Cross.

But such is only “correctly” engaged in, when it is understood that a day of reckoning is coming. When we start lying to *ourselves*, that is when political correctness threatens the soul and becomes the worst form of hypocrisy. Thus, when speaking in a politically correct way, we are treading on thin ice: for even if those about us know consciously, or unconsciously, that we are putting on a mask, no one says anything when they fear it would make you uncomfortable. However, when we cross the line into convincing ourselves that John Gotti (the “Dapper Dan” who lived the high life among his neighbors by spreading his largess among his acquaintances)—is a good man, we are on dangerous ground: if not with the neighbors, certainly with God, Himself. In plain terms, *at the very least* the “politically correct” position is only a temporary fix: a temporary accommodation, until the moral issues we are skimming around, are finally addressed.

Thus the greatest danger presented by political correctness is self-deception. It is most often birthed, because we sense that some of what is criminally engaged in by others—is also harbored within our own souls (as in our earlier discussion of the “Dapper Dan” mobster, above).

² *But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.* ³ *And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?*

Romans 2:2-3

Avoiding hypocrisy, in such a case, where our own soul would be compromised, requires that we be willing to do as Christ did when confronting the religious leaders of His day: be willing to lay down our lives for the truth. **Otherwise our “religion” turns toxic.** When the enemy of our souls starts making us an “offer we cannot refuse” we must be both willing, and prepared to pay the consequences, for doing what we know to be right. Otherwise, when the devil asks for the honor of having a dance with you, your last step will take you inevitably . . . to Hell.

Within a free society the above issue is not so violently offensive as within one that has hardened itself into a position obviously opposed to the truth. By this I mean that when living within an environment that is truly committed to truth, open discussion is always permissible. The reason for this is not because we “know everything” but because we are not afraid of knowing what is true. Truth is not offensive to us, for we sense that it will ultimately be the means of our salvation (or, assistance in a current problem/issue). If I knew, for example, that you were depressed and in danger of harming yourself, my seeking to persuade you to continue living might be (at the moment) uncomfortable or even distressful, but in the end we would both have to admit that it *was* in your best interest to embrace the truth.

Ditto, if you were about to harm someone else, even someone growing inside of you (within a woman’s womb, for example). Sometimes the dangers are so great (for both mother and baby) that our government finds it both physically and morally objectionable to make certain medical procedures legal. This is what was being referred to when Chris Wallace posed the question to presidential candidates regarding partial birth abortion. To Ms Clinton:

“You have been quoted as saying that the fetus has no constitutional rights. You also voted against a ban on late term partial birth abortions. Why?”¹

Ms Clinton’s answer was basically to state that such medical procedures are principally for the purpose of saving the mother’s life: “I have met with

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*“And you shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you
free.”*

John 8:32

Just a friendly chat, today, regarding the upcoming coronation —er, election: Nothing sophisticated, complicated, or hard to understand here. Just imagine ourselves in a local park, perhaps sitting on swings, and having a friendly chat about the “big things in life.”

You may be reading this and feel that our current election process is really no big deal. That it is a comical assemblage of political actors just doing what any of us would do in their shoes: trying to get elected. Perhaps, but if such be the case, then what we are viewing is a very sick society, play acting upon the stage of our lives: displaying to the world about us an errantly dysfunctional society. Of course if we, ourselves, feel that lying our way through the day is the natural course of action in order to “simply get along” and “play the game” as we cope with the demands of life and job, then perhaps constant lying among politicians is to be expected.

If right and wrong have finally become what our comedians and academics (even clerics) now portray as simply a way to excuse ourselves before God, for example, then perhaps we should simply roll over in bed, pull up the covers over our heads, and hope for the best. When we discover that the Russians have played along in in-

It is **A VERY BIG DEAL**

ternational affairs: toying with us while discussing nuclear treaties, as they encourage us to pursue unilateral objectives that make us feel so much better that there are fewer nukes in the world—because we have disarmed, we may then congratulate ourselves, for just so long as we never need . . . to rely on them, in a crisis. Perhaps we should also take additional comfort in the fact that terrorists are only too willing to help us pull the covers up (as they also assist in covering our eyes)—while they continue to arm themselves, and insure that their neighbors understand that they are more than willing to do whatever is necessary to assure their citizens they are prepared: just in case there is no “peace and safety” within our time as Neville Chamberlain claimed, for his generation. Chamberlain, you may recall, boasted of having achieved “Peace in our time” after getting assurances from Mr. Hitler (as we have, with Iran?) just prior to that little dust up, that just happened to kill over 50 million people in a war that many of us no longer remember, unless we do our homework (WWII).

Is life simply a joke? Should we all simply kick up our heels turn on Saturday Night Live and laugh our way through the Night? When our elected officials insist on telling us that the thing growing in momma’s tummy is simply a blob that heaves and moves around a bit, until it emerges safely from the womb (assuming physicians allow such a thing)—are we to simply roll over, one more time, and assent to the “new norm” by accepting the collateral damage of those who do not make it out, safely (i.e. are the victims of personal “choice”)?

Should *Christians* take this position? Should we simply tap our hands to our mouths, and yawn, as we comfort ourselves at our mature status within society: accepting our neighbor’s accolades over our amazing ability to adapt to the new post modern society about us? We can then smile amicably along with our

neighbors who also go about life as usual, unknowing (oblivious) and uncaring about those being slaughtered—er, terminated (“relocated”?) within our institutions of health?

Certainly, by all means, we should not consider such a matter worth effecting our voting positions! By all means, we must simply get along. We must not rock the boat, or challenge the status quo. No, like the Germans who went to their churches on Sundays and heard noise/ shouting escaping from the freight cars rumbling by their houses of worship—we must “sing louder” so that the discomfort of those babes going to slaughter does not reach into our ears in any way, or (Heaven forbid!) into our hearts. NO. By no means may such issues enter into our hearts, for that would be “hateful” and discomforting to us. By all means, we must simply be very good citizens, go to good churches where preachers never teach on issues of society or civic morals, and go to sleep each night undisturbed by what is going on around us.

In fact, while we are at it, perhaps we should insure that we place our Bibles out of sight, since that may offend any visitors to our residence or place of business. Yes, for now we are told that placing Bibles within hotel rooms is disturbing (why of course it is. Do you know what it says inside the covers of that Book!

Why, it condemns lying (Exodus 20:16), shacking up—er, adultery (vs. 14), and even homosexual living (Romans 1:26-28)! By all means, hide that Book under, over, or within some *locked* drawer where it will not disturb our pursuit of happiness within America.) Yes, now that we no longer read the Bible, itself, but only listen to those who pontificate about what they propose it *really means* while speaking against its true qualities from pulpit or lectern; even those very qualities we really would prefer for our *leaders* to possess: now we can go to sleep peacefully at night.

—And die in peace, with the preacher assuring us that because we once visited a stadium, or Cathedral, or place of worship that led us through some sort of ritual or other (or prayed a cute little prayer) that really never disturbed us enough to change our lives, or (heaven forbid) caused us to *repent!!* —We can then “rest in peace” as the minister “preaches us into Heaven”: not.

Ah, that’s a good citizen of the twenty-first cen-

tury. Lay back, now, and go to the bathroom of your choice!

Or not.

Perhaps we should actually wake up and open our Bibles; actually read what it says inside, and consider a reason for “climate change” (Isaiah 24:5) and perhaps for a continually stumbling economy (Malachi 2:2), or diseases that seem to become increasingly resistant to modern (or post modern) treatments, is an indication of divine displeasure with a society continually thumbing its nose and sticking its tongue out, at God.

Yes, perhaps we should consider that what started out as a refusal to allow our children to pray in the classroom or teach them about God (1963) or protect them in the womb (1973) or now to protect them from gender confusion (2015—hush now, don’t be *hateful!!*) is not so very “progressive” as our federal government would have us believe. Perhaps the Federal Government is not doing us a favor by insisting that special bathrooms be made available that might encourage confusion and perversion by “immature” citizens now executing their duty as Americans. So that the several states who now *mandate* that those seeking counsel for escape from sexual confusion may *not* be counseled on how to correct this problem(!); while those with pregnancy issues *must* be counseled as of this year, on how to get an abortion (in California) . . . Yes, perhaps we should consider it our God given opportunity and *duty* to get out and

vote.

Vote—not to accommodate our personal ease and pleasure, nor to get people into office who “look like us” (read that, have the same skin color, or cultural background)—but who actually believe in what this country was founded upon: freedoms based upon respect for the God of Heaven, personal integrity, and the rule of law. More, if we dare . . .

Perhaps we might even vote for politicians who *themselves* truly repent, or try to, so that by God’s help our leaders, and our sometimes dysfunctional society “of the people, by the people, and for the people” will not perish from this earth:

So help me (and us) God.

And speaking of God: listen in on what a prophet said to Israel, as they refused to allow God to rule over them (by proxy, of course. I am not *in any way* proposing a theocracy, only a democratic republic fueled by the engine of

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truth and justice observed in this nation's founding).

So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king. ¹¹ And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, . . . ¹⁴ And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants. . . . ¹⁸ And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day."

¹ Samuel 8:10-14, 18

I have a little secret to tell you: Short of divine intervention Mr. Trump will not win the election, and what the prophet forecast above, is where our nation is now headed: into rabid socialism, where every aspect of life and economy is held rigidly under Federal (or global) control. This is not because Trump is wrong to want to "make America great again." Not at all, we all know he has been repeatedly humbled by recent events and revelations. Personally, I consider him a person who actually believes in this country: but he is a true outsider. Last UPLOOK I pointed out the placement of the United States in the New World Order. The GOP candidate does not believe in the mechanisms of globalism. One way we can discern this is by his vehement resistance to the TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership, the western cousin to the TTIP Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership which would ultimately integrate our nation with the EU—as expected, all is officially denied).

Of course, once we begin to dig into the underlying movements of nations on a prophetic scale, we are looking into the spiritual world, and at forces many globalists, no doubt,

do not understand. No matter their ignorance, however, the Christian knows this means we are moving towards the ultimate Man of Sin. And put into simple terms?

It's like playing Monopoly—while coming to the playing board with your own "get out of jail" cards and monopoly money (both foreign and domestic). If any of us had done what Ms Secretary did, by compromising national secrets and using a personal server to process classified emails, the FBI would have us reading this from behind chicken wire (barbed wire, or . . . just plain bars).⁴

Must admit, Ms. Clinton has

She says . . . "I sit a queen, and am no widow, and will see no sorrow."

our number: and reminds me of Mystery Babylon, of which I believe the US will soon be a part, in the end—just before judgment. Babylon says to herself, "I sit a queen, and am no widow, and will see no sorrow" (Rev. 18:7). Now wouldn't that be appropriate, with a woman as our President?

And the plot thickens, for by making things seem "un-believable"—similar to the way many are blind to the fact that Scripture does *not* give Christians a "get out of Tribulation" card.; for *tribulation* is guaranteed within this world (Jn. 16:33), while God's wrath is not (1 Thes. 5:9, Jn. 3:36)—so do not blind yourself!

For you see, if you can keep from even *conceiving* of something being possible: then, even when exposed, it will seem like fantasy, fairy tales, or a lie. We don't *want* to be-

lieve the United States is on the verge of collapse, for example, in terms of our freedoms (and economy), so when one of our most sacred institutions, like **voting**, is compromised, we simply shut our eyes to the matter. Then you hear of outrage over Mr. Trump questioning the veracity and integrity of our voting institutions and **simply dismiss it**, and yet . . . already, during early voting, there are reports of voter fraud. Fox News reported on one Illinois politician, trying to vote *for himself* and finding that his vote was transferred to that of an opposing (Democratic) candidate on the digital screen—for which excuses were made.⁵ Other reports cite voter fraud in other states (amidst massive confusion, I wonder why). Even so . . .

There has been no public outcry for an investigation!! **Where is the FBI!!!?**

Oh, I forgot, they were endorsing Ms. Clinton (or not? Turns out, I believe, that supposedly new revelations regarding surprise emails appearing—is a diversion, from even more serious allegations. Our republic is in **SERIOUS TROUBLE**).

Forgive my "politicizing" this UPLOOK. Obviously the Lord is simply giving us just what we deserve. Yet Christians are people of hope (Heb. 11:6) and it does seem to me, that since we are coming up to Thanksgiving (remember those Pilgrims who suffered so much to come and live on these shores?)—I should do something that would help them stop turning over in their graves.

Remember, it was belief in God and the Bible that made America great (sh-h-h-h that is a *very* politically incorrect statement). Let us do our part and vote for those who truly honor God, or at least show an inclination of truly wanting to do so.

See you at the polls! Let's get out and vote! †

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= *Politically Correct* . . . =

women who have, toward the end of their pregnancy, get the worst news one could get. That their health is in jeopardy if they continue to carry to term. Or that something terrible has happened or just been discovered about the pregnancy. I do not think the United States government should be stepping in and making those most personal of decisions. So you can regulate if you are doing so with the life and the health of the mother taken into account.”²

Mr. Trump’s answer was more pointed, saying that it was wrong to “rip the baby out of the womb of the mother just prior to the birth of the baby.” Now, it be acknowledged that to speak “politically correctly” is to speak politely, and in an “unshocking” manner to the public ear, Mr Trump’s statement was, indeed, very politically incorrect, but also technically correct, in kind. This, in spite of the Democratic nominee’s insistence that his statement was merely “scare rhetoric” (translate that, “shocking to the point of disturbing the listener”). It *was* shocking, but also quite true.

The procedure they were being questioned about, and were discussing, is legally defined as:

An abortion in which the person performing the abortion, deliberately and intentionally vaginally delivers a living fetus until, in the case of a head-first presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother, or, in the case of breech presentation, any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother, for the purpose of performing an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered living fetus; and performs the overt act, other than completion of delivery, that kills the partially delivered living fetus. (18 U.S. Code 1531)³

Note the above wording exactly: the fetus may be delivered such that “the entire fetal head is outside of the body of the mother”—and then killed. In other words, this is a very late term procedure in which the fetus has actually progressed to the stage where viable life outside of the womb is fully possible . . . and the baby’s life (accepting that the fetus becomes a “baby,” when it exits the womb . . .) is terminated forcefully, sometimes by simply puncturing the base of its skull, at the rear.

Which begs the question of such procedures being “necessary for preserving the life of the mother” and which we may (generously) attribute

to Ms Clinton as a politically correct statement, meant to relieve the consciences of any of the electorate listening to their discussion. Which same guilt is the very reason for partial birth abortions being made illegal within this country, to begin with.

Having bridged the matter of personal guilt, we must now come to a particularly important part of what has made the culture we now enjoy both possible and livable: forgiveness. We mentioned at the outset of our discussion that political correctness is only properly applied as a stop-gap measure, until its difficult (or illegal) issue can be settled. Sooner or later we have to pay the piper, as the saying goes, and must either ante up and confess our guilt, or go into total denial, altogether.

The latter brings shame and ultimate condemnation. The former brings healing—at a cost, paid for by Another, Who truly loves us.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the [payment] for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:10-11

God offers us forgiveness, if we are willing to get off the fence, confess our sins, and accept the forgiveness that Christ offers to us because of the Cross. This is God’s promise to “whosoever will” accept it.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

If, however, we (along with much of our society) insist on labeling such “rhetoric” as “hate speech” (even racist??) we will force ourselves to live within a world where our only solution is to live next door to criminals who are unredeemed, while being governed by officials who feel it their right and *duty* to squeeze our lives into their politically correct coffers (coffins) while the rest of society ultimately dies of an abortion of our freedoms, that will terminate the life of this republic.

May the Lord spare us this latter outcome within this upcoming election on November 8th. Vote for life, and vote for truth, as the greatest Book in our republic defines it (the Holy Bible).

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What Must I Do?

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.”

Acts 16:31

How?

... If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9,10

In Other Words

Acknowledge: your need

—as a sinner (Romans 3:23, II Cor. 5:14-15)

Accept: His work on the Cross —to be your Savior

Confess: your acceptance of His lordship over you.

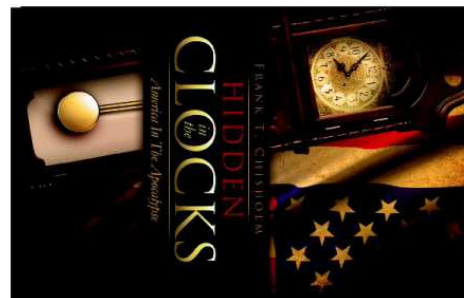
Live for Him: with your new life.

For the scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed.”

Romans 10:11

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