

## Political Non-Engagement

**“Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues”**  
(Revelation 18:4).

**“Do not love the world nor anything in the world”** (1 John 2:15).

**“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires,  
which war against your soul”** (1 Peter 2:11).

*Christians in America should have nothing to do with politics.*

This is a radical claim, because for the last 20 years or so, Christians seem to be obsessed with politics. Sunday meetings are like a local Republican club gathering. This situation is dreadful and needs to stop. But more important is that we understand *why* political engagement is wrong. In this lesson, I'll try to explain the reasons for my claim. It's in 2 parts.

I. Politicians lie. They have to tell lies in order to be elected. Someone who's honest has no chance of getting elected. That's because constituents in almost all districts have a diverse set of views on almost every political, economic, social and cultural matter. So to get the votes necessary to be elected, candidates simply have to tell lies. It's built into the representative/electoral system. And if they have no qualms about lying, they are inherently immoral people and shouldn't be elected to public office. The only situation where this doesn't apply is in those districts that are overwhelmingly partisan and the candidates necessarily reflect that party's views; candidates there don't have to lie, they don't even have to speak at all. Being politically involved cannot change this.

Politicians are controlled by powers above their office. Individual unorthodox views cannot be allowed to spontaneously emerge. How are politicians controlled? Blackmail. Bribes. Another way is by deliberately phony or biased surveys of constituents. There may be many other mechanisms. All politics is, one way or another, tightly controlled. Politicians are not constrained by the Constitution; they pledge allegiance to it without even knowing what it says. They do what they're told to do. Because government has been given the right to use force, it is uniquely vulnerable to human sin; the worst features of our sin nature, such as lust for power, finds expression in government. It's built into the institution and is unchangeable.

Perhaps in the past, politics had to do with policies that would benefit society. Politics today is mainly lust for power. It doesn't matter which party has a majority in Congress, needed social policies (immigration, monetary policy, budget deficits, etc) never result. No one *wants* such issues solved, they are deliberately allowed to fester. The idea that one political party is good and the other is bad is an illusion, a *deliberate* illusion. Both parties are the focus of wicked supernatural beings to keep people distracted if not in darkness and controlled. *Evangelicals can't change this.*

And people in America today aren't like they were 30 years ago. Likewise people in government today aren't like they were 30 years ago. Republicans today don't know what "conservatism" is. Republicans today, as polls repeatedly show, are in favor of abortion and gay rights and gay marriage. Republicans today believe that government needs to be big in order to solve today's big problems. Republicans today believe that spending lots of money is government's duty. Republicans today don't know the core or key principles of conservative politics. They only know they don't like Democrats. And the Democrats today know only Marxism. Democrats are all activists; they have to be that to get elected to office. Their secret Marxist agenda is sabotaging America. People who vote Democratic Party may or may not know this, but if they did it wouldn't matter because they'd still vote the same. *Evangelicals can't change any of this.*

Governmental agencies today run government. They also control Congress. The notion that we have a "Constitutional representative" government is an illusion. Voting for one party or another changes very little. Politics thus is mostly an act, a performance. It's theater. It's to exalt the performer and to hide the real agenda being carried out. Politicians want to show to the public how good, how smart, how orthodox (if Democrat) they are, how likable they are. It's all show. The universities and the liberal media amplify (if not also originate) the agendas of the government agencies as well as politicians. Most politics today is manipulative, controlling. *Evangelicals aren't going to change any of this.*

Government is deliberately anti-theistic. It has to be. It is by design secular, and "secular" means anti-theist. Yes, government was ordained by God, but for one specific reason: to maintain societal order. But because of supernatural, evil forces, government has not merely taken on more extensive roles but has deliberately usurped the roles of other,

non-governmental institutions. Government is idolatrous. It seeks to be a god, *the* god for Americans. The spirit or influence of wicked Babylon suffuses our government. God has willed that too (see Daniel 2). This *cannot* be changed.

II. If we're a Christian, our citizenship is in heaven. We belong to the King of kings. We are His ambassadors, His servants. We are only temporarily here in America on mission for Christ; we're just passing thru, doing Gospel outreach while here. The realm we love and yearn to inhabit is the promised Messianic Kingdom. Our obsession should be the exalted Jesus and His future Kingdom, in love wanting others to participate in it. All this somehow escapes us.

It's not God's intent that we reside here in our homes as other, unbelieving Americans do. That's because this nation is really a part of the ungodly Daniel 2 statue, infused with the spirit or influence of wicked, idolatrous Babylon. All Gentile nations are somehow participants in that statue, for these are the Times of the Gentiles. So America is included. Our nation is NOT another Israel, nor is it God's chosen land for His elect people. It's just another of the pagan Gentile nations. If we become a believer in Christ, our worldview must undergo a radical change. We may dwell here, but not as if this land is our home. We're to dwell here with the attitude of a pilgrim, of an alien, to be priestly and a servant.

Our government is under the control of Satan and his minions. He gives us deliberately ungodly policies to keep his subjects under his control. He controls the culture to keep his people in his iron-tight grip and under God's condemnation. Voting for this or that candidate won't and can't change the direction our government is going because its controlling force is invisible and supernaturally powerful. Satan however is God's servant, and he does only what God allows, which means what is happening in America is ultimately God's will. God has a great purpose and an agenda and He may be using Satan to fulfill it. This means that however America goes politically, into ever deeper Marxism, for example, is God's will. We should accept it and not try to subvert what God is doing.

We want our political freedoms to be secure. I suspect that's one of the main reasons we're so politically engaged. But, Why? We don't need political freedoms to be carrying out God's will. Believers in other countries where there is no Bill of Rights are doing the work of Christ to His glory. Let's acknowledge this: We want political freedoms to gratify the self.

We also want our nation to be great among the nations on earth. But, Why? All peoples are really one race, and God is responsible for the division of the race into nations. There's no biblical (or secular) rationale for America to be "great." The American ideals that we cherish may work well for us, but the only biblical support for any one gentile nation having priority over any other, is the ungodly, pervasive influence of Babylon. We really, if secretly, want our nation to be great so that our prosperity and peace and comforts can continue unabated. And that's also self-gratification.

The MAGA movement versus liberalism is for pagans, unbelievers, to deal with among themselves. Christians have a higher calling, a more radical and privileged mission to be committed to. We too easily forget the big picture, because the little things in the background incessantly clamor for our attention. The big thing in life is this, There are only two options in all existence, life or death (Deuteronomy 30:15). Since the advent of the Son, life is Jesus. All else is death! *All* else. Love of country, peace and prosperity, freedom, politics--all this is death. Having received the gift of life, we're here as God's servants to bring others from death to life. Nothing else matters.

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For all these reasons, Christians should not be engaged in politics. It's idolatrous and corrupt, and it's unworthy of our calling. Being "salt and light" has nothing to do with being involved in politics, but with our faithful and righteous walk with God. We have a supernatural mission to carry out, and we must be doing that without regard to whatever the powers of the land are doing in their godless state of darkness. Let's not waste our life.

Even voting is un-Christian. That's because participation in the democratic electoral process means that it's necessary to respectfully submit to, and acknowledge the rightness of, the will of the majority of voters – even though that may be totally ungodly and perhaps even wicked. Voting is how we legitimate government godlessness. We must not share the worldview of unbelievers.

Exceedingly powerful supernatural forces are at work not only in our nation but in the world. God has a purpose and an agenda and He is carrying it out. From Scripture, we may suspect what it is that God is doing, but even if not, our attitude should be one of trust in God. So, let's be selfless like Jesus, seeking to honor God by submissive obedience to His revealed will, regardless the consequences. We are here, after all, to glorify God. So, let's be faithful.