

## THE BIBLE & FOUNDING FATHER'S VIEWS ON THIS ELECTION'S 12 ISSUES

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### 1. **Abortion:** Do you consider yourself pro-choice [aborting babies] or pro-life [banning all abortions]?

**Comment:** God made man in his image and regarded the taking of an innocent life as murder. The debate at hand is, *When does the fetus in the womb actually become "human?"* The other question is, *Does the woman's body include the developing child, or is the developing child from conception its own separate body and, therefore, has the individual right to life?* The scriptures are clear that God, not the woman, is the Creator of the child, and the child belongs to God and not the woman. The mother is the host-steward of this human life, but not the owner. God forms the child which was known and designed by God before conception. Since the child is innocent and vulnerable, it is the responsibility of the parents and the government to protect the unborn child from harm.

Gen 9:5-6 —And for your **lifeblood** I will surely **demand an accounting**. I will demand an accounting from every animal [that takes a life]. And from each man, too, I will **demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man**. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; **for** in the image of God has God made man.

Ex 20:13 —"You shall **not** murder." (#6 of the 10 commandments. Man was created on the sixth day).

Ex 21:22-24 —"If men who are fighting hit a **pregnant** woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury [to the child], the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury [to the child], you are to take life for life..."

Judg 13:7 —But he said to me, 'You will **conceive** and give birth to a **son**. Now then, **drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean**, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from birth until the day of his death.'

Job 31:15 —Did not he [God] who **made me in the womb** make them? Did not the same one **form us** both within our mothers?

Ps 51:5 —Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful **from the time my mother conceived** me.

Ps 89:14 —**Righteousness** and **justice** are the **foundation** of your throne.

Ps 139:13-16 —For **you** [God] created my inmost being; you [God] knit me together **in my mother's womb**. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes [God] saw **my unformed body**. All the **days ordained for me** were written in your book [DNA] **before** one of them came to be.

Prov 6:16-17 —There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, **hands that shed innocent blood...**

Prov 24:11-12 —**Rescue those being led away to death**; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

Prov 31:8 —**Speak up** for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure **justice** for those **being crushed**. NLT

Luke 1:41-45 —When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, **the baby** [John] **leaped in her womb**, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the **child** [Jesus] you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the **mother** of my Lord [present tense] should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the **baby in my womb leaped for joy**."

**Abortions happening each second around the world:** <http://www.shambles.net/worldclock/worldclock.swf>

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**Ronald Reagan:** "We cannot diminish the **value** of one category of human life—the unborn—without diminishing the **value** of all human life."

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### 2. **Afghanistan:** Do you support United States military action [against Al-Qaeda terrorists] in Afghanistan?

**Comment:** God, in his sovereign purposes, used godly or godless nations to test, judge, or serve as a rod, club, or sword to destroy nations that were godless [or that became godless] to the point where he had had enough of it (see Gen 18:20; Rom 2:5; Rev 18:4-6). He also sent his own brand of wrath and destruction, not created by man, through means of nature's fury. God also permitted times for his own people to drive out and destroy godless nations, and to protect and defend themselves from threat of annihilation. God has not changed in the era of the New Testament and church age. He has continued to judge nations throughout history and will do so until the end of time. Apply the principles in these scriptures to America.

Deut 8:19-20 —If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that **you will surely be destroyed**. Like **the nations the Lord destroyed before you**, so you will be destroyed **for not obeying the Lord your God**.

Judges 2:16-22 —Then **the Lord raised up judges**, who saved them [the Israelites] out of the hands of these raiders. Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from

the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the Lord's commands. .... Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me, I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died.

Eccl 3:1-8 —There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ...**a time to kill** and a time to heal, ...a time to be silent and **a time to speak**, ...**a time for war** and a time for peace.

Isa 10:1-4 —**Woe to those who make unjust laws**, to those who issue **oppressive decrees**, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey, and robbing the fatherless. What will you do on the day of reckoning, **when disaster comes from afar**? To whom will you run for help? Where will you leave your riches? Nothing will remain but to cringe among the captives or fall among the slain.

Isa 10:5-6 —Woe to the Assyrian, **the rod of my anger**, in whose hand is **the club of my wrath**! I send him against a godless nation, **I dispatch him against a people who anger me**, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets.

Isa 34:1-2 — Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world, and all that comes out of it! **The Lord is angry with all nations**; his wrath is upon all their armies. **He will totally destroy them, he will give them over to slaughter.**

Ezek 21:1-10 —The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, set your face against Jerusalem and preach against the sanctuary. **Prophecy against the land of Israel** and say to her: 'This is what the Lord says: **I am against you. I will draw my sword from its scabbard and cut off from you both the righteous and the wicked.** ...Therefore **groan, son of man!** Groan before them with **broken heart and bitter grief**. And when they ask you, 'Why are you groaning?' you shall say, '**Because of the news that is coming.** Every heart will melt and every hand go limp; every spirit will become faint and every knee become as weak as water.' **It is coming! It will surely take place**, declares the Sovereign Lord."

Esther 8:11-9:10 — The king's edict granted the Jews in every city **the right to assemble and protect themselves**; to destroy, kill and annihilate **any armed force of any nationality or province that might attack them** and their women and children; and to plunder the property of their enemies. On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, the edict commanded by the king was to be carried out. **On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them.**

Rom 13:3-4 —For **rulers** hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For **he is God's servant** to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for **he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.**

**Thomas Jefferson:** "By nature's law, man is at peace with man **till some aggression** is committed, which, by the same law, **authorizes** one to destroy another as his enemy."—Jefferson to Edmond C. Genet, 1793.

### 3. **Crime: Do you support capital punishment for certain crimes [like murder]?**

**Comment:** In the beginning the first murder took place when Cain slew his brother Abel. God challenged him and said that his brother's blood cried out from the ground for justice. In his covenant with Noah, God established capital punishment as a deterrent for murder. He established in his ten commandments, and the civil laws with Israel, that you shall not murder, and he established laws requiring capital punishment—life for life. Solomon said wisely, "*When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.*" God not only held the murderer, but the entire nation guilty if the shedding of innocent blood was not punished by death. The only way for a nation to atone for the death of innocent blood was "life for life"—the murderer's life for the victim's life.

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Ex 21:14 —But if a man schemes and **kills another man deliberately**, take him away from my altar and **put him to death**.

Lev 24:17 —If anyone takes the life of a human being, **he must be put to death**.

Deut 19:11-13 —But if a man hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him, assaults and kills him, and then flees to one of these cities, the elders of his town shall send for him, bring him back from the city, and hand him over to the avenger of blood **to die. Show him no pity**. You must purge from **Israel the guilt of shedding innocent blood, so that it may go well with you**.

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**Capital Punishment as a Deterrent:** During the temporary suspension on capital punishment from 1972-1976, researchers gathered murder statistics across the country. In 1960, there were 56 executions in the USA and 9,140 murders. By 1964, when there were only 15 executions, the number of murders had risen to 9,250. In 1969, there were no executions and 14,590 murders, and 1975, after six more years without executions, 20,510 murders occurred rising to 23,040 in 1980 after only two executions since 1976. In summary, between 1965 and 1980, the number of annual murders in the United States skyrocketed from 9,960 to 23,040, a 131 percent

increase. The murder rate—homicides per 100,000 persons—doubled from 5.1 to 10.2. So the number of murders grew as the number of executions shrank. **Researcher Karl Spence of Texas A&M University said:** "While some [death penalty] abolitionists try to face down the results of their disastrous experiment and still argue to the contrary, the...[data] concludes that a substantial deterrent effect has been observed...In six months, more Americans are murdered than have been killed by execution in this entire century...Until we begin to fight crime in earnest [by using the death penalty], every person who dies at a criminal's hands is a victim of **our inaction.**"

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4. **Economy:** Do you support using government funds [from taxpayers] in an effort to [cross your fingers—and hopefully—with no guarantees] stimulate and improve the economy [for carefully selected recipients chosen by whom]?

**Comment:** The Bible is clear that the borrower becomes servant to the lender. The United States is broke and spending paper money to stimulate the economy on the presumption of borrowing from other nations against the future income of the next generation's taxes. This puts us deeper in debt to the lending nations and straps our children and our children's children with our debt. Here's what the Bible says about debt...

**Deut 15:6** —For the Lord your God will bless you as he has promised [if we obey his commands], and you will lend to many nations **but will borrow from none.** You will rule over many nations [if we follow his commands] but **none will rule over you.**

**Deut 28:12-14** —The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. **You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God** that I give you this day and carefully follow them, **you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.** Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

**Neh 5:1-11** —A great protest was mounted by the people, including the wives, against their fellow Jews. Some said, "We have big families, and we need food just to survive." Others said, "We're having to mortgage our fields and vineyards and homes to get enough grain to keep from starving." And others said, "**We're having to borrow money to pay the royal tax on our fields and vineyards.** Look: We're the same flesh and blood as our brothers here; our children are just as good as theirs. Yet here **we are having to sell our children off as slaves**—some of our daughters have already been sold—and **we can't do anything about it because our fields and vineyards are owned by somebody else.**" I got really angry when I heard their protest and complaints. After thinking it over, **I called the nobles and officials on the carpet.** I said, "Each one of you is **gouging his brother.**" Then I called a big meeting to deal with them. I told them, "We did everything we could to buy back our Jewish brothers who had to sell themselves **as slaves to foreigners.** And now you're selling these same brothers **back into debt slavery!** Does that mean that we have to buy them back again?" They said nothing. What could they say? "[Nehemiah:] What you're doing is wrong. Is there no fear of God left in you? Don't you care what the nations around here, our enemies, think of you? I and my brothers and the people working for me have also loaned them money. But this gouging them with interest has to stop. Give them back their foreclosed fields, vineyards, olive groves, and homes right now. And forgive your claims on their money, grain, new wine, and olive oil." THE MESSAGE

**Prov 11:15** —He who puts up security for another **will surely suffer**, but whoever refuses to strike hands in pledge is safe.

**Prov 22:7** —The rich rule over the poor, and **the borrower is servant to the lender.**

**Prov 22:26-27** —Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.

**Rom 13:6-8** —This is also **why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.** Give everyone what you owe him: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

#### **Thomas Jefferson on Government Debt:**

"Loading up the nation with debt and leaving it for the following generations to pay **is morally irresponsible.** Excessive debt is a means by which **governments oppress the people** and waste their substance. No nation has a right to contract debt for periods longer than the majority contracting it can expect to live."

"I sincerely believe... that the principle of **spending money to be paid by posterity** under the name of **funding** is but **swindling futurity** on a large scale."

"I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment to our Constitution. I would be willing to depend on that alone for the reduction of the administration of our government; I mean **an additional article taking from the Federal Government the power of borrowing.**

"Then I say, the earth belongs to each of these generations during its course, fully and in its own right. The second generation receives it **clear of the debts and encumbrances of the first**, the third of the second, and so on. For if the first could charge it with a debt, then the earth would **belong to the dead** and not to the living generation. Then, no generation can contract debts greater than may be paid during the course of its own existence."

"There [is a measure] which if not taken **we are undone...**[It is] **to cease borrowing money and to pay off the national debt.** There does not exist an engine so corruptive of the government and so demoralizing of the nation as a **public debt.** It will bring on us **more ruin at home than all the enemies from abroad** against whom this army and navy are to protect us."

"To preserve [the] independence [of the people,] **we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.** We must make our election between **economy and liberty**, or **profusion and servitude**. If we run into such debts as that we **must be taxed** in our meat and in our drink, in our necessaries and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our callings and our creeds, as the people of England are, our people, like them, must come to labor sixteen hours in the twenty-four, give the earnings of fifteen of these to the government for their debts and daily expenses, and the sixteenth being insufficient to afford us bread, we must live, as they now do, on oatmeal and potatoes, have no time to think, no means of calling the mismanagers to account, but be glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow-sufferers."

5. **Education: Do you support federal education standards and testing requirements** [to hold teachers accountable for their work and the fruit of their labors] **for K-12 students** [just like any business would require of their employees]?

**Comment:** In the Bible, the education of children was the responsibility of the parents and religious institutions independent of the government. This is how it was in the beginning of our nation since the 1620's and remained that way until the 1840's. But finally, *some* denominations gave in and established a commonality of beliefs in a public system that all could live with. This required the removal of reasoning and thinking in education so as to avoid subjects surrounding the origin of human existence. (I've attached a copy on our website and sent an email of two very good articles about this, "How government control has ruined public education,; and, "When did the US Government begin to standardize and legislate national education?") Sadly, a public system of education took the education out of the hands of parents and the church. Today, education of our children is in the hands of professors in secular colleges which espouse pluralist, secularist, humanist, Darwinist, liberal, progressive, statist, and socialist agendas that indoctrinate the students with their ideological views. Thus, the propaganda machine (state-controlled education) became the professors who trained their missionaries (school teachers) to go into the mission field (of public schools) and make disciples of their ideologies. As for holding teachers accountable for educating our students in the fundamentals of reading, writing, and mathematics and how well they perform in their grades—it is a biblical principle for any kind of job to be required to produce good results. It is good stewardship of the tax-payer's dollars. Public school teachers work for tax-payers. This doesn't change the root of the problem, however. The root of the problem is the bad professors in colleges cranking out and graduating so many inept teachers. Replace the bad college professors and you'll eventually sift out and replace the bad teachers in public schools. And while we're at it, let's replace the bad professors, too, and reinstate an education like it was in early America where students were taught reasoning skills about our origins, morals, and responsibilities as good citizens toward society (in addition to writing, reading, and arithmetic). Better yet, let's go back to the days of early America where there was a *separation* of government and school. Let's eliminate the Department of Education, state-controlled education, and turn the responsibility back over to the families, churches, and private school enterprises held accountable by competition and results.

Deut 6:4-9 —Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. **Impress them on your children.** [Parents] talk about them **when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes **of your houses** and on your gates.

Eph 6:4 —Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, **bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

Prov 22:29 —Do you see a man **skilled in his work**? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

Luke 12:42-45 —The Lord answered, "Who then is the **faithful and wise** manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. *The principle: good work results in greater responsibility.*

1 Cor 4:2-3 —Now **it is required** that those who have been **given a trust must prove faithful.**

2 Thess 3:10-13 —For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "**If a man will not work, he shall not eat.**" We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and **earn the bread they eat.**

**Thomas Jefferson:** "If the children...are **untaught**, their ignorance and vices will in future life cost us much dearer in their consequences, than it would have done, in their correction, by a **good** education."

**Abigail Adams:** "Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."

**John Adams:** "It should be your care, therefore, and mine, to elevate the minds of our children and exalt their courage; to accelerate and animate their industry and activity; to excite in them a habitual contempt of meanness [inferior quality], abhorrence of injustice and inhumanity, and an ambition to excel in every capacity, faculty, and virtue. **If we suffer their minds to grovel and creep in infancy, they will grovel all their lives.**"

**Thomas Jefferson:** "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and **give to those who would not.**"

6. **Environment: Do you support enacting environmental regulations aimed at** [eliminating jobs and access to our own natural resources, forcing us to be subjugated to the energy sources of other nations so that we can feel good about ourselves at] **reducing the** [alleged global warming] **effects of climate change?**

**Comment:** The Bible says you shall not cheat, steal, lie, or deceive your neighbor with some money scheme. In my humble opinion, "global warming" and "climate change" is a deception and a scam to assist a liberal, progressive agenda to regulate and tax corporate industries, and shut down oil and energy use on America's soil, all in the name of caring for the planet. It only serves to create bigger

government, which will require more taxes and regulations that will stifle growth and industry in the private sector. God created an amazing planet that seems to have a way to right itself in the face of all natural disasters, not created by man (i.e. volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, etc.). Ultimately, God will send judgments in Revelation that will wipe out all futile efforts to purchase “carbon credits” [another money-making scam] for the energy we use. This, in the name of saving the planet that God will regenerate, without our help, and restore into a paradise in the coming age.

Gen 1:1 —In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth.

Lev 19:11 —“Do not **steal**. Do not **lie**. Do not **deceive** one another.”

Lev 19:13 —“Do not defraud [illegally obtain money by deception] your neighbor or rob him.”

Prov 6:16-18 —There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are **detestable** to him: ...a **lying tongue**, ...a heart that **devises wicked schemes**.

2 Peter 3:5-13 —...long ago **by God's word** the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time **was deluged and destroyed** [by God]. By the same word [of God] the present heavens and earth **are reserved for fire**, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. ... the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and **the earth and everything in it will be laid bare**. Since **everything will be destroyed in this way**, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements [of the earth] will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and **a new earth**, the home of righteousness.

Rev 8:5-12 —Then the angel [of God] took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and **hurled it on the earth**; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake. Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came **hail and fire mixed with blood**, and it was hurled down upon the earth. **A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up**. The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. **A third of the sea turned into blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed**. The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—the name of the star is Wormwood. **A third of the waters turned bitter**, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

Rev 15:1-2 —I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues — last, because with them **God's wrath is completed**.

Rev 16:1-9 —Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go, pour out the seven bowls **of God's wrath on the earth**.” ... The second angel poured out his bowl **on the sea**, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died. The third angel poured out his bowl **on the rivers and springs of water**, and they became blood. ...The fourth angel poured out his bowl **on the sun**, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire [major global warming made by God]. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who **had control over these plagues**, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

Rev 21:1-2 —Then I saw a new heaven and **a new earth**, for the first heaven and **the first earth had passed away**, and there was no longer any sea.

**Thomas Jefferson**: “To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes **the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors** is sinful and tyrannical.”

**Thomas Jefferson**: “My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from **too much Government**.”

**Recommended Book**: Lawrence Solomon, The Deniers: The World Renowned Scientists Who Stood Up Against Global Warming Hysteria, Political Persecution, and Fraud, © 2008.

7. **Guns: Do you support** [progressive] **restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns** [by criminals and children so that we'll not only be protected from criminals and children, we'll be left without the ability to defend our own rights and freedoms, making ourselves vulnerable to an ever-increasing, oppressive government and eventually wipe out the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment]?

**Comment**: In Christianity, there is a principle given by the Lord to turn the other cheek when we are struck for his name's sake. Instead of defending ourselves, we should not fight back. Jesus was beaten and did not fight back. However, when Paul was slapped, he told the priest who ordered the slap that God would smite him and then called that priest a white-washed wall. It is one thing to be persecuted and die for the Lord, it is another to bear arms to protect and defend your family from wicked and ungodly men. The founding fathers had another purpose for the right to bear arms. It was to keep a tyrannical government from enacting martial law that would rob free citizens of their rights. The second amendment is a deterrent. When the Jews were threatened with genocide in the Persian Empire, Esther [a Jewess] appealed to the king to pass a law permitting her people to take up arms to protect themselves [go back to “issue #2]. This was done by the king on her behalf and her people were spared (see the Book of Esther). The founding fathers understood that the government does not grant rights. The basis of our rights does not come from men, but from God. If we give a government (governed by men) the authority to grant us rights, then we give them authority to take away our rights, too. Our right to liberty is granted by God and, therefore, necessitates an ability to defend those rights because government and liberty are adversaries to each other. Bearing arms enables free men and liberty to limit government's power, if not against our own government, then against other tyrannical governments. God had established an army among his people, Israel, to protect and defend their liberties from other nations.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of our Constitution:** "A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

**Thomas Jefferson:** "The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

**Thomas Jefferson:** "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and **better for the assailants**; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man." —Jefferson's "Commonplace Book," 1774-1776, quoting from On Crimes and Punishment, by criminologist Cesare Beccaria, 1764

**James Madison:** "[The Constitution preserves] **the advantage of being armed** which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation...(where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms." -- James Madison, Federalist, No. 46.

8. **Healthcare: Do you support a publicly-administered health care option** [which is another way of saying *single-payer* health care which finances the costs of delivering universal health care for the entire US population (including illegals) through a "single insurance pool" that will create another government agency through which some, but not all of those costs, will be met]?

**Comment:** On the surface, universal health-care seems to be a reasonable humanitarian thing to do; like the Good Samaritan who found the beaten man on the road, left for dead. He administered first-aid and took care of the victim and paid for his expenses until he recovered. Isn't that what health-care is all about—the government making sure everyone is taken care of like this man? No, the difference is that the Good Samaritan, himself, had compassion and volunteered to help; the investment he made came out of his own pocket because he chose to do this, no one made him do it. No government enforced law caused him to take care of this man. This bill on health-care has been found to be replete with buried land-mines such as mandatory financing of abortions, and many other laws attached to perpetuate bigger government, more taxes, and the removal of free-enterprise in the health industry. And most seriously, the removal of our rights to choose whether to purchase health insurance or not. It will also force our own insurance premiums to increase, force businesses to get creative to avoid penalties and thus let employees go because they can't afford to pay the premiums. The full brunt of the economic nightmare this is going to produce hasn't even begun to be felt. In the Bible, God placed the burden of health-care on the individual and the relatives. It was an internal law of conscience and compassion, not an external law of forcing people to set money aside to care for the entire nation. God taught individuals and families to take care of each other, that churches do what they can to help each other, and that the Lord wants to release healing in the earth. Many are the countries which have no health insurance and hospitals, and the saints have to rely upon the Holy Spirit to heal them. The issues at hand in this law are so complex, immeasurable, and unknowing that even the politicians who passed the law can't explain it, understand it, and many didn't even read all of it.

Matt 14:14 —When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he **had compassion** on them and **healed their sick**.

Mark 1:41-42 —**Filled with compassion**, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and **he was cured**.

Luke 10:33-35 —But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and **when he saw him, he took pity on him**. He went to him and **bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine**. Then he put the man on **his own donkey**, took him to an inn and **took care of him**. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, **I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.**'

1 Tim 5:3-8 —Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, **these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family** and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. The widow who is really in need and left all alone **puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help**. ...Give the people these instructions, too, so that no one may be open to blame. If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 John 3:16-19 —This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And **we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers**. If anyone has material possessions and **sees his brother in need but has no pity on him**, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

**Thomas Jefferson:** "...we must prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of caring for them."

**Ronald Reagan:** "One of the traditional methods of imposing statism or socialism on a people has been by way of **medicine**. It's very easy to disguise a [socialized] medical program as a **humanitarian project**. Most people are a little reluctant to oppose anything that suggests medical care for people who possibly can't afford it."

9. **Immigration: Do you support a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants** [as long as they're not criminals, just workers and potential voters who want to cut in front of the line of those who are waiting to come in to live and work through the—already in place—legal pathway to citizenship]?

**Comment:** This nation is a nation of immigrants. It is also a nation of laws. My mother was a WWII bride from Germany and I'll never forget the day she came home from being sworn in as a U.S. Citizen. We had a flag on the wall, confetti poppers and she was so proud. She was an official American. She went through the legal route, learned English when she came over, and was excited to be able to vote in our elections—something she couldn't do in her country that had become socialistic under Hitler. She was a strong patriot and couldn't understand the native-born Americans who took so much for granted and not appreciate the genius of our political and legal

system. Mom paid her dues, went the legal route, and received the reward of following the legal path, just like every immigrant before her. There is a legal pathway to becoming a U.S. Citizen, but it requires a line to stand in and pay at the door before you get in to receive the benefits. Even little children know it is not right to be standing in line for a destination and have someone, who hasn't paid the price, cut in front of you. The law is the law and God established in his word that to be a good citizen we must be law-abiding citizens. Recently, when I was in Liberia, I traveled through a district that required my visa stamp. I only carried a copy of my passport, but didn't have a copy of that page of my visa stamp. The border patrol was very angry with me, and had it not been for my hosts vouching for me, I would have been turned back. They pointed to their book of laws to point out to me that I was committing a criminal act and, therefore, unlawful. I learned a great lesson—abide by the laws of the land. How successful would I have been on my return to the United States if I had lost my passport, wallet and driver's license? I would have been detained until I had proof of citizenship. They would not have waved me through and say, "Of course, we understand. We'll just give you amnesty and let you in." No. There is a system. Laws requiring proof of citizenship or I can't come in. If I dodged them, jumped over the rail, and ran into the crowd until I lost them, I would be committing a crime, breaking the law. Would they reward me when they caught me? No, they would lock me up until I paid for my unlawful act. Yes, the Bible teaches that we treat foreigners with respect, we don't oppress them, but it doesn't teach we are to reward lawbreakers.

Ex 22:21 —"Do not **mistreat an alien or oppress him**, for you were aliens in Egypt.

Ecc 8:11-12 —When the **sentence** for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are **filled with schemes to do wrong**.

Rom 13:1-5 —Everyone **must submit himself to the governing authorities**, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, **he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted**, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But **if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing**. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also **because of conscience**.

1 Peter 2:13-15 —**Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men**: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

**The U.S. Naturalization Act of 1795**: The four basic requirements for "enrollment and acceptance" into American citizenry that we still utilize (at least in policy) to this day. 1) five years of (lawful) residence within the United States; 2) a good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States; 3) the taking of a formal oath to support the Constitution and to renounce any foreign allegiance; and 4) the renunciation of any hereditary titles.

**James Madison**: "I do not wish that any man should acquire the privilege [of U.S. citizenship], but such as would be a real addition to the wealth or strength of the United States." (Hence, they processed applicants and selected only the ones that contributed to the building up and advancement of their grand experiment called America.)

10. **Social Issues**: Should marriage only be between one man and one woman [since same-sex partners want to claim the same legal rights afforded heterosexual married couples and do away with the discrimination of marital entitlements]?

**Comments**: The Bible condemns the practice of sexual immorality of any type, including bestiality and homosexuality. In the Old Testament, such practices were a capital offense. It may surprise you that some states among the thirteen colonies did punish sodomy by death (see below). The issue at hand, however, surrounds the sanctioning and legalization of same-sex marriage. So, how would that affect us? The consequences for legalizing same-sex marriages are numerous. Firstly, heterosexual marriages will become diminished in time, same-sex attraction will be taught in public schools (i.e.—as normal and natural as heterosexual attraction and marriage), homosexuality will thus increase, more young people will be exposed to it during the time in their lives of identity-crisis, it is a researched fact that more break-ups occur among same-sex partners than heterosexuals, and members of broken families are more inclined to emotional and psychological challenges which potentially produces an increased propensity towards acts of crimes on all levels. But it doesn't stop there. Once such a law is passed, the next push will be for legalizing brother marrying brother, or sister marrying sister, or three men marrying each other, or father to daughter, and then heterosexual polygamy. Once the first line has been crossed by the entire nation, no other line to separate moral and immoral consensual sex will hold in the face of legal precedence. This isn't an just issue about legitimizing same-sex partnership or legal entitlements to match heterosexual marriages, it's about opening a Pandora's Box and the floodgates of pollution and corruption that brought God to driving out the inhabitants of Canaan because such practices defiled the land.

Gen 19:4-8 —Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us **so that we can have sex with them**." Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, "No, my friends. **Don't do this wicked thing**."

Lev 18:22 —"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; **that is detestable**."

Lev 18:24-30 —"Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because **this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled**; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you must keep my decrees and my laws. **The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things**, for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, **and the land became defiled. And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you**. Everyone who does any of these detestable things—such persons

must be cut off from their people. Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came and **do not defile yourselves with them**. I am the Lord your God."

Lev 20:13 —"If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, **both of them have done what is detestable**. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads."

Judg 19:22-24 —Some of the wicked men of the city surrounded the house. Pounding on the door, they shouted to the old man who owned the house, "Bring out the man who came to your house **so we can have sex with him**." The owner of the house went outside and said to them, "No, my friends, don't be so vile. Since this man is my guest, **don't do this disgraceful thing**."

Matt 19:4-6 —"Haven't you read," [Jesus] replied, "that **at the beginning** the Creator 'made them **male and female**,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Rom 1:24-27 —Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to **sexual impurity** for the **degrading of their bodies with one another**. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women **exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones**. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. **Men committed indecent acts with other men**, and received in themselves the due penalty for their **perversion**.

1 Cor 6:9-11 —Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor **male prostitutes** nor **homosexual offenders** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were.

**The Founding Fathers on "Sodomy":** Homosexuality was treated as a criminal offense in all of the original thirteen colonies, and eventually every one of the fifty states (see Robinson, 2003; "Sodomy Laws..." 2003). Severe penalties were invoked for those who engaged in homosexuality. In fact, few Americans know that the penalty for homosexuality in several states was **death**—including New York, Vermont, Connecticut, and South Carolina (Barton, 2000, pp. 306,482). Most people nowadays would be shocked to learn that Thomas Jefferson advocated "dismemberment" as the penalty for homosexuality in his home state of Virginia, and even authored a bill to that effect (1781, Query 14; cf. 1903, 1:226-227).

**Closing comment:** These scriptures were used to point out the Bible's perspective toward "the act" of sexual immorality. Sexual perversion in any form is a misdirected need to be loved—but in the wrong way. All have sinned and come short of God's best. All have entertained thoughts of sexual immorality and many have gone on to act on their thoughts. God lets us know by his word how serious he is about the destructive powers on individuals and nations when it comes to sexual immorality. History proves out that nations fall when sexual immorality is permitted, encouraged, and prevails in a society. Look at what has happened to America in the last six decades. This is the last barrier we have to resist the flood of perversion. Once this is gone, the chains are off.

11. **Social Security: Do you support privatizing elements of Social Security** [which means: Do you support shifting to a privatized system of individual mandatory accounts that can be invested in a mix of stocks and bonds that would permit individuals to obtain the full real pretax rate of return on capital? This would mean a larger capital stock and a higher national income. ]?

**Comment:** If I were to offer you the opportunity to invest in a company that was wallowing in debt and rising interest rates on their loans, lending money it didn't have, giving away its products for free, and counting on the economy to recover enough in time to keep from going under, would that be a good investment? Would it be a wise investment? Would it be good stewardship of your money? Or if you were offered an opportunity to invest in a company that was debt-free, growing in production and sales, and increasing your investment by 6-10% a year—would that be a better and wiser investment than the first? What if you weren't given the choice? What if you were required to invest in the first company with no return in sight for the future? Welcome to Social Security. It's broke, it's making no money, whatever comes in is used to spend on other things, and it won't be there for anyone by the time the entire generation of baby-boomers come into the age of retirement and starts to collect their Social Security checks. There aren't enough jobs or the population to cover them. That ship is sinking. So, if you were given the option to put your social security taxes into a privatized company that will take your money and invest it, instead of it being thrown into the general fund of government bailouts and funding of other nations; does that not make better fiscal sense to you? Instead of giving the government control of your money, you now have control over your own money's ability to bring a return on your investment. Jesus talked about employers being upset with inept employees and firing those who did not produce a return on what had been given. How do you think our government officials would have fared with an employer in Christ's days? They would have been fired.

Luke 16:1-2 —There was a rich man whose manager was accused of **wasting his possessions**. So he called him in and asked him, "What is this I hear about you? **Give an account of your management** [of my money], because you cannot be manager any longer."

Luke 19:12-17 —"A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' ...Then [when he returned] he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out **what they had gained with it**. The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? **Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with**

interest?' Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' 'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away.'

**The 2010 Index of Dependence on Government:** "The number of Americans who pay taxes continues to shrink—and the United States is close to the point at which half of the population will not pay taxes for government benefits they receive. In 2009, 64.3 million Americans depended on the government (read: their fellow citizens) for their daily housing, food, and health care. Starting in 2015, the Social Security program will not receive enough taxes to pay all the promised benefits—which will be hard for all job-holders, but devastating for roughly half the American workforce that has no other retirement program." The Center for Data Analysis Report #10-08

12. **Taxes: Do you support the elimination of a federal estate tax** [i.e.—do you favor eliminating a tax on any estate inheritance from your family or to your children which has been in effect since 1916? Only this year, the law Bush signed in 2001 repealed the tax entirely by the year 2010 (for estates under 2 million). But that legislation expires in 2011, sending the estate taxes back to their 2001 levels which could go up with the government taking as much as 55-60% of inherited estates over \$1 million].

**Comment:** The federal estate tax did not exist as a permanent law before 1916 in America. It only surfaced during times of war or national emergencies to help fund the expenses, and then stopped until the next national emergency came along (mostly war). In 1916 Congress levied a tax upon the transfer of a deceased's net estate. The Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives explained that a new type of tax was needed, because the "consumption taxes" in effect at that time bore most heavily upon those least able to pay them. Though even the founding fathers argued over this on both sides, the question remains: *Is it a just law that takes money from families, or is it unchecked, legalized theft on a grand scale?* Is it the government's right to tell us we don't have a right to all the money our parents or grandparents accumulated during their life time? Does the government have unlimited powers to vote itself "the right" to take as large a percentage of that money as they deem just, in order to subsidize a growing, government machine? In the Bible, there is no mention of the inheritance of the people being taxed by the government. God did not allow anyone to move the ancient boundaries and landmarks of a family. He kept the inheritance within the families and tribes. He said it was the responsibility of parents to lay up an inheritance for their children's children.

Gen 31:14-16 —Then Rachel and Leah replied, "Do we still have any share in **the inheritance of our father's estate**? Does he [Laban] not regard us as foreigners? Not only has he sold us, but he has used up [the dowry] what was paid for us. Surely **all the wealth** that God took away from our father **belongs to us and our children**. So do whatever God has told you [Jacob]."

Num 27:8-11 —"Say to the Israelites, 'If a man dies and leaves no son, **turn his inheritance over to his daughter**. If he has no daughter, **give his inheritance to his brothers**. If he has no brothers, **give his inheritance to his father's brothers**. If his father had no brothers, **give his inheritance to the nearest relative in his clan**, that **he may possess** it. This is to be a legal requirement for the Israelites, as the Lord commanded Moses.'"

Num 36:9 —**No inheritance may pass from tribe to tribe**, for each Israelite tribe is to keep the land it inherits."

Deut 19:14 —**Do not move** your neighbor's boundary stone [land estate] set up by your predecessors **in the inheritance you receive** in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess.

Prov 13:22 —A good man **leaves an inheritance** for his children's children.

Matt 21:38-39 —"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and **take his inheritance**.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

#### **Final Note:**

The comments in this paper are my opinions based on the principles of scriptures I've seen. I'm not a political-science scholar or economic expert, or an expert on the founding fathers. I'm a life-long student of these things and of God's economic and civil design. His ways are not our ways, and so much of our ways are not his ways. The brackets added in the twelve questions and scripture references are my own for clarification or to drive home a point. All scriptures are quoted from the "New International Version" unless otherwise noted.