

Rise Up Ye Women!

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

Thomas Paine

I would like to ask your indulgence while I take the time and space allotted in this chapter to address the women of faith who are reading this book. Since over 75% of the people of America define themselves as Christians, I felt it fitting to address the majority. Of course, all are welcome to read the contents of this chapter. But proceed at your own risk. God is mentioned here, the bible is quoted, and Christian themes abound. It should be noted, however, that while the sources may be different, many religions (and I believe a vast majority of the American people) espouse many of the same values advocated in Christianity and while the specific language in this chapter may be Christian in nature, the concepts outlined are universal. You can, of course, skip to the next chapter and just forget you ever stopped here. The choice is all yours.

Come on, you know you're curious.

About a year ago, I had a conversation with a friend from church. She had heard that I had started an organization called Homemakers for America and asked me what it was. So I shared our mission with her.

Our mission is to foster an understanding, love, and respect for America's history and heritage, her founding principles and values, her legacy and destiny, and build a nation of informed citizens and devoted patriots one woman and one family at a time.

When my friend finished reading the mission statement she said, "Oh, I didn't know it was political. I don't get involved in politics."

I was confused as to how she thought preserving freedom and building a nation of informed citizens was political and she went on to explain that politics was too cynical and petty, full of mudslinging and accusations. "I just don't get involved in that," she said.

Again, I was confused because political mudslinging has nothing to do with the mission and purpose of Homemakers for America. As I conversed further with my friend I realized that the reason she, like so many Christians, don't get involved in elections or public policy issues is because we are confusing civic responsibility with politics and they are *not* the same thing.

Politics is a product of pride, worldliness, and a lust for power. That is why so many of us cringe when we hear the word "politician" and look down our noses on the profession as beneath us—and it is. But politics is not what I am addressing here—civic responsibility is and there *is* a difference.

Civic responsibility is that duty which every American has as a citizen of this country, to respect the law, preserve the U.S. Constitution, be involved in our communities, safeguard the Republic, watch over our government, and seek out and elect good leaders to represent us. Politics is the result of what happens when not enough of us *fulfill* that duty.

So that leads us to the perpetrators of politics—the politicians!

A Politician is a person who lusts for power, is obsessed with self-importance, and motivated by greed. Politicians have been groomed in politics. They learn the artful craftiness of deceit, the clever tactics of scheming to get gain and win votes, and the cunning methods of distraction, distortion, denial and blame shifting. Politicians will say and do whatever it takes to keep and add to their power. They are motivated by self-preservation and personal gain, and put their own interests above the people they serve. Politicians will vote for anything they feel benefits them regardless of how their constituents feel or whether or not it is in the best interest of the country. Politicians are self-serving individuals who hold little regard for God or country and feel no loyalty or affection for the people they serve. Not very Christ-like attributes are they?

A statesman on the other hand is a person of integrity and high moral character, who possesses a strong desire to serve others, recognizes his/her imperfections and strives to overcome them to be the best person he/she can be. Statesmen have been trained in humanity. They learn the moral code of right and wrong, the positive attributes of honesty, humility, patriotism, accepting responsibility, and the selfless standards of love thy neighbor, the golden rule, and country before self.

Statesmen are people of faith who believe in a supreme being and a future state of rewards and punishments. They research issues carefully and do their best to vote in the best interest of the Republic and the people they represent—even if it means losing votes.

Statesmen cherish freedom and liberty, have a deep affection and concern for those they serve and feel a profound sense of duty and loyalty to their Country. They live their faith, reverence God, and respect the faith of others.

Perhaps you feel I am oversimplifying in my definitions. Perhaps you are thinking I am too harsh on politicians. That is possible. I am sure there are politicians who possess some of the characteristics of a statesmen and I know there are statesmen who fall prey to politics but we must ask ourselves, are we willing to settle with mediocre? Is 80% statesman good enough? Well how do you feel about your husband or wife being 80% faithful? I want a husband who is 100% faithful and I want my elected officials to be 100% for the Constitution and the Republic. It is important that we clearly understand the difference between civic responsibility and politics because politics is what is tearing this country down and we need a major infusion of civic responsibility to save it. Just look at all the issues that have been politicized today. Marriage has become a political issue. God has become a political issue. Even life is considered political. If Jesus were in America today, he would be considered the most political person on earth.

We have to separate civic duty from politics and politicians from statesmen because if we don't, our vision will become blurry and we allow things like killing babies and homosexual marriage to turn into "freedom of choice" and "equality". We will allow "acceptance" to become synonymous with brotherly love. And sin will just become one of those things people do, like riding a bike or going to the grocery store.

Now that we have defined the differences in these two groups—politicians and statesmen—we need to ask ourselves, as Christians, which one of these groups deserves our time and attentions? The answer is both of them, but you need to see the big picture to understand why.

In February of 2005 Bill Maher, host of Politically Incorrect, appeared on Scarborough Country and stated the following...

We are a nation that is unenlightened because of religion. I do believe that. I think that religion stops people from thinking. I think it justifies crazies. I think flying planes into a

building was a faith-based initiative. I think religion is a neurological disorder. If you look at it logically, it's something that was drilled into your head when you were a small child. It certainly was drilled into mine at that age. And you really can't be responsible when you are a kid for what adults put into your head.¹

There is so much in that short statement that sheds great light on what we are facing today in our nation. I am not going to analyze Mr. Maher's statement for you. But if you came away with the idea that he is calling you insane, brainwashed, illogical, and a general threat to our nation because you believe in God you would be right.

There are a lot of people who are trying desperately to convince us there is no God and religion is either a ridiculous waste of time or an enemy to humanity—or both. Just look at all the people who are attacked for even mentioning the phrase “intelligent design”. With so much scientific evidence pointing to an intelligent designer why would we not be including it in science lessons? Why are scientists, teachers, and anyone else who even questions evolution attacked for going against the “establishment”? Aren't freedom of thought and freedom to express ideas what science is all about? Why is there such a monumental effort to suppress even the mere mention of the idea of an intelligent designer? And why is the theory of evolution presented as irrefutable fact when there is so much scientific evidence that questions the validity of it? Ben Stein sought out to find the answers to these very questions in his movie *Expelled*. I cannot recommend strongly enough that you take the time to see this movie.

Expelled is a riveting documentary that interviews several qualified professionals on the matter of evolution verses intelligent design. The evolutionists and scientists in the movie were very open and honest about their ideas and feelings on the subject, even going to far as to state that it was their study of evolution that led them to atheism.

One of the evolutionists, Will Provine who is a professor of biology at Cornell University, said that he was a Christian and had never heard anything about evolution because it was illegal to teach it in Tennessee when he was in school. Once he entered college, however, he found that his biology class taught nothing *but* evolution. When he questioned his professor as to why God was not mentioned in the material presented, his professor challenged him to study the class textbook and materials and see if he could find any evidence of an intelligent designer. Professor Provine took the challenge and stated that he searched through the book but could find no evidence whatsoever of an intelligent designer and he immediately began to question the existence of deity.

Dr. Provine said, “First you give up the idea of deity. Then that there's life after death. When you give those two up the rest of it follows very easily. You give up the hope that there's an eminent morality and finally there's no human free will. If you believe in evolution you can't hope there would be any free will. There's no hope whatsoever of there being any deep meaning in human life. We live, we die, and we're gone.”²

I cannot even imagine going through life that way. How very sad that man must be. But what is even worse, is that this man is a professor of Biology at a major university using his position to promote atheism in the name of science and poisoning the minds of thousands of young impressionable students with his anti-God rhetoric. But Professor Provine isn't the only one trying to convince our children to deny God and give up religion. There is a whole army of people out there trying to win our children over to the dark side. Bill Maher is one them as you can tell from his own statement.

When people say to me, 'You hate America,' I don't hate America. I love America. I am just embarrassed that it has been taken over by people like evangelicals, by people who do not believe in science and rationality. It is the 21st century. And I will tell you, my

friend. The future does not belong to the evangelicals. The future does not belong to religion.³

So who does the future belong to then you ask? According to one of the scientists in Ben Stein's movie it belongs to science. This "enlightened" scientist said science would gradually replace religion, little by little, until religion doesn't affect our lives any more. He compared religion to a hobby like knitting and said as scientific ideas are brought more and more into society religion will eventually reach the level that it *should* be—just something fun that people get together and do on the weekend.

You may be thinking to yourself, these people must not understand the purpose of religion. They just must not understand that worshiping God is what makes us better people and gives us purpose in your lives. Oh, I assure you, they already know this. Evolutionists know the kind of influence religion and God have in our lives and they don't like it. It is not enough for them to have their *own* beliefs; they want to force *us* into believing it too. That is why they are preaching evolution like a religion in our schools. Professor Provine clearly understands what religion is about when he preaches against it.

No God, no life after death, no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning in life and no human free will. We're all deeply connected to an evolutionary perspective. You're here today and you're gone tomorrow and that's all there is to it.⁴

I know it is hard for us to understand how someone could be filled with so much emptiness, disdain, and contempt but it does explain how people can so easily justify and promote the taking of human life. It does explain the thoughtless killing of millions of Jews. It does explain the cavalier approach to genocide. It does explain the calculated, systematic murder of thousands of innocent people simply for the purpose of "cleansing the race" of impurities and imperfections. And it does explain why millions of babies were murdered for convenience.

If there is no meaning in life then life has no value. If there is no supreme being then we feel justified in playing God. If there is no free will, we accept no responsibility for our actions. If there is no future state of rewards and punishments then we have no reason to be decent. If there is no life after death, why would we care about anything but ourselves and how much power and wealth we can amass before we die? And why would we care how we got it or who we step on in the process? If there is nothing more than here and now then that is what we live for. Life would be nothing more than a self-indulgent party—eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die. What would America be like then? Tragically, we are well on our way to finding out.

There is a new rage among Christians today; it is what is known as "all truth" and it is infecting our youth. I had a conversation with a young college student not too long ago that introduced me to this new fad. I invited the young woman—who was a faithful Christian—to Viva la Vita which is the annual fundraiser for Dayton Right to Life.

"Oh, I don't get involved in politics," the young woman said when I invited her.

"This isn't politics," I said, "it is a wonderful night of entertainment where you can meet good people and support a great cause."

"Well," she said, "Right to Life is a political organization and I don't support political organizations."

"Dayton Right to Life isn't a political organization," I explained. "It is a non-profit foundation dedicated to preserving life and helping young mothers who decide to keep their

babies. Dayton Right to Life provides resources, services and educational programs that teach people about what abortion is and the alternatives to having one.”

“I know that’s your truth,” she said, “but I accept all truth.”

“What are you talking about?” I asked.

“You believe that abortion is wrong and that is your truth. Others believe that abortion is right and that is their truth. I embrace all truth.”

“What do you mean you embrace *all* truth?” I asked, a bit confused.

“I mean I respect your truth and I respect their truth.”

“But what is *your* truth. What do *you* believe?”

“I believe in embracing all truth.”

“So you don’t believe in *anything*?”

“Sure I do. I believe in an individual’s right to seek out and accept their own truth.”

“And you don’t have a position on which “truth” is right. I mean if someone tells you the grass is purple are you going to accept that as truth?”

“I would accept it as their truth.”

“But grass isn’t purple it’s green! Are you saying that you would just accept grass is purple because someone said it was?”

“I would accept that they believed it.”

“Beliefs and truth are not the same thing. Believing something doesn’t make it true. The grass can’t be green *and* purple. Either it is green or it is purple. They can’t both be right.”

“What if the person looking at the grass is colorblind?”

“What?”

“What if the person sees grass as purple because they are colorblind.”

“Then you, as the person who *isn’t* color blind, have a responsibility to teach the color blind person that the grass is *green* and not purple so he doesn’t go through his whole life telling people grass is purple and looking like an idiot. Just because a blind person can’t see the nose on their face doesn’t mean it isn’t there. Truth is not all-encompassing. *Everything* can’t be true. The grass can’t be green *and* purple. There can only be *one* truth.”

“But whose truth?”

“What!”

“Who decides what the colors are. Who decides that grass is green? In Mexico people say grass is verde. So should I tell them they are wrong because grass is green?”

“No, you just explain that it is a different word for the same the color. It doesn’t change what grass looks like. Truth is not universal but there are universal truths. Grass is grass whether you’re in Mexico or America. It doesn’t matter if you’re in France, Germany, Japan or Zimbabwe grass still looks like grass. If you tried to tell a Mexican grass is morado they’d think you were just as nutty as the American who says grass is purple. The words may be different but it doesn’t change the color. It doesn’t change the fact that grass is green and there can only be one truth.”

I could see the gears turning in the young woman’s head and I finally thought I was getting through to her when she suddenly looked at me smiling and said, “That was a bad example.”

“No,” I said, “it was a great example. It shows how easily a person can be manipulated and deceived when they are blinded from truth. Just imagine how easy it would be to convince someone who was blind that grass is purple. Embracing all truth simply means that we are not willing to seek out what is true. Whether we are talking about grass or abortion, it is our

responsibility to seek out the truth and then stand up for that truth. Both positions can't be right. They can't both be true. Either abortion is killing babies or it isn't. Either you believe in preserving life or you don't."

"I don't believe in taking sides," the woman answered. "I believe in respecting both sides."

At this point my mind was immediately drawn to the scripture in Revelations 3:16 "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."

"You know," I said, "there is going to come a time when you are going to have to get off the fence and choose whether the grass is green or purple and whether killing babies is right or wrong. Someday, you're going to have to decide whether you believe in the preservation of life or the propagation of death."

"I don't get involved in political issues."

"Life isn't political," I said, "Its self-evident."

"I understand that's your truth," she said.

Ugh! By this time my head was spinning from all her circling around and, realizing we were at a stalemate, I just smiled, wished her a good day and went home to ponder on the experience. What I witnessed that day, was the result of a culture of tolerance convincing us that we need to move beyond right and wrong, beyond good and evil, and beyond truth and falsehood. If truth is universal and all encompassing then there is no truth. If there is no truth then right and wrong becomes a matter of opinion and good and evil unnecessary extremes.

So if we are then moving to a world where we embrace all truth, do we excuse a man who murders an innocent little girl, dismembers her body and carelessly discards her remains because his truth was that it was okay? I mean, if we are embracing all truth then there is no right and wrong so the murder and dismemberment of a little girl is no big deal right? Before you pass that off as a ridiculously grotesque example because nothing like that would ever happen, let me remind you—it already is. Every time a doctor cuts a baby out of a mother's womb piece by piece and drops the severed pieces into a metal pan, he is murdering a little girl or a little boy. But we don't call that murder; we call it reproductive healthcare and declare it a woman's right.

So if the people who are for abortion think it is so right then why do they keep introducing new words to make it sound less offensive? Why do they hide it behind closed doors so no one will see what it really is? Why do they refer to it as a "medical procedure" and disguise it as "reproductive healthcare"? Why do they call it "pro-choice", and not pro-abortion? Why do they call it "a woman's right" instead of a baby's death? If they're so proud of what they're doing, why don't they just call it what it is—killing babies. But I guess that's just *my* truth and "enlightened" people embrace all truth, right?

This is why we need to stay alert and informed in politics—not because we need to sling mud and play petty games—but because we need to expose them. We need to know what politicians are doing so we can stay alert, think clearly and be aware of deceptions. The Bible warns us of this. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." ⁵ "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." ⁶

There has never been a time when we needed a discerning mind more than we do now. Truth is being twisted, right and wrong are being redefined and the people of America are being conspired against on a grand scale. This is not a conspiracy theory, it is conspiracy fact. It is the greatest conspiracy of all because it is being orchestrated by the greatest conspirator of all.

We are in the midst of the greatest war the world has ever known. It started in the beginning of time before we were even born. It began with the War in Heaven (Revelations 12:7-11) when Satan declared war on the souls of men and Cain marked the battle lines when he drew the first blood. Throughout the history of mankind we have seen the devastating effects of this war. There have been casualties. Prices have been paid, bargains made and lots cast. Battles have come and gone but the war rages on and with each passing generation it escalates and intensifies.

Our battles today aren't as complicated as Democrats versus Republicans, Liberals versus Conservatives or Americans versus Terrorists. We are in a War of Good versus Evil and it is simply a matter of who *is* and who *isn't* on the Lord's side.

Since Cain and Abel every civilization, every culture and every people have been fighting the same war. The names, faces and battlegrounds have changed but Satan has always been at the helm. Ephesians 6:12 tells us, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Satan reigns supreme on this earth. His evil works are apparent in countries all over the world. But there is one glimmer of hope in this dark and dreary world; it is the glorious light of America! The United States of America is the emblem of freedom for the entire world. Good people all over the earth are praying that America stays strong and remains free for we are their hope of a brighter day. People who live under constant violence, tyranny and oppression look to America and have hope that if freedom can live on in America then freedom is possible for them too.

It is the American spirit of freedom that causes people from nations all over the world to rise up and stand for freedom in their own lands. It is *our* banner of freedom that burns deep in the hearts of God's children everywhere and gives them the courage to carry on. It is *our* banner of freedom that supplies food, medicine and necessities we take for granted to the impoverished of the world. It is our banner of freedom that, with an outpouring of love, spreads the light of Christ to God's children in every corner of the earth. As long as America remains free there is hope but if freedom is lost and the United States of America falls into oppression, tyranny, and want, then the last bastion of hope for the world is lost.

America is Satan's last battleground. Once we realize this we can clearly see why it is so important to preserve freedom and liberty at all cost. And God is counting on us to do it. We cannot feed the world if our own cupboards are bare. We cannot provide clothes and medicine if the government has regulated healthcare and restricted our industries. We cannot share the light of Christ if the government strips us of our freedom to worship. Don't you understand, everything we do to give hope and provide support to the people of the world we can do because we are free. There is no country on earth that is more generous than the United States because the light of Christ still burns bright here. We are not just a nation of plenty; we are a nation with a deep desire to share our plenty with others and it is freedom that makes it all possible.

Preserving freedom isn't a matter of politics it is a matter of national survival—both physical and spiritual—not just for us but for the world. In 1831 the famous French historian Alexis de Tocqueville said: "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there; in her fertile fields and boundless prairies, and it was not there; in her rich mines and her vast world of commerce, and it was not there. Not until I went to the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with

righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”⁶

And that is why God and religion are under attack in our nation—because Satan knows that is where America’s greatness lies. He knows if he can harden the hearts of the people and turn them from God then he destroys America. And since the greatness comes from our churches—from the belief in God and the desire to live a Christ-like life—it is there that he puts his focus. He is targeting the family—most especially the Christian family—and the Christian church as a whole. That is why Satan has worked so hard to blur our vision with his deceptive tactics hoping that if he confuses the issues we will walk away from the fight altogether. And his plan is working. But, it is not too late to turn the tide. We need to stand up and rub the fog of deception from our eyes.

America is *God’s* design. Liberty is *His* plan. The bible tells us, “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”⁷

Freedom for all is *God’s* banner. And He is counting on His people to hold it up and sustain it. “Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you.”⁸

God is the great builder. Satan is the great destroyer. And since God was at the very foundation of this nation it only stands to reason that Satan will use all his powers to tear it down. Politics is just one of his tools. Politics has nothing to do with preserving liberty. Politics is confusing and God is not a God of confusion. Politics breeds contention and contention is of the devil. Politics is full of anger and God is a God of love. Politics is man’s way, but God is counting on us to introduce *His* way. He is counting on us to seek truth and have the courage to stand up for truth in all things. He is counting on us to think straight and use the spirit of discernment. He is counting on us to get involved and have our voice heard. He is counting on us to seek out, elect, and support Statesmen. He is counting on us to preserve freedom and sustain the Republic. And He is counting on us to pray for guidance and direction as we do it.

Now that you see the big picture it puts a whole new perspective on things doesn’t it? Do you realize now why it so important that we get involved? Do you understand why it is so important that we pay attention to what is going on around us? This has nothing to do with the National Organization for Women, or the ACLU or ACORN, or any group or individual trying to destroy God, Freedom, and Family. No matter what we call them—monarchists, politicians, progressives, or feminists—they are all just pawns in a much greater scheme. They are Satan’s antagonists propelling *his* agenda forward and they don’t even know it—because *they* have been deceived. They have fallen into the trap of politics and have become consumed with a lust for power that clouds their vision and turns them even further away from the Light of Christ.

1 John 1:5 tells us that “God is light, and in him is no darkness”. John 3:19-21 further tells us, “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

This is not a war against people. This is a fight against Satan and all the powers of darkness. Once we recognize that it changes everything because we know something very important, unlike the antagonists of the world, we already know who *wins* this war—and it isn’t them! Truth will prevail and the “devil that deceiveth the world” will be cast into a lake of fire

and brimstone. (Rev 12:9 & 20:10) Satan will get in his licks and we may lose some battles, but it is God who wins this war!

Knowing we are on the winning team gives us a whole new perspective and the picture doesn't look so bleak anymore. Suddenly all those battles that seemed so massive and unwinnable look like little skirmishes. All those walls that seemed impenetrable come tumbling down and all those people that made us so angry just don't bother us anymore. Try it out for yourself.

When you read what Bill Maher said about religion it made you mad didn't it? You got hot under the collar and started yelling at words on a page, right? Now that you see the big picture and you know you are on the winning team, go back and read what he said again. Suddenly instead of wanting to scream at the book, you just roll your eyes and give a big "whatever!" And when you read Professor Provine's words of pain and emptiness, you ache for his soul. These are our brothers and sisters. They need our prayers not our anger. But that doesn't mean we condone or excuse their actions. If they want to sin in private that's fine; it's their choice, but when they make their sins public, throw them in our faces, and demand we accept and even embrace those sins, we must draw the line. And we absolutely *cannot* allow them to infect our children with their lies under the pretense of educating them. We can no longer allow our children to be proselytized in atheism camouflaged as science.

We need to realize what our children are being exposed to and prepare them to face it. Everyday our children go out to battle in the midst of this terrible war. Are we sending them out armed for battle? We would not send our children out the door in winter without a coat so why, in Heaven's name would we send them out to battle against the forces of darkness completely unprotected? They need the whole armor of God to protect them. We can't just shield our children from the world, we have to prepare them to face it.

We need to not just *teach* our children about God, we need to help them gain a testimony of Him. You will not always be there to carry them. They will have to stand on their own and the need to know how. They can lean on your faith and testimony for a while but eventually, they will have to gain their own because if they don't, they could be led astray just like Professor Provine was. We need to pray with our children and teach them how to pray themselves so when they need direction when we're not there, they will know how to get it. And, I cannot stress not this enough, please don't isolate your children from politics.

It is not enough to say abortion is wrong. Our children need to know it for themselves. We need to teach our children what the pro-choice people are saying. Talk about it, discuss it, share the arguments of the other side. Be open and truthful with them, show them the facts and use the word of God. They will see the truth and will come to a firm understanding of that truth on their own because we have taken the time to teach them. And when someone comes along and uses the "woman's right" argument they will immediately realize it for the lie it is. When someone tries to convince them it is "political" they will know that life is not political but self-evident. Shielding our children from the lies will only make it easier for them to be deceived. We cannot shield them from the lies; we need to expose the lies.

Knowing now how dangerously toxic evolution is to one's faith, why would you ever send your children out in the world to find out about it there? I have a lot of friends who teach creation science and refuse to even mention evolution to their children. May I remind you that the first time Professor Provine heard about evolution was in college? We can't assume that just teaching creation is going to be enough to thwart off the fiery darts of Satan's evolution scam.

We need to refute evolution early; and if your children are attending public school, you can't do it early enough.

From the time our children were very young we started refuting evolution. We started by joking about it. We had an old picture book about a bunch of monkeys in a zoo who always got into mischief and I'd say, "You know something funny? There are people who think we used to be monkeys. Isn't that silly?" As they got older the conversations become more in depth. We read books, had discussions and even did research projects. By the time our children were in 5th and 6th grade they had disproven evolution so many times there was no way anyone was going to convince them it was true. We don't need to shield our children from science we just need to approach it with the right perspective.

I really like Ken Ham's perspective. Ken Ham is the president of Answers in Genesis. A few years ago I had the privilege of hearing him speak. Ken said people of faith tend to use science to explain the Bible but that we should do exactly the opposite. Instead of trying to fit the Bible into science, we should start with the Bible when studying science. Then Ken asked an interesting question of the audience.

"How many of you believe kangaroos once inhabited Turkey?"

A couple hands slowly crept up. Then Ken asked the audience how many of them believed that a man named Noah built an Ark, filled it with animals, floated in the ark for forty days and forty nights and then landed in Turkey. The audience started to chatter amongst themselves. Ken asked the question again. Every hand went up. Then he made this profound statement, "I don't know how Kangaroos came to be only in Australia," he said, "but I know there was at least one time when Kangaroos were in Turkey."

This is such a good analogy that I have used it over and over again in Sunday School classes and youth group meetings; and every time I get a real kick out of seeing that light bulb go off in people's heads.

Evolutionists use science to disprove God. They start with science and then try to see how God fits into *their* mold. The problem is their mold is inferior. God is the great designer. He *owns* the mold. We need to do just the opposite of what the scientists are doing—we need to start with God first and then study science as a way to discover what He already knows. And that's really all the science is—*Man's search for what God already knows*.

God warned us we would face an onslaught of deceitfulness in our day. The Bible states that we would be "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine", by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive..."⁹ "And they will deceive everyone his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity."¹⁰ For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."¹¹ "But cursed be the deceiver."¹²

If we build a firm foundation in truth and light for our children—and have a firm foundation ourselves—we will be much more prepared to face whatever the antagonists throw at us. Armed with the shield of faith, the belt of truth, and the spirit of discernment, we are prepared to stand on the front lines of this war for the souls of men. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day¹³... that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.¹⁴

God knew the times we would live in. He knew what we would face and he has not left us alone. In 2 Timothy chapter 3 Paul gives comfort to Timothy in a time of great persecution against the Saints of God. Paul, who suffered immense persecutions, tells Timothy "all that will

live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”¹⁵. Paul then speaks specifically of our day and gives guidance to both Timothy and us on how to endure the evil and persecutions of our day.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.¹⁶

I love the last part of that—continue in the things we have learned *knowing from whom we learned them*. We learned them from God. We learn truth from Him—not our pastor, priest or teacher. Others can share with us what they have learned and we can be inspired and motivated by them, but we still have to seek the word for ourselves. We need to search the scriptures ourselves and not rely solely on the interpretation of others. If we hang our faith and our whole belief system on what someone tells us the Bible says, then they can tell us anything and we will believe it.

It deeply saddens me to see what is happening in our churches. Satan’s plan to attack the church has been much too successful. Pastors have become slaves to the collection plate fearing if they speak too plainly or address certain issues they may offend the congregation. Churches are becoming “inclusive” which is code for—we don’t talk about sin here we just have a good time. Isn’t that what the evolutionists said their goal is—to put religion on the level where it belongs—just something we do on the weekend? Is that what we really want? What about teaching the word of God? Unfortunately in many churches today, God’s word is often corrupted and entire sections are just left out. New Bibles are being printed eliminating whole passages of scripture to make it less offensive to sinners. And many churches are using the pulpit to promote politics and preach bigotry and hate. This is not of God.

We need to remember that deception is all around us and if we are not sure about the truth of something, we need to use the simple standard Paul shared with Timothy—remember where we learned these things. When we are faced with a spirit of contention all we have to ask ourselves is—where does contention come from? Where does hate come from? Where does bigotry come from? Since none of those things come from God then why would someone who claims to be serving God promote such things?

This is why it is so important that we build our relationship with God—seek out his words ourselves, pray to him ourselves, build our own faith and not just rely on the words, prayers and faith of others. This will give us the spirit of discernment and help us think straight—which is something we all desperately need to do.

Every one of us has the right to choose what we will believe and what we will do but that choice is made based on our knowledge and understanding of things. That is why it is so important that we seek knowledge and understanding ourselves. I love what Benjamin Franklin said about this.

We stand at the crossroads, each minute, each hour, each day, making choices. We choose the thoughts we allow ourselves to think, the passions we allow ourselves to feel, and the actions we allow ourselves to perform. Each choice is

made in the context of whatever value system we've selected to govern our lives. In selecting that value system, we are, in a very real way, making the most important choice we will ever make.

Those who believe there is one God who made all things and who governs the world by his Providence will make many choices different from those who do not. Those who hold in reverence that being who gave them life and worship Him through adoration, prayer, and thanksgiving will make many choices different from those who do not. Those who believe that mankind are all of a family and that the most acceptable service of God is doing good to man will make many choices different from those who do not. Those who believe in a future state in which all that is wrong here will be made right will make many choices different from those who do not. Those who subscribe to the morals of Jesus will make many choices different from those who do not.

Since the foundation of all happiness is thinking rightly, and since correct action is dependent on correct opinion, we cannot be too careful in choosing the value system we allow to govern our thoughts and actions.

“And to know that God governs in the affairs of men, that he hears and answers prayers, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, is indeed, a powerful regulator of human conduct.”¹⁷

I can think of no more powerful regulator of human conduct than that—which is of course why God and religion are being besieged so relentlessly. That is why the church is so often used as a platform to promote politics and politicians or on the flip side, why so many churches hide behind “politics” to keep from having to speak truth about things like life, liberty, and the preservation of marriage. Church is no place for politics because that is not God's way but it is the perfect place to teach and promote civic responsibility because God's hand is all over that.

Remember, civic responsibility is that duty which every American has, as a citizen of this country, to respect the law, be involved in our communities, safeguard the Republic, watch over our government, and seek out and elect good leaders to represent us. As Christians it is vital that we become actively involved in the electoral process. Please don't allow yourself to be deceived into believing that means joining politics. God doesn't want us to take part in mud-slinging, name calling, and deceitful tactics. He wants us to go in and clean up the whole mess and there is no better way to do that than to get rid of all the politicians running it.

We need to vote out the politicians and vote in Statesmen. The Bible counsels us, “Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers...”¹⁸

The Bible also warns what happens when we do not *follow* this council. “As a roaring lion, and a raging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.”¹⁹ “While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption...”²⁰ “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”²¹

That is the difference between having politicians in government and having Statesmen and witnessing it today. So, instead of sitting on the sidelines saying, “I don't like politics” get in there and clean it up. I don't like them either. Together we can do it. But as we do, we need to remember that Satan is watching and we must constantly be on our guard against his deceptive tactics.

The devil isn't going to just sit by and let us tear down his house of cards. When he sees us uniting he is going to come after us in all his fury using every weapon in his arsenal to stop us

and bigotry is one of his favorite weapons. Remember, the best way to defeat an enemy is to divide and conquer them and Satan has been very successful at that—not just in the nation but in the church as well. I have sat in congregations and listened to the Pastor preach against other religions. I have attended Bible classes that condemned other religions. I have been in church bookstores where they not only sell, but promote books that attack other religions and malign and degrade the beliefs of others.

I have seen fellow Christians shun people of other faiths and sever friendships when they find out their friend is a member of what they feel is an unacceptable religion. Again, this is not of God. Anything that stimulates fear, breeds hate, or promotes bigotry is not of God. Jesus taught this principle when told the story of the Samaritan. The story doesn't really hit us like it did the Jews of the time because to us Samaritan is just a word in the story, but what if we changed the word to one that we would understand? Since Mormons are the most widely recognized religion prejudiced against in America let's use that word. Let's replace "Samaritan" with "Mormon". What if it was a Mormon that stopped and took care of the man on the side of the road and it was a Baptist, and a Born Again that passed him by? And then Jesus asks, "Which of these three, the Mormon, the Baptist, or the Born Again was a neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?"

If you got a bad taste in your mouth when you had to answer, "the Mormon" then you have just realized the same thing the Sadducees and Pharisees did—you have been infected with bigotry—and Jesus just called you to repentance. It doesn't matter how the bigotry got there. It only matters that it is there. And you need to decide, are you going to follow God or give in to Satan? What if instead of replacing the Samaritan in the story with a Mormon we replace it with a Muslim, a Buddhist or even an Atheist? Does it change the message of the story in anyway? Does it really matter what religion the Samaritan was or does it matter that he was the one who stopped and had true compassion for another?

Just imagine what would happen if we purged ourselves of our bigotry and hate and stood together as brothers and sisters for a common purpose without worrying about what color, race, or religion we are. Actually we don't have to imagine. We witnessed it first hand with California's proposition 8. Side by side, Californians stood together united in purpose to pass the California marriage amendment. There was a massive and intense effort to stop the proposition from passing but people gathered and churches united—Catholic, Mormon, Baptist, Methodist—and it wasn't just Christians. Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, people from all faiths united for the same cause and they didn't ask what religions were involved before they decided to join the fight. They just got in there, rolled up their sleeves, and fought for what they believed was right. People of faith from all over California stood together and because they did a law banning homosexual marriage was passed—*in California!* If that isn't a miracle I don't know what is. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we do it *together*.

Being united in purpose doesn't change who we are or what we believe as individuals. We don't have to agree with the personal beliefs of others to stand together and fight for a common cause. America is full of diversity. Our Constitution was constructed in the midst of it and freedom of religion was the greatest gift we received from it. If we want the freedom to worship God as we choose then we need to allow our brothers and sisters to do the same and not criticize, condemn and attack them because their beliefs are different from ours. We don't have to agree with the beliefs of others, but we do have to respect their right to have them. As President Bush stated in his 2005 Inaugural Address, "Liberty for all does not mean

independence from one another...we cannot carry the message of freedom and the baggage of bigotry at the same time.”

The fact is religion is one of the main things that unite us as Americans just as it was in the days of our Founding Families. Of course there were differences in specific theology and sects but the basic foundational beliefs of our Founding Families were the same. Benjamin Franklin defined these shared beliefs as the fundamental points in all sound religion. He outlined these fundamental points in a letter to Ezra Stiles, the president of Yale University.

Here is my creed. I believe in one God, the Creator of the universe. That he governs it by his Providence. That he ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we render to him is in doing good to his other children. That the soul of man is immortal, and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this. These I take to be the fundamental points in all sound religion.²²

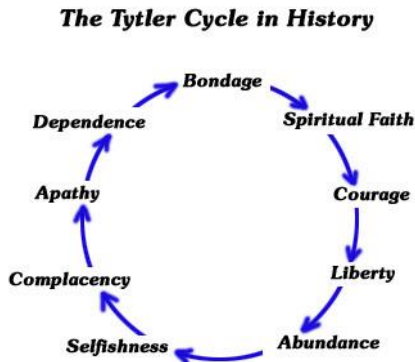
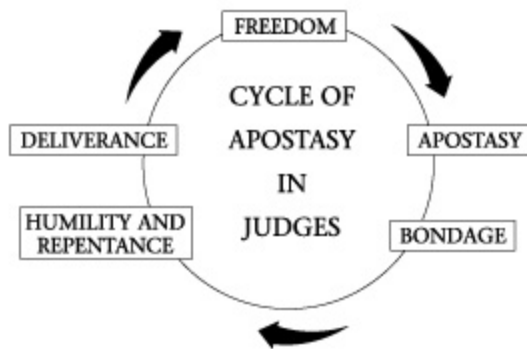
When you think of the major religions on Earth—Judaism, Hindu, Muslim, and Christianity with all its many sects, you realize they all adhere to these same fundamental principles. These fundamental beliefs unite us. I think we can all agree that, unless you are an atheist, Benjamin Franklin’s creed is something we can all live by—and should. And if we all did, the world would be a much better place.

So let’s stand together as children of God and work together as brothers and sisters to tear down the politics of corruption that fill our government and restore the glorious Republic of freedom and liberty that God gave us. We *can* do it. I believe in miracles, after all, America is one *big* miracle. It was a miracle Columbus received the funding he needed to sail to a land he didn’t even know existed. It was a miracle the Pilgrims survived the first winter. It was a miracle George Washington lived to lead the colonial army. It was a miracle we won the Revolutionary War. It was a miracle when fifty-five men met at Independence Hall in Philadelphia and it was a miracle when they signed the Constitution of the United States.

Yes, I believe in miracles—especially the greatest miracle of all—Jesus Christ. As Christians there is no greater contribution we can make in this war than to share the light of Christ. The virtue of the word of God has a more powerful effect upon the minds of people than anything else. If you want to stop wars, teach people of Christ and they will want to lay down their weapons. No sword has the power to do that.

Former agriculture secretary Ezra Benson said, “The world would take people out of the slums. Christ takes the slums out of the people, and then they take themselves out of the slums. The world would mold men by changing their environment. Christ changes men, who then change their environment. The world would shape human behavior, but Christ can change human nature.”²³

That is a very powerful thing and that is why Satan is so afraid of it. Nothing can instill goodness in a people more than a mighty change of heart. That is what will preserve our freedom. Do you remember the Cycle of Democracy chart I showed you? Well, I’d like to show you another chart. It is the cycle of apostasy from the book of Judges. I placed both charts side by side so you can see just how much God fits into this. When we spread the light of Christ, and people embrace it, they are drawn to goodness and that leads to freedom.



Of course, Satan will be there with all the powers of darkness to try and stop us because he has too much to lose. As one religious leader said, “The fight against Satan and his forces is not a little skirmish with a half-willed antagonist, but a battle royal with an enemy so powerful, entrenched, and organized that we are likely to be vanquished if we are not strong, well trained, and watchful.”²⁴

Our nation is being attacked from all sides. We are in a hot bed of issues that confront us every day. Satan has used women to tear America down. God will use women to build her back up. We must have the courage to stand for what’s right. *We must join this fight.*

We have the power to influence our Nation for good. We must stop allowing the battle to rage on without us. We have the ability to counteract Satan’s deceit with the strength and influence of truth. We can turn his corruption into virtue, his hatred into benevolence and his darkness into light. He may have the power to bruise our heel, but we have the power to crush his head. (Gen 3:15)

No matter who you are, what you believe or where you worship, if freedom is something you want to preserve then let us join together. Our nation is at the crossroads, Ladies, and we stand at the center of the conflict. Jezebel is taking down our beloved nation and only Esther can save her. It is not by accident or some coincidence that you are in America. This was your destiny. God put you here for such a time as this. And when the battle seems too fierce and it feels like everything stands in your way, know that you are not alone. Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.²⁵

Abraham Lincoln said, “It is my constant prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord’s side.” This is my prayer as well. The battle lines are drawn. The war is raging on. It is time we put on the whole armor of God and stand on the front lines of freedom. Rise up ye women, this *is* our fight. Be strong and of good courage—and do it!²⁶

From Our Founders—

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

~George Washington

It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.

~Patrick Henry

The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scripture ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evil men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.

~Noah Webster

Our ancestors established their system of government on morality and religious sentiment. Moral habits, they believed, cannot safely be trusted on any other foundation than religious principle, not any government secure which is not supported by moral habits.... Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens.

~Daniel Webster

Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is so sublime and pure (and) which insures to the good eternal happiness, are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments.

~ Charles Carroll

Your love of liberty — your respect for the laws — your habits of industry — and your practice of the moral and religious obligations, are the strongest claims to national and individual happiness.

~George Washington

It is the duty of the clergy to accommodate their discourses to the times, to preach against such sins as are most prevalent, and recommend such virtues as are most wanted.

~John Adams

The legitimate powers of government extend to such acts as are only injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods, or no God. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.

~Thomas Jefferson

The highest glory of the American Revolution was this; it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.

~John Quincy Adams

Is uniformity attainable? Millions of innocent men, women, and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned; yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. What has been the effect of coercion? To make one half the world fools, and the other half hypocrites.

~Thomas Jefferson

A patriot without religion in my estimation is as great a paradox as an honest Man without the fear of God. Is it possible that he whom no moral obligations bind, can have any real Good Will towards Men? Can he be a patriot who, by an openly vicious conduct, is undermining the very bonds of Society?....The Scriptures tell us "righteousness exalteth a Nation.

~Abigail Adams

The belief of a future state of rewards and punishments, the entertaining just ideas of the main attributes of the Supreme Being, and a firm persuasion that He superintends and will finally compensate every action in human life (all which are revealed in the doctrines of our Savior, Christ), these are the grand foundations of all judicial oaths, which call God to witness the truth of those facts which perhaps may be only known to Him and the party attesting; all moral evidences, therefore, all confidence in human veracity, must be weakened by apostasy, and overthrown by total infidelity.

~Sir William Blackstone

Moses lifting up his wand, and dividing the Red Sea, and Pharaoh in his chariot overwhelmed with the waters. This motto: 'Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.

~Benjamin Franklin

I consider the doctrines of Jesus as delivered by himself to contain the outlines of the sublimest system of morality that has ever been taught but I hold in the most profound detestation and execration the corruptions of it which have been invented...

~Thomas Jefferson