

# LAW & POLITICS FACT SHEET

## **KEY VERSES:**

Deuteronomy 2:37–38; 4:5–6; 5; 6	Zechariah 8:16 Jeremiah 27:5–9, 12	Romans 13:1-10 1 Timothy 1:8–11; 2:1
Psalms 1; 2; 11:11; 14:43; 19:7–9; 119; 29:2	Daniel 2:20-21	1 Peter 2:13–14

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**Citizen Magazine** | [www.citizenlink.org](http://www.citizenlink.org) |

**World Magazine** | [www.worldmag.com](http://www.worldmag.com) |

**Human Events** | [www.humanevents.org](http://www.humanevents.org) |

## **KEY QUOTES:**

*"We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a supreme being."<sup>1</sup>*

*"To cut off Law from its ethical sources is to strike a terrible blow at the rule of law."<sup>2</sup>*

*"Government policies of accommodation, acknowledgment, and support for religion are an accepted part of our political and cultural heritage.... Any approach less sensitive to our heritage would border on latent hostility toward religion."<sup>3</sup>*

*"[The] Establishment Clause permits government some latitude in recognizing and accommodating the central role religion plays in our society."<sup>4</sup>*

*"Why have law and order deteriorated so rapidly in the United States? Simply because for many years it has been commonly taught that life is a random, accidental phenomenon with no meaning except the purely materialistic one. Laws are merely a matter of human expediency. Since humans are allegedly accidents, so are their laws."<sup>5</sup>*

*"If man cannot know, according to a higher law, what is just or right in a given situation, he cannot protest and criticize legitimately any particular course of action as unjust."<sup>6</sup>*

*"God has called the Church to serve. And through service He grants us favor with the people. This is a fundamental principle of dominion in the Bible: dominion through service."<sup>7</sup>*

*"[C]hristians have an important role to play in the organization that most people think of as 'government' – the state. Indeed, believers have a Biblical obligation to be involved in civic affairs, since that sphere, no less than the private realm, is subject to God's rule and requires a generous dose of Christian 'salt.'"<sup>8</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> Justice William O. Douglas, *Zorach v. Clausen*, 343 U.S., 313 (1952).

<sup>2</sup> Russell Kirk, "The Christian Postulates of English and American Law," *Journal of Christian Jurisprudence* (Tulsa, OK: O.W. Coburn School of Law/Oral Roberts University, 1980), p. 66.

<sup>3</sup> Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, *County of Allegheny v. ACLU*, 492 U.S., 657 (1989). (Kennedy, J., joined by Rehnquist, C. J., White, J., and Scalia, J. concurring) Footnotes and citations omitted.

<sup>4</sup> Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, *County of Allegheny v. ACLU*, 492 U.S., 657 (1989). (Kennedy, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part) Footnotes and citations omitted.

<sup>5</sup> A.E. Wilder Smith, *The Creation of Life*, (Costa Mesa, CA: TWFT, 1970), p. ix.

<sup>6</sup> John Whitehead, *The Second American Revolution*, (Westchester, IL: Crossway, 1982), p. 88.

<sup>7</sup> George Grant, *The Changing of the Guard: Biblical Principles for Political Action*, (Ft. Worth, TX: Dominion, 1987), p. 126.

<sup>8</sup> Doug Bandow, *Beyond Good Intentions: A Biblical View of Politics*, (Westchester, IL: Crossway, 1988), p. 148.

"If while evangelizing we abandon the sociopolitical realm to its own devices, we shall fortify the misimpression that the public order falls wholly outside the command and will of God, that Christianity deals with private concerns only; and we shall conceal the fact that government exists by God's will as His servant for the sake of justice and order."<sup>9</sup>

"Christians realize that man's fallen nature has severe implications for every aspect of his life, including the political realm. The American system of checks and balances, therefore, is embraced by Christians in their political theory because it is a genuine attempt to curtail man's sinful tendencies not only among the private citizens but also among their governors.

A Christian worldview is also indispensable for guaranteeing basic human rights for individuals. Because the Christian believes man is created in the image of God, he believes that each individual has value."<sup>10</sup>

"One of the most startling commentaries on this century is the fact that millions more have died at the hands of their own governments than in wars with other nations—all to preserve someone's power."<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Carl F.H. Henry, *Twilight of a Great Civilization*, (Westchester, IL: Crossway, 1988), p. 20.

<sup>10</sup> David Noebel, *Understanding the Times: The Religious Worldviews of Our Day and the Search for Truth*, (Manitou Springs, CO: Summit, 1991), pp. 624–625.

<sup>11</sup> Chuck Colson, *Kingdoms in Conflict*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1987), p. 270.

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