

Civil Govt

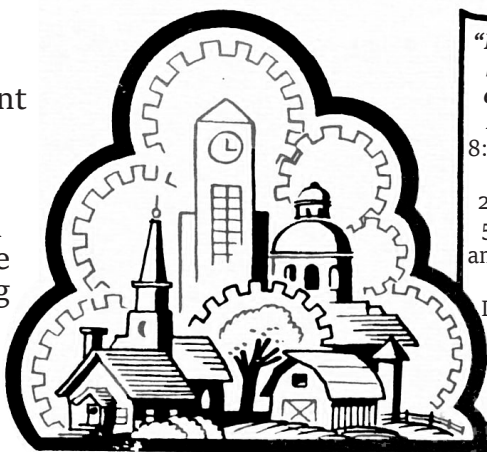
A BIBLICAL CATECHISM

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Question 1: WHAT IS SOCIETY?

Answer:

Society is the total environment of human relationships in which man operates; Each sphere separate but interlocking with others and being ruled by certain of God's Laws!



"Man doth not live by bread alone, but by every Word... of the Lord" Deuteronomy

8:36. All of life is under

God's Law...Exodus

20:1-17; Deuteronomy

5:8-12. All spheres of

an obedient society will be blessed by God...

Deuteronomy 28:1-14.

The obedient nation will be exalted...

Deuteronomy 26:16-19;

1 Corinthians 10:31

Question 2: WHAT IS CIVIL GOVERNMENT?

Answer:

Civil Government is that sphere of society vested with legislative, judicial and police power, representing God's ministry of justice on earth.



"By Me (God) kings reign and princes decree justice."

Proverbs 8:15 *"He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."*

2 Samuel 23:3

The ruler...

"is a minister of God to thee for good."

Romans 13:4

Law - Exodus 20:1-17

Rulers & Judges

Deuteronomy 1:13-18

Question 3: WHAT IS CIVIL GOVERNMENT'S JOB?

Answer: Civil government's job is to govern society by God's Law, thereby protecting life, liberty and property by punishing domestic evil-doers and defending the land from foreign aggressors; so that in a peaceful society God's Kingdom may prosper!



"The ruler... is the minister of God... he beareth not the sword in vain... to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." Romans 13:3,4.
The Law is for the lawless & disobedient. 1 Timothy 1:9,10. The king is to rule by God's Law. Deuteronomy 17:18,19. Wars are to be for just causes only. Numbers 21:14. *"Wars of the Lord."* also see Matthew 6:10 & 1 Timothy 2:2

Question 4: BY WHAT LAW DOES CIVIL GOVERNMENT RULE?

* Exodus 21-23; Book of Deuteronomy; Matthew 5:17,18; etc.

Answer: Civil government, as a ministry of God's justice, is to rule over society by legislation based on God's most Holy Law, the Ten Commandments and various Biblical case laws * that apply the law in principle to particular situations!



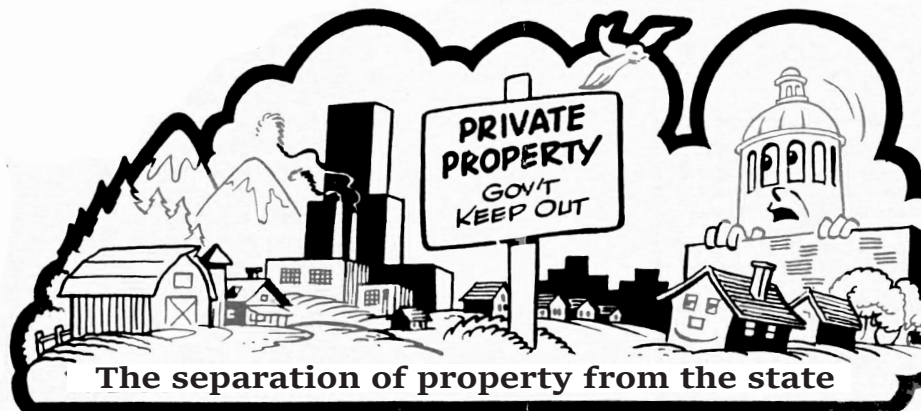
"The Lord is our Judge... Lawgiver... King! He will save us." Isaiah 33:22.
"The Law is holy... just and good." Romans 7:12.
"The throne is established by righteousness." Proverbs 16:12.
"The divine sentence is in the mouth of the king." Proverbs 16:10

The Law our righteousness (Deuteronomy 6:25) and it exalts a nation (Proverbs 14:34).

Question 5: SHOULD CIVIL GOVERNMENT OWN LAND OR TAX THE LAND OF ITS CITIZENS?

Answer:

1. Civil government should own no land other than that upon which its necessary facilities are located.
2. Land tax implies ownership interest and carries with it the power to confiscate. The earth is the Lord's and individual men, as God's sub-rulers, are to exercise godly dominion over it, without the possibility of unlawful government interference and seizure.



"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof..." Psalm 24:1.
The 50th year (jubilee) restored to every man his land and livelihood *"...Ye shall eat your fill and dwell therein in safety."* Leviticus 25:19. The first fruits from the land were God's. Government had no tax of any kind on land - nor regulations. Government is prohibited from expanding and taking over property, for every man is entitled to his heirs (1 Kings 21:3; Numbers 36; Nehemiah 5; Acts 5:4). Rejection of God results in **Tyranny by Men** (1 Samuel 8:14-18).

Question 6: HOW ARE THE COSTS OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT TO BE PAID?

Answer: The costs of civil government are to be paid **ONLY** by an **EQUAL** and nominal **HEAD** or **POLL TAX** levied upon **ALL** productive members of society!



"The rich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel when they give an offering unto the Lord to make an atonement for your souls." Exodus 30:15.

Question 7: WHAT IS MEANT BY THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE OR CIVIL GOVERNMENT?

Answer: The state ministers God's Law in the realm of justice; the church ministers God's Word in the spiritual realm; and neither church nor state usurps the other's role!

Church: Matthew 16:19; Ephesians 4:11-13; Matthew 28:19-20; Exodus 16:33f, 28, 1f
State: Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-14; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; Proverbs 29:2
Separation of Church and State: 1 Samuel 13:9-13; 2 Chronicles 19:11; Matthew 22:21

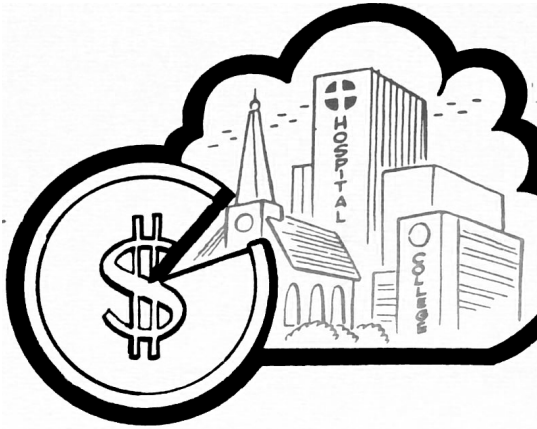


"One nation under God"

Question 8: IF NOT BY CIVIL GOVERNMENT THEN HOW SHOULD THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF SOCIETY BE MET?

Answer:

In a Christian land **God's Tithe** is sufficient to care for all social needs



the TITHE

Leviticus 27:30-33
Numbers 18:21-26
Deuteronomy 14:22-27
Educations:
2 Chronicles 17:7-9;
19:8-11
Music officers and judges:
1 Chronicles 23:1-5
the poor tithe:
Deuteronomy 14:27-29 (The tithe is God's income tax).

Question 9: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD?

Answer:

In the future all rulers shall bow to the Lord's rule and all nations shall serve Him and be blessed by Him.




"Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him: all nations shall serve Him." Psalm 72:11

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord." Psalm 22:27

"So shall He sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him." Isaiah 52:15


Daniel 2:36-45
Zechariah 9:10; 14:9-16
Isaiah 60:12; 61:11



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"But select capable men from all the people - men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain - and appoint them as officials..."

EXODUS 18:21



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