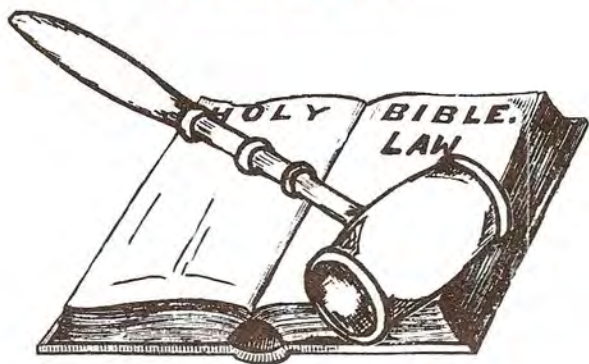


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*DIVINE LAW*

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## INTRODUCTION

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The Leaders of the English Colonies in America, who agreed upon the Declaration of Independence and later the Constitution, were keen students of the Book of Faith professed by themselves and the majority of their countrymen at that time—the Holy Bible.

In Colonial times, Ministers preached from their pulpits that the Bible was written for presidents and advisors, for legislators and magistrates, for mayors and ambassadors and that it was the source from which came the establishment of “righteous government.”

Colonial preaching made the Bible not only the Book for the individual and the family but **THE BOOK** that guided the United States of America on her way to destiny.

The author of the tract that you are about to read writes with the same understanding. I urgently recommend that any person, especially persons in government, invest a few minutes to read this article.

You will be blessed by this treatise on “God’s Way” of solving problems in the nation. You will find the Bible way very intelligent, very reasonable, and often much simpler and more effective than man’s. Please read on.

## WHY WE NEED DIVINE LAW

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, Seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Hosea 4:6*

## UNDERSTANDING GOD'S LAW

Inasmuch as God is the Supreme Authority in ALL things, let us then consider national affairs, which are of such vital concern to each of us, in the light of God's word, for only then will we view these things in their proper setting and with understanding. This study may bring about some reorientation in our thinking, for many labor under the delusion that the Bible teaches only religion and proper conduct on the individual level. Actually only two-sevenths of the text of the Bible deals with religion, per se. In the other five-sevenths we find history, prophecy, and NATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS.

As we look into the Divine instructions, let us keep in mind that the truth of a statement depends on its own nature, but its authority depends on its origin.

A rational approach to the study of Divine law, and its application to our present society, can be made only after the dissolution of the error of the teaching that Jesus Christ fulfilled and abolished all the law of God. This error has warped our understanding and has robbed us of the fullness of God's blessing on our country.

While admitting that the instructions and laws given in the Old Testament

originated with God, the "religionists" have taught that they were only a temporary arrangement and that the advent of Jesus Christ made them null and void. These "traditions of men" stem from a misunderstanding of God's plan of the ages and of the basis, purposes, and divisions of the Divine law as well as from the misuse of the word "law" in the King James translation of the New Testament.

The doctrine that Jesus fulfilled and thereby abolished all the law is the cause of our national problems today—economic, political, military, financial, and social. A strong statement? Yes, but true, for this no longer is merely a sectarian dogma but is now a question of national survival.

The law of God, as given to Israel through Moses, is the revelation of God's will for the conduct of men and nations. When obeyed, it is the fulfillment of the prayer, *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. Mat. 6:10

It is a full body of national law, consisting of the Commandments, Statutes, Judgments, and Ordinances. The latter were the sacrificial and ceremonial laws of worship referred to by the Apostle Paul as the *law for righteousness* (Rom. 10:4). Paul also refers to this section of the law in Col. 2:14, *Blotting out the handwriting of ORDINANCES that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross*.

The laws of God have been in effect since the creation and were observed by the patriarchs and were codified and specifically given to Israel at Mt. Sinai; but *the rituals, beginning 430 years after*

(Abraham) *could not cancel a Settlement previously established by God, so as to abolish the promise* (Gal. 3:17, Fenton Trans.). The rituals were added at the time the law was given to Israel (because of transgressions) and consisted of types looking forward to Christ's sacrifice.

## RITUALS

In most instances the translators of the King James, or Authorized, Version translated the Greek or Hebrew word that referred to any or several portions of the law or rituals as "law." That we may understand that the writers of the New Testament recognized the divisions of the law, let us compare some verses from the King James translation with the same verses from a later, more accurate translation, the Ferrar Fenton.

### Galatians 4:21

**K.J.** *Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?*

**F.F.** *Tell me, you who wish to be under a ritual, do you not hear the law?*

### Galatians 5:2-4

**K.J.** *For I testify again to every man that is circumcised that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law, ye are fallen from grace.*

**F.F.** *And I assert again, to every circumcised man, that he is bound to practice the whole ritual. Whoever of you are made righteous by a ritual, you are detached from Christ, you are fallen from the gift.*

### **Galatians 5:18**

**K.J.** *But if you are led of the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

**F.F.** *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under a ritual.*

### **Romans 3:20-22**

**K.J.** *Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets.*

**F.F.** *Therefore by the practice of a ritual, none can be made righteous; yet, however, a recognition of sin comes by means of law. But now, without a ritual, a Divine righteousness is exhibited, attested by the law and the prophets.*

### **Romans 23:27-28, 31**

**K.J.** *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law...Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.*

**FF.** *Where then is our pride? It is banished. By what law? by the rituals? No! but by a law of faith. Therefore we have argued that a man may be righteous by a faith distinct from a law of rituals...Then, you will say, we destroy the law for the sake of the faith? Never! On the contrary we corroborate the law.*

*it were by the works of the law.*

*F.F. But Israel, pursuing a ritual for righteousness, has not entered into a righteous law. For what reason? Because they sought it not as from faith, but as if from rituals.*

These verses are a small sampling but are sufficient to demonstrate that "law" as used in the King James New Testament is a word too all-inclusive for clarity. It should be evident from the foregoing examples that "rituals" is a better translation in many cases.

An analytical study of the Scriptures will prove conclusively to the honest mind that, under the Old Covenant, justification (forgiveness of past sins) was obtained by the ritual of the sacrifice (works of the law in K.J.), which was a type of the future sacrifice of Jesus Christ but which required positive physical action (works of the ritual) on the part of the individual. But now that the anti-type, Jesus Christ, has fulfilled the ritual of the sacrifice, justification comes by faith in Him, not in the works of the ritual, which He abolished by fulfillment.

All Christians agree that the ritual has been fulfilled and abolished by Jesus Christ; but not all have understood that many of Paul's references to the "law", in the King James translation, were referring **ONLY TO THE RITUALS**, which were added because of transgressions of the **LAW**, and that those rituals, while temporarily typifying the work of Christ, could not annul the promise of the coming of Christ and the redeeming of Israel. Neither could the taking away of the rituals alter the law, which was from the creation.

## STATUTES AND JUDGMENTS

The foregoing quotations, and many more in the New Testament, also flatly and definitely teach that the "law," i.e., the Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments, remain firmly established. These laws not only give us a definition of sin but are the Divinely provided guidelines for a God-pleasing, Christian life and for a righteous and prosperous nation. Let us look to the Master Himself for confirmation.

*Do not imagine I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have not come to abolish, but to complete them. For I tell you indeed, that until the heavens and the earth pass away, a single dot or hairstroke shall not disappear from the law, until all has been completed. If therefore, any one shall make light of one of the least of its commands, and shall teach men so, he shall be declared to be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever teaches them and acts up to them, he shall be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 5:17-19.*

Consider also I John 3:4, *For sin is the transgression of the law*, and Romans 3:31, *Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.*

But the churchmen who hate God's law argue, "We are not under law but under grace; we need only love God and one another." But even love needs direction and guidance lest it become inordinate, debased, and misdirected, finding expression in sexual promiscuity, fornication (interracial sex), prostitution—the "new morality" practices these under the guise of love—and tolerance of crime and



violence.

Jesus said, *If you love Me keep my commandments*, but the religionists teach that if we keep His commandments we will lose our salvation. It would be interesting to hear them try to explain I John 5:2-3, which says, *By this we know that we love God, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.*

By what means, other than keeping His commandments (law), does one demonstrate his love toward God?

The Ten Commandments are the basis and summation of the Divine law. Jesus summed them up with these words, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.* Matt. 22:37-40.

We would do well, then, to investigate just what hangs on the Commandments. A study of the Statutes and Judgments reveals that they are the explanation and the practical applications of the Ten Commandments. They are the plan and formula for the government of the nation and the conduct of the citizens. Further discussion here of the laws for individual conduct is not needed, for those Christians wishing to please God by their lives will search out His will in His word. The balance of this study is devoted to national problems, their causes and remedies, as given us by the God of Israel and confirmed by Jesus Christ and the Apostles.

## OPERATION OF LAW

The keeping of the Divine law is a reasonable exercise in human conduct, for there is an easily understood reason behind each precept. The cumulative result of obeying the Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments is boundless blessing on the nation—the end of poverty in the midst of plenty; justice for all men; unprecedented prosperity; no military defeats nor stalemates; respect of all the world; beautiful cities; almost non-existent crime; peace, safety, and happiness for the people; and, above all, a glorification of Jehovah and His Son Jesus Christ. *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.* 1 Cor. 2:9.

While God's law was given specifically to Israel, because it is the nation God chose to glorify His Name in the world, any nation that will obey His law shall reap the same benefits, and those disobeying shall suffer the same penalties. The law of God is universal and immutable, for it is based on the natural laws, which are also Divine laws. It all operates on the principle of cause and effect. The effect will always follow the cause, whether for good or for evil, just as surely as water quenches fire. The promised results of obedience, or disobedience, will follow as certainly as day follows night; and that without any direct or immediate Divine action. The result is "built in."

Since the law, as given to Israel, is based on natural law, the "putting away"

of that law, as taught by most churches, would have required the annulling of the natural laws. This would have resulted in absolute chaos; the earth would have again become *void and without form* (Gen. 1:2).

When David became king of Israel, that nation was at its lowest ebb since its entry into the land. Within forty years little Israel was stronger than any of her neighbors because David enforced the laws of God. Solomon, for the most part, also enforced the Statutes and Judgments; and before another forty years had passed, Israel was also a fabulously rich nation.

Our own United States of America began as a small nation, significantly 13 colonies who joined in the task of furthering the Kingdom of God in freedom and liberty.

After the War of Independence, trade was at a standstill in the 13 war-ravaged colonies. Their money was almost worthless and anarchy and rebellion were becoming evident. Under these chaotic conditions the Founding Fathers met in Philadelphia and produced the greatest constitution ever devised by the mind of man. It was second only to the Divine plan delivered to Israel at Mt. Sinai.

Five years after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, order had come out of chaos, confidence had returned, the new nation had credit around the world, and growth was assured. The Constitution, by its similarity to the God-ordained national system, had brought about a condition so attractive that people of all nations longed to settle in America.

## GOVERNMENTS

We must understand that basically there are three types of governments—autocracy, democracy, and republic. Each has variations. There are also three basic economic systems—socialism, capitalism, and free enterprise. The Divinely ordained system given to ancient Israel is often referred to as a Theocracy, yet it was a republic because the people elected representatives to administer the law. It also had the free-enterprise economic system.

Those who read and understand know of the economic slavery, harassment, fear, torture, and death meted out by tyrannical despots. They also know of the intolerance, irresponsibility, disorder, and destruction of life and property that is part and parcel of anarchy. Anarchy is, of course, democracy carried to the ultimate. Only the middle course, as followed by a republic, be it democratic republic, monarchical republic, or Theocratic republic, is conducive to freedom and prosperity. Of these, only a Theocratic republic can avoid destruction by paternalism and race mixing.

A Theocratic republic recognizes God as the Supreme Ruler and Lawgiver. The visible chief executive, be he president or king, realizes he is God's minister and that he is responsible to God for all his acts. The congress and the courts administer the law but never make the law. They determine the application of the law to changing times and conditions. God has never given man the authority to make law, only the authority to administer His law.

Our form of government, a democratic republic, is based on the premise that all power rests in the people, but the Bible tells us, *There is no power but of God for the LORD is our Judge, the LORD is our LAWGIVER, the LORD is our King; He will save us.* However, God's law carefully protects the rights of the individual, the sanctity of the home and family, and the freedom of the people. God is far more considerate of us than we are of ourselves.

While the United States acknowledges God's Supremacy, by lip service, we do make our own laws; therefore, ours is a democratic republic. We started well, our system falling only a little short of the law and system that would merit God's full blessing. On this basis, and the fact of God's promises to the patriarchs, the United States of America has grown and prospered as no other nation ever has.

## THE NEW ORDER

To understand thoroughly the development of our nation, we should consider the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the nation of Israel. God promised Abraham that his descendants, through Isaac, should become many nations who would be a blessing to all the world. Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, inherited those promises and passed them on to his twelve sons and Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. The addition of Joseph's sons resulted in 13 states.

Jehovah's promises for *the latter days*, that is, the period of time between the first and second comings of Christ, is of

great importance. According to these promises the states of Israel were to become nations in the world, finally bringing forth, in the *new land* promised to David (II Sam. 7:10), the joining of the *sticks* of Israel and Judah (Ezek. 37:16-22) into the richest, most powerful nation in the world's history. That nation is the United States of America. More than ample proof of this is provided in the Bible, in history, and in the sciences of ethnology and philology. Therefore, by virtue of our race and calling as God's servant nation, we, as individuals and as a nation, are covenant-bound to keep God's Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments. Even if this were not true, by virtue of being a Christian nation, we are obligated to keep these laws, as has already been pointed out.

At the ratification of the Constitution, our "*Novus Ordo Seclorum*," the New Order of the Ages, stood as before Moses when he said, *Behold I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who has God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great that has statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law which I set before you this day?* Deut. 4:5-8

Our Founding Fathers came close to meeting God's requirements; in many

respects the Constitution of the United States parallels the system ordained by the Almighty. Since the points of divergence did not quickly bring disastrous results, the nation has grown and prospered as no nation ever has, except ancient Israel under the righteous reigns of David and Solomon.

Had the Founding Fathers taken the Divine law "in toto" as the Constitution and law of the land, none of the penalties for disobedience to Divine law would now be upon us. Since we partially obeyed and partially disobeyed, we have experienced mixed blessing and cursing in our short history. We have had nearly 200 years in which to correct the deficiencies in our system; but rather we have added to them by legislation based on false premises.

There are three other omissions in our Constitution and system which account for the major share of our social and economic difficulties today—(1) the failure to prohibit slavery, (2) the failure to prohibit usury (interest), and (3) the failure to set the tax base and the rate. This listing is not necessarily in the order of importance.

## THE RACE PROBLEM

The slave trade was permitted to continue for 20 years in the slave states in order to bring all 13 states into the union. The evils of forced servitude and its attendant interbreeding of the races need no comment. We are all familiar with the suffering and loss of life and property during the Civil War as well as the injustices that followed. Our present



social plight is perhaps the most damaging consequence of the slavery debacle. Our leaders have listened to the "seed of the serpent" (Gen. 3:15) and have struck down all legal bars to race mixing. Furthermore they are now **FORCING** the mixing of the races. Race mixing is unnatural and is a violation of Divine law. It always results in crime and violence—not just in our time, but from the very beginning. (See Gen. 6:2, 11.) According to late newspaper reports, integrated schools are unsafe for both pupils and teachers, learning is almost nil, and the whole school system is on the verge of breakdown. The only solution is God's plan—separation of the races.

God's law requires that all men receive equal consideration before the law and that all conform to the law. It does not, however, permit the mixed occupancy of one land by diverse races. This law is quite reasonable when we consider the differences in habits, moral standards, ethics, and conduct of the different races. In addition, Divine law does not permit other races to hold any public office in Israel. (See Deut. 23:1-8.)

Our government should negotiate with African nations for the return of the Negroes to Africa. Then a major share of our foreign aid should be used to help them become a stable people. There are enough educated among them to accomplish this with help from us. It would be a blessing to them and to us.

Divine law permits, and encourages, people of other nations and races to attend our schools and universities. (See Isa. 2:2-5.) This precept is confirmed in Micah 4:2—*And many nations shall*



*come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He shall teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

## CAPITALISM

*You shall not take interest from your brothers; interest upon money; interest upon food; interest upon anything which can be lent at interest. You may charge interest to foreigners; but from your countrymen you shall not take interest.* Deut. 23:20-21 (Fenton translation)

Many people erroneously equate free enterprise with capitalism. Free enterprise rests on the accepted principle that man has the right to accumulate possessions and to risk what he possesses in investment in industry and business and that competition, as opposed to monopoly, is the life-blood of the system.

On the other hand, capitalism is the system of private banking interests that issue, control, and manipulate the money of a nation as a commodity, realizing excessively enormous profits from such operations. Debt is economic slavery, and capitalists grow fat on the debt of the people. Without debt there could be no usury, and without usury there would be very little debt. Capitalism would cease to exist. Capitalists have stolen the medium of exchange from the people and made of it a commodity whereby they rule over us.

The United States began with a free enterprise system, which is Divinely ordained; but since the Constitution did

not prohibit the taking of usury, the first bank was chartered in 1791, only two years after the government was declared to be in operation and the same year the the 13th state ratified the Constitution.

(Space forbids the details of the growth of banking in the United States, but it is discussed in many books, some of which can be found in your public library.)

The banking business grew so fast that Thomas Jefferson said, "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. Already they have raised up a money aristocracy that has set the government at defiance."

In 1861, President Lincoln's administration applied to the money changers of New York for a loan to carry on the Civil War. The bankers agreed, but with the interest rate to be on a sliding scale from 24 to 36 percent. The President and Secretary of the Treasury refused the outrageous terms. Congress then issued \$450 million of full legal tender greenbacks. It was real constitutional money, but the bankers had become powerful enough by then to force the value down to almost nothing.

P. E. Gardner states in his book, "Our Money System," that after Congress had ordered the greenback issue, the following editorial appeared in the "London Times": "If this mischievous financial policy which had its origin in the North American Republic should become en-durated down to a fixture, then that government will furnish its own money without cost. It will pay off its debts and be without debts. It will have all the money necessary to carry on its com-

merce. It will become prosperous beyond precedent in the history of the world. The brains and wealth of all countries will go to North America. That government must be destroyed or it will destroy every monarchy on the globe."

This statement shows that the money changers well know the merit and the blessings, to the people and nation, of governmental issue of money without interest or metallic backing.

The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 gave the bankers complete control of the money—and thereby the control of the economy. They issue and own all the money in the nation. This private banking cartel creates money for the cost of the printing—\$8.41 per 1,000 bank notes of any denomination.

When the government borrows one billion dollars, it turns over to the bankers an interest-bearing, tax-free government bond and receives that amount in credit. As our banking laws require only a 20 percent reserve, the bankers can create an additional \$4 billion in credit and lend it at interest to states, municipalities, businesses, and individuals.

All this created "debt money" is LENT into circulation and draws interest until it is paid back to the money changers who got it in the first place for just the cost of printing. Every dollar in currency that you have is a dollar of DEBT, and you are paying interest on it. One billion dollars at 7% pays the bankers \$70 million each year and removes that much from circulation. Multiply this by the billions of debt in this country, and you can see the enormity of the crime that is being committed against the nation every year.

The only way the interest gets back into circulation is by more and more borrowing from the bankers; otherwise there would soon be NO MONEY in circulation. The debt and the interest go higher just to keep the same amount of money in circulation.

This is the sole reason why we have the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty and why poverty becomes more widespread day by day. All usury (interest) is finally paid by the individual consumer in increased prices and taxes. THIS IS INFLATION. Inflation is part and parcel of the debt-usury money system; the system cannot operate without a constant increase in the debt, usury, and INFLATION. These are the seeds of destruction inherent in the Federal Reserve banking system.

Some economists tell us that inflation is caused by excessive spending by the people and by government. While this is a contributing factor, it is true ONLY because the money spent is BORROWED AT INTEREST. Under a system of interest-free money, the only thing that could cause inflation would be underproduction. But the law of supply and demand (a God-given natural law) controls both production and spending and maintains a fair and reasonable price level in a free economy. The debt-usury money system of the Federal Reserve bankers is the SOLE cause of inflation; it is the root of all our evils. It must be destroyed as Luke 3:9 says, *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which brings not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.* May God speed the day!

On the other hand, God's free enterprise system is so good that it has survived up to now IN SPITE OF CAPITALISM and has produced the plenty that makes the United States the richest, most powerful nation in all the world's history. But capitalism, even as it coexists with free enterprise, has placed most Americans in economic bondage to the bandit bankers; and the debt in America, public and private, now exceeds 1½ TRILLION DOLLARS. How much money, at the current rate of interest, does this debt take from circulation? Remember when figuring that this same amount is added to inflation and is then borrowed again by the people or by government just to keep an adequate supply of money in circulation. Next year another circle will be added to the spiral as a result.

So Deut. 28:43-44 has been fulfilled—*The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.*

The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 was ballyhooed as the cure-all for the economy. It was said that we would have no more booms and busts. However, since 1913 we have had booms and busts on an average of one every seven years. (The economists describe these as "periods of overheated economy followed by recession.") Through them all, with the exception of the early part of the depression of the 1930's, we have had CONSTANT DEFLATION of our money—even through the recessions.

The present dollar is worth only a fraction of the 1929 dollar. The recessions were arranged by the bankers as a diversionary tactic to obscure the deflation of the value of their money and to deceive the people.

The law of supply and demand, operating without interest, will maintain a stable economy, continuing a high level of prosperity with neither inflation nor recession.

The Divine law provides Seven-Year Cycles and Fifty-Year Cycles in business and agriculture for the benefit of the people and the nation. All modern economists, regardless of their knowledge or ignorance of Divine law, do recognize that there is a seven-year cycle governing the ups and downs of business and that a crash comes every fifty years. Statisticians have expended much energy and millions of dollars obtaining this same evidence. However, this information can be found in the 23rd, 24th, and 25th chapters of Leviticus. Farm economists would find here also the simple answers to their farm problems.

The only workable solution to the whole economic problem—inflation, debt, poverty, and unemployment—is the outlawing of capitalism, i.e., the debt-usury money system, and the restoration of our money to a Constitutional basis—with no interest charge allowed at any level or by any person or business of any kind anywhere in the nation.

Everytime interest is charged, inflation results because money is spent out of circulation with no value received.

Cause—interest; result—inflation.

It's as simple as that. \*

Do the Congress and the President

have the courage to correct this evil situation by outlawing the interest charge at its source and all the way down the line? Do they have the courage to outlaw private banking interests, including the international money changers, otherwise known as the Federal Reserve System?

Such action would bring prices down 25 to 50 percent with no drop in wages. Since there would be no public debt, taxes would make a spectacular drop. Full employment would follow, pollution would be whipped, our cities beautified, hunger and poverty only a memory. Then Deut. 28:12-13 would be fulfilled, *Thou shalt lend to many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail: and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath.* We should only expect to be *beneath* when our entire economy is based on debt and usury as it is at present. These make it a false economy, and any appearance of prosperity is an artificial prosperity.

The evil money system is now vulnerable—Federal Reserve notes have been declared in a court of law to be unconstitutional money. This declaration confirms the unconstitutionality of the entire banking system. A trial judge has declared Federal Reserve notes to be of less value than ten-cent trading stamps. stamps.

Congress should abide by God's Word by repealing the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 and confiscating all the assets of the Federal Reserve System. Rev. 18:6 tells us to *double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.*



Along with the repeal of the Federal Reserve Act, all other banking laws now in force should be repealed and all private lending institutions nationalized.

A government agency under the people's Representatives should be established to operate every bank in the nation. Private banking interests must be forever outlawed. The charging of interest by any person, business firm or institution of any kind must be made a high crime!

Congress must obey Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 5 of the Constitution by issuing the nation's money. The money needs no metallic backing for the REAL wealth of the country—the natural resources and productivity of the people—is far better than gold.

The government should operate the banks for the good and convenience of all the people. Loans must be made without interest charges. A service or bookkeeping fee would be permissible—perhaps three percent—but not an annual interest charge—only a one-time charge over the life of the loan.

The nation would so prosper under these conditions that the next logical step would be a tax adjustment. All current tax laws should be repealed and the straight ten-percent income tax instituted as the ONLY tax, as explained in the next section.

## TAXES

When God gave Israel the law, He told them, *Hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God...And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I*



*command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left. Deut. 28:13-14*

We have gone aside, to the left, from His commands. The U.S.A. has practically become a welfare state, which is a form of socialism. Welfare statism is the inner decay that destroys republics and free enterprise and that smothers the creative and productive spirit of man. Welfare statism is dependent on massive federal spending, which in turn demands a high rate of taxation. Thus we have the simple paradox of the people buying their own economic slavery. Divine law prevents such economic slavery by the simple expedient of limited taxation.

The Divine law does not permit a debt build-up to be inherited by the next generation, for all debts must be liquidated or cancelled every seventh year. (See Deut. 15:1-4.) Consider our present plight, which is a result of disobeying God's law. How many generations are mortgaged by our national debt? Every baby at birth now owes almost \$3,000, on which the annual interest and related costs amount to approximately \$300. If we allow this increasing debt to continue, how much will he owe at age 21? The old radical-liberal cliché "we owe it to ourselves" is not true. We owe it to the international money changers—the same gang of thieves that Jesus drove out of the temple.

We continually hear of lawmakers looking for additional sources of taxes or for a broader tax base. The problem here is that there is only ONE source of taxes—the consumer, the individual citizen. He ultimately pays ALL taxes, regardless of the level on which they are

levied. The manufacturer includes his property tax, excise tax, corporation tax, and every other tax except perhaps his personal income tax in the price for which he sells his goods. So do the wholesaler, the distributor, the transportation industry, and the retailer. In all there are over 100 different taxes included in the price of a loaf of bread, for instance. Deduct the taxes and the usury, which is added in the same way, and bread prices would drop drastically. Between usury and taxes the consumer is really played for a sucker.

This is why Divine law provides for only ONE tax, which is the Tithe; and the rate is a straight ten percent—NOT GRADUATED. The law allows no exemption and no deductions; therefore, it has no loopholes. It is fair and equitable. As it is not graduated, the wealthy man has no reason to withhold investment in new projects, which in turn provide jobs and contribute to the prosperity of the people. The manufacturer is not driven to foreign countries to escape the exorbitant taxes he is assessed under our banker-controlled economy.

Our gross national product has passed one trillion dollars annually. A ten-percent tax on that amount would produce one hundred billion dollars. With debt and interest eliminated; with no subsidies needed for farmers, railroads, airlines, or any other businesses; with the flood-tide cost of crime reduced to a trickle; with no welfare projects except for the disabled and elderly, and very little of that because prosperity would enable each person to provide for his own retirement; and with lower prices result-

ing from the prohibition of usury—under these conditions the ten-percent tax would be more than sufficient to operate government on ALL levels.

God's law permits no property tax for it is discriminatory and actually amounts to a fine assessed against the industrious and thrifty. It discourages stability and brings about a shifting, irresponsible citizenry with no ties to the land.

Under our present system, accident, sickness, or old age easily dispossesses a man of his home but in no way reduces his expense. Rent is higher than taxes. Many elderly are dispossessed and spend their last years in an "institution" because of the unrighteous property tax.

## MONOPOLIES AND TRUSTS

Anti-trust laws have their roots in Divine law. Isa. 5:8 says, *Woe to them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there is no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth.*

Jehovah, speaking through the prophet Isaiah, condemns monopolies, conglomerates, chain stores, corporate farms, and all other combines whose operations bring a disproportionate share of the wealth under the control of a few, or which strangle competition.

It is God's plan that all citizens share in the wealth of the nation, not by dole nor federally guaranteed family-income programs but by opportunity and initiative. Micah 4:4 says, *But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.*

There should be no fear of violence, poverty, inflation, depression, mortgage foreclosure, tax collector, nor any of the other fears that bring on anxiety and ill health.

## FARMING PRACTICES

For many years our country was plagued with agricultural surpluses. The government bought and stored them at high cost to the taxpayers in an effort to hold farm-produce prices stable. Little is now said about surplus crops, but we do read often of crop-allotment programs and payments made to farmers for limiting acreages of certain crops.

We have now also been alerted to the harmful effects of pesticides on wildlife, fish, and people. Then there is the question of the reduced nutritional value of foods raised on ground fertilized with chemicals or commercial fertilizers.

God's law solves these problems without subsidies or bureaucratic controls. American farmers have, after many years of trial and error, adopted some of the Biblically required practices. However the nation has missed the most beneficial agricultural, health, and economic feature of the Divine farming laws—the one that requires the land to lie fallow every seventh year. (See Ex. 23:11 and Lev. 25:4.) There is a multiple purpose in this law—it maintains soil fertility and assures plentiful yield of the highest nutritional value, while eliminating insects, plant diseases, and over-production. If all farm land lay fallow every seventh year, the life cycles of crop-destroying pests would be inter-

rupted and the need for insecticides greatly reduced. The surpluses built up in six years of farming would be used up during the sabbath year, and as a result prices for farm products would remain stable at a fair return to the farmer.

This seventh-year fallow, as well as the seventh-year release of all debts, leads to economic stability and defeats the adverse effects of the seven-year cycles. Had we observed the sabbaths of the land, we would have no farm problems, no quotas, no land banks, and no wholesale farm bankruptcies. Neither would many farmers be fleeing to the cities. Correct the wrongs by adopting Gods agricultural laws and watch the farmers move back to the land.

Can you see that the foregoing examples are based on sound economic principles are are not just "whims of God," or religious dogmas? Can you see the operation of the principles of cause and effect? All the laws of God are so based, assuring "life and good" as the logical effect of obedience to them. These principles operate in all Divine law—economic, health, criminal, and social.

## CRIMINAL LAW

Divine law gives us the most effective of crime deterrents. This is the law of restitution. (See Exodus 22.) For the stealing of livestock, which would also include the tools of a man's trade, the convicted thief is required to pay his victim four to five times the value of the stolen goods PLUS the state's penalty for theft.

He who steals money, embezzles, or defrauds must pay his victim double the amount of the theft plus the state's penalty. The vandal, rioter, or arsonist is required to restore or replace that which he has damaged or destroyed, plus the state-imposed penalty. Had this law been in effect during the last several years, do you think there would have been riots, bombings, or burned-out cities in our land?

The crimes of murder, rape, kidnapping, and adultery call for the death penalty with no "not guilty by reason of insanity" provisions. (See Ex. 21, Deut. 22, and Num. 35.) An insane murderer or rapist is far more likely to repeat than a sane one. *So shalt thou put away evil from among you; and all Israel shall hear and fear.* Deut. 13:11

One who swears falsely against another suffers the same penalty as would his victim had he been convicted. (See Deut. 19:16-20.) That one would surely change a lot of testimony in court.

The state is required to inflict on one who commits mayhem the same injury he inflicted on his victim—an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. [Surely at this point someone is immediately going to quote Matthew 5:38-39. However, if these verses are examined closely, one should see that Jesus is pointing out the differences between STATE and INDIVIDUAL responsibilities and conduct.]

Notice that the victim of crime is given the utmost consideration and protection. We see here also the operation of the laws of cause and effect. *So shalt thou put away evil from among you; and all Israel shall hear and fear.* Deut. 21:21

There are no instructions in Divine law for the imprisonment of convicted criminals. The prison is used only to detain the accused until his trial, and if convicted, until the execution of his sentence. A look into our prison system, and a survey of the lives of those released from prisons, why this is so. Prisons release more criminals than are sentenced to them. Restitution and the public whipping post (Deut. 25:1-3) are the Biblical methods of dealing with those who commit crime—other than capital crimes.

## MILITARY DEFENSE

The laws governing the armed forces are given in the 1st and 26th chapters of Numbers and the 20th chapter of Deuteronomy. God's law calls for the universal military training of every fit young man, beginning at age 20. If war comes, volunteers for combat are then recruited from this vast reservoir of trained men. The cowards and *faint-hearted* are exempted as they would be a demoralizing influence on the other men. (See Deut. 20:8.) Men who do not "volunteer" for combat can be used in noncombatant service positions.

Units are made up in the individual states, much as is our National Guard today. Chaplains are assigned to each unit. Before going into combat the volunteers choose their own officers under whom they are to fight. Following such Divine procedures creates a highly effective fighting force of men serving with those they know personally and operating under the command of the



best-qualified leaders among them.

Most of these precepts were followed in our Revolutionary War and to a great extent in the Civil War; and some vestiges of Divine Law for the Military were obeyed as late as the Spanish-American War. It is significant that as we turned away from God's Law in other areas, we also began disobeying God's military laws; and within another generation America "won" its last war.

Deferment from military service is covered in Deuteronomy 20 for any man engaged to be married, building his home, raising his first crop, or beginning a business; and Deuteronomy 24:5 states that when a man marries, he is deferred for one year. No provision is made for women in the military.

Any person who has had military experience can see the good sense in these laws. The tragedy is that most of our officials and top military officers do not even know such perfect Laws have been given for our good.

## HEALTH

The health laws are quite simple. They include diet, sanitation, and isolation in case of communicable diseases. Today we excel in sanitation and treatment—aside from the use of too many drugs. There would be far fewer calls for treatment if we would follow God's instructions on diet. We have discovered, 3,000 years late, why God tells us not to eat animal fat; but we go on eating it and many other things the Creator declares unfit for human consumption, such as hogs,



oysters, shrimp, clams, and other such scavengers. Animals that carry certain diseases are also forbidden for food. For example, rabbits and squirrels are subject to tularemia, and the horse is a carrier of tetanus. Other animals that destroy the health of man if used for food are mentioned in Lev. 11 and Deut. 14.

Many Christians, to excuse themselves, quote I Tim. 4:4-5, *For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.* Sanctify means to set apart for a certain purpose. The creatures set apart by God's word as being fit for food do not include those mentioned above. They are in the same class as the buzzard, hyena, bat, skunk, snake, etc.

Doctors tell us that 60 to 90 percent of human ailments stem from tension, anxiety, and worry. Divorce lawyers say that most divorce cases start with "money troubles." Money troubles cause worry, so both our domestic tranquility and our health are disrupted by the evil debt-usury money system. Institute the righteous Divine system and watch a sick nation become a healthy nation. Deut. 28:58-61 states, *If you do not take care to practice the WHOLE of the things of this law, written in this book, and to reverence the glory of this magnificent revelation of your EVER LIVING GOD; for the EVER LIVING will make your own punishments, and the punishments of your posterity, astounding by these great inflictions and diseases, and sicknesses, and prostrations; and will turn upon you all the maladies of the Mitzerites [Egyptians] which you feared when present with them, and they shall stick to you; besides numerous diseases, and*

*many plagues that are not written in the record of this law.* (Fenton translation)  
Disobedience to any precept of Divine law contributes to the ills of the citizens.

## FOREIGN POLICY AND WAR

Divine law permits no military alliance with the heathen, for to ally with them is to invite military defeat or stalemate, as in Korea, Laos, and Vietnam. These were and are U.N. and SEATO wars. DIRECT Divine action is promised against Israel's enemies if Israel obeys God's national laws.

NATO, as originally organized, was permissible because all the original members were of Israelite stock, finally numbering 12. The admission of Turkey, Greece, and Italy added the non-Israel element that will in time give us trouble. The Anzus Treaty—U.S.A., Australia, and New Zealand—is within the Divine mandate.

In case of attack by an aggressor, the command of God is to "destroy them!" (See Deut. 20:12-15.) Had we obeyed this command in 1964, after the North Vietnamese attacked our ships in the Tonkin Gulf, the war in Vietnam would have been resolved quickly in victory.

The question of foreign aid is debated annually in Congress. It is generally condemned by a majority of Americans. No doubt that foreign aid has been injudiciously administered and usually excessive, but it was foretold and approved by the Lord Jesus Christ, and great national blessing was promised as a result. (See Matt. 25:30-46.)

## COMPOUNDING THE ERROR

The Divine law is the interpretation, and the practical application, of God's will *on earth as it is in heaven* (Mat. 6:10). As pointed out previously, the United States began with a national system that fell only a little short of Divine requirement. On this basis we grew and prospered. When the omissions in our system had brought upon us the penalties that follow disobedience, our economists and lawmakers took steps to offset the adverse effects. But, working from false premises, they have aggravated, rather than diminished, our difficulties.

Some of our lawmakers, economists, and jurists have, in seeking remedies for our national ills, taken their cues from the Communist-Socialist ideology, the very antithesis of Divine law. This action has resulted in more, not less, economic and social distress, for in so doing we have violated more of God's laws and thereby increased our national sins. *For the transgression of the law is sin.* I John 3:4

The penalties for all these transgressions are debt, poverty, crime, social unrest, youth rebellion, and all the other problems we face. These fall naturally on us because we have violated natural laws. They become the "rod of God" and are intended to bring us to the realization that only His law and system will bring the "American Dream" to fruition.

As the sins and the penalties that follow disobedience were compounded, concerned and aroused citizens began forming action groups to "save America." There are at present some-

where over 2,000 such groups and organizations. While their motives are commendable, they, like the economists and lawmakers, have not discovered the real CAUSE of our difficulties and so have recommended measures that treat only the SYMPTOMS of our national ills.

There is no need to review their many programs as we have all heard them many times. While each program has some merit, in that it deals with a specific evil, not one of them, nor all of them together, would, if enacted, do much if anything to set the nation right. The effect would be about the same as picking fleas off a dog. These groups have been flea-picking for thirty years, and the dog now has more fleas than when they started!

Fighting Communism, inflation, Supreme Court decisions, and all the other evils that have befallen us, as though these were the CAUSE of our troubles, is similar to a child fighting his father when the parent is applying the rod of correction. These things that plague us are "the rod of God" for our correction. The nation's "reformers" are decrying the rod rather than the deeds that brought on the rod.

The ONLY program that will bring the American Dream to fruition is the program to make the Divine law the law of the land. This program includes all the good, and none of the errors, of the piecemeal programs of all the patriotic groups; and it is easier to enforce.

If all the 2,000-odd groups that are competing for support would lay aside minor differences and join in UNITY OF PURPOSE, there would be plenty of

talent, money, facilities, and numbers to bring about all the good of their demands through this one program. Why settle for a pound of hamburger when you can get the whole cow for the same price?

The time has come to quit fighting God in the name of religion, economics, or patriotism and start obeying Him. For he says in Ezek. 20:33, 37, *As I live, saith the Lord God, Surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you...And I will cause you to pass under the rod and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant...And ye shall know that I am the Lord.*

Just how much *fury poured out* upon us will it take to make us cast our vision beyond the ends of our noses, turn from our unrighteous ways, acknowledge God, and accept the personal and national instructions He has issued? The Bible calls this repentance. God has said, *I WILL RULE over you.* He IS ruling over us; that is why we feel the rod. Why not cooperate with Him and enjoy His favor?

The prophet Moses, through whom God gave us His law, stated in Deut. 28:15, *But it shall come to pass, if you will NOT hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day; that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.* Now notice that Moses was speaking of the law for the government of the nation. Look up the word "statute" in your dictionary.

Moses then named the curses that would result from violation of Divine national law. Those curses include

big-city blight, of which you read daily in your newspaper; erosion of farm land and pest infection of crops; birth defects; fruit and grain blight; violence and fear on the streets; traffic fatalities; mental health problems; sickness and disease; air pollution; military stalemate and defeat; vacillation and misdirection in government; immorality; broken homes; bankruptcies and mortgage foreclosures; inter-racial marriages; insanity; hatred by other nations; foreign-born leaders in policy-making positions in government; control of our money by those whose first loyalty is not to the United States; national debt; high taxes; and finally invasion by God's enemies. (See Deut. 28:15-44.)

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

Robert Collier, in "The Covenant Law" says, "The Divine law is a perfect formula for national and world government, and, if followed, would bring happiness, peace and prosperity for all. It was planned to meet the emergencies of all time for all people.

"The despair and suffering of man, the intolerance and injustices now rampant are the net result of the abrogation of the Sinai Code by man, who in his ego thought he could form a government and economic system superior to that created in Divine wisdom. Politicians and churchmen are equally guilty in their attempt to thrust the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments into the musty archives of empty churches. They cannot succeed for the Divine law is immutable.

“Until man realizes that the Divine laws are the only workable set of laws for the welfare of mankind, and returns them to their rightful place as the law of the land, man will continue to suffer, and God will continue to scourge him as a violator of the Supreme Law.

“The whole law, including the financial, economic and criminal laws, stem from the Ten Commandments. And what are the Ten Commandments? How many who teach them are capable of unfolding the full significance of each command to the students they instruct?

“Usually they are taught to be committed to memory as verbatim statements with the mechanical indifference that children are taught the alphabet and multiplication table. Even among the elders and clergy most are better able to explain the degrees of their particular lodge or order than to explain the Code of Sinai. Yet never were laws created so important to our way of life. The foremost judicial minds in history have never succeeded in forming a set of laws that contain a particle of the instructive potency we find recorded in the Ten Commandments.

“By reading the last four books of Moses wherein the Ten Commandments are discussed and defined, you can readily see that the Divine law deals definitely with principles and their expression. As Dr. Goard states, ‘Nothing can be taken away without destroying their universality of expression.’ ”

C. R. Dickey, in “One Man’s Destiny,” says “They are as universal and inescapable as the law of gravitation, or the ebb and flow of the tide.”



Peddie, the eminent economist, said he had been informed from his youth that the Divine law was not applicable to the ways of our modern civilization, but after studying Divine law for twenty years he realized that they were the only laws that can economically redeem the country from the chaotic state into which it has gotten itself.

Blackstone, who was probably the most eminent judicial mind among men, had this to say about the Divine law, "A command concerns primarily a single prescribed requirement; that is, it calls for either definite action or inaction on the part of those to whom the command is directed. Consequently, disobedience to any one of the Divine Commandments throws the whole structure of national life out of harmony with universal law.

"This law of nature, being coeval with mankind and dictated by God Himself, is, of course, superior in obligation to any other. It is binding over all the globe, in all countries at all times; no human laws are of any validity if contrary to this; and such as are valid derive all their force and all their authority, mediately or immediately, from this original."

This same thought is given us in James 2:10, *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*

*Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD: and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart: and you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in*



*your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. Deut. 6: 4-7*

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This discussion of the Divine law is necessarily brief. We have touched upon only those points that seem to be currently of uppermost importance for the "life and good" of the American people. This information should suffice to show the superiority of God's laws and system over man's.

We have a high and noble goal before us. It shines high and bright above the underbrush of confusion and cross purposes through which we now struggle. You can help to attain this bright prize for our country.

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