

Humanism'S Flooding Influence (Part Three)

It Plays a Part in Government

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As early as June 2008, I said in one of these commentaries that I was concerned about Barack Obama ever becoming President. This was before the election. There was already an accusation floating that he was not legally eligible, but it was some isolated things that he said in campaign speeches that concerned me. Under him—now that he's President—we and our children are losing our liberties rapidly.

I want to take yet another few moments to help us understand the importance of humanism, because it's impacting negatively on your life and liberties every single day.

It's very difficult for me to decide which was more important to American life. Was it the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution? And why would I even consider the Declaration of independence, since it contains no laws whatever? The reason is because it is exactly what the title says it is. It is a declaration of independence. This document is the philosophical foundation of the United States of America. It does one more thing than merely declare our independence from Britain. It declares that no man should be ruled over by another without his consent. That is independence. It doesn't do this directly, but it is the inevitable conclusion that an intelligent, thinking person is drawn to by the various points the Declaration makes throughout its paragraphs, and this is a major, major proposition.

The Declaration was signed by 56 men. About ten or so years later, some of the same men, plus others who thought pretty much the same way, framed the Constitution of the United States into laws. That body of laws, if followed, would provide guidance, giving citizens the opportunity to live in a land where they had liberties other people in other lands just dreamed of.

In one part of the Declaration, it draws attention to "the laws of nature and of nature's God." Do you know what "the laws of nature and nature's God" are? They are laws that are true, always and everywhere. Gravity is a law of nature. It is the same always and everywhere. But this principle extends into moral and spiritual areas.

It is absolutely true that man is inferior to God. That is true, always and everywhere. It is also true, always and everywhere, that man is superior to beasts. This led the framers of the Declaration to the conclusion that all men who are in the middle are created equal by God and are endowed by their Creator with the inalienable right to life, liberty and the

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pursuit of happiness. In terms of government, because of that equality, this means that it is unjust for any one human to rule over another without that person's consent.

You will find elements of this in Galatians 3:28, which says,

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Under God, there is absolute equality. That's what these men were shooting toward. James Madison, who was the major author of much of the Constitution, wrote in one of his *Federalist Papers*,

What is government itself but the greatest reflection on human nature? [Notice—"on human nature"] If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government, which is administered by man over man, the great difficulty lies in this: You must first enable the government to control the governed, and in the next place *oblige* the government to control itself.

Well, therein lies the major problem. A huge portion of our federal government no longer feels obliged to control itself. John Adams, one of the framers of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, said after the Constitution was framed (I'm giving you a paraphrase here), "We have made a government and constitution for this nation that will only work for a Christian people." Now, why? Because he understood from practical experience and history that only a "Christian" administration, combined with "Christian" citizens, would oblige themselves not to abuse their liberties and destroy their nation from within.

Humanism is simply the title that men have given what the Bible terms as carnality, which is walking according to the flesh, has Paul states. Even though our Founders' perception of God was imperfect, it was far superior to what it is today. Humanism rejects God and His absolute truths.

Listen to this quote taken from President Obama's book, *The Audacity of Hope*:

Implicit in [the Constitution's] structure, in the very idea of ordered liberty, was a rejection of absolute truth, the infallibility of any idea or ideology or

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theology or “ism,” any tyrannical consistency that might lock future generations into a single, unalterable course . . .

What an admission! And what is so painfully clear now is that we have virtually an entire administration that believes the same way. The Constitution's law states that it is permissible to change it. But it also prescribes very definite procedures for doing so. But changing it by law requires quite a bit of time. But for some time now, the federal leadership simply ignores the Constitution's conservative requirements. They have given themselves permission to change its laws.

For example, nothing in the Constitution permits a national health care law that is going to be forced against the consent of the citizenry under the pain of very stiff fines and/or imprisonment. It's just going to be forced on you against your consent.

What is so very bad about the present administration is the underlying view of what they think they are. They have an elitist view over us. They are administering government as they as though they perceive us as less than them—not their equal; less than them. They perceive us as mere babes—no, worse: as mere material to be shaped and perfected by experts—them—who have the proper training to do so. These people are the products of modern universities that have rejected God's absolutes and persuaded the students as well. We are not their equals, according to them. Humanism has given us carnal despotism, and it's running amok in Washington, D. C. and hurting this nation citizenry by their agenda toward their elitist global dream.