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## Exposing the Liberal Lie: What the Bible Says About Political Correctness

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### Preface:

#### MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FROM A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

***II Corinthians 10:5*** -- *We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (NIV)*

***Proverbs 19:2*** -- *Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet.*

***Proverbs 2:6*** -- *For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*

Today we find ourselves ensnared in an ongoing battle of ideologies which threatens to rend this country as it's never been rent before. A disjunction not so much of material class as that of a sense of what is right and what is wrong, the breach seems irreparable.

Positions, masked by fancy slogans and rhetoric, have completely obscured the foundations of said beliefs, instead hiding them within a maze of obliquity. Removing the masks, to some, may seem harsh and provocative; however, provocation, when effectuating truth, should not be disdained, but rather applauded for its delivery of perspicuity.

***II Corinthians 10:3-4*** -- *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...*

***Ephesians 6:12-13*** -- *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

In admonishing the Ephesians believers to arm themselves, the Apostle Paul charged they brandish the word of God as the primary offensive weapon in their struggle against the world.

***Ephesians 6:17*** -- *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...*

The author of Hebrews also attributes the characteristics of a sword to the word of God.

***Hebrews 4:12*** -- *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints*

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*and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

A key point which should not be overlooked in the believer's struggle with the world is the emphasis God's word places on truth.

**Ephesians 6:14a** -- *Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth...*

**Psalm 86:11** -- *Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.*

In Psalm thirty-one the psalmist David refers to the LORD as "*LORD God of truth*", a title also used of God twice in Isaiah sixty-five, verse sixteen. In the New Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ is equated with both the *truth* and the *word of God*, particularly in the gospel of John.

**John 1:14** -- *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**John 1:17** -- *For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

**John 17:17** -- (Jesus' prayer for His disciples) "*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*"

**John 18:37** -- *Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."*

**John 8:31-32** -- *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

**John 16:13** -- (Jesus speaking to His disciples) "*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*"

**John 15:26** -- (Jesus speaking to His disciples) "*But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*"

**John 14:6** -- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

In all, the Lord Jesus uses the word *true* or *truth* over one hundred times in the four gospels (where both *aletheia* and *amen* are translated as *truth*), more than fifty times in the gospel of John alone.

Clarity of truth is not an ingredient likely to be found throughout a majority of the media today. Indeed, were the bulk of today's media winnowed through the sieve of truth, it would be reduced to near extinction. One doesn't like the truth, so one redefines it to suit one's agenda -- it's called a lie, a convincing lie perhaps, but a lie nonetheless. Those who hazard to speak the truth in an

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environment which openly and unashamedly opposes truth, generally find themselves labeled as "intolerant" and "foolish". Nonetheless, we as Christians bear a certain obligation to proclaim the truth, whatever the cost; indeed, we have a mandate from our God to do no less.

This mandate is keenly reflected in two passages from Ezekiel, and although these passages were directed specifically at the prophet Ezekiel, I believe the principles are eternal and inclusive to all believers.

**Ezekiel 3:16-19** -- *Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul."*

**Ezekiel 2:7** -- (the LORD speaking) *"You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious."*

Now, the LORD God doesn't speak to us directly anymore as in the days of Moses or the prophets, nor is Jesus still walking the earth as a man that we might inquire of Him and receive His direction for our lives. Nevertheless, as believers today, we do share an indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and have at our disposal, a complete, authoritative and final canon of Scripture -- the Word of God -- something neither Moses nor any of the prophets who followed him were ever blessed to have.

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## I Wrote for Them the Many Things of My Law, But They Regarded Them as Something Alien

**Proverbs 29:18** -- *Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.*

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2** -- *Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. (NIV)*

**Deuteronomy 4:5-10** -- *See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to Him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?*

*Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach*

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*them to your children and to their children after them. Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when He said to me, "Assemble the people before Me to hear My words so that they may learn to revere Me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." (NIV)*

Apparently Moses understood human nature all too well. As the people of Israel were about to enter the Promised Land, Moses was compelled to remind them again to follow the commands of the LORD. In Deuteronomy eight he warns them of what will happen should they, in their blessing, turn from and forget the commands of the LORD their God.

**Deuteronomy 8:19-20** -- *If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God. (NIV)*

Now, many today look at these passages, and indeed much of the Old Testament, and say: "But that doesn't apply to us. The laws as given by God, through Moses, were exclusive to Israel under the Old Covenant. When Jesus came, He did away with the Old Covenant." Indeed, as the author of Hebrews stressed, the Lord Jesus did bring a "new" covenant.

**Hebrews 7:11** -- *Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?*

**Hebrews 7:18-19** -- *For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.*

**Hebrews 8:7** -- *For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.*

**Hebrews 8:13** -- *In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.*

**Hebrews 9:1** -- *Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. (NIV)*

**Hebrews 9:10** -- *They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings -- external regulations applying until the time of the new order. (NIV)*

**Hebrews 9:15** -- *And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*

It is therefore safe to agree that we are under a "New Covenant", and that we are saved, not through obedience to the law of the "Old Covenant", but by grace, through faith in the atoning and completed work of Jesus Christ our Lord. The Apostle Paul stated this emphatically in his epistle

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to the Ephesians where he wrote: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

This theme of salvation by grace is underscored again by Paul in the third chapter of Romans.

**Romans 3:19-20** -- *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

**Romans 3:28** -- *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.*

**Faith apart from the deeds of the law** -- the clarity of that simple statement should, in itself, be enough to convince most Bible-believing people that the law plays no part in the salvation of a believer. Still, are those who say the law is now voided by grace right? It's curious the Apostle Paul chose to tackle this very question only three verses later.

**Romans 3:31** -- *Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.*

And, in case there were a few people who missed it the first time around, he delivered the same argument a little further on, then again only a few verses later.

**Romans 6:1-2** -- *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?*

**Romans 6:15-16** -- *What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

Apparently Paul understood he'd be dealing with certain individuals who'd rather twist the Scriptures to fit their own agenda than accept the truth, so he clearly illustrated the objective of a law we are not under, yet charged to obey, in chapter seven: *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law.* (Romans 7:7)

Alright. So now we see that the purpose of the law was to reveal sin. He'd already stated as much in 3:20 (and does so again, later in 7:13), but obviously felt it worth repeating. Therefore the law, having made us aware of our sin, does nothing to save us, for salvation is by grace, through faith, apart from the works of the law.

**1 John 2:5-6** -- *But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.*

**1 John 3:9-10** -- *Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not*

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*practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

**I John 3:24** -- *Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.*

**I John 5:3** -- *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.*

**James 1:22-25** -- *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

**John 14:15** -- (Jesus speaking) *"If you love Me, keep My commandments."*

**John 14:23** -- *Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."*

**John 15:10** -- (Jesus speaking) *"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."*

**Luke 11:28** -- (Jesus speaking) *"More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"*

For those who, even in the face of such evidence, still insist there is no place for the law in the lives of believers, the words of the Lord Jesus, as recorded in Luke sixteen and Matthew five, should silence such folly.

**Luke 16:16-17** -- (Jesus speaking) *"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail."*

**Matthew 5:17-19** -- (Jesus speaking) *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."*

Yet another function of the law is its application as pattern for the believer, instructing him how to live a life pleasing to God.

**Proverbs 15:9** -- *The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.*

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**Proverbs 11:20** -- *Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their ways are His delight.*

**Proverbs 15:26** -- *The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, But the words of the pure are pleasant.*

**II Corinthians 7:1** -- *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

**Proverbs 28:9** -- *One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.*

And clearly, as demonstrated by Deuteronomy four (particularly the passage used to open this preface), the law of God is also to act as a blueprint for societal direction. Apart from it, we are destined for destruction.

**Deuteronomy 8:10-11** -- *When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. (NIV)*

**Deuteronomy 10:12-13** -- *And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD'S commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? (NIV)*

**Deuteronomy 5:32-33** -- *So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess. (NIV)*

**Joshua 23:6** -- (Joshua speaking) *"Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left." (NIV)*

The phrase *do not turn to the right or to the left* warrants special attention, particularly in light of the subject of this book. What is clear from these passages is that ***it's God's way that's center, not man's***. God does not run a popularity contest to determine right and wrong. There is no such thing as a democratic theocracy. God is not a pollster, nor is He swayed by the winds of public opinion, as fleeting or as entrenched as they may be. There is no "political correctness" with God. ***His way is the only way***. God didn't ask our opinion when He created all that is, nor is He likely to at any time -- ever.

God's way is center, not "politically correct" centrist (as they like to think of themselves: "moderates all"), but righteous and holy center. Those who add to it, taking it to the right, and those who subtract from it, taking it to the left, are both wrong.

This book only deals with the side which subtracts from God's word -- the left, manifest today in the visage of political correctness (or whatever they may be calling it at the time you happen to be reading this). That is, by no means, to be misconstrued as license for those who would take

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God's word to the right, adding to it what does not belong there. Both deviations are equally evil, and one should, in no manner, side with one over the other. I write this attack on political correctness as it's my belief that the danger from the left is currently the greater threat of the two. It is not my intention to even appear to be condoning those who add to God's word. Those who practice such are just as wrong and should be equally condemned. That, however, is a subject for another book.

**Proverbs 4:27** -- *Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.*

**Deuteronomy 28:14** -- *So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.*

**Deuteronomy 12:32** -- *Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.*

**Deuteronomy 29:29** -- *The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. (NIV)*

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