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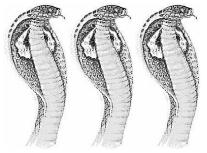
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# THE GIST

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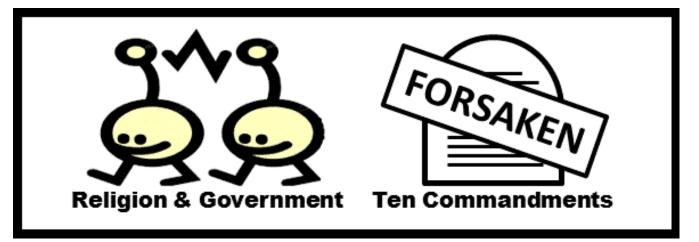


#### **RELIGIOUS VIPERS**

#### When "Draining the Swamp," Include "Religion."

**Religion's Sneaky Goal:** 

To keep you docile in the face of government's coveting & stealing. (A 3,500-year tradition since the Exodus.) Warren Vitcenda



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"Church" is against coveting & stealing, EXCEPT when done by government. "Church officials" are the biggest tyranny/swindle since the "apple" in Genesis!

Much about corrupt leadership and bad government can be gleaned from the Old Testament AND Christian history. When though did you last hear a good sermon closely examine honesty and government together? Hmmm?

#### **LEVITICAL TYRANNY NEVER ENDED!**

It started in Genesis, Chapter 49: 5-7

What has "church doctrine" said about both "authority" and honesty together? OBVIOUSLY NOT ENOUGH! Government continues to slyly covet & steal with "religious" sanction.

Through the Old Testament AND Christian history, Levitically incited "doctrine" on authority has slyly elevated the prominence of the "Establishment" – thereby bolstering despots in both government and religion for centuries. In comparison, doctrine about honesty has been slim – especially about honesty that would reveal the Establishment's coveting and stealing ways that allow it to seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available. ORWELLIAN!

It would be odd for God to "ok" coveting & stealing by government, right? Much "authority doctrine" though seems to think God did "ok" coveting and stealing by the "Establishment" – with its muted sympathy for honesty. ORWELLIAN!

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Religion Often Goes Bad, Along with Government, When Good People Do Nothing. That Has Been the Bible's Main Temporal Warning Since the Exodus!



What if your priest or pastor did a sermon on government's coveting & stealing? (It Won't Happen!)

#### **Prophets Are Greater Than Priests**

**Over and Over Again** in the Biblical Story, Prophets Had to Shore Up for the Ruinous Greed & Bureaucratic Laziness of the "Priests" that Sought Adulation, Praise, and Power by the Easiest Means Available, Beginning with the Levites. --- Not much has changed. ---"Levitical Ministry" has been a curse to the present.

 Levitical "Priests" were Deceitfully Crony with the Coveting & Stealing Done by Orwellian "Establishment" Government.
 Levitical "Priests" Engineered Easily Repetitive "Ministry" for Their Own Convenience and Profit.
 Levitical "Priests" Repeatedly Watered-down Many Teachings, Including Many from the Prophets.
 Levitical "Priests" Seemed to Forget Everything About Melchizedek's Righteousness; Thus They Hardly Honored Melchizedek or Abraham's Offerings to Him.
 Sadly, Levitical "ministry" has been a ministry "template."

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### **A CHOICE OF PRIESTHOODS**

Jesus' Ministry was Patterned after the Righteous Order of Melchizedek's Priesthood (Hebrews 7) and NOT after the Dishonestly Cunning Levitical Priesthood of Israel.

### **BIG DIFFERENCE!**



The "Establishment"





The Quality of a Nation's Government Often Reflects the Dedicated Honesty of the Prevailing Religious Leadership, ...Or the Lack Thereof.

Bureaucratic "Priests" make coveting and stealing into issues about "sin" and "damnation" but slyly NOT about Government's Orwellian corruption. Isn't that interesting?

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#### **The People of God: Deceived Not by Witches** and Demons but by Their Own "Authorities."

#### **END TAX BENEFITS FOR "CHURCH"**

Since the Exodus, "religious officials" have given nearly blind support to government far too often. The Levites (Israel's "Priesthood") engineered this "tradition" by using "religious authority" to dishonestly cajole for leverage that forced "acceptance" of government that covets and steals. In payment for their loyalty, the Levites gained crony benefits FROM Israel's government. Eventually, prophets were sent to Israel because the "Priests" had become Orwellian partners with government and were not doing honest jobs. Such "Deep-State Establishment" has continued in many nations up through the present times.

The Levites were a special evil (Genesis 49:5-7). Their "religious influence" in the realm of government has helped dishonest judges (of the Old Testament), monarchs of all kinds, dictatorships, bureaucracies, and even modern democratic republics to more easily covet and steal in "official capacity," especially when religious officials have slyly elevated Orwellian "authority" over honesty. Doctrine on "authority" abounds, but doctrine about honesty "not so much."

The Curse of the Levites has entered into the 21st Century, where it is embodied and practiced by "religious officials" who receive either direct or indirect funding (i.e. tax benefits) from government. As consequence, and virtually as tradition, "church" has chiefly supported individual rights only so long as such rights do not interfere with the state/government. This "arrangement" protects the special benefits that the state gives to "religion." "Church" will not be honest about government's dishonest tyranny of coveting and stealing until "church" itself is taxed – which would truly make "church" more like Jesus, wouldn't it?

I said, "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." (John 7:24, NRS)

BUT APPARENTLY EVERYONE ONLY REMEMBERED THE "DO NOT JUDGE" PART!

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"Church" has most often supported the rights of the individual only so long as they do not interfere with the government/state.

Think Again About "Ministry" That Slyly Seeks Adulation, Praise, and Power by the Easiest Means Available!

Pastors slyly bully worship committees by making them think that they cannot overrule the scriptural assignments that are made by their "denominations" or by the "higher ups" at the CCT (the Consultation on Common Texts – i.e. the lectionary). It is the most sinister form of "bullying" as it has become just flat-out accepted Orwellian "tradition" over time.

Of specific concern is what is omitted in sermons because of scripture assignments. In particular, bad leadership, in both government and religion, occurred over and over again in the Old Testament as well as in the Roman Empire that spread its version of both Christianity and government for centuries.

Such history is "conveniently" avoided by most scriptural assignments for sermons. Just research "lectionary" to see the breadth of this phenomenon. Having "common texts" is key for the sermon market. "Traditionally," worship committees can only make choreographic decisions about worship; they've long been browbeaten into their lack of real authority – which is the authority to pick what is preached.

www.Sermons.com www.SermonMall.com & www.DesperatePreacher.com (an old goodie) Other sermon journals exist too, as well as "pastoral sermon groups" that identify more internally with specific denominations.

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### What's This All About? Religious Officials are Sly Masters, Not "Servants"

The Tribe of Levi itself was a special evil (Gen. 49: 5-7). Its "ministry" kept Israel "in the desert" for 40 years after the Exodus. It has also been the "traditional" source of the Orwellian cronyism between religion and government over the past 3,500 years.

Levitical "ministry" has "failed," by design, to develop doctrine that deeply validates the Commandments to not covet, steal, or bear false witness – especially regarding government's observance of those Commandments. Since shortly after the Exodus, when Israel's new freedom was quickly extinguished by its own officials, Levitical styled "religion" has colluded with government to leverage Orwellian "Establishment" as a "Deep State."

Tyranny's Greatest Ally has been Levitical "Ministry" that Promotes "Authority" over Honesty. Religion hasn't paid taxes in many lands for centuries. "Church" is missing a grand opportunity to "be like Jesus" instead of cunningly honoring dishonest government as "payment" for not being taxed! Questioning and researching produces its own authority. "Somehow" that is not emphasized by "church officials" in their "doctrine" on "authority."

"Church" <u>IS</u> "cheap grace" for government. Research "cheap grace" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. XV.

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#### The Dishonest Leverage of the Levites:

The Levites leveraged their "religious authority" to help "government" slyly covet & steal by the easiest means available in exchange for government providing special status and/or crony benefits back to "religious officials."

Even with 21<sup>st</sup> Century free speech, pressure from religious "authority" causes silence about government's coveting & stealing. The GOLDEN RULE continues to be forsaken by "religious officials" of the UNTAXED "church" as they place government's coveting and stealing above honesty. "Ministry" abandons the people.

If "religious authorities" honored the Golden Rule, their "ministries" would pay taxes like Jesus said to do instead of being government's most loyal media pawns.

<u>When "church" is untaxed, it heeds the</u> <u>coveting & stealing "needs" of the state.</u> When church is taxed, honesty becomes its sharp weapon! JESUS PAID TAXES! He had a treasurer AND a former tax collector to give tax advice. If "church" paid taxes, its "ministry" would be more like Jesus, right? Make "church" honest!

If honest, church would cultivate doctrine that develops honesty in government. However, since it does not do so, other sources must be found. Amazon.com has more good books concerning honesty than "church" ever considers. Also, the many books by Dr. Frank R. Wallace that discuss honesty and authority are highly recommended, including Wallace's early study titled "<u>POKER – A Guaranteed income for Life by</u> <u>Using the Advanced Concepts of Poker.</u>" CHECK THEM ALL OUT!

Church Doctrine on Government Should Highlight Honesty Far Ahead of "Authority." But, where is that ever being preached? THE GIST

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Levitical Tyranny Never Ended! Make Religious Officials Honest About

<u>Their Orwellian "Establishment."</u> Honesty in the pews creates more authority than

self-glorifying "religious officials" actually have.

### **COMMENTARY** ABOUT SLY COMMENTARIES

Although the Tribe of Levi was a special evil (Gen 49: 5-7) and is responsible for seeding many dishonest "traditions" of Orwellian tyranny in both religion and government over the past 3,500 years, it has still been glorified in many reviews and commentaries by many religious officials (but not all). It is evident that such writers want their adulations for the Tribe to accrue also to themselves as they know that they benefit from Levitical "Establishment."

However, for the reasons outlined on the next pages, any glorification of the Tribe of Levi should be looked at with suspicion. The Tribe of Levi, at the time of its "calling" in Exodus 32:26-29, had just likely been the most influential tribe that caused Aaron to make the golden calves for worship. The tribe also gathered to defy the reasons for it being divided in Genesis 49:5-7.

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## The Evils of the Tribe of Levi

- **1. The Tribe of Levi was a special EVIL! (Genesis 49:5-7)**
- 2. The Tribe of Levi Became Israel's "Priesthood" Under Rather Very Suspicious Circumstances.
- 3. The Tribe/Priesthood of Levi Started the "Tradition" of Religious Officials Supporting Tyranny by Being "Blind, Deaf, and Dumb" about Dishonest Government.

**#1** of **3**: The Tribe of Levi, the unique and cunning "Professional Priesthood" of ancient Israel, had evil roots - roots that eventually infected traditions of "ministry" with Orwellian goals across millennia!

#### Genesis 49:5-7 (NKJV)

5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers; Instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling place.

6 Let not my soul enter their council; Let not my honor be united to their assembly; For in their anger they slew a man, And in their self-will they hamstrung an ox.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

Seeds of Deceitful "Religious Authority," which had no "GOLDEN RULE," were Dwelling Early in the Tribe of Levi!

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GIST Page 11 of 30 #2 of 3: The "Professional Priesthood" was originally "chartered/ordained" when the Levites murdered family members and neighbors – even after receiving the Commandment to not murder!

#### Exodus 32:26-29. (NKJV)

26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the Lord's side—come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. 27 And he said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor." 28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day. 29 Then Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day, for every man has opposed his son and his brother."

#### The Levites' wicked treatment of "relatives and neighbors" has endured.

The "Priestly" Levites, who had no GOLDEN RULE, let ancient Israel's government covet and steal. It is the root "tradition" from where modern "religious officials" receive inspiration for "going forth and doing likewise."

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The Tribe of Levi Sought Adulation, Praise, and Power - Just Like the Modern "Establishment" Still Does.



Exodus 32: 1 makes it clear that the entire nation of Israel, including the Tribe of Levi, was taking part in rebellion during Moses' time on the mountain. However, as both Moses and Aaron were Levites, it can be inferred that the Tribe of Levi was highly instrumental in encouraging Aaron to mold the golden calves and fuel rebellion in the first place. Such trouble-making by the Tribe of Levi makes sense as it reflects their ruthless and intimating reputation that had come down through time among the Hebrews – as recorded in Genesis 49:5-7.

Even more evidence against the Levites appears after Moses returned from the mountain the first time (Exodus 32:22) when Aaron reminded Moses by saying "You know the people, that they are evil." The "evil people" would have most likely been their own Tribe of Levi.

#### Why Did Moses Order Murders Just After Getting the Commandment to Not Murder?

When Moses returned with the Ten Commandments, he had a supernatural "inspired-glow" upon his face. It is highly difficult to believe that he would choose to murder people who posed no military threat, were members of his own Tribe of Levi, or especially if they had not been presented with the Ten Commandments yet. Moses would himself have been breaking one of the new Commandments - the Commandment to not murder. So, the question must be asked, "What caused Moses to order murders anyway?" To begin answering that question, further examine the Tribe of Levi on the next pages.

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(Continuing from the previous page.) The Just after receiving the Commandment to not murder, Moses dared the Tribe of Levi to Break it. BUT WHY?

Upon seeing the Hebrew rebellion and hearing from Aaron, Moses must have had an idea of "who" was most responsible for the rebellion – i.e. that being his own cunning Tribe of Levi. Moses knew that the Tribe of Levi already had an intimidating reputation that had been long recorded by the Hebrews (Genesis 49:5-7) and that it was likely seeking opportunity to gather power unto itself – first by using Aaron to make golden calves and then by responding in high numbers to Moses' call of "Whoever is on the Lord's side—come to me!" once Moses had regained the political upper hand again. The heavy response by the Tribe of Levi to Moses' call likely intimidated other tribes to not follow in immediate fashion.

When Moses saw that only the Tribe of Levi had responded to his call of "Whoever is on the Lord's side—come to me!", it presented Moses with an opportunity to subdue the trouble-making tribe by challenging those who responded to do something for gaining power that he did not really expect them to do - thereby subduing the tribe by revealing their cowardice. Moses challenged the Levitical responders to kill their own family members (sons and brothers) and also neighbors. Moses' challenge to such murdering was however taken up by those from Levi who responded, resulting in their being "chartered/ordained" as the "Professional Priesthood" because of Moses' own hasty words. LESSON: Be careful when challenging a mob to not do evil when it is seeking power because it likely will!

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#### "RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY"

### It Gave Israel 40 Years in the Desert and 3,500 Years of Orwellian Tyranny to the World!

**#3** of **3:** Following the events of Exodus 32:26-29 that seeded Orwellian "Establishment" in Israel's early religion and government, the new "Establishment" increased the use of intimidating "religious authority" to coercively sanction and "bless" ever increasing amounts of deceitful "bureaucracy" in both religion and government. This allowed the institutionalized ignoring and forsaking of the Commandments to not covet or steal - first in ancient Israel and then later in Judah, the Roman Empire, and throughout "Church History" into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

Tyranny has been assembled in the pews!

Religious Officials Lead the Tyranny!



Religion & Government



**Ten Commandments** 

Why did Israel's prophets often rebuke Israel and its officials? Because the priests were crony with government & more concerned with doing "ministry" by the easiest means available than doing their real jobs of cultivating and teaching sound doctrine.

What about "churches" that emphasize choreographed "liturgy" but whose members cannot pass Bible quizzes? It's all because of their following Levitical tradition!

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Spot Religious Officials Who Betray the Priesthood of Melchizedek



According to Hebrews Chapter 7, Jesus' Priesthood was patterned "after the Order of Melchizedek." Melchizedek was a righteous King/Priest before the time of Abraham. He was neither Hebrew or Levite.

Melchizedek ruled righteously in religion and government. For millennia, Levitical styled religious officials seem to have forgotten about Melchizedek.

The "Order of Melchizedek" means "honest righteousness" and not just "taker of offerings" as many clergy emphasize.

**Q:** Why have religious officials not wanted the Commandments against coveting and stealing to be applied to government for the past 3,500 years???

A: Because they are "Levitical" and not "after the Order of Melchizedek."

Truly honest religion develops doctrine for reducing coveting and stealing, even by government. Where is that doctrine?

"Church" likes authority doctrine.

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**"Orwellian"** is an adjective describing the situation, idea, or societal condition that <u>George Orwell</u> identified as being destructive to the welfare of a free and open society. It connotes an attitude and a policy of control by propaganda, surveillance, misinformation, denial of truth, and manipulation of the past, including the <u>"unperson"</u> — a person whose past existence is expunged from the public record and memory, practiced by modern repressive governments. Often, this includes the circumstances depicted in his novels, particularly <u>Nineteen</u> <u>Eighty-Four</u>. ("Orwellian" definition from Wikipedia.com, emphasis added.)

#### Know the "Unpersons" of Judeo-Christianity!

George Orwell described the "unperson" as being "totally vaporized - erased from existence in the past, the present, and in the universe" by oppressive governmental authority.

**In the context** of Judeo-Christian history, an Orwellian "unperson" is not a person at all. The "unpersons" that Judeo-Christian officials have sought to exterminate from functional existence in society, particularly regarding "authority" in both religion and government, are the libertarian and freedom enhancing Commandments that say to not covet, steal, or bear false witness.

The same Orwellian tyranny that cursed and even destroyed nations such as ancient Israel, Judah, and the Roman Empire - and many others since - is still wickedly parlayed by Levitically Inspired "ministry" that wants to copy the Pharaohs!



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# Tax Church

Jesus Did Not Mean to Ignore Bad Government or to "Let It Off-the-Hook" When He Said to "Pay Taxes."

When "church" is untaxed, it heeds the needs of the state. When "church" is taxed, honesty like Jesus had could become its sharp weapon! JESUS' PAID TAXES!

#### THIS IS WHY JESUS PAID TAXES

Modern bureaucratic "priests/pastors" say Jesus paid taxes to "honor authority." That is false! Jesus paid taxes to honor his own honesty, to contrast it against the Establishment's dishonesty, and to hopefully encourage honesty in his followers. Jesus also paid taxes to block/befuddle the "authorities" from trying to close his ministry. Besides, Jesus' ability to befuddle "authority" was part of his Passion!

<u>Jesus never gave up free speech or honesty in exchange</u> <u>for a crony "501 (c)(3)" deal with government – as modern</u> <u>religious officials have engineered for themselves.</u>

Under 501(c)(3), churches are crony corporations. The root words for "corporation" are "corpus" which means "dead" and "oratio" which means "speak." Hence "Dead Speak." (That fits!) Honesty has been dead in religion concerning government's coveting and stealing. xxvi

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#### <u>Jesus Did Not Include Members of</u> <u>the "Levitical Priesthood" in his</u> <u>Close Circles. Follow that Example!</u>

The shrewd "Levitical Priesthood" presses on when modern religious officials seek crony ties with dishonest government. It is a negative "biblical" tradition/pattern.

The Tribe of Levi was scattered in Genesis due to its enduring evil ways (Gen 49:5-7). Moses erred in choosing and regrouping his own derelict tribe as a "Priesthood" as it went on in the Biblical Story to deceitfully fashion Orwellian-styled "religious authority" that colluded with government in establishing tyrannies of "tradition" to bureaucratically covet and steal. As "Establishment," the Judges, Kings, AND Levitical religious officials of Israel enjoyed wielding power.

Honest Religion Operates by the GOLDEN RULE.

An honest church would pay taxes to "Caesar," like Jesus said to do. If church paid taxes, its "religious officials" would avoid being tempted to be pawns of government. Religious officials would stay honest toward and with the people.

Religious pressure about "authority" keeps many silent about government's coveting & stealing even when government "allows" free speech.

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When Religious Officials are "Blind, Deaf, and Dumb" about the Coveting and Stealing Done by Government, They Break Contract for Expecting Offerings from the People!

### KEEP YOUR OFFERING MONEY!



#### "Church" Greatly Abandoned Honesty About Government in 1954 Read "501c3 Facts" by Peter Kershaw

Also see his book "In Caesar's Grip" http://hushmoney.org/501c3-facts.htm

"Church" has been like a "waterboy" for government ever since incorporating under 501c3, with its "pails" of taxpaying churchgoers who "believe" that they are being "faithful" when not questioning the rampant dishonesty that steadily grows in front of their own eyes because of 501c3.

"Church" could claim its Constitutional rights, as outlined by Peter Kershaw's information. However, at this point, CLERGY SECRETS (Warren Vitcenda) recommends that churches run as businesses for two reasons. (1) Jesus said to pay taxes. & (2) Paying taxes is great leverage for making "church" be honest about itself and dishonest government.

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Did Jesus say to be quiet & ignore bad government? NO! Dishonestly timid religious officials seem to "believe" he did.



Jesus wouldn't imply that coveting and stealing is righteous when done through government.

When "church" pays no taxes, it turns more "spiritual." The cost though is not having honesty about government. But hey, "ministry" is easier then!





**Read the Bible differently,** especially the patterns when "religious authority" had no GOLDEN RULE.

501(c)(3) has become "Uber-Doctrine" for "ministries" that are crony with government "Establishment" over the past 50+ years. How's that worked out. hmmm?

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#### "Church Authority"

has sought, and still seeks, adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available!

### **Only Events Such As:**

1) The Magna Carta (1215 A.D.),

2) The Reformation (16th Century), &

**3) The American Revolution (1776)** have broken the diabolical ties of "authority" that have linked a long and sinister cooperation between religion and government – ties which have allowed religion and government to collude as deceitful "Establishment." Across the ages, "religious officials" have been avid supporters of "Establishment" power and status quo.

When sin becomes the leveraging of "religious authority" to slyly advocate for coveting and stealing by government – then that describes diabolical Orwellian tyranny!

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### The Futures of 501(c)(3) and Social Security

**501c3:** The provisions of "501(c)(3)" are a convenient reason for religious officials to break their ministerial oaths and say only what government wants them to say. Religious officials will not be honest until their ties to such things as "501(c)(3)" end.

Clergy will likely continue to defend 501(c)(3) even more than the Ten Commandments because they love and enjoy their cronyism with dishonest government even more than church itself being honest. In this stealthy foundation of Orwellian "Establishment," clergy/pastors are "happy" to support the rights of the individual only so long as they do not interfere with the state.

How can "church" be "Jesus" when it won't pay taxes? Lots of Communion wine, I suppose... – Warren Vitcenda

#### Then there is Social Security...

If they have "religious convictions," religious officials (i.e. pastors) have the option to opt out of Social Security.

Watch for sly votes at church conventions which support religious officials opting out of Social Security taxes but still getting benefits. The Social Security Trust Fund goes broke/bust after 2033. Avoiding that pitfall will likely become very "spiritual" for religious officials.

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### **Rendering Unto Caesar:**

### Was Jesus A Socialist?

A fabulous article, written by Lawrence W. Reed in 2015, called "<u>Rendering Unto Caesar: Was Jesus A Socialist?</u>" does a delightful job at closely examining the phrase *"Rendering unto Caesar"* from Matthew 22:15–22 and Mark 12:13–17.

Reed shows, in numerous scriptures which relate to Jesus, that *"The fact is, one can scour the Scriptures with a fine-tooth comb and find nary a word from Jesus that endorses the forcible redistribution of wealth by political authorities. None, period."* 

#### Just a few examples...

In Matthew 5:17–20 Jesus declares, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (NIV) Lawrence Reed adds, "He (Jesus) was not saying, *'Whatever laws the government passes, I'm all for.'* He was speaking specifically of the Mosaic law (primarily the Ten Commandments) and the prophecies of his own coming." - Most importantly, for consideration here, are the Commandments to not covet or steal.

In Luke 12:13–15, Reed points out, Jesus is confronted with a redistribution request from a man who wanted his brother to "divide an inheritance with him." Jesus responded with ""Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" (NIV)

In the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:29–37, Reed points out that "He did not say, 'Write a letter to the emperor' or 'Go see your social worker' and walk on. If he had done that, he would more likely be known today as the "Good-for-nothing Samaritan" — if he were remembered at all." Reed concludes saying "There's no suggestion that the Samaritan 'owed' anything to the man in need or that it was the duty of a distant politician to help out with other people's money."

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Reed also adds this wise observation in his article, "...sometimes a person becomes wealthy wholly or in part because of his political connections. He secures special favors or subsidies from government, or uses government to disable his competitors. No consistently logical thinker who favors liberty and property rights, whether he's Christian or not, supports such practices. They are forms of theft, and their source is political power — the very debilitating thing that progressives and socialists advocate more of."

Concerning the Book of Acts, Reed writes "On closer inspection, however, it turns out that those early Christians did not sell everything they had and were not commanded or expected to do so. They continued to meet in their own private homes, for example."

Reed points out that "supply and demand" is a factor in Matthew 20:1–16 where the landlord had to increase the hourly pay at the end of the day in order to get a job done.

In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30), regardless if "talents" are skills or actual money, Reed says that the concepts of contract, profit, and private property are well maintained. He further writes, "Of several men in the story, the one who takes his money and buries it is reprimanded while the one who invests and generates the largest return is applauded and rewarded."

> Reed's must-read article is online at www.FEE.org (Freedom for Economic Education)

### **Read the Bible Differently!**

### Notice how tyranny has cunningly thrived in both the Biblical Story and then into the 21st Century.

Jesus never gave up free speech or honesty in exchange for a crony "501 (c)(3)" deal with government!

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## **Religious Officials Are "LEGION!"**

"<u>Religious authority</u>" has been a scam of collusion, between religion and government, to protect government's acts of coveting, stealing, and bearing of false witness while controlling YOU by highlighting YOURS instead!



"Portals of God's Love?" NO!

It's amazing that being dishonestly "blind" about government's coveting and stealing is considered "pastoral ministry."

## "RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY" DESTROYS THE SPIRIT-OF-HONESTY!

Dishonest and broken "religious authority" has sabotaged the Spirit-of-Honesty which is also the honest leading of the Holy Spirit in people's hearts. People have been cajoled to accept corrupt and crony tyrannies ever since the Exodus. No other scheme in history has dominated so well for so long!

Lacking honesty on lesser things, like government's coveting & stealing, makes things about salvation less believable.

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## **Whip Levitical "Religion" Good!**

WHIP IT! WHIP IT GOOD! Jesus used a real whip at least once. "Religious officials" are still the greatest money-changers!

### **A Moral Observation & Lesson:**

"Religious officials" have long had staunch doctrine about "authority" but "not so much" to say in sermons or otherwise about government that does not covet or steal – including the sly ways religion and government fuse as "Establishment."

HAVE YOU NOTICED? "Church" has a grand future vision, but its ignoring and even shepherding of the evil of government coveting & stealing has been the church's greatest temporal deceit. (More crony Levitical tradition!) Yes, "church" covers many subjects but government's coveting & stealing seems off-limits and out-of-bounds.

"Church" has most often supported the rights of the individual only so long as they do not interfere with the government/state. This is the real "Deep-State" that includes "religion." **That's the lesson.** 

### Julian Assange/Wikileaks on Dishonest Government

*"The overwhelming majority of information is classified to protect political security, not national security." - Julian Assange/Wikileaks* 

Wikileaks Should Add "religious authority" as a cunning protector of "political security!"

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# NEO-TECH

## & NEOTHINK

Neo-Tech and Neothink have done what church officials have cunningly not done – deeply examine and defend honesty!

**Begin with Frank R. Wallace's book** 

## "POKER."

## It examines the cunning semantics of both honesty and authority from the perspective of poker.

All of Frank R. Wallace's books are recommended.

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## Hard Lessons for Churchgoers

The Biblical Story again and again reveals hard lessons for ordinary "churchgoers."

The lessons are that (1) you must manage your religion at the deepest levels or eventually "traditions" will be used to manage and control you – and (2)*"<u>religious officials</u>"* seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available!

Jesus warned about "traditions," saying in Mark 7:13, <u>"Making</u> <u>the Word of God of no effect by your tradition which you have</u> <u>handed down: and many such things do you!"</u>

Does CLERGY SECRETS play by "church rules?" Haha! NO! But, "church" wishes that it did!

Clergy Secrets was Inspired by STAR TREK!

## The Kobayashi Maru

If you know about it, you understand! Yes, Captain Kirk was inspirational in the writing of CLERGY SECRETS!

**RECOMMENDED ARTICLE:** James T. Kirk Did Not Cheat On The Kobayashi Maru Test - By Devin Faraci

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If religious officials do not minister/teach about the need for honesty in government, many churchgoers will continue to be deceived - unless YOU act!

I'm not an atheist, but I do think that "church" is full of deceit and dishonesty so that the "Establishment" can seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest Orwellian means available. Warren Vitcenda, author of Clergy Secrets. FOREWORD

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March 31, 2009

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known Warren Vitcenda for 12 years. He served as an intern at Fron Lutheran Church in Starbuck, Minnesota for one year while I was serving as a pastor. I was his supervising pastor. Along with myself as his supervisor, Warren also met regularly with our internship committee. We were all impressed with his growth during the year that he was with us. He was involved in preaching, teaching, hospital visitation, counseling and a variety of other ministries during that year. He was especially gifted in the area of teaching. His sermons were well prepared and very in depth about the scriptures. His Bible study teaching was also well organized and solid. The internship year is a time when students are able to practice what they have learned at the seminary plus learn what it is like to be a pastor. For all practical reasons Warren was a pastor at our church. People responded to his ministry amongst us in a very generous way because that is the way they saw him too. He has a welcoming spirit about him that invites openness.

On a personal note I think Warren would make a wonderful pastor. He has a heart for the church and the preaching of the Word. He is a good friend and is committed to his relationships. Warren is also not afraid to stand up for what is the truth in today's spongy society. I would be glad to recommend him for ministry in whatever setting the church would call him into. Any questions please call me.

JUBELATE DEO!!!!!

**Bruce Nelson** 

#### FOREWORD

# AUTHOR'S PREFACE

The is the Book About Religion that Religious Officials Don't Want You to Know About!

**In Clergy Secrets,** the fundamental tenet that JESUS DIED in order to get believers through the Pearly Gates is left well intact - but all else that comes ahead of the Pearly Gates is definitely "<u>open to</u> <u>further examination and comment</u>" in Clergy Secrets.

Unlike the clear majority of writings about religion, CLERGY SECRETS is dedicated to eliminating the parasitical-elite class worldwide. Its major objective is to expose and then wipe out the cunning "authoritative practices" that dishonestly allow religious and governmental "officials" to both easily collude and then enforce Orwellian policies which directly defy the Commandments to not covet, steal, or bear false witness! This publication is about making "religious authorities" to be honest and eliminating their wicked desires for parasitical ties to government.

#### **AUTHOR'S PREFACE**

**<u>Clergy Secrets</u>** was first inspired beginning with the reading of true articles (listed on page 18) about the life experiences of clergy who have been brave and honest enough to reveal their stories and opinions.

Far from being a marketing gimmick, this publication is based upon actual <u>information</u> from the virtually secret inner realms of church bureaucracy – <u>information</u> that almost always goes no further than the inner circles of clergy authorities – and <u>information</u> that most clergy authorities do NOT want you to know about! To say that Clergy Secrets that is against Orwellian "religion" would be an understatement.

Moreover, several of Clergy Secrets' earliest writings have already been attacked by "officials" who have felt threatened because of the pinpoint accuracy directed at their dishonest value-usurping livelihoods that operate "behind the curtains" of religion and government. A pastor even commented on earlier materials by saying, "Those who live by the sword die by the sword!" What a joke he was/is!

Ironically, every past attack on writings found in Clergy Secrets has served to increasingly fine-tune the final product of Clergy Secrets!

## The honesty is, there is no reason for

any churchgoer to feel overwhelmed, controlled, coerced, or intimidated by "Establishment" church authorities (or by their titles) who claim to have "divine control" over "traditions" which ultimately only drain people and manipulate them in the long run. Church officials simply enjoy seeking praise, adulation, and power by the easiest means that leveraging their "authority" can make available – regardless of their "oaths" for protecting "sheep."

Read <u>Clergy Secrets</u> and find out that the personal "Priesthood" that Jesus' teachings were meant to inspire in individuals is nothing more than the simple but profoundly powerful practice of

regularly seeing... <u>"behind the curtains."</u>



## Orwellian Devils Of the Pulpit!

Religious Officials, have been "legion" and a curse on Western Civilization!

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### Church Services are the Easiest Means Available for Crony Religion to Protect Dishonest Government by Subliminally Signaling <u>"Nothing to See There</u>!"

## **Church Services Exposed**

A. Seriously, just notice how similar church services are from week to week. Worship "leaders" get them drilled into their heads during seminary training. Leading "worship" is a rote exercise for "worship leaders" that easily fills up time while most importantly programming "sheep" to both give cash and obey the "Establishment."

B. What do churchgoers think online websites such as DesperatePreacher.com & SermonMall.com could be for other than copying or eagerly "borrowing" from the sermons found at them? (Call it "ministry by the easiest means available.") In addition, sermons from dead pastors become favorite "stash sources" for both pastors and also various sermon journals that pastors like to use and reuse!

C. Most sermons are linked to only the small fraction of "specially selected" Bible verses which are taken from the "lectionary" on a three-year repeating cycle, thereby making both repeating sermons and protecting dishonest government an easy "tradition." Read more in "The Wicked Side of the Lectionary," which is included in "Ministry Segment 1" of CLERGY SECRETS!

NOTE: These points apply, by the way, to the super majority of congregations in Mainline Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox realms. No escape for the People of God, unless they act!

#### **AUTHOR'S PREFACE**

## Jesus didn't give up honesty or free speech for a crony "501(c)(3)" deal with government. #CorruptClergyEverywhere

Without doubt, government is often highly dependent on the supportive "blessings" of "religious officials" in order to covet, steal, and bear false witness!

## A DIFFERENT BIBLICAL STORY? YES, there could have been!

Much of the Biblical Story would have been different, and much more positive, if "religious officials" had only been honest in identifying and opposing government's coveting, stealing, and bearing of false witness instead of illicitly using the force of their "religious authority" to help protect tyranny!

#### #ReexamineTheBible

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# The Establishment's BIBLE MEGA-THEME

Corrupt governments allying with and using crony clergy.
 People being intimidated by such an "Establishment."

#### **Primarily,** CLERGY SECRETS is about learning to see "behind the curtains." It reveals to churchgoers not only how church officials seek adulation, praise, and power for themselves by the easiest means available, it more importantly reveals how seeing "behind the curtains" frees individuals to prevent the "Establishment" (i.e. dishonest religion and government) from cunningly using "traditions" (patterns) to create tyranny which suppresses the life-enhancing dynamics that truly free individuals are inherently meant to practice for their own "Priesthood."

## Additionally, <u>Clergy Secrets</u> (in its full edition)

provides an introduction concerning the concepts and understandings of "faith" as they exist in "secret societies."

Perhaps some of the most notable and modern examples of how "faith" is understood in "secret societies" are found in Napoleon Hill's books <u>The Law of Success in Sixteen Lessons</u> and its related publication <u>Think and Grow Rich</u>. xlviii.

## The Tyranny Deepens Exposé

## Join The Great Battle for Honesty On This Side of the Pearly Gates!

Quoting Sting: "Then you'll find

your servant is your master."

Wrapped Around Your Finger - Sting

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## You Must Master Your "Servants" in Both Religion and Government, Or Else They Will Master You on This Side of the Pearly Gates!



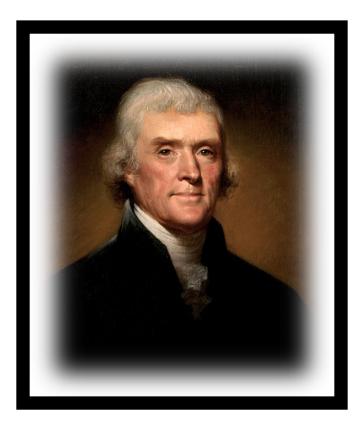
#### (Pronounced "sode," with a long o and silent e.)

1.) Hebrew for "secret," "mystery," or the mystical meaning, as given through inspiration or revelation. (http://en.academic.ru/dic.nsf/enwiki/2795604)

2.) Hebrew for assembly, counsel, inward, secret counsel. (http://strongsnumbers.com/hebrew/5475.htm)



#### Thomas Jefferson Understood How Dishonest "Religious Authority" Supports Tyranny.



"In every country and in every age, the priest has been hostile to liberty. He is always in alliance with the despot, abetting his abuses in return for protection to his own." <u>Thomas Jefferson</u>

Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Horatio G. Spafford in 1814. Portrait of Thomas Jefferson by Rembrandt Peale. Public domain art found on Wikipedia.

## **Communion Like Jesus?** Or Politics Like Politicians?

The most obvious difference about Communion that exists between Jesus and religious officials is that Jesus served everyone BIG GLASSES OF WINE! (LOL!) Sadly though, other differences exist that make religious officials look more like politicians than like Jesus.

The selling of indulgences for salvation stopped some 500 years ago during the Reformation. Unfortunately, the other major monopoly of church officials, the serving of "spiritual strength" in Holy Communion, is still well in place as a cash-cow even now! Church officials have long endeavored to control Communion by keeping its "spiritual strength" as a monopoly powerplay for themselves, including even by cunningly relying on "authority" given to priests by OT Ceremonial Law which was "supposedly" fulfilled by Jesus.

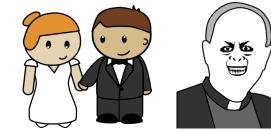
Jesus initiated Communion in conjunction with an actual meal. However, in contrast, the clear and vast majority of religious officials have chosen to not "believe" that "being like Jesus" should regularly include "sheep" doing Communion themselves at meals (or at any other times) like Jesus did. NO! NO! NO! Religious officials do not want to see that!

The simplicity of ANYONE instituting Communion at meals, or at any time, has been slyly discouraged by a "priestly monopoly" that has leveraged Communion to stress the authority of religious officials in worship so as to elevate the adulation, praise, and power religious officials can receive by the easiest means available – and without even cooking a meal! It is eerily reminiscent of ancient Israel's slick religious officials who dismissed the Commandments against coveting, stealing, and the bearing of false witness when they and Israel's many deceitful rulers (Judges, Kings, etc.) wanted to maintain themselves as a cunning "Ruling Establishment" – which they did!

"Worship services" are dishonest for even more reasons. Rather than being known for serving heaping meals of "inspiring teachings from the Word" (as Jesus did, as well as Paul in Acts 20:7), worship services have long been the subject of many quiet jokes because of "traditionally" dull sermons and dreary "liturgy!" In-depth teaching and learning have often taken a back seat to seeing "worship leaders" highlight their "liturgical" displays of pageantry instead! It is no wonder that people have so often considered "church" to be a boring and money-sucking vacuum! The reasons have now been clarified!

## **Tyranny by Marriage** It is Not What You Might Think!

Pastors Push the Tyranny of Civil Marriage!



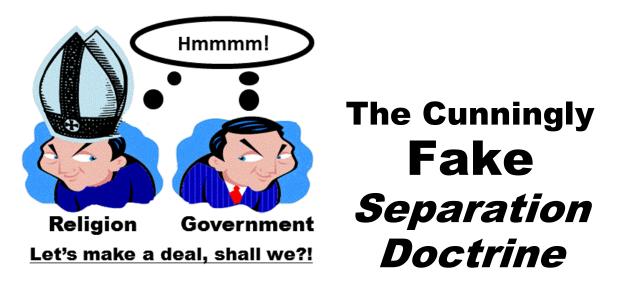
Over the past 80+ years in America, civil marriages created through "marriage licenses" issued by states have greatly replaced earlier dominant legal means for entering marriage - such as by recording a marriage in church records or by other options that have been legally recognized in "Common Law."

So, what is devious about civil marriages? Well, pastors licensed to perform civil marriages have become de facto government agents. They appear as nice "holy men and holy women" before they trap people in a "matrix" of marriage laws that deviously make government into a contractual "third party" in civil marriages. Couples are compelled to obey laws that favor control by the government in tax law, divorce, bankruptcy, probate, and more legal areas – including even over their children in school! Religious authority is wretchedly leveraged to enhance the "Establishment!" (For more information, search on the internet for the article "How can it be illegal for people to get married?" by Anna von Reitz.)

#### Ever since the Exodus from Egyptian slavery...

(1) Religious officials have been morally gutless to confront the legions of despots, tyrants, and bureaucratic overlords who have ruthlessly ruled many "Judeo-Christian" nations! ----- And/Or
 (2) Religious officials have cooperated with despots, tyrants, and bureaucratic overlords to build and expand the "Establishment."

Most often both have been done!



Christianity includes a doctrine about a *"separation of God's power"* between the more-or-less visible *"secular/government realm"* and the more-or-less unseen *"spiritual/church realm."* It is called the "Two Kingdoms Doctrine" in Protestantism and the "Two Swords Doctrine" in Roman Catholicism. This "separation" has been used to mean (1) "that government should not use coercion regarding spiritual matters" and (2) "that religion ought not involve secular matters."

The <u>SNeaky</u> result has been that "church" and "government" have repeatedly, and dishonestly, supported each other's hidden dishonest use of authority. They are often crony "Establishment" partners that come together to endorse and sanction each other's "ruling authority." This tradition of "Establishment" has continually worked to counter and even destroy the freedom and liberty found by the Hebrews after leaving the slavery of Egypt in the Exodus. The plotting influence of the "Establishment" cannot be overcome by the traditional "separation of church and state." The only cure for a dishonest "Establishment" are honest people who act!

The Ten Commandments should inform government and religion, and not just individuals. The "Establishment" dodges/avoids this.

(See also the "Two Kingdoms Doctrine" on Wikipedia.)

### **Abortion** Reveals a Lazy "Church" that Seeks Adulation, Praise, and Power by the Easiest Means Available!

Lazy "church" can be identified by examining the abortion issue. It begins with recognizing that "church" has often concentrated on abortion by claiming it involves various acts of coveting, stealing, and the bearing of false witness - at different stages and levels.

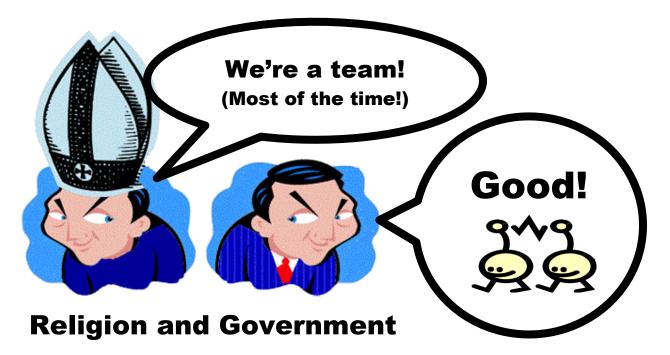
Because "church" has largely not promoted abortion (although some "left-wing" parts of it have), it has been far easier for "church" to be critical of abortion than to be critical of its own role in being part of the "ESTABLISHMENT" which, together with government, has engineered much Orwellian destruction in Western history by coveting, stealing, and bearing of false witness – including throughout the Biblical Story! Slippery church officials have protected the "Establishment" and how it produces deceits that eventually grow in scale and rot out nations. To understand more, just examine the Orwellian ties between religion and government that ruined ancient Israel, Judah, the Roman Empire - as well as many other nations since!

#### SHAME ON "CHURCH OFFICIALS" FOR HAVING LITTLE INTEREST IN THE CHURCH'S HISTORY OF CAUSING ORWELLIAN TYRANNY AND DESTRUCTION THAT CONTINUES EVEN NOW!

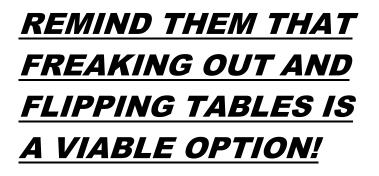
Perhaps if "religion" wasn't already conspiring with government in order for it to gain tax exemptions, have civil marriage authority, and enjoy requisite adulation from government officials, then "religion" would be honest enough to examine itself and then oppose how Orwellian coveting, stealing, and the bearing of false witness by the "Establishment" harms society – especially at the level of individual freedom and liberty. (Incidentally, the abortion issue still pales in comparison to the Orwellian tyranny of "religion" over the ages!)

(The author of CLERGY SECRETS trusts little that lazy "church" is up to the righteousness needed to examine its Orwellian nature...)

## Tyranny Across the Centuries Has Not Been Just "Coincidence." It's Been Tyrannical Collaboration!



### WHEN SOMEONE ASKS YOU "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"



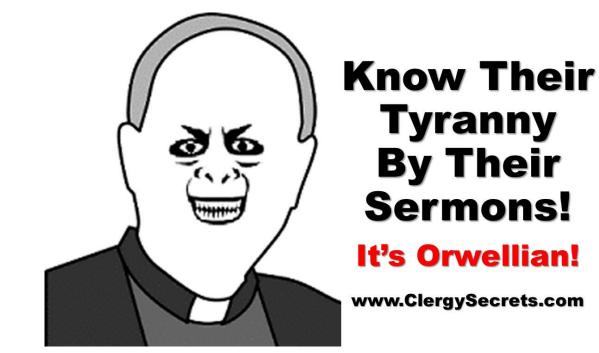


(A Quote from numerous internet sources.)

## **SERMON LESSON**

Consider sermons from a "big picture" macro-viewpoint. While many sermons have inherently focused on people who covet, steal, and bear false witness, exceedingly few sermons have, in comparison, concerned governments that do the same. By leveraging "religious authority" in this way, religious officials have long set a social pattern for "leaving government alone" which has ironically made religious officials themselves into active Orwellian operatives on behalf of government based tyrannies ever since the Exodus from Egypt itself!

"Establishment religion" has long protected government's actions that covet, steal, and bear false witness while it has shrewdly controlled YOU by highlighting YOURS!



Examine What makes Judeo-Christianity "Orwellian" on page xxiv in The Gist of CLERGY SECRETS.

## All Ten Commandments Meant for Protection!

The Ten Commandments were given to provide protection on this side of the Pearly Gates! Honor them and happiness, love, and liberty would bless God's people! But disobey them and suffer the consequences – such as Orwellian tyranny.

## Moses' Charge to Israel's Officials Has Been Ignored!

"You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous." (Deut. 16:19 NKJV).

Additionally, without impartial justice, it would be impossible to *"live and inherit the land which the Lord your God is giving you* (<u>Deut. 16:20</u> NKJV)."

Righteous justice however did not last long in either ancient Israel or in 3,500 years of Judeo-Christianity as "officials" in both religion and government devised many "traditions" and bureaucracies which allowed them to cunningly covet, steal, and bear false witness in order to seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available – often by pestering intimidation.

Jesus would later reflect and comment upon the "officials" by saying <u>"Your traditions</u> <u>render the Word to no effect! (Mark 7:13)</u>"



## **Rotted From Within!**



## Ancient Israel, Judah, & the Roman Empire

**They Were Rotted Out by "Establishment."** 

### WICKED RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY!

If religious authority were brave and honest instead of wickedly Orwellian, much of the Biblical story would have greatly changed. It would have stopped a great deal of the internal tyranny that has cursed the Western World from the time of ancient Israel to now in the 21st Century.

Public domain map sources via Wikimedia Commons: http://wikimediafoundation.org/wiki/File:1750\_Homann\_Heirs\_Map\_of\_Israe I\_-\_Palestine\_-\_Holy\_Land\_%2812\_Tribes%29\_-\_Geographicus\_-\_Palestinahomannheirs-1750.jpg [Public domain], -andwww.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:RomanEmpire\_117.svg [Public domain].

## Ancient Israel's Rulers, Including King David, Terrorized the People!

#### They set the pattern for a Dishonest "Establishment" in Judeo-Christianity.

**Cunning bureaucracies** in ancient Israel began and grew under the early Judges and religious officials. (Study Eli, Samuel, and their sons.) Eventually kings became tyrants and despots over Israel – *again with help from religious officials!* 

- A. King David: It does not take much research to see that King David often antagonized the nation of Israel, putting it into various turmoils because of both his personal life situations as well as his desires to wage war against Israel's neighbors.
  - 1) Author Joel S. Baden, in his book <u>The Historical David: The Real</u> <u>Life of an Invented Hero</u>, argues how David was "a power-hungry outlaw, a wife-stealer, a murderer, a traitor, and a usurper."
  - 2) Author Gary Greenberg, in his book <u>King David vs. Israel</u>, the book's back cover says, "Greenburg offers compelling evidence that David was widely despised among the Israelites, that he attempted to overthrow King Saul, that he allied himself with the Philistines against Israel, and that he relied on Philistine allies to keep himself in power."

**Bottom line:** David had little problem using both government and religion to covet, steal, and bear false witness so he could gain adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available.

**B.** Both King Solomon and King Rehoboam inherited David's shrewd "methods of ruling." According to 1 Kings 12:4-14, both Solomon and Rehoboam were tyrants as well.

Israel's "Establishment officials" eventually caused civil war that destroyed the nation (1 Kings 12)!

### **Corruption, Corruption, and More Corruption Starting in Ancient Israel!**



(i.e. Crony Cooperation Between Religion and Government)

1) Corrupt Judges in Ancient Israel. Study Eli, Samuel, and their sons.

## 2) Corrupt Kings in Both Ancient Israel and Judah.

Many, many, many... And regardless of his famous personal spirituality, King David made life hell for Israel in ways that surpassed many other kings and officials of Israel.

(Review two books: (1) Gary Greenberg's book, *King David vs. Israel*, and (2) Joel Baden's book, *The Historical David: The Real Life of an Invented Hero.)* 

#### 3) The Roman Empire & Beyond...

Over the past 2,000 Years, tyrannies that covet, steal, and bear false witness have continued to not only exist – but to officially thrive – due to the Orwellian nexus between "religion and government," – from the Roman Empire through to nations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



"Church" protects government from you more than it protects you from government.

This is How Sheep Are Sheared!

#### **Religious Officials Pass the Buck!**

Religious officials, across the spectrum, have a sinister way of "passing the buck" to blame God's "mysteries" for the bad behavior of "rulers."

*"Government, at its core, welcomes corruption. Anyone who seeks power over others is by nature unfit to wield it." - Jon McKeone of Sterling, VA in a Facebook post from January 19th, 2016.* 



### Corrupt & Lazy "Religious Tradition" Warped the Biblical Story!

History - including the Biblical Story itself, would have been much different if "religion" had simply aimed to protect the freedom that was gained in the Exodus instead of cunningly making people into victims of Orwellian tyranny over the past 3,500 years!

Religious officials have preached "kindness" and "generosity" to control the "multitudes," but not HONESTY to the "Establishment."

The sheer laziness of religious officials along with their dark desire to exercise "Establishment authority" have been constant cornerstones of Orwellian tyranny.

Use <u>CLERGY SECRETS</u> as an exorcist against your dishonest religious officials!

## ORWELL'S "DOUBLESPEAK"

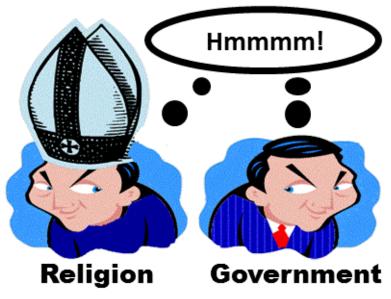
*"War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength." – George Orwell (From his book "1984")* 

In much the same way that George Orwell portrayed the use of "doublespeak" in his book <u>1984</u>, religious officials of "Judeo-Christianity" have warped doctrine so that coveting, stealing, and the bearing of false witness are viewed as acceptable "tools of government."

#### <u>Dishonest Government Often Relies</u> on Dishonestly Cunning Religious Officials!

When government provides benefits, protections, and various advantages for religious officials, it is quite amazing how quickly "religious officials" overlook and sanction coveting, stealing, and bearing of false witness by crony government!





Let's make a deal, shall we?!

## Official Policies are Deals of Collusion!

#### **QUESTION: (Be honest answering!)**

When government provides bribes of:

- (1) tax exempt status,
- (2) making pastors civil-servant marriage officiants, &
- (3) even giving direct financial payments to religious organizations,

would religious officials be more or less likely to be concerned about government's coveting, stealing, and bearing of false witness?

## **ANSWER: LESS OF COURSE!**

## **Obadiah 1:4 KJV**

"Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD."

The Book of Obadiah, the shortest book in the Old Testament, was originally a prophetic judgment of destruction made against the nation and people of Edom. Its wisdom however is an applicable warning for both nations and individuals regarding the *"arrogance of wicked leadership*.

Unfortunately, "officials" in both religion and government have repeatedly caused nations in the Judeo-Christian tradition to rot from within because of arrogantly destructive leadership that covets, steals, and bears false witness. It began with ancient Israel, then Judah, and then continued in the Roman Empire and on to many other nations that God has "brought down."

### **Beware of the "Establishment!"**

## The Establishment's Recipe for

# Tyranny!

- Take full advantage of biblical verses that promote obedience to "officials," such as: Deut. 17:12, Romans 13:1-5, Titus 3:1, Hebrews 13:17, and 1 Peter 2:13-18. Highlight "official authority" over the Commandments against coveting, stealing, and the bearing of false witness.
- 2) Then shrewdly expand "complicated" bureaucracies, in both religion and government, which allow officials to enforce oppressive Orwellian tactics that forsake the Commandments against coveting, stealing, and the bearing of false witness. This is key for helping "officials" who want to seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available.
- 3) Wield authority by using both direct force and wily tricky ploys, like leveraging religious authority. Then profit by crushing freedom for the sake of maintaining the Establishment's authority.

## "God's will?" No Way!

Legions of "official authorities," in both religion and government, have forsaken honesty to cunningly rule. It has been a deceitful strategy used in both religion and government over the past 3,500 years since the Exodus!



### <u>The Establishment Protects Itself by</u> <u>Exploiting Scripture and "Forgiveness!"</u>

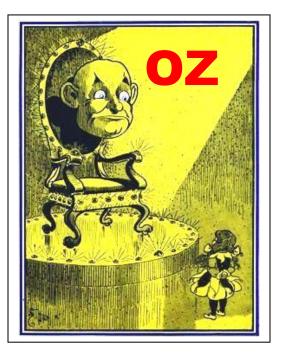
Ever since the Exodus from Egypt, religious officials have shrewdly driven scriptures that promote their own "authority," such as Deuteronomy 17:12 and Romans 13:1. By doing so, religious officials have cunningly made people confused and doubtful about their own abilities to effectively judge the institutions of both religion and government – especially by judging if religion and/or government have broken the Commandments to not covet, steal, or bear false witness.

Similarly, "authorities" in both religion and government have also cunningly used the concept of "forgiveness" to imply that their dishonest tyrannies *"should be forgiven as God has forgiven you (paraphrase of Ephesians 4:32)" (This is a strategy that attempts to give "officials" the "spiritual high ground" to always be despots, tyrants, and overlords.)* 

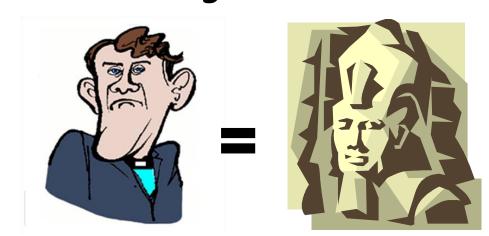
**Diabolical coercions** like these, against "the people," have been the hallmark of the despots, tyrants, and bureaucratic overlords who have used both religion and government to seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available since the Exodus – beginning with the legions of judges, kings, and religious officials of ancient Israel who turned tyranny into profitable "tradition."

# **EXODUS ERASED!**

Whether using the Old or New Testament, religious officials play a dirty trick by emphasizing that individuals ought not covet, steal, or bear false witness – but they will not stress the same morals for government!



The further a society drifts from truth the more it will hate those who speak it. George Orwell



"Ministry" Echoes the Pharaohs!

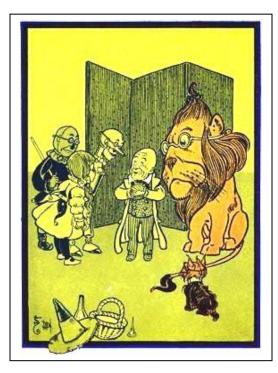
#### **RELIGION & GOVERNMENT** Are the *"Establishment!"*

The "Establishment" Echoes the Pharaohs When Using Cunning "Authoritative" Means to Covet, Steal, and Bear False Witness!

### **Begin a New EXODUS!**

For 3,500 years since the Exodus, "Establishment" officials have woven Orwellian tyranny into both religion and government in order to seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available.

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In the *Wizard of Oz,* the "GREAT POWER" that was revealed for all to use was the power to see "Behind the Curtains!"

# It is Not Belief by Religious Officials to

# say that God exists,

but then continue using both religion and government to organize with government to covet, steal, and bear false witness in order to gain adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available.

When honest belief does not control one's most important decisions, there is merely belief in the shrewd usefulness of saying that one "believes." \* Scott Adams

\* A paraphrase of a quote from Scott Adams' book God's Debris: A Thought Experiment

# **"A Point" vs THE POINT**

The <u>*"A Point vs The Point"*</u> distinction is a philosophical understanding that is part of Neo-Tech, as originated by Dr. Frank R. Wallace.

Essentially, "A Point" ideas are "red herring" ideas, or diversion ideas, that are ploys conjured up by dishonest and criminally-minded destroyers of freedom and liberty – such as Orwellian authorities. "A Point" ideas are used as decoys to lure and trick people from honestly considering the greater overall picture. "A Point" ideas have often been the main underlying force that has allowed many despots and tyrants to remain in power "by the easiest means available." \*

Religion offers a great example of the distinction between "A Point" and "The Point." Many "A Points" exist about church officials being "heroes." This includes many Catholic Saints and Protestant leaders who have done "heroic" things. Such "A Point" stories have been used over many centuries to raise and maintain much support for "church" and its officials.

However, "The Point" about religion over the past 3,500 years is that its religious officials became the greatest perpetrators, supporters, and benefactors of Orwellian tyranny in history by their shrewd conniving into various mutually beneficial ties and alliances with governments!

# Spiritually Dishonest "Democracy"

(1) Democracy is spiritually honest when it upholds the freedom and liberty gained from the Exodus.

**(2)** Democracy becomes spiritually dishonest when it is used to covet, steal, and protect false witness!

In a sly assault by the "Establishment" against the Exodus, the "Western World" has heavily pushed people to accept that a *"50% + 1 majority vote"* is proper governance over protections that inherently come from the Ten Commandments.

Unfortunately, the individual freedom from Egyptian slavery that was gained by the Exodus is often sacrificed when the "Establishment" uses "democracy" to vote them away, - especially the voting away of personal liberties that exist only when government is honestly made to not covet, steal, or bear false witness!

The Prime Law parallels the spirit of the Ten Commandments. It could replace what is wrong about *"50% + 1 democracy."* 

**ARTICLE 1 of the PRIME LAW:** "No person, group of persons, or government shall initiate force, threat of force, or fraud against any individual's self, property, or contract."

See more about the Prime Law at www.TVPNC.org

## "<u>Make All the People Rich,</u> <u>Including the Poor!</u>"

#### Begin by Honoring the Commandments to not Covet, Steal, or Bear False Witness – Especially in Government.

Because the Ten Commandments provide protections for individual freedom that <u>prevent slavery</u>, they also inherently offer prosperity and opportunities that are almost beyond imagination – all based on the Commandments' honesty. The key is to take Exodus-freedom seriously, especially by prohibiting government, by means of deliberate and honest inspection, from being used to covet, steal, and/or bear false witness

A dynamic for prosperity, called "Neothink," parallels many features of the Ten Commandments and has been extensively advanced by author Mark Hamilton in his many Neothink publications. Specifically, the dynamic has two main premises which appear in Hamilton's book <u>The Nouveau Tech Package of Inner Circle Secrets (2002)</u>. The premises describe, in both broad terms and specific terms, how society could quickly achieve a fabulously prosperous future by making government honest to not abuse power – which is in biblical terms, when government is restrained from "coveting, stealing, and/or bearing false witness."

#### Hamilton's Premises for Dynamic Prosperity are the following:

(1) <u>*"Free the geniuses and potential geniuses of society by ending government regulations (page 797)"* (i.e. end government policies that inherently covet, steal, and/or bear false witness). &</u>

(2) <u>*"In turn, new technology would soar ahead in all industries, as already demonstrated in the relatively nonregulated computer industry, sending consumer costs to fractions...making the consumers – the people – wealthy (page797)."*</u>

It is from these two premises, which closely parallel and rely on the essences of the Commandments to not covet, steal, and/or bear false witness, that Mark Hamilton has coined the following phrase.

"Make all the people rich, including the poor!"

(It sounds caring, generous, and kind, doesn't it?!)

### **Clergy Secrets' Author** Comments on "Judeo-Christianity."

In his study of the roles of government and religion, as revealed in his publication <u>Pax Neo-Tech</u>, Dr. Frank R. Wallace concluded that:

*"The only valid justification of any government is to protect the rights of life, property, and contract of each individual citizen by objective law and protective force – nothing more, nothing less (Pax Neo-Tech page 98)."* 

Likewise, if the Ten Commandments were honestly adhered to and comprehensively honored through "wide-scope" application to both religion and government, the Commandments would do much the same as Dr. Wallace's view of "valid government." Any "Establishment" would be prevented from instituting tyranny which echoes the slavery of ancient Egypt – most especially any "policies" that slyly covet, steal, and/or bear false witness! ("Wide-scope" is a term often used by Dr. Wallace.)

As for "Judeo-Christianity," the tenets that: (1) Jesus died for sin, and that (2) the Ten Commandments reflect holy virtue do no real existential harm themselves. The **EXCEPTION** is when these aspects of "Judeo-Christianity" are dishonestly separated to allow legions of "officials" to perfect dishonest power - much like what "officials" ranging from ancient Israel's cunning judges, priests, and kings to many modern-day tyrants have done by using both religion and government to gain adulation, praise, and power through coveting, stealing and the bearing of false witness.

### **INTERNET SEARCH "HONESTY!"**

Ask pastors if they're against coveting, stealing, and the bearing of false witness. They will of course say "YES!" However, try doing an internet search for <u>"Bible verses</u> <u>about honesty"</u> to see the many scriptures that the "Establishment" (religion and government) ignores.



### Who needs to hunt demons or witches when "religious officials" are around? Where are the whips?!

Mark Hamilton, of the Neothink Society, put it well when he said the following. *"Contrary to their guise of serving society, those professional value destroyers (in religion and government) are driven by selfish greed to extract easy, bogus livelihoods from society. Such people deliver the ultimate disservice to society. To camouflage their own selfish greed, they make the public believe that the true benefactors (improvers) of society -- the hard-working, honest business-minded people -- are selfish and greedy, thus needing to be regulated and controlled."*\

 Mark Hamilton, Neo-Tech Protection Kit Volume 1, the Functions. CC.

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### The Holy Spirit will surely inspire people to

confront Orwellian tyranny when they decide to focus their attention toward the cagey crony ties that have long existed between religion and government, including those revealed over and over again by a diligent reading of the Biblical Story. However, with HONESTY, God's people can defy the wicked "Establishment!"

### **Be Brave and Take Heart!**

Even shifty "religious officials" have not always been successful at concealing how religion can spread Orwellian tyranny because not even they can always escape from <u>HONEST PEOPLE</u> who believe that honest authority must be rooted in the Commandments to not covet, steal, or bear false witness, especially concerning the realms of both religion and government!

# Honest Righteousness opposes Orwellian tyranny on this side of the Pearly Gates!



"Following the crowd" is easy to do, but it has trapped people in tyrannies that cunningly covet, steal, and bear false witness by using "traditionally" official capacities!

# Reading <u>CLERGY SECRETS</u> Will Help You Prosper!

After contemplating just how cunningly crooked and wretched the "<u>ESTABLISHMENT</u>" of religion and government has been, you can refocus your resources to honestly better yourself and others!

- **1.** Chase your dreams with added vigor!
- 2. Turn your health toward vitality!
- 3. Become stronger and fear less!
- 4. Make your time creatively joyful!
- 5. Pursue your dreams and goals!
- 6. Host parties and/or travel more!
- 7. Or whatever you like!



### **Use These 14 Questions to Protect Yourself from the "***Establishment***" \***

Use these when you feel like you're being "rolled over" by the government. Remember "Psychology 101 – Every human that comes in contact with you has an AGENDA....that AGENDA is either good for you or bad for you. If it is a public official, you must assume that it is bad for you."

#### THE LAW IS WHAT PROTECTS YOU AS A PRIVATE PERSON AND WHAT BINDS THE PUBLIC SERVANT AND PUNISHES THEM WHEN THEY TRY TO CROSS THE LINE!

START RECORDING!!!!! DON'T ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!!! YOU ASK QUESTIONS!

SAY: "Before we continue, I do need a couple of items clarified:"

1. What is your name and your employee number?

2. What is your official job title?

3. Are you in your official capacity at this moment?

4. Do you have a certified/notarized copy of your Oath of Office (as required pursuant to your state Articles/Statutes) which I may scrutinize?

5. Do you have a faith surety bond or any bond required of you to ensure your faithful performance of your duties, which I may scrutinize? Do you have any identifying information, policy numbers, and/or contacts that can provide further bonding information about you?

6. Are you required to uphold my rights specific to the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 14th Amendments as required by the united States Constitution, clearly established law, and your Oath of Office?

7. If you intend to question me, do you have a "release of liability from incrimination form" or the equivalent with you that I may review and sign?

8. Am I required or compelled by any law to answer any questions that you ask?

9. If yes, will you please cite the law?

10. In this meeting, is anything I say something that "Can and will be used against me in a court of law?"

11. Am I being detained? For what? Am I free to go?

12. Has someone accused me of committing a crime?

13. Is there a sworn affidavit submitted on file from anyone alleging that I have caused them an injury?

14. Is there any constitutionally compliant warrant for summons issued that grants you lawful authority to be here or keep me here? May I have a copy?

\*Retrieved from www.WeStudyLaw.org in 2013. Used with the permission of Fred and Nina Gutierrez of Las Vegas, NV.

#### For additional information, reference "Title 42 – Section 1983."

# **Author's Clarification:**

\*\*\*\*Just to clarify, I do not consider myself to be an atheist. Quantum physics holds too much mystery and possibly for me to totally dismiss a "higher consciousness." However, the built-in dishonesty that I've seen in "established religion" makes it quite difficult for me to see it as an unassailable "pinnacle of thought." - Warren Vitcenda



#### HH. Author's Clarification

# Behold the Orwellian Tyranny of the Levitical Establishment's

# "Ministry"

# In Segments **1, 2, and 3**!

"Levitical Ministry"

It Seeks Adulation, Praise, and Power by the Easiest Means Available!

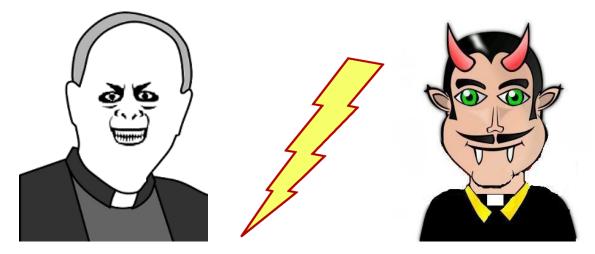
\*Only Segment 1 is included in this shortened "Segment 1 Edition" of CLERGY SECRETS.



### Jesus said in Mark 7:13,

"Your 'traditions' (bureaucracies) render the Word to no effect!"

Religious officials won't tell you about the wicked side of the three-year lectionary like CLERGY SECRETS!



#### "Religious bureaucracy" has cunningly used Orwellian tyranny by:

- **1.** Controlling rote services that they easily repeat.
- 2. Conveniently reusing and even trading many sermons that "traditionally" use just 7.72% of the Bible's verses. &
- 3. Always seeking adulation, praise, and power by the easiest "bureaucratic means" available.

# Inside the Souls of Many Churchgoers...

Inside the souls of many churchgoers are dynamic thinkers and integrators who struggle to get out from under the spell of being obedient to unquestioned church authority and its scheming "traditional patterns."

This publication is intended to empower churchgoers with insights and information for making church officials to be more transparent and accountable.

# The Essence

of Ministry Segments 1, 2, and 3

### Like many human endeavors,

"church" has also been subject to both evolutionary and market pressures over time and ages. Pressures such as time constraints and financial incentives can push practically any organization, including "church," in one of two directions:

**1)** The pressures can elevate the organization toward the value creating, efficiency increasing, cost reducing, and satisfaction fulfilling dynamics that are needed for an incredible existence.

### Or Worse...

**2)** Those same pressures can also tempt a default to "traditions" (as mentioned in Mt 15 and Mark 7) that: camouflage laziness, hide bureaucratic greed, emphasize bloated bureaucratic importance, introduce "legions" of false neurotic pretenses, and impose a mystifying somberness that conceals fake and self-serving altruism among the "official authorities."

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#### **"Ministry" Segments Introduction**

#### Unfortunately, over the church's long history "behind the

<u>**Curtains**</u>," clergy officials and their bureaucracies have seduced themselves into fashioning many traditions, such as lectionaries, that allow for camouflaged laziness, secrecy, and fake altruism to go repeatedly undetected. Functional control over traditions has allowed clergy to shrewdly create a corrupt *"aura of* 

**SUPREMACY**" over the people that clergy claim to serve. Instead of sending a continuous message to people that they are ever-increasing in their control and decision making authority by means of their ever-increasing awareness of what is righteous, clergy have choosen to dishonestly create the illusion that spirituality is "complex" and thus only for clergy to have operational control over. Such "tradition" has created a hollow illusion of providing spiritual nourishment while congregations are systematically desensitized into remaining docile and submissive. Church members thus continue to have low expectations of their own honest God-given authority and creative abilities to think, make decisions, and to create from inspiration. Jesus warned about the prospects of such "traditional ministry" in Matthew 15 and Mark 7.

#### But why would clergy be so cunning? It is because

<u>clergy are inwardly tempted to be seekers of adulation, praise, and power by the easiest</u> <u>means available.</u> They begin training for ministry with vibrant honesty but end their training both using and supporting many self-serving and cheating "traditions." Clergy thereby learn to receive adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available as they slaughter the Word and deceitfully drain the lives of their followers.

**The Bible** is to be used as a stepping stone for inspiring dynamic new comprehensions. Self-satisfied and comfortable clergy have however "traditionally" failed to go beyond what their lectionaries prescribe for services and sermons (most notably the Revised Common Lectionary and the closely related Roman Catholic Lectionary). The essence of sin that churchgoers have thereby been caught in is created by clergy officials choosing to pursue an easily repeatable and ritualistic status quo that protects their own laziness instead of inspiring people to use their own God-given brains, hearts, and courage to explore dynamic honest truth! While it is perhaps difficult to deeply think through, investigate, or examine subjects piece by piece, such dynamics are the essence needed to grow in faith, knowledge, and competence! Brains, hearts, and courage are however meant for such adventure! Mysteries are revealed, solved, and benefitted from only when there is an inherent and honest drive to probe, explain, and integrate more and more. That is the essence of dynamic faith! Continued on the next page.

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### **Honesty** was the important element that Jesus righteously

demonstrated. Jesus was openly honest in opposing the many self-serving "traditions" of "officials" who dishonestly tried to maintain their deceitful patterns of "traditional power" at the expense of others. Jesus also knew that honesty, like water running over a rock, will erode limits set by "traditions" in all areas of life and lead to both dynamic living and ultimately eternal immortal life. Jesus freed people's minds to expand and take charge to honestly evaluate all that was around them, regardless of any opposition from overbearing "authorities." Jesus encouraged honest freedoms and selfauthority in people that would often only exist first in their thoughts - but then such thoughts and intentions would manifest! The use of <u>honesty</u>, beginning with ones' own thinking, allows people to replace the outdated, the ineffective, and the incorrect with ever increasing and life-enhancing benefits! Jesus knew this, and he taught this to individuals. It is the essence of truly being "Priestly." Jesus wanted everyone to be a "Priest" and for everyone to exercise responsible dynamic authority.

#### Jesus knew that people who practice radically honest and dynamic authority, especially over themselves, can create <u>a dynamically blessed world that never stays the same!</u>

**Interestingly,** the word "disciple," or its variations, appear in the four Gospels and in the Book of Acts some 266 times. The words however are <u>not found at all</u> in the Epistles (the remaining books) of the New Testament. This is perhaps the best proof that the Bible intends for individuals to develop beyond the status of a "disciple" as mentioned in the Gospels (and surely beyond the status of a "sheep") and to rely upon their own honest "brains", "hearts", and courage evermore for the purpose of building up their own competent and creative "Priestly" authority. People are to learn to see <u>"behind the</u> <u>curtains"</u> of all that is around them, including what is <u>"behind</u> <u>the curtains</u>" of the church's cunning officials and "traditions."

#### THE ESSENCE OF EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION

The essence of effective organization is integrated thinking – the connecting of the facets of an organization that drive it forward toward success and viability.

The problem with "church tradition" is that it establishes a structure that cunningly "cleaver" church officials (clergy/priests/pastors) use as a short-cut to adulation, wealth and power by the easiest means available!

"Traditional Clergy": (1) often lazily leverage the work of past ministry by easily repeating it as "tradition;" (2) they use social manipulations and power-plays to maintain positions of importance and control; and (3) they use "delegation" to shift responsibility from themselves to others (to congregation members) in order to avoid having "official clergy authority" questioned.

Thus, many clergy have done nothing to promote their organizations forward. Clergy church officials achieve and maintain importance most often by acting "authoritatively" to approve or reject the hard work of those who report to them. This contrived "traditional church leadership" style helps clergy officials to maintain power and control by emphasizing "specialization" which not only covertly elevates their own positions but also deviously separates church members from practicing their own honest authority to see "behind the curtains" in dynamic ways that the Bible teaches, advocates, and models!

#### "Traditional clergy" are roadblocks to honest dynamic progress!

They seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available!

(Paraphrased from the writings and concepts of Frank R. Wallace in "The White Collar Hoax.")

#### People need to check on the places where they spend money.

A lot of money is spent on taxes. Therefore, checking up on how government uses that money is important.

A lot of money is spent on products, services, and investments; therefore checking up on how businesses operate is important.

#### It's time to check up on how "church" operates!

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**1 Peter 4:17** <sup>17</sup> For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the House of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the Gospel of God? (NKJV)

The church's problem is not in waiting for revelations to come; the church's problem is that it has largely chosen to stop seeking and to become comfortable in its "traditions."

The tired and old "cash cow" of "<u>traditional religion</u>" still produces for dishonest church officials!



"Church tradition" has made the "sheep" into cash-cows. Tradition tempts clergy officials with adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available!

#### **Old Proverb:**

"If you continue to do what you've always done, you'll continue to get what you've always got."

### Learn now what you get and

don't get from "ministry."



## Why hunt devils and witches when cunningly wicked "religious officials" are around?!!



### Orwellian tyranny begins when religious officials forsake the Ten Commandments!

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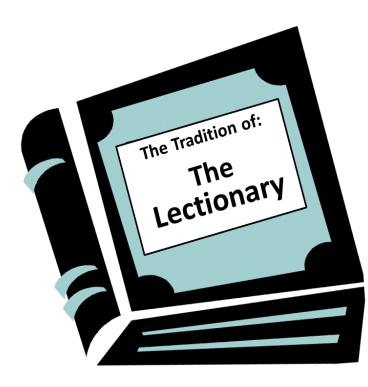
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# **CLERGY SECRETS** of the Worship Lectionary



"Tradition" that leaves 92.28% of the Bible largely ignored.

See "<u>The 7.72% Sermon</u> <u>Bamboozle</u>" on Page 12.

#### By choosing verses and ignoring verses for sermons, "religious authority" protects itself as "Establishment authority."

The most lucrative aspects of "church services" are (1) the three-year lectionary and (2) the vibrant sermon market. Only 7.72% of the Bible's verses are typically preached; and even then, the vast majority of "pastors" lazily buy, sell, and trade sermons.

You will never see church services in the same way again! Learn more from insights into this accounting of the lectionary.

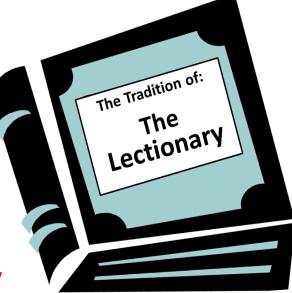
# <u>The Wicked Side of</u> <u>the Lectionary</u>

Behold the bureaucratic way to most easily:

- (1) Repeat the same sermons over and over again,
- (2) Conduct services from rote memory, and
- (3) Avoid scriptures that would challenge the "Establishment" to stop leveraging religion and government to dishonestly covet and steal as means to seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available.

Is it the Bible or priests/pastors who have nothing to teach about the Establishment's coveting and stealing? (It's priests/pastors!)

"Religious authority" protects the "Establishment" by the verses that are chosen, but mostly NOT CHOSEN, for the lectionary and worship services.



#### "Ministry" Segment 1



Corrupt government is overlooked in the study of the Biblical Story... as if it were a loophole for coveting and stealing that "religion" protects. Lectionary use is a key strategy!

"Religious officials" typically won't tell you about the maliciously wicked side of the three-year lectionary like CLERGY SECRETS does!

# **Caution:** Reading this could make your church officials *nervous!*

- 1)Knowledge awakens your own authoritative abilities and choices!
- 2)Be known as someone who sees "behind the curtain" at church!
- 3)Begin maximizing your potential! More effectively use the Bible's knowledge and wisdom to live your life better.

#### Honesty about church can only improve it!

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"Church" has most often supported the rights of the individual only so long as they do not interfere with the government/state.

#### Think Again About "Ministry" That Slyly Seeks Adulation, Praise, and Power by the Easiest Means Available, Particularly from Buying and Copying Sermons on Websites!

Pastors slyly bully worship committees by making them think that they cannot overrule the scriptural assignments that are made by their "denominations" or by the "higher ups" at the CCT (the Consultation on Common Texts – i.e. the lectionary). It is the most sinister form of "bullying" as it has become just flat-out accepted Orwellian "tradition" over time.

Of specific concern is what is omitted in sermons because of scripture assignments. In particular, bad leadership, in both government and religion, occurred over and over again in the Old Testament as well as in the Roman Empire that spread its version of both Christianity and government for centuries.

Such history is "conveniently" avoided by most scriptural assignments for sermons. Just research "lectionary" to see the breadth of this phenomenon. Having "common texts" is key for the sermon market. "Traditionally," worship committees can only make choreographic decisions about worship; they've long been browbeaten into their lack of real authority – which is the authority to pick what is preached.

WEBSITES: Sermons.com SermonMall.com & www.DesperatePreacher.com (an old goodie) Other sources exist too, including journals and "pastoral sermon groups" that cater more internally to specific denominations.

# **Read & Get Grounded!**

Only rare clergy have been honest with churchgoers about lectionary practices!



### <u>These articles are presently linked</u> <u>at ClergySecrets.com</u>

Given the power of "tradition" in church bureaucracy, it is amazing how up-to-date these articles remain! SHARE!

1.) "Limitations of the Lectionary"

By Dr. Walter Sundberg (ELCA - Lutheran) <u>"Limitations of the Lectionary"</u> is most recommended as it details rather imprudent patterns that are inherent in modern church practices. Almost all church officials have preferred not to publicize this information.

- 2.) "Questions about the Lectionary" By Dr. James C. Goodloe IV (PCUSA-Presbyterian)
- 3.) "<u>A Canon Within a Canon?</u>" By Pastor David Flavell (Methodist-United Kingdom)
- 4.) "Old Testment-Statistics-Compared" & "<u>New Testment-Statistics-Compared</u>" By Dr. Felix Just (Roman Catholic)

#### 5.) "Trends Among Lutheran Preachers" By Dr. David Luecke (LCMS - Lutheran) While <u>"Trends Among Lutheran Preachers"</u> investigates Lutheran denominations, the information is mirrored in other mainline "traditional" denominations as well.

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This information could educate you & your congregation - or it could provide you with reason to go elsewhere for "church!"

# **Lectionary Introduction**

Is it really possible that most traditional mainline Christian denominations, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, are programmed to regularly ignore over 90% of the Old Testament and almost 50% of the New Testament? Shocking/Surprising? YES it is!

The three-year lectionary omits huge amounts of the Bible and dishonestly presents "ministry" as being "officially complicated." Perhaps the most lucrative aspects of "church services" are (1) the three-year lectionary and (2) the vibrant sermon market. Only 7.72% of the Bible is typically preached; and even then, many sermons are lazily reused, traded, bought, and sold.

#### Have you ever wondered?

- **1.** Why many people have not learned much about the Bible even though they have regularly attended church?
- 2. Why sermons are often short in traditional Mainline Christian denominations?
- 3. How clergy use "tradition" to control and to avoid controversy?

**It is due to** traditional denominations (Protestant and Roman Catholic) being programmed to ignore much of the Bible for worship and preaching!! Church members are hardly ever taught about how scriptures are assigned for their worship services. Many clergy will not question their denominational "traditions" and bureaucracy. <u>Biblical illiteracy, complacency, and wasted values are the results.</u>

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#### <u>General Overview of the Lectionary:</u> <u>CCT Membership</u> Based in Nashville, TN

How is over 90% of the Old Testament and almost 50% of the New Testament in the Bible systematically and regularly ignored? It is because of something that is generically called a "lectionary," or more specifically, The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and the related Roman Catholic Lectionary. The RCL is the main focus of <u>Clergy Secrets</u>. The lectionary is the set of assigned readings from the Bible which are read during worship services in most traditional churches. It repeats every 3 years. The lectionary is often found in hymnals and followed by denominational publications. The denominations which use either the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and/or the closely related Roman Catholic Lectionary (from which the Revised Common Lectionary is derived) include the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant churches that emerged from the Reformation period in the 16th century. (See Wikipedia for more information.)

The denominations listed below belong to the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) organization, which is based in Nashville, TN. The CCT promotes the use of the two main lectionaries, the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and the closely related Roman Catholic Lectionary by way of association with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The CCT's website is www.CommonTexts.org. The main CCT membership includes these organizations in alphabetical order:

*Anglican Church in Canada	*Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
*Canadian Conference of	*Mennonite Church
Catholic Bishops	*National Conference of Catholic
*Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	<b>Bishops of the United States</b>
*Christian Reformed Church	(i.e. The Roman Catholic Church)
in North America	*Polish National Catholic Church
*Church of the Brethren	*Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
*Episcopal Church	*Presbyterian Church in Canada
*Evangelical Lutheran Church	*Reformed Church in America
in America	*Unitarian Universalist Christian
*Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fellowship
in Canada	*United Church of Canada
*Free Methodist Church in Canada	*United Church of Christ
*International Commission on	*United Methodist Church
English in the Liturgy	*Wisconsin Evangelical
*Liturgy and Life: American Baptist	Lutheran Synod
Fellowship for Liturgical Renewal	

These organizations differ widely concerning many theological "whos," "whats," "hows," "whens," "wheres," and "whys." They also vary greatly in their political aspects. The CCT membership has however colluded to use only the scriptures that are assigned by the lectionary for use in services and for sermons. Since many things separate these church organizations, something must be bringing them together. That "something" is the repeating pattern the lectionary which provides opportunity to simply repeat and rerun both past services and sermons with ease. This provides church officials with repeating adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available. The CCT remains the single agency most responsible for the limited view that many Christians have of the Bible.

## "Ministry" Segment 1 21 Lectionary History Overview

Long before Jesus was born, ancient Hebrew/Jewish religious authorities created preassigned scripture schedules for worship and preaching from the Old Testament. Jesus likely read from one of these pre-assigned scripture readings when he read from Isaiah 61:1-2 during a service, as recorded in Luke 4:16-21. Jesus claimed his Divinity in the service by saying, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your presence."

Pre-assigned scripture readings are also traceable back to parts of the early Christian Church. Not all of the Christian Church used lectionaries, but most parts did, including those parts that ultimately formed the Roman Catholic Church.

Both Hebrew (Jewish) and Christian lectionaries hop and skip through the Torah/Bible and include verses which are generally favored by "the bureaucracy" that created each lectionary version. Verses which promote particular theological positions and/or just seem easiest and safest (and have ready-made sermons available) are definitely the most frequent in lectionaries.

Prior to the 1960s, many Protestant denominations simply borrowed the Roman Catholic Lectionary, making small changes to suit their own circumstances. Following the changes that took place in the Roman Catholic Church after the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) in the early 1960s, many Mainline Protestant denominations began to have a greater interest in the newly approved Roman Catholic Lectionary from Vatican II. Soon after Vatican II, a multi-denominational organization was formed in the late-1960s and called the <u>Consultation on Common Texts (CCT)</u>. It was and is based in Nashville, TN. The goal of the CCT was to create an official new lectionary based on the Roman Catholic Lectionary for use in the Protestant Denominations in order to coordinate similar scripture usage. For the most part, the resulting Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) was very similar to the original Roman Catholic version that emerged from the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) in the early 1960s. The influence of the CCT has since spread throughout most mainline denominations around the world.

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and the Roman Catholic Lectionary can together be generically called "the lectionary." They are very similar. Both operate on a near identical 3 year repeating cycle, using almost the same scripture readings. The lectionary also goes by the Latin based name "Ordo Lectionum Missae." Many Protestants would be surprised to know that most of their worship scripture has been selected essentially by the Roman Catholic Church, with only very modest changes made by their own Protestant denominations which reflect their own special events.



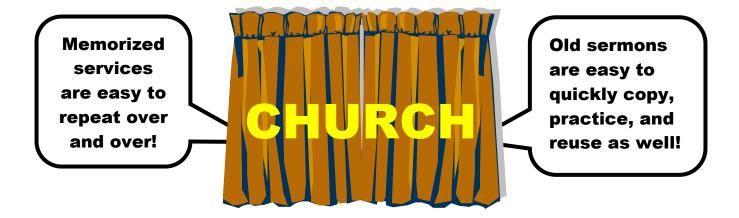
The CCT is an influential cartel-like organization of traditional denominations that is based in Nashville, TN.

### Lectionary use is "highly encouraged" by peer pressure in the traditional denominations that are members of the CCT. www.CommonTexts.org



Most people are too intimidated or mesmerized by "church" to investigate how it operates *"behind the curtain."* 

Most clergy officials have avoided explaining the lectionary and the huge amounts of scripture that it has systematically avoided.



# THE LECTIONARY'S PERCENTAGES REVEALED!

**SPECIAL NOTE:** When comparing the lectionary to the Bible, one needs to understand that there are varying differences in accounting for both the number of verses per book and the total number of verses for the Bible. The reasons for this are several, with the most notable being how the titles and introductions of the many psalms are treated. Dr. Felix Just discussed the differences in his article <u>Old Testament Statistics Compared</u> at http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/OT-Statistics-Compared.htm. Dr. Just also discussed the New Testament at http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/NT-Statistics-Greek.htm. <u>Omitted Bible Verses</u> is also found on Wikipedia at www.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_omitted\_Bible\_verses. The following analysis reflects an overall count of 31173 verses in the Bible, which is just one of numerous acceptable counts. (Revised Common Lectionary accounting; U.S. Copyright TX 6-579-559)

#### The Old Testament compared to the Bible and to the Revised Common Lectionary.

#### The Whole Bible

#### There are 31173 verses in the Bible.

\*\*( Try internet searching "31173 Bible Verses" for various reference sources.)

#### The Old Testament (This is exclusive of Psalms; see the note lower on this page.)

#### There are 20684 verses in the OT.

#### Old Testament Verses Assigned by the Revised Common Lectionary

**1991** Only 1991 OT verses are used by the RCL Lectionary. <u>(Full credit given for partial verse use.)</u>

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) assigns only 1991 verses from the OT for reading in worship services, exclusive of Psalms. This means that 90.4% of the Old Testament's verses are systematically ignored for worship readings. (1991/20684 or only 9.6% used.)

**\*\*Special Note About Psalms:** The OT has 20684 verses, exclusive of Psalms. The Psalms have about 2530 total verses (depending on how psalm introductions are counted), and are <u>read separately</u> from the rest of the Old Testament in most mainline denominational worship services. The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) uses only 1301 of the 2530 verses in Psalms, meaning that 48.6% of Psalms' verses are systematically not used in denominational worship. (1301/2530 or 51.4% are used.)

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**THE NUMBERS:** The accounting on pages 23, 24, and 25 was painstakingly completed by counting the verses assigned for worship services by the lectionary. Completed by Warren Vitcenda

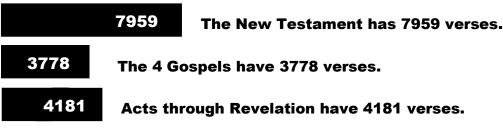
#### The New Testament compared to the Bible and the Revised Common Lectionary.

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#### The Whole Bible

There are 31173 verses in the Bible.

#### The New Testament



<sup>(3778</sup> verses + 4181 = 7959)

#### New Testament Verses Assigned by the Lectionary

3991

Of the 7959 verses in the NT, only 3991 NT verses are assigned by the Revised Common Lectionary (2407 from the Gospels and 1584 from Acts through Revelation). <u>(Credit given for partial verses.)</u>

- <u>This means that 49.9% of the NT's</u> <u>verses are systematically not used for</u> worship (and even less for sermons).
- 3991/7959 or 50.1% are assigned by the lectionary for reading in worship services; 3968/7959 or 49.9% are not used and are largely ignored.

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#### Verse Accounting: i.e. The number of verses

#### from each book that are part of the lectionary.

#### \*Note how little is included in the lectionary.

(Revised Common Lectionary accounting; U.S. Copyright TX 6-579-559)

Genesis	336/1533	Ezra	0/280	Hosea	34/197
Exodus	181/1213	Nehemiah	8/406	Joel	25/73
Leviticus	12/859	Ester	11/167	Amos	47/146
Numbers	29/1288	Job	84/1070	Obadiah	0/21
Deuteronomy	y 79/959	Psalms	1301/2530	Jonah	17/48
Joshua	30/658	Proverbs	61/915	Micah	20/105
Judges	7/618	Ecclesiastes	23/222	Nahum	0/47
Ruth	28/85	Song-of-		Habakkuk	8/56
1 Samuel	131/810	Solomon	6/117	Zephaniah	15/53
2 Samuel	95/695	Isaiah	301/1292	Haggai	10/38
1 Kings	117/816	Jeremiah	135/1364	Zechariah	4/211
2 Kings	32/719	Lamentation	s 30/154	Malachi	6/55
<b>1</b> Chronicles	0/942	Ezekiel	55/1273		
2 Chronicles	0/822	Daniel	14/357		
Matthew	654/1071	Ephesians	110/155	Hebrews	127/303
Mark	451/678	Philippians	58/104	James	63/108
Luke	694/1151	Colossians	59/95	1 Peter	57/105
John	608/879	1 Thess.	54/89	2 Peter	14/61
Acts	221/1007	2 Thess.	24/47	1 John	54/105
Romans	204/433	1 Timothy	27/113	2 John	0/13
1 Corinthians	s 219/437	2 Timothy	37/83	3 John	0/15
2 Corinthians	s 112/257	Titus	8/46	Jude	0/25
Galatians	72/149	Philemon	21/25	Revelation	43/404

<sup>\*</sup>Many sources post the number of verses in the New Testament at 7959. The author of Clergy Secrets was able to account for 7958 of them. It is therefore assumed that the New Testament's title is the one missing verse, that being the title "The New Testament of the Lord Jesus Christ."

# Many of the Bible's books are either almost or entirely ignored by the Revised Common Lectionary.

(And also ignored by the closely related Roman Catholic Lectionary.)

20 Old Testament books have 25 or fewer of their verses in the RCL.

12 Old Testament books have 10 or fewer of their verses in the RCL. 5 Old Testament books have ZERO verses in the RCL.

10 of the New Testament's 27 books have 50 or fewer verses in the RCL.

7 of the New Testament's 27 books have 25 or fewer verses in the RCL.

3 of the New Testament's 27 books have ZERO verses in the RCL.

# THE 7.72% SERMON BAMBOOZLE:

Mainline clergy preach sermons that are almost exclusively from the Gospel verses that are lectionary assigned. This means that only 7.72% of the Bible's verses are systematically preached in sermons over the lectionary's 3 year cycle. Having control of the "lectionary" has been how religious officials have exceedingly cheated people as a matter of course!

Matthew has... 654 verses in the lectionary. Mark has ...... 451 verses in the lectionary. Luke has ...... 694 verses in the lectionary. John has...... <u>608 verses</u> in the lectionary. Total = 2407 Gospel verses assigned in the lectionary.

#### 2407 Gospel verses/31173 Bible Verses = 7.72%

Only 7.72% of the Bible's verses are "traditionally" and conveniently used for sermons, over and over and over. About 92.28% of the Bible's verses are largely ignored for sermons.

## Church "authorities" have long preferred that people not realize this!

<u>Church councils need to exercise more control!</u> There is just enough "variety" in the lectionary's scripture assignments over its 3 year cycle to keep "the sheep" confused, overwhelmed, and not sufficiently expert to recognize that they are habitually getting repeated services and sermon leftovers from previous ministry.

## Laziness in ministry is protected!

# **Omitted Gospel Verses**

<u>These and many other verses are very unlikely to be preached about</u> <u>in traditional mainline denominational churches because they are</u> <u>not included in the lectionary's assignments:</u>

#### **From Matthew:**

- Matt. 13:34-35 The use of Parables; counterparts in Mark 4:10-12 and Luke 8: 9-10 are also omitted.
- Matt. 23:13-39 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
- Matt. 24:45-51 Faithful and Unfaithful Slave; counterpart in Luke 12:41-48 is also omitted.

#### From Mark:

All 3 of the following stories from Mark 8: 11-26 are omitted:

- **1. Demand for a sign; counterpart from Matt. 16:1-4 is also omitted.**
- 2. The Yeast and the Pharisees and of Herod; counterpart from Matt. 16:5-12 is also omitted.
- 3. Jesus cures the blind man who saw people who looked like trees walking.
- Mark 11: 20-25 Jesus curses fig tree and the lesson; counterpart from Matt. 21:18-19; 20-22 is also omitted.

#### From Luke:

Luke 16:14-18 Pharisees were lovers of selves and money.

Luke 17:20-37 Kingdom Of GOD is among you; cataclysmic event [Noah].

Luke 19:41-44 Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and promises destruction.

#### From John:

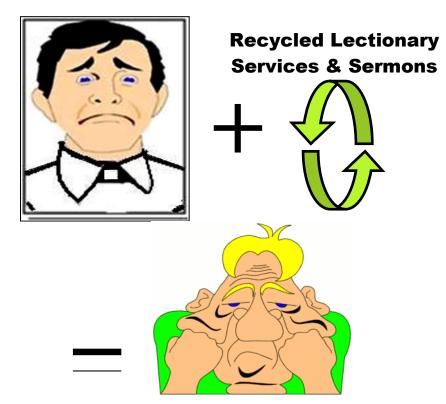
John 7:1-36 Unbelief of Jesus' brothers; Jesus reconsiders and goes to Jerusalem. John 8:1-30 Woman caught in adultery, light of the world, Jesus foretells his death. John 8:37-38 Jesus not welcomed.

- John 10: 19-21 Unbelief is challenged.
- John 16:1-3 They will put you out of the synagogues.

This is a small example of Gospel verses that are essentially ignored in worship and preaching by denominations that have used the Revised Common Lectionary and/or the Roman Catholic Lectionary from Vatican II.

#### **Major Concerns for Worship & Preaching:**

Because most clergy follow the lectionary as "tradition" (and as part of their assigned liturgical format), clergy therefore almost always preach sermons that come from only the assigned readings of the 4 Gospels. The other scriptures that are read for worship services are mostly only read and rarely, if ever, preached about. The Old Testament reading, the Psalm reading, and the Epistle reading are almost always left hanging with <u>NO PREACHING OR TEACHING</u> about them after they are read during a worship service. <u>This is a major reason why many people find worship services to be confusing and/or boring</u>. The same scriptures are also "recycled" every 3 years (along with many sermons...). Both the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and the closely related Roman Catholic Lectionary operate on a schedule of years A, B, and C. When year C is done, year A is started again with the same readings. Much of the Bible is systematically ignored in congregations, for decades and even centuries. The lectionary has hidden much of the Bible from view.



Many pastors use sermons that are available from internet sources. An example is at http://www.DesperatePreacher.Com. DeperatePreacher.com buys sermons (paying \$35 each) and makes them available to its subscribers. Other websites are Lectionary.Org and SermonMall.com. Search the internet for others with the words "sermons," "preaching," and "lectionary." Denominational names are also helpful.

# <u>The 3 Big Reasons</u> Causing Biblical Illiteracy

#### 1) Preaching "just a little scripture" is standard!

Writing sermons by using scriptures from outside of the lectionary's assigned readings is done rather rarely, resulting in there being less to preach about. This "tradition" is largely a habit for preachers stemming from their seminary educations. This "seminary tradition" stresses using only verses for sermons that are assigned by the lectionary's selected Gospel texts. Similarly, most sermon preparation manuals that are used by mainline pastors/priests also encourage using only scriptures that are found in the lectionary assignments, most especially the verses from the four Gospels. As many clergy of traditional denominations prefer to both follow and promote this paradigm, they therefore preach from only 7.72% of the Bible's verses over the Revised Common Lectionary's (RCL's) 3 year cycle. (2407 Gospel verses divided by 31173 Bible verses = 7.72%) Breaking this down further, only about 2.57% of the Bible's verses are regularly considered for preaching by many mainline denominational clergy during the typical course of a single year (7.72%/3years = only 2.57% per year). Because preaching is intended to be the much utilized method of discipleship/teaching, these low percentages are THE PRIMARY **CAUSE for widespread biblical illiteracy!** 

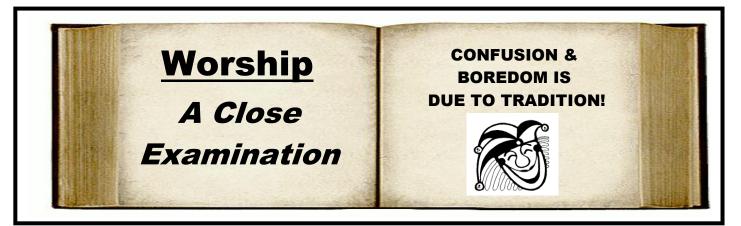
#### 2) Short Sermons!

Short sermons are <u>THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT CAUSE</u> of biblical illiteracy over the centuries. Pastor David S. Luecke once found through a study survey that 2 out of 3 Lutheran pastors (LCMS & ELCA denominations) preach for less than 15 minutes, with younger pastors trending toward the shorter sermons. The article generally asserts that much of the Lutheran Church is void of "trendsetters" who consider preaching to be the most important part of a worship service. It is much the same for other mainline denominations as well. Dr. Luecke's article is called "<u>Trends Among Lutheran Preachers</u>," and it is linked at Lectionarylite.com. 30 "

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#### **3. Uncoordinated Readings & Confusing Services**

This is <u>THE THIRD MOST IMPORTANT CAUSE</u> of biblical illiteracy throughout lectionary history, but it is perhaps the most neurotic! Mainline denominational worship services that use the lectionary use the four standard readings which are: (1) an Old Testament reading, (2) a Psalm reading, (3) an Epistle reading, and (4) a final reading from the four Gospels. The Gospel reading is almost always the sermon topic. These four scripture readings are very often <u>NOT</u> coordinated, SURPRISE SURPRISE!



OT and Gospel readings from the lectionary theoretically "complement," but even if they marginally complement, it is over only part of the year! (See the CCT's claims from 2008 on the bottom of page 31.)

#### **THE PROBLEM IS:**

The Psalm and Epistle readings are read in an order (often 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) which separates the "theoretically" complementing OT and Gospel readings, thus causing CONFUSION and ultimately BOREDOM in church services!

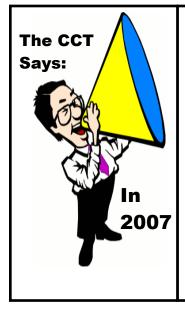
#### **READING ORDER**

- **1. OT Reading**
- 2. Psalm Reading
- **3. Epistle Reading**
- 4. Gospel Reading

#### **Examine Scripture Readings Yourself!**

- 1) Read Dr. Walter Sundberg's article <u>"Limitations of the |</u> <u>Lectionary"</u> for more information about disjointed and unrelated scripture readings in worship services. Go to ClergySecrets.com.
- 2) Try examining scripture assignments from the Revised Common Lectionary & the closely related Roman Catholic Lectionary yourself! Ask yourself whether they complement or confuse...

The Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) tried to explain non-complementary scripture readings in 2007:



"In that same time, the preacher should notice that the second (New Testament Epistle) reading proceeds from week to week on a continuous chapter-by-chapter course, and so <u>there will be no</u> <u>obvious correlation between that lesson and the Gospel or the</u> <u>Old Testament. So on those Sundays the three readings [OT, Gospel, & Epistle], which have deliberately no thematic interrelationship, are all proceeding on a continuous or semicontinuous track. If this were thought curious or troublesome, it should be remembered that such an 'in course' sequence of reading is borrowed directly from the synagogue's use of the Torah and the subsequent practice of the churches of the first several centuries." (Underlined emphasis and brackets added.)</u>

Retrieved from the internet in 2007. www.commontexts.org/rcl/faq.html

(Perhaps accidentally honest in 2007, the CCT admitted to "no obvious correlation.")

#### A Surprising Change on the CCT's Website in 2008:

(But not really all that "surprising," cynically speaking.) The CCT's quote from 2007 was deleted in 2008 with all the answers to their "frequently asked questions." It was replaced with the following less informative information in 2008. Notice in the 2008 quote below that the CCT tried to positively spin the CCT's <u>questionable claim</u> that the Old Testament readings are "closely related" to the gospel readings from the First Sunday of Advent to Trinity Sunday and also as one of two "patterns" that occur from Trinity Sunday through the end of every one of the three church years (years A, B, and C).



#### **The Pattern of Scripture Readings**

"From the First Sunday of Advent to Trinity Sunday of each year, the Old Testament reading is closely related to the gospel reading for the day. From the first Sunday after Trinity Sunday to the last Sunday of the church year, provision has been made for two patterns of reading the Old Testament: a complementary series in which the Old Testament reading is closely related to the gospel reading, and a semicontinuous series in which large portions of the Old Testament are read sequentially week to week."

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#### Problems with the CCT's Statement from 2008 (on pg. 31)

1. First of all, the CCT (and its clergy) totally fails to mention or acknowledge the problems associated with uncoordinated and non-complementary scripture readings (see page 30). Both the Psalms' readings and the Epistles' readings most often "do their own thing" and their reading comes between the OT and gospel readings. The psalms and epistle readings separate the Old Testament and Gospel readings which are supposedly (according to the CCT) "closely related." The CCT fails to acknowledge the rather harsh changes in topics that occur during the four readings of a service. The Old Testament readings, the psalm readings, the epistle readings, and the gospel readings are almost always not coordinated as a group except for perhaps on major holidays. Because of the order that verses are read in services, typically with the psalm reading and the epistle reading in the middle, whatever important "close relatedness" that there is between the Old Testament reading and the gospel reading becomes disjointed. This is why church is often confusing and boring for people! It is why many church jokes exist! Read Dr. Walter Sundberg's article "Limitations of the Lectionary," which concerns the disjointedness of scripture readings for worship. It is linked at ClergySecrets.com.

2. The "relatedness" that the CCT claims to exist between the OT readings and the Gospel readings is also quite suspect. For instance, during the first season of every church year, Advent, the Old Testament readings reflect the Hebrew (Jewish) wait for the Messiah while the gospel readings reflect either the birth of Jesus or Jesus' Second Coming. While the Old Testament reading and the gospel reading generally reflect the idea of "God coming", there are actually many subjects about "God coming" that can be quite different and various. At best, worshippers get only a very quick exposure to various ideas having to do with "God coming" in the Old Testament and Gospel readings during Advent. The usual 10-15 minute sermon may or may not reflect any of the specific readings. At best, only a "general relatedness" between the Old Testament readings and the gospel readings and "relatedness" between the Old Testament readings and the gospel readings is similarly questionable during the other seasons of the church year as well, along other topics.

3. There is a large period of time each year called "Ordinary Time" which consumes either 33 or 35 Sunday in each of the three rotating church years (A, B, & C). Much of "Ordinary Time" contains the <u>"semi-continuous series in which large portions of the Old</u> <u>Testament are read sequentially week to week"</u> (quoted from the CCT's 2008 statement on page 31). This means that the OT readings will not often directly correlate with the other scripture readings which are on their own various cycles as well which are not "led" by the OT reading. Such a large period thus does not leave much time in the rest of a year for hardly any services where the scripture readings can supposedly "closely relate." The "relatedness" claim of the CCT becomes a very lax and practically nonexistent concept. (Talk about causing confusion and ultimately boredom!)

#### Bureaucratic smoke and mirrors.... is what comes from the CCT!

#### <u>Confusing Worship Services Misinform &</u> <u>Dishonestly Reinforce Clergy as "Authorities"</u>

By presenting unrelated and unconnected scripture readings out of full context and without explanation in worship services, the lectionary is able to take something which should be for spiritual nourishment and turn it into something with which church authorities (clergy) can use to appear as authoritative, mystical, and important. Instead of understanding and gaining spiritual nourishment, the congregation only hears the words; - they feel that there is something important, but they also know that they don't quite see what it is; the result is that they look to the clergy to explain it. When it is not explained and understood, the congregation gets tired, bored, and surrenders to the idea that it is easier to just listen to "whatever" clergy say.

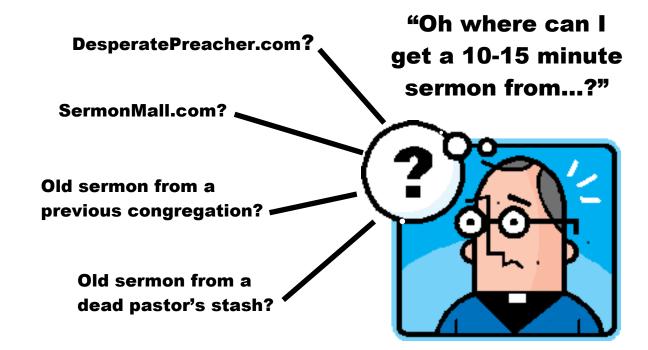
(See Dr. Walter Sundberg's article, <u>"Limitations of the Lectionary"</u> which concerns the disjointedness of worship scripture readings. It is linked at Lectionarylite.com and ClergySecrets.com.)



## **The Cartel of Denominations**

The following is a general definition of "cartel" from Wikipedia.com. Modifications specifically concerning "church" have been added in red, with brackets, and underlined. www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartel.

**CARTEL:** A *cartel* is a formal (explicit) agreement among *competing* firms [*or denominations*]. It is a formal organization of producers and manufacturers [*like the Consultation on Common Texts, aka the "CCT"*] that agree to fix prices, marketing, and production [*rerun services and sermons*]. Cartels usually occur in an oligopolistic industry, where there is a small number of sellers and usually involve homogeneous products [*rerun services and sermons*]. Cartel members may agree on such matters as price fixing, total industry output, market shares, allocation of customers, allocation of territories, bid rigging, establishment of common sales agencies, and the division of profits or combination of these. The aim of such collusion (also called the cartel agreement) is to increase individual members' profits [*church profits*] by reducing competition [*and dishonestly reducing work*]. www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartel



<u>The lectionary uses only a small fraction of the Bible</u>, which allows for many conveniently repeating services and sermons every three years throughout the mainline denominations. The lectionary is central to the denominational <u>cartel</u> known as the <u>Consultation on Common Texts</u> (CCT) of Nashville, TN.

#### PREACH THE EPISTLES FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

The Epistles, and really most everything from Acts through Revelation, explains what Christianity is about with more specifics. Preaching from the Epistles would be a welcome change from the overbearing tendency that clergy have to preach mostly from the scriptures of the 4 Gospels that are assigned by the lectionary. The Epistles are much neglected when the lectionary is followed for mainline denominational worship and preaching. It is probably just easier to follow the "tradition" and spend time with the story lines about Jesus in the 4 Gospels than it is to wade into the deeper and more introspective theology of the Epistles. <u>The typical use of the</u> <u>lectionary, by most clergy, lacks boldness in this fashion</u>.

Pardon the author's Lutheran background, but Martin Luther made the following interesting comments about the lectionary's bias in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. They are from Luther's Works, Volume 53, pages 23 & 24 (American Edition) in the chapter titled "An Order of Mass and Communion for The Church At Wittenberg."

**QUOTING MARTIN LUTHER:** "After this the Epistle is read. Certainly the time has not yet come to attempt revision here [of the Roman Catholic Lectionary of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century], except that those parts from the Epistles of Paul in which faith is taught are read only rarely, while the exhortations to morality are most frequently read. The Epistles [lectionary readings from New Testament books] seem to have been chosen by a singularly unlearned and superstitious advocate of works. But for the service those sections in which faith in Christ is taught should have been given preference." - Martin Luther. (Underlined comments in brackets were added for additional explanation.)

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It is clear that Martin Luther had a respect for the order of the mass, and that he valued the inclusion of the Epistle reading. Luther however also makes it clear that he saw many Epistles being either ignored or used by church officials to cunningly elevate their own perceived "authority" over people rather than encouraging people to recognize their own ability to choose better for themselves.

Such though is how the lectionary has often been deceitfully used. It has often been quite a self-serving "tradition" for church officials - to say the least!

A church bureaucracy and its "officials" are often therefore not honest or unbiased when putting together a lectionary for preaching and "worship"! Any lectionary, after all, reflects the biases of the "officials" who chose the included scriptures. And sadly, thanks to the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and the Roman Catholic Lectionary, Martin Luther's comment that "...the Epistles of Paul in which faith is taught are read only rarely" is still a problem even now in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! Almost 100% of Lutheran clergy still do NOT even pay attention to what Luther had said about ignoring the Epistles!

#### **Martin Luther**

(1483 – 1546) A Key Pragmatist of the Reformation



# "Traditional" and Lazy Reasons that Clergy Give for Using the Lectionary, Plus Honest Responses!

**LAZY CLAIM #1:** <u>"The lectionary keeps pastors</u> from preaching only what they want to preach."

<u>HONEST RESPONSE</u>: Surprisingly, this statement chooses to trust the lectionary over pastors themselves. The idea is that the lectionary gives pastors scriptures and topics that the pastor has not personally chosen. <u>There is truth in that, but perhaps the time</u> <u>has come for church councils to pick scriptures to preach</u> <u>instead of the lectionary!</u> It is also honest to say that the lectionary will HARDLY ever keep clergy from putting their own "slant" on whatever scriptures are preached anyway.

Let us however be real honest at this point. Clergy primarily want to follow the lectionary because it is easier to "borrow" (i.e. copy) sermons every week than it is to deeply investigate and integrate other scripture in order to preach in-depth on crucial subjects. That's what church "authorities" really want, and that's what they do. Clergy really have no negative consequences to deter them. They are practically 100% insulated from "being caught in the act" of "slacking" when using the lectionary. Using the lectionary as a ready-made format for worship and preaching is (1) easy to execute, (2) not easily vulnerable to detection, and (3) not easily assailable. Lectionary is however quite dishonest as most church-goers have not been honestly informed by "clergy."

# **LAZY CLAIM #2:** "The Books of the Bible are heard virtually in total, or in large part."

**HONEST RESPONSE:** The lectionary is often described in rather supportive, benevolent, and glowing terms by clergy. Deception about the lectionary by clergy is however "legion." Clergy often make reassuring lies about how much of the Bible is used. But let's be honest. Most people will not question "church officials" because they are seen "holy " and having a lot of "right education" from official denominational sources.

**Just remember:** (1) Some 90.4% of the Old Testament is omitted from the lectionary (exclusive of Psalms, which are a separate reading.) (2) Some 48.6% of Psalms' verses are also omitted. (3) Some 49.9% of the New Testament is additionally omitted from the lectionary. (4) The assigned Gospel verses from the lectionary, which are almost always used for sermons, are only 7.72% of the Bible's verses, meaning that some 92.28% of the Bible's verses overall are essentially ignored for sermons!

> "They must find it difficult...Those who have taken 'authority' as the truth, rather than truth as the authority." -- Gerald Massey (English Poet 1828 - 1907)

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**LAZY CLAIM #3:** "The Lectionary allows listeners to 'hear the voice' of each scripture writer week by week, rather than the readings being selected by a theme or topic."

HONEST RESPONSE: The concept of "hearing the voice of each writer" of each scripture reading seems initially to be a nice and cozy idea. In actuality, listening to the typical four readings in a service is tantamount to reading a paragraph from four different articles in a magazine. Besides, highly often (like 95% of the time or more) only the Gospel reading will be preached about. The other readings are read for "spiritual purposes" only and usually will not be preached about. NO WONDER PEOPLE OFTEN FIND CHURCH TO BE BORING AND CONFUSING!! It seems too that the lectionary is often asserted by clergy as being more "holy", valid, and important than what worshippers (and church councils) feel a need to hear about! ISN'T THAT INTERESTING?!!

*"None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe that they are free."* Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. (German Philosopher 1749-1832)

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# **LAZY CLAIM #4:** "The Lectionary creates a common 'togetherness' for the denominations."

**HONEST RESPONSE:** The lectionary is a tool of laziness and control. That is what why church officials want a "common togetherness" among the denominations.

Does it not seem peculiar that many people do not even know the word "lectionary" or know that the CCT (Consultation on Common Texts) lectionary organization of denominations even exists in Nashville, TN?? Denominations are assumed to be so "independent," but they will quietly set that aside for something that makes everything "easier" for them collectively.

Clergy like the lectionary because they can easily access ready-made sermons from many sources. Clergy trade sermons by using internet websites and journals. Clergy also rerun their sermons from their previous years of ministry.

#### <u>Hmmm, people assume that pastors pray heavily about</u> <u>writing sermons. Oops! There goes that dishonest myth!</u>

Clergy have <u>PREFERRED</u> to keep people in the dark about the lectionary!



#### FORSAKEN PROSPERITY VERSES REWORDED AS CONFESSIONS

In addition to the TEN COMMANDMENTS, many other prosperity verses and promises in the Bible have often been ignored by (1) not being in the assigned lectionary, and also by (2) clergy church officials wanting to preach only "safe sermons."

<u>The following reflects only a small sample of such ignored verses.</u> (For a very comprehensive list of the Bible's promises, a book called <u>"God's Promises</u>", by Dr. A.L. Gill, has hundreds of examples of God's promises for every area of life.)

I find favor in the sight of God and man. (Proverbs 3:4) \*\*\* I have the blessing of the Lord; it makes me rich and adds no sorrow with it. (Proverbs 10:22) \*\*\* God does supply all my needs according to His riches in Glory. (Philippians 4:19) \*\*\* I thank you Father for teaching me how to understand parables and thus also your Word. (Matt.13:34-35, Mark 4:10-12, and Luke 8:9-10) \*\*\* I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13) \*\*\* God's ears are open to my prayers. (1 Peter 3:12) \*\*\* I am a believer and in the name of Jesus Christ I cast out devils, I speak with new tongues, and when I lay my hands on the sick they do recover. (Mark 16: 17-18) \*\*\* Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4) \*\*\* I am far from oppression and fear does not come near me. (Isaiah 54:14) \*\*\* I am a believer and these signs do follow me. I speak with new tongues, I take authority over the devil, I lay hands on the sick and they recover. (Mark 16:17-18) \*\*\* In my pathway is life and there is no death. (Proverbs 12:28) \*\*\*I am submitted to God and the devil flees from me because I resist him in Jesus' name. (James 4:7) My peace is great because I'm God's child and I'm taught of the Lord. (Isaiah 54:13) \*\*\* That it is fulfilled for me which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, "He took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses". (Matthew 8:17)\*\*\* I speak unto mountains and they are removed, thrown into the sea, for I do not doubt in my heart that the things I pray for will come to pass. (Mark 11:23-24) \*\*\* Whatsoever I ask of the Father, in Jesus' name, he will give me, that my joy may be full. (John 16:23-24) \*\*\* I abound in the things of God; neither will I be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:9) \*\*\* I thank you Father that you are alert and active watching over Your Word to perform it in my life. (Jeremiah 1:12) \*\*\* I thank you Father that no weapon that is formed or fashioned against me shall prosper. (Isaiah 54:17) \*\*\* I overcome by the blood of Jesus and the Word. (Revelation 12:11)

#### **A New Definition for the Lectionary:**

The lectionary is an assigned and repeating set of bureaucratically chosen Bible verses that are used for worship and preaching. The diabolical "genius" of the lectionary is that it creates an aura/mysticism/illusion that portrays "ministry" and worship services (in particular) as being "complicated". This however is counter to actual lectionary practices which allow for the easiest, safest, and most economically profitable methods of ministry to be followed. The lectionary promotes many repeating ministerial shortcuts that require the least amount of skill while still allowing clergy to bask in the false lime-light of their dishonest and false altruistic "authority."

# <u>Closely Examine</u> <u>Lectionary Services!!!</u>

Regardless of which lectionary is used, whether it is the Revised Common Lectionary, the Roman Catholic Lectionary, or some other lectionary, checking to see what scriptures are actually covered and preached about in each service is important.

It is crucial to actually know if one is investing one's time and money well at church or if church authorities are yet again creating patterns to help themselves gain adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available, which would be in addition to their generally "rendering the Word to no effect (Matthew 15:6 and Mark 7:13)," causing confusion, and boring people!

## "Ministry" Segment 1 43 About the "Daily Lectionary":

The "Daily Lectionary" is a publication that came out in 2005. It was designed and written by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) organization of Nashville, TN. The CCT is the same organization that created the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL).

#### ✓ A comment about the CCT's new "Daily Lectionary":

The list of articles on page 18 along with pages 30-33 of CLERGY SECRETS detail how the Sunday lectionary's scripture assignments are quite often not coordinated or complementary with each other. A "daily lectionary" that supposedly "complements" the Sunday lectionary readings will therefore have the same disjointed problems. The "Daily Lectionary" adds more complicating twists and turns to an already confusion-filled weekly Sunday lectionary. Disjointedness and "unrelatedness" rule them both!

The "Daily Lectionary" dishonestly sends the subliminal message that church is "complicated." It also implies that the creators and users of the lectionary (church bureaucracy) must therefore be "in charge," practically without question. It is a lie from the pit of Hell! It is a lie that turns people ("the sheep") into cash-cows for the benefit of lazy clergy who seek adulation, praise, and power by the easiest (laziest) means available!

# **DOES IT NOT SEEM STRANGE??**

Does it not seem strange that unrelated scriptures are ever read in worship services? It is such a neurotic exercise! The *"habit/tradition"* of copying *"Torah tradition"* from 2000 years ago (see CCT comments from 2007 on page 31) which hops and skips through the Bible to pick verses that are preferred by the "bureaucracy" causes much confusion!

Consider, <u>is the goal of modern church tradition possibly to produce</u> <u>confusion and boredom?</u> Confusion and boredom seem to be what the CCT wants for worshippers. Its "traditions" help to make ministry and worship to appear as "complicated" in order to enhance the aura and illusion of clergy being in "authority." Could such similar confusion, boredom, and the fake appearance of "complicated ministry" in the traditional synagogues be reason why Jesus stopped "closely relating" with them? It is very likely!

> Church councils should reserve the right to pick verses for sermons, and actually do so regularly!

Does having essentially the same scripture assignments help the mainline denominations? A lot of evidence says "no." Just type in the words "mainline" and "decline" into any internet search engine and you will be referenced to many articles that discuss the many problems and decline of traditional denominations.

## THE "SHEEP" MUST ROAR!

- 1) Have church councils independently assign scriptures for preaching and set aside the lectionary!
- 2) Make "church officials" teach and preach from verses that are from outside of the lectionary's "traditional" assignments!
- 3) Experiment with allowing regular members to preach!
- 4) Be open to new information & reason!

Always consider 1 Thessalonians 5:21, <sup>21</sup> "<u>Test all things; hold fast what is good."</u>

## A Modern Rewrite of Mark 7:6-8

If Jesus were to speak to modern church officials about ministry, he could simply paraphrase what he said to the Pharisees and the scribes in Mark 7:6-8, in the following fashion.

<sup>6</sup> He answered and said to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century church officials, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

<sup>4</sup> This people honors Me with their lips,
 But their heart is far from Me.
 <sup>7</sup> And in vain they worship Me,
 Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

<sup>8</sup> "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men—using the lectionary with its *'easiest means available'* repeating patterns for the sake of your own secret laziness and greed, <u>and many other such things you do."</u>

(Paraphrased from the NKJV)

# **Church Councils Should**

# **Pick Verses for Sermons**

# & Preaching!

<u>And be creative! Also, authorize the sources (internet, journals, etc.) that preachers can get old sermons from!</u>

Easily performed "church tradition" often includes clergy simply copying many sermons from:

- 1. DesperatePreacher.com 2. SermonMall.com
- 3. Lectionary.org4. Previous ministry,& from many other journal sources.

## **ANOTHER "PASTORAL" LIE!**

Clergy like saying that their obedience to the lectionary "makes them" to preach from scriptures that they would not have chosen.

Well,...if clergy really want scripture assigned for preaching, *church councils* should begin picking & assigning both verses & topics for preaching!

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# PREACH! MOST CHURCH MEMBERS COULD, IN FACT, PREACH AND SHOULD TRY DOING SO!

## Bureaucratic church tradition keeps people from honestly knowing about lectionary basics!

- 1) The Revised Common Lectionary omits/ignores 90.4% of the Old Testament's verses for reading in services.
- 2) The Revised Common Lectionary omits/ignores 49.9% of the New Testament's verses for reading in services.
- 3) Most clergy "traditionally" give sermons that come from Gospel verses that are assigned by the lectionary, which includes only 7.72% of the Bible's verses. The other 92.28% of the Bible's verses are largely ignored for preaching.

(The Roman Catholic Lectionary is similar.)

#### **Controlling the Sheep** (Contents-Only)

(See segment 2 in the full edition of Clergy Secrets)

	Not Included
Jesus vs. Clergy	Not Included
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Jesus' Message About "Authority"	_Not Included
Unconscious Bondage	Not Included
The Criminal Minds of Clergy	Not Included
What Church "Authorities" Do	Not Included
Clergy & Politicians Model Dishonesty	Not Included
The Rule of Church Tradition	Not Included
Two Ways to Power & Wealth	Not Included
Your Partying Tithe	Not Included
Honestly Help the Poor	Not Included
Advertisement: DesperatePreacher.com	Not Included
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Jesus Warns Clergy Again!	Not Included
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Church Officials' Ritualistic Traditions	Not Included

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Denominational Church Leaders	
"The Wizards of Oz" in the Church	
Jesus Teaches about The Kingdom	Not Included

#### Addenda

# THE META-DECEPTION

(The following is not included in this "Segment 1 edition.") The Meta-Deception includes 40 additional pages, from the full edition of CLERGY SECRETS, which scrutinize the crafty use of deceitful and tricky forces by both religion and government.

#### **Article Titles in The Meta-Deception**

**Even Atheists Acknowledge, Judeo-Christian Nations in Peril**, **Orwellian Terrorists, The Great Evidence of Religious Deceit!,** The Religious Orwellian Curse, Are Religious Officials Intentionally Forsaking the Liberty of the Last Three **Commandments?, First Ancient Israel and then Rome!, The Big Lessons from the Bible, Religious Officials "Reason" like** this to Forsake the Ten Commandments, Religious Officials "The Great and Powerful!," A Quote from Carl Sagan..., Let My People Go!, It is Time to Reevaluate the "Controlling Authority!" of both Religion & Government!, Religious Officials also forsake "The Golden Rule!", No License!, The Ten **Commandments, Pope Warns of Fallout, At the root of Orwellian tyranny are religious officials who forsake the Ten Commandments!, The Bondage of Ever Increasing Bureaucracy!**, Orwellian Control Over 3,500 Years, Israelite Kings GONE BAD!, Church GONE BAD!, RELIGION & **GOVERNMENT** The Dual Sources of Orwellian Oppression, **DesperatePreacher.com**, Think Twice Churchgoers!, Honest Freedom, Forsaken Prosperity Verses, Clergy Dishonestly Hide Behind "DIVINE PROVIDENCE," The Individual VS BOTH **Religion & Government, "Broken Oaths, Pledges, and Vows in Religion (& Government too)!"** 

# <u>Secret Societies,</u> the Bible, & Church

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# Appendix

*"They must find it difficult... Those who have taken 'authority' as the truth, rather than Truth as the authority."* 

Gerald Massey (English Poet 1828 - 1907)

### "None are more hopelessly

enslaved than those who falsely

believe that they are free."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. (German Philosopher 1749-1832)

Jesus taught that dynamically using your own personal biblical authority is based on YOU dynamically exercising your conscious awareness. So be conscious and aware!

<u>Do not allow church or government "authorities"</u> <u>to take away your authority and ability to see</u> <u>"behind their curtains!"</u>

#### Church officials are taught to exercise much

<u>**unearned "authority."**</u> Their authority is unearned as traditions, status-quos, and repetitive rituals (services/sermons etc.) serve to hide and protect many institutionalized methods of laziness that allow church officials to enjoy adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available.

<u>Clergy are even guilty of not understanding their own</u> <u>worship services, namely the lectionary.</u> They will only admit <u>to such when they are "behind the curtain" in order to always</u> <u>guarantee that they have iron-grip control over the "sheep."</u>

This duplicity is done at the expense of churchgoers who hope to encounter dynamic knowledge and revelation that will honestly enhance their lives, even if it is at the expense of "traditional" status quos that are profitable for the church's "officials" & "authorities."

Bureaucratic "church tradition" mostly "serves" to protect a typical pastor's "authority" and status. If it were not so true, clergy would be open to congregations picking verses for preaching instead of following the lectionary with so much "devotion."

> "Church" has long been suspect by many people. They were right!

<u>Most people never learn how</u> <u>church really operates!</u>

#### **Compare "Traditional" vs. "Dynamic"**

#### **TRADITIONAL:**

Apathetic, boring, deadlocked, dull, fixed, gridlocked, immobile, immovable, inactive, inert, latent, passive, rigid, stagnant, stalled, standing, standstill, static, stationary, sticky, still, stopped, stuck, unchanging, unexciting, unfluctuating, unmoving, unvarying.

<u>Tradition risks making</u> <u>laziness easily</u> <u>repeatable and it turns</u> people into cash-cows!

#### **DYNAMIC:**

Activating, aggressive, changing, charismatic, coming on strong, compelling, driving, effective, electric, energetic, energizing, enterprising, forceful, forcible, go-ahead, go-getter, go-getting, highpowered, hyped-up, influential, intense, interactive, lively, lusty, magnetic, peppy, play for keeps, play hard ball, potent, powerful, productive, progressive, red-blooded, strenuous, vehement, vigorous, vitalizing, zippy.

<u>When used with *honesty*</u>, <u>a dynamic paradigm will hone</u> <u>and integrate the best of</u> <u>what is "traditional" and new!</u>

#### YES, DO GO TO CHURCH!

Yes, benefit all that you can from the traditional denominational churches that are close to you! Learn about the Bible from them! Attend services! Examine their similarities and their differences concerning the "whats", "hows", "whens", "wheres", "whos", and "whys" of their theologies. Determine for yourself which denomination is able to "hear from God" the best. The choice is yours.

<u>However</u>, do not become trapped in draining patterns of "tradition"! Such "tradition" will cost you much of what you really want out of life! That is why Jesus said, <u>"Traditions render the Word to no effect (Matthew 15:6 and Mark 7:13)."</u>

Escape from the traditions (and clergy) that repeatedly shear you!

### **BEWARE when "servants"**

#### become masters!

When you know how and why "tradition" is used dishonestly by church "authorities" to avoid controversy and to tacitly pursue adulation, praise, and power by the easiest (laziest) means available, you will be closer to realizing the life of adventure, discovery, value, and happiness that you were created to enjoy!

# <u>Consider always</u>

# **1 Thessalonians 5:21.**

# <sup>21</sup> Test all things; hold fast what is good!

If you were to take a hard look at "church," you might decide to either:

- 1. Challenge it,
- 2. Change it, or
- 3. Decide to explore something new and different for yourself.

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#### THE LAWS OF BUREAUCRATIC TRADITION!

The 1st Law of Bureaucratic Tradition is: <u>"Protect the Bureaucracy."</u>

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Bureaucratic Tradition is: <u>*"Expand the Power and Sphere of the Bureaucracy"*</u>

> The 3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Bureaucratic Tradition is: <u>"Undermine and Marginalize Possible</u> <u>Competing Interests."</u>

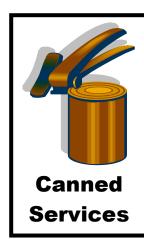
> The 4<sup>th</sup> Law of Bureaucratic Tradition is: <u>"Oppose change in any form."</u>

http://uk.answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20120121150545AAQNr8p

Church bureaucracies have hypocritically positioned themselves to rule by using intimidating "traditions."

<u>The "sheep" are secretly sheared by "tradition" as the they become less and</u> <u>less aware of their true authority and identity.</u>

<u>"Traditions" stop congregations and individuals from being dynamic, and also</u> <u>from asking questions.</u>



Tradition, ritual, & status-quo inherently allow church officials to practice laziness in "ministry" instead of seeking a dynamic and expanding paradigm to "feed the sheep."



Allowing clergy to be unquestioned "authorities" allows them to default to "traditional" ministry which provides them with adulation, praise, and power by the easiest means available.

Teaching individuals to dynamically lead themselves was Jesus' goal – and not for church officials to be easily "in charge."

The goals of <u>Clergy Secrets</u> are to have people realize what they have missed and for them to want to know more!

#### If <u>you</u> want things to change in <u>your</u> life, <u>you</u> need to make changes in <u>your</u> life!

#### People need to check on the places where they spend money.

A lot of money is spent on taxes, therefore checking up on how government uses that money is important.

A lot of money is spent on products, services, and investments, therefore checking up on how businesses operate is important.

It's time that Christian churchgoers start checking up on how "church" operates!

#### **Appendix**



The Law said to stone her to death, and the "bureaucratic officials" wanted to be in charge.

But Jesus did not allow the officials to be in charge by forcing them to be **honest!** 

**Use Clergy Secrets to do the same!** 

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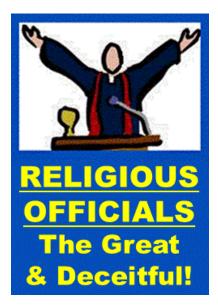
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