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DAILY DOCTRINE
Divine Institutions: 7

THERE ARE SEVEN DIVINE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE HUMAN RACE. THESE ARE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES BY WHICH A NATION/PEOPLE ARE BLESSED BY GOD.

#1, Volition/Freedom, Gen. 2:16; Acts 17:26; Rom. 1:18-20. God intends for a people to live in freedom. The more freedom and the less government there is in any national entity—business and societal—the more prosperous that nation will be. Of course, in naturalism there is no metaphysical or epistemological basis of freedom—we are all just evolved animals. The more people become naturalistic in their metaphysics the more they become Machiavellians and Hitlers (it is all about image and power). Without the metaphysics of God the people become dupes of the State. Without God and the metaphysics of Bible doctrine people become slaves to their own megalomania and erotomania. It is impossible for any people to really live in freedom unless they have a healthy spiritual life. When man rejects God, he will always succumb to his need for security from the State.

#2, Marriage, Gen 2:23; Matt. 19:6. Marriage is between one man and one woman. The man is designed to be the leader and protector. He is given authority in the family for the protection of the family.

#3, Family, Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:6. The wife submits to the husband and the children submit to the parents. This is the place where children can be brought up in love and security as they are taught the truths of the Word of God, and how they relate to the world in which they live.

#4, Government, Gen. 9:6; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-14. Government has authority in enforcing natural law in protecting its citizens from threats to individual freedom (e.g., crime and war). Government is a necessary evil due to the fallen nature of man (which only Christianity recognizes). Government has the authority to establish policemen, judges, and to implement capital punishment (see Romans 13:1-7). Citizens are commanded by God to pay taxes for these services. Law and punishment act as restrainers on man's criminality.

#5, Nationalism, Gen. 11:1-18; Acts 17:27. Internationalism is evil. Nationalism is God's means of protection for each entity. In internationalism, Satan could be very effective in attempting to run the whole world. Nationalism makes it more difficult for one man to run the world.

#6, Laissez Faire Capitalism, Gen. 23; Matt. 20:7-15; 25:27; Acts 5:4. While there have always been assaults on capitalism (Roman Catholics, leftists, unions, “compassionate” conservatives), it is at a fever pitch today. Modern and postmodern man have great antipathy to true capitalism—and look at the results with our current debt! Laissez faire capitalism is but an application of freedom in the area of economics. It was Christ who made it clear that man has a right to do with his money what he wishes. Socialism is evil!

#7, Pro-Israel national policy, Gen. 12:3. One of the reasons our nation has been so great in the past is because it was pro-Israel. The blessing and cursing clause of Genesis 12:3 remains in effect just as the laws of science. The nation that goes against Israel effectively writes out its own curse from God.

Genesis 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Psalms 89:31 If they [Israelites] violate My statutes, And do not keep My commandments,³² Then I will visit their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes.³³ "But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.³⁴ "My covenant I will not violate, Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.³⁵ "Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.³⁶ "His descendants shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me.³⁷ "It shall be established forever like the moon, And the witness in the sky is faithful." Selah.

In Him,

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