BASICS

"No man can lay any foundation other than the one that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

I Cor. 3:11

AHWEH placed Jesus as the Chief Cornerstone in the Foundation of his Building (New Jerusalem). Thus, Jesus is the Basis of our faith (Eph. 2:20; I Pet. 2:6).

Other foundations may claim to be of God. But there can be only one true foundation ... because there is only one Jesus Christ. All other foundations claiming to be Christian are imposters and illusions, and the structures built upon them cannot be of God.

The foundation of a building is the most important part of the structure. Both Paul and Peter call Jesus "the Chief Cornerstone." The chief cornerstone of a building was the first and largest stone in a foundation. It was the anchor stone. The rest of the foundation stones were laid from the chief cornerstone. Thus, Jesus is the Foundation of the foundation. He is The Beginning – the very BASIS upon which is built "New Jerusalem." Since Jesus ascended his throne, that system is also called "the Reign of Christ."

Even before Jesus took his throne, the promise of his Kingship was the basis for the faith of the saints. Then Jesus ascended his throne and officially became King. He also took his Bride (New Jerusalem) thus initiating the New Covenant Age which is based upon his presence. Thus, Jesus was and is THE FOUNDATION (the basis) of the whole System of God.

20. Indeed, He (Jesus) was foreknown before the founding of the system, and He is manifested at the end of

the times for your sake.

I Pet. 1:20

Jesus was known before He brought in the New Covenant system (i.e., before He became King). He had been revealed to Israel through the messianic prophecies. Yahweh had promised Israel that a Savior would save her from her sins (Micah 5:2). In the end of that "time" of the prophets, Jesus was manifested. As an adult He proclaimed the Kingship of God. When He was raised immortal as King, He instituted the New Covenant Age: the new "System" (i.e., the "new world"). It was the new phase of The Kingship of God. Jesus confirmed it when He announced his Reign as King.

- 18. ...All authority is given to me in heaven and upon the earth.
- 20. ...and, behold, I am with you always, till the end of the age.

(Mtt. 28:18 & 20).

The Kingship is God's system. There are many kingships (many systems), but God's System is a distinct and separate system ... exclusive of all other systems (all other kingships/ governments).

Thus, to find the true Kingship of God we must become "building inspectors." If we find the true Foundation we will have found the Kingship of God. If the foundation is not genuine, the whole structure is wrong.

WORLD

In the KJV New Testament, the word "world" appears 238 times, always translated from **three Greek words**:

- 1. cosmos, 186 times;
- 2. aion, 38 times;
- 3. oikoumene, 14 times.

"Cosmos" is "system."

"Aion" (eon) is "age."

"Oikoumene" is "homeland" (one's familiar environment or country. "Oikos" means "home").

In the KJV all three Greek words are translated "world" ... and English readers assume it means "the Earth." But none of these Greek words mean "the Earth."

This creates a big problem because the English term "world" is used today to mean "the Earth." Again, in the Greek New Testament these words do not mean "the Earth" (i.e., the planet).

The Greek "cosmos" meant "system." It meant a network of components working together. As such it could conceivably be used to mean "the Earth" (with all its components). It might even be used to refer to "the whole universe." But, the writers of the Bible simply did not use the term in that way.

The fact is, "cosmos" simply meant "a system"; often it meant "a political or religious system," or "a kingdom." A "cosmos" is "a system." Depending upon the context in which it is used, it can mean any system (any "world"). In Jesus' day there were several "worlds": there was the Roman world (the Roman system), and there were the various other "worlds" (non-Roman systems) outside the Roman Empire.

In contrast, there was the Cosmos of God (God's System) ... over which Jesus was appointed King.

Thus, only when one correctly interprets the term "world" can its use in the context of the Bible be understood.

In English versions of the Bible, when we read about something happening "in the world" we must determine which "world" (which political/religious system) the writer is talking about. He could be talking about the System of God, the System of Rome, or about some other system.

When the KJV translators rendered a verse to say that Jesus was "the foundation of the world," the original writings actually intended that Jesus was "the Foundation of the SYSTEM" (the New Covenant Reign of Christ).

Thus, in the New Testament we find several verses associating Jesus with "the beginning of the system" ("the beginning of the world" in the KJV), "the founding of the system" ("foundation of the world" in the KJV), and "before eonian times" ("before the world began" in the KJV). These verses – mistranslated in the KJV to sound as if they refer to the Earth - actually say Jesus is the Basis of the System (Kingship) of God.

This is a basic truth. Ignorance of this basic truth causes confusion and misdirection, and keeps you from finding further truth. In order for our people to grow and develop normally (mentally and spiritually speaking) and have a sensible and healthy grasp on reality, it is essential that they begin with a firm grasp of this basic concept.

BASIC THINKING: WHAT -VS- HOW

Learning HOW to think is more important than learning WHAT to think.

Our grasp of basics governs the way we think about everything. Our thoughts are produced from our basic concepts! At that basic level, where the seeds of thought are produced, is where we must focus our attention. THE WAY WE THINK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT WE THINK. If our way of thinking is good we stand a better chance of generating accurate thoughts. On the other hand, if our way of thinking is faulty we stand a better chance of producing inaccurate thoughts.

We must make sure our thought factories are in tune. This is essential. We must first focus upon basics, which in turn will facilitate good thinking.

As a teacher, my job description is not only to pass along facts ... I am also to help people learn HOW TO REASON. The "how" is all important.

Learning facts and details is not enough. There are people who read and memorize the Bible, but still can't understand it. Why? Because they don't know HOW. They know "what" but they don't know "how." An old proverb says: "If you give a man a fish you feed him for one day. But if you teach him how to fish you feed him the rest of his life." Likewise, handing out a thought helps a man for the moment. But teaching a man how to think helps him for the rest of his life.

Learning HOW to think begins at the level of BASICS. Learned teachers know this. This is why the wise philosophers focus upon basics ... because basics are the foundation of the whole thought process.

Visionaries usually focus on basics. For most of recorded history, the atom was considered too small and too basic to be of importance. But now, thanks to some visionaries, mankind knows that the basic atom (the foundational component of all materials) determines the attributes of every physical thing in the universe. Basics affect everything. The teacher that affects a student's basic views affects everything that student thinks or does the rest of his life.

Today, with so much access to technological, political and religious data, we can easily forget that we need basics before we start trying to digest tons of data. People often take up issues, and even argue them, without knowing their origin. They jump in midstream and try to navigate an issue without knowing its source or its components. Its like looking at a tree without considering its root system, or its fruit. Ignore the basics and you run a high risk of error in your thinking.

 So our first BASIC is this: Jesus' teachings dwelt more on HOW to think rather than WHAT to think. When He admonished us to follow Him, He did not mean that He expected us to memorize his words, but rather that we should learn HIS WAY OF THINKING. That is, we should learn to look at things from his point of view. This requires learning the basics.

To see things from Jesus' point of view we must first "fear the Lord":

10. Fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge:

Psalms 111:10

With that in mind, let us consider a few more basics in our lives. This will be an exercise in thinking, so let us go back to some basics and adjust our thinking caps.

IN FOCUS - OUT OF **FOCUS**

There is a right way for man to perceive God. When we perceive Him correctly, our lives make sense and blessings flow so naturally that they are often taken for granted. Again, perspective is everything.

The same is true concerning family. When family is perceived correctly, natural blessings flow within the family ... automatically.

The wisdom that man needs, above all else, is to know HOW to perceive God. When God is perceived correctly, the result is sanity (a "sound mind"). When God is perceived incorrectly, the result is insanity (an unsound mind). Thus, we cannot but conclude that the majority of people today have been robbed of much of their sanity since they have been given incorrect perceptions of God and family. This sad condition has infected the people without them knowing. Thus, most people today are mentally wounded ... but they assume they are normal

It behooves US ALL to run diagnostic checks on ourselves, and to strive to keep our grasp on reality in tune. None of us are immune to the effects of Babylon in our worlds, and the insanity that assaults us. Without Christ, we are simply confused.

Consider, if you will, your own basic concept of God.

It may seem odd for you to question this ... but think about it. In order to perceive our world correctly we must first have the correct way to think about the One who created it. If our way of thinking about God is wrong it means we are thinking wrong about his creation. If we attribute wrong motives to God we place wrong values in the things He does.

Our ways of thinking about God affect everything we do. Each man has a limited perception of God. Our knowledge of Him is limited because man is created LOWER than God. To fully comprehend God it would require that we be on a par with Him ... which is impossible. Nonetheless, man can develop a healthy way to perceive God. We must strive for growth in our knowledge, while also striving to re-tune our minds daily for more accuracy in our perceptions. This is a lifelong endeavor. The rewards of this endeavor are in the effort itself. We are made better by the doing of the work, not to mention the additional benefits of the knowledge produced by the work. Being occupied in this effort is healing in itself, and creates a wholesome state of mind (a sound mind) in us so as to make us wiser and more productive in our personal and public lives.

The importance of this cannot be over emphasized. The thinking patterns, beliefs, and the thousands of minute suggestions we assimilate during our youth accumulate together into a body of thought (a paradigm) that affects our concept of God. If we amass a body of erroneous thought patterns, most likely our perception of God will be faulty, and we can find ourselves believing in a god who has little or no resemblance to the true God of the Bible. Thus it behooves us to constantly, in our daily lives, test and re-test our basic thought patterns concerning God and his plan for us.

So, how do you perceive God? What kind of god is He? What is the basis of his relationship with you?

I'm not asking for his name, or his title. It is not enough to state a name for Him. We may pronounce his name in different ways ... any of which may be acceptable. But to learn his name is not enough. We must know his ways, and HOW to think of Him.

For instance, how do we see Him? Do we perceive Him as a Ruler, or as a Father? Are we his subjects, or his children? Must we search and find Him, or does He initiate contact by reaching out to us? Is He indifferent, or caring? Does He watch us merely to catch us in error, or is He watching over us as a Father to show us a better way? Is He unknowable and mysterious, or does He reveal Himself to us? Does He give us law to condemn us, or to guide us away from harm?

Do we view our God as someone with whom we can bargain to get favors and advantages? Do we suppose that our quality of life (or the afterlife) depends upon how proficient we are at bargaining with Him? How do we view the basic nature of God? This is the question.

Is our God angry and dangerous? Does He need to be appeased? Is He vengeful? Does our well-being depend upon how well we appease the anger, passion, and ego of God? Do we serve Him out of fear of what he will do to us if we don't? Again, we must inquire as to the basic nature of our God. Why do we worship him?

• Basic #2: Men worship gods they perceive. If they perceive God wrongly, they have a false god. False gods are created by men's perceptions.

Regardless of what name I use for God, it is my perception of his basic nature that determines whether or not my god is the true God. A name alone does not define Him. It is my basic view of Him that defines what/who I actually worship.

If I attribute incorrect traits to my God (how I see Him) my whole perception of God (his word and his creation) can be amiss, and my view of myself and my world can be defective.

BASIC FAITH

Upon what do we base our faith? Do we trust God, or do we trust ourselves? Is our security in God, or is it in an organization (church, government, etc.). Or, do we merely believe the consensus of the masses (the majority)?

In other words, what source do we look to for ultimate answers? Whatever that source is, that is the actual foundation of our faith. We must first settle the basic question, "Is my faith really in God, or is it in a tenet of some organization. Am I looking to God, or am I looking to men who claim to speak for God?" Think about it.

Gathering data from all sources is good. However, a data source is not a good basis for your faith. A data source is only information. If we are not careful in this, we can end up putting a data source in place of God Himself. That is idolatry. To view the creation from Jesus' point of view, we must first believe (have faith) in the Creator Himself. Our starting point is to believe that He exists, and that He rewards us when we trust Him.

6. But, apart from faith it is impossible to please God, for he that approaches God must believe that He exists, and is a rewarder to those seeking Him out.

Heb. 11:6

This may seem a mute point, but don't forget that it is possible to think you believe in God when you really only believe in an organization that claims to speak for Him. How many times have we heard people say, "My preacher says ...", or My church teaches ..."?

If we begin our search for truth by actually believing that God exists, and that He will reward us for seeking Him, we have a good chance of finding both. If, on the other hand, we begin by allowing a religious institution to tell us who God is, and what is truth, we will find neither. Nor will we find truth by looking to the masses, or to the government.

• Here is basic #3: In order for it to be possible to begin learning truth, you must first possess and practice a sincere, basic belief in God. You must believe that He exists, and that He will lead you to truth if you seek it sincerely. Expect it to take a lot of work and time.

If your concept of God is that He is unable or unwilling to reveal truth to you personally, then your god can not be the God of the Bible. So begin by accepting God as God. Don't re-create Him in your mind to fit the myths taught in churches. And don't cut yourself off from God by inserting church or government between you and Him.

MYSTERY BABYLON

Babylon still lives. Scripture foretells, in Daniel 2, the evolution of worldruling kingdoms from the time of Nebuchadnezzar until our day. The descending order of world-ruling empires was symbolized by a huge metallic statue with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass. legs of iron, and feet of iron mixed with clay. The spirit of Babylon was inherited by each following empire. Babylon's spirit (the head of gold) was inherited by Persia. The spirit of Persia (the chest and arms of silver) was inherited by Greece. The spirit of Greece (the belly and thighs of brass) was inherited by the Roman Empire. And the spirit of Rome (the legs of iron) was inherited by the multi-headed Beast System of Europe and all the kings and governments of nations it has spawned.

These European-type republics/democracies were represented by the statue's feet of iron and clay. Today the United States, with its European-type government, falls into this category.

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The US government is based on the Roman model, and proud of it. In fact, nearly all "republics" are Roman in nature. The Republic of Rome was the model for most modern republics - including The United States. The Roman fascist symbol (the fasces is a bundle of sticks bound together with a hatchet in the middle) is displayed openly for the world to see on the rear wall on either side of the chairman's podium in the House of Representatives in Washington D.C.. Rome lives today in republics and democracies on every continent. And in every place where Rome still lives, Babylon lives as well ... through Rome. Babylon has lived through all those kings and empires that followed in her image.

Babylon exists. She is a real system ... even though the whole thing is built on lies and illusion. Babylon's foundation is illusion and lies, but the system is made up of real people and real organized crime. Scripture refers to Babylon as a "mystery." No doubt the mystery is the fact that Babylon is held up by popular belief in a secret foundation that the people don't even see.

Babylon is a fact of life, like it or not. We have no choice but to cope with her. She affects us every day of our lives, and to ignore her is dangerous.

Life-as-usual in America means coping daily with Babylon, and it can get confusing. Confusion and illusion are her lifeblood ... which is no surprise since her name is "babel" which means "confusion." Babylon is a world of systematized deception and confusion.

Babylonians learn to be comfortable with confusion, deception, and illusion. They actually prefer it to truth and reality ... because they, themselves, have been corrupted. Sadly, this is the case with the majority of Americans today. They resent truth. It has become a matter of principle to them. Illusion, aberration, and deceit are preferred ... and reality is rejected.

A few of us still seek truth and like being in touch with reality. But for most, truth is shadowed by mountains of deceit. Institutions of education and religion don't allow truth to come to the light of day. They generally serve up a cocktail of half-truths which leaves students confused and their heads spinning.

The news media certainly doesn't offer truth. Its owners carefully twist the truth and give us only what they want

us to hear.

It has been this way in America for more than a generation ... long enough that the average citizen no longer expects truth from anyone. In fact, most citizens actually shy away from truth because it can get them in trouble.

For government to prosper, truth MUST be suppressed. Truth and government (man's government) are mutually exclusive. War is the first political tool for creating governments, and they say that the first victim of war is truth. War requires an environment of lies. Creating an environment of deception is necessary for government to flourish ... and, of course, that's where politicians come in. Reality is replaced by illusion.

We must contend with Babylon. We have no choice. It is around us, and among us. Our challenge is to walk through the valley of confusion ... without being confused by it. This requires vigilance, determination, clear eyes, and a solid faith in Christ's Reign.

To avoid being overcome by Babylon we need to develop an objective view of the many systems (worlds) around us. We must resist institutional lies and programs. In our beliefs, we must not defer to politically-deranged people around us. We must never become comfortable with confusion.

The masses become willing victims. and weak. They are compromised. When they guit striving for truth they become enemies of truth. That makes them liabilities. They cannot be trusted.

When a man's mind is programmed to think Babylonian thoughts he ceases to value truth. Truth becomes repugnant and hateful: a tool of "haters." When deception is institutionalized, truth becomes "hate crime." As in George Orwell's "1984" (published in 1949) the nightmare has become reality. Unsanctioned thoughts become "thought crime" and they can bring "Big Brother" down on you. This is surely the case now with the government's new Gestapo called Homeland Security -(like "The Ministry Of Peace" - "1984").

Lies and confusion replace reality in Babylonian-type societies. In fact they are enshrined. Monuments are erected to them. Such monuments symbolize the principles of Babylonianism: i.e., deception, the worship of man, and the pursuit of power and pleasure. Monuments to these gods can be seen all along the grounds on Capitol Hill in

Washington D.C.. Statues and monuments inscribed with mythical verse praising "human achievement" are at every turn. The display of Free Masonic artifices rival the Acropolis of old Athens, the pyramids of Egypt, and the temples of Babylon. The monuments canonize deception and extol guile. Licentiousness and fornication also are indigenous to the Capitol Grounds. Politicians are markedly active in this particular homage. Of course, the whole political process is a pageantry to arrogance and self.

 Here is the fourth basic: Babylon The Great has never died. She continues to this day in the governments and religions of the Earth that have inherited her spirit. There have always been these two options: Babylon's system or God's Kingship. Men consistently reject The Kingship of God. That leaves them with the only other option ... the reign of Babylon.

WORLDS AT WAR

We live in an ongoing war of system -vs- system (world -vs- world). It is, literally, a "war of the worlds." Babylon (the system of man) wars continually against Christ's Reign (the system of God). The two worlds/systems exist simultaneously. People are divided along the lines of these two systems. Some choose Babylon. Some choose the Kingship of God. Some choose neither and become Babylonians by default.

Babylon competes against the Kingship of God for the hearts and minds of men. These two kingships share the same space, and they oppose one another. One is the product of God's mind, and the other is the product of man's mind. We must understand this basic fact before we can begin to understand the rest.

We live with these two systems (two worlds), and we are forced to discern between them and choose one or the other. Sadly, very few people have identified them, much less made a good choice. To discern and choose correctly we need a good grasp on reality. Christ is the only one who can give us a grasp of reality and enable us to identify Babylon. There is no way but through Christ. Every other way systematically diverts us away from reality.

Religion is a diversion away from reality. Millions of church people think they are following Christ. They even claim to be "Christians." But most are not. They are unwitting Babylonians, confused by religious myth. They do not know the real Christ. Some willingly choose myth over Christ and reality.

One may think it simple enough to discern the Kingship of Christ from the System of Babylon. The great differences separating the two worlds could not possibly be missed ... or could they? Experience has taught me that the differences are either missed or ignored by most people today!

Just look at the profound differences and enmities separating church groups. It is not possible that they are all following the same God. Yet they all claim to be Christians. This conflict of belief proves that the church world does not really know who they follow.

One churchgoer may believe in a triune god (the Trinity) which they claim is one god in three persons ... while another churchgoer may believe in a Father God and a Son God as two distinct individuals.

By the same token, one churchgoer may believe that the U.S. Government is God-inspired, while another churchgoer believes the U.S. Government is anti-Christ,

These men can arrive at their conclusions based upon their religious faith which they claim is "Christian."

One churchgoer may believe there is a "Hell" ruled over by a supernatural Devil, and that unrepentant sinners are sent there by God to receive perpetual punishment in flames and torment. Another churchgoer may believe "Hell" is merely a word for the grave, and that there is no burning Hell for sinners.

One churchgoer may believe that good people go to and outer-space "Heaven" when they die. Another churchgoer may believe people stay in the grave when they die, and are raised later to live on Earth.

One churchgoer may believe that Jesus was a Jew, and that the Jews are the Israelites of the Bible. Another churchgoer may believe that Jesus was not a Jew, and that Jews are not Israelites

Obviously, all these men cannot be correct in their beliefs. They cannot all be following the same God or the same Christ. They may live in the same culture, and each may claim to be Christian. But their opposing beliefs prove that at least one (possibly both) practices a false religion and is not following Christ. They cannot both be Christians. No doubt you have seen such examples.

This paradox DOES exist with our people! It exists in every State and every County in America. Many Americans accept and follow false information and false religion.

It is a fatal mistake to assume that Babylon is easily recognized by all. If it were easily discerned by the average man, it never could have achieved the success and popularity it has enjoyed throughout the ages. Babylon's popularity relies upon man's corrupt nature to blind and confuse him. Confused people do not know that they are confused. Rarely will a man admit that he is confused and needs help. Thus, millions unwittingly accept lies and myths, and piously reject reality.

This problem threatens everyone today. No one is immune to the effects of institutionalized deception and confusion. Each of us need to regularly run checks on ourselves to be sure we are not taking too much for granted.

Identifying Babylon in contrast to the Reign of Christ is a discipline that requires practice and vigilance ... and "eyes to see." Too many people take this for granted, and that is why they get off track without realizing it.

• Basic #5: Babylon exists today all around us. She lives and functions behind the trappings of church and state. Like the beast in Revelation 13, she appears outwardly as a lamb, but inside is a dragon. Those who see only her outward appearance cannot "see" who/ what she really is.

Eyes that are empowered to accurately "see" the Kingship of God (Jn. 3:3) will also be able to see and identify God's enemies. A man without "eyes to see" is unable to differentiate between his enemies and his friends.

BIBLE = DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

The Bible is a diagnostic program for Christians. As diagnostic software is used to test for problems in a computer system, the Bible can be used to test for problems in man's thinking patterns. When we run diagnostic evalua-

tions on ourselves – on our own religious and political views – we are analyzing our basic thought patterns. We are analyzing our methods for making basic determinations and judgments. For instance: ask yourself how you arrived at your opinion about important Bible matters. Is your opinion based upon your own judgment, or have you accepted someone else's word for it without analyzing it yourself? What, basically, is it? Where does it come from, and where is it going? Is the basic characteristic and purpose of this thing good, or basically bad? How much effort have you put into analyzing the nature of it?

For instance, you might visit Washington D.C. and observe the grand architectural designs that make up the capital grounds. The layout is impressive, designed to awe-inspire. The grand buildings and monuments evoke a sense of confidence and pride in the government ... and in ourselves. In fact, Babylon of old was the same. Old Babylon was universally admired for her architectural grandeur, her temples, her gardens, and her monuments to the glory of government and the achievement of mankind.

Only when one steps back and inquires into the basic characteristics and motives behind the buildings and monuments can we objectively discern why they were built and what they stand for. Beneath her aggrandized, awe-inspiring facade, Babylon was rotten through and through. The same is true of Capitol Hill today. The expensive grandeur on display there is rotten to the core.

Babylon was built with men's lives. Men's lives were considered the least valuable of all its components (Rev. 18:9-13). This principle was also used in the construction of the U.S. Government. The mortar and stone of its grand superstructure is mixed with the blood of men

That which is built upon deception and crime must itself be corrupt ... even if it has a grand and elevated outer appearance. Jesus Himself stated the principle. A bad foundation cannot support a good structure.

 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matt. 7:18

33. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree

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corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

Matt. 12:33

• Basic #6: God's Word is to be used as a diagnostic tool to keep our minds and hearts healthy and in tune. Examine and analyze your own thinking patterns and judgments, using the Bible as your basis. Don't be fooled and neutralized by Babylon's facade of grandeur. Don't just memorize Jesus' words, but rather learn his way of thinking. Don't just read about Jesus and the apostles ... get inside their heads. See things from their view points. Use the Bible's thinking patterns to run checks often on your own thinking patterns.

REALITY CHECK

Here is an exercise in basics. We need to become building inspectors. This model can be used as a template for examining foundations.

Let us examine the foundation of the U.S. Government to determine if it (and its beginning) is good, or evil. If the foundation is evil, there is no way the superstructure can be good. A bad tree produces bad fruit. It cannot produce good fruit (Mtt. 7:17-18). If the motives and foundational designs of the U.S. Government were evil, then the whole structure is bad. That is basic!

Let us look at the foundation document of The United States. The founding document is the Constitution. It not only defined that government, it vested it with powers to do what it does. The content of that document (the Constitution) reflects the motives of the men who created it, as well as the nature of the government itself. Thus, in examining the document we are examining the genetics of the tree.

The "Founding Fathers" wrote the Constitution of The United States to create a government that could insure its own survival and powers, and to control and manage its subjects. The primary purpose of any government is to perpetuate itself. This requires a military to protect it from any enemy ... foreign or domestic.

The U.S. Government was created and sold to the public under the guise of being its "protector." For this to work they needed a war to convince the people they needed a government to protect them. Most citizens accepted it as such. Government's next act, once

in power, is to perpetuate its control by establishing banks to keep the people in perpetual debt; and propaganda agencies (churches and newspapers) to keep people in perpetual confusion.

The reason for this, as all advanced politicians know, is that the most imminent danger to any central government is its own citizens. They can rise up and throw off the new government quickly if they've a mind to. Thus, the first order of any government is to subjugate the citizens and turn them into assets, (soldiers, debtors, taxpayers, etc.) for the benefit of government.

Governments are businesses. They are financed by extorting labor and property from the citizenry. Governments protect themselves by tricking and/or forcing citizens to fight wars for them. Any citizen who refuses to participate in the government's agenda is labeled a traitor or a terrorist, and he is imprisoned, marginalized or killed.

The Constitution of the United States empowered Government to create its own laws (Article 1, Sections 1-5) ... a power which God had reserved to Himself alone ("You shall have no other gods before Me"). Understand ... the Constitution did not enunciate a power of the people to create their own laws, but rather it gave power to the government to create its own laws ... not for the protection of the people, but for ITS OWN PROTECTION.

Governments do NOT protect citizens. It is not government's purpose to protect citizens. It is government's purpose to protect itself, using citizens as disposable collateral and/or assets.

What does the Bible say about governments? After Israel was delivered from Egypt, God gave her his laws through Moses. She lived under God's laws for approximately a thousand years with judges to interpret and apply the laws ... and without kings to make laws or do away with laws. During these years Israelites lived free and flourished.

Then during Samuel's term as judge, Israel made a change.

1 Samuel 8:

- Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel at Ramah,
- And said to him, ... now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

- But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to Yahweh.
- 7. And Yahweh said to Samuel, Hearken to the voice of the people in all that they say to you: for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.
- Now therefore hearken to their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly to them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.
- And Samuel spoke all the words of Yahweh to the people that asked of him a king.
- 11. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.
- 12. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
- 13. And he will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.
- 14. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.
- 15. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.
- 16. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work.
- 17. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and you shall be his servants.
- 18 And you shall cry out in that day because of your king which you shall have chosen for yourselves; and Yahweh will not hear you in that day.

- 19. Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, No, but we will have a king over us;
- 20. That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

In essence, God tells us that to seek any government other than Him is basic idolatry. Any entity that has power to create or change law is a god. Any power YOU officially recognize to make YOUR law IS YOUR GOD. This basic evil is responsible for most of man's sorrows. This, in fact, is the basic sin that tripped up Adam in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3). In short, it is the basic sin that underlies all of man's problems.

No government of man that assumes power to make or change law can be anything but evil. The U.S. Constitution confers this power upon the U.S. Government to create law, enforce law, and change law at will.

The Constitution empowers U.S. politicians to decide for themselves the amount of their salaries (Article 1, Section 6). This is a basic evil admitted by all. The government has always had "the best politicians money can buy."

Politicians are always for sale to the highest bidders. Today politicians are so well rewarded by their financial "friends" that they can spend in excess of a million dollars to just campaign for election. If they lose, no problem. They can afford it. If they win, they get it back ... and more.

The Constitution empowers the Government to tax its citizens (Article 1. Sections 7-8). Forced taxation is theft, and is one of the reasons American Colonists protested and fought for independence from England in 1776. Yet, today, oppressive taxation is generally accepted in America. Americans wave flags and proclaim pride in their government while it bleeds them white and tells them it is good for them. The parasitic government is near to the point of killing its own host (the citizens), and shows no signs of slowing down. When the parasite kills its host it kills itself too. Maybe that is the only solution.

The Constitution empowers the Government to borrow unlimited debt on the credit of the people (Article 1, Sections 8) with no provision for collecting

on the debt. Unlimited borrowing, without pay back, means unlimited funds. Unlimited funds means unlimited power. This evil cannot be made to look right with any amount of deception or propaganda. There is no way to hold a government responsible for its actions when it has unlimited access to funds.

The Constitution empowers the Government to create and regulate its currency (Article 1, Section 8): a power that automatically corrupts government. This power alone is enough to enslave the people, regardless of who makes law or pretends to run the government.

"Whoever controls the volume of money in any country is absolute master of industry and commerce."

- President James A. Garfield

"Permit me to issue and control the money of a nation and I care not who makes its laws."

Mayer Amschel Rothschild

The Constitution empowers the Government to raise its own standing army to defend itself and enforce its laws against anyone, foreign or domestic (Article 1, Section 8). Perpetuation of itself is government's first priority.

The Constitution empowers the Government to declare and wage war at its own discretion with or without consent from its citizens (Article 1, Section 8). Through the War Powers Act, the U.S. Government is empowered under the guise of "National Security" to keep its motives and deeds of war hidden from its citizens. To invoke these powers government needs only to allege that there may be some vague threat to the nation. Meanwhile, the government and the news media conspire together to tell citizens anything they deem expedient to prevent them from knowing the truth. Under these conditions, there is absolutely NO WAY for the average citizen to address, or even know about, government's abuses and wrongs.

The Constitution declares itself "the supreme Law of the Land" (Article 6) with no recognition whatsoever of the God who created this land or his laws that run the Universe. In so doing, the Constitution endows the U.S. Government with sovereign power that has NO PEER. The U.S. Government recognizes NO POWER ABOVE ITSELF.

TO SUM UP

The clear, unmistakable picture, produced from these points is this: The nature of government is at first to deceive the people into thinking that its purpose is to protect them. Then when it has seized power it subjugates the people to be used for its own purposes, to protect, perpetuate, and enrich itself.

To first gain power, governments lie, steal, and murder. To keep hold of power, governments lie, steal, and murder.

Governments rise to power on the premise that they will "serve and protect" the citizens ... a claim that is patently false as any unprejudiced soul can reason for himself. Government subjugates its citizens and uses them for its own benefit. Government rides on our backs, but without gratitude for being carried. Governments act as if they deserve to be carried by us. In fact, they convince us they are doing us a favor by enslaving us and letting us carry them.

These principles are some of the basic foundation stones upon which the giant structure of the U.S. Government has been built. With anti-Christ motives and anti-Christ principles, the U.S. Government system is THE WORLD'S GREAT SATAN: THE HEAD OF THE BEAST SYSTEM OF BIBLE PROPHECY. Other governments around the globe are built on similar principles, but the U.S. Government is the head.

This reign of man seeks to destroy and/or murder any and all entities that oppose it. It also funds and justifies the unspeakable slaughter, by abortion, of millions of innocent unborn babies each year. Christ, and all things Christian, are hated and rejected by man's government. No wonder central governments target people who don't like the mark of the Beast. No wonder Jesus was crucified by this same system two millennia ago. And no wonder this system still hates and fears Jesus.

• Basic #7: The United States Government is evil. No amount of spin, deception or salesmanship can hide this truth. No amount of "patriotic propaganda" can make it look good. It was conceived in sin, and born in iniquity. It is based upon lies and illusions. It can only produce evil.

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A PARADOX

With these points in mind, there is a paradox that confuses Americans. Americans like to believe that the Constitution and the Government are good, and that America is "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Believing this makes them feel good, and they like to feel good ... even at great cost to their own character. In order to maintain faith in the faulty structure of the American system people must look away, and not notice the rotten foundation. They attempt to find an attractive facade, while ignoring the bad foundation and faulty structure.

The masses shamedly ignore government lies, thefts, and murders. Nonetheless, these things haunt them ... especially since they are so obvious. It becomes increasingly difficult for them to explain away the evil aspects of government and keep turning a blind eye. Thus, the people unwittingly become incorporated into the structure of the system. They have a stake in it and willingly participate in it. They choose to remain ignorant of the rot in the foundation. They make up excuses

to explain the obvious failures in the structure. The act of refusing to see the rot leaves them and the structure compromised. Eventually, the whole Baby-Ionian structure must come crashing

CONCLUSION

People need to go back to basics if they want to stop being confused. We all need to go back to basics. We need to ask the real questions about our selves. We need to ask, "What kind of government do I support?" "What kind of religion do I believe?" "What kind of faith do I have?" "What kind of god do I worship?"

Each man's way of perceiving God defines the state of his mental health, and his ability to find and apply truth. Men who worship the true God develop healthy thought patterns. They get the opportunity to grow, progress, and develop healthy lives, even in the face of constant insult from Babylon. Those who worship false gods are doomed to stunted lives and various degrees of mental paralysis and dysfunction. Confused people worship idols (governments, churches, occult fraternities, money, power, etc.).

Man's quality of life depends totally upon his view of God. Above all else we need to know if we are looking to the right God, or to wrong gods. This, alone, is the basic question. This is the key to understanding your life. Get this answer right, and wisdom and quality of life will be yours.

- 9. ... Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.
- 10. For every one that asks receives: and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.
- 11. What father is there among you who, if his son asks a fish, will for a fish give him a serpent?
- 12. Or if he shall ask an egg, will give him a scorpion?
- 13. If you then, being poor, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give holy spirit to them that ask Him?

Lk. 11:9-13

ALL PEOPLE ARE EQUAL, **BUT SOME ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS**

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nators/Congressmen do not pay into Social Security, and, therefore they do no collect from it. Social Security benefits were not suitable for them. They felt they should have a special plan. Many years ago they voted in their benefit plan.

In more recent years, no congress person has felt the need to change it. After all, it is a great plan!

For all practical purposes, their plan works like this: When they retire no matter how long they have been in office, they continue to draw their same pay until they die, except it may be increased from time to time by the costof-living adjustments.

For example, former Senator Bill Bradley (New Jersey) and his wife may

be expected to draw \$7,900,000.00 over an average life span, with Mrs. Bradley drawing \$275,000.00 per year.

Their cost for this excellent plan is "0", zilch, nada. This little perk they voted in for themselves is free to them. You and I pick up the tab for this plan. Our tax dollars at work!

Social Security, which you pay into every payday, with an equal amount matched by your employer, will pay you an average of \$1,000 per month or less when you retire.

Each retired president also collects appx. \$200,000 per year, plus \$100,000 for his staff, plus travel expenses, plus secret service protection. They lost their job and are still getting paid for it. Not

Take the Clinton's for instance. It's common knowledge that in order to establish NYS residency they purchased a million dollar house in upscale Chappaqua, NY. Makes sense. Now, they are entitled to Secret Service protection for life. Still makes sense.

Here is where it becomes interesting. An additional residency had to be built to house the Secret Service agents. The Clinton's now charge the Secret Service rent for the use of said residence and that rent is just about equal to their mortgage payment, meaning that we, the tax payers, are paying the Clinton's mortgage.... and it's all perfectly legal.

You gotta love it!