



"You shall have **no other gods** (lawmakers) before Me." -Exodus 20:3

"For Yahweh is our judge, Yahweh is our **lawgiver**, Yahweh is our **king**; -Isaiah 33:22

"...now **make us a king** (lawmaker) to judge us like all the nations." ... And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you: for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from reigning over them." -1 Samuel 8:5&7

And you shall cry out in that day because of **your king** which you have chosen for yourself, and Yahweh will not hear you in that day. -1 Samuel 8:18

"An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means: and **my people love to have it so.**" -Jeremiah 5:30-31

# AMERICA'S EPITAPH

## "We The People"

by Ben Williams

**A**MERICA is dying. I'm not referring to "The United States." Rather, I refer to this land where free pioneer settlers once flourished – the real America.

She has been conquered and is being killed. Her killer is The US Government. It is ruling and ruining this land ... along with most of the nations of the Earth.

The America that once was – the America we like to think about – is near death. She is being systematically killed by The US Government ... and by the mindless citizens who are helping.

Silly patriots claim that the US Government was good at first. They say it was once a republic, but has been replaced with another system ... one that is not good. But this is not true. The government today is the same republic originally created by the Constitution. The beast has grown up, gained power, and become a bigger bully ... but it is still the same creature it always was.

Like a vain woman, The "Republic" (AKA The US Government) disguises itself behind makeup (lies, patriotic rhetoric, and legal jargon). The "Republic" was created by lawyers, bankers, and politicians. It took power over America and declared war upon the Kingship of God.

The "Republic" is a political business: a for-profit war machine designed for conquering and profiting. The "Republic" claims credit for the good in America, and disavows the bad ... but the bankers and politicians who run it know it isn't true. It serves them only.

America The Beautiful has become "America The Hated." Freedom and opportunity have all but disappeared! The Republic (government) is killing her with its Babylonian government system and its corrupt political process.

The average American doesn't even think about it. The "Constitutionalists" think about it, but they can't see it. They are handicapped by the programming they've gotten. Their Constitution, which they credit for liberty, actually destroys liberty. Their attempt to define "the real America" is simply frustrating and off-

point. They ignorantly, and proudly, claim the title "We The People," and in doing so epitomize the problem that keeps America in slavery to the bankers, politicians and lawyers. Misplaced patriotism is "the opiate" that keeps Americans supporting the beast system and preventing change.

Political scientists have it all figured out. The political art of conquering and controlling people has been perfected by the Beast here on this continent. "We The People" stupidly take pride in this, and gullibly pledge their allegiance to its flag.

### THE POISON

The America we love has been showing symptoms of dying for a long time; longer than we like to admit. We should have noticed. She is dying from the poison of political process administered by bankers, politicians, and lawyers who do not love her. They only love profit. The poison that is killing her is "the political process." This "process" was designed to drug her and control her, and now it is killing her. Those who identify with "We The People" support and defend this process. They call it "liberty." But it isn't liberty. It is the way of theft and slavery.

America's illness came in her youth – in the 18th century, before she even began to mature. The slow poison was delivered in Philadelphia in 1787, and the eastern states were soon sick. Then as the Eastern Establishment crept westward it carried the sickness everywhere it went. Most Americans have been turned into unwitting accomplices to the crime. They have assisted in the poisoning of America. How? By condescending to the poisonous political process of the Republic. The political process is the Republic's method of drugging and capturing America. The drug is injected into the main arteries through state and local politics.

Early Christians in America had God-given principles which served them well. They even were given a Savior who

saved them when they got lost and forgot how to follow their Creator. Christian laws were created by God, not man. God's laws worked! To the extent that those principles were followed, freedom prevailed in this land because those principles prevented the establishment of tyranny.

### THE SERPENT

Our forefathers invited the serpent into our American garden. The tentacles of the serpent reached across the Atlantic and into New England. The serpent system beguiled the new Americans to adopt a government patterned after the one that was sold to Adam in Eden – later set up in Babylon, Rome and Europe ... with a few alterations. With the new model men could still "be as gods, knowing good and evil" ... only now they wouldn't call themselves "kings." So in 1787, in this land, men shelved Yahweh's laws and took up man's (Babylon's) laws. Up to this time the local governments in America had not the power to fully enslave the people. In 1787 that changed. Freedom and sanity were abandoned.

Soon, America's vigor was waning. However, there were still locations in the west where the dreams of freedom could still be realized. But most of the people took freedom for granted.

Today, America is an battered wife; near to death. People fondly speak of America and freedom, and hope. They speak of her in song and poetry. But, where it really counts they ignore her and pay homage and support to the Beast that used her like a harlot. This true America is taken for granted, and "We The People" continue to cover up for the crimes of her killers.

The liberty that America symbolically represented is lost. The dying process began in the eastern states because that was where the beast (the Republic) rooted itself first. As liberty began to wane in the eastern states, it found sanctuary in the expansive wilderness of the wide-open west.

Oppression had taken root in the east as population grew. As population grew it attracted the bankers and politicians. Parasites require concentrated populations (cities, etc.) in which to feed and breed. So pioneers began moving westward to distance themselves from the parasites, and to find freedom again.

In the scarce population of the west the spores of Centralism (the Republic) could find no host. Freedom in the west existed, not due to a system, but due to its absence. Freedom was there because the parasitic Republic was not.

The freedom in the west was used as a symbol of liberty for the whole country ... at least while it lasted. That spirit of freedom came to be called "The American Dream." But very little of that spirit – that America – survives today. The Republic (the political process) moved west as towns and politicians followed the people and money. It has been bleeding us pale ever since. This is the beast system in action.

America is dying, and we need to examine this phenomenon. What gave America life? What is killing her? What can we do to save her?

## THE DREAM

A dream (vision) of liberty gave birth to America. The dream was placed in the hearts of men by God. The dream created and empowered her. It breathed life into the "America" we like to remember. But confusion and idolatry has eaten away that dream along with the America we loved.

The dream was powerful, at least for a few generations. That dream of liberty under God was the America that people loved. That America was not made in Philadelphia or Washington D.C., but rather in the hearts and minds of pioneers driven by Christian spirit and God's law of liberty.

America was a dream, a hope, a concept. In contrast, the Republic was a political scheme, with bankers, investors, political predators, hired courts, hired armies, its own money, its own banks, and power – lots and lots of mind-boggling POWER. It was instituted in Philadelphia and took root in Washington D.C.. It was conceived by bankers, politicians, and lawyers. It was built upon political lies and occult agendas inherited from Rome and Babylon.

The Republic wasn't popular at first

among the pioneers of the 1700's. It wasn't readily accepted, but it had an agenda. It required more than a generation to infect the minds of the people. It survived its early years by disguising itself. It took the appearance of a lamb, but it still spoke as a dragon. It went largely unnoticed because the pioneers were too busy providing their daily bread to keep an eye on its subtle, wily ways. The Republic cunningly kept in the shadows ... and strengthened itself. It was sinister, and smart.

America was encouraged to nurture the system, like an unwitting mother hen sitting on viper eggs. As society flourished, people became tolerant of the vipers' Republic. The plotters exploited this tolerance by keeping the Republic in a somewhat passive posture, not exposing its hand. Misplaced confidence and political platitudes were encouraged. Songs and poems were composed to help shape its image.

Meanwhile, in wilderness areas, America continued to provide room and hope to pioneers. Though only a phenomenon of the time and circumstance, it nonetheless sustained our fathers through the formative years. All the while, the Republic was building its machinery, cunningly waiting like a deadly serpent coiling around its prey; waiting for the right time to squeeze and assert its powers.

People began assuming that "America" and "The Republic" were one and the same. This suited the Beast's agenda. Its powers were being amassed stealthily, legally, and with an ambition heretofore unimagined. It would be the New Order of The Ages; the Grand Experiment; the culmination of centuries of trial and error. This was carefully orchestrated to be the magnum opus of political science; the serpent's finest hour; the fulfillment of the visions of Daniel and John who saw the mighty beast in prophecy. This beast had no peers, and would conquer the people of the Earth.

Indeed, there seems to be no equal in all of history to the political machinery of the Republic. From Rome to America, the system has lived up to the expectation of its creators. It enslaved and conquered most of the nations on Earth. And American dupes have reveled in its development – like slaves who stupidly take pride in their slave master. A pledge of allegiance was cunningly

administered to all children in schools, at public meetings, and at baseball games. The projected image of the Republic was being perfected.

America had been cunningly used as a surrogate mother hen to nurture the serpent system hatched in her nest. Bankers, lawyers and politicians tricked her into adopting the serpent system. "We The People" were conned into supporting it.

Now the serpent has come of age and grown into a huge beast. It is still cowardly, but because of its overwhelming size and power it no longer fears exposure, and has openly declared itself sovereign. It no longer hides behind the skirts of its surrogate mother. In fact, the mother is no longer needed, and she (America) is being discarded.

Looking back over the years, and realizing how things got the way they are today, it is not hard to follow the pattern. Who is to blame? The list is long. When America is fully dead and gone, those who contributed to her death will share in the blame ... and in the judgment that will fall. "We The People" – those folks who stubbornly support the Republic and its infamous charter, the Constitution – will be on that list.

## WHAT GAVE HER LIFE?

In the early years America was a phenomenon of freedom. The thing that made her special was what also made her free – namely, that the Beast System was not here. Freedom is the result of the presence of Christ and the absence of the Beast System. American freedom existed because of the absence of the Beast System. Men could live and work here without being undermined and plotted against by the beast system. America's vigor was the natural result of not having that political process. The Atlantic Ocean was a natural barrier insulating her from that Beast. That wonderful insulation started to be eroded in the 18th century as the Old World (England and Europe) invaded the New World (America). Pioneers from the Old World came to seek freedom in the New World. And as their numbers grew here, and as cities and ports were established, the Beast system virus began finding warm political bodies to infect. Bankers found sources of wealth to exploit and steal.

## WHAT IS KILLING HER?

The Beast System with its political process spreads contagion from continent to continent via international merchants. The process can be compared to an infectious disease. The merchants are the carriers.

International merchants seek bodies of population as hosts ... the way diseases seek living bodies as hosts.

International merchants (bankers) seek political bodies (cities, states, etc.) and lure them into adulterous relationships via contracts and constitutions. Cities, states, etc., become infected with the disease of the Beast System when they play the harlot and accept the system. If any political body resists the merchants' advances, they are threatened with war and forced to cooperate. The process is more like rape than courtship. Nonetheless, it masquerades as lawful ... via contracts, covenants, and constitutions. The parasitic disease (the beast system) spreads to its new host, infecting and eventually killing it.

16. *And she (Jerusalem) lusted after them (Babylonian merchants and politicians) with her eyes, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea.*

17. *And the sons of Babylon came to her, to the bed of love; and they defiled her with their fornications. And she was defiled with them, and her soul was alienated from them (she lost their favor).*

18. *And she uncovered her fornications and uncovered her nakedness. Then My (Yahweh's) soul was alienated from her, just as My soul was alienated from her sister (Samaria).*

19 *And she multiplied her fornications to recall the days of her youth, in which she had whored in the land of Egypt.*

Ezekiel 23:16-19

## WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE AMERICA?

America's chance at life depends upon one simple equation. That equation is the same today as it was in the 1700's. It is still the same as it was when the children of Israel were led to Canaan, and when Yahweh placed Adam in the Garden. For America to live,

the serpent's lie must go. The presence of the Beast System equates to death for America.

America must die and be reborn. When Americans stop patronizing the Babylonian harlot and quit accepting the political process of the Beast System (i.e., the Republic), the poisonous ties with the Beast will sever and America will begin her recovery. When the Beast's support group (i.e., "We The People" and the Constitutionists) stop looking to the U.S. Constitution for their salvation, and start recognizing God's word (the Bible), the present trend toward death will reverse.

4. *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you do not share in her sins, and that you do not receive of her plagues.*

Rev. 18:4

17. *Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

18. *And will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.*

2 Cor. 6:17-18

## THE ARGUMENT

Someone may argue, "But America's greatness was the result of the concepts of government established by our "Founding Fathers."

WRONG!

America's greatness was a natural result of the spirit of Christian liberty working in a pristine environment – before the Babylonian Republic overwhelmed the people. America's greatness was the result of her freedom. That freedom decreased in direct proportion to the increase of the Babylonian Republic government system.

Others may argue, "But our present government system is no longer a Republic, and that the original government was a Constitutional Republic, and therefore good. It created freedom and protected citizens when it was first instituted by the Founding Fathers. The oppression began only after politicians began ignoring it. The Constitution is still good ... if people would follow it."

This is an argument I hear often. But I must remind those who make this

argument that whether or not you think today's government is constitutional (which it is, by the way) it is nonetheless the product of that charter that created it, and of the power that charter conferred upon it. What it is today is the result of its birth. It began a beast – a young beast – but a beast nonetheless. And it is a beast today. It was smaller and less ambitious in its infancy. So what? Most beasts are. But when they grow up ... watch out.

Even if it were true that the Republic started out good (which it didn't) and that the U.S. Government was good at its outset but is now changed and is no longer abiding by the Constitution, that still would not change the fact that the Constitution gave birth to the Beast – a central government – and conferred powers upon it that are forbidden to man. The Constitution created a monster, and "We The People" are still bowing down to it.

Why should Americans have been surprised when the Beast became ravenous? That's what Beasts do.

Scripture (Jer. 51) tells us to quit trying to save that which should not be saved. Stop being patriots of Babylon.

6. *Flee out of the midst of Babylon; yea, each man deliver his soul. Do not be silenced in her iniquity, for it is the time of Yahweh's vengeance; He will give to her a just reward.*

7. *Babylon (like the U.S.A.) was a golden cup in the hand of Yahweh, making all the land drunk. The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.*

(Like Babylon, the U.S. has been driving the nations mad.)

8. *Suddenly Babylon has fallen; and it is broken. Wail for her; take balm for her pain, if perhaps she may be healed.*

(This is a rhetorical scolding, a cynical chiding for Israel's confused and misguided efforts to save Babylon from her deserved fate.)

9a. *We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed.*

(Patriotic Israelites tried to save Babylon because they thought she was great. Patriots today try to heal the gov-

ernment because they think there is greatness in it. It was wrong then, and it is wrong now. Israel was told to forsake her. We ought to do the same.)

*9b. Forsake her, and let us go each one into our own country; for her judgment reaches to the heavens and is lifted up to the skies.*

(God's judgment is upon America because she loved Babylon.)

*10 Yahweh has brought forth our righteousness; come and let us declare in Zion the work of Yahweh our God.*

(Declare God's works, not man's.)

Jeremiah 51:6-10

## THE CASE AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION & "WE THE PEOPLE"

Much has been written exposing the fraud of the U.S. Constitution. Perhaps the best exposé is Lysander Spooner's *NO TREASON: THE CONSTITUTION OF NO AUTHORITY*. We can only begin to touch upon the subject here. But consider a few obvious contradictions that I have pointed out in the past:

**1.** The first words of the preamble of the Constitution are, "We The People." It sets the tone for the rest. This phrase was coined in secret by the elite few who drafted and signed the Constitution in Philadelphia in 1787. The meeting was held in secret, and yet the document claims to be the product of "We The People." "We The People" had no hand whatever in its creation since they were not there. At no time did "We The People" ever see or sign the document, or have opportunity to accept or reject it. What right did the signers have to say "We The People"? And what kind of madness could compel citizens to now take responsibility for it?

Those few of that generation who actually signed that document are the only ones to which it could apply. It couldn't lawfully compel following generations without their assent. Can a few men lawfully contract the future lives of an entire nation and their descendants, compelling them to accept a contract? I think not.

Nonetheless, Americans tend to

ignorantly assumed the title "We The People" as if they were responsible for it. They gullibly assume a contract and a debt they do not owe.

Americans have stupidly accepted being "We The People." And in doing so they signify that they join the politicians in claiming the power to create law, to create government, and to be gods.

Remember, whoever, or whatever, makes your law is your god. To discover the god of any society, just ask who makes their law. In America, Congress makes law. Therefore Congress is America's god. Patriots claim, by extension, that "We The People" are masters of the government in that "we" vote them in or out of office. Of course this theory is nonsense for it is not only over simplified; it doesn't even consider the corrupt nature of the election and political processes. Nonetheless, even if the claim were true, it still leaves men ("We The People") as our own lawmakers.

Even the best scenario of the Constitution still usurps God's role in society, replacing Him with voters.

**2.** The Constitution created and empowered a government that exercises all the powers of the beasts of Bible prophecy ... including "the great fiery serpent" (Rev. 12:3) which makes war with "the man child" (Christ's Reign). The Constitution created the beast that wars with Christ and his Kingship.

**3.** The Constitution conferred upon the government power to create and enforce law - a power rightly reserved to God alone (Is. 33:22). Furthermore, it certified that any laws passed by the U.S. Government, including all contracts, covenants, treaties, etc., including all those entered into internationally, are "the supreme laws of the land," and all courts of the land are required to enforce them no matter what the constitutions and laws of any state or county may say. (*Art. 6*)

**4.** The Constitution conferred upon the government power to tax its citizens and thus fund and perpetuate its wars, its tyranny, and its power (*Art. 1, Sec. 8*).

**5.** The Constitution conferred upon the government power to borrow unlimited money on the credit of "the people" (*Art. 1, Sec. 8*). The government has unlimited funding for its use. Thus, the government's debt to the Federal Reserve (i.e., the national debt) is a legal debt according to the Constitution.

**6.** The Constitution conferred upon the

government the power to define, create, and regulate the currency (*Art. 1, Sec. 8*). This power alone is enough to conquer any nation and enslave its people.

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

—Mayer Amschel Rothschild, 1790

**7.** The Constitution conferred upon the government the power to create and fund a standing army to protect itself (not the people) from all threats foreign or domestic (*Art. 1, Sec. 8*). This gave that government war powers to force its will upon the people, and insure its own survival ... right or wrong.

**8.** The Constitution conferred upon the government the right to appoint for itself a supreme court to judge its lawmaking. That court, and its members, are appointed and funded by the supposed object of its judgment (Congress). This is an obvious conflict of interest. The idea of government policing itself is laughable, as we well know.

**9.** Lastly, consider the Constitution's prime argument for the necessity of Central Government – namely, that men have not the ability to rule themselves. Constitutionalists claim it would be "Anarchy" for men to rule themselves. Thus, they expect us to believe that man, individually and privately, cannot be trusted to order his own life, and therefore requires a government to do it for him. The theory suggests that 535 of these men who, individually cannot be trusted to order his own life, can together order the lives of an entire nation. How does that work? If one sinner cannot be trusted to run one life, how can 535 of these sinners be trusted in congress to run the lives of millions?

This is the government that the Constitution gave us. Still like it? Would God have inspired such a document as this ... like the Constitutionalists claim? Would God have inspired men to create a constitution which would create a centralized law-making government in opposition to His own laws? Is He a God of confusion?

Together, the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches form a triumvirate of centralized power that has no equal in history. What has been passed off to the public as "a system of checks and balances" is in truth a conspiracy of a

bunch of rich psychopaths to gang up together and rape the world.

Think about it. What kind of government were we given? Who in his right mind would sanction the creation of such a government again?

Consider the modern-day “patriot”; today’s consummate “Constitutionalist.” Would he sign on to an agreement to create a new government with such powers? Would he agree to empower a new central government if these were the conditions to which he must agree? The new government must have: **1.** power to tax, **2.** power to issue, define, and regulate all currency, **3.** power to unlimited credit with no payback, **4.** exclusive power to create and enforce law, **5.** power to insure that its law is supreme in all the land notwithstanding other bodies of law-makers or other laws already in place, and **6.** power to hire and arm militaries to defend itself?

Would today’s patriot agree to such a plan? No! He’d run the other way. However, I know of “patriots” who jealously defend the Constitution that did exactly that two centuries ago. Go figure!!

At some point Patriotism seems to become a drug; an opiate. Power to make law was never intended for man, but for God alone.

*22. For Yahweh is our judge, Yahweh is our lawgiver, Yahweh is our king; He will save us.*

Isaiah 33:22

Even if we consider the best possible scenario of the Constitution, it is still man-created; it still gives powers to man that should be reserved for God only; and it still creates the Beast and allows it to run rampant. Once created, government has no boundaries ... as it claims. Government cannot be controlled at any level – even at the county level, much less at state and federal levels. Once the Beast is empowered it becomes a power unto itself.

When Constitutionals attempt to use the Constitution to fight the government they are merely begging their slave masters to be less brutal.

Where might America be today if it hadn’t been for the Constitution and its Republic; if they hadn’t undermined and abused America at every juncture? Her potential would have been limitless. Our song of freedom would still be ringing through the land.

The corporate entity known as The United States of America was created by the Constitution. It is a monument – an idol – erected to the concept that men can be gods. For Christians it is an object of infamy, not pride.

## **ECCLESIA: THE ONLY VIABLE OPTION**

The Beast System is made up of two elements: Government and Religion. We call them “church” and “state.” Church and State were teamed together as a political force to conquer and rule. The combination of Church and State (man’s government) has been applied in a number of ways and forms in many nations down through history. But, whatever format is used – Monarchy, Republic, etc. – it is the combination itself (i.e., Church and State) that has proven to be the most effective kind of government system for conquering and raping lands and people.

The world empires of history – Babylon, Egypt, Rome, etc. – were all formed around Church and State. The same is true with The United States, including individual state governments. Thus, we conclude that most, if not all, centralized government systems have always used the format of Babylon (Temple and Legislature; Priest and Despot; Preacher and Politician; Pew and Voting Booth) to subjugate lands and people.

“Beasts” in scripture are government systems. They are various forms of Church and State. In the U.S.A. where government prides itself in “separation of Church and State” it is, in essence, admitting that both Church and State are the two parts of its strategy to rule the masses.

State gives tax privileges to Churches as a reward for keeping the masses quiet and spiritually dead ... incapable of standing for or against anything.

What forms of government are possible in contrast to this general trend? None ... except ONE: that one that Yahweh gave Israel, and Christ gave the apostles: the Ecclesia System. All other forms of government are built, in one way or another, upon man as god.

The Ecclesia System is the system God gave to man for keeping society healthy and free. It is the ONLY system that can do this. It was the system

given to Adam, which he subsequently rejected (Gen. 3). It was the system given to Abraham, and to Jacob (Gen. 12). It was the system given to Moses (Exodus 20-24). It was the system Israel rejected in Samuel’s day when they demanded a human king like the other nations (I Sam. 8). It seems that our forefathers repeatedly have rejected God’s Ecclesia and have opted for the Beast System. The pattern was repeated again even after Christ redeemed Israel. By the third century after Christ ascended his throne, the Ecclesia System was traded for a Church & State System designed by the Roman emperor Constantine.

The Ecclesia System is the only real option to the Beast System in its varied forms. The Ecclesia System is built upon the principle of FAMILY. It doesn’t just allow families to exist (like the present Republic), but actually IS a family – a large family, a tribe, or clan.

Are there examples of this form of government extant today? Yes. Some Arab societies – much to their credit and in spite of western rhetoric – have still not conformed to the centralized government format of “Western Civilization” (modern Babylon). In spite of their erroneous Muslim religion, their patriarchal societies are living examples of tribal-based (ecclesia-type) cultures.

In recent history there is the example of the old Scottish clans (tribes) who fought so long and hard to try to extract themselves from British tyranny and centralization. The Scots, in spite of valiant spirits (from whom Americans could learn much) were eventually worn down and beaten or killed.

The Ecclesia System is the system of FAMILY. It works like a family. It is tribal and patriarchal. It is not centralized. Now is the time to get started rethinking it all, and get headed back the right way.

The U.S. Constitution was America’s official death warrant. All who believe in that document are, in essence, condoning the death of America.

Think about it. Americans have allowed a heathen concept of government to replace the truths of God. No wonder America is no longer being blessed. No wonder God is not answering the people’s cries for help. Their prayers will go unanswered as long as they love their man-made Constitutional Government and as long as men are America’s gods.

# A LESSON IN FUTILITY

by Robert Kleuser

*"Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."*

Matthew 15:14

Anyone who thinks he is going to convert a preacher to a new (or different) idea or view of Scripture is generally only kidding himself and wasting time. Church denominations have worked long and hard to build high and mighty psychological (as well as physical) walls to insulate and protect preachers and their doctrines from challenge or question. There is built up in every denomination, and almost every small group, an automatic and clearly defined mental pedestal upon which the preacher, pastor, or priest is securely enthroned. The consequence of this continuing phenomenon is that the man upon the pedestal is now seen by every loyal follower, as well as by himself, as a quasi-pope under a divine church/god leadership. Anyone in that popish domain who dares to differ with him is obviously misled, bullheaded, and/or "not a Christian in the truest and highest sense of the word." The priests of world religions have always built priestcraft hierarchies and the people have allowed it and even encouraged it

*"Give us a king to judge us, like the other nations"*

1 Samuel 8:6)

It seems all are quite happy with the arrangement, as they have been all these centuries. But, long ago ...

*"... an appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; and my people love to have it so."*

Jeremiah 5:30-31

The immature people are relieved of the responsibility of thinking and making conscious decisions, and are re-

duced to memorizing church dogma and edicts, then parroting fables (see Titus 1:14). The Priests, regardless of what meaningless titles they take, are only too happy to tell the people what to think, what to believe, what to say, and what to do - all the while raking in the money.

A true preacher/teacher should encourage individual thought and action, not demand blind and total acceptance of what he says. But, in the church world, a thinker is tossed out or forced out by accusations, ridicule or slander. In the long run, however, this is without doubt the best thing for the thinker anyway since it gets him out of that confusing and hypocritical influence.

The meaning of the lesson is this: unless you like wasting your time, or are in a situation where you need to monitor and then expose the nonsense, trying to have a personal give-and-take exchange with a priest (again, regardless of the title taken - minister, pastor, reverend, priest, etc.) is almost certainly going to be of no value. We will not, no matter how clever or forceful we are, be able to raise them from their spiritually dead condition. Only our Heavenly Fa-

ther can do that. This is not to say that listening to a professional priest is always a waste of your time, although it usually is. Preachers sometimes have some isolated good thoughts or ideas, even though their national and world view is a mixture of Jewish propaganda and Eastern Cult religion. But, it is generally a waste of your time to engage in sincere give-and-take discussion with a popish priest, one of his minion serfs, or someone who has been jellified by either of the above. Generally, only a discussion with real truth seekers has the potential to be beneficial to all involved.

By the way, examine yourself. Is your mind open to learning concepts that might go against church hierarchy's dictates and dogma? Not that a person is obligated or wise to accept every "new" idea to come down the road. We do, however, need to remember that despite the purveyors of priestcraft, we are permitted and encouraged by our Father in heaven to think about His Word, **EVEN IF THE PREACHERS WON'T!**

*"YOU DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND IT, YOU DUMMIES! IT DOESN'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY SENSE TO YOUR PUNY RATIONALISTIC MINDS! DON'T QUESTION IT, YOU IDIOTS! JUST BELIEVE WHATEVER I TELL YOU!"*

