



Christian Citizenship

“You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world” (Mt. 5:13-16). One way to be salty and let our light shine is by being good citizens on earth. Our vocation as citizens of both the secular kingdom and God’s kingdom gives us the responsibility to proclaim God’s Word and care for our neighbors. We are called to engage the “public square” with our message of Christ’s mercy for all. Please pray for God’s will to be done... in Jesus’ name.

Two Fronts: Church & State

Many Lutheran congregations celebrated the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels in September. The chief hymn appointed for the day was “Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise” (LSB 522). This hymn was written by Philipp Melancthon, a principal author of the Lutheran Confessions. Rev. Christopher Thoma draws our attention to stanza five:

As he of old deceived the world
And into sin and death has hurled,
So now he subtly lies in wait
To undermine both Church and state.

Rev. Thoma writes, “Satan not only labors to destroy the Church from within by obscuring God’s Word for salvation beyond recognition, but he works tirelessly to establish civil governance that silences all of God’s pure Word of truth that makes it through the Church’s front doors and into the world.”

What can we do? Reflect upon hymn 522. Think especially about stanza five. Rev. Thoma urges pastors and laity to ask: “Is it possible that I should be deliberately engaging in the war against the old evil foe on both fronts of Church and state?”

Please pray to resist Satan in the home, in the Church, and as a citizen... in Jesus’ name.

Is America’s Decline in Stage 4 Terminal?

Dr. Peter McCullough and historian John Leake are the authors of *Courageous Discourse*, their Substack “blog.” In their publication of September 21, John Leake writes the following:

God bless Thomas Sowell! At the age of 93, the sage economist and philosopher still has the energy, spirit, and love of this beleaguered Constitutional Republic to continue his good work. He’s just out with a new book, *Social Justice Fallacies*, and I just listened to him talk about it in an interview with . . . Mark Levin.

The book is the culmination of his decades of research that led him to conclude that the basic tenets of Marxism and the “Social Justice” ideology it spawned have no basis in factual reality. As Sowell sees it—barring severe illness or other unforeseen disasters—most of the misfortunes we experience in our lives are of our own making.

The greatest gift a man and woman can give to their children is to stay married, provide a stable household, and teach their kids the virtues of discipline, study, and delayed gratification. If people fail to look after themselves and their families, tyrants will erect a “paternalistic state” to do the job for them with catastrophic results.

. . . Normally easy-going and humorous, in this interview [Sowell’s] tone is one of grave concern. He states that he is hard pressed to see how sensible people who care about our Constitutional Republic can hold the line against the savage, philistine, ignorant forces of totalitarianism that are increasingly dominating the public forum. Especially disturbing are the hordes of college students who threaten classical liberal and conservative philosophers with physical violence if they dare set foot on campus to give a talk.

Right as I was watching Sowell’s interview, my friend and fellow journalist, Christine Dolan, sent me the results of the 2023 Annenberg Constitution Day Civics Survey. Reading it amplified the alarm I was already feeling from watching Sowell’s interview.

77% of Americans can only name one of the freedoms (speech) protected by the First Amendment. They are unaware of the Amendment’s protection of religious freedom, the press, assembly, and the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

As Professor Hugh Liebert pointed out in a 2017 Heritage Foundation lecture, a people who fail to

cultivate and maintain civic virtue will, like the Roman Empire, eventually find their country in a state of terminal decline.

Is it too late for America to be saved from tyrants and the avid philistines who do their bidding?

Dr. Peter McCullough recently founded the McCullough Foundation, whose mission is to educate the public about the critical intersection of medical freedom and civic virtue. As we learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, the tyrants have found their Trojan Horse—that is, emerging infectious diseases and our terror of them. Because our bodies *may* harbor infectious pathogens that *could* transmit and harm others, we are told that the state must, from time to time, invoke Emergency Power to place us under house arrest, force us to wear masks, and inject us with experimental substances. While ordinary citizens are forced to bear an enormous burden, elites who are well-positioned in the Bio-Pharmaceutical Complex enjoy immense profits from the imposition of their state-sponsored “countermeasures,” for which they bear no product liability. The McCullough Foundation endeavors to push back against this tyrannical scheme.

What can we do? Order a copy of *Social Justice Fallacies* by Thomas Sowell. After you have read it, purchase a copy for your local public library. Order extra copies as Christmas gifts for your adult sons and daughters. Listen to Mark Levin’s interview with Thomas Sowell on Fox News (“Thomas Sowell to Levin on America today,” <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5cZy-oBVbco>) Look up the results of the 2023 Annenberg Constitution Day Civics Survey. Listen to Professor Hugh Liebert in his 2017 Heritage Foundation lecture (all referenced in *Courageous Discourse*, 9-21-23). Become more familiar with the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. Prepare yourself for discussion with your children by reading *How Christianity Changed the World* by Alvin J. Schmidt. Discover how the radical nature of the Christian faith sanctified human life, elevated sexual morality, praised fatherhood and motherhood, restored freedom and dignity to women, founded hospitals and shaped healthcare, imprinted education, dignified everyday workers, impacted science and the economy, focused on biblical justice, and inspired the highest achievements of Western Civilization. Make a donation to The McCullough Foundation.

Please pray for medical and legal professionals, parents, pastors, teachers, and workers who continue to engage others in the public square... in Jesus’ name.

Resources for the Christian Citizen

Biological Integrity: A project of the American College of Pediatricians that endeavors to help integrate the body and mind, protect the health and well-being of children, warn against hormonal abuses and mutilating surgeries, and provide videos such as *The Developing Teen Brain, Do No Harm*, and *Biological Integrity*.

Door to Freedom: This website seeks to expose and resist the WHO and UN which have been entrusted with carrying out the Great Reset or, “global coup.” At risk are our Constitutional rights and freedoms, doctor-patient confidentiality, U.S. sovereignty, and future generations. Information about the merging physical, digital, and biological worlds, and the totalitarian treaties, regulations, and emergency platforms of the UN and WHO are provided.

Truth for Health: This Christian foundation founded by Dr. Elizabeth Lee Vliet encourages faith over fear. “We envision a world where people choose their path to live fully as human beings according to the physical and spiritual laws of life as God designed us.” Dr. Vliet’s medical and scientific advisory council includes Dr. Peter McCullough, Dr. Paul Marik, and Dr. Michael Yeadon, Ph.D. Resources provided include treatment guides, vaccine injury resources, medical and legal help, and information about aerosolized mRNA “vaccines,” the food supply, 5G and microwave weapon assaults, and the cognitive warfare of psychological operations and propaganda for the control of our minds.

Academy for Science and Freedom: Housed in Hillsdale College in Washington, D.C., this group seeks to combat violations of individual and academic freedom perpetuated in the name of science and to communicate the importance of free, reasoned and civil discourse in science and public health.

What can we do? Build your home library. Consider the following: *How to Save the West: Ancient Wisdom for 5 Modern Crises* by Spencer Klavan, *Hitler’s Cross* by Erwin W. Lutzer, *Blindsight is 2020* by Gabrielle Bauer, *The New Abnormal: The Rise of the Biomedical Security State* by Aaron Kheriaty, M.D., and *(Dis)ordered: Lies about Human Nature and the Truth That Sets Us Free* by Christopher S. Esget.

Please pray to live obedient to God and set free... in Jesus’ name.

