



Pivot versus Power Politics: Description: Divine versus Human Solutions; Conflict of Visions: Pivot Politics Glorifies God; Power Politics Glorifies Man

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A. Description of the Two Approaches:

1. Problems that emerge on a national scale may be approached in two ways; (1) pivot politics or (2) power politics.
2. Pivot politics relies on divine solutions to resolve problems. This begins with regeneration of the lost but then requires their motivation to grow in grace to the level of spiritual maturity and acquiring the capacity to become a front-ranker in the pivot.
3. Pivot politics functions under grace, promotes freedom, and submits to the laws of divine establishment.
4. Power politics seeks to solve problems through arrogance. Motivated by self-righteousness the anointed mount a crusade to solve problems outside the plan of God and the grace of God.
5. Interestingly, these do-gooders utilize biblical concepts in the promotion of their evil ends.
6. For example, the propaganda of their rhetorical veils seeks to persuade the masses with notions of love and peace, tolerance and compassion, and flexibility and compromise. Their hidden agenda is some political advantage that enhances their position and power.
7. If the benighted masses do not blindly follow then the anointed have no compunction against resorting to violence, tyranny, terrorism, or revolution.
8. Our study of the kings is replete with assassinations of crown princes, murders of family lines, compromises with heathens, and the syncretism of the worship of Jehovah with the idolatry of heathens. We witnessed a palace coup, followed by a military coup and suicide. Cities were sacked, civilians and priests killed, children passed through the fire, and idolatry accepted. We saw Luciferian propaganda promoted by ambassador demons through Ahab and Jezebel and how this was passed down by means of placing a fifth column into Judah through the marriage of their daughter, Athaliah, to Jehoram. We watched in horror as Jehoram murdered his brothers to secure his throne in Judah. We saw similar motivation among the kings of Israel, Jeroboam and Jehu being two examples. We watched in disbelief as Athaliah murdered her grandchildren in order to secure an illegitimate claim to the throne of Judah. Temples of Baal were razed and the Temple of Solomon was raided on several occasions. Wars were fought; kings were shot through with arrows, run through with swords, and stabbed with knives. We observed the disgusting deaths of a king who contracted a dread disease that left him disemboweled and a queen who was thrown from her palace window and whose remains were eaten by wild dogs on the courtyard below. And prophets of God were murdered (Zechariah) or imprisoned (Hanani).
9. All of these things were the result of power politics. The only two who used pivot politics along this bloody trail were Jehoiada and Jehosheba.

**B. The Conflict of Visions:**

1. Those enmeshed in power politics can't remain in power unless they have problems to solve. If there are no problems then they must create them. These problems can be real or imagined.
2. But more times than not the ability of government to solve problems is woefully inefficient and this leads to unrest in the commonwealth.
3. The only real preparation for a legitimate crisis is for the people to have the Word of God in their souls and the courage to apply it under pressure.
4. When needed, God always has a prepared man for any crisis whose wisdom, leadership, and knowledge of Bible doctrine enables him to utilize divine viewpoint to resolve the problem.
5. He is further enabled to become successful in problem-solving when the people he leads through the crisis possess the power of doctrinal thought, the capacity to reach doctrinal conclusions, and a disposition of grace orientation.
6. Power politics usually is driven by those with ulterior motives who believe that the end they envision justifies the means they use to achieve its fulfillment. We have witnessed among the kings everything from power lust to massacres. In between is a smorgasbord of violence, tyranny, revolution, terror, and religion.
7. In the end, when pivot politics is used then the grace approach glorifies God; when power politics is used then the change that is wrought glorifies man and promotes Lucifer's agenda.
8. Pivot politics may be identified with the traditionalist worldview while power politics is associated with the progressive worldview. Syncretism is impossible between these two dispositions.
9. Thus the angelic conflict rages, the appeal trial is still in session, and we are conscripted to do battle in the Invisible War. These are theatres of battle in which human energy is not an option and dependence upon divine power is a matter of honor.