VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Romans 13:2; Essay: 'Can America Be Changed?'

Romans 13:2 - Opposition to Duly-Appointed Establishment Authorities is Forbidden the Christian

In view of the information which has been supplied in Romans 13:1, Paul draws the conclusion stated in Romans 13:2. This is indicated by the conjunction: *hoste* - "*Therefore*", as a result of the principles stated in Romans 13:1, we may conclude the following. The conclusion begins with the present middle participle from the verb: *antitasso* - "*Those who resist*."

Anti- means "against" while tasso means "to arrange." It was originally a military term which meant "to arrange an army in battle array against an enemy."

It came to be used to describe a person or group of people who were in opposition to or formed a resistance against something or someone.

Thus, our conclusion indicates that there are some who will form a resistance against something or someone.

This indicates that the resistance is organized and is in opposition against the establishment authority mentioned in Romans 13:1.

present - Descriptive; denotes what was going on in the Roman church. There were many members who were in open opposition to the Roman government and its emperor, Nero.

middle - Indirect; indicates that the subject sets himself in opposition against establishment authority.

participle - Circumstantial; carries the idea that this opposition is the habitual function of the reversionistic believer.

The middle voice is accompanied by an indirect object in the dative case which indicates the thing or person opposed: exousia - "the authority."

This refers back to the authorities in Romans 13:1 whose source of origin is found in the sovereignty of God.

He permitted their appointment, election, or succession to power and therefore believers are to place themselves under their authority.

It is very difficult for citizens of the United States to orient and adjust to this kind of a mandate.

We are a free people who oppose tyranny and any form of centralized governmental control over our lives.

Our country was founded on the principle that its national government was a creation of the people in an effort to delegate authority for the management of foreign and military affairs.

In so doing, some authority was delegated from the States to the national government for the management of certain domestic affairs, but those powers were strictly defined and all others remained with the States or with the people.

However, the issue is the system which grants freedom and not the people who are elected to serve.

The system is constructed so that we may change our government every two to four years. One third of the Senate and all of the House is up for reelection every two years and the Presidency is put before the people every four.

The person with the most votes wins. The majority rules with protection of the minority found in the Bill of Rights and the fact that some laws may not be passed without minority approval.

For example, a minority of one-third plus one can uphold a presidential veto or prevent a constitutional amendment from going to the states for consideration.

Therefore, since the people are the government, then whatever form the government takes is by consent of the people.

As a result, any attempt to effect a change in the government, its laws, or its leaders outside the procedures permitted in the Constitution is to sinfully resist institutions ordained by God.

As the Zeitgeist changes, its morals are reflected in the nation's laws. The Christian is to orient and adjust.

However, from passages such as this, Christian patriots may be tempted to pose the following question: Should believers refrain from seeking political office or joining organizations in an effort to influence a change in America's contorted Zeitgeist?

For the answer, I submit the following essay:

Can America Be Changed?

Change is a dangerous thing. It boldly acknowledges that the principles formally in place have been found both wanting and expendable. But, firmly established principles, verified by the experimentation of honorable men in ages past, should be held sacrosanct until, without doubt, a better idea can be validated within the crucible of human experience.

Much too often in our nation's history, its people have agreed to political and cultural changes under the notion that progress requires them to ignore principles validated by their ancestors.

Christian patriots must seek to influence their fellow citizens against such ill-begotten change. But once changes of this sort have been made and have become either the law of the land or are an integral part of the national Zeitgeist, then corrective action cannot be accomplished outside the system.

In order to restore a government or a culture to its foundational principles, the people who agreed to the change must be convinced that their rationales were in error.

If the new Republican majority were to completely eradicate the Welfare State, the welfare mentality would remain within a large portion of our population. These people are incapable of functioning in a competitive, capitalistic society. They are mentally dependent upon government for almost all their needs.

For almost a century the philosophy of redistributing wealth has been the genesis of most of our laws on welfare and taxation. A people who has been educated in the principles of socialism will not overnight become individualistic, self-supporting, chance-taking entrepreneurs.

A federal educational system which has been structured to communicate these ideals to three generations of children is not about to change its curricula. Those who now run the schools were trained in them. They have an ingrained thought pattern which supports an anti-Americana and pro globalist agenda. Virtually every school teacher in the United States would need to be retrained from first grade on in order to effect any meaningful change in the classroom.

So then, how successful can the Christian patriot be in seeking to change these things if he only fights their symptoms? He can only fail but do so miserably. It will be an exercise in futility as has been demonstrated over the past 50 years.

Every effort by every organization and every Congress since the end of World War II has only resulted in a further slide by our people toward a total dependency upon the government.

Dependency is a mental attitude. It is a lifestyle. It is an ingrained way of thought, a belief, a philosophy. And it is devoid of the inerrant doctrines of Biblical truth which are themselves the foundational principles of our nation. We have forgotten the ashes of our fathers and the temples of our gods.

In order to restore America, we must begin where she went astray. In order for restorative change to occur, the way the people think must be influenced first. The only meaningful change in the way people think is either a return to biblical truths by reversionistic believers or to establishment truth by unbelievers.

The only way a person may be introduced to divine thought is by a personal belief in Jesus Christ. Following that, they may advance to the level of Christian integrity enjoyed by our Founders who, from such an inventory, constructed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

From this inventory they may learn that God provides all their needs and has imputed to them assets with which they may advance within the environment of freedom as far as their talents and abilities can take them and to be happy with the outcome.

They will learn that there is a boundary for sex which is contained strictly within the bond of heterosexual marriage. That no marriage can enjoy the happiness for which it was designed unless it is sustained by a personal love for God. Otherwise, physical and sexual abuse, divorce, child-support, alimony, discord, and just plain misery become a normal way of life.

There are businessmen who call themselves conservative Republicans, and who condemn welfare programs and bureaucratic regulations, but who would go out of business overnight if it were not for government contracts paid for out of the taxpayers' pockets. Some government contracts are legitimate but most are not. They are boondoggles by which both private entrepreneurs and government bigwigs scrap off a bundle underneath the table behind a rhetorical veil of performing a public good.

For this entire century, school children have been taught the mechanics of socialism, groupism, and globalism. It has had its impact. For almost a century, Americans have bought this lie. But the Bible tells us in 2 Thessalonians 2 that internationalism cannot succeed in the Church Age. Therefore, anyone who worries that it may is calling God a liar.

There is no global conspiracy except for Satan's. All human efforts to either control the world or change America are a part of Satan's strategy. Although he cannot succeed in his overall objective, he has been very successful in neutralizing Christians who refuse to believe that Jesus Christ controls history.

America's classrooms are nothing more than cell meetings for propagandizing her children into the evils of socialism, multiculturalism, and globalism while denouncing values, virtue, and morality. All this is conducted daily while parents remain unsuspecting or openly approve. The souls of these children must be changed by the introduction of truth into their streams of consciousness and that change can only begin following a personal decision to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior.

Any mental attitude adjustment by any unbeliever is ineffective and will not last. The sin nature will not allow it and the Bible confirms the point. The primary message which must therefore be communicated to the people of America is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The only offensive weapon against the overwhelming deluge of evil which assaults our nation today is the Gospel. And the only defensive weapons with which you can arm yourself and your children are the truths found in Scripture.

Education is so corrupt and our Zeitgeist is so contorted that it has become almost impossible for a child to reach adulthood without his soul being seriously damaged both morally and spiritually.

Do not be so naive as to think because your children come to Prep School and you teach them the Bible at home that this miraculously protects them from drugs, premarital sex, erroneous thought, and Satanic influence. Such protection is only available to those who use their volition to reject such temptations. Every child has been issued one volition. For all practical purposes, this church, and you as the children's parents, are the only exceptions to the Satanic assault they receive daily from our entire culture.

No meaningful adjustments in our civil and criminal codes are possible as long as the Fourteenth Amendment remains a part of the Constitution. No corrective action by Congress or the people will be effective as long as this amendment enables the Federal courts to rule this country by judicial tyranny.

So, in conclusion, run for any political office you wish and join any organization you desire. But you will not change America! America, as we like to think of her, is finished.

If there is going to be any change, it must first begin with individual decisions toward Jesus Christ as personal Savior. And that decision must be followed by a renovation of the soul through the acceptance of biblical truth in exchange for the cosmic lie. All other change is vanity.

Proverbs 10:25 - When the whirlwind passes, the wicked person is no more, but the righteous person has an everlasting foundation.

This refers to the cycles of discipline on a degenerate client nation. No matter how intense the whirlwind of correction may become, under the principle that Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot, mature believers survive in order to carry on the work they were commissioned to do in the Devil's world.

Romans 13:1 [CTL] - All mankind: keep on subordinating yourselves to governing authorities. For there is no authority except that which has its source of origin from God; that is, those which do exist have been delegated by God.

Romans 13:2 - Those who resist the authority.

Next comes the perfect active indicative of the verb: anthestemi - "have opposed."

perfect - Consummative; emphasizes a completed action as the result of a process. By being in opposition to duly appointed authorities you are in opposition to God who permitted them to be in power.

Principle: Just because God permits a person to hold government office does not imply that He approves of his governing abilities. Part of divine discipline is the emplacement of unjust, immoral, and unprincipled people into positions of authority. In order for God's corrective process to achieve it designed intent, these individuals must be left in power. Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot! Part of that control includes the elimination from the public arena of those who are unjust and from the private population those who support the unjust. When the smoke clears, right-thinking people simply continue in a lifestyle they have never abandoned or altered.

active - Those who oppose duly appointed authority are reversionists and produce the action of opposition from an inventory of ideas based on the curriculum of the Cosmic Academy.

indicative - Declarative; a statement of biblical fact—those who resist authority have opposed the plan of God. The plan is mentioned next in the dative singular of disadvantage from the noun: *diatage* - "ordinance; institution."

This is accompanied by the prepositional phrase: tou + Theos - "of God."

Together this is translated "the institution of God."