

The Christian Mind, Secularization, and the Kingdom of Christ

Apart from Kingdom living (the socio-politico-economics of Jesus, God's politics), the Christian mind as it relates to politics will no longer exist.

All one has to do is read the tweets, the posts, and talk to Christians today to realize that the Christian mind has been thoroughly secularized. There is little to no thought or orientation towards the supernatural when it comes to politics.

The Christian mind, for the most part, has been absorbed into secular politics on both the Right and the Left. Christian thinking as it relates to supernatural socio-politico-economics of Jesus is just about gone in American Christianity.

This does not mean that these Christians do not have any orientation to God. In many cases, there continues to exist a Christian ethic, a Christian doctrine, a Christian practice, Christian prayer, and Christian witnessing.

However, when it comes to politics, the modern Christian has succumbed to secularization. He follows, and often parrots, the attitudes and talking points of the Right or the Left--including demeaning and vilifying those in the other political tribe.

The Christian still has his Christian morality, worship, spiritual culture, and even hope of someday being face to face with the Lord.

However, when it comes to the social, political, and economic issues of the day, he no longer thinks distinctively like a Christian. Again, the Christian perspective is about gone from our country.

There are many reasons for this, but one reason goes back to classical dispensationalism (not to be confused with progressive dispensationalism, which believes a form of the kingdom exists today; this is my view) that effectively cuts off all of the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially kingdom teachings.

It is not difficult to see that once the kingdom is cut off, it is only a matter of time when Christians will absorb the kingdom of this world--on the Right or Left--all the while keeping their devotional life, much like many Germans during the Nazis, who prayed daily, even praying for Herr Hitler, and faithfully studied their Bibles, but were disconnected from God's kingdom and politics that exists through all of human history. Consider the horrendous results in Germany as Christians became "saltless, good for nothing, trodden under foot by men," Matt. 5:13.

All one has to do to demonstrate how the Christian mind has been taken over by secularism (on the Right and Left) is simply ask your average Christian about politics: e.g., the best economic system, nature of freedom, the goal of government, what makes a nation prosperous, etc., and note the silence of anything tethered to God, natural law, eternal law, and the Bible. His thinking on freedom, his rights, and what makes a country great is no different than his favorite secularist tribe.

In secularism, God is not needed to make America great. Consider the godless thoughts of those on the Right who say things like "All we need is more capitalism . . . for the government to leave us the hell alone . . . and cut our taxes," and those on the Left who says things like "All we need is more economic equality . . . for the government to affirm what I want to believe is right . . . and to cut back on military spending. Both cases exclude God as well as of common good. Note the deism: "we will be great if we just follow laissez-fair capitalism . . . we will be great if we just make everyone equal." Again, there really is no need for God. Man becomes god in thinking and actions. Man can make America great again with the right policy. God, move aside.

God's politics, the socio-politico-economic philosophy of Jesus, the Logos, is radically different from the secular Right and Left (S-R&L).

God's politics differ from the S-R&L on the nature of human freedom.

God's politics differ from the S-R&L on the individual and the nature of human freedom.

God's politics differ from the S-R&L on marriage.

God's politics differ from the S-R&L on family.

God's politics differ from the S-R&L on community.

God's politics differ from the S-R&L on patriotism.

God's politics differ from the S-R&L on the purpose of government.

God's politics differ from the S-R&L on the nature of the common good.

The socio-politico-economics ways of Jesus have a different way of dealing with offenders (forgiveness), making decisions (Word of God, universal law/justice, the Holy Spirit), dealing with all human beings (equal dignity in God), handling money (generous sharing), finding identity (God and all believers), and power (no violence, service).

This is a better way for all who desire to follow the better way of Jesus, and it is the only way to escape the deception of Satan that permeates the world--"the whole world lies under the power of the evil one" (1 Jn 5:19). The only safe place is life in the kingdom of God.

Secularism cuts out God and His objective and universal laws from politics. Instead of anchoring in the mind and will of God, secularism derives these laws from the will of man.

May God raise up leaders to help Christians see and live out their Christianity before it is too late--both for them and for our wonderful nation.

In His Matchless Grace,

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