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THE BIBLE AND VOTING
Part 13



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Introductory Remarks

- A stewardship issue (1 Cor. 4:2)
- A biblical issue (2 Tim. 3:16)
- Biblical principles rather than partisanship

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2. Social issues
3. Foreign affairs



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Economic Issues

1. Ownership of private property? (Deut. 19:15)
2. Pursuit of economic self interest? (Gen. 8:21)
3. Proper definition of compassion? (2 Thess. 3:10)
4. Who provides charity? (1 Tim. 5:3-8)
5. Family is the building block of society? (Deut. 6:6-7)
6. Wealth retained within the family? (Prov. 13:22)
7. The earth experiences cyclical patterns? (Gen. 8:22)
8. Environmental stewardship rather than earth worship? (Rom. 1:22-23)
9. Opposition to runaway debt? (Prov. 22:7)
10. Limitations upon the government? (Acts 5:29)

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Social Issues

1. Legal protection for the unborn? (Gen. 25:23)
2. Legal protection for the elderly? (Lev. 19:32)
3. Hetero-sexual monogamous marriage as the standard for society? (Gen. 2:18-25)
4. Advocacy capital punishment? (Gen. 9:6)
5. The right to restrict alcohol, pornography, & gambling? (Lev. 10:9; Matt. 5:27-28; Prov. 13:11)
6. Parental authority over children? (Eph. 6:4)
7. Public expressions of Christianity? (Mark 16:15)
8. Right to keep and bear arms? (Luke 22:36)

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- A. Poverty
- B. Lack of education
- C. American imperialism



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Genesis 8:21


The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



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Mark 7:20-23

"And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."



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"All societies of men must be governed in some way or other. The less they may have of stringent State Government, the more they must have of individual self-government. The less they rely on public law or physical force, the more they must rely on private moral restraint. **Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled, either by a power within them, or by a power without them; either by the Word of God, or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible, or by the bayonet.** It may do for other countries and other governments to talk about the State supporting religion. Here, under our own free institutions, it is Religion which must support the State."

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Quran Surah* 8:12 (*chapter)

"I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them" (Q 8:12)

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(*chapter)

“Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [Caliphate] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient.”

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Iranian school textbooks, such as *The Qur'an and Life* (Grade 12, p. 125) prepare Iranian children for the *Awatallah's* sublime goal: the apocalyptic, horrifying, millenarian, military battle against the USA and other "arrogant oppressors of the world," which are ostensibly led by "idolatrous devils." While the "savior" – the infallible, immortal, divinely ordained and eventual global leader, the Mahdi – has not surfaced yet, Iranian children are taught that the battle is already raging throughout the world, awaiting their sacrifice. School textbooks of Western democracies are the most authentic reflection of peoples' values and worldview. School textbooks of tyrannies are the most authentic reflection of the nature and mission of the regimes. Iranian school textbooks reflect the strategy and tactics of the Ayatollahs, much more authentically than speeches, interviews, diplomatic statements and conversations conducted by President Rouhani and Foreign Minister Zarif."

Yoram Ettinger, "Iran's School Textbooks—Can Congress Afford to Ignore It?," online: <http://theetingerreport.com/Iran-and-MidEast/Iran-s-School-Textbooks-%E2%80%93-can-Congress-afford-to-ignore-it/>, May 29, 2015, accessed 30 May 2015.

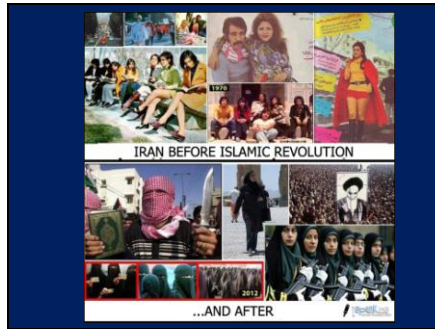
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Source:
"An Explanatory
Memorandum
on the General
Strategic Goal
For the Group in
North America"
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The Ikhwan [Muslim Brotherhood] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all religions.

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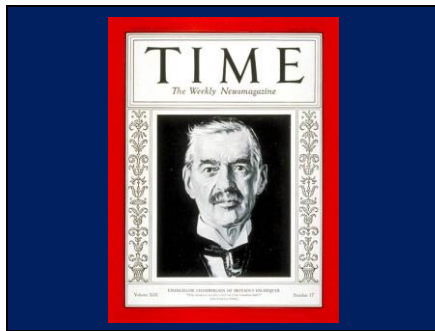
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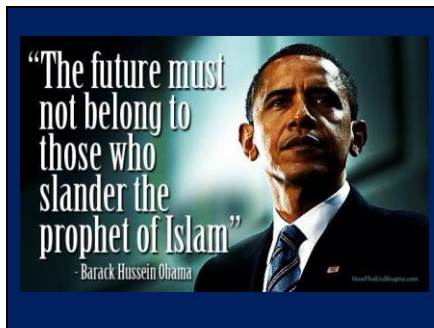
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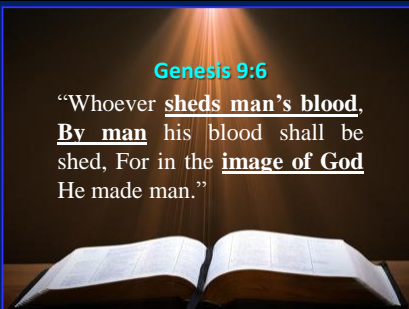
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Genesis 9:6

"Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be
shed, For in the image of God
He made man."



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Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants			
Name	Noahic Covenant	Abrahamic Covenant	Mosaic Covenant
Human agent	Noah	Abraham	Moses
Scripture	Gen. 8–9	Gen. 12–17	Exod. 19–40
Covenant (<i>Berith</i>)	Gen. 9:9	Gen. 15:18	Exod. 19:5
Party	World, humanity	Israel, Hebrews	Israel, Hebrews
Israel	Pre-Israel	Post-Israel	Post-Israel


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	<u>Noahic Covenant</u>	<u>Abrahamic Covenant</u>	<u>Mosaic Covenant</u>
<u>Conditional or unconditional</u>	Unconditional	Unconditional	Conditional
<u>Promises</u>	No more flood judgment; enduring earth, capital punishment	Ownership of land, seed, and blessing	Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing
<u>Sign</u>	Rainbow	Circumcision	Sabbath
<u>Purpose</u>	Restrain & preserve	Redemptive	Redemptive
<u>Directly binding today?</u>	Yes	No	No

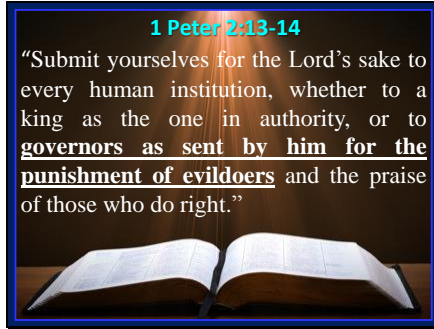
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Romans 13:3-5

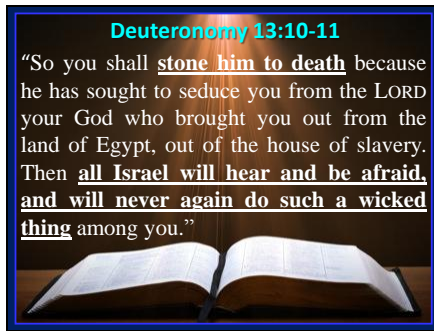
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Answering Pacifism's Arguments

A. Violence begets violence?

B. Trust God?

C. World court resolution?

D. Love your neighbor (Matt. 22:39)

E. Turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:39)

F. Thou shalt not kill? (Exod. 20:13)



Wayne Grudem, *Politics According to the Bible*, 390-94

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V. Going Too Far in Deterring Terrorism?
Just War Principles

A. Just cause

B. Competent authority

C. Comparative justice


D. Right intention

E. Last resort

F. Probability of success (Luke 14:31)

G. Proportionality of projected results

H. Right spirit




"War" in *ESV Study Bible*, 255

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V. Going Too Far in Deterring Terrorism?
How to Fight a Just War


- A. Proportionality in the use of force (Deut. 20:10-12)
- B. Discrimination between combatants & non-combatants (Deut. 20:13-14)
- C. Avoidance of evil means
- D. Good faith
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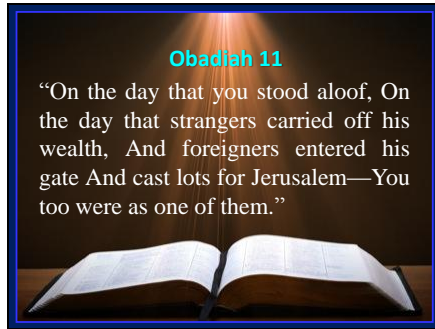
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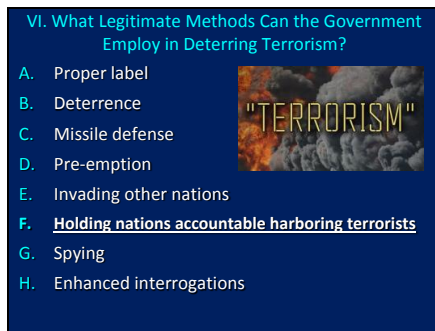
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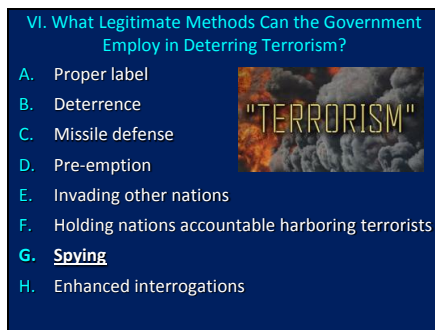
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Enhanced Interrogation Limitations

- A. Immorality
- B. Denial of medical treatment
- C. Sadistic humiliation
- D. Violation of religious convictions
- E. Causing lasting physical damage

Wayne Grudem, *Politics According to the Bible*, 429




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2. What are the true causes of terrorism?

Prov. 14:12- There is a way *which seems* right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

3. What does not deter terrorism?

Eccles 8:11-Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

4. What effectively deters terrorism?

Rom. 13:3-4- For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; ⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

1 Pet. 2:13-14-Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent ^[p] by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

Deut 13:10-11-So you shall stone him to death because he has sought to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹¹ Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.

"The 10 U.S. sailors who were briefly detained by the Iranian military last week were held at gunpoint and had a verbal exchange with Iranian personnel before they were released, the U.S. military said Monday... The U.S. sailors, who were aboard two patrol craft, were detained by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) on January 12 when they inadvertently entered Iranian territorial waters. They were released the next day after being held for about 15 hours."

On April 5, 1986 three people were killed and around 230 injured when *La Belle* discothèque was bombed in West Berlin. The entertainment venue was commonly frequented by United States soldiers, and two of the dead and 79 of the injured were American servicemen...Libya was accused of sponsoring the bombing by the US government, and US President Ronald Reagan ordered retaliatory strikes on Tripoli and Benghazi in Libya ten days later. The strikes reportedly killed at least 15 people, including Colonel Gaddafi's adopted daughter. A 2001

trial in the US found that the bombing had been 'planned by the Libyan secret service and the Libyan Embassy.'

Because of the consistent application of then United States' President Ronald Reagan's "peace through strength" doctrine against sponsors of terrorism, Gaddafi remained largely silent and non-assertive in the subsequent decades.

Strobe Talbot-"The Soviet Union Collapsed: the Cold War ended almost overwhelmingly because of the internal contradictions or pressures within the Soviet Union and the Soviet System itself. And even if Jimmy Carter had been elected and been followed by Walter Mondale, something like what we have now seen probably would have happened."

Oleg Kalugin (former KGB general) - American policy in the 1980s was a catalyst for the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Yegenny Novikov (Sr. staff member of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee) - the Reagan policies "were a major factor in the demise of the Soviet system."

Alexander Bessmertnykh (former Soviet foreign minister) - told Princeton conference attendees that programs like the Strategic Defense Initiative accelerated the decline of the Soviet Union.

Matt. 22:39-The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

Exod. 20:13-"You shall not murder."

Deut 20:1-When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you.

Matt. 5:39-But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Luke 22:36-And He said to them, “But now, ^[e]whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and ^[f]whoever has no sword is to sell his ^[g]coat and buy one.

Luke 3:14-*Some* soldiers were questioning him, saying, “And *what about* us, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse *anyone* falsely, and be content with your wages.”

5. Can the government go too far in deterring terrorism?

Luke 14:31-Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand *men* to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

Deut. 20:10-12-¹⁰ “When you approach a city to fight against it, you shall ^[f]offer it terms of peace. ¹¹ If it ^[g]agrees to make peace with you and opens to you, then all the people who are found in it shall become your forced labor and shall serve you.

¹² However, if it does not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.

Deut. 20:13-14-¹³ When the LORD your God gives it into your hand, you shall strike all the ^[h]men in it with the edge of the sword. ¹⁴ Only the women and the children and the animals and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourself; and you shall ^[i]use the spoil of your enemies which the LORD your God has given you.

6. What legitimate methods can the government employ in deterring terrorism?

Josh. 2:1-Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as **spies** secretly from Shittim, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and ^[a]lodged there.

Prov. 13:24-He who withholds his ^[s]rod hates his son, But he who loves him ^[t]disciplines him diligently.

Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26-The LORD bless you, and keep you;²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.