



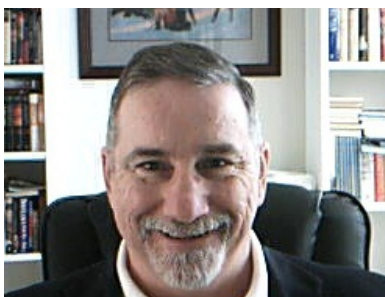
The Truth

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“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” Judges 17:6

“There are some leaders, among them Governor Rick Perry of Texas, who defend New York State’s gay marriage law as a state’s rights issue under the 10th Amendment. What these leaders are forgetting is that any law that is contrary to laws of nature and nature’s God is an immoral law” –Dave–



Can man, even under a republican form of government, pass laws that are

contrary to “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God”? Does society have the right to equally protect or destroy God-mandated institutions?

That is the essence of the issue with gay marriage. As in all cases of immoral behavior and society’s acceptance of it, the act itself is a mere symptom of a deeper problem. The fact that society is willing not only to accept immoral behavior, but to also institute its godless social contract is evidence of a society having abandoned the foundational principles upon which it is founded.

The Bible tells us God instituted marriage between one man and one woman: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24).

In [“Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland”](#) I wrote in Chapter 5 “No Same-Sex Marriage”

Clearly, the Bible teaches that it is God who ordained marriage... Why did God establish marriage and the family? First, Genesis 1:27 teaches that God created both male and female in His own image. God brought man and woman together into a marital relationship for oneness, unity, and joy.

If it is God who made marriage, and it is God who made man and woman and united them as one, then only God can change this institution. Man, or states, has no authority, morally or naturally, to institute something contrary to the original.

So, do states have rights? Janine Turner writing at [Constituting America](#) reminds us:

When discussing the principles undergirding our founding, regardless of the audience, it is helpful to reiterate the following, as underscored by the 10th Amendment: government does not have rights. People have rights. Government has powers—powers that we have narrowly and carefully ceded to it by limiting some measure of our rights.

So the states do not have rights; they have enumerated powers. Let us not forget this!

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The Founders understood that inalienable rights existed in man and that by giving limited powers to government through a constitution, a covenantal contract was agreed upon by the governing and the governed.

“The fabric of American empire ought to rest on the solid basis of THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE. The streams of national power ought to flow immediately from that pure, original fountain of all legitimate authority.” Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 22

Government does not have rights; they do not have the right to govern or the right to exist for that matter. Government, at all levels, has [enumerated](#) powers as outlined in the legal contractual document between the people who have inalienable rights, and the government of whom the people assign certain powers with which to govern.

The 10th Amendment of the US Constitution states: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

This does not mean the states have the right to pass any laws it wants not prohibited by the US Constitution. States are controlled by their own constitutions. Notice that the 10th Amendment does not say anything about rights; it addresses delegated powers.

Are states powers limited by the people? Do states have rights and powers over the people of that state? Here in Florida our State Constitution in Article 1, Section 1 states: “**Political power.**—All political power is inherent in the people. The enunciation herein of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or impair others retained by the people.”

States do not have rights to pass godless laws. New York’s preamble acknowledges gratitude “to Almighty God for our freedom,” so why would they believe it could pass a law that is contrary to God’s law and it be a legitimate law? Why would any political leader believe so? Education...or a lack thereof.

FROM THE PULPIT

“When there are no standards, all we’re left with is depravity and lawlessness, the natural outcome and consequence of rejecting God’s absolutes.” by Pastor Bob Leroe, Cliftondale Congregational Church, Saugus, Massachusetts, September 2002..

The fact that we not only have a state legislature and governor who are willing to sign into law sodomy marriage, but also we have political leaders who support a state’s “right” to govern as such shows how depraved and lawless as a nation we have become.

[William Blackstone](#), whom many of the Founders had studied, wrote:

“No enactment of man can be considered law unless it conforms to the law of God.”

Would any serious politician today argue that homosexual marriage “conforms to the law of God”? Only those deluded by “depravity and lawlessness” would believe so. The Holy Bible is clear on its stance against homosexuality:

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

To believe that it is acceptable for a state to pass a godless law, even if you personally oppose it, is a clear sign of ignorance and/or a depraved mind. No man or woman who claims Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior can hide behind the skirt of the 10th Amendment believing homosexual marriage acceptable because a state declares it so.

Godless laws must be rejected outright; to refuse to do so means to reject God’s absolutes. Remember, aletheia truth is absolute truth, truth that corresponds with reality. The reality is the Almighty God of the Holy Bible would never accept homosexual marriage under any circumstances! We cannot separate our personal beliefs from our political actions; it is incumbent upon us to defend our [charters of freedom](#) at all costs.

And with that defense must come a return to respecting biblical principles, which are the primary foundation of a republican form of government. When we lose respect for the Bible, then society as a whole will stop taking seriously the Bible’s morality.

Gay marriage is not a social ill; it is a symptom of a much deeper problem in America. The number one problem in America is moral relativism. A nation such as ours who abandons absolute truth has no choice but to slide towards Sodom and Gomorrah. Moral relativism removes all standard and brings only “depravity and lawlessness.”

TO THE STREETS

How do WE the People in general and the Church specifically take a stand against homosexual marriage? Here are a number of suggestions:

1. Remind people that states do not have rights; they have enumerated powers outlined in their respective constitutions. The 10th Amendment of the US Constitution in no way justifies New York State's godless gay marriage law.
2. Do not apologize for standing against gay marriage because of your Christian beliefs. It is because the church has given up right ground on Biblical truth that the Holy Bible is no longer respected in America.
3. Help people to understand our Founders understood that laws passed by man may not be contrary to "the laws of nature and nature's God." Introduce them to [William Blackstone](#) and his quote about godless laws.
4. Call your US Representative and two US Senators, and your state representative and senator to see if they believe if states have rights. If they say yes then correct them on this error.
5. Call your local conservative talk radio show and start a discussion on whether or not states have rights guaranteed to them by the 10th Amendment. This will give you the opportunity to inject some aletheia truth into the current discourse.
6. Contact all the GOP presidential candidates and ask them if they believe the 10th Amendment allows for states rights and the passage of godless law. If they answer yes then you have a decision to make.

Patriots, for so long our country has been misinformed by our leaders, educators, social commentators, and WE the People. We have traveled down a long and winding road for so long it at times seems we can never return to where we once were as a nation.

Perhaps that is a good thing because as you study American history you will learn that we, almost from the beginning, began abandoning the God of the Bible.

Revival only comes to people of God when they cry out to Him, repenting of and seeking forgiveness for individual sins and our national sins. There has never been a man, nor is or ever will be, that can rescue this nation. The same is true for Congress and the Supreme Court. Only a people who respect the God of the Bible is one that can expect the blessings of our Heavenly Father.

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