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“They forsook the Lord and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.” (Judges 2:13-14)

“It is foolish to believe that a nation founded on biblical principles can ignore the decay social and moral order and believe it can overcome fiscal irresponsibility. The latter is a result of the former.” –Dave



Apparently we at The Truth Watch have been focusing on the wrong problem facing America. We do not need to focus on the social and moral decay of the United States. No, quite the contrary.

Amy Kremer, Chair of the Tea Party Express, informed me of my mistake this past weekend on a conversation we had on Twitter. Ms. Kremer informed me that she is “only focused on the fiscal issues” and that “we will never agree on the social issues.”

She also made this statement: “This tea party movement has been so successful because we have only focused on the fiscal issues.”

That is true for the Tea Party Express; they have only focused on fiscal issues.

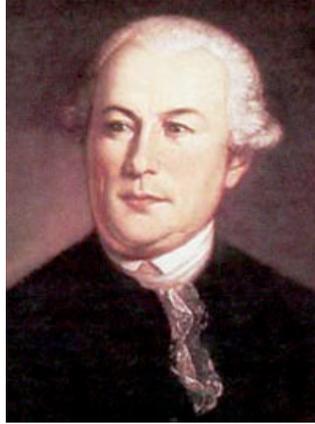
However, that is not true for the tea party movement as a whole. The TeaParty.org has 15 Non-negotiable Core Beliefs among them encouraging traditional family values, along with fiscal responsibility, limited government, and 2nd Amendment rights.

Why do so many so-called conservatives believe they ignore social issues and expect social conservatives to follow them? Because as a whole we have been good little sheep and always voted for the candidate with the “R” behind his or her name.

We’ve held our nose and voted for the lesser of two evils for so long that if you were too young to vote for Ronald Reagan, as a conservative that’s all you’ve ever done as a voter.

No more! It is time for faux conservatives and the GOP Establishment to learn their lesson. Values voters must only vote for the righteous.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



To believe that as a nation we can ignore the social and moral issues that face our nation today to focus solely on fiscal issues is not only ignoring the example of our Founding Fathers, but it is also the last ingredient needed in a recipe for disaster. We are in the financial fix today because we have long ignored the social decay of our nation.

“Good government begins in the family, and if the moral character of a people once degenerate, their political character must soon follow.” " Elias Boudinot, President of the Continental Congress in 1783 and founder and President of the American Bible Society.

It is truly disheartening to believe that a leader of a tea party movement would so blatantly dismiss the importance of the moral fabric of America. It is more disturbing in that the original founder of the Tea Party, Samuel Adams would vociferously disagree. Hear loudly his words to the young man wanting to marry Mr. Adams' daughter:

“I could say a thousand things to you, if I had leisure. I could dwell on the important of piety and religion, of industry and frugality, of prudence, economy, regularity and even Government, all of which are essential to the well being of a family. But I have not time. I cannot however help repeating piety, because I think it indispensable. Religion in a family is at once its brightest ornament and its best security.”

I wonder if Ms. Kremer understands how as a nation, through the legislation of both political parties, we got to the fiscal straits America now finds herself. Does she believe it is solely over-taxation and too much government spending? Does she believe our nation's woes will be overcome by deregulation?

The reason we have elected leaders who keep getting re-elected is that we have too many voters choosing immoral men and women to represent them. If just once we held them to the standards set by our Founding Fathers we would get not only a republic led by fiscally responsible representatives, but also and more importantly, men and women who feared God and conduct the affairs of our government in such a manner.

FROM THE PULPIT

“They said that I should lose my ideals and begin to believe in the methods of practical politicians. Now, I have not lost my ideals in the least; my faith in fundamentals is exactly what it always was. What I have lost is my childlike faith in practical politics.”

— G.K. Chesterton, [Orthodoxy](#)

Up until after the 2008 election I was a die hard conservative pragmatist. My military and simplistic mind embraced pragmatism. It always made sense to me. But then God got ahold of me and said that I had compromised piety for pragmatism, that I had allowed my love for country to win out over my love for Him. That was a defining moment for me.

I wrote in a devotional back in May 2010 that pragmatism is an illusion where I was quoting Tom Hoefling (who by the way is [running](#) for President). You can read the devotional [here](#), but if we are going to see a return to the biblical principles upon which our country was founded then we must trust the Bible and God the Author.

Does this mean we can no longer be pragmatic in life? Of course not, we make many decisions in life where we weigh the consequences of our decisions. But there are times when we must act in faith, where we trust God's truth and His Word over the circumstances we are facing, especially when we cannot know the outcome. True faith is truly trusting in a trustworthy God, and it means trusting Him with the outcome of our decision. To paraphrase an old Caedmon's Call song, we walk with grace our feet and faith our eyes.

I understand the desire to help mold our future; it is a serious responsibility, but many a poor decision has been made on the grounds of pragmatism or the sense that something must be done.

When we are faced with tough decisions and an uncertain future, we can know for sure in Whose hands our future rest.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" (Psalm 46:10)

With so much at stake for our nation's future, we Christian patriots need to decide in what we shall rely. As John Quincy Adams once said, "Duty is ours; the results are God's."

TO THE STREETS

We have found that all tea parties are not the same. I wrote of this at stevedeace.com and in my [article](#) I remind us at what President Reagan's ideal of conservatism was and on what it was based. Knowing that all tea parties are not the same, here are some important steps Christian patriots can take to let these entities, all of which are vying for our resources.

1. [Contact](#) the Tea Party Express and let them know that as long as their Chair is unwilling to focus on the social issues you are unwilling to support their efforts.
2. If you are willing to support a tea party movement, then please consider TeaParty.org. You can [email](#) them or send a [donation](#) of which they would greatly appreciate. Let them know that you are supporting them because they support traditional families.
3. Why are social issues important? Why do evangelicals stand so strongly and purposefully on these issues. Space does not allow a full explanation, so I would humbly recommend you buy a copy of my [book](#) "Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland" where I encourage and challenge evangelicals to put their faith to work in the marketplace of ideas to bring about positive change in America.
4. Study and be prepared to begin and continue a conversation with those whom think social issues are always backburner issues (because non-social conservatives always think they are backburner issues) and help them to think critically about the moral decay that has rotted every aspect of Americana.

We know of whom the enemy is without. Like a badly scraped knee, that is obvious pain that needs attention. But often the most lethal of illnesses are internal and go undetected until they are in advanced stages.

So it is with the body conservatism: it is ill and the illness is from within. Time for some serious remedies before it's too late.

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