

The Attackers: Biblical Orientation to Judicial Tyranny; Dana Milbank's Anti-Christian Worldview Exposed in his "Rick Perry Is No Libertarian"; the Progressive's Four-Stage Pattern in Selling the Lie: (1) Crisis, (2) Solution, (3) Results, and (4) Response; Walking with Endowed Power, Eph 1:19

61. I was invited to fill the pulpit of Berachah Church in January 2004 during the time the church's pulpit committee was searching for a new pastor following the retirement of Colonel Thieme. I concluded that series with an essay I entitled, "Biblical Orientation to Judicial Tyranny." It is still a valid assessment after almost eight years:

Biblical Orientation to Judicial Tyranny

Christians of every sect and denomination must face the fact that our struggle attempts to revive a time, a tradition, and a culture that is now officially dead and we are going to have to get used to it. We are now the subjects of an unrestrained judicial tyranny that defies the clear restraints placed on government by the Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

What to do? First of all, we are to reference Romans 13:1, "Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. (v. 2) Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves."

Jesus Christ, who told Pilate, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above (John 19:11)," submitted not only to Pilate but also to that madman in Rome, Tiberius Claudius Caesar.

Paul was imprisoned twice by Nero but wrote the words "honor the king." Peter was also persecuted by Nero but wrote the words in 1 Peter 2:13, "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as one in authority, (v. 14) or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. (v. 15) For such is the will of God."

Like it or not we live in a country far removed from that we knew as children growing up in our hometowns. Things have changed. The rules are different. We must admit it. These changes have occurred because a free people have allowed them to take place. Our duty in the midst of this inversion of thought is to orient to this reality, but to adjust biblically.

The one thing that has not changed is the freedom of pastors to teach Scripture from the pulpits of America, if they would only accept the challenge. Parents may also instruct their children from the Scriptures in the privacy of their own homes, if they only will. If these two simple freedoms are utilized consistently for the next couple of generations, then there is the possibility that we can recover biblical thought and restore order. Most of us will be dead and with the Lord before that day arrives.

The full context for this study addresses homosexuality and recent court decisions related to it. The homosexual issue is just one component of our domestic War of Cultures. This warfare pits progressives, motivated by satanic influence, versus traditionalists, motivated by establishment and/or doctrinal influence. The Cultural Marxists have done their assigned tasks well and have *legally* converted our culture from traditional to progressive. The operative word here is “legally.” In addition they have successfully propagandized four generations of American students into the thinking of progressivism. Judicially, this worldview has done its duty by interpreting the Constitution progressively. Consequently, what the Constitution used to say and mean has been distorted and spun to mean quite something else.

In my opinion the culprit that enabled this to occur is the Fourteenth Amendment which applies its “equal protection” and “due process” clauses to the States. If all are equal as the Progressives maintain and if the Fourteenth guarantees people “equal protection” under the law, then all “speech, religion, and press” are equally “free” and may not be restrained by governmental decree, national or local. Whereas in pre-Fourteenth America, community standards regulated State and local issues, in post-Fourteenth America community standards must submit to the Amendment’s “equal protection” and “due process” clauses. Like it or not the Fourteenth IS the Constitution. We have a tendency to want to interpret the Constitution from a traditional worldview but legally we cannot. The Fourteenth must always be considered in our evaluation of an issue. This is how I predicted that Alabama’s Chief Justice Harold Moore would lose his case. If one person is “offended” by the Ten Commandments monument then under “due process” he has the constitutional right to be “equally protected” from it. It’s like shooting ducks at the county fair. It’s easy to be a lawyer today. Whatever the issue, quote the “equal protection” clause of the Fourteenth and you’ll win. We don’t like this, yet we fail to recognize that it is a constitutionally valid rationale. Therefore, a question must arise: how does a traditionalist comply with a system of laws that is based on progressive ideologies that have been legalized by a Constitution that contradicts itself? This makes it very difficult to balance one’s respect for the law and one’s obedience to divine mandates. Here are my suggestions on how this might be accomplished based on three principles I learned from the Colonel:

1. The believer must learn to be flexible with regard to non-essential issues and inflexible about essential issues. This gives a person a sense of order in knowing how to pick his battles.
2. Human solutions are no solutions; the divine solution is the only solution.
3. Jesus Christ controls history.

With these in mind I submit that, until order is restored, the believer must develop the following rationales:

1. “On the one hand, he must be willing to suppress traditionalist beliefs and submit to and comply with the laws of the Progressives as long as they do not require him to reject what biblical mandates condone.”

We “suppress traditional beliefs” quite often in order to “comply with the laws of the Progressives.” I buckle my seat belt, I walk through metal detectors, and I pump ethanol into my gas tank. None of these rejects a biblical mandate. I have been able to opt out of Social Security but I will be forced in about three years to become a card-carrying member of Medicare. I pay taxes on my investments and property. All these are renderings to Caesar that are nontraditional but also nonessentials.

2. “On the other hand, the believer must be prepared to submit to traditional beliefs and reject the laws of the progressives whenever they require him to submit to and comply with what biblical mandates condemn.”

I am prepared to “submit to traditional beliefs and reject the laws of the Progressives” when they put essential doctrines to challenge. On subject, I will never marry homosexuals although this may well become a legally mandated obligation in the future based on the Fourteenth, cited repeatedly in *Lawrence v. Texas* and *Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health*. I’ll stand by doctrine and take the consequences. I will always show up to teach Bible class and will not compromise the message, actions that may soon run afoul of the Progressives’ Thought Police. I will not compromise the gospel or the superiority of Christianity over religion. We could build a long list. But I and my church presently remain free to carry out the five essentials of client nation function which are executed by the church and its membership. Therefore, the laws of the Progressives do not, as yet, negatively affect any essential doctrines as far as the local church is concerned.

Next principle: Human solutions are no solutions; the divine solution is the only solution.

The Fourteenth is law. It is entrenched into precedent and case law. To buck decisions that have been made based on this amendment lead to crusader arrogance. Nothing good can be accomplished, those who try will lose, and doctrine will not be magnified. This happened to Judge Moore. It was predictable. This does not mean that I do not sympathize with his effort but the Judge sought to play by the rules of engagement that were in place when the traditionalist worldview was the norm.

The rules of engagement have changed. The Progressive worldview is in power. They have the Constitution behind them. They are “legally” right. In order to maintain our traditionalist beliefs while obeying the law requires us to orient and adjust to the present Zeitgeist. To do so we must be organized in our thinking and have a set of principles that enables us to evaluate circumstances in order to make the right decisions.

Principle: Be flexible on the nonessentials and inflexible on the essentials.

Principle: Human solutions are no solutions; the divine solution is the only solution.

Principle: Jesus Christ controls history.

He is controlling it now. The country is experiencing the early stages of national discipline. When the Sons of Hagar attack a client nation you can be assured it is not Morning in America. Pressure, terror, fear, guilt, and confusion will serve to bring many to the Lord and others to destruction. We must be prepared and ready to offer truth to the positive in their moment of objectivity. The divine solution places a duty upon us to continue to grow in grace and let God execute perfect justice. To do otherwise is to buck the tiger. The odds are all on the house. Again, the Progressives are legally right and have the power. Only God can sort this out and we need to stay out of His way. While He takes care of His business our duty is to take care of His through the execution of the sophisticated spiritual life.

Presently, believers must stand fast behind the garrison of truth in their souls: evangelize the lost, teach Scripture to the saved, and voice their firm belief that true freedom and domestic order can only be realized and maintained by broad public acceptance of the absolute truths found in the Word of God.

We must press on with confident assurance that in the end, be it in this generation or one to follow, believers will ultimately witness the validation of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's refrain, "The wrong shall fail, the right prevail." This won't signal peace on earth, but peace will once again prevail in this client nation, for "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!"¹

62. The chasm that separates Progressives from traditionalists still remains and evidence of this divide is revealed by Dana Milbank's *Washington Post* editorial, "Rick Perry Is No Libertarian."

Rick Perry is a theocrat. By his own account, he is a cultural warrior, seeking to save marriage, Christmas, and the Boy Scouts from liberals, gay people, and moral relativism. For an eyeful of the full Perry, crack his 2008 book, *On My Honor*.

In the book's most talked-about passage, he likens homosexuality to alcoholism. "Even if an alcoholic is powerless over alcohol once it enters his body, he still makes a choice to drink," Perry writes. "And, even if someone is attracted to a person of the same sex, he or she will make a choice to engage in sexual activity with someone of the same gender." Or, "The radical homosexual movement seeks societal normalization of their sexual activity. . . . They must respect the right of millions in society to refuse to normalize their behavior."

Perry's politics are religious in a way not seen before in modern-day mainstream presidential candidates. "Either faith in Christ can cleanse all people of their sin, or none, but not some," he writes. "The truth of Christ's death, resurrection, and power over sin is absolute. . . . What we believe about it does not determine its truthfulness."

Perry has no use for those who "want to recognize Jesus as a good teacher, but nothing more." Of those non-Christians, Perry asks, "why call him good if he has lied about his claims of deity and misled two millennia of followers?"

The governor forecasts divine punishment for those who hold different political views. "Shall they stand before God and brag that they fought to scrub His glorious name from the nation's pledge?" he asks. "Shall they seek His approval for attacking private organizations merely because these organizations proclaim His existence?"

¹ Joe Griffin, "Biblical Orientation to Judicial Tyranny," in *The Problem of Judicial Tyranny*, 2d session, Berachah Church, January 29, 2004 (St. Charles, MO: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 2004): <http://www.joegriffin.org/Pages/ClassInfo.aspx?&seriesid=BC04&classnumber=2>

In a series of hoary bromides, ... Perry condemns the “litigious advocates of licentious behavior” (that’s the ACLU) and informs us that “Sometimes the rules must protect society at large at the expense of individual expression when that expression is deemed harmful to others and society at large.”

Among the things Perry “deems” harmful: universities (students “have been taught that corporations are evil, religion is the opiate of the masses, and morality is relative”); human rights commissions (“often nothing more than a front for attacking institutions that teach traditional values”); and evolution (he says “the weight of evidence” supports intelligent design).

Though he speaks now as a small-government conservative, Perry argues in his book: “We are close to a tipping point in American society. If you believe there is right and wrong, that there are acceptable standards of behavior ... then you have a stake in this war. If the attackers win many more victories ... the culture war may be lost before we know it.

If that happens, we will find ourselves living in a world where moral relativism reigns and individualism runs amok. Now is the time to enlist in this effort, to stand up and be counted.”²

62. Milbank demonstrates the cultural divide that becomes more and more entrenched with each judicial decision. The contrast is between competing worldviews: the ideological of the self-appointed anointed and the traditional of benighted masses.
63. The anointed are as convinced of the veracity of their worldview as are the traditionalists. The former look on the latter as inferior, ill-educated, Kool-Aid drinkers while the latter conclude the former are arrogant, miseducated busybodies.
63. The result is so complex that it forms a modern-day Gordian knot and at this point the only one who can cut it is the Lord Jesus Christ.

² Dana Milbank, “Rick Perry is no libertarian,” *The Washington Post*, August 30, 2011.

Cut the Gordian knot. This phrase means to solve an extremely complex problem with one simple brilliant action. It goes back to Phrygia, an ancient country in Asia Minor, where a peasant named Gordius was chosen king. To show his gratitude for the honor, he dedicated his wagon to Jupiter, then tied its yoke to a beam with a knot of bark, entwined so ingeniously that no one could untie it. Gradually the legend grew that whoever could untie the knot would become ruler of all Asia. When Alexander the Great passed through the town ... he studied the knot for a moment or two, then drew his sword and cut it in two.³

64. The solution to our Gordian knot is found in the divine decree. The system that rewards good collective decisions resulting in historical uptrends and punishes bad decisions resulting in historical downtrends is the laws of divine establishment.

65. Until this system corrects the problem, the Progressives will continue to use this four-stage strategy that, although irrational, has been amazingly effective.

66. Thomas Sowell describes this sequence:

A very distinct pattern has emerged repeatedly when politics favored by the anointed turn out to fail. This pattern typically has four stages:

STAGE 1. THE "CRISIS": Some situation exists, whose negative aspects the anointed propose to eliminate. Such a situation is routinely characterized as a "crisis."

STAGE 2. THE "SOLUTION": Policies to end the "crisis" are advocated by the anointed, who say that these policies will lead to beneficial result A. Critics say that these policies will lead to detrimental result Z. The anointed dismiss these latter claims as absurd and "simplistic," if not dishonest.

STAGE 3. THE RESULTS: The policies are instituted and lead to detrimental result Z.

³ William Morris and Mary Morris, *Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins* (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1977), 165.

Stage 4. THE RESPONSE: Those who attribute detrimental result Z to the policies instituted are dismissed as “simplistic” for ignoring the “complexities” involved, as “many factors” went into determining the outcome. The burden of proof is put on the critics to demonstrate to a certainty that these policies alone were the only possible cause of the worsening that occurred. No burden of proof whatever is put on those who had so confidently predicted improvement. Indeed, it is often asserted that things would have been even worse, were it not for the wonderful programs that mitigated the inevitable damage from other factors.⁴

67. Sowell goes on to point out that “examples of this pattern are all too abundant.” He wrote about this “pattern” used by the Progressives to advance Gramsci’s Long March in 1995 and the system has been used quite effectively since and the “examples” that could be added to the list have multiplied exponentially over the past three years.
68. The minds of the anointed are filled with human good and evil. They own the Bully Pulpits: media, academia, and an entrenched bureaucracy trained in utilizing the “pattern.”
69. The conscience and stream of consciousness of the traditionalists must continue to inculcate divine viewpoint and have faith in the Lord’s deliverance.
70. To maximize one’s invisible historical impact, the believer must utilize the divine operating assets provided in the operational divine dynasphere.

Walking with Endowed Power:

1. In Ephesians 1:19 we observed Paul’s revelation of four categories of power available to the Church Age believer:

⁴ Thomas Sowell, “Patterns of Failure,” in *The Vision of the Anointed: Self-Congratulation as a Basis for Social Policy* (New York: Basic Books, 1995), 8.

Ephesians 1:19 - and what is the surpassing greatness of His omnipotence [δύναμις (*dunamis*)] related to His plan upon us, the believing ones, according to the Holy Spirit's operational power [ἐνέργεια (*energeia*)] of the Word of God's intrinsic power [κράτος (*kratos*)] of the believer's endowed power [ἰσχύς (*ischus*)] (CTL)

2. Endowed power (*ischus*) refers to the last stage of the process of learning the Word of God: the presence of *epignōsis* of the intrinsic power (*kratos*) found in the immutable Word of God,
3. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit (*energeia*) that this transfer of knowledge is accomplished, however, it is only operational under His filling ministry.