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**To Inform Congress Of What the Bible Says
About Mr. Bush's Agenda and Administration Policies**

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Introductory Note

This essay has been prepared to expressly show what the Bible says about specific pieces of legislation before the House and Senate following the inauguration of George W. Bush on January 20, 2005. The Bible is not silent about Mr. Bush's agenda. In fact it is compellingly clear. We believe that every legislator should be aware of the political and spiritual implications of voting for a bill that is expressly prohibited by biblical edict. The *Yurica Report* has excerpted portions of Katherine Yurica's essay, "The Blood Guilty Churches," (at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Religion/TheBloodGuiltyChurches.html>).

Bush's Agenda for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

Mr. Bush said in remarks at the State Department in 2001:

"It is a part of our government's desire to support the armies of compassion. We don't want government to take the good Father's place.[74] We want the government to stand side-by-side with the good people of SOME[75] and programs like it all around the country." [76] (Emphasis mine.)

In both criticizing and equating government as standing in the place of God, Mr. Bush transfers social assistance programs from national interest and responsibility to private charities, which do not have the resources necessary to feed, clothe, shelter and pay for the medical costs and care for the 35.9 million Americans who live in poverty.[77] Of the 35.9 million 12.9 million children now live in poverty. Moreover, the number of people in America without health insurance grew last year to 45 million. In 2003 the average poverty line was drawn for an individual at \$9,393.[78] Those who earned more were marginally okay, those who earned less were impoverished. It becomes clearer when one realizes that the median household income in America is \$43,318.

In the face of the overwhelming numbers of poor and needy in America, Mr. Bush proposes to weaken and eventually eliminate the only programs that

really help the sick, the elderly, and the poor. Let's look at Mr. Bush's record and the programs themselves.

For nearly four decades, the Medicare program in the U.S. has been extending and improving the lives of tens of millions of older Americans. Congressman Tom Allen of Maine said, "The program has been protecting seniors from impoverishment due to devastating medical costs and providing peace of mind to them and their families."^[79]

In 2003, the administration *forced* through a new Medicare Prescription Drug program that has had a negative impact upon America's elderly.^[80] Tom Allen said at the time, "The House and Senate Medicare bills offer the illusion of prescription drug coverage, but both are in fact riddled with inequality, complexity, uncertainty, gaps in coverage and hidden costs."^[81]

Rep. Allen said, "Even more appalling, the House bill transforms Medicare into a privatized 'voucher'-type system in 2010, ending the guaranteed benefits Medicare has reliably provided to seniors since 1956."^[82]

It appears now that the congressman was only too right. Significantly, most religious leaders who support Mr. Bush in America quietly allowed the passage of the Medicare Drug law even though the bulk of the benefits were being transferred to corporations. A study prepared by Alan Sager and Deborah Socolar, Directors of the Health Reform Program at Boston University showed: "Sixty-one percent of Medicare's prescription drug subsidy is going to the drug companies," ^[83] while many of America's poorest and weakest citizens were allowed to slip through what researchers have dubbed the "doughnut holes."

Most seniors found they had little or even less financial relief from the program.^[84] Yet the churches allowed it! One hates to suggest it, but perhaps the acquiescence of the churches has something to do with the fact that they have been bought off. For according to documents the White House provided to the Associated Press, the so-called "faith-based" groups, (which include churches) received \$1.17 billion in grants from federal agencies in 2003 alone.^[85] And do note this: congress didn't pass this program—Mr. Bush rewrote the federal rules based upon his own self-appointed authority.^[86]

Just as senior citizens learned that they had not gained a penny by the Bush Prescription Drug program, Mr. Bush announced the largest increase in premiums—a whopping seventeen percent increase—the largest increase in the program's 40-year history.^[87]

The next target was announced by the GOP. It intends to make drastic cuts

in Medicaid (the program that provides medical attention to the poorest citizens). Medicaid is being targeted because it has become the largest government health care program. According to Lawrence O'Rourke of the *Sacramento Bee*, Medicaid "serves about 53 million people. It pays for nearly half of all nursing home care in the United States. It pays the health-care costs of one in four children in America and it pays more than forty percent of the cost of caring for children in hospitals."[\[88\]](#)

Fears that Mr. Bush plans to shift more Medicaid costs to the states, brought the nation's governors out to mount a bipartisan lobbying effort to stave off new federal cuts in the program.[\[89\]](#) But Mr. Bush has squeezed the government's bank accounts like lemons, hoping to drain the very last drop of excess from them by granting the top one and two percent of the wealthiest Americans huge tax cuts that forced the full weight of the tax burden upon the middle class and harmed the poorest and neediest of Americans. [\[90\]](#)

The President's brother, Jeb Bush has introduced a plan in Florida to [privatize Medicaid](#). "It's very radical," said Joan Alker, senior researcher for the Health Policy Institute at Georgetown University. "It seems clear that the intent is really based on the notion that the H.M.O.'s and private insurers will have substantial flexibility to make a profit at the expense of the Medicaid beneficiary, who essentially assumes the risk of not getting the services they need. That's unprecedented in Medicaid, really."

The persistent attack by the Bush administration against the poor is revealed in a report written jointly by the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, which shows how Mr. Bush has hurt the poor and needy in every aspect of life, including health care, education, and the creation of jobs. [\[91\]](#)

Do not err, Mr. Bush's programs are also an indictment against the religious leaders of America who not only condone the weakening of the entitlement programs, including Social Security, but some like Pat Robertson, have openly advocated the destruction of such programs.

It is significant that Mr. Bush is following Robertson's sketch of how to "privatize Social Security." [\[92\]](#) Robertson laid it out and went through the motions on his *700 Club* in 1985: First, according to Robertson's lead, one begins by trying to scare everyone into thinking that Social Security is running out of money and it must be revamped in order to save it. Polished to perfection, the technique is another example of the usefulness of lies that create fear, that create a stampede, and then work to push the passage of questionable bills. But if one reads and thinks, one will know that Mr. Bush is fabricating *again*. [\[93\]](#)

The truth is, Social Security is in no danger unless Mr. Bush gets his hands on it.[94]

Make no mistake there is an underlying cruelty that is manifest in Mr. Bush's agenda. The privatizing of Social Security will be accomplished by transferring material wealth to Wall Street and to corporations. As Pat Robertson pointed out on his show in 1985, the funds now going to the elderly will be transferred into the pockets of corporations.[95] Robertson exclaimed in glee, "Imagine ...\$100 billion dollars a year flowing into American industry! It would be marvelous." [96]

Under the twisted notions of the Dominionists, Medicare and Medicaid, along with Social Security are considered to be programs that rob the rich to help the poor. Religious right leaders actually label these programs as "immoral" and point to them as examples of "thievery." Here's a sample of a portion of an interview I quoted in *The Despoiling of America* with an economist, Dr. Walter Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University who appeared on Pat Robertson's *700 Club* in 1985:

"...What the government is doing in order to help these older citizens is not charity at all. It is theft. That is, the government is using power to confiscate property that belongs to one American and give, or confiscate their money, and provide services for another set of Americans to whom it does not belong. That is the moral question that Christians should face with not only Medicare, Medicaid. But many other programs as well...."[97]

If one thinks that no one else would make such statements today, read the comments of David Holcberg, research associate at the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine, California:

"...The wealthiest people on earth are expected to sacrifice (voluntarily or by force) the wealth they have earned to provide for the needs of those who did not earn it."[98]

We have lived in a time in the last twenty-five years when so-called "Christian" book publishers and "Christian" bookstores distribute books written by people who have devoted their time and resources to dispelling the truths of the Bible.

One book, *Idols for Destruction* by Herbert Schlossberg, (Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1983) quotes Irving Kristol, the founder of the neo-conservative

movement, and then goes on to attack the very idea of the existence of poverty in America, calling it a “lie.” Schlossberg asserted “that the poor receive medical attention equal or superior to other groups” by claiming for proof that families earning less than \$5,000 annually, “accounted for 1,141 days of hospital care per thousand persons in the 1980’s while those earning more than \$25,000 annually received only 679 days of hospital care.”[99]

After a man has said that, why need anyone tend to anything else he has to say? The number of days spent in a hospital is no indicator of the quality of care the poor receive—but it is a pointer to the fact the poor are sicker more often than those who can afford to go for checkups at their physician’s offices and receive preventive care help. (Sadly, most physicians in my town now refuse to accept Medicare patients.)

Too many Americans have been reduced to abject poverty. Too many are homeless—living with their children on the streets of American cities, shivering in the cold. In a time when Mr. Bush has lost more jobs than any other president since Herbert Hoover, attitudes have hardened against the poor and needy. There have been reports and interviews on Air America Radio that reveal even returning Iraq vets cannot find work—their old jobs have been given to others and accounts are surfacing that returning Iraq war veterans are living on the streets. Where is the GI Bill from this president who relies entirely on the charitable “works” of the churches who give out free meals, but have no funds to provide income sufficient for housing and clothing and medical help?

Nicholas Kristof asked in his *New York Times* column, “Is the U.S. stingy about helping poor countries?” The answer is—we are extremely stingy. “The bottom line is that this month and every month, more people will die of malaria (165,000 or more) and AIDS (240,000) than died in the tsunamis, and almost as many will die because of diarrhea (140,000).” Kristof points out that Americans gave 15 cents per day per person in official development assistance to poor countries. Compare that to Denmark which gave 84 cents, the Netherlands which gave 80 cents, Belgium gave 60 cents and France gave 41 cents.[102]

What Does the Bible Say About How a Nation Must Treat the Poor and the Sick?

But does the Bible say anything about Professor William’s accusation that Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are actually immoral programs because

they rob from the rich to give to the poor who haven't earned it?

To the contrary, in fact the Bible requires a portion of the wealth of all the people of a nation to be set aside and transferred to the poor and needy! Clearly Mr. Bush and the Republicans in Congress are trying to destroy what God has established.

Deuteronomy 26:12-13 establishes a holy tax (called a tithe) for the nation of ancient Israel, which transfers wealth to a group of people who did not earn it. In this scripture the payments were made every third year to the Levites, who were our equivalent of civil servants and to "the stranger and the sojourner, the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within your towns and be filled." (Amplified.)

Similarly Deuteronomy 24: 19-22 (Amplified) creates both a form of taxation as well as a transfer of the wealth on an annual basis to the poor: the stranger and sojourner, the fatherless and the widow. The scripture requires that a portion of three different crops be left for the poor and needy: the harvest from the fields, oil from the olive trees, and the grapes from the vineyard.

Moreover, in the Bible, refusal to defend the rights of the needy and the widows and orphans (and here I'm thinking of the widows and orphans of the September 11, 2001 tragedy) is a very big deal.[103] For it was sufficient cause for God to allow that nation to be destroyed and its people carried away into slavery. The book of Jeremiah speaks to the issue and God begins to sound more and more like a good liberal Democrat:

"For among my people are found wicked men; they watch as fowlers do who lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men.

"As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit and treachery; therefore they have become great and grown rich,

"They have grown fat and sleek. Yes, they surpass in deeds of wickedness. They do not judge and plead with justice the cause of the fatherless that it may prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy. (Emphasis mine.)

"Shall I not punish them for these things? Says the Lord. Shall not I avenge myself on such a nation as this?" (Jeremiah 5: 26-29 Amplified Version.)

Jeremiah goes on in the 2nd Chapter:

“Also on your skirts is found the lifeblood of the persons of the innocent poor. You did not find them house-breaking, nor have I found it out by secret search, but it is because of [your lust for idolatry that you have done] all these things...Behold, I will bring you to judgment and will plead against you, because you say, ‘I have not sinned.’” (Jeremiah. 2: 34-35. Amplified Version.)

Jeremiah tells the nation what God's terms are if they are to be spared from destruction and from being carried away as captives:

“If you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly and truly execute justice between every man and his neighbor,

“If you do not oppress the transient and the alien, the fatherless and the widow, or shed innocent blood [by oppression and by judicial murders]...

“Then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers...” (Jeremiah 7:5-7. Amplified Version.)

Amos the prophet addresses a nation who continues to mistreat the poor:

“Hear this, O you who would swallow up and trample down the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail and come to an end, Saying,

‘When will the new moon festival be past, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, making the ephah measure small, and the shekel measure great, and falsifying the scales by deceit, that we may buy [into slavery] the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals; yes, and sell the refuse of the wheat [as if it were good grade]?’

“The Lord has sworn by [Himself Who is] the glory and pride of Jacob, ‘Surely I will never forget any of their ...deeds.’” (Amos 8:4-7. Amplified.)

Amos makes it clear that if a nation places burdens upon the poor, allows

the powerful to take advantage of them and denies the poor not only their day in court but true justice and equity, that nation will not partake of its own bounty. Amos 5:11-12. Other verses in Proverbs extend God's blessings to those who help the poor:

“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and that which he has given He will repay to him.” (Proverbs 19:17. Amplified.)

“He who gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes [from their want] will have many a curse.” (Proverbs 28:27. Amplified.)

Here is what God says about medical assistance through the prophet Ezekiel as God addressed the spiritual “shepherds”:

“The diseased and weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the hurt and crippled you have not bandaged, those gone astray you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought to find; but with force and hardhearted harshness you have ruled them.” (Ezekiel 34:4 Amplified)

And because the churches and the false spiritual leaders failed in their responsibility to the sick and infirm of the nation, Ezekiel quotes God:

“I am against the [spiritual] shepherds; and I will require My sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease feeding the sheep...I will rescue My sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.” (Ezekiel 34:9-10 Amplified)

Another poignant scripture that reveals Jesus' own attitude toward the nations and people who have ignored the plight of the poor, sick and needy is from the book of Matthew. Notice that the separation of the people is done on a *national* basis. This must be read as an indictment of national political actions as well as personal actions. The individuals who supported false leaders and their agenda toward the poor and needy are clearly going to be held responsible for their votes:

“All nations shall be gathered before him, and he will separate the people...And he will cause the sheep to stand at his right hand, but the goats at his left....Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Be gone from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!’

‘For I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me...I was naked and you did not clothe me; I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me with help and ministering care.’

“Then they also [in their turn] will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’

“And he will reply to them, ‘Solemnly I declare to you, in so far as you failed to do it for the least of these [in the estimation of men] you failed to do it for me.’” (Matthew 25:31-45. Amplified Version.)

Though evil men may try to obliterate the words and impact of the Scriptures, they will never succeed. Their immorality and sins must be overwhelmingly rejected by all Americans, lest this nation fall under the condemnation of God—if it is not under condemnation already for the deeds of Mr. Bush.

Mr. Bush's Immigration Plans

In January of 2004, George Bush introduced his Temporary Worker Program.[104] He listed four points:

“First, America must control its borders...”

“Second, new immigration laws should serve the economic needs of our country. If an American employer is offering a job that American citizens are not willing to take, we ought to welcome into our country a person who will fill that job.

“Third, we should not give unfair rewards to illegal immigrants in the citizenship process or disadvantage those who came here lawfully, or hope to do so.

“Fourth, new laws should provide incentives for temporary foreign workers to return permanently to their home countries after their period of work in the United States has expired.”[105] (Emphasis mine.)

However, the key give-a-way in Mr. Bush's speech was that he identified the program with the words underlined above, "incentives for temporary, foreign workers to return permanently to their home countries." In other words after an immigrant worker fulfills his sign-up period of three years, he can either re-enlist or he will be forced to leave the U.S.

It appears Mr. Bush is resurrecting nothing less than a return to the temporary worker program that prevailed during World War II. It was called the "Bracero program," which allowed Mexican workers to come to the United States legally for a specific period of time. This brought in cheap farm labor, but the workers suffered under cruel and harsh conditions, frequently not receiving any pay and when their term was up, they were forced to leave the United States.

The first Bracero program favored the rich land owners over the poor and needy aliens, who literally became indentured servants to employers who treated them as if they were property or prisoners. Mr. Bush is unlikely to insert regulations into his legislation that will protect the health, life, and working conditions under which the poor sojourners will labor. We are about to see that his program violates the explicit edicts of Scriptures and will bring upon the U.S. the wrath of God.

In addition to the Hispanics another group of sojourners have become objects of prejudice, scorn and hate from Mr. Bush, his Republicans and the churches.

Almost half of America has waged a war of hatred directed at immigrant and native Muslims living within America's borders.^[106] A poll taken recently (December 2004) found highly religious people believe that American Muslims should be treated differently than the rest of the people living within the U.S. The poll found nearly half (47%) of Americans want to curtail the legal and civil rights of Muslims in America and 42% of Christians with a high level of religiosity believe "that Muslim Americans should register their whereabouts with the federal government" and 65% of the highly religious "believe that Islam is more likely to encourage violence compared to other religions."^[107]

If, as is apparent from the poll, so-called *Christians* are exhibiting unwarranted prejudices against Muslims, it is even a further grief to realize how the Church in America has transgressed express biblical sanctions regarding immigrants and temporary residents living within the borders of this nation. And here I need to make it clear that the biblical edicts extend to Hispanics and to every color, race, accent, religion and country of origin.

One of the most fundamental biblical principles in the Bible deals with

how believers must treat outsiders in their land.

Let those who can hear what the Spirit saith to the churches weep in repentance:

“For the Lord your God...loves the stranger or temporary resident and gives him food and clothing. Therefore love the stranger and sojourner...” (Deuteronomy 10:17-19. Amplified.)

God actually instructs us by making reference to the *forerunner of our tax system* that funds are to be used to feed and clothe the aliens among us as well as the poor, the orphans and the widows:

“...and the stranger or temporary resident, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are in your towns, shall come and eat and be satisfied; that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:29. Amplified.)

“And if a stranger dwells temporarily with you in your land, you shall not suppress and mistreat him.

“But the stranger who dwells with you shall be to you as one born among you; and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Leviticus 19: 33-34. Amplified Version.)

“You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 22:21. Amplified.)

In fact, as we've seen, the scriptures establish that a nation can only escape destruction if it follows God's rules, one of which is that it does not “oppress the transient and the alien...” (Jeremiah 7: 5-7. Amplified) The prophet Jeremiah exhorted:

“Thus says the Lord: And do no wrong; do no violence to the stranger or temporary resident, the fatherless or the widow, nor shed innocent blood...” (Jeremiah 22:3 Amplified.)

God warns that the voices and cries of those innocents killed, robbed, oppressed, ridiculed and ignored will rise to the throne of heaven—and woe be the nation who caused it.

Deregulate Health and Safety and Environmental Laws

Regulation of commerce is one of the issues addressed by Martin Luther's "Sermon on Trade and Usury," delivered in 1520.^[108] Luther stated unequivocally that business cannot be conducted without government regulation! Luther argues a benevolent government is necessary to prevent tricks, defrauding, monopoly, market manipulation and other manifestations of greed and cupidity. His position was entirely biblical. We are about to see how George W. Bush trampled upon the biblical ethics.

From the moment George W. Bush took over the reins of the presidency, he began to de-regulate every health and safety measure he had the power to destroy. Here are a few of the swings of his axe on the road to breaking apart every protective regulation in sight, beginning on his first day in office. (The list was compiled by Craig Aaron, Senior Editor *In These Times* and his complete list is available.)^[109]

"January 20, 2001: Chief of Staff Andrew Card issued a sixty-day moratorium halting all new health, safety, and environmental regulations issued in the final days of the Clinton administration.

"March 7, 2001: Bush urged congress to repeal ergonomic regulations designed to protect workers from repetitive-stress injuries.

"March 14, 2001: Bush abandoned his campaign pledge to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

"March 20, 2001: Bush administration moved to overturn a Clinton regulation reducing the allowable level of arsenic in drinking water.

"March 28, 2001: Bush backed out of the Kyoto treaty on global warming.

"April 4, 2001: United States Department of Agriculture proposed lifting a requirement that all beef used in federal school lunch programs must be tested for salmonella; the proposal was dropped two days later.

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“On April 29, 2001 George W. Bush met with California governor Gray Davis but refused to impose federal price controls to curtail California's energy crisis.

“May 11, 2001: Bush administration abandoned international effort to crack down on offshore tax havens.

“July 9, 2001: Bush administration opposed UN treaty to curb international trafficking in small arms and light weapons.

“July 26, 2001: Bush administration rejected international treaty on germ warfare and biological weapons.”

Here from the Yurica Report collection are two of the latest swings of the Bush axe that have cost even more lives:

August 15, 2004: Bush guts tuberculosis regulations. Tuberculosis was reappearing with alarming frequency across the United States. The government began writing rules to protect five million people whose jobs put them in special danger. Bush canceled the rules that would save lives.[110]

September 19, 2004: GOP deregulates every type of gun in D.C. making it a wide open city. The nation's capital city will soon suffer a brazen insult at the hands of the House of Representatives as a legislative majority prepares to vote for the decontrol of guns in the city - that's right, a majority of lawmakers, sworn to “insure domestic tranquility” for the nation, would make D.C. stand for Dodge City.

As is apparent, George W. Bush favors “deregulation” of the market place. What a sanitized word! And he favors the dismantling of “environmental controls”—which is just another way of saying, “deregulation.” But those sanitized words have cost Americans a heavy price. Those who feel nothing at the deaths of the innocent Iraqi civilians and the people slaughtered by the 2004 tsunami ought to calculate the cost Americans are paying for their president's policies.

Scientists estimate that over 100,000 Americans will die prematurely because Mr. Bush has deregulated environmental controls.[111] The average number of life-years lost by individuals dying prematurely from exposure to the particulate matter Mr. Bush is allowing Americans to breathe—is fourteen years.[112] The estimated amount that Mr. Bush's Clear Skies-related health problems will cost taxpayers, per year: \$115 billion.[113] The extra money earned by the polluting corporations has made its way into the pockets of

Republican candidates. During the 2000 election: it was \$8 million.[114]

Senator James Jeffords of Vermont said, “I expect the Bush administration will go down in history as the greatest disaster for public health and the environment in the history of the United States.”[115]

Let no one think that the Bible has nothing to say about pollution and premature death due to it in the twenty-first century. Polluting is one of man’s worst sins. And one ignores the biblical injunctions against it at his own peril. The following is quoted from, *Who Really Wrote the Bible?* an unpublished book by Katherine Yurica:

“The Health and Safety Code of Leviticus was the forerunner of all modern sanitation laws, and its implementation in 1847 in Vienna hospital obstetrical wards by Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis, cut the death rate by one-half. One out of every six women died in the maternity wards prior to the application of the Levitical laws which are now standard procedure in all hospitals.[116] In the fourteenth century the Black Death took the lives of one out of every four persons in Europe. Yet historians tell us that it was the implementation of the laws of Leviticus: segregation and quarantine of the victims of infectious diseases that destroyed the lethal plagues of the Dark Ages.”[117]

Sanitation is still the basic issue today. Just as our hospitals and our homes must be sanitary, our air and our water must be free of filth that spreads diseases. Bill Moyers in one of the most powerfully written essays I have read recently, and which I encourage my readers to read in its entirety, wrote the following:

“...the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has declared the election a mandate for President Bush on the environment. This administration wants to rewrite the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act protecting rare plant and animal species and their habitats, as well as the National Environmental Policy Act that requires the government to judge beforehand if actions might damage natural resources. They want to relax pollution limits for ozone; eliminate vehicle tailpipe inspections; and ease pollution standards for cars, sports utility vehicles and diesel-powered big trucks and heavy equipment.

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“They want a new international audit law to allow corporations to keep certain information about environmental problems secret from the public.

“They want to drop all of the government’s new-source review suits against polluting coal-fired power plants and weaken consent decrees reached earlier with coal companies.

“...the Environmental Protection Agency planned...to pay poor families to continue to use pesticides in their homes, pesticides that have been linked to neurological damage in children. Instead of ordering an end to their use, the government and the industry were going to offer the families \$970 each, as well as a camcorder and children’s clothing, to serve as guinea pigs for the study.”[118]

It is very important to realize that the God of the Bible is concerned with the well being of the entire world: there are environmental laws in the Bible that affect the health and well being of mankind. There are laws concerned with ecology and conservation,[119] protecting wild life,[120] and legislation ordering care for animals,[121] and rest for the land.[122]

Believers may not allow others to die or participate in poisoning the atmosphere and in destroying the earth without falling under the judgment of God. There is no authorization in the Bible whatsoever for believers to junk the biblical standards because of their fallacious reasoning, “We’re living in the last days.” What pitiful ignorance of the laws of God and lack of knowledge of the Word! The scriptures declare that we have been living in the “last days” since Luke quoted Peter on the day of Pentecost nearly 2000 years ago:

“This is...what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall come to pass *in the last days said God*, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh...’” (Acts 2: 16-17 Amplified) (Emphasis mine.)[123]

It is unbelievable that the churches who claim to know the Holy Scriptures would endorse a man with Mr. Bush’s agenda. It is unbelievable that a man who leads a nation would deliberately become an advocate for the spread of filth in the air and water and dare call himself a “Christian,” while the churches of America tape their mouths shut from condemning what God has already judged as evil.

As we look over the list of the regulations Mr. Bush has decimated, it is clear his intent is to create an environment in which the greedy prosper at the

expense of the people—even if it means the people will die or be injured by his actions. For where regulation is absent, wholesale thievery, injury and death are present.

What Does the Bible Say About Rigging Devices?

As we are about to see, the God of the Bible gets involved and concerns himself with fairness in the marketplace of a nation. One of the most significant areas of regulation established by the Bible is the regulation of all devices that measure, weigh and count.

But from 2002 through 2004, Republicans in Congress refused to investigate allegations that voting machines were rigged in the 2002 mid-term elections by the unscrupulous. In fact, Republicans continue to fight any investigation and to fight attempts of other parties to recount the votes in the 2004 elections. So pervasive is the Republican indifference to voting fraud—that the *New York Times* editors call the party's indifference “depressing.”^[124]

The failure of new voting machines to accurately count the votes has been well documented.^[125] The problems inaccurate vote counting devices create are similar to the effects of deregulation. Simply put, in either case, the public ceases to be protected by its government. So it is not surprising that the Republican Party as a whole refuses to create laws that will protect the public from unscrupulous operators: creating laws that regulate commerce are diametrically opposed to their agenda.

Bills have been introduced in Congress by Democrats to investigate and stop the states from using defectively programmed voting machines or machines that lend themselves to manipulation. A bill was introduced by Democrats that requires each voting machine to print out a voting receipt, listing the voter's choices. These bills have been refused or ignored by the Republicans, the Christian Right and the churches of America. The so-called “Christian” Republicans in congress have either opposed the bills or remained silent. The Democrats cannot even get their bills to the floor for a vote. The churches continue to remain silent over the issue. Yet there is a strong biblical prohibition against allowing deceptive measuring devices. The biblical injunctions are so forceful there can be no doubt that God requires the regulation of commerce! The biblical injunctions begin in Leviticus:

“You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. You shall have accurate and just

balances, just weights...and measures.” (Leviticus 19:35-36. Amplified Version) (Emphasis mine.)

In another passage in Proverbs the scripture declares God's intense feelings about false measuring devices:

“A false balance is an abomination to the Lord.” (Proverbs 11:1, King James Version)

In still another passage we find a more comprehensive prohibition:

“Diverse weights [one for buying and another for selling] and diverse measures, both of them are exceedingly offensive and abhorrent to the Lord.” (Proverbs 20:10, Amplified Version)

This corresponds to a passage in Deuteronomy that prohibits rigging for some transactions and true results for others:

“You shall not have in your bag true and false weights, a large and a small. You shall not have in your house true and false measures, a large and a small. But you shall have a perfect and just weight, and a perfect and just measure...” (Deut. 25:13-15 Amplified Version)

Similarly, in the book of Jeremiah, the prophet demonstrates why regulation of the instruments of commerce is necessary. The prophet exposes the extent an entire nation “from the prophet even to the priest every one deals falsely.” Jeremiah 6:13 (Amplified Version) The same verse describes the people: “For from the least of them even to the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness—to greed for unjust gain.”

The prophet Micah also cries out against unregulated market places and warns of punishment to the nation that so imbibes:

“Are there not still treasures gained by wickedness in the house of the wicked, and [a false measure for grain] a scant measure that is abominable and accursed?

“Can I be pure myself [and acquit the man] with wicked scales and with a bag of deceitful weights?

“For the city's rich men are full of violence, and her inhabitants have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

“Therefore I have also smitten you with a deadly wound and made you sick, laying you desolate, waste and deserted because of your sins.” (Micah 6:10-13. Amplified Version)

Deregulation means removing the legal controls that protect the public. After reading these verses, there can be no doubt that the Bible prohibits vote rigging in all its forms! [\[126\]](#)

We need a new Joseph N. Welch to rise among us and face the McCarthyites of this age and cry, “Have the churches no shame? Have Republicans no shame? Mr. President, have you no shame? Have you no honor? For what man of honor would brag that he has a mandate to act on his agenda when any mandate that he has *may* have come entirely from false and rigged machines?” [\[127\]](#)

Mr. Bush’s “Justice” Versus the Bible’s Justice

The biblical system of jurisprudence is built upon the principle that we are ruled by laws and not by men. But for the first time in the history of the United States, we are facing an opposing ideology that seeks dominance over us: the Republican Party and its scorners teach: we are to be ruled by men and not by laws! This is heresy.

We have already seen in this essay how Mr. Bush, Mr. Gonzales and the Department of Justice (DOJ) under Mr. Gonzales’ direction, reinterpreted the laws on torture and wrote legal memos that empower the president to order torture in violation of U.S. law and the Geneva Conventions which also immunize the torturers from punishment. This is a clear example of evil—mere men placed themselves above the law. We are about to see why Mr. Bush’s attitude is repugnant to the God of the Bible.

In the books Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, the very foundations of Western civilization were laid. Here are the codes of law that form the backbone of the judicial system of our world. Here the adversary system of justice was established over three millennia ago, complete with the cross-examination of witnesses. [\[128\]](#)

Here in the Bible were the beginnings of our rules of evidence: proofs of fact had to be produced before the judges in the form of concrete evidence, mere conjecture was unacceptable. [\[129\]](#) Here was the beginning of forensic medicine: the examination of the remains of an animal was required in order to determine whether it was mauled to death by a wild beast. [\[130\]](#) Here evidence

had to be conclusive. And here there was a presumption of innocence: for the law required two or three witnesses to establish a charge against an individual.[131] The word of one witness was insufficient proof of the existence of a wrong doing. Here the burden of proof was on the party asserting the affirmative of the issue.[132] And here too was the forerunner of the subpoena of witnesses.[133]

When we leave the sacred pages and examine the path of George W. Bush, we find that he might be completely ignorant of the biblical standards of justice, but even if he is fully informed of what the Bible says, he has a peculiar interest in overriding the Bible's rules on justice. The reason is this: Mr. Bush wants to appoint base judges who have already made up their minds on cases before they hear them. This is a perversion of justice. Mr. Bush, however, is an advocate of the false way: he wants man to rule and not law. He represents Saul not Samuel!

As another example of his ideology, he seeks to appoint judges who will view the world through his eyes—he sees big business and big corporations as his “base.”[134] He pushes the rights of corporations over individuals.[135] He prefers not to punish corporation executives who have donated huge sums to Republican coffers even though their companies were awarded contracts without competitive bidding, or were involved in rigging prices or mismanagement in Iraq or defrauding Californians in an energy crisis.[136] He is against regulating the market place. So he wants the courts to adhere to *his* philosophy. In other words, he wants to interject partiality into the judging process. He's been granted millions of dollars from corporations for his campaigns—it is a form of bribery, prohibited by the Bible and he wants judges who will respect the system of “contributions,” that are the equivalent to “bribes.”

Another example of his desire to interject partiality into the process of judging is the fact that he consistently names right-wing ideologues. Is that not evidence he wants to please the religious right who are devoted to him? It is only natural for him to want to appoint judges who will overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that essentially legalized abortions that were of the type hitherto criminalized. In fact, he admitted as much during the debates with John Kerry, when he made reference to the *Dred Scott* decision, which scores of writers have described to be code for *Roe v. Wade*. [137] Peggy Noonan reveals how the interchangeability of the two decisions works in her column in January, 2003:

“I think, as many do, that *Roe v. Wade* was as big a travesty as

the Supreme Court decision on *Dred Scott*, which in 1857 declared that descendants of slaves could not become U.S. citizens. All Americans would now see that decision as terribly wrong, but back then the Court had spoken and Dred Scott was forced to continue to live in slavery.”^[138]

If a nominee admits to his Senate questioners that he will vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, he has admitted that he is prejudiced and partial in advance—therefore he is not qualified to serve as a judge. So he must be willing to lie. This is, of course, a most unrighteous quality for a judge and a sure track toward the perversion of justice itself.

This means Mr. Bush seeks to appoint base judges who are willing to lie about their own convictions, or who will put on an indignant show against any attempt to uncover his or her true judicial prejudices, hoping their performance will force the questioning Senators to back off. Thus Mr. Bush makes a circus out of his judicial nominees. And his nominees have demonstrated not only an ideological bent to the extreme religious right and toward Dominionism,^[139] but they have lacked the impartiality and search for truth that a righteous judge must nurture and reach for every day of his or her life on the bench. In short, Mr. Bush’s nominees lack judicial humility. Moreover, Mr. Bush’s nominees are evidence enough that he wants judges that reflect his philosophy—not God’s. As we shall see, he has set out to appoint judges who will pervert justice.

The Development of the Biblical Justice System

Just as we saw that the God of the Bible has taken a special interest in public health and safety laws, inspiring the code against pollution, the Bible has a very special interest in justice. The Bible contains the rules of evidence and the code of behavior for judges.

The system of jurisprudence in ancient Israel began as follows:

“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns which the Lord your God gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

“You shall not misinterpret or misapply judgment; you shall not be partial, or take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous.” (Deuteronomy

16:18-19. Amplified.)

“Keep far from a false matter; and [be very careful] not to condemn to death the innocent and the righteous, for I will not justify and acquit the wicked.” (Exodus 23:7. Amplified)

Today, justices of the Supreme Court take an oath based essentially on the following biblical edict:

“You shall do no injustice in judging a case; you shall not be partial to the poor or show a preference for the mighty, but in righteousness and according to the merits of the case judge your neighbors.” (Leviticus 19:15. Amplified Version)

According to Title 28, Chapter I, Part 453 of the United States Code, each Supreme Court Justice takes the following oath:

“I, [NAME], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as [TITLE OF POSITION] under the Constitution and laws of the United States. So help me God.”

Note that under this oath a judge cannot be “pro” big business or “anti” the small guy. This prohibition is one that Mr. Bush and Republicans in congress brush aside, often scornfully. Although the oath seems weak, a study of a judge's decisions ought to reveal whether or not such a bias exists and its presence must disqualify that judge from his office. (This is why Mr. Bush is most apt to nominate candidates without a judicial record because they haven't served as judges in the past.)

Once a case is under way, the salient focus of the scriptures is that justice must not be perverted. The biblical sanctions cover the acts of witnesses too. A witness must not follow a crowd or join with a multitude to undermine the search for truth.^[140]

The prophet Jeremiah returns to the overwhelming theme of biblical justice:

“Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver out of the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed.” (Jeremiah 22:3. Amplified)

The last question to address is this: “What happens if justice is perverted?” The answer is found in Deuteronomy:

“Cursed be he who perverts the justice due to the sojourner or the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. All the people shall say, Amen.” (Deuteronomy 27:19. Amplified.)

Be Careful Not to Commit Judicial Murders: The Texas Clemency Memos

In the United States there have been 877 executions since 1976. In 2003 there were 57. Each year, approximately 4.5 people are convicted of capital crimes who are actually innocent and over 100 people have been released since 1972 as a result of being wrongly convicted.^[141] Just months before George W. Bush became Governor of Texas, the state executed Robert Nelson Drew. The state refused to give him a new hearing—even after another man signed an affidavit confessing to the murder. Drew was executed on August 2, 1994.^[142]

Mr. Bush and Alberto Gonzales should have taped the quoted biblical verses on justice to their desks in Washington and in Texas. The verse, “and [be very careful] not to condemn to death the innocent and the righteous, for I will not justify and acquit the wicked,”^[143] has particular poignancy because of the number of people Mr. Bush executed as governor with Mr. Gonzales’ assistance.

Alberto Gonzales was responsible for drafting the memorandum that should have reflected a thorough review of each death penalty case that came before the then Governor Bush. The governor of each state is often the last hope of catching an injustice before an innocent man is executed. Governors have the power to issue clemency if they find a miscarriage of justice. But for the system to work, the governor’s office must give each case a thorough review. However, the memos from Mr. Gonzales to Mr. Bush in Texas reveal there was a shocking lack of interest in the reviewing procedure for the 152 death sentence cases the state executed during Mr. Bush’s term.

John Dean, the former White House Counsel to Richard Nixon wrote, “The Gonzales execution memos raise serious—and, unfortunately ugly—questions, not because of what they say, rather because of what they fail to say. They also suggest that President Bush’s earlier claims about how he, in fact, handled clemency requests as Governor of Texas are less than accurate.” ^[144]

Dean quoted investigative reporter John Berlow's assessment of the memos: "No consideration of crucial issues."

Berlow, himself, pointed out that during Bush's six years as governor, 150 men and two women were executed in Texas. Berlow reports in the *Atlantic Monthly*, that the 152 deaths are "a record unmatched by any other governor in modern American history." [145]

Most knowledgeable commentators regard the "Texas Clemency Memos" as evidence of a careless disregard of Mr. Bush's responsibilities to make sure no injustice had occurred. The memos can be viewed via links in the footnote section.[146] I am inclined to think that the memos and attitudes displayed by both men are indicative of a deep seated disrespect for the search for truth and justice. Mr. Bush's mimicry of Karla Faye Tucker's plea[147] opens a view to the calloused indifference of the man's soul and is a violation of Exodus 23:7.[148]

The Amplified Bible introduces a new term that is fitting to end this section: the shedding of "innocent blood [by oppression and by *judicial murders*]." Jeremiah 7:6.

Is Mr. Bush's Tort Reform Biblical?

Does it seem peculiar that a man who would not lift a finger to make sure that the poor and wretched souls on Death Row really deserved the death penalty, would now be campaigning so that corporations can avoid paying their full and just compensation for the injuries suffered by their victims?

George Bush and Dick Cheney have an agenda they call, "Tort Reform." Shockingly, their *reform* is based upon one idea—to minimize the amount of money the rich and powerful corporations must pay to their victims *after having been found guilty* of injuring them.

Bush said in a speech in Madison County, Illinois, while kicking off his national campaign to change our nation's civil justice system—that he wants to put a cap of \$250,000 on the amount of damages an injured person can receive for "physical and emotional pain and suffering." [149] He said, "I intend to make this a priority issue, as I stand before Congress, when I give the State of the Union." [150]

Mr. Bush was standing in front of a banner that promised "affordable health

care,” on a stage filled with dozens of doctors in white coats when he kicked off his campaign.[151] He told his audience that he now has a “mandate” because “voters made their position clear on Election Day.”[152]

But the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights describes Mr. Bush’s changes to the country’s civil justice system differently. They write:

“For over twenty years, powerful forces of greed in our economy — principally insurance companies, the manufacturing sector, the medical industry and Wall Street — have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on propaganda, phony studies...to convince you that there are too many lawyers and too many lawsuits.

“What are these giant corporations trying to accomplish?”“Lobbyists and PR consultants for these corporations are pushing legislation to restrict your legal right to hold them accountable in a court of law. The ‘defendants’ lobby’ wants to eliminate the right of citizens to hire a lawyer, go to court and punish companies that steal, maim and kill with the only kind of lesson big business understands: a substantial financial whack at the bottom line, in the form of a damage award.

“They call their strategy ‘tort reform.’ A ‘tort’ is a legal term for ‘a wrong.’ The ‘tort law’ is composed of state statutes and court decisions that give you the right to sue someone who causes harm to you, whether it’s a drunk driver, a corporation that manufactures a defective product, a credit card company that overcharges you, or a government bureaucrat that breaks the law.”[153]

Mr. Bush is fond of repeating that doctors are “being driven out of their profession” because of outrageous amounts being paid to plaintiffs in medical malpractice suits. The facts contradict him.[154] He says he’s only trying to help the doctors, but in fact, he is working to take away the right of injured victims to receive fair and just compensation for their injuries.

One woman said her doctors somehow switched her test results and mistakenly told her she had breast cancer before amputating both her breasts.[155] Mr. Bush wants her to receive a maximum of only \$250,000 for the injury and damage done to her.

While claiming that doctors are being inundated with “frivolous suits,” Mr. Bush feigns interest in Americans receiving the best of medical attention. In fact he wants to duplicate a 1975 California law that prevents victims of negligent doctors from receiving full compensation for their injuries. In the end, he wants to shield bad doctors from justice in all the other states.

“At the end of the day, legal reform is a way to take money from people’s pockets,” said Doug Heller, director of the California-based Foundation for Taxpayer & Consumer Rights.[\[156\]](#)

“This discussion is really all about what people are responsible for when they harm others and what kind of compensation people have access to when they are harmed,” Heller said.[\[157\]](#)

Unfortunately Mr. Bush’s damage award of a maximum of \$250,000—regardless of the extent of injuries and regardless of whether or not the victim will suffer pain for the rest of his or her life—is so small an amount in comparison to the wealth of the corporate holdings of those who most often injure people, that his *reform* will have a very natural side effect: it will actually encourage corporations and medical facilities to *become* careless. After all, if there is little or no deterrent for injuring someone, why take the time and the tedious caution to prevent injury? “Time is money” as we have been told by high powered people.

Thus Mr. Bush’s so-called *reform* marks the end of the victim’s ability to receive just compensation for his or her injuries. Mr. Bush also wants to put additional limitations on filing lawsuits: he wants to establish new rules for class action lawsuits and asbestos cases,[\[158\]](#) making it more difficult for the victims to prosecute their cases.

Not only does Mr. Bush’s position violate biblical laws, but it is reprehensible to God: the balance of power in a courtroom cannot and may not be switched to the defendant’s side by edict of the president and his slavish Republican “Christians” that sit in the House and Senate!

In fact, Mr. Bush and his congressional leaders are attempting to undo what God established: the Bible states unequivocally:

“You shall not deprive the poor man of justice in his suit.”
(Exodus 23:6. New English Version)

The Amplified version states it this way:

“You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his cause.”

The Bible's Criminal and Civil Code System

In order to grasp the magnitude of Mr. Bush's transgressions, we need to look at the beginning of criminal and civil law as it appeared in the Bible: There are essentially six steps in the development of the biblical law that reflect the basis of our criminal and civil justice system:

- 1) Criminal law was examined and defined by the Bible;
- 2) Civil torts were introduced with pecuniary damages available.
- 3) Civil law was extended to cover acts committed by employees and by an owner's animal.
- 4) Civil torts based on the negligence of the defendant were introduced.
- 5) Punitive damages were awarded.
- 6) The ascendancy of the Civil Justice system.

First, Criminal Law: In cases where one person intentionally inflicted physical injury or death to another, the biblical law was "you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, bruise for bruise, wound for wound."^[159]

Second, Civil Torts: There was an obvious problem with the "eye for an eye" law as it was stated. It did not deal with an injury inflicted by a man upon a woman where the man lacked a corresponding bodily part. For example, if a man was swinging his sword around and cut a woman's breast off—he had no comparable part on his body that could be severed to fulfill the eye for an eye law. What to do? It appears the Bible took the first step toward pecuniary compensation. Exodus describes a new case: Two men were fighting and one of them injured a pregnant woman in the scuffle, causing a miscarriage. The

law said the defendant was required to pay *whatever amount* was demanded by the woman's husband after assessment by the judges.[160] (Do note that the Bible does not equate the loss of the fetus to be a death of a person.[161] For if the fetus had been considered a person, the defendant, who caused the miscarriage, would have been put to death or suffered another punishment if his act was unintentional.[162] More on this below.)

Third, Civil Torts Committed by Employees or by an owner's animal: In the development of tort law in the Bible, the next issues involved torts committed by employees and torts committed by the owner's animal. Let's look at the animal problem: if an ox gored a man or a woman to death, the Bible says, "the ox shall be stoned, but the owner of the ox shall be free." [163]

Fourth, Civil Torts Based on Negligence: the Bible takes a new turn here and introduces the concept of negligence into the law, which really expands tort law. The Bible examines the animal tort again, but this time with a twist: If the ox in the third example above has gored others before, and his owner has been warned, but fails to keep the animal closed in, and then it kills a man or a woman, the Bible says the ox "shall be stoned to death." But this time biblical law demanded that the man who let it happen had to be accountable for his negligence. The ox and "its owner also shall be put to death." [164] At this point the Bible introduces the concept of money damages again: "If, however, the penalty is commuted for a money payment, he shall pay in redemption of his life *whatever is imposed upon him*." [165] (Emphasis mine.)

Fifth, Punitive Damages: There are a number of passages that introduce not only the concept of making full restitution or pecuniary damages for the thing lost or injured, but also the Bible often requires punitive damages as punishment. In some instances punitive damages are set at twenty percent of the damages, which are paid on top of the damages. [166] In other instances, punitive damages were set at double the damages. [167] The issue really is how egregious was the act of the guilty defendant.

Sixth, the Ascendancy of the Civil Justice System: In the book of *Matthew* Jesus says,

"You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I say to you, do not resist the evil man; [who injures you] but if any one strikes you on the right jaw or cheek, turn to him the other one too; And if any one wants to sue you and take your undershirt (tunic), let him have your coat also..." (Matthew 5:38-40. Amplified)

Another passage has Jesus encouraging defendants to settle their cases before trial or face a very harsh reality.[168]

These passages suggest that the old rule of an eye for an eye had given way to civil suits. The first quote suggests that guilty defendants should be willing to give *more* than what is asked by the plaintiffs—and not less as Mr. Bush is trying to impose by a legal fiat![169]

Mr. Bush's *tort reform* proposal violates the letter and spirit of the civil justice system established in the Bible. For anyone, any president or any congress that seeks to tip the scales of justice in favor of those who have injured others, have violated the letter and spirit of the biblical standard! That nation and those leaders that succumb to tampering with justice shall receive the full recompense of their reward in this life!

The Psalmist wrote:

“God stands in the assembly [of the representatives]...in the midst of the magistrates or judges...How long will you magistrates or judges judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked? ...Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked. The magistrates and judges know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in the darkness [of complacent satisfaction]; all the foundations of the earth [the fundamental principles upon which rests the administration of justice] are shaking.” (Psalm 82: 1-6. Amplified Version.)

As Isaiah put it:

“Woe to those judges who issue unrighteous decrees, and to the magistrates who keep causing unjust and oppressive decisions to be recorded, to turn aside the needy from justice and to make plunder of the rightful claim of the poor of My people, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!” (Isaiah 10:1-2, Amplified.)

What Does the Bible Say About Abortions?

The abortion issue has caused so many Americans to vote for Mr. Bush that

its inspired a cottage industry in “congressional report card scores.” Coalitions of religious right organizations spend huge amounts of money grading congressional members’ voting records on a report card and mailing the cards all over America, but especially to church members. Abortion is the hottest grade on the card.

The Dominionists have turned abortion into such an emotional issue that Pentecostal preachers have either ambushed and murdered doctors who performed legal abortions or they have supported those who did. The illegality of abortion has no biblical basis and has been entirely made up by the religious right to suit their political objectives.

To understand the biblical view of abortions, one must examine miscarriages and how the Bible treated them. In fact, the Bible makes no distinction between a woman who miscarried and a woman who was having her regular menstrual period: she was unclean until all the bleeding stopped in either case.^[170] In this respect, an abortion or miscarriage was equal to a woman’s menstrual period and the fetus was not ever considered a person.^[171]

By reviewing the law regarding punishment, we can see this even more clearly. As I discussed above, the “eye for an eye” law got into trouble because of the physical differences between men and women. If a woman was injured in a part not shared by a man—the remedy had to be pecuniary. But what would happen if the biblical example given above in the second paragraph was between two pregnant women? What if one pregnant woman injured the other in some way that caused the victim to have a miscarriage? Under those circumstances the “eye for an eye” law would come back into play. The defendant would have to undergo an abortion in the same way she inflicted the abortion on the injured woman. Significantly, Hosea 9:14 describes abortions as a punishment: “Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.”

The real topping to this issue that reveals the hypocrisy of the churches is the fact they have never believed a miscarried fetus is a sentient human, else they would have held funerals for them.

There are other aspects of the abortion debate that should be examined. In order to have made it an overriding issue for Catholics and many evangelical churches, the anti-abortion proponents had to lie that a zygote is a sentient human being. Obviously, the anti-abortion proponents believe that it is moral to lie because their ends (the bringing to term of all zygotes) justify their means; that is, lying leads to an allegedly *pro-life* end.

But biblically, he who lies hates the one he lies to. (Proverbs 26:28.) The

scriptures then equate hating to be the moral equivalent of murder. (1 John 3:15.) So the irony is that biblically the anti-abortion proponents and followers who repeat the lies are the biblical equivalent to murderers. Yet there is no biblical injunction or punishment for abortion in the Bible. The issue of abortions is essentially a phony issue because humans abort—they miscarry and the God of the Bible did not label an aborted zygote a “sentient human being.” Period. End of story.

Profile of the Man God Hates

Scott Peck defines evil as, “The exercise of political power—that is, the imposition of one’s will upon others by overt or covert coercion—in order to avoid...spiritual growth.”^[186] He says lying is both a symptom as well as one of the causes of evil.^[187] There are several other remarkable facts about evil people revealed by Scott Peck’s book. He wrote in 1983:

“Because their willfulness is so extraordinary and always accompanied by a lust for power—I suspect that the evil are more likely than most to politically aggrandize themselves. Yet at the same time, being unsubmitted, their extreme willfulness is likely to lead them into political debacles.”^[188]

Peck reveals the evil can never admit they’ve done anything wrong. They can never say, “I made a mistake.” They have to maintain the appearance of perfection—else the whole edifice of their personalities will crack. Peck explains, “Because they cannot admit to weakness or imperfection in themselves, they must appear [not to suffer deeply.] They must appear to themselves to be continually on top of things, continually in command. Their narcissism demands it.”^[189]

Marked by the “appearance” of competence, the evil are driven by fear. Peck says, “They are terrified that the pretense will break down and they will be exposed to the world and to themselves. They are continually frightened that they will come face-to-face with their own evil. Of all emotions, fear is the most painful. Regardless of how well they attempt to appear calm and collected in their daily dealings, the evil live their lives in fear. It is a terror—and a suffering—so chronic, so interwoven into the fabric of their being, that they may not even feel it as such.”^[190]

If we take Scott Peck’s analysis and compare it carefully with a profile of the evil in the Bible, we can see remarkable similarities.

There are seven attributes of a man that God hates. God lays out the psychological profile of those traits he abhors. The following are from Proverbs 6:16-19 in the Amplified Version:

1. "A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others].
2. "A lying tongue,
3. "Hands that shed innocent blood,
4. "A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans,
5. "Feet that are swift in running to evil,
6. "A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath],
7. "And he who sows discord among his brethren."

Selah! Pause and think on these things.

End Notes:

Click on the number to take you back to the text.

[74] Of course, the "Good Father" is an allusion to God. Bush's comments remind me very much of Ben Kinchlow's comments on the *700 Club* in the 1980's. Kinchlow was railing against the farmers who according to him were putting their faith in government instead of "putting their faith in God." They were "trusting in government instead of trusting in God" Thus "government" had become a false idol to them. The bottom line was that looking to government for help was and is an anathema to those who accept this cult doctrine from the religious right.

[75] So Others Might Eat (SOME), a coalition of religions forming a charitable organization, which according to the President, delivers 1,200 meals a day to the homeless. As worthy as it is, its efforts do not begin to touch the needs of the Washington D.C. area, where 16.9 percent of the population live in poverty. <http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/faith/t112001.htm>

See also "Poverty Rate Up 3rd Year In a Row, More Also Lack Health Coverage," by Ceci Connolly and Griff Witte, *Washington Post*, August 27, 2004. at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Economy/PovertyRateUp3rdYrInRow2004.html>

[76] President Bush said on November 20, 2001: “Today, I am pleased to announce that the Department of Housing and Urban Development is distributing more than \$1 billion this year in grants to community charities which serve the homeless. It is the largest such grant in the history of the country. It is a grant program that will help provide food and shelter, drug treatment, job training, and other vital services. “It is a part of our government’s desire to support the armies of compassion. We don’t want government to take the good Father’s place. We want the government to stand side-by-side with the good people of SOME and programs like it all around the country.” <http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/faith/t112001.htm>

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[81] Quoted from: “Rep. Tom Allen Outlines Concerns about Medicare Legislation,” August 20, 2003. At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/MedicareBillNotFair.htm>

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[83] “61 Percent of Medicare’s New Prescription Drug Subsidy Is Windfall Profit to Drug Makers” by Alan Sager, Ph. D. and Deborah Socolar, M.P.H., the Directors, Health Reform Program (www.healthreformprogram.org) Boston University School of Public Health. At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/TwoReportsRevealTragedyofMedicareLaw.html>

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<http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/MedicareBillCostsRetireesMore.html> ;

"Two Holes in the Medicare Drug Law," By Fred Brock, New York Times, January 11, 2004; at:

<http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/TwoHolesinMedicareDrugLaw.html>

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"Prescription Drugs: The Medicare Savings Mirage," at:

<http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/MedicareSavingsMirage.html>

"The Republican Medicare Bill Means Suffering and Death for Our Seniors," at:

<http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/SurgeonNewMedicareBillwillKill.html>

[85] Laura Meckler, "Bush Looks to States for Faith-Based Initiatives," Philadelphia Inquirer, January 4, 2005. At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Religion/BushUrgesStatesToGiveToFaithBased.html>

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[87] "Medicare Premiums to Jump a Record 17%" by Johanna Neuman, the Los Angeles Times, September 4, 2004. At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/MedicarePremiumsRise.html>

[88] "Medicaid Cuts On the Table for 2005," by Lawrence M. O'Rourke, December 11, 2004, Sacramento Bee, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/MedicaidCutsForNationsPoor.html>

"Administration Looks to Curb Growth of Medicaid Spending," by Robert Pear, December 20, 2004, New York Times, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/>

[BushAdminToCutMedicaid.html](#)

“Bush Team Prepares to Swing Budget Ax,” by Joel Havemann, December 26, 2004, Los Angeles Times, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/BushSwingsAxOnMedicareMedicaid.html>

[89] “Governors Unite in Fight Against Medicaid Cuts,” by Pam Belluck, December 25, 2004, New York Times at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/GovernorsFightMedicaidCuts.html>

[90] “Tax Burden Shifts to the Middle” by Jonathan Weisman, August 13, 2004, the Washington Post and reprinted by MSNBC.com at: <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5689001/print/1/displaymode/1098/> or at: http://www.yuricareport.com/Social_Security/TaxBurdenShiftsToMiddleClass.html

See the actual Congressional Budget Office Report here at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/SocialSecurity/CBOReportShowsTaxBurdenOnMiddle.pdf>

[91] “The Impact of the Bush Budget on Black and Hispanic Families: Leaving Too Many Behind.” Here at: http://www.yuricareport.com/Social_Security/BushTaxCutsHurtPoor.pdf

[92] “Confident Bush Outlines Ambitious Plan for 2nd Term.” By Richard W. Stevenson, November 5, 2004, New York Times. At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Corruption/BushPlansForSecondTerm.html>

“Bush Lays Out a Plan to Revise the Social Security System,” by Peter Baker, Washington Post, December 17, 2004, at: http://www.yuricareport.com/Social_Security/BushUrgesOverhaulOfSocialSecurity.html

[93] “Social Security Doing Just Fine,” by Mark Weisbrot, Co-Director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Medicare/SocialSecurityDoingFine.html> “Stopping the Bum’s Rush,” by Paul Krugman, January 4, 2005, New York Times, at: http://www.yuricareport.com/Social_Security/SocialSecurityBum’sRush_Krugman.html

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“Bush May Be Borrowing Trouble With Social Security Plan, by Ronald Browstein, Los Angeles Times, December 20, 2004, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Social%20Security/BushDebtTroublesSocialSecurityPlan.html>

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12, 2004, the New York Times. At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Social%20Security/SocialSecurityRevisionWithBigCatch.html>

[94] "Vast Borrowing Seen in Altering Social Security," by Richard W. Stevenson, New York Times, November 28, 2004, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/SocialSecurity/VastBorrowingNecessaryToAlterSocialSec.html>

[95] "Social Security Reform, With One Big Catch," by Edmund L. Andrews, December 12, 2004, the New York Times. At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Social%20Security/SocialSecurityRevisionWithBigCatch.html>

[96] From the *Despoiling of America* by Katherine Yurica, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com>" Pat Robertson's *700 Club* reaches millions of born again and Pentecostal Christians in America. Where were the protests? This is one of the most cold-blooded transfers of money from the poor and the middle classes to the richest corporations in America ever described:

On August 14, 1985, Pat Robertson unveiled his ingenious program on how to get rid of Social Security. The plan amazingly resembles sections of the Bush Administration's Medicare Prescription Drug bill passed in December of 2003. Robertson, however, outlined what to do twenty years ago as follows:

1. "We should say to all the elderly, 'You're going to be taken care of. The government's going to pay you. Don't worry about it. [You'll] get your Social Security like you're expecting, 'cause you're counting on it.'"
2. "There should be a gradual moving [up] of [the retirement] age to reflect the fact that we're healthier and we live longer and people should have dignity and be allowed to work a little bit longer."
3. "The last thing we should do is to begin to let the younger workers slowly but surely go into private programs where the money is tax sheltered and over the years build up their own money and that would in turn, through the intermediary organizations, banks, insurance companies, would invest in American industry. They would buy plants and equipment, put people to work and it would help a tremendous boom. Imagine ...\$100 billion dollars a year flowing into American industry. It would be marvelous."

[97] *The Despoiling of America* by Katherine Yurica, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com>" Pat Robertson's *700 Club* reaches millions of born again and Pentecostal Christians in America. Where were the protests?

“The following interview reveals the deep seated hatred Dominionists have against governmental medical assistance to the elderly. The interview was conducted on August 1, 1985 with Dr. Walter Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University and author of thirty-five books. Danuta Soderman was a co-host on Pat Robertson’s *700 Club*.

“Williams: “[T]he bigger problem is the whole concept of funding somebody’s medical care by a third party. And I might also mention here, that is, I saw in the audience many older and senior citizens. Now whose responsibility is it to take care of those people? I think it lies with their children and it also lies with themselves. That is, I think Christians should recognize that charity is good. I mean charity, when you reach into your pocket to help your fellow man for medical care or for food or to give them housing. But what the government is doing in order to help these older citizens is not charity at all. It is theft. That is, the government is using power to confiscate property that belongs to one American and give, or confiscate their money, and provide services for another set of Americans to whom it does not belong. That is the moral question that Christians should face with not only Medicare, Medicaid. But many other programs as well.... Well, people should have insurance. But I would say if our fellow man is found in need, does not have enough, well that’s a role for the church, that’s a role for the family, that’s a role for private institutions to take care of these things.”

“Danuta Soderman: “I thought it was interesting you talked about Medicare and Medicaid as not being a moral issue. A lot of people would think that to want to eliminate the program is rather uncompassionate—that there is something immoral about taking away something that people are relying so heavily upon, but you said that there is no moral issue here.”

“Williams: “I think the moral issue runs the other way. That is, we have to ask ourselves, ‘What is the moral basis of confiscating the property of one American and giving it to another American to whom it does not belong for whatever reason?’ That is, I think we Americans have to ask ourselves is there something that can justify a legalized theft? And I think that even if the person is starving in the street that act, in and of itself, doesn’t justify my taking money from somebody else.”

[98] “Two Views of Tsunami Relief: Government Doing Too Much, Not Enough” by Susan Jones CNSNews, January 3, 2005 and “U.S. Should Not help Tsunami Victims,” by David Holcberg CNSNews, January 3, 2005, which may be read at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Religion/GovNotToContributeToTsunamiRelief.html>

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[99] Herbert Schlossberg, *Idols for Destruction*, (Thomas Nelson Publishers), 1983 at page 61.

[100] "Tsunami Aftermath; Are We Stingy? Yes" *New York Times* Editorial, December 30, 2004, 473 words. Editorial available only at a fee <http://query.nytimes.com/gst/abstract.html?res=F00D13F93C5D0C738FDDAB0994DC404482>

"President Bush finally roused himself yesterday from his vacation in Crawford, Tex., to telephone his sympathy to the leaders of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia, and to speak publicly about the devastation of Sunday's tsunamis in Asia."

[101] "U.S. Vows Big Increase in Aid for Victims of Asian Disaster," by David E. Sanger and Warren Hoge, December 31, 2004, the *New York Times*, at: [http://www.yuricareport.com/BushSecondTerm/BushFinallyIncreasesAidTo\\$350M.html](http://www.yuricareport.com/BushSecondTerm/BushFinallyIncreasesAidTo$350M.html)

[102] "Land of Penny Pinchers," by Nicholas D. Kristof, January 5, 2005, *New York Times*; at: http://www.yuricareport.com/Health_Issues/LandOfPennyPinchersKristof.html

[103] All America and the world watched as Mr. Bush brushed off the petitions for an independent investigation from the families of those killed at the World Trade Center. When a commission was grudgingly granted, the government agencies refused to cooperate with it, and specific questions of the victims' relatives were never answered. One of the most salient questions was: Why didn't the military scramble their planes when it was known that three commercial airliners were off their flight plans? It is also significant that Mr. Bush refused to appear alone at the commission and he and Condoleezza Rice refused to testify under oath.

[104] "Remarks of the President on Immigration Policy," at the White House, January 7, 2004. At: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/01/print/20040107-3.html>

[105] Ibid.

[106] See the Press Release from Cornell University at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/CivilRights/PollAmericansFavorCuttingMuslimRights.html>

[107] "MSRG Special Report: Restrictions on Civil Liberties, Views of Islam, & Muslim Americans," by Media & Society Research Group, Cornell University, December, 2004; at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/CivilRights/CornellMuslimReportCivilRights.pdf>

[108] "Martin Luther's Sermon on Trade and Usury," delivered in 1520, Luther Works,

Volume 45, Edited by Jaroslav Pelikan, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, 1955, at: <http://www.reformation.org/luther-trade-usury.html>

[109] “A Timeline of Failures,” by Craig Aaron, October 28, 2004, In These Times, at: http://www.inthesetimes.com/site/main/article/a_timeline_of_failure/

Note: Craig Aaron has written “Capitol Report,” a monthly column on Washington politics, for In These Times since he became a Senior Editor in 2003. As an investigative reporter for Washington, DC’s Public Citizen’s Congress Watch.

[110] “Bush Forces a Shift in Regulatory Thrust OSHA Made More Business-Friendly,” by Amy Goldstein and Sarah Cohen, *Washington Post*, August 15, 2004, at: http://www.yuricareport.com/Health_Issues/BushGutsTuberculosisRegulations.html

[111] “No Clear Skies,” by Donovan Webster and Michael Scherer, September/October 2003, *Mother Jones*, Special Report: “The UnGreening of America: How the Bush administration is rolling back 30 years of environmental progress,” “The Bottom Line,” at http://www.motherjones.com/news/featurex/2003/09/we_531_07.html

Another resource is: “Dirty Air, Dirty Power, Mortality and Health Damage Due to Air Pollution from Power Plants,” published by Clear the Air, June 2004: at: <http://www.cleartheair.org/> and at: <http://www.cleartheair.org/dirtypower/docs/dirtyAir.pdf>

[112] “Dirty Air, Dirty Power, Mortality and Health Damage Due to Air Pollution from Power Plants,” published by Clear the Air, June 2004: page 4 at: <http://www.cleartheair.org/dirtypower/docs/dirtyAir.pdf>

[113] “The Bottom Line,” from September/October 2003, *Mother Jones*, Special Report: “The UnGreening of America at http://www.motherjones.com/news/featurex/2003/09/we_531_07.html

[114] Ibid.

[115] “Bush Record: New Priorities in Environment,” by Felicity Barringer, September 14, 2004, *the New York Times*; at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Environment/BushRecordInEnvironment.html>

[116] S.I. McMillen, *None of These Diseases*, (New Jersey: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1975 pp. 13-14.

[117] Ibid.

[118] “Battlefield Earth,” by Bill Moyers, December 8, 2004, AlterNet.org. The full speech of Mr. Moyers is at: <http://www.alternet.org/envirohealth/20666/>

[119] See Deuteronomy 20:19-20, which stands for the conservation of trees; it prohibits the cutting down of fruit trees in an area outside a city that is under siege. When the people are besieging a city for a *long time*—the biblical law points out, fruit trees will sustain the life of those besieging the city by providing food. The scripture says clearly, “for is the tree of the field a man, that it should be besieged by you?”

A justified extrapolation of the law is: Trees that are essential to life may not be cut down wantonly. (Amplified or New English).

[120] Deuteronomy 22:6-7 stands for the principle of protecting wild life. If man should come upon a wild bird's nest, either on the ground or in a tree, and a mother is sitting on eggs or young ones, the biblical rule prohibits the taking of the mother bird. It allows the eggs or young to be taken. The Bible promises that if the wildlife conservation is practiced—it will bring long life to the people who practice it. Also see Leviticus 25: 7 where every seven years a field must rest from being tilled and the crops that grow on the land that year may not be harvested, but they are to furnish food for the poor, the aliens, and for not only domestic beasts *but wild animals shall be fed by those crops*. (Amplified or New English).

[121] Proverbs 12: 10, “A [consistently] righteous man regards the life of his beast, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.” (Amplified.) Deuteronomy 25: 4, “You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain.” Amplified. See also 1 Corinthians 9:9-10; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; Exodus 23:4-5 stands for the proposition that God expects man to care for his animals. It requires man to bring back a lost animal even to his enemy and requires that a man help his enemy to release his animal from too heavy a burden. Exodus 23:12 reveals the Sabbath—a day of rest—was made so that the ox and donkey—the beast of burdens could rest. (Amplified or New English)

[122] Exodus 23:10-11 provides rest for the land. (Amplified or New English).

[123] See also the following references that show conclusively that the first century Christians believed they were living in the “last days.” 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1-8; Heb. 1:1-2; Jas. 5:3; 1 Pet.1:5,20; 2 Pet. 3:8; 1Jn.2:18; Jude 18.

[124] The *New York Times*, December 24, 2004. “The conviction that every vote must be counted in a democratic election should be automatic. But lately, as an extraordinary number of contests seem to be decided by just a few ballots, it's been depressing to see how few politicians are willing to simply take their chances on the fairest possible count.

“A State Supreme Court justice in Washington State, Susan Owens, put it best when

she addressed Republican attempts to disallow more than 700 uncounted ballots in the photo-finish governor's race there. "You're looking at it from the point of view of the winner or the loser," she said. "Shouldn't we be looking at it from the point of view of the voter?"

"The decision to count those votes, which had been overlooked or erroneously set aside, should not have been just an obvious ruling. The question should never have come up in the first place. The American political culture is supposed to prize the fairness of the fight more than the outcome."

[125] See the Yurica Report's Directory of Election Fraud at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/ElectionAftermath04/DirectoryElectionFraud.html>
And see "What You Can Do About It" at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/VotingProblems/DoorToFraudFreeElections.html>

[126] I realize, of course, that Mr. Justice Scalia, a most prominent Roman Catholic Christian, might disagree with my conclusion based upon his method of interpreting the Constitution—particularly in his writings on whether or not the death penalty is a cruel and unusual punishment under the eighth amendment. His reasoning asserts: if the punishment was allowed at the time of the drafting of the amendment,—it would be allowed today because the drafters did not have the death penalty in mind. In fact, Mr. Scalia would not be against the death penalty for horse stealing because it existed in 1791. But if we utilize his argument to determine whether the Bible prohibits vote rigging, his argument could go this way: "If there were no express prohibitions against vote rigging in the Bible when it was written, then the scriptures cannot be interpreted to include vote rigging today." He would, then assert, no doubt, "Therefore God allows fraudulently rigged devices for counting the quantity of votes cast today!" This position shows the absurdity of Mr. Scalia's original thinking. On the other hand, Mr. Scalia might recognize the absurdity and say that the existence of devices that counted quantities existed in the Bible, and it was an abomination to God if someone owned a rigged device then—therefore it would be prohibited now. It's a matter of how narrowly Mr. Scalia is willing to construe the biblical text.

As Scalia himself describes it, "The Constitution that I interpret and apply is not living but dead...It means today not what current society...thinks it ought to mean, but what it meant when it was adopted." [54] Once the original thinking is determined, the judge can enforce the Constitution only as a document that is bound by the time zone in which a particular passage was written. And Antonin Scalia, "God's Justice and Ours," in *First Things* 123 (May 2002): 17-21, <http://www.firstthings.com/ftissues/ft0205/articles/scalia.html>) And see <http://www.thenation.com/docprint.mhtml?i=20021007&s=williams>)

See my essay, "The Despoiling of America" by Katherine Yurica, at the Yurica

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Report.com on the web. The full address is: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Dominionism/TheDespoilingOfAmerica.htm>

Also, "The Despoiling of America" is published in *Toward a New Political Humanism*, eds. Barry F. Seidman and Neil J. Murphy, Prometheus Books, New York, 2004.

[127] Joseph N. Welch of the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP represented the U.S. Army pro bono in the Army-McCarthy hearings in 1954. I remember those hearings and Mr. Welch's words still ring out: "Have you no shame Senator? Have you no shame?" <http://www.wilmerhale.com/content.aspx?page=probono>

[128] "He who states his case first seems right, until his rival comes and cross-examines him." Proverbs 18:17 (Amplified.)

[129] Deuteronomy 22: 13-17. (Amplified.)

[130] Exodus 22:13. (Amplified.)

[131] Deuteronomy 19: 15. (Amplified.)

[132] Deuteronomy 22:13-17. (Amplified.)

[133] Leviticus 5:1 (Amplified.)

[134] Michael Moore captured Bush addressing a group of elites in his documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11* in which he said, "You are my base."

[135] "The Justice System," The Foundation for Taxpayer & Consumer Rights. <http://www.consumerwatchdog.org/justice/>

[136] See the text above following notes 38-40. Also note that Kenneth Lay, the former head of Enron hasn't been tried yet. General Taguba wrote that he believed Lt. Col. Steven L. Jordan was responsible for the torture at Abu Ghraib, but there has been no indictment of the man and he is presently working for the leading intelligence officer in Iraq.

[137] "Why Bush Opposes Dred Scott: It's Code for Roe v. Wade" by Timothy Noah, Slate.msn.com October 11, 2004. <http://slate.msn.com/id/2108083/>
"Roe=Dred" by Katha Pollitt, October 15, 2004, *The Nation* at: <http://www.commondreams.org/cgi-bin/print.cgi?file=/views04/1015-26.htm>

[138] "A Tough Roe: Will the Democratic Party Be Abortion's Final Victim?" by Peggy Noonan, January 20, 2003, Opinion Journal. <http://www.opinionjournal.com/>

[139] Dominionism is a new politico/religio cult movement that teaches its adherents that God wants them to help set up His Kingdom on earth by becoming the leaders of God's future theocratic society now. Pat Robertson uses the term "dominion" to mean having power over others: hence to dominate them. This power according to Robertson belongs only to the Christians. It has become a potent political ideology. According to Bill Moyers, "Nearly half the U.S. Congress before the recent election — 231 legislators in total — more since the election — are backed by the religious right. Forty-five senators and 186 members of the 108th congress earned 80 to 100 percent approval ratings from the three most influential Christian right advocacy groups. They include: Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, Assistant Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Conference Chair Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, Policy Chair Jon Kyl of Arizona, House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Majority Whip Roy Blunt." From "Battle Field Earth," by Bill Moyers. [Click here to go back to the Social Security Section.](http://www.yuricareport.com/Environment/BattleFieldEarthMoyers.html) At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Environment/BattleFieldEarthMoyers.html>

[140] "You shall not repeat or raise a false report; you shall not join with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you bear witness at a trial so as to side with a multitude to pervert justice." (Exodus 23:1-2. Amplified.)

[141] "Guilty Until Proven Innocent," from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Law & Legal/CapitalPunishmentStatistics.html>

[142] Ibid.

[143] Exodus 23:7 Amplified.

[144] "White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales's Texas Execution Memos: How They Reflect on the President, And May Affect Gonzales's Supreme Court Chances," by John Dean, at <http://www.yuricareport.com/Law & Legal/Alberto Gonzales' Execution Memos.html>

[145] The article by Alan Berlow is no longer available to non-subscribers at the *Atlantic Monthly*, <http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/07/berlow.htm>

But the memos can still be viewed below. See also Alan Berlow's recent article: "Lone Star Justice: Alberto Gonzales' Strange Views of International Law. June 15, 2004, Slate Magazine. At: <http://slate.msn.com/toolbar.aspx?action=print&id=2102416>
The Texas Clemency Memos can be viewed at the following URLs

http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/07/images/gardner_1.gif

http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/07/images/gardner_2.gif

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http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/07/images/gardner_5.gif

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http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/07/images/stoker_4.gif

http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/07/images/washington_1.gif

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http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/07/images/washington_3.gif

http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/07/images/washington_4.gif

[146] The URLs are in the endnote just preceding this note.

[147] See Dennis Crew's article, "Do We Have a Christian Presidency?" at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Dominionism/DoWeFinallyHaveAChristianPresidency.html>

[148] "[A]nd [be very careful] not to condemn to death the innocent and the righteous, for I will not justify and acquit the wicked."

[149] "Bush Begins Drive to Limit Malpractice Suite Awards," by Robert Pear, January 6, 2005, New York Times. <http://www.yuricareport.com/BushSecondTerm/BushDrivesToLimitMalpracticeDamages.html>

[150] "Bush's tort reform efforts to start at 'judicial hellhole,'" by Mark Silva, January 3, 2005, Chicago Tribune at: <http://www.consumerwatchdog.org/healthcare/nw/nw004787.php3>

[151] "Bush Begins Drive to Limit Malpractice Suite Awards," by Robert Pear, January 6, 2005, New York Times. <http://www.yuricareport.com/BushSecondTerm/BushDrivesToLimitMalpracticeDamages.html>

[152] Ibid.

[153] Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights at: <http://www.consumerwatchdog.org/insurance/tort.php3>

[154] "Bush Pushes for Tort Reform," CBS/AP, Jan. 5, 2005. "Leading Democrats in Congress say the number of doctors practicing in Illinois has risen in recent years,

despite higher malpractice insurance rates that they say are driven by the state's weak insurance regulation." At: <http://www.yuricareport.com/BushSecondTerm/BushPushesForTortReform.html>
<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/06/politics/06bush.html>

[155] Ibid.

[156] "Bush's tort reform efforts to start at 'judicial hellhole,'" by Mark Silva, January 3, 2005, Chicago Tribune at: <http://www.consumerwatchdog.org/healthcare/nw/nw004787.php3>

[157] Ibid.

[158] "Bush Begins Drive to Limit Malpractice Suite Awards," by Robert Pear, January 6, 2005, New York Times, at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/BushSecondTerm/BushDrivesToLimitMalpracticeDamages.html>

[159] Exodus 21:23-25 (New English Version); Leviticus 24:20, and Deuteronomy 19:21 (Amplified)

[160] Exodus 21:22 New English Version and compare to the Amplified Version.

[161] Ibid.

[162] See Exodus 21:12-13. If a man kills without laying in wait his fate depended upon the facts revealed at trial. (Amplified Version.)

[163] Exodus 21:28, Amplified or New English Version.

[164] Exodus 21: 29. Amplified.

[165] Exodus 21: 30.

[166] Leviticus 6:5 (Amplified Version).

[167] Exodus 22:1-10 (Amplified)

[168] Again Jesus says, "If someone sues you, come to terms with him promptly while you are both on your way to court; otherwise he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the constable, and you will be put in jail. I tell you, once you are there you will not be let out till you have paid the last farthing." (New English Version.)

[169] I recommend a report published by *Public Citizen* answering many of the fallacies Mr. Bush is spreading. Read the *Public Citizen* response to *Newsweek's* December 15, 2003 attack against our legal system. Read it at:

http://www.yuricareport.com/Corruption/Newsweek_Response.pdf

[170] There are three passages that demonstrate this point: First a woman's monthly menstrual cycle is described: "And if a woman has a discharge, her [regular] discharge of blood of her body, she shall be in her impurity or separation for seven days, and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening." Leviticus 15: 19.

Secondly, a miscarriage or anything that causes bleeding is dealt with at Leviticus 15: 25: "And if a woman has an issue of blood many days not in the time of her separation, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her [regular] impurity, all the days of the issue of her uncleanness she shall be as in the days of her impurity; she shall be unclean." The Bible makes no distinction between the aborted fetus and the discharged blood—both make her unclean.

Thirdly, the woman cannot have intercourse during her regular menstrual period or during the period of bleeding surrounding an abortion. "Also you shall not have intercourse with a woman during her [menstrual period or similar] uncleanness." Leviticus 18: 19 (Amplified.)

[171] The difference between an abortion and a miscarriage, according to *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* is that while both are defined as the expulsion of a human fetus, a *miscarriage* is the "expulsion of a human fetus before it is viable, usually between the 12th and 28th weeks of gestation" and an *abortion* is "the expulsion of a human fetus before it is viable during the first 12 weeks of gestation."

[172] Numbers 14:36; Psalm 31:13; Proverbs 10:18; Jeremiah 6:28 and 9:4, 6:28; Psalm 50:20, 101:5; 2 Samuel 19:27.

[173] Psalm 1:1.

[174] Proverbs 19:29

[175] "Has She No Shame," by Joe Conason, July 4, 2003, Salon.com at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/RevisitedBks/CoulterTreason.html>

[176] Ibid.

[177] God is a liberal! See the following scriptures: "The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered." Proverbs 11:25 (Amplified); this verse has a cross-reference to II Corinthians 9:6-10, a magnificent description of God's love for the liberal. See James 1:5, "Ask of God, that giveth to all liberally." And see Isaiah 32:5 in the KJV, where the prophet foresees a time when the vile will no longer be

called “liberal.”

[178] See Katherine Yurica’s essay, “The Despoiling of America,” at <http://www.yuricareport.com/Dominionism/TheDespoilingOfAmerica.htm>
“Rogue Republican Dons in Congress, Tear Up the Constitution, Exclude Democrats and Accept A New Title: ‘The Godfathers’” by Katherine Yurica at: <http://www.yuricareport.com/Corruption/RogueRepublicanBillsUnconstitutional.htm>

[186] M. Scott Peck, M.D. “People of the Lie, The Hope for Healing Human Evil,” Simon & Schuster, New York, 1983, at page 177.

[187] Ibid. at page 218.

[188] Ibid. at page 177.

[189] Ibid at page 124.

[190] Ibid. pp. 124-125.

