

RETURN TO THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION



**A REBUTTAL TO TRUSTEE STEELE
AND ALL OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE
BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN RULE OF THE
USA**

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*“...I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son...” –
Psalm 2*

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THE FLAG ON THE COVER AND ITS RELATION TO A RETURN TO THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

The USA's first national flag, the Continental Colors, graphically depicts how the USA began as a predominantly Protestant Christian nation organized as a confederation of sovereign states of the Anglo-American people. It has 13 alternating red and white stripes representing the 13 British colonies which became the original 13 confederated sovereign states of the independent USA. The upper inner corner features the flag of the Kingdom of Great Britain, the Protestant country from which it was originally settled, founded, and subject. The flag of the Kingdom of Great Britain in turn alludes to the Protestant Christian identity of Great Britain, and hence also of its successor nations which carry it. This first national flag of the USA thus speaks volumes about the core identity of the USA in its original constitution: Protestant Christian, Anglo-American, and organized as confederated sovereign states.

The Bible teaches that the nations of the earth and their civil magistrates should "kiss the Son" in accordance with Biblical revelation, and the Continental Colors flag is an appropriate symbol of our cause to revive what was lost as the USA has been progressively transformed into a modern Babel, resulting in the tyrannical taking away of our Christian liberties. The Bible provides both roadmap and comfort how God in His grace will build His kingdom and the nations will repent of our rebellion and serve the Lord. The USA's original constitution- the Articles of Confederation- and the laws enacted while the USA's national government was officially under her authority, mark out the USA as effectively a Protestant Christian nation with most political powers distributed to her sovereign states and their localities. May Jesus Christ reign!

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PREFACE

Ms. Becky Steele delivered a speech before the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners of Ottawa County, Michigan on March 23, in the year of our Lord, 2023, in which she expressed her opposition to the “Constitutional County” resolution which eventually passed by a vote of 9 to 1 of the Ottawa County Board.¹ She noted in her speech that she is a Georgetown Township Trustee, and so her speech was delivered with the weight of that office. I disagree with her arguments and seek to rebut them here in writing and later in a speech before the Georgetown Township Board, as well as challenge Ms. Steele to public debate on the topic. As a political leader in the Township in which I reside, her views on constitutional rights and the protection of constitutional rights are of paramount importance for the welfare of the Township. But even more important than these is the question of whether Biblical Christianity, and recognizing Jesus Christ as Lord, should be the foundation of political rule in these United States.

Here are four notable thoughts and quotes from her speech before the Ottawa County Board²:

1. “Bothering me most is the first paragraph which suggests that the constitution extends life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as God given rights. A reading of the United States constitution

¹ <https://ottawaimpact.com/board-declares-ottawa-county-a-constitutional-county> (accessed May 27, 2023).

² Her speech can be seen starting at time 21:40 of the County Board meeting found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm_J-zIpciM. My speech can be seen starting at 3:57:00 there. (accessed May 27, 2023).

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will reveal the word ‘God’ is never mentioned in the document...I think you may have been referencing the Declaration of Independence, which is a declaration of war to which none of us swore an oath.”

2. “I also come to you as a taxpayer...This resolution is going to put our county in a precarious position and lead to expensive litigation for which we the taxpayers will carry the burden.”

3. “It is the job of the courts to determine when things violate the constitution; not the job of this county body.”

4. “In closing I urge you to vote against adoption of this resolution to protect constitutional freedoms and to redirect your efforts, time and leadership instead in the direction of belonging and responsible governance.”

In this short book I would like to address and rebut each of these four thoughts in turn and in the process argue for a return to the USA’s original Christian constitution, the Articles of Confederation. While the context of this debate is local to Western Michigan, the argumentation is pertinent to localities and states across the USA.

Ms. Steele’s arguments are quintessentially federalist, whereas my rebuttal is anti-federalist, and hence we find ourselves locked in a political disagreement as old as the US itself. Ms. Steele combines her federalism with a disdain for Biblical Christian civil rule, favoring secular humanist civil rule in its stead, which has tended over time to dominate the federalist approach. So we have here a pitting of two diametrically

opposed political theologies: federalist secular humanism versus anti-federalist Biblical Christianity.³

Advocates of federalist secular humanism like Ms. Steele will immediately object to my classification of their position as a political theology. The fact that secular humanism really is a theology, despite what federalist secular humanists vehemently assert, underscores an inherent problem of the Federal Constitution: its “no religious test oath” clause is a manifestation of the political theology of secular humanism and hence creates a religious establishment in the Federal Government—the religion of secular humanism—which contradicts the principle of the First Amendment that seeks to forbid religious establishment at the Federal Government level. There can be no religiously neutral government of any kind. The Federal Constitution hence purports to put in place what is in fact an impossibility, since every government is necessarily the manifestation of some political theology. Indeed, Jesus Christ Himself testified against the myth of religious neutrality, proclaiming: “He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.” Any civil magistrate that does not “kiss the Son” as Psalm 2 commands, will necessarily be working against the Son.

Most conservative Protestant Christians finally came around to believe “secular humanism” is a religion in the 1970s, disabused of the myth of religious neutrality in principle:

“Influenced by the 1970s writings of Francis Schaeffer, Rousas John Rushdoony, and Tim LaHaye, the Christian Right argued that

³ Many readers at this point may want to read Appendix 5 where I define the terms “federalist secular humanism” and “anti-federalist Biblical Christianity”.

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the public schools were in violation of the First Amendment because the schools established an official religion: secular humanism. Yep, that's right, they contended secular humanism, though atheistic, evinced all the traits of a religion and thus the public schools, awash in secular humanism, violated the religious freedom of Christians ... the argument that secular humanism was a religion, and that its dominion over the public school curriculum was a violation of the First Amendment, guided conservative legal attempts to remove evolution from biology classrooms or, at least, have it taught alongside some form of creationism (including, recently, intelligent design). Occasionally, the Christian Right found sympathetic judges on this matter, such as Brevard Hand, a federal judge in Alabama who ruled against state schools in a 1987 decision, writing that the secular humanist "omission" of religion "does affect a person's ability to develop religious beliefs and exercise that religious freedom guaranteed by the Constitution." But Hand's logic was overruled and, generally speaking, the courts have yet to grant legitimacy to this argument. For example, in another 1987 case, *Edwards v. Aguillard*, the Supreme Court found that a Louisiana law requiring teachers of evolution to give equal time to creationism was unconstitutional because its sole purpose was to "advance the religious viewpoint that a supernatural being created humankind." Obviously, to make this argument the Court did not conceptualize evolution, which the Christian Right considers integral to secular humanism, as religious doctrine."⁴

⁴ <https://s-usih.org/2011/02/is-secular-humanism-religion/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

Not surprisingly, the federalist secular humanists who dominate the Federal Supreme Court never have and likely never will accept that secular humanism is a religion, because it would mean the downfall of their power rooted in the internally contradictory Federal Constitution. This is despite occasional admissions to the contrary, like Justice Black's footnote of the Court's finding, to court cases where organized groups of self-identified humanists, or ethicists, meeting on a regular basis to share and celebrate their beliefs, have been granted religious-based tax exemptions,⁵ or like a federal court ruling in Oregon regarding religious meetings in prison.⁶

Meanwhile, most conservative Protestant Christians have generally failed to put 2+2 together that since secular humanism is a religion, and there really can be no religiously neutral government (for all governments operate according to some religious/philosophical framework), their support of the Federal Constitution (and general absence of advocacy for a return to the Articles of Confederation) is misguided.

These two contrary political theologies- federalist secular humanism versus anti-federalist historic Biblical Christianity- cannot credibly rule together long term in one political entity, and so both sides know or should know something is going to give: one or the other is going to prevail, without illusion on the other side. It is a truism of scripture, famously referenced by Abraham Lincoln: "if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." Among the multiple serious problems with the Federal Constitution lies the fact that it has tried

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torcaso_v._Watkins (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁶ <https://www.christiantoday.com/article/federal-court-decides-secular-humanism-is-a-religion/42653.htm> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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to combine in one constitution two contraries. It is “a house divided against itself.”

James Madison and most of the leading federalists at the time of the adoption of the Federal Constitution wanted a purely federalist constitution. But they came to realize that was not going to be possible given the level of anti-federalist opposition, just as they had earlier come to realize that there was no practical way they could legally amend the anti-federalist Articles of Confederation given the level of anti-federalist opposition to such change. So as a concession to keep a half a loaf of what they wanted, after illegally overthrowing the Articles, the federalists allowed the addition of the bill of rights which are essentially anti-federalist in character, but watched over supremely by a federal government that is federalist in character. The fox was hence left to guard the henhouse, but the hens were assured they should feel secure within their henhouse. The federalist fox has kept eating the hens at night, hoping none of the hens would notice. But, of course, the hens keep noticing, while the fox has kept furtively eating away. Now we are at a point when the fox can do in daylight and in almost complete control, what was before more furtive. At some point most of the hens should realize it is a bad idea to have a hen house guarded by a fox, which means a return to the anti-federalist Articles of Confederation. The fox hopes that before that day of full realization comes, the hens will all have been eaten ...and be replaced as a ruling majority by Third World hens who never have even had experience with a hen house.

Humanly speaking, the federalists control almost all of the levers of power to win the contest with anti-federalists. But God is sovereign over all, and we have good reason to believe from His word that

Biblical Christianity will ultimately prevail,⁷ even if it must first endure much tribulation in the process. The recent takeover of the Ottawa County Board by the local grassroots Christian political group Ottawa Impact is American anti-federalism in action.⁸ Anti-federalism is political rule from the bottom-up (local and state levels are supreme), whereas federalism is political rule from the top-down (national level, or even global level, is supreme). Anti-federalist Biblical Christianity is a political theology worth defending, and there is good reason to believe it will ultimately prevail.

⁷ <http://www.puritans.net/rev-a-brakels-commentary-on-revelation-2/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁸ https://ottawaimpact.com/build-from-the-ground-up-the-ottawa-county-blueprint?fbclid=IwAR0vKZ0kpiO6l9P_qcTdzoGdp70R9utI24eo6tIDN3BTanCqXVI AuedE0t8 (accessed June 10, 2023).

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CHAPTER 1: THE ROLE OF GOD IN US CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

“Bothering me most is the first paragraph which suggests that the constitution extends life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as God-given rights. A reading of the United States constitution will reveal the word ‘God’ is never mentioned in the document...I think you may have been referencing the Declaration of Independence, which is a declaration of war to which none of us swore an oath.”

In the quote above Trustee Steele has her history wrong, so let me go through it here in detail. Around the same time in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was written, the original constitution of the USA- the Articles of Confederation- was written and within several years had been ratified by all of the States of the USA. The Declaration of Independence states “all men ... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”. The Articles of Confederation are explicitly Christian, recognizing Jesus Christ as the Lord of the USA, sovereign and “Great Governor of the World”.⁹ These Articles state one reason they are written is “the security of Liberties, and their mutual and general welfare”, which clearly has reference to the Creator-endowed rights and liberties mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.¹⁰ As one important tool to preserve said liberties, the Articles require that “every state shall always keep up a well regulated and disciplined

⁹ <https://www.ushistory.org/documents/confederation.htm> (accessed June 10, 2023).

¹⁰ Ibid.

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militia, sufficiently armed and accoutered, and shall provide and constantly have ready for use, in public stores, a due number of field pieces and tents, and a proper quantity of arms, ammunition and camp equipage.” According to the Articles of Confederation, all states and localities of the USA are to have citizens’ militias regulated by the elected government leaders, and have citizens with guns so as to be able to serve on the citizens’ militia, in order to protect against centralized political tyranny. The Second Amendment of the Federal Constitution sought to preserve this situation, even though it did so in a form weakened from the Articles of Confederation: “*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*” The anti-federalist founders were fearful of a centralized tyranny, as well as criminality and foreign invasion (which illegal immigration is), so required an armed citizenry that could be called up in the states and their localities to form the citizen militias regulated by the elected government leaders in these states and localities.

Ms. Steele’s speech pretends as if there were no original Christian constitution written in the same year as the Declaration of Independence, setting forth the political organization of the USA to secure the Christian liberties declared in the Declaration. She may even wish that such were not the case. She may also wish that the constitution did not require an armed citizenry that could be called up by the elected officials of states and localities to protect against centralized tyranny, upon their determination of such tyranny. She may further wish that the following were not the case either:

“The first complete **English** Bible printed in America was published in 1782 by **Robert Aitken**. Up until the American

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Revolution, all Bibles in English had been imported to the Colonies from England. But during the Revolution, Bibles were not available because of the embargo on English imported goods. The printing of the New Testament started with preliminary copies in 1777 and the final copies printed in 1781. The addition of the Old Testament followed in 1782. Aitken's printing of the King James Version came to be called the "**Bible of the Revolution**" because it was small enough to fit into the coat pocket of the soldiers of the Continental Army. This Bible was the only one ever authorized by the United States Congress, part of whose resolution said: "they recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States, and hereby authorize him [Mr. Aitken] to publish this recommendation in the manner he shall think proper."¹¹

“On 9/12/1782, Congress declared;

“THAT the United States in Congress assembled highly approve the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aitken, as subservient to the interest of religion, ... they recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States, and hereby authorize him to publish this Recommendation in the manner he shall think proper.”

Aitken omitted the Apocrypha; consistent with other small King James versions at this time.”¹²

¹¹ https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/one_nation_under_god/3/(accessed May 27, 2023).

¹² <https://vachristian.org/americas-first-bible/>(accessed May 27, 2023).

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This US officially authorized Bible (commonly known as “the King James Version”) matches the Bible which was officially authorized by Great Britain, except in rather typical American fashion, did not even bother to include the apocrypha as “apocrypha”. This official US authorization has never been rescinded, and its official legal authorization in Great Britain has never been rescinded either.

Not only did the US Congress authorize it as our national Bible, it patronized the effort:

“The war with Britain cut off the supply of Bibles to the United States with the result that on Sept. 11, 1777, Congress instructed its Committee of Commerce to import 20,000 Bibles from "Scotland, Holland or elsewhere." On January 21, 1781, Philadelphia printer Robert Aitken (1734-1802) petitioned Congress to officially sanction a publication of the Old and New Testament which he was preparing at his own expense. Congress "highly approve the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aitken, as subservient to the interest of religion . . . in this country, and . . . they recommend this edition of the bible to the inhabitants of the United States." This resolution was a result of Aitken's successful accomplishment of his project. Aitken published Congress's recommendation of September 1782 and related documents (Item 115) as an imprimatur on the two pages following his title page. Aitken's Bible, published under Congressional patronage, was the first English language Bible published on the North American continent.”¹³

¹³ <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel04.html> (accessed May 27, 2023).

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It should not be lost on us today the implications of this official US Congressional declaration and act, given the following statement of the Roman Catholic Council of Trent, which was and remains dogma in the Roman Catholic Church to this day:

“But if any one receive not, as sacred and canonical, the said books entire with all their parts, as they have been used to be read in the Catholic Church, and as they are contained in the old Latin vulgate edition; and knowingly and deliberately contemn the traditions aforesaid; let him be anathema...Furthermore, in order to restrain petulant spirits, It decrees, that no one, relying on his own skill, shall,--in matters of faith, and of morals pertaining to the edification of Christian doctrine, --wresting the sacred Scripture to his own senses, presume to interpret the said sacred Scripture contrary to that sense which holy mother Church,--whose it is to judge of the true sense and interpretation of the holy Scriptures,--hath held and doth hold; or even contrary to the unanimous consent of the Fathers; even though such interpretations were never (intended) to be at any time published. Contraveners shall be made known by their Ordinaries, and be punished with the penalties by law established...

And wishing, as is just, to impose a restraint, in this matter, also on printers, who now without restraint,--thinking, that is, that whatsoever they please is allowed them,--print, without the license of ecclesiastical superiors, the said books of sacred Scripture, and the notes and comments upon them of all persons indifferently, with the press oftentimes unnamed, often even fictitious, and what is more grievous still, without the author's name; and also keep for indiscriminate sale books of this kind printed elsewhere; (this Synod) ordains and decrees, that, henceforth, the sacred Scripture, and

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especially the said old and vulgate edition, be printed in the most correct manner possible; and that it shall not be lawful for any one to print, or cause to be printed, any books whatever, on sacred matters, without the name of the author; nor to sell them in future, or even to keep them, unless they shall have been first examined, and approved of, by the Ordinary; under pain of the anathema and fine imposed in a canon of the last Council of Lateran...

Besides the above, wishing to repress that temerity, by which the words and sentences of sacred Scripture are turned and twisted to all sorts of profane uses, to wit, to things scurrilous, fabulous, vain, to flatteries, detractions, superstitions, impious and diabolical incantations, sorceries, and defamatory libels; (the Synod) commands and enjoins, for the doing away with this kind of irreverence and contempt, and that no one may hence forth dare in any way to apply the words of sacred Scripture to these and such like purposes; that all men of this description, profaners and violators of the word of God, be by the bishops restrained by the penalties of law, and others of their own appointment.”¹⁴

This official act of the US Congress was thus in direct defiance of Roman Catholic dogma, making the USA the target of its official anathemas. In addition, it was a clear affirmation of the Protestant character of the USA. Thus, in 1782, the year after all of the sovereign States of the USA had ratified the legal constitution of the USA which has never been legally amended or rescinded, and hence is still legally in place, the US Congress oversaw the publication by Aitken of its officially recognized Bible, under the patronage of

¹⁴ <https://history.hanover.edu/texts/trent/ct04.html> (accessed May 27, 2023).

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the US Congress. The Articles of Confederation recognize that Jesus Christ is Lord and Sovereign of the USA. The USA is hence an explicitly Christian country, and by this act of the US Congress, it is effectively a Protestant Christian one because its officially authorized Bible is a Protestant one. The Protestant Bible is officially recognized as the word of God for these United States.

Ms. Steele may wish that none of the above were true. She may not mention these facts and hope that others will fail to notice these historical facts as well. But alas, “if wishes were horses, beggars would ride.”

Ms. Steele also failed to mention how the Federal Constitution went about officially replacing the original constitution of the USA, so let me fill in that very important gap too. The words of the original national covenant legally pledged the USA to it in perpetuity, only to be amended by following the legal procedures as provided therein. These procedures were not followed in the adoption of the Federal Constitution. Instead, Federalists illegally pushed through the Federal Constitution in 1789, which they could not legally get adopted due to the strength of the anti-federalist opposition. Patrick Henry and other anti-federalists presciently warned what would happen with this illegal usurpation. In the words of Patrick Henry in defense of the Articles of Confederation:

"The Confederation, this same despised government, merits, in my opinion, the highest encomium: it carried us through a long and dangerous war; it rendered us victorious in that bloody conflict with a powerful nation; it has secured us a territory greater than any European monarch possesses: and shall a government which has been thus strong and vigorous, be accused of imbecility, and

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abandoned for want of energy? Consider what you are about to do before you part with the government. Take longer time in reckoning things; revolutions like this have happened in almost every country in Europe; similar examples are to be found in ancient Greece and ancient Rome instances of the people losing their liberty by their carelessness and the ambition of a few... I acknowledge that licentiousness is dangerous, and that it ought to be provided against; I acknowledge, also, the new form of government may effectually prevent it: yet there is another thing it will as effectually do- it will oppress and ruin the people.¹⁵

For the details of how the change in national constitution was illegally accomplished, I would direct your attention to the book *Conceived in Liberty: Volume 5* of Dr. Murray Rothbard. As quoted there: "... the nationalist forces were able to execute their truly amazing political coup d'etat which *illegally* liquidated the Articles of Confederation and replaced it with the Constitution. In short, they were able to destroy the original individualist and decentralized program of the American Revolution ... The Federalists, by use of propaganda, chicanery, fraud, malapportionment of delegates, blackmail threats of secession, and even coercive laws, had managed to sustain enough delegates to defy the wishes of the majority of the American people and create a new Constitution."¹⁶ In other words,

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https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Henry%27s_speech_in_the_Virginia_Ratifying_Convention (accessed May 27, 2023).

¹⁶ Rothbard, Murray. *Conceived In Liberty : Volume 5*. The Mises Institute, 2019. See also <https://mises.org/library/conceived-liberty-volume-5-new-republic-1784-1791/html> (accessed May 27, 2023).

not only were the legal procedures for amendment of the original constitution not followed, but the whole thing was orchestrated in a blatantly illegal and unethical fashion.

Given this illegal usurpation by the Federal Constitution, the Articles of Confederation is the legally rightful constitution of the USA. It is the duty of the states and localities to work towards a legal, peaceful and orderly return to the Articles of Confederation, and it is the duty of the Federal Government to surrender its power in an orderly fashion to the Christian confederation order, given that power was illegally obtained. The Articles of Confederation is the USA's original national covenant. As Galatians 3:15 states: "Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto". In other words, states and localities have a moral duty to return to the original national covenant and comply with it, including in their state constitutions. It is a national sin that we have broken our original Christian covenant and substituted it with an illegally adopted one, and we should repent.

Ms. Steele failed to mention how Michigan legally came into being, which is pertinent to Michigan's constitution. Before the Federal Constitution was illegally adopted by the USA, the confederated US Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. This ordinance was the legal basis for creating states like Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. It stated: "The said territory, and the states which may be formed therein, shall forever remain a part of this confederacy of the United States of America, subject to the articles of confederation, and to such alterations, therein as shall be constitutionally made...DONE by the United States Congress assembled, thirteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven,

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and of their sovereignty and independence the twelfth.”¹⁷ Under the usurping Federal Constitution, the national government is not a confederacy, and the national government is not run according to the “the articles of confederation, and to such alterations, therein as shall be constitutionally made”, contrary to the legal stipulations for states created on the legal basis of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. States like Michigan thus have an added legal rationale for returning to the Articles of Confederation as the recognized national constitution, based upon the legal foundation for their very existence.

Ms. Steele notes how the Federal Constitution has no mention of ‘God’ in its text, but that omission points to another moral reason the USA should return to the Articles of Confederation. God’s infallible word the Bible says: “I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession...Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son...” In contrast, the Federal Constitution states: “... no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States...”, and its Fourteenth Amendment incorporates this requirement down to the states and localities. The US Federal Government is thus secular humanist, not recognizing Jesus Christ as Lord, contrary to both the Articles of Confederation and the Northwest Ordinance. The sad reality is that James Madison, the “father of the Federal Constitution”, was an apostate from the

¹⁷ <https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/northwest-ordinance> (accessed May 27, 2023).

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Biblical Christianity of his youth. He wanted the USA to become secular humanist,¹⁸ and he was willing to use illegal means to accomplish his end.¹⁹ Patrick Henry and other anti-federalists tried to stop the effort, but all to no avail. Most professing Christians have ignorantly condoned the immoral usurpation, even though it contradicts the Biblical command of Christian government and violates the principle that Biblical national covenants cannot be discarded, and especially not illegally discarded. Civil magistrates are to “kiss the Son.” The USA’s original constitution was correct in recognizing Jesus Christ as Lord. It is morally sinful to replace a Christian constitution with a secular humanist one.

The federalists like Madison did not want a bill of rights, but in order to maintain the “essentials of American nationalism, Madison decided that it was better to make some concessions right away and thus pull the teeth out of the drive for an overhaul of the Constitution” by anti-federalist forces... ”The maneuver succeeded all too well as many in the Antifederal bloc were ready to settle for a small part of the loaf and then give in to the Constitution” which had been put into place by illegality.²⁰ Anti-federalist principles in this way got embedded in the Federal Constitution, but unscrupulous

¹⁸ <https://americanreformer.org/2022/09/the-original-anti-christian-nationalist/> (accessed May 27, 2023).

¹⁹ Rothbard, Murray. *Conceived In Liberty : Volume 5*. The Mises Institute, 2019. See also <https://mises.org/library/conceived-liberty-volume-5-new-republic-1784-1791/html> (accessed May 27, 2023).

²⁰ Rothbard, Murray. *Conceived In Liberty : Volume 5*. The Mises Institute, 2019. See also <https://mises.org/library/conceived-liberty-volume-5-new-republic-1784-1791/html> (accessed May 27, 2023).

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federalists were now in the driver's seat to thwart them, even as they had illegally overturned the anti-federalist Articles of Confederation.

The Federal Constitution at its initiation did not dare touch Christian establishment and test oaths at the state level. The states of that era had Christian- indeed, often even Protestant Christian - religious test oaths and acknowledgments, and all referenced God, as can be seen in Appendix 2 of this book. Even today, after so many years of Federal secularizing of the nation, all 50 states mention God in some way in their state constitutions. "The U.S. Constitution never explicitly mentions God or the divine, but the same cannot be said of the nation's state constitutions. In fact, God or the divine is mentioned at least once in each of the 50 state constitutions and nearly 200 times overall, according to a Pew Research Center analysis."²¹ Even acknowledgment of God in a constitution implies acknowledgment of a Devine Being and Moral Law above human ones. While it is certainly true that the "no religious test oath" clause in the Federal Constitution was an unadulterated secularizing of Federal level government, as most federalists wanted, the same cannot really be said of the First Amendment in its original addition as part of the "bill of rights". Its original intent was to keep the Federal Congress from imposing religion on the States, but in and of itself in no way hindering or impeding establishment of religion by each state at the state and local levels:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the

²¹ <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2017/08/17/god-or-the-divine-is-referenced-in-every-state-constitution/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”²²

Only passage of the Fourteenth Amendment incorporated religious test oath rules and the First Amendment’s anti-establishment clause to the state and local levels, after the failed effort of the southern states to secede on ostensibly states’ rights grounds. But the Fourteenth Amendment’s legal right to do so is predicated on the legal right of the Federal Constitution itself- a legal right without a sound legal or moral foundation, in the context of how the Federal Constitution illegally got enacted and how it contradicts Biblical moral law to “kiss the Son.” Indeed, it even thwarts what was the original intent of the First Amendment: to prevent the Federal Government from imposing its religion upon the states. Imposing secular humanism upon the states is an egregious and unacceptable violation of the First Amendment.

But even with the Fourteenth Amendment’s diminution of states’ rights, there was still intact in theory much of the anti-federalist bill of rights. The “bill of rights” in the Federal Constitution maintains some methods of securing the God-ordained liberties for which Americans died in the American Revolution, as well as a statement of rights professedly protected by the Federal Constitution. To deny this reality is to deny the history of why the bill of rights got added into the Federal Constitution: to preserve the ideals of the Declaration of Independence due to the political strength and American grassroots

²² <https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-1/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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popularity of anti-federalism. It was also a testimony of Christian anti-federalist naivete to acquiesce to the compromise- a naivete which has persisted to this present time. It has been naivete to imagine the Federal Government as established in the body of the Federal Constitution will really protect the bill of rights, when the Federal Government structure so created is inimical to preservation of those rights.

CHAPTER 2: THE LOVE OF MONEY VERSUS CHRIST AND CHRISTIAN LIBERTY

“I also come to you as a taxpayer...This resolution is going to put our county in a precarious position and lead to expensive litigation for which we the taxpayers will carry the burden.”

Sadly, many federalists have had a love of money which supersedes love of Christ and Christian liberty. Such are destitute of or weak in Biblical Christian conviction, so it stands to reason that Christ and Christian liberty are of less value to them. So what if the government tells them to speak a lie, like a LGBTQ law imposes on citizens? If affirmation is demanded that someone who really is a man is a woman, then the federalist weak or destitute in Christian conviction can oblige. Unlike those with strong Christian convictions, they can simply affirm the lie and weasel out of the retribution. For some the case is sadder than this: they have been deluded to believe the lie that a man rightly can identify as a woman, or vice versa. But for the person with Christian conviction, this is not permissible, and so such person must feel the blunt sword of the political tyranny. And such Christians are extremely troubled by the sexual and Marxist immorality of the “diversity, equity, and inclusion” agenda, among many other immoralities and crimes promoted and mandated by the US Federal Government.

For Christian anti-federalists like Patrick Henry, the motto is: “give me liberty, or give me death.” Christ and Christian liberty are the preeminent concern, whereas money, and even earthly life itself, are secondary. Christian liberty is a preeminent concern for Christians of strong Christian conviction, because the first love of such Christians is to “kiss the Son” in life, or at the very least that is what is strived for, even though there is too often a falling short of this high ideal.

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Such Christians are deeply troubled when they fall short. Also, Protestant Christians do not believe participating in a Mass or doing a rosary will in any way absolve them, but instead make matters worse, as such are forbidden by scripture. Biblical Protestantism teaches that justification (i.e., the sinner being declared righteous by God) is totally on the basis of the free grace of God through Jesus Christ's righteousness and once-for-all sacrifice for sin imputed to their account, with saving faith as the instrument of that imputation but not the basis of it. Even that saving faith is a gift of God implanted in the sinner. At the same time, Biblical Protestantism teaches that those whom God justifies, He also sanctifies, such that they by God's indwelling Holy Spirit live a life in gratitude to Jesus Christ, albeit marked with remaining sin in this life. So "if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you... whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

Herein is the life of the Christian believer with respect to money versus God:

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Yet federalist arguments almost always place money front and center as a reason anti-federalist Christians should cease and desist from the efforts, and that is the case in this current struggle in Ottawa County. Hence we read many articles like this one:

“Local leaders fear Ottawa Impact shake-up could stymy business growth, tourism

... According to the Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce, based in Holland and serving Zeeland, the "abrupt and unexpected" actions taken Jan. 3 were "concerning" and "will undoubtedly have an impact on our business community." ... Lakeshore Advantage, for example, represents primary employers in Ottawa County and assists in obtaining resources for expansion and growth ... "Lakeshore Advantage is committed to ensuring current and future generations want to live and work in the (area)," the organization wrote in a statement. "The number one challenge reported by employers in this region is access to talent, and our research shows that employers who proactively invest in diversity, equity and inclusion strategies are more likely to grow..."²³

But what does God's infallible word the Bible say about the "diversity, equity, and inclusion" agenda? There is no mention of that in the Holland Sentinel article or the other coverage of mainstream media. Does God really want the USA to be a modern Babel? Does He want it to be a modern Sodom and Gomorrah? Ironically, these federalists fail to see the forest for the trees. Long term, how did it end up faring for Babel, Sodom, and Gomorrah? God blesses nations who follow Him, and He curses nations who rebel against Him: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." As these federalist secular humanists destroy the Biblical Christian fabric of the USA, they are destroying the very thing that in the past brought it such blessing.

It is ironic too that Ms. Steele is so concerned about money as it relates to conservative Ottawa Impact actions. To my knowledge she was not complaining of the expenditure of money by Ottawa County on the "diversity, equity and inclusion" agenda. It has been estimated

²³ <https://www.hollandsentinel.com/story/news/politics/county/2023/01/11/local-leaders-fear-ottawa-impact-shake-up-could-stymy-business-growth-tourism/69796904007/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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that there will be 5-year savings of \$1.4 million from abolishing the DEI Department.²⁴ Or what about all of the County grant money expended on questionable or even blatantly immoral activities?²⁵ Furthermore, if Ms. Steele is so concerned about the legal costs on Ottawa County, how about she urge her liberal allies to stop litigating against the County?²⁶

Long term blessing resides in following anti-federalist historic Biblical Protestant Christianity. We should no longer be fooled by federalist secular humanist arguments to the contrary. In the words of Deuteronomy 28, herein lies our path to blessing:

“And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall

²⁴ <https://simplyamerican.com/county-board-chair-signals-need-for-fiduciary-responsibility-and-protection-of-children> (accessed June 10, 2023).

²⁵ <https://simplyamerican.com/county-board-chair-signals-need-for-fiduciary-responsibility-and-protection-of-children> (accessed June 10, 2023).

²⁶ <https://www.michiganradio.org/criminal-justice-legal-system/2023-03-08/residents-sue-ottawa-county-board-for-open-meetings-act-claims> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.”

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CHAPTER 3: THE ROLE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

“It is the job of the courts to determine when things violate the constitution; not the job of this county body.”

Earlier we noted Ms. Steele’s disdain for the Declaration of Independence, and her unfounded claim of its disassociation from the national constitution of the USA. She, like most federalists, oppose its thoughts and arguments, even if they often do not admit as much, and sometimes even deceive themselves:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these

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Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.”

Past and on-going abuses of power and enormities by federalists in power here in the USA and Michigan make the abuses of King George III look tame by comparison. Legalized abortion mandates, LGBTQ mandates, uncontrolled illegal immigration without allowance for government-controlled citizens’ militias to protect against such foreign invasion, illegal surveillance of citizens, inadequately safeguarded election integrity, criminal Deep State involvement in elections, participating in the illegal drug trade to fund illicit activities, mandated secular humanism contradicting and overthrowing historic Biblical Christianity of the USA, non-release of information as to the murder of a former President, unconstitutional replacement of the USA’s citizenry as a ruling majority with foreign ones, federalizing state militias, government funding of illegal and unethical “gain of function” research, and much more.

United States Secretary of State and former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director (2017 - 2018), Mike Pompeo, admitted to an audience from Texas A&M University, that the CIA especially trains employees to “lie, cheat and steal.”²⁷ Ethics have largely departed the CIA and other parts of the Federal Deep State, as evinced in this quote and substantiated by much evidence.²⁸

²⁷ <https://www.telesurenglish.net/news/We-Lied-Cheated-and-Stole-Pompeo-Comes-Clean-About-CIA-20190424-0033.html> (accessed June 10, 2023).

²⁸ Douglas Valentine’s book *The CIA as Organized Crime: How Illegal Operations Corrupt America and the World* corroborates the continuing criminality of the CIA

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Undergirding all of these abuses and enormities was the illegal usurpation of the USA's original Christian constitution and Protestant Christian laws. Although they inserted an anti-federalist 'bill of rights' meant to help protect our Christian liberties, as a concession to the anti-federalists in order to save their "half loaf" as described earlier, the Federal Government has failed to protect those liberties, as Patrick Henry and other anti-federalists warned.

Since judges are appointed by the elected civil magistrates, and not elected themselves, they are subservient to the elected civil magistrates. It is the elected civil magistrates, guided by the will of the governed, that humanly speaking are the final arbiters of what is constitutional or not, and what infringes on the constitutional Christian liberties of the people, since they are the ones elected by and receiving the consent of the governed, not judges appointed by elected civil magistrates. Humanly speaking, those are endowed with prioritized political power who receive the consent of the governed (to use the words from the Declaration of Independence)- which are the elected magistrates- not the unelected judges. This is even as it was the elected leaders in ancient Israel who God ordained with rule: "Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you."²⁹

At the national level, under the Articles of Confederation, there was not even a separate judicial branch of appointed tenured judges. This was one among many of its measures to help prevent despotism. And

and the deep state. Its criminality has been defended and maintained by both the Republican and Democrat parties in the USA.

²⁹ Deuteronomy 1:13

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elected local and state magistrates were required to maintain citizens' militias to protect against tyranny and invasion.

Even though the Second Amendment of the Federal Constitution was a weakened form of anti-federalism on this matter, it still affirms and militarily empowers this principle in the elected state and local officials, who regulate the citizens' militias, to the chagrin of federalists who wanted unfettered power in the hands of unelected judges and bureaucrats, who could in turn wield imperial tyranny over their subjects: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." This Second Amendment principle implies elected local and state magistrates do not just have to surrender to all judgments of unelected judges. This is the logic of the anti-federalist portion of the Federal Constitution, which limits the purely federalist portion in theory.

Constitutionally and Biblically it is the job of subordinate magistrates to interpose on behalf of the people they lead when a higher tyrannical Big Government oppresses them, which means they have to determine when things violate the constitution and when their God-given liberties are being discarded. Appointed judges do not lead the armed citizen militias; elected officials do. US judges, and Big Government officials, have time and again imposed tyrannical and anti-Biblical mandates upon the States and their citizens. We need elected officials who will stand up and call out this tyranny and wickedness for what it is, and seek to protect the people whom they rule over in their jurisdiction. "We ought to obey God rather than

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men.” Reformed theologian John Calvin pointed out what scripture teaches:

“For when popular magistrates have been appointed to curb the tyranny of kings (as the *Ephori*, who were opposed to kings among the Spartans), so far am I from forbidding these officially to check the undue license of kings, that if they connive at kings when they tyrannise and insult over the humbler of the people, I affirm that their dissimulation is not free from nefarious perfidy, because they fraudulently betray the liberty of the people, while knowing that, by the ordinance of God, they are its appointed guardians.”³⁰

The subordinate magistrate must “kiss the Son” and implement Biblical justice in his jurisdiction.³¹ The likely reason Trustee Steele is offended that Christian liberties referenced in the Declaration of Independence and Articles of Confederation are God-given, is because if such Christian liberties are God-given, then even if a Big Government tries to step in and take the liberties away, since the subordinate civil magistrates ultimately report to Jesus Christ and must “kiss the Son”, as Psalm 2 teaches, they are duty-bound to interpose on behalf of their tyrannized citizenry. Under the current circumstances it would be foolhardy for some Michigan county to try to use any kind of military force against the Federal Government and its military, just as it was foolhardy for the

³⁰ Calvin, John. *Institutes* IV.20.31.

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/history/calvin-institutes-christianity/book4/chapter-20.html> (accessed June 10, 2023).

³¹ Biblical justice is the moral law revealed in holy scripture, whereas the modern term “social justice” is a morality based in humanism or some other ideology contrary to scriptural revelation.

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ancient Jews to try it when they faced the imperial Babylon of their day. But we do have the “sword of the Spirit”, which is the Bible, to wield against the wickedness and corruption in Washington, DC and Lansing right now, and we should be wielding it with vigor, even as we seek by God’s grace to wield it against our own internal sinfulness which so besets us.³² In chapter 5 I propose a path forward given current circumstances, utilizing interposition of the lesser magistrate. The Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ, will win this battle, and He will bring down everything that stands opposed to His worldwide rule and plan for the nations and states to “kiss the Son”.

³² I commend to the reader Rev. Wilhelmus a Brakel’s commentary on Revelation for its treatment on the topic of how the modern Babylon will fall, as described at <http://www.puritans.net/rev-a-brakels-commentary-on-revelation-2/>.

CHAPTER 4: THE BIBLE NOT BABEL

“In closing I urge you to vote against adoption of this resolution to protect constitutional freedoms and to redirect your efforts, time and leadership instead in the direction of belonging and responsible governance.”

The battle over ideology has included a battle over County motto. Ms. Steele’s statement above- urging a “direction of belonging” over a direction of “constitutional freedoms” - places her in the camp in favor of the old motto and agenda, and opposed to the new motto and agenda. Here is how one mainstream media article has described the battle:

“Ottawa County’s “Where You Belong” motto needed to change, the county’s new leaders said. The six-year-old motto had been used to “promote the divisive, Marxist ideology of the Race Equity movement,” according to a resolution passed Tuesday, Jan. 3 and supported by a majority of the county’s just-sworn-in leaders. And it further helped establish a racial equity office “on the premise that county resident characteristics of being 90% white and largely conservative were problematic for businesses.” So on Tuesday, when a majority of further-right leaning Ottawa County commissioners were seated for the first time, they changed the motto to “Where Freedom Rings” by a 7-1 vote. It’s a motto they say still affirms that all people belong but one that also guarantees

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constitutional rights are protected and honors American exceptionalism.”³³

Trustee Steele urges the County Board to focus on making sure all people belong here, which is code word for following the LGBTQ agenda, along with the other parts of the DEI agenda, at the command of Big Government. So Big Government demands that if a man tells someone he is a woman, that the person has to verbally agree with this lie and violate his Christian conscience to the Ten Commandments which teaches, “thou shalt not bear false witness”. And if this person does not verbally go along, then the person may lose his job or business or maybe even be treated by the government as a criminal. It is political tyranny.

God’s infallible word the Bible teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman, and not between a man and a man, or between a man and a horse. Big Government cannot change that fact. Jesus Christ is Lord to determine who marriage is between, who is a man, and who is a woman; sinful humans are not God. And the more we violate that Biblical principle, the more we will be afflicted by all sorts of physical and mental diseases. Even the Michigan constitution still reads thus: “To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized

³³ <https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2023/01/where-you-belong-ottawa-county-motto-helped-promote-divisive-marxist-ideology-new-elected-leaders-say.html> (accessed June 10, 2023).

as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.”³⁴ Sadly, the Federal “Supreme Court held that the Fourteenth Amendment requires a state to license a marriage between 2 people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between 2 people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed in another state.”³⁵

Trustee Steele urges the County Board to focus on making sure all people belong here. So how are Christians trying to follow the Bible going to belong here? Or what about those who oppose males from participating in female athletics? Or what about women who do not want men coming into female restrooms? And how will a female jail inmate belong when a male who calls himself a female is put in her jail cell, with the real possibility of raping her? And what about those parents who resist letting their young children be conned into gender re-assignment? How will they belong when the LGBTQ agenda is fully implemented here? Biblical principles cannot be sacrificed on the altar of making sure everyone belongs in Michigan. And, frankly, not one single illegal immigrant belongs in Michigan. Michigan cannot solve the problem of every Third World country or its people, and I am saying that as one married to someone from a Third World country. They need to turn to Jesus Christ and work to solve their own people’s societal problems in their country, just like we need to turn to Jesus Christ and work to solve our people’s societal problems in our country. The Bible defends national borders and national

³⁴ <https://law.justia.com/constitution/michigan/article-i/section-25/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

³⁵ <https://law.justia.com/constitution/michigan/article-i/section-25/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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sovereignty, while teaching kindness and fairness to foreigners. But it denounces Babel as the model, and we should oppose the USA becoming a modern Babel.

Federalists have a good talk about being humane, but in truth their history is one of not only treating God badly, but also most of humanity badly. Dr. Murray Rothbard is quite right in his critique of the federalist Big Government program: "...government, by its nature, cannot supply bounties and privileges without taking them from others, and these others were to be largely the hapless bulk of the nation's citizens."³⁶ Dr. Rothbard is correct in his analysis of why most of the wealthy (including white Southern planters and Northern industrialists) favored the federalist agenda illegally overturning the Articles of Confederation, even as today most wealthy white and Jewish Americans would oppose a return to the Articles of Confederation. They do not see it in their own financial interest, even though it would be in the best interest of most humanity.

Anti-federalism has been unfairly tarred with the persistence of black slavery and the Civil War and the like, while in reality federalism is to blame. Anti-federalism approaches to giving equal political power to the white middle class voter as the white upper class voter, whereas federalism gives far more power to the white upper class voter, inasmuch as anti-federalism places political power at the more local grassroots level which does not require as much money to win political campaigns. Giving too much political power to the white middle class has always been a political threat to the

³⁶ Rothbard, Murray. *Conceived In Liberty : Volume 5*. The Mises Institute, 2019. See also <https://mises.org/library/conceived-liberty-volume-5-new-republic-1784-1791/html> (accessed May 27, 2023).

white upper class who want to maintain special political and economic privileges, including for cheap labor. It was not in the economic interest for the white yeoman farmer to have to compete with black slave labor, even as today there is not economic benefit for the white middle class to have to compete with cheap foreign labor imports from the Third World into the nation. There was a natural conduit under the Articles of Confederation and anti-federalist principles for black slavery to be ended based upon this calculus, and things were rapidly moving in that direction during the Confederation period, but that was upended by the federalist program. Although we can be thankful that black slavery did bring Christianity to African Americans, any blessing from that benefit ended long before the Civil War. The destiny for mankind is not for one race of man to be slaves of another race of man, but for each race and people group to have sovereign nations where they are the ruling majority and such nations are Biblical Christian, which is the opposite of the modern Babel model. The “diversity, equity, and inclusion” mantra today, like the “three-fifths clause” in the original Federal Constitution, is in part simply a tool for wealthy whites to enjoy cheap foreign labor. If wealthy whites and Jews are so interested in “diversity”, then why do they not go live in non-gentrified inner city diverse neighborhoods, rather than their wealthy white and Jewish enclaves? If Ms. Steele is interested in neighborhood diversity, there are surely places more conducive to that than Georgetown Township, Michigan? Anti-federalists should call out the utter hypocrisy of most federalists on this issue.

If Southern planters in the ante-bellum South were so interested in states’ rights, then why did they not call for a return to the Articles of Confederation, but instead wanted to maintain an essentially

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federalist structure, including in the Confederate constitution of 1861? Why did they opt for secession instead of at least first trying a return to the Articles of Confederation, if states' rights was so preeminent an objective? And if defense of Christianity was so preeminent, why did they reject both the explicitly Christian Articles of Confederation, as well as an explicitly Christian reference in the Southern Confederate constitution of 1861? I am afraid that this is just another case of anti-federalists being "snookered". The majority of Southern whites did not have slaves in the ante-bellum South, and would unlikely have been willing to die fighting for slavery. But states' rights, and protection of their state homeland, is quite another matter. To die fighting for the sovereignty of one's state was something a large majority of white Southerners could agree upon. A majority of white Southerners were anti-federalists, but they directed their energies to the wrong cause. White Southerners then, like white Southerners now, should direct energy to a return to the Articles of Confederation, rather than a program purportedly rooted in states' rights and state sovereignty and defense of Christianity, but that instead will not yield that result.

The political reality is well described by Dr. Murray Rothbard: Northern federalist business leaders needed Southern federalist planters at the time the Federal Constitution was adopted in order to illegally overturn the Articles of Confederation.³⁷ But by the time of the Civil War, the Federal Constitution was firmly in place, and Northern federalist business leaders were firmly ensconced in power,

³⁷ Rothbard, Murray. *Conceived In Liberty : Volume 5*. The Mises Institute, 2019. See also <https://mises.org/library/conceived-liberty-volume-5-new-republic-1784-1791/html> (accessed May 27, 2023).

the coalition with Southern planters was no longer needed. Furthermore, Southern planters had divergent political and economic interests from Northern federalist business leaders. So that old political coalition broke, as illustrated by the demise of the Whig Party, which had united the likes of Northerner Daniel Webster with Southerner Henry Clay. The Republican Party took its place, led by Northern federalist business leaders. Most middle class Northern whites joined in, comprising its majority voting base, along with Southern blacks in the Southern states, during the Reconstruction Era. They were “snookered” into following an essentially federalist agenda rather than the anti-federalist alternative that would have been possible by a return to the Articles of Confederation.

Fast forwarding to today, the DEI agenda ends up offering no real long-term solution for any people group. Sinful sexuality is slavery, and leads to terrible physical, mental, and spiritual consequences. We need to look no further than California to see where this all leads, a “Predators Paradise”:

“...if some of Wiener’s bills seek to protect LGBTQ youth, they also represent a golden opportunity for a different group: adults who take advantage of them. Wiener ‘is an extremely dangerous person, [so] extremely dangerous that I cannot believe that people cannot read in between the lines,’ said Ugarte, who runs the anti-trafficking nonprofit Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition, based in National City, just south of San Diego. Wiener is turning California, she warned, into ‘a sex-trafficking paradise’...”³⁸

³⁸ <https://www.city-journal.org/article/predators-paradise> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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Many of the world's political, business, and religious elites want a world in which they can engage in sexual criminality with impunity. To see the truth of this, one has to look no further than the visitor list on Jeffrey Epstein's "pedophile island"³⁹ or the rampant pedophilia and pedophilia cover-up scandal of the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy.⁴⁰ Of course, there will always be sin in the world until Jesus Christ returns, but some political systems hold all people, including elites, more accountable than others. Turning the whole world into giant Third World empire with a ruling political, business, and religious elite is a recipe for rampant criminality and corruption. Should we be surprised that the United Nations and Vatican support the "Global Compact on Migration"?⁴¹

The federalist "diversity, equity, and inclusion" agenda is a complete lie. Immoral centralized tyranny is hardly a recipe for a true and sound form of diversity, equity, and inclusion.⁴²

The ultimate federalist agenda is not simply a US federal empire, but a worldwide federal empire. Under such an arrangement, there are no more independent sovereign nations, but national governments simply become administrative arms of the worldwide

³⁹ <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/crime/jeffrey-epstein-island-ghislaine-maxwell-b2111535.html> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁴⁰ <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2019/03/19/commentary/world-commentary/catholic-church-committed-worst-crime-u-s-history/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁴¹ <https://www.ncregister.com/news/vatican-us-diverge-on-un-s-global-compact-on-migration> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁴² See Appendix 4.

empire, even as in the USA the formerly sovereign states have become simply administrative arms of the US federal empire based in Washington, DC. Globalist organizations, including the Vatican, the UN, the WEF, the WHO, and more, along with their federalist supporters, have been actively working towards the goal. It is to be a worldwide Babel replacing the current Washington, DC-based Babel.⁴³ The Book of Revelation, which is God's roadmap for the Christian church from the Apostolic era to the future Second Coming of Christ, includes this in its historical outline. Many Protestant Reformers wrote about it, but I would especially commend to your attention Dutch Reformed theologian Wilhelmus a Brakel's commentary on Revelation.⁴⁴ This greater federalist vision for the world is diametrically opposed to the anti-federalist Biblical Protestant Christian one. Thankfully, the testimony of the Book of Revelation and scripture in general is that the prophesied worldwide Babel only lasts for a season; Christ will conquer and reign victorious. The next chapter suggests ways Christian anti-federalists can work towards that end by God's grace.

⁴³ <https://mises.org/wire/united-nations-and-origins-great-reset> and <https://billmuehlenberg.com/2020/12/15/the-great-reset-the-vatican-and-inclusive-capitalism/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁴⁴ <http://www.puritans.net/rev-a-brakels-commentary-on-revelation-2/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

CHAPTER 5: PROPOSED PATH TO CHRISTIAN VICTORY

In this final chapter I offer a number of suggestions as to how supporters of anti-federalist Biblical Christianity should proceed by God's grace towards victory. For those counties which have not done so, I recommend as a starting point the sorts of things Ottawa Impact has done in Ottawa County, Michigan.⁴⁵ For those of us in Ottawa County, we now have the luxury of the base Ottawa Impact produced by God's grace.⁴⁶ Included in that base are local ruling boards which are effectively Christian anti-federalist in orientation, even if that term is not one most would use for themselves. Also included in that base is the news outlet Simply American, which communicates news in Ottawa County from a sounder perspective.⁴⁷

Upon that excellent base, my first main suggestion regards further strides in news and information. Many Americans have not heard much on the side of anti-federalist Biblical Christianity, but much on the side of federalist secular humanism. Those who feel comfortable with debate ought to challenge the advocates of federalist secular humanism to public

⁴⁵ https://ottawaimpact.com/build-from-the-ground-up-the-ottawa-county-blueprint?fbclid=IwAR0vKZ0kpiO6l9P_qcTdzogdp70R9utl24e06tIDN3BTanCqXVIAuedE0t8 (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁴⁶ <https://www.woodtv.com/news/ottawa-county/how-businessman-built-ottawa-impact-and-took-control-of-county-board-in-2-years/> and <https://www.mlive.com/politics/2022/11/ottawa-impact-secures-huge-majority-on-county-board-with-election-wins.html> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁴⁷ <https://simplyamerican.com/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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debate, such as at area schools and other public venues. That is what I plan to do in Ottawa County after publication of this book.

Also regarding news and information, there needs to be further address of the press and education imbalance. Babel's advocates control almost all of the press: NPR, PBS, MSNBC, CNN, MSNBC, Fox (what happened to Tucker Carlson when he told a too few many truths?), etc., as well as most of the education system. They are financed by BIG GOVERNMENT, BIG BUSINESS, BIG EDUCATION, and BIG RELIGION wedded together to advocate for neo-Babylonian globalism as opposed to Biblical Christianity. It takes time and money to disseminate true information, but time and money are in short supply among American Christians as we struggle just to make ends meet and take care of our families. We may elect a local governing board, but then for most of us, most of our political information comes from the Babel Press. How should elected leaders on local governing boards address this information imbalance? I would submit that once Christians do assume leadership of a county or township board, or a public school board, that they then should create a news and information department of the local government, and staff it with personnel committed to disseminating truthful information to the citizenry. Doing this may seem to run counter to "libertarian purity", but "libertarian purity" should not be confused with Biblical Christianity. The Christian Articles of Confederation did not erase or skeletonize local and state government, but simply skeletonized BIG GOVERNMENT unaccountable to local grassroots politics.

Such county and township news and information departments then can send out information in print, radio, social media, and other formats, so citizens in the county or township stay well informed, and the

information from the Babel Press is countered. One of their first tasks should be to inform the citizens of such historical facts as these:

- The rightful national US constitution and covenant of the USA in perpetuity is the explicitly Christian Articles of Confederation (and not the illegally usurping Federal Constitution), and so all localities and states of the USA should work to come into line with it in a legal, peaceful, and orderly fashion.
- The legally recognized, acknowledged, and authorized Bible by the US Congress for use in English is the Bible we commonly know as the King James Version. US law recognizes the Bible as God's word to mankind.⁴⁸
- The states of the USA had Christian constitutions during the Confederation period.

And beyond such information as above, there should be news disseminated on what is happening on an ongoing basis that citizens need in order to stay informed, do their civic duty, and to counter the Babel Press' coverage of the news. These departments need to also encourage debate in the community and schools, and our side should do well in such debates if the voters and students can hear it. Information networks should be created of volunteer information liaisons at each of the area

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<http://www.puritans.net/articles/The%20Bible%20Officially%20Authorized%20by%20the%20US%20Congress%20In%20Accordance%20With%20the%20US%20Christian%20Constitution%20Legally%20Still%20In%20Place.pdf> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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Christian churches, who can make sure the Christians in the area Christian churches are aware of what is going on.

In point of fact, Ottawa Impact is well on their way in this communications arena, to remake County government communications.⁴⁹ They simply need to continue on this path and take it further.

My second main suggestion regards working with other counties in the state seeking to do the same. There are now around 50 of the 85 counties in Michigan that have declared themselves “constitutional counties” or similar. These counties should be working together for a common approach and strategy, since there is strength in numbers. It would likely even make sense that an association of these counties would form, and periodic association meetings include at least two representatives from each of the constituent counties.

Another suggestion relates to the topic of interposition. Justice is becoming harder and harder to obtain through the Federal and state court systems. I recommend the creation of a department to receive and process information about injustices, so that the County Board and its appointees can interpose on behalf of county citizens who are being unfairly treated by Federal or state level governments. Ottawa Impact is

⁴⁹ <https://www.woodtv.com/news/ottawa-county/committee-moves-to-overhaul-ottawa-county-communications/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

already well on its way on implementing interposition, and simply needs to continue down its current path.⁵⁰

Another suggestion relates to use of public referenda for dealing with controversial issues, similar to the way Brexit was handled by a national referendum in Britain. Referenda could help tackle some of the following issues and more:

- Voting and election reform
- Abortion mandates
- LGBTQ laws and mandates
- Gun laws and provisions in the Articles of Confederation relating to government-regulated citizens militias
- The parties to marriage
- Immigration and demographic issues
- Money
- The national constitution

Public debate followed by referenda help make sure the County Board has the voting public on board with major controversial policies. It would even be ideal if the same referenda were considered and on the ballot in many other constitutional counties, so there can be strength in numbers. Let's consider the issues listed above.

⁵⁰ https://www.ottawagop.org/matt_trewhella_event and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3AHyuhczUA> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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Election integrity and public confidence in election integrity are essential to a well running democratic republic. But here is the current state of affairs:

“Professor J. Alex Halderman has made a career studying electronic voting security. His research has changed the concept of stolen elections from theory to reality. “I know America’s voting machines are vulnerable,” J. Alex Halderman firmly stated, pausing to lift his head from the page he read to look up at a phalanx of U.S. senators, “because my colleagues and I have hacked them—repeatedly—as part of a decade of research studying the technology that operates elections and learning how to make it stronger.” It’s not hyperbole to say a shudder swept through that august meeting room in the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., as Halderman delivered a much-rehearsed line at the onset of a six-minute statement. Until the U-M computer science professor began his testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in June 2017, the idea of a hacked American election felt to many lawmakers like a still-theoretical notion. Other technologists and elections integrity experts had warned members of Congress in such formal settings about abstract vulnerabilities, but state officials and election machine vendors had repeatedly insisted they had it all under control. Halderman has little patience for such coddling. That his voting machine intrusions took place in laboratories rather than live elections made his message no less alarming to the committee. “We’ve created attacks that can spread from machine to machine like a computer virus and silently change election outcomes,” Halderman continued. “We studied touch screens and optical scan systems.” Then, emphasizing each next word with a staccato delivery and direct eye contact, he stated: “And in every single case, we found ways for

attackers to sabotage machines and to steal votes. These capabilities are certainly within reach for America's enemies."⁵¹

In some places like Detroit, Michigan or Atlanta, Georgia there were voting methods and abnormalities even more flagrantly concerning, especially associated with non-polling place votes.⁵²

The current system of voting is clearly in need of repair, and there should be a serious public debate and reconsideration of the decision to move from open voting to the secret ballot:

“For most of America's history, elections were noisy, well-attended public events. There was no secrecy and no private voting booths with curtains and stillness; voting was conducted in the open before interested spectators. Voters stood in line or came forward from the crowd to vote, often times climbing steps to a platform where election officials sat to do so. Whether they emerged from the Election Day scum or stood in a line, always they voted one by one and were always observed.”⁵³

The secret ballot, in contrast, makes for far more difficulty in accountability. When legislators cast their votes in legislature, they are

⁵¹ <https://alumni.umich.edu/michigan-alum/hacking-the-vote/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁵² <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/11/felt-like-drug-deal-asian-american-ballot-observer-detroit-describes-mysterious-van-dropping-off-61-boxes-ballots-4-video/> and <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/08/georgia-fulton-county-elections-chief-ralph-jones-resigns-ran-late-night-ballot-dump-operation-atlanta/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁵³ <https://sociallogic.iath.virginia.edu/node/39> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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generally open to public observation. Voters in the county should hear debate on both sides of this issue, and then cast their votes in a referendum on which voting procedure to follow in the county. It is my hope that voting citizens would want a return to methods of voting which prevailed in the first part of American history, rather than the secret ballot which developed later.

After years of being under Federal Supreme Court mandate, the Supreme Court finally relinquished the abortion issue to the states. The State of Michigan has chosen to continue what the Supreme Court had mandated. But legalized murder is such that County leaders should not shrink from taking it up. A public debate followed by a referendum on whether abortion should be legal in the county would be appropriate.

The Federal Supreme Court, Michigan Supreme Court, and the Michigan legislature have made decisions and passed laws which enforce much of the LGBTQ agenda. These are contrary to historic constitutional rights and Biblical morality. The voting citizens of the county should be enabled to weigh in on the topic through a referendum, and the county leaders can then determine whether they have the support for a long-term challenge to such higher level mandates.

Gun laws, including red flag laws which bypass due process rights, are another area where constitutional rights are being trampled by higher levels of government. The voting citizens of the county should be enabled to weigh in on the topic through a referendum, and the county leaders can then determine whether they have the support for a long-term challenge to unconstitutional mandates.

There should also be a referendum pertaining to re-establishing the provisions in the Articles of Confederation relating to government-regulated citizens militias. I want to reiterate what was stated in the previous chapter that government-regulated citizens militias are not the weapon that should be used to move from this modern Babylonian empire. For that, God would have us use a much more powerful weapon: the word of God disseminated and proclaimed. This is to be fought as a spiritual battle. I believe turning it into a military battle would result in the same sad result as when the ancient Jews tried it against the Babylonian empire of their day. From the standpoint of American Christians, it should be handled as a spiritual battle. God can and likely will use wicked foreign nations to bring down the Washington, DC regime,⁵⁴ but American Christians should have no part in that. The Washington, DC regime is doing many things associated with the Nordstream pipeline, in the Ukraine war, etc. to invite problems and eventually destruction.

The Federal Supreme Court mandated “gay marriage”, contrary to the Michigan constitution and Biblical morality. Like the others, the voting citizens of the county should be enabled to weigh in on the topic through a referendum, and the county leaders can then determine whether they have the support for a long-term challenge to wicked higher level mandates.

Immigration is an area important to the future of the county, state, and nation, but voting citizens have been deprived of the ability to weigh in. Federalists and globalists have employed immigration to thwart anti-federalist Biblical Christianity in the USA. The “Great

⁵⁴ See *Not to Be Ignored* for a treatment on this topic.

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Replacement” is not a mere “conspiracy theory”, but a fact of what has been happening through a combination of legal and illegal immigration. Americans were also lied to when told the new 1965 immigration law would not change the demographics of America.⁵⁵ Referenda related to both illegal and legal immigration would be appropriate. The people of Ottawa County should be able to decide whether we are going to follow the Babel model or the Israel model.

Control of illegal immigration can also be helped by various tools at the County disposal. Activist sheriff departments have been highly effective in curtailing illegal immigration.⁵⁶ Even government-regulated militia should be considered to enforce the Ottawa County borders from foreign invasion.

Most Americans are highly supportive of the peaceful partition of the Soviet Union back in 1991, which resulted in the independent racial/ethnic homeland nations of Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Armenia, etc., but are seemingly reluctant regarding a similar partition of the current Federal empire. While there are complexities regarding the latter, a partition still would be quite possible that created areas of ruling majority for each of the people

⁵⁵ <https://vdare.com/articles/ted-kennedy-s-1965-immigration-act-the-war-on-america-turns-50> and <https://100percentfedup.com/1965-ted-kennedy-promised-disastrous-immigration-bill-will-not-inundate-america-immigrants-fromdeprived-nations-africa-asia/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁵⁶ <https://www.oklahoman.com/story/news/2008/07/26/illegal-immigration-is-hot-issue-in-some-county-sheriff-races/61562598007/> and <https://foxchattanooga.com/dade-sheriff-tells-illegal-immigrants-from-texas-to-not-stop-here-stay-on-dc-bound-bus> (accessed June 10, 2023).

groups populating the Federal empire: Anglo-Americans, African Americans, Mexican-Americans, Cuban Americans, native Hawaiians, the various American Indian tribes, Puerto Ricans, etc. It can and should be accomplished without any sort of ethnic cleansing, and it could be done peacefully and orderly. There should at least begin a debate and eventually referenda on the topic. Such would help prevent something like happened in Yugoslavia, which broke up under circumstances of civil war.

Immoral money mandates are one of the chief ways the Federal Empire exercises political tyranny over Americans. It mandates treatment of the ultimately worthless US dollar, which is a fiat currency, as the alone money of the nation, while treating the true historic sound money of gold and silver as not money, such as by imposing Federal taxes on the exchange of them. The rightful constitution of the USA (the Articles of Confederation) gives no such powers to the national government, and gold and silver scrip was common money (and so treated) during the Confederation period. Even the Federal Constitution weighs in on the side of gold and silver as the lawful money of the nation. Since the Federal Constitution states “no state shall make any thing but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts,” this is implicitly the definition of lawful money and, thus, any payment medium other than gold and silver is not considered lawful money. At the very least gold and silver constitutionally should be treated as lawful money by the national government, contrary to what is currently the case. There should be a referendum on this topic.

Finally and most importantly, there should be public debate and a referendum on what has really been a great national sin of the USA: the illegal replacement of the USA’s original national covenant (the

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Articles of Confederation) by the Federal Constitution. And it is not just that it was illegally and fraudulently replaced by the Federal Constitution; the Federal Constitution is a fraud. It holds out for the people an essentially anti-federalist Bill of Rights, which makes most Americans love it, because at heart most Americans are anti-federalists. But the rest of the Federal Constitution is federalist through and through, which means the Bill of Rights is ultimately an empty promise. The Federal Constitution places all of the military and other levers of power in the hands of those for federalist secular humanism, while ultimately leaving Biblical Christians and lovers of limited government out in the cold. It is a fool's errand to expect a Federal Supreme Court majority consisting of Biblical Christian judges, or a Federal Government Deep State bureaucracy that respects limited government. The Federal Constitution effectively and ultimately gives the real power to those who want to tread upon Biblical Christianity and limited government, and hence the USA ends up as a modern Babel. They have no qualms about trampling on the Bill of Rights to achieve their goals.⁵⁷ This is why anti-federalist Patrick Henry insisted on sticking with the Articles of Confederation and was wary and foreboding of simply a Bill of Rights embedded in a Federal Constitution.⁵⁸ It was federalist James Madison who wrote the Bill of Rights as tool to get most Americans to support the

⁵⁷ <https://www.waccobb.net/forums/showthread.php?44405-Most-Presidents-Ignore-the-Constitution> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁵⁸ <https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2017/03/patrick-henry-oppose-constitution-timeless-thomas-kidd.html> (accessed June 10, 2023).

Federal Constitution, including a fair number of gullible anti-federalists. The USA's original Christian constitution which was illegally abandoned, the Articles of Confederation, provides the structure to support anti-federalist ideals, whereas the Federal Constitution is ultimately just an enticing fraud.

The adoption of the Federal Constitution thus led to the progressive departure of the USA away from a Biblical Christian republic of confederated states to a modern Babel. With the Federal Constitution in place, those on the side of federalist secular humanism have the military and other levers of power, so how should Christian anti-federalists go about addressing the situation? Let me first say what Biblical Christians should not do: do not fight on a battlefield where the other side has all of the advantage. That means Christian anti-federalists should not wage this contest with guns and bullets, unless you want to fare like the Southern Confederates did at Gettysburg and Vicksburg. Federalists have the overwhelming advantage in any battle waged with guns and bullets against American Christian anti-federalists. No, the battlefield where Christian anti-federalists have overwhelming advantage is the spiritual one where Biblical truth is the weaponry and where it will prevail. "... out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."⁵⁹ The side of federalist secular humanism actually knows the truth is not with them, so they are doing all in their power to curtail free speech (even as they purport to be great defenders of Federal Constitutional law). Despite the

⁵⁹ Revelation 19:15

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opposition, we should proclaim the truth. Once the people know the truth, they will be prepared for a referendum on the question.

There should be a referendum on whether the Articles of Confederation should become in a manner peacefully, legally, and orderly the recognized national constitution. Interestingly, unlike the Articles of Confederation which emphasizes its perpetuity many times, the Federal Constitution does not do so even once. It is a tipping of the hat that eventually the USA would return to and then remain on the Articles of Confederation. Any amendments to it this time would be by legal process and not usurpation.

This should be accompanied by a Christian amendment to the state constitution, which would include recognition of the Articles of Confederation as the national constitution. When the USA broke its original national Christian covenant (the Articles of Confederation) and illegally adopted its imperial secular humanist replacement (the Federal Constitution), it was inevitable that the USA would progressively be headed towards becoming a modern Babel led by the Washington, DC-based Federal Government. The States of the USA progressively abandoned their explicit Christian state constitutions and recognized the illegally usurping Federal Constitution, and progressively have become administrative arms of the Washington, DC-based Federal Government. So far almost all State efforts to stem the tide of the progressive march to Babel have failed to repent of the initial act of apostasy and covenant-breaking and the de-Christianization of the state constitutions. There is no way of adequately addressing our currently miserable condition as a nation and as states of that covenanted nation which bypasses a return to the Christian Articles of Confederation.

Proposed Path to Christian Victory

In pursuing the path to Christian victory, there are going to be many challenges and tribulations along the way. Often our greatest enemy is the sin nature that lies within. Nevertheless, by God's grace we need to persevere in the effort, and look forward as well to the future Second Return of Jesus Christ. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin..."

APPENDIX 1: A REBUTTAL TO OTHERS AT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The first speaker at the May 23, 2023 Ottawa County Board meeting was author and historian Milton Newsma who noted his involvement with the creation of the series “Inventing America” on PBS (the government-sponsored network) filmed at Hope College.⁶⁰ He stated that:

- we are a nation of laws and not of men
- It is the job of the Federal Supreme Court to interpret the laws and not the job of the Ottawa County Commissioners.
- He said your jobs as Commissioners is just to do the nitty gritty administrative tasks.
- He said our democracy would collapse if every county took up the task to interpret the law.

This historian failed to mention that the Federal Constitution illegally usurped the original anti-federalist constitution, the Articles of Confederation. If we are a nation of laws, is that not relevant? Or is he unaware of the history of that illegal usurpation? Is he aware that the Articles of Confederation, implementing the principles of the Declaration of Independence, places sovereignty bottom-up, not top-down, based upon consent of the governed? Is he unaware that there is no Federal Supreme Court per the Articles of Confederation, such that the Federal Supreme Court is an illegal usurpation of power and authority? Is he unaware that in the structure of the Articles of Confederation, judges as appointees do not have the final legal say? But even under the Federal Constitution, why does he fail to take

⁶⁰ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm_J-zIpciM (accessed June 10, 2023).

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into account the full implications of the Second and Tenth Amendments. Finally, why does he fail to acknowledge that it is the federalists who have destroyed American democracy, not anti-federalists? Anti-federalism promotes democracy and accountability, thwarting the avari

Another speaker says he spent 40 years teaching government and history at Jenison Public High School.⁶¹ He says the Ottawa County resolution has a number of errors. Among the purported errors he cites are these:

- The phrase from the Declaration of Independence is not relevant to the constitutional question.
- The men who wrote that were Deists.
- We are turning a democracy into a theocracy.
- It is theocracy at work to take away DEI.

It very much concerns me how so many government-funded teachers in our society, as reflected in the above and Ms. Becky Steele, are advocates for federalist secular humanism, and how they are advocates for anti-federalist Biblical Christianity. That imbalance is in need of change.

Ottawa County Commissioner Doug Zylstra voted “no” on the “constitutional county” resolution that the Board majority passed. He had offered an alternative resolution which would have limited the Ottawa County Board to a federalist-restricted interpretation of the

⁶¹ Starting at around 59: 00 in the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm_J-zIpciM .

Federal Constitution, and hence is opposed to the Christian anti-federalist position.⁶² His revised version called on the Board to follow the constitution “as interpreted by their respective judiciary”. But the Federal and Michigan judicial branches follow the side of federalist secular humanism, and not the side of anti-federalist Biblical Christianity. So his proposal was effectively advocacy for federalist secular humanism, even if it did not explicitly identify itself as such. Such a federalist stance fails on both sound legal and Biblical grounds. Christian anti-federalists can never and should never accept that an unelected judiciary, especially one committed to secular humanism, will be the political arbiters of constitutional interpretation. That resides with the voting citizens of a locality and state, through their elected Christian leaders. It should be kept in mind that the national government under the Articles of Confederation properly did not even have a judicial branch of unelected judges. It only had a legislative branch of representatives from the sovereign states. A separate unelected judicial branch is a device of federalist secular humanism to wield their anti-Biblical tyranny upon the people.

I challenge all of the above, as well as Ms. Steele, to public debates on the topic, at venues hopefully including public schools where children are sadly being indoctrinated in the federalist side without benefit of hearing the anti-federalist side of the debate.

⁶² Starting at around 5:33:50 in the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm_J-zIpciM .

APPENDIX 2: THE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER OF THE STATES AT THE TIME OF THE ILLEGAL ADOPTION OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

An examination of the state constitutions at the time of the adoption of the Federal Constitution evinces the explicitly Christian character of the states at the time. Below are the acknowledgements of the Christian religion in the state constitutions at the end of the Confederation period and the beginning of the Federal period:

“DELAWARE, the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1776 State Constitution**:

"Every person ... appointed to any office ... shall ... subscribe ...

'I ... profess faith in **GOD THE FATHER**, and in **JESUS CHRIST His only Son**, and in the **HOLY GHOST**, one **God**, blessed for evermore; and I do acknowledge the **Holy Scriptures** of the **Old and New Testament** to be given by **Divine inspiration**.'"

PENNSYLVANIA, the 2nd state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1776 State Constitution**, signed by Ben Franklin:

"Each member, before he takes his seat, shall ... subscribe ...

'I do believe in one **GOD**, the **Creator and Governor of the Universe**, the **Rewarder of the good and the Punisher of the wicked**. And I do acknowledge the **Scriptures** of the **Old and New Testament** to be given by **Divine Inspiration**.'"

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NEW JERSEY, the 3rd state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1776 State Constitution**:

"All persons, professing a belief in the **faith of any PROTESTANT sect**, who shall demean themselves peaceably under the government ... shall be capable of being elected."

GEORGIA, the 4th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1777 State Constitution**:

"Representatives shall be chosen out of the residents in each county ... and they shall be of the **PROTESTANT religion**."

CONNECTICUT, the 5th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, retained its **1662 Colonial Constitution**, which was established **PROTESTANT CONGREGATIONAL**, till 1818:

"By the **Providence of GOD** ... having from their ancestors derived a free and excellent Constitution ... whereby the legislature depends on the free and annual election ... The free fruition of such liberties and privileges as humanity, civility and **CHRISTIANITY** call for."

MASSACHUSETTS, the 6th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1780 State Constitution**, written by John Adams:

"Any person ... before he ... execute the duties of his ... office ... [shall] subscribe ... 'I... declare, that I believe the **CHRISTIAN religion**, and have a firm persuasion of its truth' ...

The legislature shall ... authorize the support and maintenance of **public PROTESTANT teachers of piety, religion and morality**."

MARYLAND, the 7th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1776 State Constitution**:

"No other test ... ought to be required, on admission to any office ... than such oath of support and fidelity to this State ... and a declaration of a belief in the **CHRISTIAN religion**."

SOUTH CAROLINA, the 8th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1778 State Constitution**:

"No person shall be eligible to a seat ... unless he be of the **PROTESTANT religion** ... The **CHRISTIAN PROTESTANT religion** shall be deemed ... the **established religion of this State**."

NEW HAMPSHIRE, the 9th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1784 State Constitution**:

"No person shall be capable of being elected ... who is not of the **PROTESTANT religion**."

VIRGINIA, the 10th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1776 State Constitution, Bill of Rights**, written with the help of James Madison and George Mason:

"It is the mutual duty of all to practice **CHRISTIAN forbearance, love, and charity** towards each other."

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NEW YORK, the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1777 State Constitution**:

"The United American States ... declare ...

'Laws of nature and of **NATURE'S GOD** ... All men are created equal; that they are endowed by their **CREATOR** with certain unalienable rights ... Appealing to the **SUPREME JUDGE of the world** ... A firm reliance on the protection of **DIVINE PROVIDENCE**' ...

People of this State, ordain ... the free exercise and enjoyment of **religious profession and worship**, without discrimination ...

Provided, That the **liberty of conscience**, hereby granted, **shall not** be so construed as to **excuse acts of licentiousness** (sexuality immorality)."

NORTH CAROLINA, the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, stated in its **1776 State Constitution**:

"No person, who shall deny the being of **GOD** or the truth of the **PROTESTANT religion**, or the **Divine authority** either of the **Old or New Testaments**, or who shall hold **religious principles** incompatible with the freedom and safety of the State, shall be capable of holding ... office."

RHODE ISLAND, the 13th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, retained its **1663 Colonial Constitution** till 1843, which stated:

"By the blessing of **God** ... a **full liberty in religious concernements** ... rightly grounded upon **GOSPEL principles**, will give the best and greatest security ... in the **true CHRISTIAN faith and worship of God** ... They may ... **defend themselves**, in their

just rights and liberties **against all the enemies of the CHRISTIAN faith.**"⁶³

⁶³ <https://americanminute.com/blogs/todays-american-minute/was-the-u-s-constitution-ratified-by-christian-states-american-minute-with-bill-federer>

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APPENDIX 3: THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION PATH VERSUS THE PATHS OF THE TWO WARRING SIDES IN THE 1861-1865 WAR BETWEEN THE STATES⁶⁴

The War Between the States 1861-1865 was tragic. Around 620,000 soldiers died fighting that war, which is approximately equal to the number of American fatalities in the other US wars between the Revolutionary War to the Korean War combined.⁶⁵ The war also killed many civilians, and left devastation across the countryside, especially in the South. But even more tragic is the fact that both sides were largely blind as to the underlying cause of the war: God's anger at us for the national sin of having abandoned the Christian Articles of Confederation and the Christian state constitutions of the USA's Confederation Period, opting instead for the federalist, anti-Christian path of the Federal Constitution and states' abandonment of explicitly Christian state constitutions. 1789 was a breaking of our original national Christian covenant, and 1861 was not a true repentance for the breaking of that perpetual covenant, but one punishment for breaking it. Neither side had an explicitly Christian government. When Thornwell tried in the South, and Hodge tried in the North, both efforts were thwarted. Furthermore, both sides in the war had essentially centralizing federalist constitutions which inadequately protected states' rights, whereas the Articles of

⁶⁴ I must give thanks to now deceased Rev. Raymond Joseph of the RPCNA for this analysis in its basic form. It is really not original with me.

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https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/national_cemeteries/death.html#:~:text=The%20number%20of%20soldiers%20who.and%20the%20Korean%20War%2C%20combined (accessed June 10, 2023).

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Confederation had true confederation government. The sad conclusion of the war was a doubling down by the USA in the path towards a modern Babel, especially propelled by passage of the Fourteenth Amendment which mandated all of the sinful characteristics of the Federal Government on the states.

Both sides opted for an empire model (which leads to Babel characteristics) instead of the Christian ethnic homeland nation model of ancient Israel, which God showcased in its moral aspects as the model nation. The North had a foreign underclass from many immigrating nations, combined with African Americans, Mexican Americans, Indian tribes, etc., whereas the Southern model had a foreign underclass mainly of African American origin. Compare this with how the Articles of Confederation consisted of confederated sovereign Christian Anglo-American states on a trajectory to end race-based black slavery peacefully and without out-of-state coercion, and likely would have given these other people groups their own sovereign nations where each would be ruling majorities.

The Southern Confederates realized they needed to get back closer to the Articles of Confederation constitution, but alas fell far short. The Southern Confederacy has the name “confederate”, even though its constitution delivers federalism. It advocated states’ rights, but failed to deliver (even if the South had won the war) states’ rights anywhere near the standard of the Articles of Confederation. The Southern Confederate constitution acknowledged God, but failed to be explicitly Christian like the Articles of Confederation. And none of the states of the Confederacy returned to the level of Christian acknowledgment in their state constitutions which they had possessed in the Confederation period when under the Articles of Confederation.

The Northern states were even more divorced from the Christian order of the Articles of Confederation. They doubled down on the worst aspects of the Federal Constitution, setting the stage for far worse to come in the future in the Babel direction.

All in all, it was a disaster, even if there are American leaders and men of the era we should certainly admire and respect. There was a widespread failure to perceive the original nation sin and the path which could have averted the bellic tragedy. It is not too late though for us today to return to the Christian Articles of Confederation.

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APPENDIX 4: THE FEDERALIST “DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION” LIE

Modern federalists are all-in with the DEI agenda, and it is reflected in all of the institutions they ideologically control. The Federal Government in its various departments and agencies is promoting DEI. For example, the Federal Department of Labor is promoting DEI in its own agency and in employment across the nation.⁶⁶ The Federal Department of Defense is promoting it throughout the US military.⁶⁷ The Federal Reserve Bank is promoting DEI with all of its clout in the banking sector⁶⁸. The Federal Supreme Court is effectively promoting it in many of its Court decisions which are mandated across the empire.⁶⁹ Big Business⁷⁰; Mainstream Media⁷¹;

⁶⁶<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/program-areas/employers/diversity-inclusion> and <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/program-areas/employers/diversity-inclusion> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁶⁷ <https://diversity.defense.gov/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁶⁸ https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/files/distrategicplan_202211.pdf (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁶⁹ <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/supreme-court-rules-existing-civil-rights-law-protects-gay-lesbian-n1231018> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁷⁰ <https://www.uschamber.com/diversity> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁷¹ <https://www.poynter.org/business-work/2022/news-media-diversity-equity-inclusion-2022/> (accessed June 10, 2023).

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Big Religion⁷²; and the international globalist organizations like the UN, WEF, and WHO are all in with DEI⁷³.

In reality, federalists are not truly for “diversity, equity and inclusion”, contrary to their empty mantra. Centralized tyranny mows over diversity, and requires conformity to their agenda throughout the Federal empire and ultimately on a global scale. In contrast, the anti-federalist approach allows for a peaceful partition of the Federal empire along the lines of the peaceful partition of the old Soviet empire, while distributing power to the states of Christian Anglo-Americans within the remaining USA. The federalist agenda also destroys true Biblical equity and replaces it with Marxist redistribution, which amounts to theft. Biblical equity is based upon the Ten Commandments as a summary of the moral law, including its protections of property, balanced by charity towards the weak and poor. The federalist agenda also destroys a sound form of inclusion, and replaces it with criminalization of Christians and any others who fail to fall in line with the LGBTQ ideology. Christian anti-federalists are quite willing to let other people groups and those who want to rebel against Jesus Christ to have regions they control; we just ask to be able to have regions we control. Even long term and in eternity there will be a place for those who doggedly seek rebellion against Jesus Christ (“the outer darkness”) and a place where those who “kiss

⁷² <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-10/the-pope-diversity-is-a-richness-never-a-reason-for-exclusion.html> and <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/the-council-for-inclusive-capitalism-with-the-vatican-a-new-alliance-of-global-business-leaders-launches-today-301187931.html> (accessed June 10, 2023).

⁷³ <https://hr.un.org/page/diversity-equity-and-inclusion> (accessed June 10, 2023).

the Son” dwell; Christian anti-federalists are fine with this partition.⁷⁴ It is the advocates of federalist secular humanism who seek the utter destruction of Biblical Christianity everywhere.

The USA's original constitution (the Articles of Confederation) had effective structures in place to thwart centralized tyranny. But imperial federalists illegally usurped the original constitution so they could put in place a centralized national government structure where this centralized power could exist and thrive. Modern federalists may shrewdly own the DEI label, but anti-federalists own its substance. Let's have true Biblically ordained diversity, equity, and inclusion, and not the ersatz “diversity, equity and inclusion” of the federalists.

⁷⁴ In my book *Protestant Nationalism Proffered* I suggest we are quickly reaching that time in redemptive history (“the millennium”) when the nations of the earth will be Biblical Christian (the Christian “meek will inherit the earth”) but those who want a place to continue open rebellion against Jesus Christ will do so on space colonies on Mars and beyond. “The millennium” is a foretaste of the eternal order which will be established after Jesus’ Second Coming and Great Day of Judgment, when there is an eternal separation of the elect and non-elect. See <http://www.puritans.net/protestant-nationalism-proffered/> (accessed June 15, 2023).

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APPENDIX 5: DEFINING TERMS OF THE TWO COMPETING POLITICAL THEOLOGIES

The terms “federalist secular humanism” and “anti-federalist Biblical Christianity” arise out of the context of early US political history. Let me briefly rehearse that history, so as to help define the terms.

Around the same time in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was written, the original constitution of the USA- the Articles of Confederation- was written and within several years had been ratified by all of the States of the USA. The Articles of Confederation is an explicitly Christian constitution which distributed most powers to the sovereign states of the USA and their localities, which themselves had explicitly Christian constitutions, as can be seen in Appendix 2. The national government under the Articles of Confederation could not tax, and it had no executive or judicial branches. The voting citizens had to be armed, because a main component of the military under the Articles of Confederation was the citizens militias under elected local and state leaders. The national Congress under the Articles distributed Bibles and effectively authorized the Protestant "King James Version" Bible as the Bible for the USA, just like Great Britain had authorized it for Great Britain.⁷⁵ It was effectively a Biblical Protestant Christian government at all governing levels and very de-centralized, just as the colonies had effectively been during their colonial era under Britain.

In the 1780s, after the USA had won the War of Independence under the Articles of Confederation (defeating the most powerful empire in the world at that time), there arose a **movement that called themselves "federalists"**, led by James Madison. Most of the wealthy and powerful at that time were federalists. They wanted to totally **re-make the national constitution, making it so the national government was**

⁷⁵ <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel04.html> (accessed June 17, 2023).

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supreme and called the shots. In other words, it would transform the USA into a centralized empire, but unlike the British empire, this one would be based in North America. Furthermore, James Madison and the federalists wanted a national constitution which was not explicitly Christian and that forbade religious test oaths at the Federal level, where the supreme power was under the federalist scheme. They wanted a constitution where the Christian religion as the basis of government would be thrown away, and be replaced by government on the basis of human reason, logic, and naturalism (i.e., “**secular humanism**”).

Those like Patrick Henry who wanted to **stick with the original design of the USA under the Christian Articles of Confederation** came to be called "**anti-federalists**". Most of the American “middle class” at the time, yeomen farmers and small business owners, were anti-federalists. President Obama derisively described this class of Americans centuries later thus: “they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them, or anti-immigrant sentiment, or anti-trade sentiment”.⁷⁶ It is simply the case that the elite of the USA have always looked down upon this broad swath of Bible-believing Americans holding to gun and other rights, and wanted to implement political measures to keep political power from them commensurate to their numbers. They constituted the majority of the white American population, but were lacking in the levers of power of the rich and powerful. The levers of power at that time were such things as control of most of the major newspapers and the post office system. Anti-federalists saw the federalist movement as a replay of what the London-based British empire had tried to do to them especially in the last decade of the colonial era, except this empire would come to be based in Washington, DC instead.

⁷⁶ <https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2008/april/obama-they-cling-to-guns-or-religion.html> (accessed June 17, 2023).

At first the federalists tried to amend the Articles of Confederation according to its amendment process, but they soon realized there was no way they could do it that way; the anti-federalist opposition was simply too strong. So the federalists came up with their own way of overthrowing the Articles of Confederation and replacing it with the Federal Constitution. By various illegal means they were able to ramrod through the Federal Constitution, but federalists realized it would not stick unless they gave the anti-federalists at least something in the Federal Constitution, which they did in the first 10 amendments called the Bill of Rights. This pacified enough anti-federalists so the Federal Constitution with this quasi-antifederalist addition was able to stick. However, many anti-federalists like Patrick Henry were under no illusions where this would eventually lead: centralized political tyranny.

In terms of evaluating these 2 different political theologies, “federalist secular humanism” and “anti-federalist Biblical Christianity”, one central question is: “what is the nature of man now?” Is man by nature good and reasonable, or at least good enough to rule himself and society well without Christ, His Spirit and the Bible? Or is man Fallen, such that by nature his “heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked”,⁷⁷ requiring Christ, His Spirit and the Bible to be saved from this miserable condition and in order to be enabled to govern himself and society properly? The latter is the mainstream view of anti-federalist Biblical Christianity. It also seeks very decentralized, locally accountable government where political power is not concentrated on a large scale, so as to help thwart man’s natural corrupt proclivity to grasp for power and then to utilize it in abusive ways.

⁷⁷ Jeremiah 17:9

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In contrast, Federalist secular humanism denies man needs Christ, His Spirit and the Bible to be saved and enabled to govern himself and society properly. In other words, its advocates assert: “we can manage the US government fine without the Biblical Christian religion, thank you.” It also tends not to see the dangers of concentrated human power on a wide scale, whether in the hands of a Federal President or a Federal Supreme Court, or at least believes it can be controlled by separation of powers at the Federal level. It sees no need for local and state government-regulated citizens militias as a counter-balance to a national military.

Throughout US history we have thus had these 2 dueling political theologies with their 2 dueling views of man in his current condition.