

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1,2

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Romans 12:3

Sound judgment is God's will.

Jesus said,

"Have you not read...?

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Six times in Matthew

Three times in Mark

One time in Luke

Does God have an opinion?

Transgender

Global warming

Immigration

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Are my opinions derived from Biblical perspectives?

To show:

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5 "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

7 As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

- 1 Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words.
- 4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."



By the year 2000 we will, I hope, raise our children to believe in human potential, not God.

(Gloria Steinem)

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- 6 The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.
- 7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

2 The sons of Japheth....

5 From these the coastlands of the nations were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

20 These are the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, by their nations.

31 These are the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, according to their nations.



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Separate nations arose because of God's intervention.

13 You shall not murder.

15 You shall not steal. (*)

Leviticus 24:11,12

The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name and cursed. So they brought him to Moses...

They put him in custody so that the command of the LORD might be made clear to them.

Numbers 15:33,34

Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation;

and they put him in custody because it had not been declared what should be done to him.

1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God...

4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, ... 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Mark Ch 12

17 And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him.

Revelation Ch 21

- 23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
- The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Revelation Ch 21

25 In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;

26 and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

Revelation Ch 22

2 On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

God has bestowed upon humankind the authority to take human life;

Our governments represent our efforts to carry out our collective responsibility;

Nations will continue to exist in the eternal state.

30 "I will drive them out before you little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land. 31 "I will fix your boundary from the Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River Euphrates; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you will drive them out before you.

32 "You shall make no covenant with them or with their gods.
33 "They shall not live in your land, because they will make you sin against Me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

43 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner is to eat of it;

45 "A sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it.

48 "But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it. 49 "The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you."

Leviticus Ch 19

34 'The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Nations/governments have a right to protect their self interests.

Individuals have a responsibility to show kindness to everyone.

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"Every child in America entering school at the age of five is mentally ill because he comes to school with certain allegiances to our Founding Fathers, toward our elected officials, toward his parents, toward a belief in a supernatural being, and toward the sovereignty of this nation as a separate entity. It's up to you as teachers to make all these sick children well – by creating the international child of the future." Chester M. Pierce, MD Dept of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School at the 1973 International Education Seminar



...the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.