

Let God's People Think

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Whetting your appetite – An introduction:

Recently an appeal was made in our area (Santa, ID) to decrease the town speed to 25 mph due to traffic coming through with excessive speeds. The problem: This action would have been meaningless due to the executive branch (the Sheriff's) utter failure to ticket current violators. A legislative act – to lower the speed limit – was not the need | answer *of the hour*. The need was for the executive branch to ENFORCE the present law | speed limit IF the concern was to be corrected.

In a similar way I ask ...

What's WRONG with this picture?

FoxNews.com (5/24/24 article) “Judge decides whether parents or government should make medical decisions for children” (This was the title of the article.)

Answer to the above question: The judge IS a government authority. So the government - the judge - decides on this matter? RIGHT ! We need to better discern deceptions that are both clearly and subtly offered.

One more true story before getting to our point ...

When I was in college campus ministry we tried (3 times) to bring a debate to Mt. Hood CC campus on the topic of origins. My opponent, in this last effort to debate (as he had, last minute, bailed out of the first two scheduled debates with Dr. Duane Gish), insisted that HE define the position I was holding. I told him the position that I was representing was mine to define, not his. The thought that HE had the authority to define my position was ludicrous. (He rejected my definition of the six-day creation week, initially asking me to actually sign a contract that the meaning of the term “day” was a 24-hour period. The Lord allowed me to see through his subterfuge – I sensed something was wrong with this so I declined, saying my position defines “day” as an approximant 24-hour period. He then insisted I sign a statement saying I hold, for debate purposes, a day meaning a period of time approximately 23-25 hours in duration. Again, I responded saying I debate using a definition meaning a day is *approximately as we know it today* (in duration). He then, honestly, asked me to sign a statement saying the word “day” allowed for a 5 – 50 hour day. I told him the definition I am bringing to the debate (for “day”) was a day as we know it today, defined by Scripture as “an evening and a morning” due to my position being a Bible-based view on origins. He then said, in my refusal to sign HIS mandate concerning the position I was to hold for the debate, “Then there's not going to be a debate.” It was HIS definition – not mine – that he insisted I use for the debate. His students who had gathered around our discussion begged me to over-

look this petty concern BUT, again, I sensed an entrapment-in-the-making. The next week I started hearing rumors that I was the one who called off the debate. RIGHT!

My POINT in all this:

May we – God’s people in Jesus Christ – abide in God’s Vine whereby our thinking about (and discerning) our day is not in violation of Proverbs 3:5, 6. May we walk in God’s Spirit within us so that the fruits we bare are God-based, not flesh-based fruits.

DON’T let the world put you into its mold. Instead, hold fast to God’s transcendent worldview. These days, our very eternal state is up for grabs due to the degree of deception represented therein (in the views of those who want us to sideline God’s Truths). Tell them, “NO WAY HOSEA!” After all, we’re called to do so:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1, 2 (NKJV)

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