

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Orienteering

To be overly concerned about the chaotic meanderings of a nation's political elite is to focus on a situation which is under the direct supervision of the God of this universe.

To be overly concerned about the exigencies you are asked to face on a daily basis is to challenge the integrity of God who programmed the divine decrees.

The secret to realizing your place in the plan of God is to learn that everything has a reason, a meaning, and a purpose. Our job is to adjust, adjust, adjust!

Too often we become distracted because the realities of the present day seem to be in conflict with our own schedule of events which we have determined will bring us happiness.

Whatever occurs is decreed and is a part of the plan. We must adjust to outside adversities while we make the internal choices which line up with the mandates of Scripture.

Often the establishment mandates of the Scripture are incorporated into the legal code of the nation.

The laws of a nation are the written chronicle of its citizens' moral beliefs.

Our population agrees to submit to a general code of civil and criminal law in exchange for the government's protection of our rights: privacy, property, freedom, and human life.

If a citizen breaks the social contract, he has forfeited his rights and the state is no longer obligated to protect them.

If one citizen takes another's life, the government no longer is obligated to protect the murderer's right to life and thus the state may execute him.

If a citizen is guilty of a misdemeanor, the state is no longer obligated to protect that person's property and may require of him a portion of his property in the form of a monetary fine.

If the crime is a felony, the citizen may forfeit his freedom inside the state pen for a designated period.

But these things are of little concern to the believer. He marches to a different and more demanding Drummer.

Establishment Integrity far exceeds the motivation of Establishment Morality. Christian Integrity far exceeds the capabilities of the most moral unbeliever.

And so, the modus operandi for the believer under an antireligious government is Establishment Integrity and Christian Integrity.

F. Orienteering

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "orienteering":

A cross-country race in which each participant uses a map and compass to navigate his way between checkpoints along an unfamiliar course.

Encyclopaedia Britannica, s.v. "orienteering":

Participants use a compass and a map of the course provided just before the event. They usually start at one-minute intervals and must check in at control points shown on the map, although the route between points is left to the individual. Because control points may be from a few hundred yards to a mile apart, intervening terrain often makes the choice of route critical.

I would like to use this sport as a teaching aid to demonstrate the situation which exists for the believer once he accepts Jesus Christ as Savior.

The cross-country race suggests the life of the believer from the moment of salvation to the point of physical death or the Rapture.

The map issued at the start of the race which plots your course is the Grace Apparatus for Perception which interprets Scripture.

The compass which enables you to navigate your way in unfamiliar territory is the power of the Holy Spirit in making application to experience.

The control points shown on the map are levels of spiritual growth. They can only be reached by crossing the terrain.

The terrain represents whatever challenges and exigencies you must face on a day-to-day basis.

The critical nature of individual route selection emphasizes the importance one's volition plays in daily decision making, problem solving, and spiritual growth.

The ability to read a map (Grace Apparatus for Perception in Bible study) and direction-finding skills (application from knowledge stored in the stream of consciousness) contributes to the successful completion of the course.

One final orientation is a personal confidence in your ability to compete.

God has provided all the assets you need to complete the course and to win the race.

2 Timothy 4:7 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.

1 Corinthians 9:24 - Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

Often in such competition, you compete in a foreign country. Such is the case for the believer who is in reality a citizen of heaven.

This brings us to the concept of ambassadorship.

G. Ambassadorship

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "ambassadorship":

A diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government as the resident representative of his own sovereign, and appointed a temporary diplomatic assignment. Many ambassadors are delegated plenipotentiary authority.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "plenipotentiary":

A diplomatic agent invested with full power to transact business on behalf of his sovereign.

At the moment of salvation, the believer receives two commissions:
Ordination into the Royal Priesthood.

1 Peter 2:9 - You are a chosen race [the universal church called the new spiritual species], a royal priesthood ...

Assignment to the Devil's world as a Royal Ambassador.

2 Corinthians 5:20 - We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating—making His appeal—through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

By analogy then, as members of the royal family of God, we are ambassadors for Christ who have been sent into a foreign country, the Devil's world, on a diplomatic assignment.

As royal priests we represent ourselves before God and as royal ambassadors, we represent God before men.

The priesthood is the equal privilege by which all believers fulfill the biblical mandates for worship.

Ambassadorship is the equal privilege by which all believers fulfill the biblical mandates for production.