

TEN MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE U.S.A.

1. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS ABSOLUTE OR ETERNAL TRUTH.

This is the assumption that everything is relative and that everything changes, and therefore to hold convictions about anything is narrow-minded.

- A. To stand for a principle is to be bigoted.
- B. People demand that both sides of everything be taught, without indicating right or wrong, good or bad, moral or immoral.
- C. This opens the door to Communism and Socialism, which are, of course, kissing cousins.
- D. The rejection of absolute Truth is replaced by "scientific determination," coupled with subjectivity.

Solution to this misconception: Malachi 3:6, "I am the Lord, I change not." Also, John 14:6, "Jesus said unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."

2. MATERIALISTIC CHANGE IS PROGRESS.

This is the assumption that all the changes we have had in this country, the electronic advances, the guided missiles, the wonder drugs, etc. are beneficial overt changes, however, they are superficial at best, because they do not include inner change and improvement.

People often say, "Isn't it wonderful that we have accomplished this or that," but material progress does not change the soul of man or keep him from rebellion of the soul. Only the Word of God is beneficial to the inner man.

Solution to this misconception: 1 John 2:1,7 "And the world is passing away, and the lust (desire) thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

3. PHYSICAL SURVIVAL IS THE HIGHEST GOAL IN LIFE.

Some say there is nothing worth dying for, that it is better to be "Red than dead;" or live by a philosophy that it is better to co-exist than not exist. These are surrender concepts in the minds of many people today. We no longer hear from men like Patrick Henry, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains, or slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

You don't hear that any more, except from believers who have the Divine Viewpoint.

Solution to this misconception: Mark 8:36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

4. FRIENDSHIP CAN BE PURCHASED WITH MONEY:

This has helped destroy our economy. The Marshall Plan was a demonstration of this, and since that time the American taxpayer's money has gone into many areas of the world to bolster up Communistic programs.

Solution to this misconception: Mark 8:36, Again, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

5. THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE BORN EQUAL:

This is a long-standing misconception, however the man, Thomas Jefferson, did not say that people were born equal, but that citizens were born equal. Thomas Jefferson did not believe in the equality of man. What he meant is that people have the right to be born free in a national entity. Obviously, people do not have equality of mentality when born, or equality of physical life. Some are born handicapped. But man does have free will, volition, and this country has had the principles which protect man's freedom. He is free to marry, to pursue a vocation, to accept or reject Jesus Christ as his Saviour, to worship in the church of his choice, etc. One of the side effects of this misconception is to reduce everyone to the level of a moron.

Examples of this misconception:

- A. This delusion says that to be selective about friends and associates is to be non-democratic. Since every man is equal, and you have a business, one man will be as good a worker as another. Thus as a filling station manager you, under this principle, are forced to hire people, which will ultimately bankrupt you.
- B. This attempt to make everybody equal, pulls people individually apart; as well as their personality. It destroys initiative and free enterprise ... and finally robs a nation of its vigor.
- C. The only true basis of equality in homo sapien is not Socialism, but Regeneration.
- D. Christianity puts every believer on the highest plane possible, position in Christ. This misconception puts everyone on the lowest level possible, a moronic vegetable, who doesn't think.

Solution to this misconception: John 8:32, "And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."

6. THE MAJORITY IS ALWAYS RIGHT.

However, the majority rule is a technique of making a decision, no more, no less. It may be right, or it may be a wrong decision.

- A. A mob may be a majority in an area, but a mob never would make a right decision.
- B. Let's say that the majority of Legislators in the U.S.A. believe that registering weapons, or relieving people of their weapons is a deterrent to crime. Does that make it right? No!

Solution to this misconception: Titus 3:8, "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will, that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God, might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."

7. CRIME CAN BE DETERRED BY GUN LEGISLATION:

- A. As a tradition of the American heritage, Americans have always owned guns. We have the right to own and bear arms.
- B. The Communists have discovered that if they can have all guns registered, then when they go into a nation they can pick up those guns immediately. This happened in Czechoslovakia, where a large number of private citizens had their own personal weapons.
- C. There have always been those who feel that private citizens have no business with weapons, and leaders feel that people should submit weakly and meekly.
- D. The subjectivity of our law doesn't protect us. If someone is robbing you, you cannot resist them, and shoot them. You can only submit to it, unless some police officer happens to come along. If the duly appointed public defender is not there, then you have had it.
- E. The reason people give for gun registration is as follows:

1. Guns are dangerous, you might shoot yourself with one. That is true. Guns are dangerous. They're supposed to be.
2. Or that the feeble-minded may use them in a fit of anger.
3. Or the prevalence of guns, especially hand guns constitutes a hazard to police work.
4. Or guns are used by criminals and therefore should be prohibited by law-abiding citizens. This is really deep.
5. Or you should not resist a criminal because someone might get hurt.
6. Or having a gun around, means sooner or later you are going to use it and cause trouble. Yes, some will cause trouble with guns. But that is why we have laws and jails.

The previous reasoning approximates the concept that since a certain number of children are born idiots, the entire population of this country is confined to play pens, and fed with spoons.

1. Obviously, guns are dangerous and are intended to be so, they would be useless if they were not dangerous.
2. Of course there are other things that are dangerous, automobiles, blondes, oil stoves, electric fans, knives, and even surgery.
3. People against guns, like to quote statistics that more people are killed with guns, than ice-picks, but you remove the guns and then see how the ratio would look, then you would have to have everyone register their ice-picks.
4. Yes, criminals do abuse guns, that is why they are criminals. This is deep.
5. What effect would gun legislation have on law breakers? None. They don't keep the law, anyway. They are law breakers. It is the law-abiding citizen that is unarmed, not the criminal.
6. Still one of the greatest deterrents on crime is a woman with a sawed-off shotgun, loaded with double 00 buckshot, facing you across the room. This has done more to discourage crime than anything else.

Solution to this misconception: Luke 22:35-38, "And He said to them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, nothing. Then said He unto them, but now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip, and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in Me. And he was reckoned among the transgressors, for the things concerning Me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords, and He said unto them, it is enough."

8. WARFARE CAN BE OUTLAWED BY DISARMAMENT:

This is like stopping crime by abolishing our law-enforcement agencies. Our disarmament is leading to our destruction. The Communist countries are constantly arming. God armed the Israelites. He taught them how to war.

1. 1 Chronicles 5:19-22, "Because the war was of God."

Solution to this misconception: Deuteronomy 20:13, "And when the Lord thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof, with the edge of the sword." The sword is the equivalent of the gun in protection. It shows they were armed and fought.

Remember that the swords and spears being beat into plow shares and pruning hooks is Millennial. At the present time Christ said, "There are wars and rumors of wars." A strong military protects a nation.

9. INTERNATIONALISM CAN SOLVE MAN'S PROBLEMS:

Be sure to understand the four Divine Institutions thoroughly. God's order is Divine Institution #4, Nationalism.

- A. God has ordained nations. Acts 17:26.
- B. Genesis chapters nine and ten.
- C. The only way the world can be evangelized is through Nationalism, not Internationalism.

Solution to this misconception: Acts 17:26, "And hath made of one, all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the Earth and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation."

10. Satan keeps selling the idea to people that improved environment is the answer to starving humanity, diseased humanity, deprived humanity, and so on. But improved environment is the devil's attempt to start the Millennium before the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ at that time will establish the Millennium. Civilization actually weakens the nations, according to such passages as Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28.

Solution to this misconception: Matthew 4:4, "But He answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

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