

Western Civilization is destroyed by Pietism and Lawless Dogma

A point of great humiliation has been reached for most of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations of the West. While anti-Christian religions and terrorist organizations threaten and kill our own subjects in our own lands, the Church maintains a pagan obsession with the dogma of antinomianism – or the denial of the validity of the concrete application of the perfect Divine Law in this present era. Without doubt, this is the gravest error in Christian thought today, which was defined by the late Rev Rushdoony of the U.S. as the “heresy of the faithful.”

There never has been a greater need for the true teaching on the Divine Law in statecraft than now, particularly in respect of the supreme penalty for the ultimate crime. Yet the Church is in an emasculated condition, with no message for the nation other than the vague “love-thy-neighbour” scope of utterances. Thus, western civilization is destroyed.

The Christian Church in the West has a nation-state responsibility to expound the Word of God on the everlasting covenants and all aspects of the great volume of the Divine Law. What a tragic indictment upon a Christian world and its leadership that it does none of this. It is smug and self-satisfied with a scandalous neglect of the nation. It has chosen the way of Pietism.

Pietism today is returning the church to a new ‘monastery’ having no part to play in the economy of God for the nation-state with a message

that is fatally flawed and largely irrelevant. Pietism stemmed from a late 17th century sect of German reformers of deep devotional feeling. Instead of maintaining a Reformation concern with the whole counsel of God, it concerns itself only with the soul of the individual and surrenders the nation and the world to Satan. What an utterly disastrous position this is and what chaos it has brought to society in our time! Moreover, what great spiritual danger the shepherds of the Church stand in by their antinomian denial of the Divine Law and its essential outworking in the nation.

The coming of Christ did not negate this perfect law as is shown by His own words which also carry a severe warning to the lawless Church:

“Do not think that I have come to do away with or undo the Law and the prophets; I have come not to do away with or undo, but to complete *and* fulfil them ... not one smallest letter ... will pass from the Law until all things have been accomplished.

“Whoever then breaks or does away with *or* relaxes one of the least important of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least important in the kingdom ...” (*Matthew* 5:17-19 Amplified Version).

The Rev Rushdoony confirmed that while the ceremonial and sacrificial law is clearly fulfilled in the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, man (and more so the nation) remains under the law as a way of life. Indeed, in all reality, how could it be anything else? If the Christian nation does not put into effect the principles of the *Divine Law*, to which system of law can it turn to honour the Almighty?

To quote Rushdoony again: “The alternative to law is not grace, it is lawlessness.” He is also extremely condemnatory of the modern apostasy of the church which he says has abandoned much of the world

to Satan and restricted the gospel to a narrow realm, reminding us that the Reformers did not treat the Old Testament laws lightly.

The Proven Code

The issue of the death penalty for the Christian nation which has the concept of the Divine Law at the heart of its constitutional fabric is manifestly clear – that is, if the authority of Almighty God means anything at all to those who accept the responsibility of government in that Christian nation.

The popular objection – sedulously fostered by atheist humanists of several generations – is that it is morally wrong to kill *for any reason at all*. The Commandment “Thou shalt not kill” is freely quoted in support of this. However, those who take this position ignore a compelling fact.

The Hebrew word *ratsach*, translated ‘kill’ in the Sixth Commandment in the Authorized Version is, according to the best translators, more correctly rendered ‘murder’ as is confirmed by modern translations of the Bible. There is a compelling sensibleness about this fact – all killing is not murder, any more than all sexual activity is adultery.

There are two proven and God-ordained principles of education and correction in a civilized society, one is discipline and the other is physical pain, even to the forfeiture of life as true recompense for the rejection of discipline in the unlawful destruction of human life. Punishment for crime, and capital punishment for capital crime, has long been the cornerstone of the penal code of our Christian civilization. Repugnant as this may sound to agnostic thinkers, this whole concept originated with the greatest Humanitarian of all – God Himself!

No State Right to Forgive

The most important question that the Christian nation should have regard to is: Shall we be governed by laws the origins of which are founded

in the teachings of the Righteous Creator? Or shall we be governed by alien religions *in our own land* and by the philosophies of men and their maudlin misconceptions of human nature? With no supreme standard, there is no supreme justice. Respect for law and order vanishes and chaos ensues.

Those who say that the State does not possess the moral right to take the life of a man or woman in its custody, present the nation with the terror of growing anarchy and the misery of disrupted family life. Under the Law of the Lord, there is no provision for the reform or rehabilitation of the murderer: *the State does not have the right to forgive*. The State whose law invokes the principle of forgiveness for capital crimes, invites its own destruction.

The State function is to exercise its powers of restraint, its function is negative. It is the *Church* which has the *positive* office of reform through instruction in the keeping of the Divine Law. The responsibilities of the two powers are clearly defined. The State has no more ability to reform sinners than the Church has to apprehend thieves. When the State abandons its limited function of punishing evil and takes upon itself the responsibility for reforming criminals it becomes derelict in its Divinely ordained duty and can only end up by doing neither effectively.

Accessories to Murder

The time has come for us to state most emphatically that, in view of the abolition law on capital punishment, it becomes logical to hold those responsible for the failure to execute those guilty of murder as accessories to the crime. This is particularly relevant when we consider that criminals on probation commit a murder every week. Over the four year period in the UK from 2017 to 2020, the number of murders has averaged at 700 per year – almost three times greater on average than in the two years between 2006 and 2008. Set against these appalling statistics, the number of innocent people executed prior to 9 November

1965, when the initial suspension of the death penalty took place, can probably be numbered on the fingers of one hand.

We can no longer beat around the bush on this matter. The terrible reality is that authority, by its failure to impose the death penalty, actually sentences potential victims to forfeiture of life. What an ironic perversion of justice this is: *death for the victim and life for the murderer!*

With the modern use of genetic finger-printing the possibility of wrongful conviction is vastly reduced. But in any event, the mistake factor can never be a legitimate reason for failure to implement true justice. When a Divine principle of justice is involved, then of course we are under *the greatest* obligation of all to ensure that justice is exercised.

The Abolitionist movement which grew so strong in past decades and still persists is obviously not based on any true moral grounds, despite the pious protestations to the contrary. It has been propagated mainly by those who feel that it is somehow the fault of society that people are evil and that they should not be held responsible for their actions. Man will never be allowed by His Maker to pass off his sins as the fault of his environment. Moreover –

We need to understand that demonic spirit possession is driving people to commit horrific killings – the need being for a National Day of Prayer for deliverance from these evil manifestations.

The Duty of Christian Government

In the original Statute given to man, God stated clearly, **“Whoso sheddeth man’s blood by man shall his blood be shed”** (*Genesis 9:6*). This was amplified through a Statute of Judgment at Mount Sinai, which made it obligatory upon the nation of God’s people to administer it throughout all their generations: **“So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Whoso**

killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death” (*Numbers* 35:29-30).

It is the certain duty of Christian government to provide for the execution of murderers. The officer required to execute the criminal guilty of capital crime is exonerated from guilt: **“If the revenger of blood (the executioner) kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood”** (*Numbers* 35:27). The fact that God has delegated the right to man to kill through the authority of government is beyond dispute. No individual has the right to fix his or her own standards of moral conduct. The Law of the Lord has already done so. Equally so, no government seeking to obey God has the prerogative to decide what type of punishment shall be meted out to those individuals who violate the Commandment, “Thou shall do no murder.”

Those who do away with capital punishment *actually cheapen* human life. If a person is murdered and his slayer is sentenced to a ‘life’ sentence of between 15 and 25 years in prison for the crime – most of course spending only 7 to 12 years – then in effect the State is saying that the victim’s life was worth only the number years that the murderer spends in prison. Whatever prison term the culprit serves reflects the value of the victim’s life. However, if the murderer pays for the crime with his or her own life, the State exacts the maximum penalty. This judgment places the highest value possible on the life of the victim.

Kidnapping, Hi-Jacking and Life Imprisonment

In the case of kidnapping or the stealing of persons in order to sell them for ransom, the Law of the Lord requires that this unspeakable crime shall also be punishable by death. This applies whether the victim is found alive or dead. The clear, direct pronouncement of the Divine statute is: **“He that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death”** (*Exodus* 21:16). With this law in operation those into whose hands the criminal placed the

victim of kidnapping – while he negotiated the payment of the ransom – would also be liable to the death penalty. This provision would ensure a restraining effect on all those who might otherwise assist a kidnapper in committing his crime.

Today it is considered to be ‘civilized’ – certainly fashionable – to substitute the death penalty by what is termed ‘life imprisonment’ (not that these words mean what they say, which is a cause of much disrespect for the law). The Law of the Lord, however, forbids this practice, which a large number of equally considerate, equally intelligent people consider to be an *uncivilized* one, producing a multitude of other problems.

The Divine directive says: **“Ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of the murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death** (*Numbers 35:31*). In other words, authority should not seek to torture the mind of the murderer by keeping him in a cell-existence reducing him to a vegetable, pushing him towards committing suicide. Nor should it release him so that he can repeat his crime. The death penalty is mandatory: the murderer has knowingly brought it upon himself. God condemned murder as the ultimate socially disruptive act, deserving the ultimate punishment – the death of the murderer. The advantage which he has unlawfully acquired is taken away from him and the injury suffered by society is redressed.

If these principles were followed we would not now be faced with a prison population of maximum capacity. The total UK prison population, including those held in Immigration Removal Centres, was **95,338** ending March 2021. In March 2020, prisoners who declared themselves in the White ethnic group made up almost three quarters (**59,946** or 73%) of the prison population in England and Wales. Prisoners who declared their ethnicity as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME) represented **22,425** (or 27%) of all prisoners. The huge illegal migration across the English Channel was nearing 20,000 for the year in October 2021 (none

have been returned). Terrorists could be among them joining the some 3,000 that the security services cannot adequately keep track of on our streets, while murders continue to average at 700 per year since 2000.

'Person to Person'

A concept has grown up which believes God is only a God of love, but in terms of attributes, this belief forgets that God is Holy and Just *before* He is able to forgive and forget in love. Of course, Jesus Christ taught forgiveness, as many argue, but this was at person-to-person level. It had nothing to do whatsoever to do with the State's responsibility for administering criminal law. He expressed tacit acceptance of the non-love methods of Roman rule and confirmed the Israelite law dealing with the punishment of the criminal – even those laws prescribing the death penalty. The person who forgives and turns the other cheek must of necessity be alive, for how can he forgive if he lies murdered upon the ground?

The abolitionist claims that capital punishment is 'not a deterrent' to would-be murderers. This is a specious and empty argument having nothing to do with the question of whether or not the principle of the Divine Law is implemented. There is of course no way to determine how many murders were *not* committed by those who might well have committed the act but did not do so through fear of the penalty.

But what is far more important, murderers were not executed as examples – they were executed because that is what God's justice demanded, whether or not their execution was a deterrent to others. The execution of murderers is not undertaken for social or other reasons, but for the highest moral purposes. Human life is so valuable to the Lord that He decreed the maximum penalty must be paid by those who have committed the supreme crime against humanity. The deterrent factor does not even come into the Divine directive. Those who make deterrence the main issue turn to foolishness the basic principles of

rightful natural justice and moral law.

Eyes for Eyes

It is an amazing inconsistency that believing Christians should on one hand profess to follow Christ and His Gospel of the Kingdom of God *upon earth* and, on the other hand, reject the counsel of their Lord, to set aside the Law which His Almighty Father promulgated. Such inconsistency is glossed over by the compelling need to be accepted in 'Christian' circles. Nevertheless, those who submit obediently to this form of dogma are causing themselves to be guilty of the highest presumption.

Apart from the main question of capital punishment, they wilfully misconstrue the Law with respect to lesser crimes. The penalties prescribed *had indeed to be enforced*. But it is vitally important to note that they were maximum as well as minimum; meaning that *the punishment must fit the crime*.

The phrasing "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is not a trap for the unwary. It does not mean crude vengeance. The penalties were intended in general to be applied by law officers – the Levites – and not normally by assaulted persons. An eye for an eye is an injunction to restrain from arbitrary attacks, *not* a call to carry them out.

If a man knocked out another man's tooth only his tooth was forfeit. He could not be beaten insensible. This establishes the whole principle and had it been followed, there would not now be an overflowing prison population among the nations of the Christian West.

The Divine Law is indeed *perfect*, as the Psalmist has declared (*Psalms* 19:7-9). To demand an eye for an eye was to be modest and restrained in a world of blood feuds that lasted for generations, killing whole families in constant response to distant slights. In the world of today, the words mean, in fact, precisely what is called for in response to those who would

terrorize the great family of Christian covenant nations out of their will to resist.

In the principle of proportionality, we see the need to maintain the biblical teaching of the Just War for the nation-state under God. War between Christian nations and their enemies may sometimes be inevitable in a wicked world. That is a fact and we have to develop the teaching today in considering how civilized societies should react to terrorist actions. This is particularly relevant in the context of terrorist actions emanating from cultist terror in Islam that loves death rather than life.

The Supreme Standard and Code for Living

In times past when a breakdown of law and order threatened in the countries of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic world, there was an instinctive turning to the code of national and social control which has proved to be infallibly effective – *the Law of the Lord*. Unless and until our national thinking can be orientated to the reality of this framework of justice for an ordered civilization, there is little hope of a reduction in the bestial hordes which are fouling the lives of our people.

The growing remoteness of the present lawless Church consumed by its own desires to rewrite the Divine Code for living, has failed to pronounce on the lawlessness in this great crisis of our constitutional Christian kingdom. This must cease if the nation under God is to avoid even greater judgment than it is already experiencing from the broken society.

There is overwhelming Scriptural support to establish that it is the Creator of Life Who instigated capital punishment – and this in order to safeguard the lives of His children, which in itself is an expression of His Love.

In the end, we must accept that it all comes back to the question of

individual responsibility and discipline, in the home, at school, in society and upon our streets. But it is *first* the responsibility of the leaders in Church and State to uphold the Divine Law in the nation, which they clearly have not done in the past because, sad to say, they have never understood its crucial importance to the continuance of civilization.

A free vote in the legislating bodies of the Christian covenant nations on the issue of capital punishment is itself the instigator of great presumption against the pattern of Divine Justice. Those who vote down the Law of the Lord become a law unto themselves, which is the reason why we have anarchy all round, with every man doing that which is right in his own eyes.

The principles of the Divine Law are a supreme standard and code for living in the nation-state under God and until this pattern for civilization is inculcated into the mind of the citizen from earliest youth, the level of crime and violence will continue to rise – *despite any amount of funding* of crime prevention schemes that take place.

The Vow of the Clergy

The official teaching of the Church of England is in the 39 Articles of Religion, ratified by Royal authority of Parliament, which will be found near the end of the Church's handbook, the *Book of Common Prayer*. Article 37, of the Civil Magistrates, says: **“The Laws of the Realm may punish Christian men with death, for heinous and grievous offences.”**

Every bishop and minister who has spoken out against the death penalty has assented to these articles of Religion and is thus breaking his solemn vow. *The Book of Common Prayer* and the 39 Articles are the title deeds of the Anglican Church, based on the Holy Scriptures and the Creeds of Christendom.

The Church by eliminating the Prayer Book has set out to weigh anchor and drift upon the currents of lawless dogma, but also into ever greater irrelevance, in respect of the affairs of God's Kingdom upon earth. They follow their predecessors from Laodicea of whom Christ declared to the Apostle John when on Patmos: "**So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth**" (*Revelation 3:16*).

*This series of booklets have been produced for free issue and are **not for re-sale**. Further copies are available on request. Contributions towards postage and multiple copies are gratefully received for the campaign. Cheques to '**The Kingdom Foundation**,' 121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 0HA.*