

TO VOTE OR NOT TO VOTE?

Is it nobler for Christians to vote for the lesser of two evils,
or should we cross over to the other side of the road and pass on by.

It is often said by pundits and pollsters that a high percentage of Evangelical Christians, possibly millions, do not vote because they consider it wrong to participate in the 'evil world system'; and it may be true. I regard that possibility in two lights, but I will comment here only on the positive — the hopeful possibility that there are large numbers of Americans who could, if they would, break this stalemate between a free society, protective of religious expression, parental rights, and the traditional values of western Christian civilization that made America great; and the black pit of demonic totalitarianism that stares us in the face.

My first observation is quite obvious, but only in the literal sense: the name 'Jesus Christ' is not to be found on any ballots. Only sinners, just like us, are running for office in this country, or anywhere for that matter. The best choice we, who call ourselves Christians, can hope for in any election, or in any government of men, is the lesser of evils. That realization has been my guide in every election cycle for the past 50+ years and it was tough, sometimes, to mark the ballot for people whose money and influence knocked out better people in primary elections. Though often disappointed in elections, and in elected officials, I have never regretted trying to make a difference for the better by voting; and I am quite sure that the world is not better, and the Kingdom of God enlarged, by Christians 'keeping themselves unsoiled from the world' by not voting.

Though the name of the Lord is not on any ballots, His work, and His will are found on the ballot, more so now in our increasingly polarized nation than ever before. Government power, both local and central increasingly intrudes itself into our lives, especially in how our children are socially indoctrinated, and how our money is spent; for good or for evil.

President Trump is, to put it politely, a very human ...human being. But, that he was elected and that he remained in office despite constant attack, and had the unprecedented opportunity to appoint three pro-life Supreme Court Justices seems to me nothing less than a string of Divine miracles. They were, I believe, the answer to prayers of millions for an end of the horribly evil Roe v. Wade Decision. If so, then President Trump was the instrument of God intervening in our national affairs. In hind sight, a vote for him was a vote for God's will.

But, that was then. I cannot explain Trump's subsequent loss — a stolen election and elevation of a malevolently evil administration, unless that it was allowed to demonstrate the folly of putting too much hope in one man at the top. Since the end of Roe v. Wade, though abortion has dropped in some states, it has increased in others, with a net increase nationally. Evil does what it always does, opposition only stimulates it to greater acts of hatred for God and his beloved mankind. Trump's recent escape from death by an assassin's bullet gives me hope that God is still using him, but we the people should not count on that.

We are called to stand up against evil. Whatever disappointments we may have with the Republican party and the new, less pro-life, Platform, what ever other disappointments we may have with the Party and its candidates (and there are many in my opinion), the Trump/Republican ticket is by far and away the lesser of evils. The Democrat platform is radically evil and will use the power of office to serve evil not only in this country, but throughout the world. Christians are called upon to come to the aid of the wounded, not leave them to die on the side of the road as so many are; not only from drug overdoses and violent crime, but from the anguish of being denied, by law, of the Gospel of Christ and the comforts of Christianity. That denial has been a major factor in the nihilism and self destructive lifestyles among our people. We can help them, in a very real sense by our votes.

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