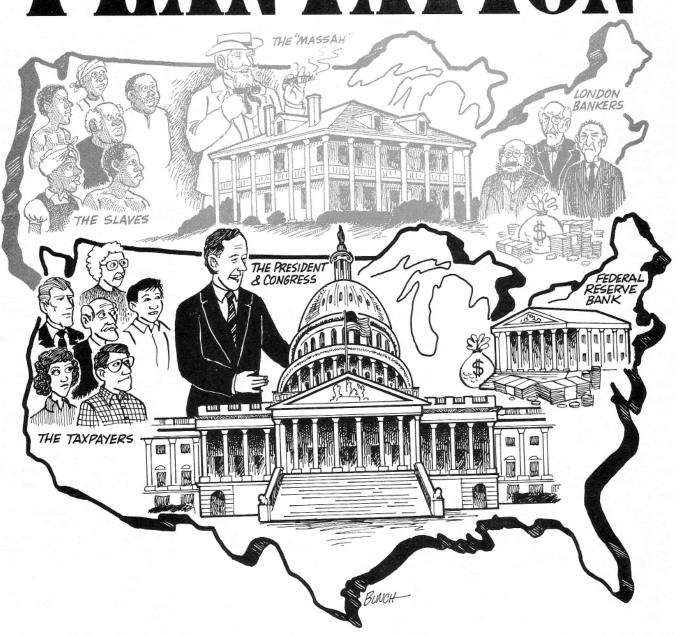
What Is The Ecclesia? (Pt. 3)

Church & State - versus - The Ecclesia System

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HIFE ON THE PIANTANION



"...the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent are taking it by force."

Matthew 11:12

In the two previous parts I showed the meaning of "ecclesia." I also showed the meaning of the word "church" — which most English-speaking churches wrongly use to replace the word "ecclesia." Churches have led people to drop the word "ecclesia" and replace it with the word "church." The reason for this becomes obvious after you realize the mission of the churches and their master ... the state. Thus, English readers have lost the original concept of the ecclesia.

This is crucial! The more you learn about the Gospel of the Kingdom, the more you realize the importance of rediscovering the meaning and purpose of Christ's ecclesia system.

There is yet much to be uncovered – much to understand and put into action concerning the ecclesia system of God. There is much yet to do and to teach. The Bible refers to the ecclesia system of God, i.e., the Reign of Christ, many times in definite terms. But, church people have been blind to it in the past due to mistranslation, miseducation and brainwashing.

For instance, in Jn. 17:24, Eph. 1:4, and I Pet. 1:20, the KJV says : ...before the foundation of the world...." This phrase conjures up definite images of "before the universe was created." However, it actually is talking about the "ecclesia system." In Greek, it reads thus: "...before the founding of the system...," - meaning Christ's New Covenant system - the ecclesia. This verse is not referring to the time before the earth was created, but to a time before Christ's Reign was established (i.e., the New Covenant age with its ecclesia system). It simply means, before Christ was raised from the dead and given the throne over Israel.

The ecclesia system is the system of God given to us in Scripture, established by Christ and his apostles, and viable today to all who understand it.

NO "RIGHT" CHURCHES

The church system is the great counterfeit system. It has been shovedoff on us to keep us blind to the loss of freedom we've suffered from losing sight of Christ's ecclesia system. The churches have obscured this simple truth with their religious flim-flam. The Church-State establishment has staged a coup, usurping the ecclesia system and replacing it with the Church-State duo.

The wine of religion and politics has done its work on the minds and hearts of the people. The spiritually drunken condition of church people usually prevents them from discerning the subtle, but immense, changes. Church people cannot generally understand and appreciate the monstrous changes that have occurred – changes which have swallowed them up, and of which they are now a part.

If you are a church person reading this, you likely think of yourself, and your church, as "a different sort." You may read my comments and summarily agree with me, thinking I am referring to THOSE OTHER churches, and not to your church. This mentality is common, and I understand it – having gone through it myself. It is very easy for a church person to view it this way. You may even subscribe to the theory that yours is "the only true church," and it alone has God's approval.

Reader, please understand – the difference of one, or a few, doctrines is not the criteria for condemning churchdom. Churches are wrong by their very nature. They are not what they purport to be! Any organization which supports and/or subscribes to the typical concept of "church" in general – whether it calls itself a church, a synagogue, a fraternity, or any other name – is unacceptable regardless of its particular name or doctrinal peculiarities. Churches, like synagogues and political offices, must be avoided! They confuse, pervert, and dissipate.

GET OUT OF THE CHURCHES! They are NOT of God! They are NOT of Christ's Reign! They may incorporate the name "Christ" in their title, but without his authority it means nothing. Christ didn't institute churches! He doesn't want churches! He instituted a civil system of independence and liberty, called "The Christian Ecclesia System."

CHURCH FATHERS

Juxtaposed to Christ's ecclesia was the church system – as represented by Simon Magus.

- 9. But there was a certain man, called Simon (Magus), which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:
- To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.
- 11. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.
- 12. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
- 13. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
- And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the holy spirit was given, he offered them money,
- Saying, Give me also this authority that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the holy spirit.
- 20. But Peter said to him, Your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.
- 21. You have neither part nor lot in this matter: for your heart is not right in the sight of God.
- 22. Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.
- For I perceive that you are in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Acts 8:9-13, 18-23

Another noted church father was Elymas the sorcerer.

- And when they had gone through the isle to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus (son of Jesus):
- 7. Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man: who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.
- 8. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.
- 9. Then Saul, (who also is called

Paul), filled with the holy spirit, set his eyes on him.

10. And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

Acts 13:6-10

The sorcery described in the above verses is the basis and mode of the church system. People entrenched in the church system generally cannot see this – but churches, by their very nature, are products of Babylon. They stifle intelligence, independence and liberty.

Therefore, we have didicated ourselves to learn more about the ecclesia system, expose the church system for the harlot that she is, and hopefully encourage people to develop a sincere dislike for churches and church functions.

We shall fan the fire of contempt against central government and churches, and encourage everyone to read the Bible for themselves – as a manual for life, rather than a formula for sorcery and superstition. People must, sooner or later, realize that the commandment to "come out of her my people," refers also to the churches.

THE VINEYARD? OR THE PLANTATION?

- 7. For the vineyard of Yahweh of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.
- Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

Isaiah 5:7-8

Christians who have suffered under years of brainwashing from the churches will find the ecclesia concept a little hard to grasp. So, as an illustration to help get the idea across, we'll use the plantation analogy – an example familiar to most people. This should help clear up some points.

For the purposes of this illustration, think of The United States as The Big Plantation. Think of Washington D.C. as the plantation manor, and Congress as the master ("massah"). And, remember, the International Bankers are the

mortgage-holders and true behind-thescenes owners and controllers of the Plantation. Lastly, you are the slaves (regulated residents) on the Plantation.

Now we have all the elements for a plantation system: 1. **Slaves**, 2. **Land**, 3. **Master**, 4. **Financiers**.

This illustration fits Isaiah 5 (quoted above) where a nation is called "a vine-yard." A plantation, then, is a vineyard ... with an enslaving central government.

Vineyards grow well and flourish in God's natural environment – as long as central government doesn't take over and abuse the land. The ecclesia system can be likened to a system of husbandry and preservation of the vineyard of Yahweh. Caring for the vineyard includes being on guard against any kind of central government taking root and spreading throughout the garden – a purpose forgotten by most of our race, thanks to the brainwash of the churches.

ECONOMIC & POLITICAL MONOPOLY

As Isaiah said, it is wrong to "join houses and fields" together until one person, or one corporation, has control of large areas of land. The largest corporate monopoly in America is the U.S. Government. It owns and controls the whole nation. No private ownership has existed in the U.S.A. since the Constitution was ratified over 200 years ago. U.S. citizens are tenants on government land. We can use the land for a fee (taxes), but we cannot own it.

The Bible gives clear warnings against the sin of monopolies of property and power. For instance, Micah tells the people that their acceptance of central monopolies has brought them slavery:

- Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.
- And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away; so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.
- 3. Therefore thus says Yahweh; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which you shall not remove your necks; neither shall you go haughtily: for this time is evil.

4. In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We are utterly spoiled: he has changed the portion of my people: how has he removed it from me! turning away he has divided our fields.

Micah 2:1-4

Again, Micah explains that corrupt government and religion have brought poverty in the land:

- Hear this, I pray you, you heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel; that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.
- 10. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.
- 11. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon Yahweh, and say, Is not Yahweh among us? none evil can come upon us.
- 12. Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Micah 3:9-12

Habakkuk warns that a nation which builds with blood and oppression will be overthrown:

- 8. Because you have spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil you; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.
- Woe to him that covets an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!
- You have consulted shame to your house by cutting off many people, and have sinned against your soul.
- 11. Woe to him that builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by iniquity!

Habakkuk 2:8-12

One cannot read these scriptures without thinking of the government system in America. The only difference between the beast powers of the Old Testament times, and the central beast of America, is that today's beast is many times larger and more powerful.

Looking at a map of the Big Plantation (The United States), you can see little lines here and there marking the state boundaries. Just think of those lines as fences. As any good farmer or rancher knows, it is important to maintain good fences on the plantation to properly manage the cattle and keep them in their proper areas. The plantation master (Congress) must keep close track of the cattle, which includes branding them for identification and keeping records on them.

Or, perhaps more correctly, you could think of the state borders as marking off smaller sections of the Plantation – each section containing its own group of slaves. The boundaries between each section of slaves are there to help each section manage its slaves and keep them from getting mixed up with the slaves of other sections. Dividing the land into smaller sections is for the purpose of keeping better local records, keeping the slaves working and producing, and avoiding rebellion. This is called "political science."

Of course, there have been other Big Plantations. In the Bible, we read about the Garden of Eden – a godly vineyard to start with, but eventually spoiled by the serpent system of central government. All it took was a slick politician (the serpent) showing man how he could "become wise," and "be as a god," creating his own laws. Thus, the first central government is recorded in the Bible

Of course, the well-known epitome of central government was Babylon with its central tower.

We also read of the ancient kingdoms of Egypt, Assyria, Persia, Greece and Rome. These were Big Plantations with forced slavery. They built their plantations on the blood of the common people the same as the United States has done.

ADVANCED METHODS

There is nothing new under the sun. Slavery continues today under the guise of central government. But, today's slavers understand the business better than the old plantation masters did. They've always known that incentive was needed to keep the slaves on their plantations "where they belong." The slaves need to know that they'll get regular meals and clothes as long as they

behave themselves... and, that they'll be severely punished if they break the rules or try to escape.

But, political engineers discovered long ago that this kind of incentive alone is not enough. The threat of beatings and the loss of regular meals has never been enough to keep healthy slaves from rebelling. The need to be free was still there ... burning in their hearts ... bursting forth at times in the form of rebellion, even though it cost them dearly. The urge is just uncontrollable.

The masters knew they needed more control. They needed something that would break the spirit of freedom so that it could not surface. In other words, slaves must have reason to WANT to stay put, and shut up, and do their work for the big massah. They must be made to peacefully ACCEPT their circumstances. The only thing that could accomplish this was a system of brainwashing that would actually convince the slaves that they did not WANT to escape. They needed a system of control that would actually inoculate the minds of the slaves against rebellious thoughts. This would eliminate the potential of rebellion - nipping it in the bud, so to speak.

THE CHURCH SYSTEM

The Plantation masters needed a propaganda mill that would brainwash the people and make them docile and dull of mind, like cattle. That propaganda mill – that stupefier and pacifier – was THE CHURCH SYSTEM. It is truly "the opium of the people." Christ brought liberty, but the churches counterattacked with ignorance, confusion, religion and slavery. The masses accepted the churches. But, the true followers of Christ cannot accept them once they see the truth.

Thus, a brilliant plan was conceived and implemented. In their scheme to keep on top, to stifle the ecclesia system of Christ, the Plantation masters set up the propaganda and brainwash mill called "church," and declared it a full partner of the "State." The institution was accepted by the people because they were told that it was instituted by Christ, and that it had approval of the central government.

The church system was put into place by the masters in Washington D.C. more than 200 years ago. Over the

years, the people came to accept the "church system," and the church system killed their spirit of freedom. All this was accomplished in the name of religion.

Thus, the true ecclesias were forgotten – along with freedom. Central government enjoys sovereignty over the people. The churches redefined freedom and stupefied the people.

But, the thing we must keep in mind is that the "church," as we know it, has absolutely no scriptural authority. The "church" is not the "ecclesia." The ecclesia is an entirely different concept. The "church," as we know it, is NOT in the Bible at all. The closest thing to it is the Jewish synagogue.

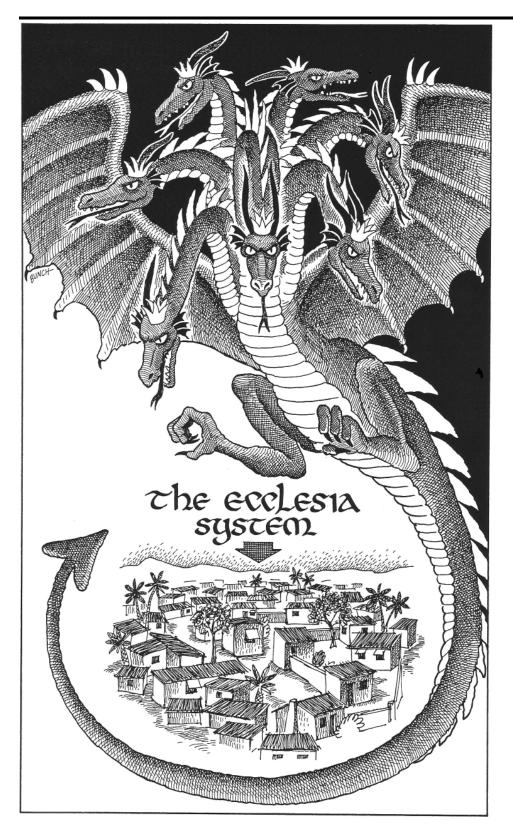
Furthermore, the word "church" is like the word "Jew." It is a misnomer used only to confuse and neutralize Christians. As the word "Jew" has been used wrongly to replace the word "Israelite," so also the word "church" has been used wrongly to replace the word "ecclesia" – all for a pre-determined purpose. And, just as the Israeli state is rightly called an illegitimate entity, so also is the institution of "church." Church, combined with State, has been usurping the Reign of Christ ("the ecclesia") all these years.

THE ALTERNATIVE

Jesus gave us His system as a political alternative to Babylonian "states" and "churches." In the book of Acts, the ecclesias were in the process of undermining the church-state complex (i.e., "The Beast"). The efficiency and workability was undeniable. The success was unstoppable. Indeed, prophecy indicates that eventually it will completely destroy the Beast System!

When Christ told Peter that His ecclesia would be built upon the rock, and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it, He was talking about His kingdom as it was to be expressed in Christian civil communities – NOT churches! Independent communities (ecclesias) were the mortal enemies of the centralized church-state complex. Central governments cannot allow independent, autonomous communities to exist. It would break their power to tax, plunder, and control the people.

Jesus set up His kingdom, and dispersed it in the ecclesias. The apostles carried this vital message: "the good



(Revelation 12:4)

THE BEAST
(CENTRAL GOVERNMENT)
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news of the reign of Christ." As they ecclesias (communities) here and there, based upon Christ's Reign. Man could make no law. Only God could make law.

THE STRUGGLE

Christ's ecclesias met immediate hatred and violence from the plantation masters and their local officials of that day. They knew that the ecclesias would destroy them if allowed to continue. All central-government systems were at risk if the ecclesia system survived. The ecclesia system was designed by Christ to make centralized government obsolete, and remove the "massahs" from power. The Beast (central government) attempting to devour the Manchild (ecclesia system).

In Revelation 12, John describes the great struggle between the beast and the man child (i.e., between the central-government system and the ecclesia system):

- And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (12-tribed Israel):
- And she being with child cried, travailling in birth, and pained to be delivered.
- 3. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon (The Beast System), having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads (governments under his central control).
- ...and the dragon (central government) stood before the woman (Israel) which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child (the ecclesia system) as soon as it was born.
- 5. And she brought forth a man child (Christ's reign manifested in the ecclesia system) who was to shepherd nations with a staff of iron: and her child (the ecclesia) was caught up to God, and to his throne. ("Upon this rock I will build my ecclesia, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Mtt 16:18)
- 7. And there was war in heaven (struggle for power at the government level): Michael and his angels (the ecclesia and its people) fought

- against the dragon (central government); and the dragon fought and his angels.
- 8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven (Christ became the undisputed king of Israel, and his Reign replaced the Beast System in the hearts and minds of the remnant).
- 13. And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman (the Israel people scattered throughout the world) which brought forth the man child (ecclesia system).
- 15. And the serpent (central gov't) cast out of his mouth water as a flood (propaganda; brainwashing via the churches) after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood (confuse and conquer the rest of the Israel people located in the various nations, preventing them from the gospel of Christ's reign).

Revelation 12

EMANCIPATION

What our people need today, more than anything else, is to rediscover the real meaning of freedom. Freedom is the purpose and hope of Christ's Kingdom – i.e., the ecclesia system.

But, here we are today – on the big Plantation. Americans are conquered slaves ... and so brainwashed that we actually imagine that we are somehow free. If we are ever to get off the Plantation, or if the Plantation is ever going to relinquish its control, there is only one path we can take. We must learn how God would have us live in freedom with one another! We must re-learn the simple truths about the ecclesia system of Christ.

This will require that we, first of all, stop affiliating with, listening to, supporting, and most of all DEPENDING UPON, churches! We must stop our church idolotry!

When we begin to view church, and state, with equal contempt – then we will be ready to progress into the free ecclesia system under Christ.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:29

"Yoke" was an expression for taxa-

tion and other burdens which an overlord levied on his subjects. Just as the neck of an ox bends under the weight of a heavy yoke, so a man felt crushed under heavy duties and taxes.

In some cases, when very heavy taxes were exacted, men revolted because they felt they could no longer carry the yoke of their lord. One could hear people say to one another, "our yoke has become unbearable."

When a new leader ascended the throne, the first thing he did, if he was kindly and merciful, was reduce the taxes and lighten the burdens accrued from the former government.

At the time Christ spoke this, the people were heavily burdened with taxes. There were imperial, state and temple levies. The people maintained the state and its officials, as well as the temple and its extravagant priests. Both temporal and spiritual rulers lived in luxurious palaces at the expense of the poor.

However, Jesus (the new King) had no palaces, temples and sacred shrines. The God He preached was a loving father, not a slave master. He could be approached with a simple prayer. His demands were honesty, a contrite heart, and rejection of other gods. Thus, in taking on Christ's light yoke (i.e., accepting His reign), men were freed from their heavy yokes of tyranny, and allowed to keep and enjoy the produce of their own hands.

ANARCHY OR FREEDOM?

What modern government calls "anarchy," the Bible calls "the Kingdom of Heaven." Independence, liberty, and self-government are not "anarchy." Governments hate liberty because it removes them from their coveted positions of power over the people. However, what few of them fail to realize is that, when the Beast falls, they are going to fall with it. Their worst fear (freedom for the people) will be realized. They try to label it "anarchy," but it is liberty. To the central politicians, "anarchy" means "any situation where central government is not in control."

But, Scripture describes central government in less than friendly terms, and it promises retribution and an ignominious end to the corrupt system.

4. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her,

- my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues.
- For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.
- Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double to her double according to her works: in the cup which she has filled, fill to her double.
- 7. How much she has glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she says in her heart, "I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow."
- 8. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is Yahweh God who judges her.

15. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing.

- 16. And saying, "Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!
- 17. For in one hour so great riches is come to nought." And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,
- 18. And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, "What city is like unto this great city!"
- 19. And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, "Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate."
- Rejoice over her, you heaven (ecclesia), and you holy apostles and prophets; for God has avenged you on her.

Revelation 18:4-8, 15-20

Thus far, I've described the United States as a huge plantation – with us as the slaves, and Congress as our masters. The bankers (i.e., the money merchants), of course, hold mortgage on all the land. They control the Congress. Thus, they are the true owners of the plantation.

I've touched upon the Bible laws forbidding rulers – and any form of monopoly. I've done my best to convince you that you should hate this evil government system of enslavement (called "Mystery Babylon" in the Bible) – just as I hate it.

I will probably manage to convince a few. And, I know that there are a good number of you who already despise this Beast System, and the hired church system which serves as the propaganda tool for keeping the slaves pacified.

So, for those of us who are ready to forsake Babylon and are only waiting for Jesus to reveal to us a way to do it... we'll go on to look at some of the features of a free Christian society where no central government exists, or where it is too small to force it's will upon those who don't want it. Go west young man, where there is still freedom.

AMERICAN EXODUS

A century ago America was experiencing a mass migration westward. Families, by the thousands, were leaving the eastern states and moving west. What prompted this mass migration? The answer is simple. It was caused by central government!

Washington D.C. was on the east coast. The old establishment, with its oppressive corporate network, was on the east coast. A century ago the Eastern Establishment was synonymous with "central government." Families who yearned for freedom fled the east to settle in the wild, but free, western territories. They preferred the risk of hostile elements, the lack of conveniences, and the hard work of survival in the wilds, to the oppression of the Eastern Establishment and its central government. Fortunately, most of the Indians were friendly and quite helpful - except when the "massahs" of the Eastern Establishment began doing to them what was already being done to our own race in the eastern states. Some of the Indians eventually realized that the Eastern Establishment meant to conquer them, steal their land, and put them on Godforsaken reservations... and they fought the new plantation owners. Would-to-God that our own race would have done the same! But, instead, we allowed the Eastern Establishment to move in, rout the Indians, and continue enslaving us.

The alternative to Babylonian (central) government is the Christian ecclesia system – the system that Christ and His apostles began setting up immediately after Christ announced His reign. It was



that system that Paul and Barnabas were setting up in their travels to Asia Minor and Europe. They were not building churches! They were sharing the good news of Christ's reign, and showing how to live free within an ecclesia community system – independent from central, state rulership.

It was this same ecclesia system of Christ's reign that the apostles took to their scattered kinsmen in the nations of the world. That message was called "the gospel of the kingdom." And, it was this message which caused the disciples to be beaten, imprisoned, persecuted, and murdered by the central governments of those nations. The disciples were spreading "sedition" in those lands because they were declaring a different king and a different government.

The new king was Jesus – and that government was the ecclesia system Jesus told Peter about in Matthew 16:18:

"Upon this rock I will build my ecclesia (i.e., my kingdom in communities), and the gates of hell (i.e., destruction) will not prevail against it."

Obviously, churches are not ecclesias. The churches pander pacifism among the slaves, worship the U.S. Constitution (which put the central rulers in place) and preach conformity to the collectivist policies. Churches do not support freedom. There is no similarity between churches and ecclesias.

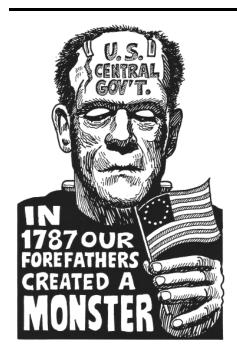
Central government needs the churches! It even gives them preferred tax status over other institutions. The ecclesia system, on the other hand, is hated by central government!

The church system pacifies people through mythology, brainwashing, hypnosis, priestcraft, social events, emotion catharsis, parties, commitees, organizing, and more organizing. But, the ecclesia system avoids all that, deals in the real world of honest work and accomplishments, allowing Christians to live natural, wholesome, self-governed lives.

People who have been "properly churched" become apathetically dissipated. They have no energy left, nor any desire, to face the real problems of their day. They only think about the unreal mythologies of the church world. In fact, they lose the ability to even see the real problems. They cannot rise above the weekly routines, the religious rituals and the endless organized activities of the church. If they have any potential for concern it gets wasted on nonsensical rituals and church programs.

STOP DEFENDING CHURCH AND STATE

There is a growing number of us who do not like plantation life. So, for those who are ready to think outside the box of central government, and its harlot churches on every street corner, we



shall go on to discuss the features of life WITHOUT the plantation beast on our backs.

Contemplating life without church and central government brings questions to mind .. and that's good! Questions cause thinking. Thinking provides more solutions. We need solutions! We need good minds thinking on this subject.

Liberty is yet a mystery to most people. They wonder, "How could society function if people were left to make their own decisions, handle their own affairs, and provide for their own safety and welfare?" Even those who claim to be free cannot contemplate such drastic measures. Like the Israelites of old, who thought they wanted liberty (until they experienced it firsthand in the exodus), church people of today have little, if any, understanding of real liberty. They don't even dislike central government. They don't really mind living as a slave.

Central government is considered a necessary feature of society by most church people. Here are three arguments I often hear from them when I say we don't need central government:

- 1. "But, don't we need some form of central government over such a large country? How could we coordinate and run this nation, and its commerce, without central government to keep things in order?"
- 2. "How could we defend against foreign invasion without central government to raise an army?"

3. "But the Constitution was Godinspired, and our government is the best in the world." (My advice, when you hear these words: prepare for a short conversation and a quick exit. The man is out of touch with reality.)

First, I'll show you the weakness of these arguments. Then, I'll show the strength of real Christian liberty and the ecclesia system.

1. No! We do not need a central government over us. 200 years of central government here in America has done nothing to help us – and everything to hurt us.

In controlling commerce, the central government has proven itself to be the greatest enemy of free trade and honest labor. It certainly has not protected and helped us in this area.

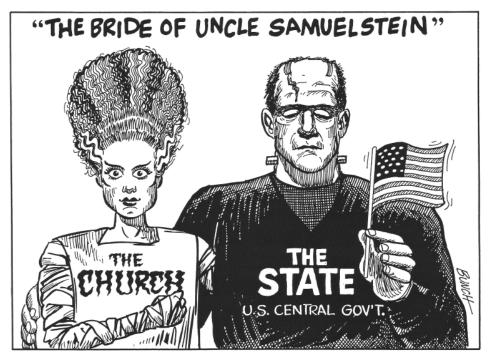
- 2. In terms of military protection against foreign invasion, the central government has done absolutely nothing to help us. In fact, it has done just the opposite. It has...
- a) ...turned brother against brother in the Civil War [War between the States].
- b)...started and/or gotten us involved in nearly every war you can name, forced us to pay taxes, and forced our young men (and now women, too) to waste their lives fighting bankers' wars on foreign soil for reasons the soldiers don't even understand.
- 3. The Constitution could not have been God-inspired! This can be proven

in easy steps:

- a) "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17). Therefore freedom and Christ are inseparable.
- b) The Constitution created a central government. This government is still in place. It has ruled, centrally, since 1787.
- c) The central government has enslaved people, ruined the economy, murdered our sons, aborted our babies, demoralized our youth, brainwashed the whole population, and destroyed the heritage of our race. In short, the U.S. Government has destroyed freedom.
- d) Therefore, since the Constitution created a government which destroys liberty, it could NOT have been inspired by God. And, contrary to the common claim that "our government may not be perfect, but it is the best in the world," the fact is, the U.S. Government may very well be the worst in the world. It certainly has caused more misery than any other.

The point is this: there is no benefit whatsoever in central government ... EXCEPT to those who are in the government, and the bankers who profit from government.

International wars are nothing more than bankers squabbling over investments and property disputes. Central governments are tools of bankers to keep watch over their investments and loans. Anyone who wants a central government is either an enemy or a fool!



LIFE IN THE ECCLESIA

Now, lets talk briefly about commerce and law enforcement in a free society - without central government. What does the Bible say?

Law for Commerce

A. Theft

15. "You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15

B. Monopolies

9. "Woe to them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the land." (no monopolies on land and commerce.)

Isaiah 5:8

C. Land Investment

5. "Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure to me above all people: for all the land is mine (God's)."

Exodus 19:5

- 10. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family.
- 23. "The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojoumers with me.
- 24. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land." (Land grants to family for 50 years; cannot be sold).

Leviticus 25:10 & 23-24

Law Against Violence

Murder

13. "You shall not murder."

Exodus 20:13

6. "Whosoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." (Murderers must pay with their own blood.)

Genesis 9:6

Law for Punishment & Enforcement

A. Principle

- 23. "And if any mischief follow, then you shall give life for life,
- 24. Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.
- 25. Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

Exodus 21:23-25

B. Witnesses

- 15. "One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.
- 16. If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong;
- 17. Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before Yahweh (in a godly court) before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;
- 18. And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and behold, if the witness be a false witness, and has testified falsely against his
- 19. Then shall you do to him, as he had thought to have done to his brother: so shall you put the evil away from among you.
- 20. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.
- 21. And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot."

Deuteronomy 19:15-21

C. Judgment/Trial

- 13. "Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them your
- 15. So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.
- 16. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.
- 17. You shall not respect persons in judgment; but you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall

not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me (Moses), and I will hear it." (Judges are to judge matters, but not enforce them.)

Deuteronomy 1:13-17

D. Enforcement

- 5. "Then shall you bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, to your gates (courts), even that man or that woman, and shall stone them with stones, till they die.
- 6. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.
- 7. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people (private enforcement of judgment; no police force). So you shall put the evil away from among you.
- 12. And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken to the priest that stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or to the judge, even that man shall die: and you shall put away the evil from Israel.
- 13. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously."

Deuteronomy 17:5-13

E. Cities of Refuge

- 9. "And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,
- 10. Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you are come over Jordan into the land of Canaan:
- 11. Then you shall appoint cities to be cities of refuge for you (for slayers awaiting trial); that the slayer may flee there, which kills any person by accident."

Numbers 35:9-11

F. Revenger of Blood

- 12. "And they shall be to you cities for refuge from the avenger (the next of kin whose responsibility it is to punish the murderer); that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation (the judges) in judgment.
- 15. These six cities shall be a refuge,

- both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that kills any person accidentally may flee there.
- 16. And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die...
- 17. ...with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die...
- 18. ...an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.
- The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meets him, he shall slay him.
- 21. ...the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meets him."

Numbers 35:12-21

G. Accidental Death

- 22. "But if he (the killer) thrust him (the victim) suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon any thing without laying of wait (i.e., without premeditation; strictly by accident),
- 23. Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm:
- 24. Then the congregation shall judge betwen the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:
- 25. And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, where he was fled, and he shall abide in it until the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.
- So these things shall be for a statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

(Numbers 35:22-30)

H. No Bail For Murderers

- 30. Whoso kills any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die."
- 31. "Moreover, you shall take no bribe (no fine) for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death; but he shall be surely put to death.
- And you shall take no bribe for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again

- to dwell in the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.
- 34. Defile not therefore the land which you shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I Yahweh dwell among the children of Israel."

Numbers 35:22-34

Offenses should be settled between the parties involved. Remedies for crimes must be sought by the victims, or their next-of-kin. The power of law enforcement cannot be forfeited into the hands of central mercenaries ("police") and greedy politicians. To do so is to open the door to tyranny. The judges are to judge matters and declare what is right – no more – no less. Enforcement of that judgment depends upon the people. There is no police force in the Kingdom of God!

Without a cental law maker and police force there would be no restriction of wholesome business, creativity and enterprise. Coordination between people and communities would happen naturally. Co-ops would take the place of central bureaus, and monopolies or central control would be against the law.

The same is true with regard to a defense system. Banding together for the purpose of helping and defending each other is a function of the ecclesia system. However, Christians must remember that there is a big difference between "cooperation," and "corporation." A co-op is comprised of independent persons or entities who take part voluntarily. However, a corporation is comprised of persons and/or entities who have sacrificed their independence to become a part of the corporate body. Their performance is no longer voluntary, but under control and demand of the corporation... which becomes an actual entity itself.

THE GOLDEN RULE

In a free society, with voluntary cooperation, the common law would be based on one principle: Man is free to do anything he desires as long as he,

- a) Does no harm to his fellow man.
- b) Does not rebel against God.

(Matthew 22:37-40)

The great enemy of these principles of freedom is the church-state Beast System called "Babylon" in scripture.

The great friend of these principles of freedom is the Christian Ecclesia System (The Reign of Christ).

THE IDOLATRY MUST STOP

If you profess to follow Christ, then it's time you quit voluntarily feeding the anti-Christ beast. Men that want liberty must wean themselves from central government and churches. It is the height of absurdity for a Christian to attend and support the very institutions which are destroying his freedom and sanity. Those who voluntarily support a central government, or a church, by believing and teaching that it is good in any way, or that it helps us, or that we need it, are still living in a dream world.

In terms of central government, the old axiom is still true: "The best government is the least government."

The ecclesia system, with the Bible as its constitution, is capable of freeing us from the bondage of the church-state Plantation. Liberty cannot be found outside of Christ. Christ's system is the Ecclesia System.

Freedom awaits us if we will stop idolizing the churches and central Beast System, and start pursuing the Kingship of Christ.

CHURCH

The term "church," as we know it, did not exist as such before 300 AD. Emperor Constantine of Rome declared "church" to be the state-authorized vehicle of worship for Christians ... thus taking control of religion by incorporating it into the state in an attempt to undermine the Christian ecclesia.

The "church" was thus invented, and continues the same to this day ... a fact that is carefully ignored by churchgoers.