

Is Destroying The State's Vile And Blasphemous Property - A Sinful Violation Of The 5th and 8th Commandment? Or Is Apathy, Compromise or Fear Holding Christians Back From Making An Honest Assessment Of This Question?

As we approach the back-side of the five-decade running sexual revolution where fornication, adultery, marital (near) barrenness, feminism (emasculating young men and 'butching' young women), sodomy, et al are becoming near normative even in the Christian community the next step toward spiritual and often physical death for the unregenerate is the physical debauching of children. I have spent most of my adult life opposing this.

Interesting essays have been written on every man's need for an 'atonement' of their sins/guilt. Here [is one](#). Those who reject the only true atonement in the shed blood of Jesus Christ then seek it elsewhere. Self-inflicted pain and the blood (i.e. Bram Stoker's Dracula and most horror films today) and the very life of sexually innocent virgins are two means they seek for temporary guilt relief and purification. Without any efficacy, they are left to increasingly pursue it, in their sinful death spiral. It is the opposite of regeneration. It is degeneration.

The civil authorities have been co-opted for decades by the people seeking to debauch such youth. Thee FCC, the Courts, the Departments of Education and a host of other federal, state and local government bodies have using taxpayer dollars to advance this perverse sexual revolution which, if unchecked, will be the demise of our Christian civilization. Our demographic implosion is well upon us already.

Do the civil bodies have the authority from God to purchase, promote, license, distribute, etc. such degenerating material in service to their labor to destroy the Christian faith in our land?

Most pastors will immediately refer Christians to Romans 13:1-2 as their uncomfortable, yet hasty, defense as to why Christians cannot oppose them. But are they faithful to the text when they do this? Consider this exposition below. Bold faced text and underlines were added.

Through Tyndale's translation of the Bible, colloquial phrases of his ancestral home among the folds of the Cotswold scarp in Gloucestershire have persisted. Among such now familiar phrases is Tyndale's rendering from *Romans* 13:1: *the powers that be*. A phrase from his time and likely from his home in the west of England, by its lilt, has survived the scrutiny of King James's translators and revisers following. Nowadays, the phrase signifies any earthly governments that dominates by sheer power, with or without authority. In *Romans* 13:1-2, Paul refers to the Babylonian system of law and government, as working through Rome. "The powers that be" rings of the scholastic tradition of which Tyndale was familiar: a system aimed at justifying the status quo as it stood in the combined temporal and non-temporal powers of Roman law and government, that is, the total state. By this phrase, Tyndale distinguishes imperial governments of men from a government of law.

Though Tyndale's translation of *Romans* 13:1-2 remains good English, it confuses the divine distinction between *authority* and *power*... (thrice in these two verses, Paul the apostle uses (eksee-eousia): authority. Tyndale translates *eksee-ousia*'s first occurrence aright with *autorite* (authority), but he translates the next two occurrences of *eksee-eousia* with "power." Thus Tyndale's translation, "the *autorite* of ye hyer *powers*," implies that authority results from power. Moreover, Tyndale adds the plural noun "powers" twice, where Paul omits it from the Greek text: "ye higher *powers*" and "the *powers* that be." Tyndale's failure to distinguish the Greek terms for "authority" and "power" in these verses is likely due to the influence of John Wyclif's prior translation from Jerome's Latin Vulgate into English.

Paul uses the Greek root *ovoia* to stress that all authority proceeds out of the *being* of God. Because God is the source and ground of all being (*ousia*, that which has being), all authority (*eksee-ousia*, that which originates from within that being) is traceable back to the Godhead, the fountain of all being (*hyperek-ousia*, that which springs up from that being).

In recent decades, English translations of *Romans* 13:1-2 often translate *eksee-ousia* with “authority” instead of “power,” thereby distinguishing right (authority) from might (power). *Right* (*eksee-ousia*: authority), in the context of *Romans* 13:1, signifies criminal jurisdiction: the authority to use force, which proceeds only from God, the fountain or Author, of all being. *Might* on the other hand, is raw power: that domineering exercise of force, or threat of force, that one rightly exercises with authority. Only where authority precedes the exercise of power is that exercise lawful. Thus, no one ever has the right (authority) to do wrong.

French translators understand *eksee-ousia* in *Romans* 13:1-2 to be authority instead of raw power, always translating it *autorité*, as also Martin Luther understood. Following Paul’s use of terms leads one to conclude that *Romans* 13:1-2 binds men to subject themselves to that power ordained by God’s authority; **and that any power exercised outside the scope of God’s authority is lawlessness.** This passage further defines God’s authority as that which is a terror to evildoers. Thus, **any exercise of government power that terrorizes those doing good deeds neither proceeds from God’s authority nor operates within the scope of it.**

...Comparing Scripture with Scripture, Samuel Rutherford tightly reasons his analysis of *Romans* 13:1-2, concluding,...that according to Paul’s language in *Romans* 13:1-2, God alone is the exclusive source of authority. Rutherford discusses Paul’s use of the preposition (*whopo*) with the genitive case to express God’s transcendence through a principal and agent relationship: God as the principal works his authority through the mediate agency of His creation, as also through his creatures.

...Pondering Scripture’s clear statements concerning government’s jurisdiction over crimes, a sure precept emerges: God has given to government jurisdiction over criminal matters; therefore men are never to array themselves against government’s rightful exercise of this jurisdiction. A question, however, yet remains: what are criminal matters according to Scripture? Answer: **any action of government that falls within the scope of God’s written grant of authority over criminal behavior; thus, any action of government claiming criminal jurisdiction that falls outside the scope of God’s written grant of authority over a criminal matter is lawless. Government, then, is without right to exercise criminal jurisdiction (enforcement power) over matters to which God’s Word written never accords clear criminal character.”**

Excellence of the Common Law by Brent Winters, (J.D., MDiv.) p. 843-847, by Mountain Press © 2008

The act of a civil government purchasing books to be read to the most sexually innocent children, advocating youthful sodomy and working to convince very young children into believing they can change their creational sexual being (Genesis 1:27) is obviously lawless and without authority by the civil magistrate. Even the once Communist Russia has come to its senses now, where such propaganda to promote sodomy is considered lawless and is now banned.

Even Iowa law implicitly recognizes it. Consider that Iowa Code 728 Obscenity declares the following. 728.1 Definitions Paragraph 5. ““*Obscene material*” is any material depicting or describing...sex acts...taking the material as a whole and applying community standards with respect to what is suitable material for minors, would find appeals to the prurient interest and is patently offensive...” Paragraph 7 “Unless otherwise provided, “*prohibited sexual act*” means any of the following: (c) “Fondling or touching the pubes or genitals of a minor.” Paragraph 8.

“*Promote*” means to ...provide...lend, publish, distribute, circulate, disseminate.” Iowa Code 728.2 says, “Any person, other than the parent or guardian of the minor, who knowingly disseminates ...obscene material to a minor...shall upon conviction be guilty of a serious misdemeanor.” Promoting such filth is criminal in Iowa for most people. But, and most importantly, 728.7 says, **“Nothing in this chapter prohibits the use of appropriate material for education purposes in any accredited school, or any public library, or in any educational program in which the minor is participating.”**

Though it doesn't apply to the burned books, Iowa code 728.1 Paragraph 7 also prohibits promoting an act of bestiality involving a minor, sadomasochistic abuse of a minor, nudity of a minor, etc. For years the sexual revolutionaries have gotten away with calling obscene material “appropriate” and for “educational purposes.”

If any adult other than their parents (heaven forbid) were to provide books showing or describing such obscenity, they would be guilty of a serious misdemeanor. **But under the propaganda guise of “education” and “appropriate”, who escapes criminal prosecution?** The lesbian then-librarian at the Orange City public library and the large number of sexual miscreants occupying teaching roles in public and other accredited schools across Iowa. Christians rose up against this government attack on marital union and to protect the modesty of Christian children in the classrooms in the 1970s. But we gave up! The government has been destroying the sexual morals of Christian children for nearly two generations. They have no such authority before God, all their statutory exceptions aside!

Reaching this conclusion can be deeply disturbing for mature Christian leaders as many instinctively know that they have sat silent while a host of lawless acts have been advanced by our civil authorities for years. Worse, it is many of these same civil authorities who've ***purchased*** our silence with government subsidies, real estate inflation, etc. These are all curses from God funded by a very unjust money system (Prov. 20:10) but welcomed in most churches as economic security. And most in Reformed churches refuse to part with these curses so it becomes easy for many of them to accept the false “power” improperly read in to Romans 13:1-2. In the end such pursuit of economic security by receiving stolen property, apart from our real security in Christ, “legitimizes” lawless civil magistrates. One Dutch Christian farmer knew better and would have none of it. Read of the life of the late [Henry Vellema](#), whose testimony of faith impacts many, 35 years after his death.

Christians being ‘bought off’ is not new. The matter was raised by Huguenots during the early days of the Reformation.

In [The Politics of Obedience: The Discourse of Voluntary Servitude](#) by Étienne de La Boétie, written 1552–53 (published in 1574 by French Huguenot pastor Simon Goulart, a Calvinist minister at Geneva), La Boétie wrote,

“Roman tyrants invented a further refinement. They often provided the city wards with feasts to cajole the rabble, always more readily tempted by the pleasure of eating than by anything else. The most intelligent and understanding amongst them would not have quit his soup bowl to recover the liberty of the republic of Plato. Tyrants would distribute largess, a bushel of wheat, a gallon of wine, a sesterce (a quarter of denarius of Roman silver): and then everybody would shame-lessly cry “Long live the King!” The fools did not realize that they were merely recovering a portion of their own property, and that their ruler could not have given them what they were receiving, without having first taken it from them.

“A man might one day be presented with a sesterce and gorge himself at the public feast, lauding Tiberius and Nero for handsome liberality, who on the morrow, would be forced to abandon his property to their avarice, his children to their lust, his very blood to the cruelty of these magnificent emperors, without offering any more resistance than a stone or a tree stump. The mob has always behaved in this way – eagerly open to bribes that cannot be honorably accepted, and dissolutely callous to degradation and insult that cannot be honorably endured.” pp. 134

La Boétie provides us the solution;

“A people enslaves itself and cuts its own throat, when, having a choice between being vassals and being free men, it deserts its liberties and takes on the yoke, gives consent to its own misery, or, rather, apparently welcomes it... Similarly, the more tyrants pillage, the more they crave, the more they ruin and destroy: the more one yields to them, and obeys them, by that much do they become mightier and more formidable, the readier to annihilate and destroy. But if not one thing is yielded to them, if, without any violence they are simply not obeyed, they become naked and undone and as nothing just as when the root receives no nourishment the branch withers and dies. To achieve the good that they desire, the bold do not fear danger; the intelligent do not refuse to undergo suffering. It is the stupid and cowardly who are neither able to endure hardship nor to vindicate their rights; they stop at merely longing for them, and lose through timidity the valor roused by the effort to claim their rights, although the desire to enjoy them still remains as a part of their nature.”

“Resolve to serve no more, and you are at once freed. I do not ask that you place hands upon the tyrant to topple him over, but simply that you support him no longer; then you will behold him, like a great Colossus whose pedestal has been pulled away, fall of his own weight and break into pieces?” p. 116

We are to forebear to unjust government as long as possible. If the civil authorities refuse to permit you to stop supporting them via unjust taxation and they use the proceeds to corrupt the children of the church, we must remember our duty to love our neighbors and our duty that we pledged at their baptisms. In historic reformed Christian churches this charge was given to the body of believers, **“Do you, the people of the Lord, promise to receive these children in love, pray for them, help instruct them in the faith, and encourage and sustain them in the fellowship of believers?”** And then we affirm this covenantal duty. Notice it doesn't say we can renege on this obligation to help sustain the faith of baptized Christian children, when the government says otherwise. Keeping them from seeing, reading or even stumbling across blasphemous, filthy and perverse material is honoring to that promise.

Again, we must stop receiving their stolen property (Prov. 29:24). After several very public entreaties to repent and do right, if the civil magistrates persist as they have in Orange City, Iowa, then we must take the next step up. If all else fails, force under another magistrate is allowed, when tyrannical magistrates command us to remain in sinful silence/inaction. But, again, there comes an end to it. As 16th century French Reformer, Pierre Viret, wrote,

“But if his tyranny seeks to extend itself beyond the body and goods, and he seeks to compel us to commit idolatry and transgress the commandments of God, in such cases we must hate him – that is, love God more than him, and obey Him, the supreme Ruler, more readily than men, who are no more than dust and ashes, just as the apostles, who feared Him who can kill the body and the soul more than those who killed Jesus Christ (Acts 5:29).

Daniel also, though he was subject and obedient to the king of Babylon, nevertheless preferred to be cast into the den of lions rather than obey the wicked king and remain only three days without praying to God, as the three young had already done, choosing to be thrown into the fiery furnace that Nebuchadnezzar had made seven times hotter rather than

bow, worship, or adore the great image and statue of gold which he had made – indeed, than to even do anything similar (Dan. 3,6). And many other good servants of God were killed, knowing that if they sought to please men, they could not be servants of God (Gal. 1:10).” p. 65

“All this came to pass by the providence of God, who sent the spies to her (Rahab, the former harlot). And the fact that she received and saved them proceeded from the fear of God within her, and from the faith she had in the promises God had made to the children of Israel, as clearly appears both by the conversion she had with the spies, as well as the covenant she made with them, not only for her person, but also for all her house and all her family. Thus what human reason and earthly men call disloyalty and treason is called by the Holy Spirit faith and fear of God. This faith and fear of God was the reason why the work of Rahab was pleasing to God, and also her person, though previously she had been a woman of debauchery. And her work was not so perfect that it did not have sin on her part, and many weaknesses, which God bore with in His mercy, just as He bore with those of the midwives in Egypt who preferred to obey God rather than Pharaoh, as was already explained.” p. 114

The Christian And The Magistrate: Roles Responsibilities and Jurisdictions by Pierre Viret, 1564, translated by R. A. Sheats, 2015, Psalm 78 Ministries

Under such circumstances clearly God blesses concealment of the truth from civil magistrates when they intend to use it for wicked ends. There is a God glorifying difference between such concealment and the sin of lying. See Rev. Peter Allison’s paper on it [here](#).

Scripture clearly teaches us that we sin by omissions as well as commissions. The WLC Q&A 145 lists one of the applicatory sins of the 9th Commandment is “...holding our peace when iniquity calleth for either from ourselves, or complaint to others...”

“(And his father had not [a]rebuked him at any time by saying, “Why have you done so?”
1 Kings 1:6a

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely [a]rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.” **Leviticus 19:17**

“No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive [a]evil and bring forth iniquity.” **Isaiah 59:4**

“A righteous man who falters before the wicked Is like a murky spring and a [a]polluted well.” **Prov. 25:26**

“When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah” **Psalm 32:3-4**

For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! **Romans 7:19-25**

As we all give thanks for the deliverance we’ve received through the work of Jesus Christ let us repent of our silence in the public square, our failing to humbly rebuke, our trusting in empty

words, our faltering before the wicked and let us end our sinful silence which is causing our bones to grow old and our vitality being turned to drought.

It is not as if we've had a special revelation from God but when His people are turned over to apostasy (and all appeals have fallen on deaf ears) He called for the destruction of their idols several times in special revelation of Scripture. Their property rights were not an issue for Him.

*“Now the Lord spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, **destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their [e]high places; you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.” Numbers 33:50-53***

*“These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all[a] the days that you live on the earth. You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. **And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their [b]wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things.” Deut. 12:1-3***

*“And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjathsepher: And Caleb said, **He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.” Judges 1:11-13***

(Debir “In Jude 1:11, is a place called also Kirjath-Sepher, **a city of books**; and Kirjath-Sannah **a city of literature**, Joshua 5:15,15. Judging from the names, it appears to have been some sacred place among the Canaanites, says Bible Hub. Canaan's gods included Asherah. Ray Vander Laan records, “Asherah was worshiped in various ways, including through ritual sex. Although she was believed to be Baal's mother, she was also his mistress. Pagans practiced "sympathetic magic", that is, they believed they could influence the gods' actions by performing the behavior they wished the gods to demonstrate. Believing the sexual union of Baal and Asherah produced fertility, their worshipers engaged in immoral sex to cause the gods to join together, ensuring good harvests. This practice became the basis for religious prostitution (1 Kings 14:23-24). The priest or a male member of the community represented Baal. The priestess or a female members of the community represented Asherah. In this way, God's incredible gift of sexuality was perverted to the most obscene public prostitution. No wonder God's anger burned against his people and their leaders.”

How is the repository of books and literature in the Canaanite city of Debir, where immoral sex is practiced to insure “good harvests” any different than the Orange City library books? God, through Caleb, had them smitten.)

*“Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying: “Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord God to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys: “**Indeed I, even I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your [a]high places.” Ezekiel 6:1-3***

Christ himself showed no care of the money-changers tables when he scattered the money to the public in the courtyard and busted their tables while overturning them and driving them out of the temple.



“When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables.” John 2:15

There is nothing intrinsically “non-burnable” about books as local libraries in this area have effectively been burning edifying books for years, by throwing them out. More so, people coming to real faith in Christ under Paul’s preaching, rejected the magical arts and, “Also, many of those who had practiced magic **brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all**. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.” **Acts 19:19-20**

Scene from the life of St. Augustine, 1755 by Matthias Günther, Augustine hurling lightning bolts, which strike the books and physical instruments of the false teachers, who fall into the abyss; next to Augustine the allegory of the Church, beneath allegories of Europe, Africa and Asia.

Silencing filth is a part of our church history, as well.

“The examples he gives of these materialist philosophers are Thales, Anaximenes, the Stoics, and Epicurus. Their opinions are considered, on various grounds, to be equally contrary to Christianity as the aforementioned records have been to the old religions and need to seize as much as a mythical (poetry and theatre) and civil (temple) theologies. Within this context, Augustine again singles out Epicurean atomism as contradicting Christianity. This shows, I suggest, that Augustine was very close to proposing that non Platonic philosophical books - if still circulating - should be burnt as much as he considered the accounts of Roman religion as worthy of destruction for the sake of Christianity and that his work could easily be understood in this way.... As in the letter to Dioscorus, he perceives these philosophies as dangerous because they continued to inform contemporary non-conformist Christians, but he also seems to imply that contemporary pagans to were still familiar with materialist discourse is and therefore argued against Christianity. As the unity of Christianity is still under threat from these discourses, the city of god thus represents an Ascot a logical ideals state that Augustine and feels it is currently unrealized on earth. From this perspective, the **City of God** accords that certain philosophical tenets that contradict the Bible need to be censored in an ideal Christian society.... **Christianity, Book-Burning and Censorship in Late Antiquity**, by Dirk Rohmann, p.181-182, Baylor University Press, © 2017

What of the 1st Amendment and the free marketplace. As Ehud Wold wrote in his piece, [In Defense of Book Burning](#),

“In the spirit of that compulsory philosemitism, post-war (WW 2) Christians anesthetized themselves with libertarian notions of the “marketplace of ideas”: so long as Shakespeare, Goethe, and Melville were allowed to compete on an even playing field against feminist sitcoms, vampire

porn, and Heather Has Two Mommies, the cream would naturally rise to the top. Because the superior form, sentiment, and message of the former works in perfect tandem with the divine operation of capitalism, it would result in a natural and inexorable overwhelming of the bad by the good. Meritocracy itself, a pillar of the natural order, would, in the long run at least, prove infallible. As such, the Christian aesthetic would eventually corner the market, and all the subversive anti-Christian writings would fade away for lack of interest alone. So ran the argument.

But in magician fashion, while true axiology was held up to dazzle and misdirect, a Pelagian presupposition was tucked in the sleeve: this laissez-faire 'marketplace of ideas' took for granted that all men desire the true and the good, that none are truly irredeemable, and that the reprobate would abide the level playing field. All of which were falsehoods.

No, censorship is ultimately inescapable. The ascendant worldview, whatever it may be, always imposes anti-blasphemy codes. All law orders suppress the doctrines, and therefore the literature and arts that oppose it. It's just that within the freewheeling 'marketplace of ideas' with which Christians presently console themselves, publishing houses discretely ashcan traditional ideals. Simultaneous to which, the libraries quietly cycle out the traditional works of previous generations and declare overt bans on many more to make room for strange and subversive works. In fact, Amazon (the biggest distributor of books online) recently announced a ban on all materials bearing any similitude of the Confederate Battle Flag! While some good books are gathered up into private collections, most important works are stored for posterity in the most secure depositories — landfills. And the bulk of these are not reprinted. So it is today that libraries and bookstores brimming with the printed word are devoid of anything fit to read. (**Note from Paul Dorr** - Most tellingly [Amazon just banned](#) the new book **No Dress For Timmy**, which is a Christian book for little children which provides the opposite message which the books in the Orange City library promote. Toward the end of the story the little boy tells his perverse teacher [about his friend], "God made only two genders and George cannot change to be a girl. God is not pleased with what George is doing...George needs help from Jesus." The book is now banned by Amazon.)

These are the industrial-scale means of book-burning at play in the 'free marketplace of ideas'. Because publication and distribution are all but entirely controlled by groups hostile to the Christian worldview. They are incrementally stanching the streams and filling the established wells, all in the name of the 'marketplace of ideas'. This is the circumstance with which Christians must come to grips: it is imperative that we recover the Christian doctrine of censorship.

... Though the Reformers had incentive to plea for forbearance with their own writings, none postulated any consumer-driven 'marketplace of ideas.' Rather than bow to the arbitrary authoritarianism of Rome, they deferred to the authoritarian truth of God's Word. Thus did Luther use papal bulls for kindling and the sundry works of the scholastics for logs, and demanded that Jewish works, wherever found, be burned. So too did the Scottish Presbyters burn works of popery and hedgewitchery. Just as the Puritans consigned to flames James's notorious Book of Sports (for its mandate of athletic games on the Sabbath) and sundry heretical works.

No less than in Europe, this tradition was taken for granted in the American colonies, and continued well after the establishment of the republic under prerogative of private organizations as well as the regular administration of government. The mass burning of communist and like subversive materials was still commonplace in America up through the mid-twentieth century.

... But so long as Christians persist in this new marketplace pluralism, tying their own hands in truce with evil while granting the enemy free rein to continue suppressing truth in these ways, we only cede the ground without contest. Or, at least, without the contest which we otherwise could level if it were treated as a true contest (Jude 1:3).

Either way, Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 is inevitable. If the humanists hold sway, all works of Christian virtue and truth shall, by stages, be contraband. The alternative to this — contending earnestly for the faith and Christ's lordship — demands the suppression of its antithesis.

Here's a final note on a right understanding of Romans 13, as applied in church history. Consider Patrick of Ireland and Boniface of Germany.

In 432 AD the High King Laoghaire (of Ireland) forbade the lighting of any fires on a night approaching the pagan festival of Ostara when he would light the great bonfire on the Hill of Tara. This occasion corresponded to the Christian observance of Easter. In defiance of the law, St. Patrick lit his own fire on the Hill of Slane, across from Tara, which burned so brightly that the king saw it and sent his soldiers to arrest whoever had defied him and to douse the flame. St. Patrick's civil disobedience was the beginning of Christianity coming to that land.

When St. Boniface chopped down Thor's oak, a tree sacred to the pagan tribes of Germany in 723 AD near Hesse, Germany, he cared not for whose property it was. As it was used to worship their idol gods and had to go! The pagans were convinced he would die because of it. He lived and used the wood from the tree to build one of the first churches in Germany and started the church in that nation.

Worship of the civil magistrate and one of its tools of subjugation and degradation – the sexual revolution – is a major idol of our day! It needs to end. I believe Scripture and church history are on the side of destroying filthy books designed to destroy the souls of little children.

I am not calling for force to oppose the city of Orange City but would actively support the Sioux County Sheriff if he honored God, and stepped in with deputies and seized such books from the library and then destroyed them. But I do believe the city of Orange City's lawless right to own and distribute filthy literature targeting the souls of covenant children, has been forfeited. If Sioux County Attorney Kunstler and Magistrate Judge Dan Pluim believe otherwise, I will be willing to accept their unjust verdict and the consequences therein. But I will warn them, as I previously warned Minnehaha County District Judge Peter Lieberman 30 years ago (while he protected the mass murder of babies by abortion), that they will stand before a higher court one day and there will be no escaping His judgement. I would encourage them to read Psalm 82.

I have saved the worst indictment of the civil authorities for last. Against my wishes, a party went into the Orange City library on December 14, 2018 and paid the \$76.89 billed to me when I told the library director, I couldn't return the books. To those who own such books is not lawless before God, then to my knowledge this would be the extent of my liability as a bailee under the [bailment agreement](#) by which they were checked out. I was forwarded a copy of the receipt that has my library card number on it, showing the amount the city billed me has been paid in full. For those convinced the city is honoring God by using their authority to purchase such filthy literature, then they must come to grips with the fact that the 'property rights' issue is no longer in play.

So clearly the city of Orange City and the Sioux County Attorney are charging me with a misdemeanor 5th degree mischief crime because they don't believe such homosexual erotica and filthy child literature should be destroyed. God have mercy on them!

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