



## Caesar is King!

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“**By what authority**” does a woman have a ‘right’ to take the life of the unborn child in her womb? ‘**By what authority**’ do men—in any capacity—whether elected Senators, appointed Supreme Court Justices, or local officials—have a ‘right’ to redefine marriage, morality, the family, or reason away any of what George Washington said were the “eternal rules of order and right?”

### The Issue of Authority

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The issue of **authority** has been an issue since the Garden of Eden—in all cultures and in all governments—and it is an issue of immense significance in contemporary American society... particularly civil government.

To those on the secular, anti Christian left who are determined to remove all trace of Christian morality and principle from public schools, our laws, the public square and public policy—**ultimate authority** belongs to **men**, and to those who are in positions of authority who agree with them. But is that really true?

### Jesus of Nazareth

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When Jesus of Nazareth would not answer Pontius Pilate, Pilate said to Him, “Do you not know that I have **authority** to release you, and I have **authority** to crucify you?” To which, Jesus said to Pilate, “You would have **no authority** over Me unless it had been **given you from above.**” (John 19:11- 15)

Jesus was reminding Pilate that his authority was not inherently his, but **conferred upon him by God, for God’s purposes, not those of men.** Inherent in Jesus’ declaration is that **absolute authority** belonged to God, and therefore every decision by **civil authority** must be weighed in accordance with His purposes. Upon hearing what Jesus said, Pilate tried to release Him, but the people said, “We have no king but Caesar.”

### The Testimony of History

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And therein lies the unspoken cry in America from the secular left. Their leaders, like the religious leaders of the Jews at the time of Christ, have no need for this Jesus. He is a threat to their usurpation of '**authority**'. Their king is whoever they say he is.

600 years before Christ, Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, learned at great personal price, "**That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes. And that... it is heaven that rules.**" (Daniel 4:25-26)

Our public officials, elected and non-elected, would do well to heed the testimony of history. Legislation, and decisions by our courts is ultimately about the laws of God, not the laws of men.

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