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Subject: Re: Secular democracy

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is it complicated? turkey is often called "secular", but it's only "secular" when you compare it to the hardcore islamic states in the middle east, countries like saudi arabia where islam really does have it all its own way. compared to the rest of europe, turkey is by no means secular.

Chew wrote on Mon, 18 January 2010 09:02 The funny part of mainstream Christianity mixing with politics is... The Bible teaches against it. So if you claim to be a Christian, you should not be into politics as far as voting/campaigning/running for office. The idea that it teaches is "Pay Ceasar's things to Ceasar and God's things to God"... Which is commonly understood to mean, pay your taxes and follow the laws of the land as long as they do not contradict the laws God has given you.

well, i've always found the render unto caesar concept rather irrelevant. after all (if i don't go into the truth or untruth question either), caesar was a theocratic dictator, as is god.

the concept was used in that manhattan declaration thingy, usual persecution-complex drivell from christians. what was it the document said? "we'll gladly render unto caesar those things that are caesar's, but under no circumstances will we render unto caesar those things that are God's". referring to matters like abortion, tolerance of homosexuals etc.

there are two glaring flaws with this assertion.

1. as i said, caesar was a theocratic dictator. america is a democracy. when you hear an american whingeing about how his system would be so much better if we just submitted to the dictator (god, not caesar) i feel like giving him a good shake and telling him to appreciate what he's got.
2. it's a useless statement until anybody can prove god this even exists, let alone that matters relating to e.g. homosexuality belong to him and are unassailable by silly things like democracy. (and even if this god did exist and did indeed have stern views on these things, i'd still be telling him to fuck off and let us have our democracy instead)

Quote:Here in America if you can prove your conviction/beliefs well enough, they won't send you to war, even in the middle of a draft. Some think that is BS, well I am not discussing it in depth, just stating the fact.

i'll not discuss it in depth either and simply say that conscription is immoral.

Quote:Short summary timeline of how the Earth has been ruled, according to The Bible.

1. Earth was perfect, ruled by God
2. Earth lost perfection, Men ruled, some with God others without
3. Earth still not perfect, Men ruling all by themselves
4. Earth restored to perfection, God as ruler again

That is what The Bible says anyways, so we would be in step 3, step 4 is of course is in the future.

Remember all of this is NOT to start a debate about if The Bible is true or false.

well, unfortunately i have to say that until its truth is verified, please don't be disappointed if you aren't taken seriously on the subject. and if the day comes when its truth is verified, prepare for

my objections to intensify.

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