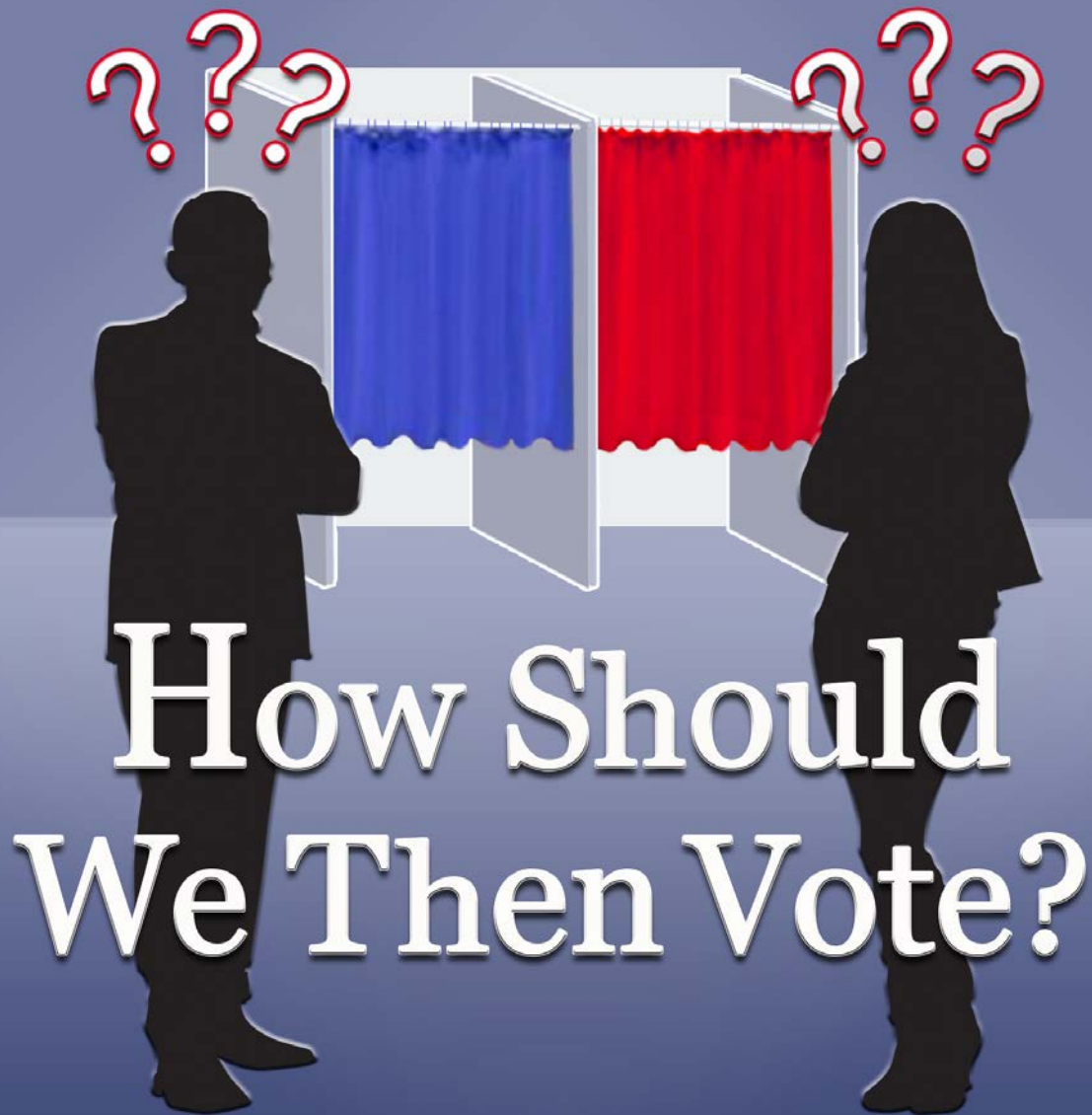


How Should We Then Vote?
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**Divine Institution #2:
Marriage**

Isa. 5:20, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isa. 5:21, “Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!”

1 Sam. 17:47, “Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’S, and He will give you into our hands.”

The Foundations of Social Order

The Divine Institutions

Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Christianity

Secular Modernism, Post-Modernism

**Ultimate
Reality**

**Personal-Infinite
God/+R/J Love**

**Infinite non-
personal matter**

Man

**Created,
Image of God**

Cosmic accident

Ethics

God defines

**Man defines
relative to time and
culture**

Knowledge

Bible reveals

Pure experience

Marriage

**Creation
institution**

**Social
construct**

God defined

Man defined

What is a Divine Institution?

Absolute social structures instituted by God for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike.

Designed by God for the perpetuation, stability, protection, and freedom of the human race.

A Divine Institution is not a social construct.

The Divine Institutions

1. Individual responsibility

PRE-FALL

2. Marriage

3. Family

**Designed to promote
productivity and advance
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

POST-FALL

5. Nations

6. Israel

Designed to restrain evil

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ...’

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Matt. 19:4, “And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning “made them male and female,” (Gen. 1:27)

Matt. 19:5, “ ‘and said, “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*”?’ ” (Gen. 2:25)

First,

Gen. 2:7, “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Gen. 2:18, “And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ”

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**Psa. 121:2, “My help comes from the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.”**

Gen. 2:19, “Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.”

Gen. 2:20, “So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.”

Gen. 2:21, “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

Gen. 2:22, “Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Gen. 2:23, “And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman (*Ishah*), because she was taken out of Man (*Ish*).’ ”

Thus, the order establishes an authority relationship.

John 5:19, “Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.’ ”

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John 10:30, “ ‘I and My Father are one.’ ”

John 10:31, “Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.”

1 Cor. 11:3, “But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God ...”

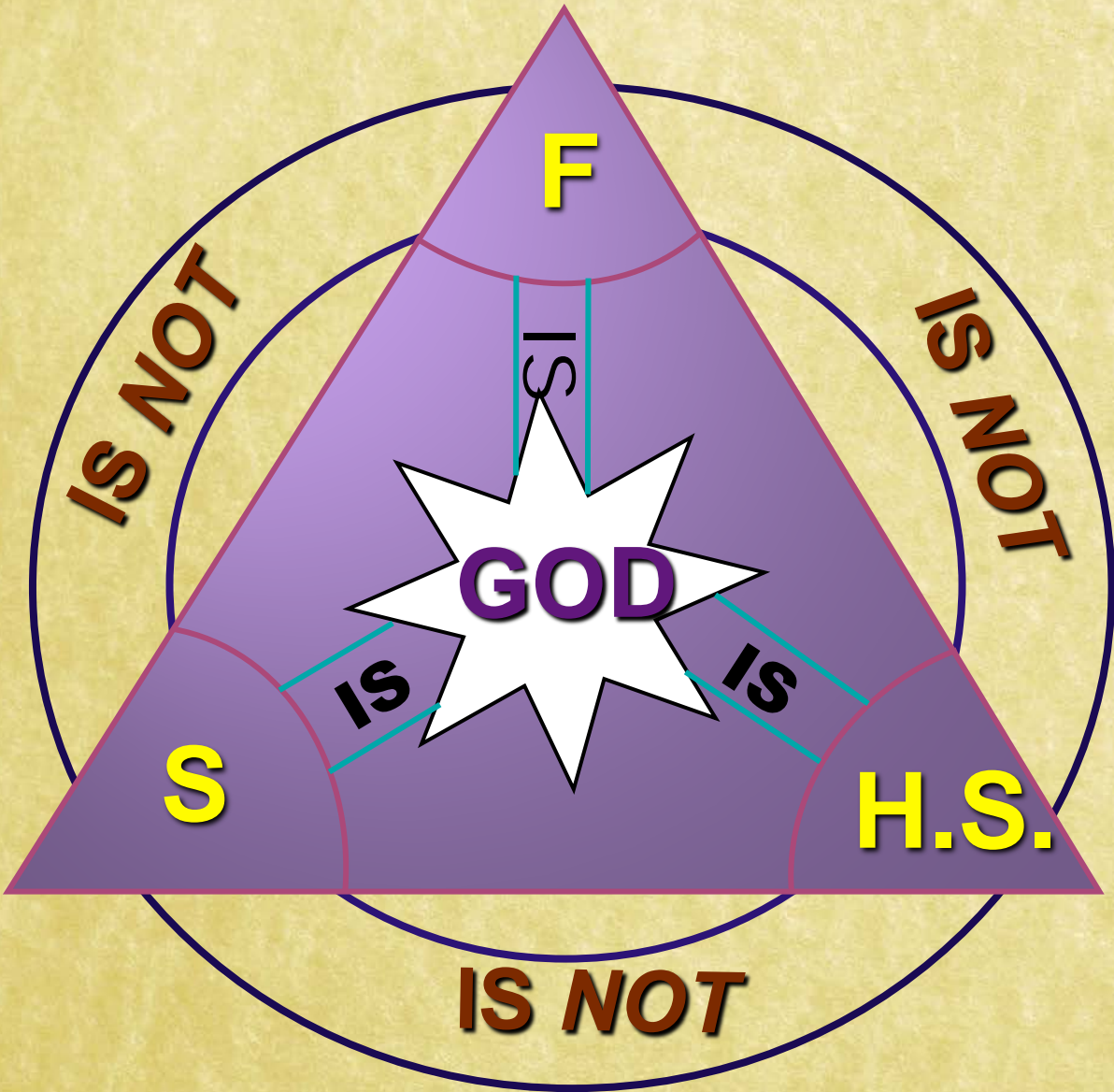
1 Cor. 11:7, “For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

1 Cor. 11:8, “For man is not from woman, but woman from man.

1 Cor. 11:9, “Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.”

1 Tim. 2:12, “And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

1 Tim. 2:13, “For Adam was formed first, then Eve.”



Father, Son, Holy Spirit are fully and equally God.

However, the Son is under the authority of the Father. And the Holy Spirit under the authority of the Father and the Son.

Subordination does not mean less equal, less significant, or demeaned.

Gen. 3:16, “To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’ ”

**תְּשׁוּקָה *teshuqah*
comm fem sing constr
desire to control, desire**

Gen. 4:7, “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”

Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Eph. 5:24, “Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

Other key passages on the responsibilities of husbands and wives:

**1 Corinthians 11:3–12; Ephesians 5:21–27;
Colossians 3:18–21; and 1 Peter 3:1–7**

**“Keep your eyes wide open before marriage,
and half-shut afterwards.”**

**~Benjamin Franklin,
a bachelor,
Poor Richard's Almanac, June, 173.**

Legal Protection for Marriage

Ex. 20:14, “You shall not commit adultery.”

Matt. 5:27, “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

Matt. 5:28, “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Lev. 20:10, “The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.

Lev. 20:11, “The man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.”

Lev. 20:12, “If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood shall be upon them.

Lev. 20:13, “If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.”

Lev. 20:14–21 continue the prohibitions.

Rom. 1:26, “For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For even their women exchanged the natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

Rom. 1:27, “and likewise the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed in their passions for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.” (~NET)

1 Cor. 6:8, “No, you yourselves are wrongdoers and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!

1 Cor. 6:9 , “Do you not know that the wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

1 Cor. 6:10, “nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”

~RD corrected translation

1 Tim. 1:9, “knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

1 Tim. 1:10, “for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,”

1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”

**Didn't God allow polygamy in the
Old Testament?**

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God's permissive will is not the same as approval.

Deut. 17:17, “Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.”

“It [sodomy], though repugnant to every sentiment of decency and delicacy, is very prevalent in corrupt and debauched countries where the low pleasures of sensuality and luxury have depraved the mind and degraded the appetite below the brutal creation.”

~Zephaniah Swift, Author, America’s first legal text in 1795

**“Without morals a republic cannot subsist
any length of time”**

~Charles Carrol, signer of the Declaration

“When a man’s will and pleasure is his only rule and guide, what safety can there be either for him or against him but in the point of a sword.”

~James Otis, Founding Father

“For in my estimation more permanent and genuine happiness is to be found in the sequestered walks of connubial life, than in the giddy rounds of promiscuous pleasure, or the more tumultuous and imposing scenes of successful ambition.”

~George Washington, Letter to Martha, his wife, 1775

“Religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness.”

~Samuel Adams, 1778

“What has been here observed ... [is] the infamous crime against nature committed either with man or beast. A crime which ought to be strictly and impartially proved and then as strictly and impartially punished. ... I will not act so disagreeable part to my readers as well as myself as to dwell any longer upon a subject the very mention of which is a disgrace to human nature [sodomy] ... (where that crime is found, which is unfit even to know, we command the law to arise armed with an avenging sword that the infamous men who are, or shall in future be guilty of it, may undergo the most severe punishments).”

~William Blackstone, Book the Fourth, Chapter the Fifteenth, “Of Offences Against the Persons of Individuals,” 1769

“THIS the voice of nature and of reason, and the express law of God, determined to be capital. Of which we have a signal instance, long before the Jewish dispensation, by the destruction of two cities by fire from heaven: so that this is a universal, not merely a provincial, precept.”

~William Blackstone, Book the Fourth, Chapter the Fifteenth, “Of Offences Against the Persons of Individuals,” 1769

“There is certainly no country in the world where the tie of marriage is more respected than in America.”

~Alexis de Toqueville