

God-given rights are under assault



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Recently I was approached by a good friend and colleague who was concerned that an article I had written for the Tulsa Beacon in which I used the word “ungodly” in reference to our current administration. He thought that might be counterproductive. After some discussion, I told my friend that I would write my next article explaining why I felt justified in using that term.

The context in which I used the word in the article was in regard to the systemic erosion of our rights and freedoms as posed by those on the left who are intent upon taking this country to socialism.

However, my personal litmus test for whether or not someone or some group is acting in an ungodly manner begins with one issue, and that is the issue of abortion. Obama has pledged to sign the Freedom of Choice Act, which would reverse decades of state laws that have sought to at least limit the number of abortions that take place.

If he keeps his pledge, this act will bring back the heinous practice of partial birth abortion and even place many Catholic hospitals in financial peril if they refuse to perform them. In my opinion, if we become a country that condones and even promotes infanticide, we are in deep spiritual and political trouble.

Having said all that, my comment about the ungodliness of this administration is about more just than the abortion issue. In fact, the abortion issue is more a symptom of the problem than the problem itself. But if we are not willing to stand up for the rights of the unborn, how can we stand up for the rights of others who are incapable of defending themselves, including those of us who, like in every other socialist country, at some time will live our lives under duress in fear of our own government?

At the moment I am writing this article, Congress is still working on the stimulus package, but the projections are that this more than \$800 billion package (more than a trillion with interest) will be on the president’s desk for signature by February 16, indebting all of us to frivolous and unproductive spending.

Perhaps the next issue will be passage of the Fairness Doctrine, which will be designed to take dissenting voices like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck, Laura Ingram and others off the air. This is important to those on the left who know that silencing those voices is critical in keeping the population ignorant and uninformed.

Our Second Amendment rights are also going to be challenged by this administration. The National Rifle Administration has identified our newly confirmed Attorney General Eric Holder

as one whose policies will be anti-gun. I think it is fair to say that we can expect anti-gun legislation during this administration's term. It may well be that there will be a law similar to the Fairness Doctrine or the Freedom of Choice Act that will take away our right to own guns and to void state concealed carry laws.

Our Tenth Amendment, the right of states to handle their own affairs, has for years been compromised by the growth of the federal government, and this administration seeks to make it grow even larger. The evidence for this is that many states have already approved the call for a Constitutional Convention, and once 34 states have approved it, it will happen. According to the RenewAmerica website, only one more state is required to seat the Convention. Oklahoma is now debating HJR 1003, a joint resolution that will disapprove it.

I am 53 years old. In my lifetime I have never felt a loss of freedom or the threat of the loss of freedoms as I have in the last six months. Our country is in serious, serious trouble. And there is no shortage of people who want to take our freedoms away.

But our freedoms came from God - no one can really take them away from us, but they can, if we let them, prohibit us from exercising our rights.

Our Constitution was a gift from God, not from government. No country in history ever formally recognized mankind's Natural Rights until our Founders wrote them down and made them our form of government.

Our Declaration of Independence was a gift from God, not from government. It was God who delivered our forefathers from the tyranny of the British crown to become the greatest, most generous, and most exemplary country that ever existed.

Our Bill of Rights was a gift from God, not from government. It was not until our rights were codified that people could actually live free and succeed, without fear of their government.

But now that we do have reason to fear our government, and while we still have the opportunity, Americans need to stand up to our government and say that our God-given rights cannot be taken away from us. A Constitutional Convention, in the hands of ungodly people, could easily do just that.

So in this context, those in this administration who seek to take away our God-given rights are being ungodly. It is up to those of us who are Godly people to call it what it is, and be willing to stand by it.

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