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## Introduction

From time to time I get questioned by 'Christians' that are heavily involved in worldly politics or see no reason why Christians should not be so involved. All that this proves is that these people have no clue or discernment about what is really going on and how corrupt the world's system is, or what their duty to God is. Their eyes are set too low.

Now decent people that call themselves Christians have been MPs, and perhaps there was a time when this could have possibly been a reputable vocation for a believer, but not any more. Note recently that Tim Farron resigned from the leadership of the Lib Dems because it conflicted with his Christian faith. Sad to say that this was years too late since Farron had already corrupted his testimony in multiple ways, such as supporting Gay marriage, avidly fighting to stay in the EU and many other things.

Note how other Christian MPs ruined their testimony when they voted for the Iraq War, which even secular analysts had already explained was illegal and unfounded.<sup>1</sup> They cannot undo the fact that they voted for it in Parliament. So often bills are put before the UK Commons that are filled with fake 'facts', or hide ulterior wicked motives, causing gullible (or corrupt) MPs to vote for them.<sup>2</sup> Then you have the whip system which forces party members to vote against their consciences or be penalised. Christians cannot be part of this.

In Britain there have been senior church leaders in London that were advisors to the then DWP head Iain Duncan Smith and who were fully complicit in the austerity measures he introduced. These measures, which included sanctions and cuts, have led to multiple deaths and suicides and much suffering. Their testimony is also ruined.

In America so-called 'Christian' Congressmen have sold their soul to multiple evils that control the USA. Many Christians believed that GW Bush was a Christian and therefore supported a host of wicked laws and strategies: the Iraq War, the Afghan War, the War on Terror, the Patriot Acts, Homeland Security and many more.

In all these cases Satan was using human governments to carry out aspects of his global plan for world domination; he is 'the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience', (Eph 2:2) and governments are the means he uses to get things done. Why would Christians get anywhere near this?

We are doubtless in the time of the last things, even if this time could go on for many more years to come. I believe that the restraint on the devil was released around 150 years ago<sup>3</sup> and the acceleration of human technology since then is part of Satan's plan for the end. There is much further to go.

In this period, national politics have been completely taken over by evil forces under satanic control and national governments have very little influence on what happens in society. Look at the continued progress of elite strategies in America over the last 50 years in both Democrat and Republican presidencies. Bill Clinton and GW Bush were partners in crime going back to elite operations long before their presidencies; the Right and the Left

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<sup>1</sup> Such as Scott Ritter and Hans Blix, UN weapons inspectors. Some Christian MPs, such as Simon Hughes, voted against the Iraq War.

<sup>2</sup> For example the military action against Syria and the support of al-Qaeda and ISIS was based upon lies in the elite controlled media and based upon a CIA operation to instigate a rebellion (a Gladio B operation). See my paper, 'Syria: What is going on'.

<sup>3</sup> See my paper on this 'The Antichrist'.

both support the Deep State agenda.<sup>4</sup> Over and over again national governments enact laws that are opposed to the good of the nation but benefit the global elite plan. This is legalised iniquity. Why be a part of this?

## Argument

### **The need to do good to all**

Although I have made my position clear on non-involvement,<sup>5</sup> and although the vast majority of my readers support my view, I was questioned on this recently. The question involved: where is the dividing line between doing good to all, loving your neighbour (who may be distant) and avoiding political involvement?

#### *Good works*

Firstly, doing good to all is a Biblical command.<sup>6</sup> Secondly, loving your neighbour has been a command of God from creation and is affirmed in the OT, by Jesus, and by the apostles.<sup>7</sup> I trust everyone agrees with these statements.

So we have no choice but to do good to all.

Then, our neighbour is everyone with whom we communicate, have fellowship with, are related to, befriend, work with and live nearby. That is, everyone within our sphere of influence.

#### *Divine testimony*

Doing good to all is a testimony to God's goodness, providence and support for all things; but Christians must also bear witness to God's judgment and righteousness.

As ambassadors of God to the world, believers must fully represent the mind of God to all within their sphere of influence. As a weathervane points to the direction of the wind, so also we, as ambassadors of the Most High God, must declare God's view of all things, good or bad. People should look to us for an understanding of God's opinions.

Thus our testimony must either give approbation or condemnation of the world around us. With the state of the world today, we will often find it necessary to condemn the decisions of men because they are in disobedience of God's law.

Doing good to all does not just mean being kind and supportive, it also means telling the truth of what God thinks of human decisions. Thus, like all the OT prophets, Christians will condemn human political actions and policies when they are wicked.

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<sup>4</sup> The control is in the hands of a) the elite shadow government: politicians who really control what is going on who are not necessarily in positions of government (such as US Neocons); b) the deep state: all the functions and forms that apply the elite policies; i.e. the military industrial complex, the banks, the media, global corporations etc.

<sup>5</sup> Such as, 'Engaging with authorities in the world'.

<sup>6</sup> Gal 6:10, 'let us do good to all'. Ps 37:3, 'Trust in the LORD, and do good'. Ps 37:27, 'Depart from evil, and do good'. Eccles 3:12, 'I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives'. Matt 5:44, 'do good to those who hate you'. Lk 6:35, 'love your enemies, do good'. 1 Thess 5:15, 'always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all'. 1 Tim 6:18, 'always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all'. Heb 13:16, 'do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased'.

<sup>7</sup> Lev 19:18, 'you shall love your neighbour as yourself'. Matt 19:19, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. Matt 22:39, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. Rm 13:8, 'Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law'. Gal 5:14, 'For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself"'. Jm 2:8, 'If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you do well'.

This does not mean forming activist political groups, campaigning, protesting and the like, it means telling the divine truth to all those within your influence. Your neighbours need to know God's reaction to human wickedness.

Thus a key part of prophetic activity in the church is the condemnation of political wickedness. We need to have the courage of Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah to denounce wickedness at high levels and particularly anything that oppresses the poor and sick and anything that legalises iniquity. Since I have written on this at length, I will not develop this further here.

### **Doing good to all does not mean getting involved in worldly politics**

The questioner stated that since loving neighbours can involve people very distant and could change local circumstances, how different is that from working in politics to change national circumstances. [I trust I have represented his argument fairly.]

#### *Because it involves corruption*

Well, if you cannot see the answer to this question then I have little hope for you. There is no connection between doing good to people, and even changing local circumstances, and being in Parliament, or being an activist on behalf of someone in Parliament or some political party. Doing good involves no necessary corruption; being in politics always leads to corruption; being in party politics (even new parties) involves the greatest corruption.

#### *Because it oppresses God's people and laws*

Being in Parliament involves commitment to the very world system that is slowly persecuting the Lord's interests and people; Parliament is currently supporting the genocide of Christians in Syria and Iraq for example, or ruining the moral base of the nation. How can Christians be a part of that system, even if they did not actually vote for the specific policy (or policies)? Every time Parliament voted for some ungodly, unrighteous policy, a Christian MP would be forced to resign to have no formal fellowship with evil; they would be resigning all the time.

#### *Because it involves supporting wicked people*

Being in Parliament involves affirming an oath to the Crown. The royal family is actively involved in the global elite conspiracy and many members are leading lights of it. Most members of the royal family are high-level Freemasons who are high priests of a satanic system of worship through idolatrous forms.<sup>8</sup> The Queen is the richest person on earth owning property and goods in the trillions. Dire warnings are issued by God to the rich<sup>9</sup> and Christians are warned not to be involved in their sins, let alone swear oaths to such. Members of the royal family have been accused of multiple heinous sins. Formally supporting such would be iniquitous.

#### *Because national politics is complicit in the evil shadow government*

Parliament is under the complete control of the western world's shadow government. I have written paper after paper explaining aspects of this. This shadow government is unbelievably wicked and utterly satanic. How could a Christian have any part of that?

For example, the global elite have strategies to gradually implement a totalitarian world government. All their policies, pushed through national governments, work towards that end. Thus national governments enact laws that are not beneficial to the nation but are to the elite. For example:

- THE IRAQ WAR; entered into on lies propagated by the shadow government ('Saddam had weapons of mass destruction, threw babies out of incubators' etc.). Iraq was no threat to

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<sup>8</sup> See my paper on 'Freemasonry' for proof this statement.

<sup>9</sup> Prov 22:16; Jam 2:5-6, 5:1-4.

Britain whatsoever and had been associated with British interests in the past. The war served the policies of the elite, did nothing but harm to Britain, killed over a million people and destroyed the Christian witness in Iraq. Parliament voted for this.

- THE ASSASSINATION OF GADDAFI AND THE DESTABILISATION OF LIBYA. Gaddafi was no longer any threat to Britain, had paid reparations for past terrorism, was offering open-ended treaties with Britain and Libya was not a threat either. The airstrikes and arming of al-Qaeda rebels led to an illegal assassination of a sovereign head, the creation of ISIS, ruined a peaceful & prosperous country, killed thousands, and initiated the African migrant crisis in Europe. The British government fully participated in the airstrikes.
- THE SYRIAN CONFLICT. Same story.
- AIRSTRIKES IN IRAQ. Same story.
- AUSTERITY MEASURES. These do no good and never have in history, but they are an elite strategy to weaken sovereign European nations and ruin their infrastructure as part of a global plan. Parliament introduced this elite strategy which has ruined Britain.
- The multiple strategies to damage civil rights and liberties (e.g. spying on your 'phone calls, emails, social media; being able to arrest you without a warrant etc.).
- Supporting CIA rendition and torture programmes.

We could go on and on, supporting the Vietnam War, supporting American foreign interventions, coups and insurrections, getting involved in the Balkan conflicts; and so on.

Parliament is a mere arm of the global elite and is thoroughly corrupt. Why would any Christian want to be anywhere near this? Only someone ignorant of what is going on, or just gullible, could even entertain it for a moment.

#### ILLUSTRATION

The global elite are currently trying hard to start a war with Russia, China and North Korea. This has involved multiple lies, obfuscation, fake news, fraud and so on. Consider these issues for Christians:

- Vladimir Putin is a devout Orthodox Christian and is championing a church revival in Russia. Indeed, he is a brilliant statesman doing wonders for his country. The global elite are Luciferians and some are Satanists. Some of them are open witches (e.g. Hillary Clinton). Since the elite control our national government, supporting foreign interventions or wars would mean supporting Satanists to kill Christians (this has already happened in Iraq and Syria). Believers would ruin their life's testimony by being in the Parliament that decided on this.
- The potential war against North Korea is hotting up and looking ever more likely, especially as all Trump's staff and advisors are now elite controlled CFR hawkish placemen. North Korea is no threat to Britain. While the news exaggerates the hawkish strategies of North Korea, it downplays the aggressive actions of the US, which is causing these hawkish manoeuvres. What would you do if the world greatest superpower put military stations, missile launch sites, and navy fleets all around your country and threatened nuclear attack? A hot war against North Korea will cause millions of deaths in the first 24 hours. Seoul would be obliterated and there are many Christians in that city. No doubt the UK governments will continue to support the US in this as it always does.<sup>10</sup>

Christians must have nothing to do, even at arm's length, with all this wickedness.

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<sup>10</sup> Why should North Korea abandon its nuclear weapons? That is the only thing stopping America from invading and initiating regime change. Kim Jung Un knows that countries that give up their weapons of mass destruction (Libya, Iraq) get invaded and replaced.

## **Other reasons**

### *It is a vain waste of time*

The main reason for avoiding politics is that being involved in national politics is just a waste of your time. You have only one life and any sane Christian should be considering how to use it wisely in the Lord's service. We must redeem the time and focus upon serving the Lord and his people.

Even non-Christians have realised this. After spending several decades in politics, Senior Labour politician Tony Benn eventually resigned from being an MP in old age. When being interviewed about this surprise move and being asked why he did it, he replied; '*I am leaving Parliament to go into real politics*'. In other words, he was devoting himself to grass roots strategies and giving local speeches.

Being an MP involves a huge amount of your time, even with the summer recess. It is not possible to be a good MP and also to really serve the Lord's people.

The same applies to political activism. This also takes up huge amounts of time if you are really committed to it. No one can have a job, look after their family, be a political activist and also be committed to the Lord's people locally.

It is a question of doing what is best and avoiding what is bad, indifferent and less good.

### *The necessity of lies*

The lying of politicians is proverbial. It has often been said, '*How can you tell if a politician is lying?*' '*His lips are moving*'.

In modern politics it is almost impossible to be an MP and not lie. The very nature of the intrigue of modern politics necessitates lying. Even decent people that idealistically got into Parliament found themselves having to lie. Some were broken and left, others lost their integrity.

I have met several politicians and knew one pretty well. I have also had dealings with a local politician that became a Lord. I noticed the change that occurred in their character when they became an MP and were whipped into lobbies.

Books have been written about political lying,<sup>11</sup> which worsened significantly under the Blair governments and continued afterwards. David Cameron was an appalling liar. For example, at the very time that he had commissioned a report into a massive top-down reorganisation of the NHS, he publicly declared that his government would never instigate a top-down, wasteful, reorganisation of the NHS. In power he introduced this reorganisation.

This is a world that Christians cannot inhabit.

### *It is ultimately pointless*

Another matter is the fact that every time a solid Christian has got formally involved in politics, especially at a high level, the historic repercussions have always been bad. Note, for example, the liberal ruination of the Dutch Reformed Church after Abraham Kuyper colluded with the Catholics to become Prime Minister of the Netherlands.

### *The power structures of the world are under the control of the Devil*

The great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **Rev 12:9**

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<sup>11</sup> E.g. 'The Rise of Political Lying', Peter Osborne.

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time. **Rev 12:12**

Authority was given him [first beast] over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb. **Rev 13:7-8**

He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more. **Rev 20:2-3**

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth. **Rev 20:7-8**

He [the second beast] deceives those who dwell on the earth. **Rev 13:14**

By your [Babylon, the sinful world system] sorcery all the nations were deceived. **Rev 18:23**

I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity [sincerity] that is in Christ. **2 Cor 11:3**

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience. **Eph 2:1-2**

We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting. **Eph 4:14**

The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish. **2 Thess 2:9-10**

Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. **2 Tim 3:13**

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one. **1 Jn 5:19**

**All sinful men are dominated by Satan. All nations that are governed by sinful men (that is all of them) are under the control of Satan. All governments will gradually produce the fruits of being dominated by Satan. In a very real sense, all nations are ruled by satanic interests. This explains the stupidity, brutality and iniquity in the world.**

**We know that the Devil rules by deception; his chief weapon is deceit. Thus all governments will operate by dishonesty. They will lie to you and will fool the population to support policies that damage them. Just look at recent British or American history to see how true this is.**

**Since the human power structures are now completely dominated by satanic interests, why would any Christian seek to be involved in such things?**

**Since Left and Right party politics are just a mirage and the ultimate satanic strategy is what is enacted, all political activism is a waste of time. Fighting for a Left or Right wing policy is going to achieve nothing. What is necessary is to fight the source, the satanic and demonic entities that are behind the world system. Only Christians can do this and they do it by prayer, speaking the truth and maintaining a Christian testimony even unto death.**

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. **Rev 12:11**

This is why the global elite are persecuting Christians and churches in multiple ways around the world. There is genocide of Christian communities by western military interests and proxies in the Middle East and Africa. There is outright persecution of believers in multiple states (e.g. Nepal, Burma, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Egypt etc.). There is undermining of Christian principles in western nations. There is the demonisation of Christian leaders and conservative Christian organisations, especially in America. There are the EU plans to outlaw Evangelicals. We could go on and on. It is also why the elite are persecuting Putin and Russia since Putin supports the Christian revival that is deeply affecting Russia. It is also one reason why the elite sponsored war and rebellion against the Middle Eastern rulers that protected Christians (Saddam Hussein and Bashar al-Assad).

*The human world is dying; be focused on the eternal world*

Finally, apart from all of this, the world you are in is dying and will soon be burned up. All the political effort you spend on this world will eventually vanish in a puff of smoke. There is no point propping up political things in this collapsing world. You should follow the example given us of Abraham and commit your efforts in this world to storing treasure in heaven and working for a new world. If it was the best strategy for Abraham 3,977 years ago, it is certainly the best strategy now when man's sins are approaching harvest.

You are a citizen of a heavenly country and should spend your time working on behalf of the interests of the Lord of this country, the Lord Jesus.

If you have the opportunity of storing up benefits in God's heavenly kingdom, why would you waste your energies on wallowing in the mire of pigs (2 Pt 2:22).

## Arguments against my thesis

### Postmillennialism

The various forms of postmillennial eschatology disagree with me on this and some would support getting involved in human governments; indeed some teach that Christians will dominate all human government.<sup>12</sup> The question for them is, '*what if your eschatology is just plain wrong?*'.

In fact, Postmillennialism is completely wrong. It did not exist in the early church and came to prominence after the Reformation but only amongst a small minority, particularly some utopian Christians, who thought that the world would get better and better as the Gospel advanced. They were clearly wrong.

I have proved the fallacy of Postmillennialism in multiple papers on eschatology, q.v.<sup>13</sup>

Since there will never be a golden age of church triumph before the Lord returns, rather there is great tribulation, there is no Postmillennial argument to support involvement in the world's political systems. Indeed, since God shows us that human government will be increasingly corrupt and iniquitous, any involvement is, at least, unwise and, at worst, forbidden.

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<sup>12</sup> Reconstructionism, Theonomy, Puritan utopianism, Charismatic triumphalism, Latter Rain Dominionism etc.

<sup>13</sup> In brief: A) there is not one Scripture teaching a golden age millennium. B) Postmillennialism developed when there was philosophical optimism about the evolutionary progress of man upwards, leading to hope of a golden age and the Gospel conquering the world. C) It ignores very clear NT teaching, in the apostles and the Gospels, that the world will become increasingly wicked, evil, rebellious and apostate towards the end, culminating in a wicked global rule by a Satanic government that kills Christians.



## **What about the abolition of slavery?**

The argument is that this was the prime historic case of Christians getting involved in national politics in order to bring about a righteous end. Therefore, Christian involvement in worldly politics is beneficial and acceptable to God.

The abolition of slavery proves no such thing and such a statement shows ignorance of history. This is a big and complex subject that cannot be fully analysed here. I will just make some bullet point notes.

### *Jesus did not command us to be social reformers*

- Jesus accepted slavery as a fact of life. Slaves addressed by the NT are told to obey their masters and not strive for freedom. Nowhere does the Bible command Christians to campaign to abolish slavery. Obviously, ending an abusive social practice is a good thing but Jesus did not believe that Christians should occupy themselves with such things; they are called to preach the Gospel.
- Jesus could have supported many social reforms of his own day, or even healed every sick person or supported every poor person. He did none of these things but focused upon preaching the kingdom of God.
- The Gospel is not furthered by social reform; indeed time spent on social reform takes away energies from preaching the Gospel. Jesus commanded us to preach the Gospel and to edify our brethren, we have no choice in these things;<sup>14</sup> but he did not command us to engage in social reforms.
- Many 'Christian' social reform movements, if not all, ended in apostasy and liberalism (e.g. Kuyperism, Christian Socialism, The Social Gospel, and Liberation Theology). God does not empower these to bear spiritual fruit.

### *Great Britain's emancipation of slaves was not just a Christian enterprise*

The narrative used is that William Wilberforce was a prominent Christian who, almost single-handedly, changed the law to abolish slavery in Great Britain. This is hardly the case.

- I do not know enough about Wilberforce to even know if he was a genuine believer. Many questionable Georgian and Victorian people of high office claimed to be Christian because the king/queen did.<sup>15</sup>
- Many secularists were also campaigning to end the slave trade; it was not solely a Christian endeavour. In fact the spirit of the age was opposed to the slave trade and the republican United States abolished the trade of slaves in 1808. The early abolitionists included Christians and unbelievers:
  - The first anti-slavery statement was written by Dutch and German Quakers in Pennsylvania in 1688. English Quakers condemned slavery in 1727. Six Quakers started the British abolition movement in 1783 and petitioned Parliament.
  - Thomas Clarkson, who investigated slave conditions and produced hard evidence of its horrors; including murder.<sup>16</sup>
  - George Fox (founder of the Quakers).
  - Lord Granville Sharp, later PM. He led the abolitionist cause in the House of Lords.
  - Josiah Wedgwood (potter).

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<sup>14</sup> Matt 28:19, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations'. Acts 1:8, 'you shall be witnesses to Me'. 1 Thess 5:11, 'comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing'.

<sup>15</sup> William Wilberforce, (1759–1833), English politician and social reformer. He was a prominent campaigner for the abolition of the slave trade, his efforts resulting in its outlawing in the British West Indies (1807) and in the 1833 Slavery Abolition Act.

<sup>16</sup> Including one case where 133 sick people were thrown overboard in order to gain insurance. If they died on board there could be no claim.

- The Society for Effecting the Abolition of the Slave Trade was set up in 1787. The committee had three Anglicans<sup>17</sup> and nine Quakers (not Wilberforce). By 1807 a group of MPs supported this society, led by Wilberforce; note that Wilberforce comes to notice quite late. He had brought an anti-slavery bill forward in 1791, which was defeated.
- In 1823 the Anti-Slavery Society was initiated, the new leading body for abolition.
- There were many female abolitionists, such as: Hannah More, Elizabeth Heyrick, Anne Knight, Mary Birkett, and Mary Wollstonecraft. These campaigned against the slave trade, boycotted slave-grown produce and wrote anti-slavery poems. These women had an enormous influence.
- There were many freed African abolitionists such as: Ignatius Sancho, Olaudah Equiano, Ottobah Cugoana. These had a significant effect, speaking in rallies, writing pamphlets and autobiographies.
- The Act of Union brought 100 Irish MPs into Parliament, most of whom supported abolition.
- There were many reasons why Parliament decided to abolish the slave trade and then abolish slavery in the Commonwealth (it was always illegal in Britain).
  - Maroon communities (runaway slaves) caused troublesome sporadic unrest in the West Indies from the beginning of the slave trade.
  - There were very many individual acts of resistance by slaves.
  - There were corporate acts of resistance and insurrection by slaves. After the inspiration of the French Revolution (1789), rebellions by slaves became more frequent and powerful. Major revolts occurred in Haiti, Barbados, Demerara and Jamaica. Profits were diminished, the threat to the armed services was very real, and the costs and dangers of keeping slaves became too high. In Jamaica, slave plantation owners sought to accept abolition rather than risk a widespread war.
  - Heavy losses of sailors on slaving voyages.
  - Economic reasons: after 1776 when America became independent, Britain's sugar colonies declined as America could trade with the Dutch and French.
  - After the Industrial Revolution, Britain no longer needed slave-based goods.
  - After the reform of Parliament in 1832, 66% of those who supported slavery were wiped out and the West India Lobby lost its strength.
- Parliament was not particularly altruistic but feared a public backlash.
- Slavery was only officially abolished but slavery continued. After the 1807 Abolition of the Slave Trade Act, making slave-trading illegal in the Commonwealth (slavery continued), trafficking between the Caribbean Islands continued illegally. In 1833 slavery was abolished in the British Empire. Yet there are more slaves around today than ever before in history. Many people living in England are slaves; many young girls and boys are being trafficked from England as sex slaves right now.

The fact that Parliament did something good 184 years ago, partly via a 'Christian' politician, has got nothing to do with my argument above. In any case, Wilberforce was only a small cog in a large campaign. The key figures were Thomas Clarkson, the Quakers and women. The data in the National Archives on abolition doesn't even mention Wilberforce.

*The USA's emancipation of slaves in the Civil War was not a Christian movement*<sup>18</sup>

- Abraham Lincoln did not propagate the American Civil War on behalf of slaves. In Fact he was a white supremacist who wanted to rid America of black people [speech of August 14, 1862 regarding deportation of Blacks back to Africa, N.B. 'when you cease to

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<sup>17</sup> Thomas Clarkson, Granville Sharp, Philip Sansom.

<sup>18</sup> I acknowledge a debt to a newsletter by Chuck Baldwin for part of this section.

*be slaves, you are yet far removed from being placed on an equality with the white race*']. Also see speech in Charleston, Illinois, in 1858: [I] *am in favour of having the superior position assigned to the white race*'.

- Lincoln's objective was to save the union, increase federalism and crush the dissent of the South, whose secession was entirely in line with the Constitution and similar to the original American rebellion. Part of the problem was huge tariffs imposed on the south. The South rebelled against the tyranny of Washington, not to keep slaves. The American vision of freedom and a limited republican government, of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, died at Appomattox in 1865.
- Lincoln himself wrote that it was never his intention to end slavery. [Letter to Alexander Stevens (later Confederate Vice President).] One of many quotes is, '*If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it. ... I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so and I have no inclination to do so*'.
- Lincoln did not free a single slave, but he did enslave free men. The Emancipation Proclamation (1863) had no legal authority over the seceded South, and deliberately ignored slavery in the North. When Lincoln signed his proclamation, there were over 300,000 slaveholders who were fighting in the Union army. The institution of slavery did not end until the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified on 6 December 1865. In March 1861, a month before the shots were fired at Fort Sumter, Lincoln supported an amendment to the US Constitution preserving slavery. The South did not rebel against supposed proposals of Lincoln to end slavery; he sought to preserve it and had also supported deportation of all Blacks.
- The official Congressional Record of the United States proves that Civil War was not about slavery. [US Congress Resolution, 23 July 1861.]<sup>19</sup>
- The Southern army included black volunteers who fought by choice and were integrated with white units. The blacks in the Union army were conscripted and were treated badly, having their own segregated regiment. Despite encouragement from Lincoln, the Black population of the South did not rise up in rebellion against the Confederacy, destroying homes and farms, but supported the revolt against tyranny.
- Many Southern generals were genuine Christians, godly men, and there was a genuine revival in the Southern army.
- Many blacks in the South had good positions and were treated well. In fact they were often trusted with landowners' children and loved by the family.
- The slave trade ended in 1808, affirmed in the US Constitution, and the practice of slavery was dying. The emancipation of slaves was being gradually progressed in the South before the Civil War; it was on its way out. Robert E. Lee and 'Stonewall' Jackson openly supported abolition. Jackson regularly conducted a Sunday School class for black children.<sup>20</sup>
- As the war progressed badly for the Union, due to the brilliance of Southern generals like Jackson and Lee (who could have occupied Washington early on but spared it), Lincoln needed to recharge the north's efforts and galvanise interest by making it a holy

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<sup>19</sup> *'The War is waged by the government of the United States, not in the spirit of conquest or subjugation, nor for the purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or institutions of the states, but to defend and protect the Union.'*

<sup>20</sup> Note the irony of the recent desecration of statues of Lee and Jackson in America. These supported abolition and were kind to Blacks. Lincoln was a white supremacist and wanted to deport all Blacks. Statues of Lincoln have not been desecrated. Also a statue in Washington DC of Confederate general Albert Pike (commander of American Indian troops) was not desecrated either – he was later the head of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Jewish Confederate slave owners (e.g. David Levy Yulee, statue in Florida) have also not had their statues desecrated. This Leftist Antifa reaction, sponsored by George Soros, is merely an elite plan to re-write history and is directed against Christians.

war against slavery. Lincoln was not a good man but a liar, a racist, corrupt, and a political opportunist for elite plans. The Civil War was the beginning of the take-over of America by the global elite.

- After slavery was abolished, many black people became destitute. This prompted the great northern migration to cities like Chicago (and started the urban Blues boom) in search of work. Sharecroppers in the South sometimes fared worse than when they were slaves (in famine they had been protected by the riches of the landlord).
- Thus the American emancipation of slaves was not a Christian movement but political opportunism by Lincoln to galvanise a failing war.

Parliament in the 19<sup>th</sup> century did implement some good social reforms, some after campaigns by Christian people. But it also imposed some very wicked laws (e.g. Corn Laws)<sup>21</sup> and pursued terrible actions (stupid wars, illegal wars, colonisation of and raping of nations, bad treatment of veterans, Peterloo<sup>22</sup> etc.). The fact that Parliament did a few good things, in the midst of a myriad bad things, is neither here nor there. The bad things taint and corrupt Christians in Parliament permanently.

Apart from that, the Georgians and Victorians were not so aware of the satanic plans as we are now because they were only then beginning and were in infancy. In fact, the general hope was optimistic and utopian, being based on the prevalent evolutionary theory and the Enlightenment philosophies. In fact, there were many who believed in a gradual Christianisation of the world through politics.

My arguments above still apply. The discussion about slavery has nothing to do with those arguments. Christians should not be tainted by getting formally involved in worldly politics in a world condemned and dying.

### **What about necessary worldly involvement?**

Some argue that the believer is constantly, of necessity, involved in the world and thus being involved in national government is entirely normal and righteous.

It is true that some worldly involvement is necessary in order to live. One must get a job in the world to pay for food and shelter. One must pay taxes to the national government. One must rely upon the NHS for medical treatment. One must get a mortgage to buy a house.

However, there is a great difference between necessary involvement to sustain life and unnecessary association with evil.

Thus believers are warned to not fellowship with obvious evil forms of the world. For example: do not have association with fornicators, adulterers, and people involved in gross sin. Do not be involved with any form of violence. Do not be involved in insurrection. Do not be enticed by worldly forms that lead to sin: unrighteous movies, TV, theatre, music, art, media etc. Do not be involved even in innocent worldly pursuits that just waste your time. Do not be involved in activities that damage your physical or mental health (such as smoking, fornication, drug abuse, and drunkenness). The list goes on....

Involvement in politics falls under several of these warnings: it wastes time, it does no good, it brings association with corrupt people and plans, it actively causes wickedness, it

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<sup>21</sup> Tariff interference on trade, which had the effect of increasing the price of bread and making the already impoverished people even more malnourished. When they were repealed, agriculture did not suffer, as politicians predicted and this strengthened ideas about the free market.

<sup>22</sup>An attack on civilians by Hussars (a light cavalry regiment) in Manchester (1819); the civilians were peacefully protesting but were charged on by mounted soldiers with sabres. Several were killed; many were wounded.

works against (or even destroys) God's own people, it works against God's strategic will and so on.

Being in politics is not necessary to live but does include involvement in numerous evils. The case for Christian involvement in politics does not stand up; my contention remains.

### **What about historic Christians that effected much national good?**

We could mention great historic believers like Alfred the Great who introduced good laws and established schools and other social benefits. We could mention Edward VI who sought to apply the principles of the Reformation. Oliver Cromwell also sought to implement true democracy on Christian principles, strengthened national security and controlled the economy.

I do not deny that some good people have done much social good in history. However, most of these were kings or rulers who had the power and authority to introduce such changes through authority vested in them directly. They were not isolated workers trying to influence a giant behemoth of a system dominated by Satan. In some other cases they were individuals that had the protection of national rulers, like Calvin and Luther.<sup>23</sup>

Secondly, we have to bear in mind the programme of God as revealed in his word. In the Dark Ages, the Renaissance and the Reformation Christians were used by God, individually and collectively to build up society because that was part of God's decree. It was by no means universal or always successful but God enabled a number of people to achieve great things that enabled history to move forward in a certain direction.

That is not the case today. We are called to discern the times, to watch and to pray and the world situation is very different now.

God has given up mankind to fulfil his sin and for his iniquity to come to fulness in a world dominated by Satan through proxies. This world is ruled by deception and all human government is satanic at root. We are in the last stages of world history and things cannot be improved but rather they will get much worse.

Thus Christians must be alert to this situation and act accordingly. They must be separate from worldly systems and focus upon their testimony to God and to prayer.

## **Conclusion**

Presumably, Christians get involved in human politics in order to bring about some supposed good. If they think that an isolated Christian in Parliament can do some good then they need to see a doctor. Many independents have managed to get into Parliament with idealistic aims and have utterly failed to achieve anything. You cannot change the behemoth of the system.

Under the rule of party politics, only someone with a majority can have any sort of hope of actually doing anything at all, and even then a small majority can lead to repeated failure.

Campaigners and activists are just wasting their time also. Before the Iraq War vote over a million people marched to stop the war, an unprecedented amount. It did nothing. If a million people in solidarity cannot overturn a law, a single person is a straw in the wind.

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<sup>23</sup> The original Protestants at the Diet of Speyer (1529) were six princes and 16 Lutheran cities that stood with Luther. Without the protection of these, and particularly the Elector Frederick, Luther would have been killed early on and the Reformation would not have occurred.

But above all of this, the government is the epitome of the world system, which is utterly sold out to Satan. The Christian is in a completely different world and should not be formally involved in the satanic world, which is mediated through politics.

Thus, a) I do not believe that a true believer can maintain a good testimony and be a politician; b) a true believer is wasting their time and efforts in being a political activist.

Then the children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate together with all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the LORD God of Israel. **Ezra 6:21**

Separate yourselves from the peoples of the land. **Ezra 10:11**

Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. **Ps 1:1**

I have hated the assembly of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. **Ps 26:5**

Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, have fellowship with you? **Ps 94:20**

Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on. **Prov 4:14-15**

Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! **Isa 48:20**

Depart! Depart! Go out from there, touch no unclean *thing*; go out from the midst of her, be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. **Isa 52:11**

I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand. **Jer 15:17**

Move from the midst of Babylon, go out of the land of the Chaldeans. **Jer 50:8**

Flee from the midst of Babylon, and every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity. **Jer 51:6**

The wall of Babylon shall fall. My people, go out of the midst of her! And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of the LORD. **Jer 51:44-45**

Be saved from this perverse generation. **Acts 2:40**

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ... Therefore 'Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean'. **2 Cor 6:14-15, 17**

Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. **Eph 5:11**

Do not ... share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure. **1 Tim 5:22**

Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. **Rev 18:4-5**

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