

Doctrine of the Four Divine Institutions

Introduction

1. The four divine institutions are volition, marriage, family and nationalism.

VOLITION

Free to choose
Free to succeed
Free to fail

MARRIAGE

Leave and Cleave
Husbands Love Your Wives
Wives Obey Your Very Own Husbands

FAMILY

Father
Mother
Children

NATIONALISM

Love It or Leave It

2. Governments must implement policies which provide unfettered protection for each of these institutions if the nation is to prosper.

3. In the case of volition a nation must support and maximize freedom. Freedom to succeed and freedom to fail; thus, a minimum amount of Government will maximize , and promote volition.

4. If a nation wants to have stability and longevity, the nation will support marriage between a man and a woman. The man must be the leader in the home and the woman is the subordinate and help-meet.

4.1 This is marriage and not “shacking-up” as was the custom in the formative years of our baby boomers and now our millennials, a practice so common and justified under the mistaken premise that the Bible doesn’t require a piece of paper, just sincerity. Many a woman has learned sincerity was rather short lived.

4.2 The Bible in both the Old and the New Testament has always taught marriage. There is a Greek word **Gamos** meaning the civil ceremony of marriage. Christ often used the analogy of Himself as the Groom and the believers of the Church Age as the Bride of Christ.

Psa 128:3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

Psa 128:4 Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

Heb 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

5. Family is the basic unit in the Scripture going back as far as the period of the Patriarchs when the family head was to teach the members of the family. It was his job to see to it that the family attended first the service at the Tabernacle, and later the Temple and then much later the Synagogue. The family is the fabric upon which the ensign of civility is woven.

5.1 The man is to lead and support the woman and the two of them are to demand obedience from the children and the children are to be disciplined: "For what Father does not discipline his children" says the Scripture.

Pro 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

6. The fourth Divine Institution, nationalism is a foundation upon which good limited government should be built.

6.1 Believers living in this country should love and support the United States of America and desire its prosperity with undying loyalty. We must show no loyalty to any other organization be it the United Nations or some foreign power.

6.2 We also however should want other people in other nations to love their country with a nationalistic fervor.

6.3 Bible believing Americans should want other nations to be independent and prosperous but never at the expense of the United States of America. We must never give up our sovereignty.

6.4 This is God's program and God's plan and remember Isa 14:12 tells us it is Satan who desires to weaken the nations.

6.5 Satan's first impotent attempt at internationalism was the tower of Babel. Politicians have ever since devised schemes to usurp nationalism. All such attempts were wrapped in the "noblest" of blankets and given euphemistic names.

6.6 Proponents of internationalism have deluded themselves into believing that by uniting as one they could eliminate wars. It was General Patton who noticed that mad men, like criminals don't follow either international or national laws. I believe his quote was "we will always have wars because the world has no shortage of mad men."

7. Let me give you a listing of each institution with comment and Scripture.

7.1 Volition: This institution was promulgated in the garden as the mechanism for resolving the Angelic Conflict. God could have made us all believers but He didn't.

Joh 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Joh 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Acts 16:31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

Eph 2:9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

7.2 Marriage: This institution is designed to protect the weaker vessel and the children of the marriage.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Eph 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

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7.3 Family: The family is an organization and the husband is the Chairman of the Board and the wife is the President and Chief Operating Officer. Children are precious assets worthy of discipline, training, love and protection.

Deu 6:6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

Deu 6:7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

1Ti 5:8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1Ti 5:4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

7.4 Nationalism: It is an institution provided by God to protect people within certain geographical boundaries. According to the Scriptures, the borders were uniquely established for the needs of Israel:

Gen 10:5 By these were the borders of the nations divided in their lands; everyone after is tongue after families in their nations.

Gen 11:5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building.

Gen 11:6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

Gen 11:7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who weakened the nations!

Deu 32:8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.