

The Doctrine of The Four Divine Institutions

1. Introduction

1.1 The four divine institutions are volition, marriage, family and nationalism - governments must protect these if they are to prosper.

1.2 If a nation wants to be successful, the nation will promote and protect the four divine institutions.

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

1.4 If a nation wants to have stability and good citizens, the nation will support **marriage** between a man and a woman where the man is the leader in the home and the woman is his subordinate and help-meet.

1.4.1 This is marriage and not shacking up as was the custom in the formative years of our baby boomers, a practice so common and justified under the mistaken premise that the Bible didn't require a piece of paper just sincerity. Many a woman learned sincerity was rather short lived. If you don't believe me then watch Judge Judy!

1.4.2 Well you and I know 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 and Christ often used the analogy of Himself as the Groom and the believers of the Church Age as the Bride of Christ. We will look at some of these marriage Scriptures later.

1.5 **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 and 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.

1.5.1 The man is to lead and support the woman and the two of them are to demand obedience from the children and the children must be disciplined:

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Heb 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

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

1.6 And then of course **nationalism**, a foundation upon which good limited government should be built.

1.6.1 Everyone of us should love and support the US of A and desire its prosperity with undying loyalty. We must show no loyalty to any other organization be it the UN or any foreign power.

1.6.2 We also however should want other people in other nations to love their country with a nationalistic fervor and hope they too prosper from sound establishment principles.

1.6.3 Good 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.

1.6.4 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. Satan's first incompetent attempt at internationalism was the tower of Babel and with the League of Nations and United Nations he has been trying ever since to render impotent the fourth of God's divine institutions-nationalism.

2. Conclusion and Summary:

2.1 Divine Institutions:

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

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.

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

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.

2.1.2 Marriage: This institution is designed to protect the weaker vessel and the children of the marriage and to provide happiness and support to both the right man and the right woman.

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."

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.

2.1.3 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.

2.1.4 Nationalism is an institution provided by God to protect people within certain geographical boundaries. The borders uniquely were established according to the Scripture for the needs of Israel:

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