

Steve Deace Letter (2021/01/08)

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Hello Steve.

I've been meaning to write this letter many times but now I feel inspired to actually do it today. I'm inspired now because the times we're living in and the failure of what I call "things political" and also on your show you just recently keyed in on a few words like meekness and righteousness.

There are a lot of things I like to write about but let me focus on a few things.

One of them frankly is I'm concerned about your health and the stress you're putting on yourself. Far too often I see you stressed by your frustration at where this country is heading (which seems to be in contrast to your recent definition of meekness (strength under control).

I'm writing you because you say you are passionate about what the truth is. You frequently state that you must know what the truth is no matter what (epistemology I think is the term you use). I believe you so let's talk about some truth (from my perspective of course).

First off let me challenge a core belief of yours which is

“We are not a nation of laws, and never have been. We are a nation of political will, always will be.”^A

I have my own core beliefs^B but let me just say when I hear you state this, it is almost like fingernails slowly being drug across a chalkboard.

My Core Beliefs

Before I go any further let me explain my perspective and where I'm coming from. I'm what can best be described as a Hebrew Roots believer. I'm passionate about the law and therefore am a Torah keeper which I try to do as best as I can. I've been doing this now since the mid-90s when I left a more traditional Church. Many people assume that I therefore have converted to Judaism (as if it were a binary choice). Let me be clear, I am not practicing rabbinic Judaism, and for that matter I do not identify as a Jew. My embracing of the Torah has not diminished my belief in Jesus (Yeshua), in fact, quite the contrary, it's enriched it immensely.

Identity

Speaking of identity, how would I articulate it because that's important (just like in politics it's paramount for you to identify who you are and not let your advisory do that for you). Since it's all the rage to talk about identity politics (which is about things political) I thought I would change that a little and say I would want to talk about identity religion (things religious) and how that applies to me.

So here goes ...

My claim is that I am redeemed from the lost sheep of the House of Israel. I am the target audience of who Yeshua explicitly came for (Matthew 10:5-6 & 15:24). Because of the salvific work of Yeshua I can now claim

^A <https://m.facebook.com/stevedeace/posts/599477176898992#> =

^B See Marsings-Rules-and-Key-Definitions, article #501

my strongly held religious beliefs and convictions and that I am back in covenant with Yehova the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. With this, that I can not only do the Torah but do so with authority (very important). There are numerous consequences about this identity claim which I don't have time to go into but would love to discuss later if you wish.^c

not a nation of laws

Now that I've got that out of the way and hopefully I still have your attention I would like to go back to your mantra where you say that America is "not a nation of laws". That's, frankly, shocking to me, I could never say this because God is a God of order i.e. a God of law. If America is "not a nation of laws" is it therefore a lawless nation? How is lawlessness a good thing? This reminds of Balak insisting that Balaam curse Israel.

I've listened to your podcast for many years and I like when you spoke about the kingdom of heaven more specifically advancing the kingdom of heaven. How can you have a Kingdom that does not have law?

I have to believe that you state this to emphasis that American doesn't advance to further greatness (or at least hold onto the greatness that it already has) if there is no will from "we the people". That I can understand, but I challenge that the solution is a political will. I would describe the will that is necessary is a religious will, a will emanating from righteousness of "we the people".

Political Will

I've already made a contrast when I talked about my identity by making a distinction between "things political" and "things religious". There are many things I'm critical of about W.F. Buckley conservatism and one of them is that they prioritize things political over things religious. Let me further add as I think you would agree that the Left is not really playing politics they're coming at it from a perspective of religion, a bad / unrighteous religion, but a religion nonetheless. Their religion is weak in contrast to the religion that is well founded and grounded in scripture. Nevertheless the Left is effective by causing conservative Americans to think the game of foot is things political.

Going back to the biblical story of Balak and Balaam. Balaam knew he could not curse Israel directly but his strategy was to have Israel curse itself. How did he do that? He advised Balak to seduce Israel with Midianite women and bring upon a great curse from God because of idolatry.

The wickedness of the Left can never defeat the righteousness of those on the right as long as they steadfastly cling on to their covenant / sacred contract with Yehovah.

You quoted numerous times on your show "a republic if you can keep it", I would say we need to back up and say first and foremost a "nation of righteousness if you can keep it". I would say also that righteousness comes from the ground up starting with the individual, the family and their congregation.

America, and therefore Americans, has had this capacity all along. It's not a matter of **political will** (things political) it's a matter of the **will of righteousness** (things religious).

Don't get me wrong I'm not abandoning the political process but I'm simply not interested in any politician or political movement that doesn't emphatically state and claim the priority and superiority of my and all of Americans Creator given unalienable rights.

^c See Two-House-One-Covenant-and-American-Excellence, article #[1411](#).

Internal Conflict

Let me conclude by stating what I said at the beginning of this letter concerning your state of mind and an internal conflict. Your pursuit of happiness it would appear to me is to follow in the footsteps of politicians. When the politicians, especially those from the GOP, do not do what they said they would do and what you would wish them to do, it upsets you greatly. I get that. I also get that you got your notoriety because of your passion for the truth and your shrewd political analysis. If I had to guess, consciously or subconsciously, you are becoming aware that this skill that has given you this great platform is becoming irrelevant.

Forgive me for being so forward and offering you my unsolicited psycho analysis of what I perceive as an internal conflict, but this is my observation...you passionately seek the truth but “things political” aren’t working anymore.

Things Religious

So what are the “things religious” that I talk about in contrast to the political things? Let me try to explain what I mean by asking a question. How can we claim rights from the Creator, i.e. the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? It’s my testimony that I can claim a right from Yehova because I recognize and act on the covenant that I have with him. My covenant with Yehovah is, to put it simply, a sacred contract and with that contract I have the authority to claim my rights specified in that contract. The terms and conditions of said contract require me to perform specific duties, responsibilities and obligations that necessarily go with the rights I seek.

To be blunt, the church is not doing that and has not done that for centuries. They refuse to follow even basic instructions like keeping the Sabbath or the High holidays, which, ironically, are the very things that identify you as being in covenant with God.

Many decades ago I also had a quest for the truth which was the answer to this simple question...what exactly are Creator given unalienable rights? What are they in concrete terms not abstract thoughts that are used to explain away why I can’t exercise them. If a man is in covenant with God, why is there a tax on a man’s labor? Why is there a tax on property if property rights come from the Creator? Finally, when was the last time that politicians ever talked about these things (or for that matter preachers from the pulpit)?

My point is that Americans need to start becoming more self reliant and become less reliant on promises from politicians and the secular government. They need to study their sacred contract by studying the word of God and acting according to its instructions and his promises (Deuteronomy 28: 1-14). The outcome of this for me is what I call righteous sovereignty i.e. become a royal priesthood and a holy nation (1st Peter 2:9, Exodus 19:5-6 etc.)

Thanks

Thank you and thank you for your show. I watch your YouTube show ^D regularly and appreciate the effort you, Todd and Aaron put out to deliver this great content that can’t be found anywhere else.

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^D See <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrkMywgA2B2YeLMzZyl2QhA>