



# Give Me Liberty Part 2



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## REVIEW

- *Republicanism and Protestantism* - "“The "two horns like a lamb" well represent the character of our own Government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles,--**Republicanism and Protestantism**. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation... ***They determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty***” {ST, February 8, 1910 }
- *Great Truth* - Their[Christian Exiles] views found place in the **Declaration of Independence**, which sets forth the **great truth** that "all men are created equal" and endowed with the inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." And the **Constitution** guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the **dictates of his conscience**. {Great Controversy 441.1}

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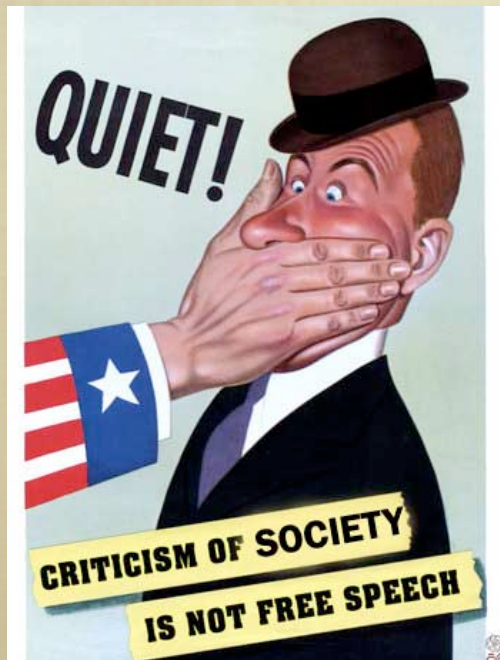


- Worst of Gov'ts - "In the Papal System, Government and Religion are in a manner consolidated, & that is found to be the **worse of Govts.**" *James Madison, Letter to Rev. Adams, 1832*
- Priests & No Freedom - History, I believe, **furnishes no example of a priest-ridden people maintaining a free civil government.** This marks the lowest grade of ignorance of which their civil as well as religious leaders will always avail themselves for their own purposes. -*Thomas Jefferson to Alexander von Humboldt, Dec. 6, 1813.*
- Civil & Religious - "In a free government the **security for civil rights must be the same as that for religious rights.**" *Federalist Papers No.51*

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# CONTEMPT FOR LIBERTY?



**TRUE TEST:** PERMIT OTHERS TO SAY  
THOSE THINGS HE FINDS DEEPLY  
OFFENSIVE

**WHY?** MANY WILL FIND THREE  
ANGELS' MESSAGES OFFENSIVE



# CONTEMPT FOR LIBERTY?



- **PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**
  - 1.) Property owners should be able to set terms of its use.
  - Should people have the right to discriminate by race, sex, religion and other attributes?



# CONTEMPT FOR LIBERTY?



- PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS
- 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (TITLE II):
  - “prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, or national origin in certain places of public accommodation, such as hotels, restaurants, and places of entertainment.”
  - FACT: they are PRIVATELY owned (who’s admitted and conditions left to owner).



# CONTEMPT FOR LIBERTY?



**PRIVATE STREETCAR  
COMPANIES  
1800S VS 1900S**

## ■ PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

- If places of public accommodation were free to racially discriminate, how much racial discrimination would there be?
- During late 1800s private streetcar companies in Augusta, Houston, Jacksonville, Mobile, Montgomery and Memphis were not segregated, but by the early 1900s, they were. (Jennifer Roback, *The Political Economy of Segregation: The Case of Segregated Streetcars*, Journal of Economic History (1986)).



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- The effects of law:
  - Laws are passed to deter or prevent behavior that would happen absent the law (Fugitive Slave Act).
- Why? City ordinances forced them to segregate black and white passengers. Numerous Jim Crow laws ruled the day throughout the South mandating segregation in public accommodations



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### ■ Profits & Racial Discrimination:

- White solidarity confronted with specter of higher profits by serving blacks, likely profits win.
- Title II of the 1964 Civil Rights represented government countering government-backed Jim Crow laws.
- Free markets & work of Holy Spirit (1888).



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- Christian business owners should be left free to discriminate, to determine under what conditions people should be admitted and serve.
- ...confronted with specter of higher profits by serving same-sex couples, likely profits win.
- **Freedom of Association:**
  - **True Test:** Permit others to associate (or not) in ways he deems offensive



### Christian Bakers Who Declined to Make Cake for 'Gay Wedding' Ordered to Pay \$135,000 to Lesbians

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# SUNDAY REST MOVEMENT



- Summary:
- America was founded as a Christian Nation.
- Enforcement of religious observance [Sunday] is necessary to prevent moral decline.
- Sunday keeping is necessary for strong families and communities



## OUR RESPONSIBILITY

*Not to sit in quietude* - “We as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. **It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action.** Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter his people. **We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience.** Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be **deferred** until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be more earnest prayer; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers.”—Testimonies for the Church 5:713, 714

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## OUR RESPONSIBILITY



*Do the Work* — “There are many who are at ease, who are, as it were, asleep. They say, “If prophecy has foretold the enforcement of Sunday observance the law will surely be enacted,” and having come to this conclusion they sit down in a calm expectation of the event, comforting themselves with the thought that God will protect His people in the day of trouble. But God will not save us if we make no effort to do the work He has committed to our charge...” LDE 127

*Work to Delay* — “Those who are now keeping the commandments of God need to bestir themselves that they may obtain the special help which God alone can give them. **They should work more earnestly to delay as long as possible the threatened calamity.**—The Review and Herald, December 18, 1888. {LDE 126.4}

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*Counteract Efforts* - “If our people continue in the listless attitude in which they have been, God cannot pour upon them His Spirit....They should feel now, as never before, their need of vigilance and concerted action. The peculiar work of the third angel has not been seen in its importance. God meant that His people should be far in advance of the position which they occupy today. But now, when the time has come for them to spring into action, they have the preparation to make. **When the National Reformers began to urge measures to restrict religious liberty, our leading men should have been alive to the situation and should have labored earnestly to counteract these effort**” {5T 714}.

*Dangerous Foe* — “The people of our land need to be aroused to resist the advances of this **most dangerous foe** [popery] to civil and religious liberty.” —The Spirit of Prophecy 4:382. {ChS 163.2}

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*Arouse Spirit of Protestantism* — “We have been looking many years for a Sunday law to be enacted in our land; and now that the movement is right upon us, we ask, Will our people do their duty in the matter? **Can we not assist in lifting the standard, and in calling to the front those who have a regard for their religious rights and privileges?** The time is fast approaching when those who choose to obey God rather than man, will be made to feel the hand of oppression. **Shall we then dishonor God by keeping silent while His holy commandments are trodden under foot?** While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation, and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice, and give the message which is present truth for this time. **Let us show people where we are in prophetic history, and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awakening the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed.**—Testimonies for the Church 5:716. {ChS 163}.

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