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DEMOCRACY: MAN'S MOST SUCCESSFUL FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND IT IS THE MOST BALANCED AND FAIR ACCORDING TO OUR INTERPRETATION OF IT; YET ITS ORIGIN IS <u>NOT</u> THE BIBLE.



- TENETS:
- 1. The power of the people and their rights.
- 2. Built on private ownership.

3. Built on personal pursuit [it teaches you that you should pursue the right to be happy; the right to be personally rich; and the right to be personally secure]. It encourages personal pursuit.



• TENETS:

4. Government of the people by the people.[In other words, the government of the people is by the people themselves].

5. Individualism: It focuses on individual success and individual prosperity. Get all <u>I</u> can, put it in the can and sit on the can.

IN OTHER WORDS: *IT'S ABOUT <u>ME</u> AND MY FOUR AND NO MORE.*



 MOST OF THESE TENETS ARE DESIRABLE, BUT THE PURSUIT OF PERSONAL SUCCESS (SOMETIMES AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS) AND INDIVIDUALISM (SELF-CENTEREDNESS) ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.



• THERE ARE MANY ISSUES WITH DEMOCRACY, BUT THERE ARE TWO THAT ARE <u>MOST</u> DANGEROUS FOR A BELIEVER:

SELF PRESERVATION

OWNERSHIP



- SELF PRESERVATION: a natural or instinctive tendency to act so as to preserve one's own existence.
- THE MOST POWERFUL HUMAN MOTIVATION ON THE PLANET.
- ALTHOUGH SELF PRESERVATION IS A NORMAL HUMAN MOTIVATION, IT PURSUIT THE WAY WE HAVE BEEN TRAINED IS CONTRARY TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.



SELF PRESERVATION & ECONOMY

Economy: THE ECONOMY IS THE STRUCTURAL SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH YOUR LIFE IS SECURE.



SELF PRESERVATION & ECONOMY

- YOU GO TO WORK TO GET A PAYCHECK TO PRESERVE YOURSELF. YOU BUY HOUSE, BUY CLOTHING, BUY WATER... AND GOODS.
- SO YOU REALLY GO TO WORK FOR SELF PRESERVATION.
- GOD WANTS TO BE YOUR ONLY SOURCE-NOT YOU OR THIS WORLD SYSTEM.



SELF PRESERVATION & ECONOMY

YET ABRAHAM SAID, "LET NO MAN SAY HE MADE ME RICH..."

YET JESUS SAID: "I CAN OF MY OWN SELF DO NOTHING...."

SELF-PRESERVATION KILLS FAITH....



- <u>OWNERSHIP</u>: the act, state, or right of possessing something.
- CREATES AN INSATIABLE APPETITE... WITH THE INSATIABLE DESIRE TO OWN THINGS COMES THE REALITY OF NEVER HAVING ENOUGH.
- BESIDES, WHAT YOU OWN IS WHAT YOU OWN. THERE IS NOTHING BEYOND THAT.
- WHAT YOU OWN YOU PROTECT.



- BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY:
- 1 Corinthians 4:7 (AMPC)

For who separates you from the others [as a faction leader]? [Who makes you superior and sets you apart from another, giving you the preeminence?] What have you that was not given to you? If then you received it [from someone], why do you boast as if you had not received [but had gained it by your own efforts]?



WHY OWNERSHIP AND SELF-PRESERVATION DOESN'T WORK:

1. IT CREATES A LIFE GOD DID NOT PROMISE YOU; ONE IN WHICH HE HAD AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH.



2. THE ECONOMIES—WHAT YOU USE TO SECURE YOUR LIFE—OF THIS WORLD ARE UNCERTAIN... (1 TIM 6:17)

• THE WORLD IS GOING INTO A SPIRAL.



3. BUT, WE HAVE ACCESS TO ANOTHER SYSTEM WHERE THERE ARE NO LIMITATIONS, NO TOILING, NO SURPRISES. NONE, NONE, NONE....



- GOD SAID HE WAS BRINGING HEAVEN'S GOVERNMENT TO EARTH.
- THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROMISES GOD GAVE MAN.



• IT'S CALLED THE KINGDOM OF GOD—THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.



Kingdom Refresher

WHY? BECAUSE KNEW THIS DAY WAS COMING.....

Isa 9:6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



Kingdom Refresher

Isaiah 9:6

He was coming with "the" government not "a" government which means there are none to choose from.

It's only one.

He's talking about a specific isolated one—He didn't say a better one—He said the only one.



Kingdom Refresher

Isaiah 9:6

His name...and of the increase...no end to the peace.

This government will bring peace.

Peace means calmness; no worry; no stress; no fear; no sense of can I survive tomorrow?



Kingdom Refresher

Isaiah 9:6

His government takes away whatever disrupts peace.



- •How it works: CLASH OF TWO SYSTEMS
- •Clash: a violent confrontation; meet and come into violent conflict.
- **Matthew 12:29**
- I WAS ABLE TO CAST THIS DEMON OUT OF THIS MAN BECAUSE THE KINGDOM THAT WAS CONTROLLING HIM, CLASHED WITH A GREATER KINGDOM.

 Knowledge of the Keys of the Kingdom
KINGDOM ECONOMICS: WE WERE DESIGNED TO LIVE LIKE WE WERE ON VACATION ALL THE TIME.

• REMEMBER WE WERE DESIGNED TO LIVE IN PARADISE BUT GOD'S WAY...NOT BY THE SWEAT OF OUR BROW. Knowledge of the Keys of the Kingdom
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LIVE THAT WAY SO WE CAN LIVE LONG AND STRONG.

• THIS NEW GOVERNMENT WE DEMANDED IS ROBBING US.

• LET'S RECONNECT TO THE KINGDOM ECONOMY.



When Jesus told (and still tells) you not worry (Mathew 6:25-33) **about what to eat, what to wear and how to live.**

He must know something that we don't know because we are worrying about it.

He introduces His Economic Plan



SUNDAY: WAIT FOR IT, WAIT FOR IT.

NOW GO AND MIX WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD TONIGH WITH FAITH.. (Hebrews 4:1-3)