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*Continuing Pastor Mike’s Notes on Publius’ Huldah’s Audio about our Nullification RIghts*

The nullification deniers totally pervert the Constitution by ignoring the limitations on its enumerated powers and saying that the States cannot do anything unless the Constitution says it can.

Nullification is when a State interposes itself between the federal government and the people of the States in order to protect them from the federal government.

Federalists Paper 33 by Alexander Hamilton:

“*If the federal government should overpass the just bounds of its authority and make a tyrannical use of its powers, the people, whose creature it is, must appeal to the standard* [the Constitution] *they have formed, and take such measures to redress the injury done to the Constitution as the exigency may suggest and prudence justify.”*

When the federal government usurps powers, we are the judge as to whether there is a violation and we decide what we are going to do about it. Our framers saw that before nullification is proper, the act of the government must be unconstitutional.

Nullification can take various forms depending on the circumstances, from refusal to obey it to otherwise obstructing, impeding, or thwarting its enforcement.

The way that people nullify unconstitutional laws is by refusing to obey them saying, “We will not comply!” Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King nullified the Jim Crow laws by refusing to obey the unconstitutional and discriminatory laws that were unjust and unfair to black people. The brave citizens of Connecticut do this when they refuse to obey the unconstitutional State law that purports to require them to register their firearms even though the Connecticut Constitution says that they have the right to keep and bear arms and says nothing about registering firearms.

In 1962 the SCOTUS started ordering the States to stop the prayers in schools and to remove the 10 Commandments. Since those powers were usurpations of powers not delegated and not possessed by the federal government, States should nullify them by directing their schools to ignore them. The Constitution does not authorize the federal government to disarm us. If the Congress tries to do so through law, or the president through executive order, or the BATF by rule, or the Supreme Court by opinion, or the federal government by UN treaty, we must refuse to comply. The only thing that nullification requires is a spine.

Madison said in a report concerning the Virginia Resolution of 1798 that the States in their sovereign capacity are the parties to the constitutional compact and are thus the final authority on whether the federal government has violated the federal constitution. There can be no tribunal above the States to decide whether the compact made by them has been violated by the federal government that if the federal government usurps power don’t stop the usurpation and thereby preserve the Constitution, there would be no relief from usurp power, this would subvert the rights of the People and betray the fundamental principle of our founding that when the federal government acts outside the Constitution by usurping powers, then the sovereign States who are the parties to the Constitution must appeal to that original natural right of self-defense that the judicial branch is as likely to usurp as the other two branches. Thus the sovereign States have as much right to judge the usurpations of the judicial branch as they do the legislative and executive branches that all three branches of the federal government retain their delegated powers from the Constitution and they may not annul the authority of their creator and we are the creator. *(39.59; Skip to 46.22)*

**Application for today**: When we the People ratified the Constitution and thereby created the federal government, we did not delegate to our creature, power to control our medical care, invade our homes,

disarm us, dictate what is done in our schools, and all the thousands of things they dictate that we never gave them the power in the Constitution to do. Accordingly, **each State has the natural right to nullify the unconstitutional dictates within its borders.**

As Jefferson and Madison said, without nullification, the States and the People would be under the absolute and unlimited control of the federal government. To sum up: **Nullification** is a natural right of self-defense; it is a founding principle.

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Rights do not come from the Constitution they come from God. The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence say that we have the duty to smack down a tyrannical government. Nullification is a reserved power within the meaning of the 10th Amendment and nullification is required by oath of office, Article 6, clause 3 requires all State officers and judges to support the federal Constitution. So when the federal government violates the Constitution, the States must smack them down, their oath requires it.

Our founders and framers were manly men who knew statecraft, political philosophy, and could think. But our “experts” of today have been indoctrinated with authoritarianism and cannot think. They lie or ignorantly repeat the prevailing authoritarian dogma. So, we the People must man-up, throw off the indoctrination, reclaim the moral high ground which is rightfully ours. Learn our founding documents, trust no one to tell you the truth, and repudiate cowardice as the proper response to the evil that is overtaking our land.

DISCERNMENT 12, (3-29-16) *Video of Publius Huldah on nullification, continued. Resume 59:15.*

*There are no notes to cover this audio’s denouncement of suggested Article 5 Constitutional Convention.*

**AMENDMENT IX**

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

DISCERNMENT 13, (3-31-16)

*“A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.” ~Thomas Jefferson~*

*“If you don’t read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.” ~Mark Twain~*

*“I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.” ~Winston Churchill~*

*“A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.”*

*~ George Bernard Shaw~*

*“A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.” ~G. Gordon Liddy~*

*“Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries” ~Douglas Case~*

*“Government’s view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.” –Ronald Reagan (1986)~*

*“Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn’t mean politics won’t take an interest in you!” ~Pericles (430 B.C.)~*

*“Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it.” ~Anonymous~*

*“We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.” ~Aesop~*

How many Articles are there in the U.S. Constitution**? SEVEN**

**Article I** The Legislative Branch

**Article II** The Executive Branch

**Article II** The Judicial Branch

**Article IV**  The States

**Article V** Amending the Constitution

**Article VI** The Constitution (Supremacy Clause, Oaths)

**Article VII** Ratification of the Constitution

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**Dystopian Fiction of Yesterday is the NWO of Tomorrow:** “The Shift is Toward **Totalitarianism”**

Dystopia: a society characterized by human misery, as squalor, oppression, disease, and overcrowding.

Many of the things that are happening this very moment have direct parallels in literature of the past.  Whether it is an account such as the “Gulag Archipelago” by Solzhenitsyn or a work of “fiction” such as “1984” by George Orwell is irrelevant.  Elements of the history or the storyline (regarding the former and the latter works) are now becoming thoroughly inculcated into the fabric of modern reality.

All of the measures taken by the Soviet Union to crush and control its population are beginning to manifest themselves today in the United States. The courts are “stacked” to reflect the decision of the regime and not to rule by law.  The Military Industrial Complex contracts are still being shuffled, along with government policies that just happen to substantiate those business interests with kickbacks for all. Laws serve political and corporate interests, and the lawmakers themselves do not represent any of their constituents: they are self-serving thieves, selling out their country and its populace for money and power.

The police departments have (for all intents and purposes) been “federalized,” with budgets and marching orders becoming increasingly dependent upon federal and not local or state policies.  Sheriffs who follow their appointed roles as duly-elected law enforcement officials upholding Constitutional guidelines are being “phased out” of existence.  The changed demographics of “forced” insertions of illegal aliens and “refugees” into populations are rapidly negating the remainder of the two-party system to ensure that the Democratic party takes control ad infinitum.

*We ended with the audio of Publius Huldah covering an Article 5 Constitutional Convention.*

DISCERNMENT 14, (4-5-16)

**LIBERTY OVER SECURITY AND PRINCIPLE OVER PARTY**

*By Pastor Mike Smith 4-5-16*

It is amazing how interested, involved and exercised people get over presidential candidates but how totally uninterested they are in the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. People are talking about the wrong things and they are asking the wrong questions.

Even if a president was elected who has good intentions and tried to carry out the promises he has made, we still have a corrupt Congress and Supreme Court that are out of control. Our country is still operating under a myriad of unconstitutional departments and agencies that are also out of control. Our elected servants still bow to unconstitutional organizations such as the Federal Reserve, the IRS, the IMF, and the UN that oppress us and ignore our God given rights.

Our cowardly Congress refuses to even slow down the shameful ruinous spending and Welfare, Obama Care, Medicare, Medicaid, Foreign Aid, Government Grants and giveaways continue to cost us hundreds of billions even though we are $19 trillion in debt. These facts are not given to depress or demoralize anyone but to demonstrate that our next president, whoever it may be, will not be our Messiah.

We cannot rely on the current system nor anyone else besides ourselves to take back our beloved country. We the People have the power and the responsibility to do it but most of us are too ignorant, lazy, or afraid to even try.

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We must realize that we have been deceived and lied to by our own government our entire life. Our public schools have let us down by teaching government approved curricula rather than accurate history.

***“To the Victors Go the Myths and Monuments.”***

***“To the victors go the spoils.”*** Is the normal quote.

The term spoils meaning goods or benefits taken from the loser in an election or military victory. After the “Civil War” the North was very loose with the facts, spinning the history to be favorable to their side. Monuments were made to Northern leaders who violated the Constitution and generals who committed war crimes such as William Tecumseh Sherman.

The U.S. was no longer a confederation of sovereign States with a relatively small federal government, but a country with a very powerful central government with States answering to it.

Before the Civil War, people would say, ***“The United States are a great country”.***

Now they say, ***“The United Sates is a great country”.***

The first statement recognizes sovereign States, the second one does not.

The hour is late and if we are to remain a free country, we must replace the lies we have been told and taught with truth.

***John 8:32 You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."***

We cannot afford to be apathetic or complacent. We must not only educate ourselves, we must educate others as well.

***Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.***

*“If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be.” Thomas Jefferson*

Our great God does not bless those who comply with evil or those who tolerate tyranny. If we have the courage to resist evil and stand for truth, freedom, and righteousness, He will stand with us. It’s time for us to be like David and recognize that the battle is the Lord’s; it’s time for us to confront our bullies and our mighty God will defeat them.

**The Biblical Foundation of Our Constitution**

*Pastor Mike’s Notes on this audio by Publius Huldah*

The English Puritans who came here in the 1630s knew that the Old Testament has a great deal to say about civil government. And they came **to build****that** shining city on a hill. They did not come here to escape from the World, to wait for the end of the World, and to surrender it to evil.

And so, we **became** a shining city on a hill. The fundamental act of our Founding, the Declaration of Independence, recognizes the Creator God as the Source of Rights; **1**and acknowledges that the *purpose* of civil government is simply to “secure” **the Rights *God* gave us**. The Constitution we subsequently ratified was based on **God’s model** of civil government as set forth in the Bible.

**That** is why our Country was so much better than what the rest of the World has been.  For the most part, we followed God’s model for civil government; other countries didn’t.

The blessing which flows from **God’s model** is **limited civil government which is under The Law.** That is why our Liberty Bell quotes ***Lev. 25:10***, “Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof.”

In this paper, I will show you Six Principles which come from the Bible and how our Framers applied them. In a future paper, I will show you Six Biblical Principles Thomas Jefferson listed in the Declaration of Independence, and how *those* Principles are *also* incorporated into our Constitution.

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**1. THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES ARE UNDER THE LAW.**

**THE BIBLE: GOD IS THE LAWMAKER** [the kings are to apply God’s Law. 2]

* ***Deut. 17:18-20***: The king is to write out a copy of God’s Law. He is to have it by him and read from it all his life so that he may keep, observe, and apply it.
* ***1 Kings 2:1-4*:**  King David on his deathbed tells Solomon he must conform to God’s ways, and observe his statutes, commandments and judgments, as written in the Law of Moses.

**The parallel in our Constitution** is that *the Constitution* is the Supreme Law which the civil authorities are to obey.

Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary defines “constitution”:

*“…In free states,* ***the constitution is paramount to the statutes or laws enacted by the legislature, limiting and controlling its power;*** *and in the United States, the legislature is created, and its powers designated, by the constitution.” [boldface added]*

Our ***Constitution*** is the Standard by which the validity of all Acts of Congress, all acts of the Executive Branch, all judicial opinions, and all Treaties is measured and judged (**Art. VI, cl. 2**).

***“This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.”***

Do you see?**Law comes from *a higher source* than the civil authorities. The “Rule of Law” prevails when the civil authorities obey *that higher Law***, be it God’s Law or our Constitution.

*Tyrants*, on the other hand, claim that *they* are the source of law.  The Roman Caesars, Stalin, Hitler, the dictator of N. Korea and Obama all claim that ***their will*** is “law”. Consider Obama’s usurpatious executive orders and rules made by his executive agencies. **This is the “Rule of Man”,** when the civil authorities deny they are subject to a higher law (be it God’s Law or the Constitution), and hold that *their will* is “law”. [Does “I have a phone and I have a pen” sound familiar?]

**2. CIVIL GOVERNMENT HAS ONLY LIMITED AND DEFINED POWERS:**

**THE BIBLE**:

Throughout the Old Testament, you see that civil government is limited to:

* Military matters
* Enforcement of **only a few** of God’s Laws, the laws to which a penalty for violation is attached (laws against murder, theft, bearing false witness, negligence, etc.).
* Judges are available to decide disputes between the people.

Most of God’s Laws are a matter of individual and family self-government (e.g., charity, family welfare, education, don’t drink too much, work hard).

**The parallel in our Constitution** is that it is one of **enumerated powers** only:

* **CONGRESS’ ENUMERATED POWERS**

[Congress is NOT authorized to pass any law on any subject just because a majority in Congress think the law is a good idea! Instead, the areas in which Congress is authorized to act are strictly limited and defined. WE delegated to Congress the following Enumerated Powers over the Country at Large: Article I, Section 8, clauses 1-16.]

* **THE PRESIDENT’SENUMERATED POWERS**

On election night, November 2, 2010, Rep. John Boehner said in his victory speech:

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“…While our new majority will serve as your voice in the people’s House, we must remember it is the president who sets the agenda for our government. …” [emphasis added]

Next morning, Ezra Klein commented in the Cult of the President lives on:

“I’d like Boehner to show us where in the Constitution it says that the president sets the agenda for the government.”

[However it appears that] none of the House Republicans seem to know that our Constitution sets the agenda, and don’t know that our Constitution also enumerates the powers delegated to the President, they are allowing Obama to carry out his “agenda” to transform our Country into a fascist dictatorship.]

**DISCERNMENT 15,** (4-7-16)

*Pastor Mike’s Notes on* ***“WE-THE-PEOPLE”*** *Wednesday Evening Webex*

The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to educate the “unenlightened” regarding the fact that the Framers of both State and Federal Constitutions intended the following:

1. Constitutions are compacts (contracts).

2. Constitutions are absolute in their intended meaning from the time of their ratification.

3. Unless amended by “we-the-people”, any deviation from intended meaning is unconstitutional and criminal.

4. “We-the-People” are under NO obligation to be obedient to unconstitutional laws or to be guided by a law’s misinterpretation.

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* **THE JUDICIAL BRANCH’S ENUMERATED POWERS**

The federal courts have evaded the constitutional limits on their power to hear cases by fabricating individual “constitutional rights” so that they can then pretend that the cases “arise under the Constitution”!

All other powers (except those listed at Art. I, §10) are retained by the States or the People. **“**Self-government” means that as individuals, we govern ourselves in accordance with the laws of God [or the “Natural Law”].  It doesn’t mean that we elect representatives to manage our lives for us! **Tyrants** claim the power to do whatever they want.

**3. CIVIL GOVERNMENT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS:**

**THE BIBLE:**

***Isaiah 33:22*** says The Lord is our “judge”, “lawgiver”, and “king”!

**The parallel in our Constitution** is that the federal government is divided into three branches: Judicial, legislative, and executive.

No human can be trusted with all three functions, so our Constitution separates them into three branches, with each branch having checks on the powers of the other branches.

**Tyrants** seek to exercise all three functions. Obama is making Congress irrelevant: When they refuse to pass a law *he wants*, he implements it by “executive order” or “agency regulation”.  He’s making the judicial branch irrelevant by ignoring their decisions which go against **his** will.

**4. THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES PROMISE TO OBEY THE HIGHER LAW.**

**THE BIBLE:** The king promises to obey God’s Laws and to apply God’s Laws in the kingdom; and the people pledge themselves to this promise:

* King Josiah’s covenant at ***2 Kings 23:1-3***:  King Josiah called all the people together and in their presence, read aloud to them the Book of the Law which had been found in the temple.

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Then King Josiah entered into a covenant with God that he would obey him and keep his commandments and statutes as written in the Book of the Law.  And all the People pledged themselves to this covenant.

* Joash’s (via the priest Jehoiada) covenant at ***2 Kings 11:17*** and ***2 Chron 23:16***.
* David’s covenant at ***2 Sam 5:1-4*** and ***1 Chron 11:1-3***.

OUR CONSTITUTIONAL OATHS OF OFFICE:

* Art. II, Sec. 1, last clause: The President promises to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution”.
* Art. VI, last clause: All other federal and State officers and judges promise to “support” the Constitution.

**DISCERNMENT 16,** (4-12-16)*Pastor Mike Interjects a few Important Points:*

***“The government that governs least governs best.”*** This is a wonderful axiom that is always true.

Just think, if someone ran for office who promised to do absolutely nothing unconstitutional, he or she would make it a point to leave you alone and not interfere with your life whatsoever, unless, of course, someone tried to infringe on your God-given rights, and then he/she would defend you with the ferocity of a tiger.

I don’t think that anyone who ran for office on that basis would have the slightest chance of getting elected. “Why not?”, you ask. Because most Americans have adopted the pathetic mindset of dependency, preferring to rely on government to do things they should be doing for themselves.

It is in the private sector where things get done. Inventions, improvements, and innovation take place when business is kept private.

If government would release its chokehold of innumerable regulations and onerous taxes it now has on businesses, American industry would come to life again and amaze the world with what could be done.

***Free enterprise can always do things much better, quicker, and less expensively than government could ever possibly do.***

The U.S. Congress has an approval rating somewhere around 7%-11%, but they have a reelection rate of around 97%. We like cockroaches more than we like our Congress, so why do we keep reelecting them year after year? Obviously, voting the bums out is not happening. What is going on here? How are they getting back in there worse than cockroaches?

The number one reason is ignorance of the U.S. and State Constitutions and all the rights and powers that have been bequeathed to us. Today political parties and the media’s brainwashing successfully direct the thinking and actions of people rather than the Constitution.

*Now back to PM’s Note-taking on Publius Huldah’s: “The Biblical Foundation of Our Constitution”*

**5.  WHEN THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES VIOLATE THE HIGHER LAW,**

**WE MUST REBUKE THEM!**

**THE BIBLE:** The prophets **rebuked the kings** when they forsake God’s Law:

* Samuel **rebuked** King Saul, ***1 Samuel 13:10-14.***
* Nathan **rebuked** King David, ***2 Samuel 12.***
* A Man of God **rebuked** King Jeroboam, ***1 Kings 13.***
* Elijah **rebuked** King Ahab, ***1 Kings 16:29 thru 17:2***; ***1 Kings 18:16-20***; ***1 Kings 21:17-29.***
* Elijah **rebuked** King Ahaziah, ***2 Kings 1:1-18.***
* Elisha **rebuked**Jehoram, King of Israel, ***2 Kings 3:1-14.***
* The prophets **warned** of the pending destruction of Jerusalem because of the sins of King Manasseh, ***2 Kings 21:10-16.***

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* The book of ***Micah***.
* John The Baptist **rebuked** Herod.

**DISCERNMENT 17,** (4-14-16) **Review the BIBLICAL examples of REBUKE above.**

**THE BLACK ROBED REGIMENT OF OUR ~~REVOLUTION~~** [Fight for Independence]**:**

Some 237 years ago**, our pastors** were leaders in bringing about our ~~Revolution~~ [Fight for Independence].  **They** understood that the English king and Parliament **were imposing tyranny on us in violation of God’s Law**. That is NEVER OK !

**In the Declaration of Independence, we rebuked the British Crown** when we itemized our grievances and recited how we had petitioned for redress and had warned them over and over again that if they didn’t stop the usurpations, we would separate from them.

**But today, we don’t have enough clergy with the knowledge and the spine to rebuke the federal government**. Many **don’t know** what the Bible says about civil government,**3** and they **don’t know** our Founding Principles and documents. Too many of our clergy just want to escape or withdraw from the World, avoid controversy, and preserve their 501 (c) (3) tax exemption.

The Catholic Priests are speaking out about being forced to provide contraception and abortion pills as violations of **their** religious freedom. But they **should** be denouncing the HHS rules as **unconstitutional exercises of undelegated powers. Enforcers have NO DELEGATED AUTHORITY without the people’s approval !**

Their goal should not be to carve out an exemption for themselves from rules **they** don’t agree with; but to enforce The Constitution for everyone.

“Rebuke” does not consist of, “**I** don’t agree.” or “It violates **my** beliefs.” What matters is that what THEY do is null and void, not moral, not Constitutional, and should not be either your or their personal viewpoint. We don’t need their thinking on it or their exemptions. WE NEED FOR THEM to FOLLOW THE CONSTITUTION.

**A proper rebuke points out the Higher Law being violated, and demands compliance with that Higher Law, NOT with one’s personal views. This takes KNOWLEDGE and COURAGE.**

Because the Priests have focused on **their** religious beliefs, instead of on biblical/constitutional principles; the discussion in the media has been about the percentage of Catholics who use birth control, the implication being that since most Catholics use it, the Priests are out of touch. What is important is that what the Supreme Court or Congress decided is NOT CONSTITUTIONAL, goes against our God-given rights, and is therefore, NOT LAWFUL !

The Priests’ REBUKE should have been:

* Obamacare is unconstitutional as outside the scope of the powers delegated to Congress, **the medical care of the People not being one of the enumerated powers given to Congress**; and
* The HHS rules are unconstitutional as outside the scope of the powers granted to the Executive Branch, and as in violation of **Art. I, § 1** which provides that **only Congress** may make laws; **4**

**Then***,* they would make a **proper Rebuke**.  And the discussion would be where it should be: on the enumerated powers of Congress and the unconstitutionality of rule-making by executive agencies.

So! The purposes of Rebuke are to **Warn** and **Teach**:

* To **Warn** the civil authorities of their violations of the Higher Law, and
* To **Educate** the civil authorities and The People about the Higher Law.

**The Constitution is a theological document !** It is the job of our clergy, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, to know this, AND to defend God’s Word as expressed in our Constitution.

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**God requires our clergy to take an active role in protecting the People from a civil government which violates the Higher Law, be it God’s Law or our Constitution which is based on God’s Law.** God’s LAW does not come from case law or whatever some judge decided.

**DISCERNMENT 18,** (4-21-16)

*This information is being added here in support of what Publius Huldah’s paper stated above.*

Even governing officials who are trying to address our government’s overreach are not helping. Rather than making their stand on the Higher Law of God, the U.S. Constitution, and State Constitutions, **they seek exemptions from that which is no law and has no power**.

**Family Research Council,** *April 14, 2016:*

*“It's been seven months since Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis was released from jail for beliefs on marriage. But today, thanks to Governor Matt Bevin (R-Ky.), she's finally free. After a long, public struggle, Kim and clerks like her* ***celebrated the accommodation*** *they'd been seeking since the Supreme Court radically redefined marriage last June. In his first act as governor, Bevin issued an executive order protecting county officials from complicity in marriage licenses that violated their faith. [They were already protected by the U.S. Constitution and the Kentucky Constitution.] In the meantime, the state legislature was working on a parallel track* ***to make the exemption official.***

*“This week, they succeeded, sending S.B. 216 unanimously to the governor's desk -- where he immediately signed it, to the cheers of men and women across the country. [Neither the executive order nor S.B. 216 was necessary.] Under this law, county clerks will no longer have to have their names listed on marriage licenses that contradict their deeply-held beliefs. As for couples, they'll be able to choose for themselves how they'd like to be identified: as "bride," "groom," or "spouse."*

*"We now have a single form* ***that accommodates all concerns****," Governor Bevin said. "Everyone benefits from this common sense legislation." What's more, "there is no additional cost or work required by our county clerks. They are now able to fully follow the law without being forced to compromise their religious liberty." [Kim Davis was following the law and if the Governor and sheriff were also following the law, her religious liberty would not be in jeopardy!]*

*“[New] Governor Bevin, who probably owes his election to his support of Kim Davis, can now hold his state up as a model of a way forward under the current Supreme Court decision on marriage. [He compromised the Constitution] We rejoice with Kim, who's been an inspiration to so many Christians, that her nightmare is finally over.*

***Point 1*** *The solution to an immoral and unconstitutional decision of the SCOTUS is not to seek an accommodation.*

***Point 2*** *The authority to address marriage issues is not an enumerated power given to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution, therefore it is reserved to the States or the People. (Amendment 10 of the Bill of Rights)*

***Point 3*** *Therefore, the solution is to follow the Kentucky Constitution which says, “Marriage is between one man and one woman”. The ridiculous decision of the SCOTUS should be completely ignored.*

***Point 4*** *ALL legislative powers are vested in the Congress of the U.S. (Article 1, Section 1). That means the SCOTUS opinions never have been and never will be laws and they certainly are not the supreme law of the land.*

***Point 5*** *Governors who pass executive orders and Congressmen and women who pass laws in order to give accommodations or exemptions to victims of an immoral and unconstitutional opinions of the SCOTUS, simply do not know what they are doing.*

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***Point 6*** *The job of our governing officials is to abide by the Constitution and to denounce anything that is immoral or unconstitutional; it’s not to accommodate everyone’s concerns nor seek accommodations and exceptions from those in government who violate our rights.*

***Point 7*** *Unlike a God-given right, an accommodation or an exemption is similar to a privilege or immunity given by the government which can be revoked at any time.*

***Point 8*** *Governor Bevin and the Kentucky Legislators have essentially made a deal with the Devil and it’s sad that many are celebrating it.*

**DISCERNMENT 19,** (4-26-16)*E-mail from Dr. Jim dated April 23, 2016*

*“If the Justice Department creates a list of groups that are deemed extremist or terrorist this could lead to stifling of free speech and expression.*

*“Part of the problem is the broad definition of ‘extremism’ itself. As far as the pursuit and defense against ‘extremism’ is concerned, the United States government has failed to adequately define the term, and by doing so, is allowing for perfectly legal behavior to become taboo or even criminalized. In June 2014, TruthInMedia’s Jay Syrmopoulos wrote about this trend:*

*“First there was the MIAC report, which claimed that potential terrorists include people who own gold, Ron Paul supporters, libertarians, and even people who fly the U.S. flag. Then in 2012, there was a leaked Homeland Security study that claimed Americans who are ‘reverent of individual liberty,’ and ‘suspicious of centralized federal authority’ are possible ‘extreme right-wing’ terrorists.*

*“More recently, there is a Department of Defense training manual, obtained by Judicial Watch via a FOIA request, that lists people who embrace ‘individual liberties and honor ‘states’ rights’, among other characteristics, as potential ‘extremists’ who are likely to be members of ‘hate groups’.*

*“This document goes on to call the Founding Fathers extremists, stating, ‘In U.S. history, there are many examples of extremist ideologies and movements, ‘including [t]he colonists who sought to free themselves from British rule.’”*

*“If the United States government cannot clearly define who it is targeting in its war on extremism how are the people supposed to trust that these programs will not simply be used to target outspoken activists and critics of the government?*

*“Resting in Him,*

*Dr. Jim”*

According to the MIAC report (the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) report dated 02/20/09), if you oppose any of the following, you could qualify for being profiled as a potential dangerous "militia member":

The United Nations

The New World Order

Gun Control

The violation of Posse Comitatus

The Federal Reserve

The Income Tax

The Ammunition and Accountability Act

A possible Constitutional Convention

The North American Union

Universal Service Program

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

Abortion

Illegal Immigration

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Again, I would bet that at least 75% of the American people would oppose at least one or more items on the above list. Well, according to the MIAC report, that is sufficient to make them potential dangerous "militia members."

*Now, back to Publius Huldah’s paper:*

**The Constitution is a theological document!** It is the job of our clergy, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, to know this, AND to defend God’s Word as expressed in our Constitution.

**God requires our clergy to take an active role to protect the People from a civil government that violates the Higher Law, be it God’s Law or our Constitution which is based on God’s Law.**

[Read: ***Ezek. 33:1-9***]

**We The People** must also rebuke the federal government when they violate our Constitution. We do it by posting on line, talking to friends, family, and everyone else within our spheres of influence. Stick to Principles. Avoid personal opinions. Cite the provision of our Constitution they violated; or as is usually the case, show that what they have done is not an enumerated power. When they have town hall meetings, rebuke them there. Watch [**this magnificent woman**](http://www.varight.com/news/congressman-pete-stark-d-ca-federal-government-can-enslave-citizens/) and see how it is done!

**6. THE PEOPLE’S OBLIGATION TO OBEY CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

**IS CONDITIONAL UPON CIVIL AUTHORITIES OBEYING HIGHER LAW.**

**THE BIBLE:** As shown by the Scripture at Principle 4, civil government is a covenant between God, the king, and the People.  God makes the Laws; the king promises to obey and apply those Laws; and the people pledge themselves to the Covenant.

Out of this relationship between God, the king and the people, arises the peoples’ obligation to protest lawlessness on the part of the king.  If they don’t protest, God punishes the people because of the misdeeds of their kings, the people will suffer if they go along with the unlawful acts:

* God sent a 3 year famine because Saul put the Gibeonites to death, ***2 Sam 21***.
* God sent a pestilence which killed 70,000 Israelites because David took the census, 1 ***Chron 21*** & ***2 Sam 24***.
* God (via Elijah) sent a famine because Ahab & his house forsook the commandments of the Lord, ***1 Kings 16:29-33***, ***17:1***, ***18:1,*** ***18:17-19***).

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* God struck a heavy blow at Joram’s people because of Joram’s wickedness, ***2 Chron 21:1-14*.**
* God visited 4 dooms upon Jerusalem & the Southern Kingdom because of the sins of Manasseh, ***2 Kings 21:10-17*** & ***Jer 15:3-4*.**

**THE PARALLEL IN OUR CONSTITUTION IS THIS:**

When Congress makes a law which is outside the scope of its enumerated powers, it is no “law” at all, but is **void; and we have no obligation to comply.**  Alexander Hamilton says this over and over in The Federalist Papers, published so that the people could make informed decisions about what to do when Congress oversteps. Here are a few examples:

*“…If the federal government should overpass the just bounds of its authority and make a tyrannical use of its powers,* ***the people****, whose creature it is,* ***must appeal to the standard they have formed***[The Constitution]*,* ***and take such measures to redress the injury done to the Constitution as the exigency may suggest and prudence justify****…” (*[*Federalist No. 33*](http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/fed33.htm)*, 5th para).* [bold face added]

*“…acts of …* [the federal government] *which are NOT PURSUANT to its constitutional powers … will* [not] *become the supreme law of the land.* ***These will be merely acts of usurpation, and will deserve to be treated as such****…” (Federalist No. 33, 6th para). [boldface added]*

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*“…every act of a delegated authority, contrary to the tenor of the commission under which it is exercised,* ***is void. No legislative act …contrary to the Constitution can be valid****. To deny this, would be to affirm … that men … may do, not only what their powers do not authorize, but what they forbid.” (*[*Federalist No. 78*](http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/fed78.htm)*, 10th para).* [boldface added]

Hamilton also tells us that Congress can’t usurp powers unless *the People* go along with it! In [Federalist No.16](http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/fed16.htm) (next to last para), he points out that because **judges may be “embarked in a conspiracy with the legislature”, the People, who are “the natural guardians of the Constitution”, must be “enlightened enough to distinguish between a legal [lawful] exercise and an illegal [unlawful] usurpation of authority.”**

So!  Hamilton applies **the Biblical model of what WE are supposed to do when the federal government acts outside of the Constitution. We** are to recognize that their acts are “***void***”, and

**We** are to take whatever **prudent measures** are necessary to enforce the Constitution.