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Consequences

When we worry about what might be
Or about the consequences of following God
We have to weigh in the consequences
Of following our own thoughts and desires

Walking by faith means
Remembering God will back you up

Many use critical thinking to reject God
Christians should use critical thinking to reject the devil
These short term pleasures
Are they worth the long term pain?

It many times scares us to follow God
As we see many examples of suffering servants of God in the
Bible
But we fail to take into account the many others
Who suffer greatly doing their own thing

I think one of the ways Christians are deceived
Is that when we want something
We tend to stop thinking rationally about how we acquire it
Or even if we should acquire it at all

Following God definitely comes from sacrifice
This is understood
But the repeated battles can really wear you down
That may be why God tells us to focus on today

It is so easy to get distracted
From the practice of pursuing God
This might be the greatest proof yet

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That there is a supernatural world

There is a definite evil and good
And they are at constant war within us

To defeat our own desires
Which the devil uses to tie us down
We need to seek God
With the same fervor as we followed our own desires

We need to see the role of the devil and evil in our lives
And replace them with the Lord

Sometimes evil seems so strong
And there are so many previously made bad decisions
That recovery seems insurmountable
It is easy to get discouraged

One thing that has helped me
Is that I chose a long time ago
To never give up

This stubbornness has had painful effects at times
But also it may save me yet
If used as part of God's plan

I think it must be almost impossible
To learn to cultivate positive traits
Like learning to be kind or creative
Without first learning to be disciplined and resilient

We must find a way to put a line in the sand
And say no more compromise

But the thing the sinner has to remember
Is that they cannot make promises

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Because they do not know
If they will follow through with them

At this point
Instead of continually turning back to God in prayer
We need to turn back to Him in action

When our journey in faith reaches a critical phase
We must prove we believe by the choices
In what we do
Not just in what we believe

And we must make these choices
Over and over again
This is where we need real strength from God

If we stopped and thought about the consequences of sin
Before we committed the sin
It would make it much easier to flee from the devil

The devil is just very good at making
Junk look like treasure

We need to pray to God
To get us to stop and think
Before we do something out of habit

Resisting the devil is all about discernment
Because the devil operates by deception
That is why he has made the Internet possible
Which took 1,000 years to evolve

The Internet contains all the tools and concepts
To lie, cheat, and destroy
The information revolution has brought us lies not truth

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In a battle for truth
The most effective weapon is a lie

Those who cannot win anyway else
Are the ones who get good at spying
Or at ambush, guerrilla warfare, or other indirect attacks
All based on deceiving the enemy

God is more powerful
And has a more powerful army in addition
Plus He can and does pull everyone's strings
Even the devil's strings

Just as we are surrounded by evil
So the Lord surrounds that evil

Many techniques the devil uses
Can also be repurposed for God's glory

Forming good habits can counter bad habits
Reinforcement can be used for both good and bad purposes
Feedback loops can help us bring greater victory faster

Desire for things of this world
Can be replaced by a desire to seek God

The drive to attain pleasure
Can be redirected towards pleasing God
The power of addiction
Can be turned into commitment to God

Impatience to commit sin
Can turn into relying on God

The very same techniques used to enslave
Can be used to liberate too

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Information and decisions are the keys
To breaking free from sin

As our world and country come
To a great decision making point
So we must choose a side as well

The choice is simple in principle
But all the details make it more difficult

This is one of the most difficult times to be alive
For anyone anywhere in the world today
Including animals and nature

Ironically the same human institutions
We thought were designed to liberate us
Did the exact opposite

What once seemed to reduce suffering
Now merely increases it

The same things that brought about order
Are driving things apart

God is showing us on a grand scale
Human solutions do not work

They work in the same way
Physical and economic laws work
They are quite consistent

But they do not keep you from
Getting injured or starving to death
Sometimes they contribute to those things

Something Small

A great wind comes from all directions
I hold my hand close to a small flame
I shield and protect it
As a member of my family

I suspend judgement for but a moment
Self doubt is under rated

In the midst of waves of destruction
I stand on a tall mountain
On a tiny island

Sometimes I think there is no more room
But sometimes the rushing wind
Calms my mind or at least distracts it

Many see meaning in their cause
I see meaning in challenging my mind

When there is no direction
And hope is not easily found
Sometimes you cannot trust your heart
This is the most important time

Stepping forward in faith
Often means doing nothing but waiting

Warfare need not be violent
An resistance can be a purely internal thing

We see nothing ahead but suffering

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But maybe the end is not anymore painful
Than the beginning was

We fear our future
But maybe we should pray for His return
We struggle to silence our critics

But maybe this is where we need to be

Jesus did not speak
When challenged and berated
Maybe this time we need internal growth

Learning self control is never easy
As it is almost impossible
To be relaxed in the midst of fear or pain

We think to prepare for disasters
We need to hoard supplies
But maybe we are our own enemies

Maybe the last battle
Is taking place in our own minds

Is the revolutionary aspect of Christianity
About gender or sex?
What does the Bible say about masculinity?

Is it more difficult to create or destroy?
If Christ changed the world more than any other Person
Then why do we think we need to travel
To spread the Gospel?

What if the hardest convert
Is the Church itself?

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Questioning God is a tricky thing to do respectfully
But it is Christian to doubt ourselves
Many great Christians in fact doubted their very faith at times

If we are to overcome our evil intentions
Can we always avoid the darkness?

We think of the darkness as only about evil
But spiritual trials can be used for good

The absence of light can just be giving you evidence
That you are going somewhere you have never been before

The future is open and empty
Even Christ does not know when He will return

Sometimes fear of being wrong is not strong enough
And certainty of pain and loneliness can lead to evil

Do not give up on God
He is not just in control of our history
He has planned it out directly

We sometimes think serving God
Means we have to fight someone else

But if we take a step back
Maybe now who we see as the enemy
Could eventually be a friend of God

Our journey is not over
Until we are in a coffin

God can and does quicken us
After all spiritual strength
Does not correlate with age

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The best trained soldiers in history
Have often seen combat as a kind of dance

Gunpowder was first used for fireworks
And not explosives in war until much later

Our biggest opposition is not the other
But our own ability to be distracted
And our lack of commitment

Proof of your faith does not need to come from pain
There are better ways to serve God than dying for Him

If we cannot see past our current circumstances
We need to step forward in faith
And do something deliberately small

What does Christ call us to do until He returns?
Simple acts of kindness
Maybe we can kill the opposition with kindness

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Hope for the Future

Sight is only one kind of knowing
Darkness is not a color
There are things we may never know
But also things we wish we didn't

Waiting upon God is hard
Like waiting for food
Especially when in pain

Each day that we live
We learn a little more
But without hope for better times
It is easy to get lost

I wish I could save everyone
But some things are only God's to do
I try to learn from others' experiences
But that is not so easily done

With my mental illness
I seek symbols and connections
Even places where there are few to none

Our lives can have meaning
Even in a world that makes little sense

What is the point of discovering why we suffer
If we cannot use it to reduce suffering?
What is the point of knowledge
If it does not make us better people?

As we get older do we really grow?

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Does experience actually result in wisdom?

When the smartest people in the world
Believe that things came out of nothing
And our decisions create separate time lines
Is life a cruel joke?

Are we part of a grand game
Initiated by a higher power?
The pagan world is cruel
And so is life without God

Christ may not be the answer
For why your computer doesn't work
But He is the answer
To what I should do with my life

If we are to truly evolve
Maybe we need a moral revolution

To go forward we need better memory
We need to look into the past
To find a way into the future
That does not bring severe depression

Can we get past God?
Can a computer achieve enlightenment?
Or can a person become a virus?

We seek answers in the form of math
Maybe for some problems poetry is more useful

In an age where everything is temporary
And most things are stolen
Where does our truth come from?
Who can we trust?

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When no one cares about anything anymore
Than their fame, money, and power
Seeking wisdom is futile and irrelevant
But this is only an illusion

Just as we see this moral battle
Played out on the world stage
So this moral battle also takes place
Within each of our minds

Does anyone care anymore?
Is God relevant today?
Are eating and sleeping still relevant?
Do we no longer need water or air?

Some questions may be better answered
By the choices we make
Than the creeds we commit to

Just as getting rid of vice laws
And increasing the aggression of police
Are slowly unwinding trust

So giving up on God
Gives us few reasons
To want a society at all

Being around people can be discouraging
This is truly why we need
Time alone with God

The greatest desire today
Is what it has always been
How can I be happy?

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Is happiness the absence of pain?
Or satisfying our need for God?

As we reduce our existence
To finding food, shelter, and clothing
What empowers us to make good choices
Is harder to find

As we increase the volume of our voices
It is harder to hear God

With each decision we make
We become different people
Has your experience in life
Brought you closer or farther from God?

I have learned to trust no one
Least of all myself
But my respect for God grows
The more I learn of Him

Christ is the best example we can have
But if we do not have the Holy Spirit
Living within our souls
We are never going to be better people

Without being better people
We will never have a better world
And without progress it is easy to give up

Maybe the world will just fade away
As everyone just gives up
As society seems to get worse
No matter how we try to fix it

Maybe we will remember God

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And allow Him to work in our lives
And therefore transform our world
This is my hope for the future

Like a Diamond

Faith shines like a rainbow
A bridge between God and people

Like a portal to another world
An inter-dimensional road
That leads to paradise

People think Heaven is far away
Or dying is traumatic
Maybe it is like waking up
From a bad dream

Like a wounded animal
It cries and bleeds
The echoes of the cross
Can be heard throughout history

Suffering is the human condition
But Christ is the best answer
When we look to what faith is
The most direct answer is Christ

Like a diamond simple from afar
The brilliance spreads out
In every direction
Just like the grace of God

Why does taking on the life of Christ
Lead to less suffering?

The source of our suffering is our sin
We are not always protected from

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The consequences of the sin of the other

We can be protected from our own sin
If we would but fight for it

When we fall we hit hard
But we can always get back up
Because the soul cannot be destroyed
And God absorbs what we cannot take

We are as morally elusive as water
And our hearts hard as ice
Let God warm our hearts
And lead the flow of our emotions

Just like you can see rainbows
In the middle of mud puddles
So God's grace shines in even the dirty

No matter how big our problems get
Or how much we think we have learned
We can never get beyond the cross

At every stage of life and history
We all need God to deal with life

In this age we seek to explain everything
But our questions are all oriented around the how
When we think we have the answers
We cannot hear the voice of God

Is it still worth questioning life's problems?

We can never solve problems
If we do not examine them
But we need to focus on the Who more

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Than the how or even the why

It is worth noting the source of our problems
But let us not forget the origin
Of all human problems

We cannot heal our hearts
Until we are willing to let them break
We cannot see the brilliance of grace
Without the second sight of faith

Maybe we became spiritually blind
When our culture became too visual
Maybe there is a correlation
Between the loss of sight and the start of wisdom

We currently live in a world of lies
The most valuable thing today is the truth
Knowledge is just a commodity
But the truth is harder to find than ever before

Just as a diamond is transparent
So should our character be

We can only be the light of the world
If we allow God
To burn off our imperfections

And we can only be clean
By the blood of Christ

Like a diamond
We are to reflect the attributes of Christ

We cannot live the life of Christ
But we can be a poor reflection

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Of how much He cares

If there is enough light
Even a cloudy diamond
Can reflect the light

And light is most visible
When it is so dark we cannot see

We are righteous by Divine declaration
Even as we have not reached that in our actions

We are lights to the world
As God has chosen us to be that light

We cannot step back
Or sit on the sidelines
There is no turning back

We are chosen
And have accepted the call
We are already fully committed

God will not allow us to outrun Him
There is no escape from His love
And we will be sanctified
No matter how much we fight it

He has already prepared the way
And He carries us when needed
Once we see the light of His grace
We will never be the same

May the light of God
Blind us to all lies

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May the brilliance of His love
Heal us from all sorrow

May the world see us no more
But only Christ's reflection in us

Christianity is Revolutionary

Our society is formed around the idea
That the good of the group
Is more important
Than the good of the individual

Society sees people as groups
God sees us as individuals
He always has time for us

The kindness in His leadership
Is one of the most revolutionary aspects
Of the character of God

God not only leads by example
He defeated evil by being weak

He is more Human than any of us
But He shows people can both
Be strong leaders
While suffering injustice
And be kind even when in pain

He started the first social revolution
Lesser leaders throughout history
Have tried to control and exploit
His message for their gain

But Scripture is clear on this
That God is slow to anger
And quick to forgive

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He is better than us in every way
But He uses His power to heal
Not only is God our Creator
He heals us as well
In ways doctors still cannot

When the problems are too big
For people or the Church to tackle
God will step in and work directly
This is sometimes called
Divine intervention or the miraculous

But the world is bigger than
What is recorded in the Bible
And God loves everyone even non-Christians
Especially non-Christians

Christianity is something everyone can participate in
All are called and welcome
Christ is the ultimate frontier
Through Who we can truly begin again
That is why salvation is also called being born again

If we are to truly understand
More of what Christ has said
We need to take forgiveness seriously
And need to be kind to everyone

We need not support any group
That fails to abide by these morals

Some may think me unpatriotic
But I carry serious emotional and physical scars
Directly from my service to my country

That to a great extent

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Seriously limit my possibilities
And what I can achieve and help in

But my loyalty is to God alone
I will not suffer anymore
For any ideology other than Christianity

Does America do good in this world?
Yes, but it is not worth the cost
What we have to do to maintain the world empire
Is not moral or kind
I do not want to live at the expense of others

Sometimes when someone calls for a revolution
They are trying to change things politically
Obviously from history and human nature this not work
The problems are institutional
Which means they are spiritually driven

It makes no sense to try to fight the devil
God has already defeated him
And will fight the battles we encounter on our behalf

Even though the entirety of the world's power
Could not defeat the devil at all
God often sends just one angel to control the devil

As powerful as evil is to us
It does not stand a chance against God
God does not struggle to do this kind of thing

It did take a struggle to die on the cross for us
We also experience what we imagine
Is a similar level of struggle
When we live out our faith
Through trials and tribulations

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The only limits God has are the ones
He places on Himself
He will not force us to go to Heaven

I am a very creative person
At least that is what most people tell me
But there are some things it is unwise
To be completely creative in without limits

Some examples include problem solving or laws
Accounting and the military
Do not usually encourage creativity
So it is with theology

There are many things
You can be creative with in Christianity
But theology has eternal consequences
If you get too creative with the obvious stuff

There are always consequences
And nothing is free without cost of some kind
Christianity was not free for Christ
And living as a Christian will involve suffering

The difference is with Christ
You get the support of the Church
And God living inside you
In addition to reconciliation with God
For this life and eternity

Process of Victory

Victory sometimes happens quickly
But often it is long and drawn out
One leader wins totally
And the other loses everything
If the war is quick

But a slow war is where everyone loses

Some wars are easy at first
But occupation and governance
Make it impossible to keep the gains

Many times it actually requires
That the winning side
Has to put the other into slavery

And transfer all the wealth
Out of the defeated
To even get enough money
To cover the cost of the war

Many countries have lost great wealth
And can no longer afford powerful armies
Because they overspent on wars
But the reverse is not true

Wealthy countries even without armies
Can easily hire others to fight wars for them
And have no trouble defending themselves

Every battle has to be fought differently

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And the early decisions of both you
And those of your enemy
Require you to adjust your strategy over time

You can win by superior technology
By various forms of deception
By taking more casualties
Or by a combination of the above

The current power of the West
Is because a certain form of war technology is dominant
We are good at a very narrow type of warfare
That is focused around the use of guns for weapons

This kind of warfare works best in teams
With great coordination, communication, and cooperation
This is why the military encourages discipline

The military does not want you to be creative or heroic
They would prefer you weak and afraid
If that motivates you to be cautious
Mostly they just want you to quickly respond to orders

Basic Training is also called Combat Survival Training
In order to survive in combat
You have to work together without thinking

This is why the military trains you
In the same simple task over and over again

The most difficult part of combat is
Operating under extreme stress
Modern combat is chaos

Many of the same concepts apply to spiritual warfare
This is also known as dealing with problems in life

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As most personal problems have a spiritual component in them

This is because we are suffering due to our or another's sin
This effects everyone whether they are Christian or not

The human response is to make yourself more disciplined
The Biblical response is to let God take over us

It is unwise to take on an enemy more powerful than yourself
Without a bigger ally or at least some asymmetric strategy

For instance do not try to shoot or outrun a bear
Simply avoid playing with their children or feeding them
Secure your food scent and store it away from you

The spiritual battles are not really between you and the devil
They are between your will and God's will
Sin is rebellion against God not primarily against the government

So what does victory look like?
For some it may be a fast war
For some it may be a struggle their entire lives
For many they will win at first and then struggle later on

The important thing to remember
Is that Christ had already won the war
The devil just won't admit defeat

Christian spiritual battles are different
Than any other form of warfare
Because God cannot lose

And as long as you submit to His will
The battle ends before it starts

But most of us need to fight our entire lives

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The devil is stubborn
His main strategy is deception

That is why reading the Bible is important
The devil know the Bible better than most Christians

But the devil is not creative in any way
He doesn't use his own scripture
He tries to distort God's

Lies are more effective
And easier to remember
If they are as close to the truth as possible

Fighting the devil can by draining
And we suffer throughout life
Because of our or another's sins

We get battle scars along the way
But God not only created us
He also heals us as well

Life itself is a a battle
And attacks will not stop
Until you are with the Lord

You cannot lose
Because Christ has already won

But there will be pain and struggle
There will be victory after salvation
But continued guerrilla warfare
By way of deception
On the part of the devil

This will be hard to explain to people

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Who choose not to believe
Because they want a definite cause
And a definite effect

They want to see a measurable problem first
And then see a measurable solution next

Maybe this is why Alcoholics Anonymous
Uses the term recovering addict
Not recovered addict

The devil knows he cannot win
So he is here to hurt as many as possible

The thing is that God knows everything
And is pulling the devil's strings as well
We all ultimately serve God

But this does not mean everyone reconciles with God
For that you must chose to follow His will and not yours
That is the Christian way of battle

Violence and Faith

Christianity is not simple or easy
Christianity is living the life of Christ
Christians are to suffer in silence
Christians are to essentially be pacifists

Which makes it ironic
That Christians seek power over others
Christ asks us to follow the rules
Of the government but not its ideology

What does it mean to be in the world
But not of the world?
In practice it means following more rules

One of the ploys of the devil
Is to get us turned on each other
By making us think we can change things

By using the system of the world
By the methods of fear and violence

How does a Christian embrace a worldview
That uses force to compel others
To think the same as they do?

Basically most people today
Cannot agree to disagree
Their solution is to dominate and destroy
Those who disagree with them

This situation occurs when we are

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Unwilling to embrace self doubt

We can give a lot of simple answers
To even profound questions
But are these meaningful answers?

Non-Christians know Christians are good at arguing
And know Bible theology really well
This is not what keeps them from Christianity

They don't want to be Christians
Because they don't want to be like us

Most embrace Christ but not Christianity
Why is this?
Maybe this is because we sound
More like Pharisees than Christ

We add on all these cultural assumptions
And extra conditions upon people
Who are from a different culture

The world culture has changed
American Christians do not want to accept this

The generations following mine
Are even more interested in spiritual things
There is currently a huge interest in new age practices

Christianity in America today
Is at best associated with living like
We are still at the height of the cold war
And living without modern technology

If we want to keep things low technology
We need to go much further back

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Because there is no fundamental change
In the progression of technology
From World War 2 to the present

The industrial revolution if successful
Will logically lead to an information revolution

The situation during the Cold War happened
Because Europe took over the world and then self-destructed
There was a vacuum in world power and we filled it
This time was a very sad and painful time for most of the world

American Christians are trying to fight against
The very technologies and social developments
That helped us win World War 2 and the Cold War
And currently allows America the prosperity and power
That it has in the world today

You cannot solve one problem without creating others
Nothing is free

Fighting wars changes things to a degree
But the greatest non-spiritually driven changes occur
From economic, weather, and technology changes

We are trying to fight spiritual battles with physical weapons
The enemy is not Russia, China, Europe, or the Middle East
The enemy is us

Jesus Himself said our biggest problem is sin
And only God can forgive sin

We will not be able to change
People's attitude and thoughts
By increasing punishments, laws, and surveillance

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Forcing someone to do something
That they do not want to do rarely works
But this is what both groups in America are pushing for

The only reason why we may
Avoid fighting another civil war
Is that people now are unwilling
To sacrifice for their beliefs

It would be interesting to see
What Christians overseas think
About our political views on both sides

Most Christians are not Americans
Most Americans are not Christians

Many powerful people tried to tie the 2 together
Mostly for more soldier recruitment

But as much as there are powerful forces
Behind this point of view
Random people keep bringing up
Big holes in this theory

Church in a Toxic Society

We use the word Christian
And the word America
But I do not think we really understand
What these things mean from the outside

It is not even about politics
Even as just an intellectual discussion
What does it mean to be Christian?
Who did Jesus really criticize?

Why is it so hard to understand
How we should relate to government and society?
God is not a fan of human government

God did not want Israel to have a king or a democracy
Christ's approach is not to have a more local government
He does not want us to sacrifice all our values
If they are merely economically inconvenient

He doesn't want us to compromise on moral issues
But He does want us to get along

God is a romantic
He cares about the individual person

What would you say to God
If He asked you why you love America?
What do you say to the majority of Christians in the world today
Who do not live in America
Or those in the past who did not
Or future who will not as well?

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An eternal problem of the Church
Is that it gets involved in politics
And then the government ends up controlling the Church
Not the other way around

Whenever Christianity gets traction in a society
The Church then tries to make itself socially acceptable
And in doing so alienates the people it is meant to serve
Politics is a social issue not a religious one

What if we let our hearts bleed a little
And we start to make social changes
To include people of other social groups?

We need to show Christianity is truly universal
By showing that all society can be part of it

Even the marginalized and those who utterly failed to adapt
Not just to technology or reason

We hear a lot about issues in people's personal lives
Championed in the American Church today
But little about what is right or wrong for a nation

When we think we are good citizens
Do good citizens accept the suffering we bring to the world?
Does God want our country rich and others poor?

For those who want to implement laws
That come from the Old Testament

Be sure to include things like the years of jubilee
Where we forgive those of debts and crimes
Why do we not celebrate the feasts of Israel?

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How can we just ignore all the social justice issues
That God talks about in the Prophets
Repeating the same ideas over and over

Where are our prophets that lead the country
Not by majority vote or legal action
But by talking directly with God?

Who is it in government that we can elect
Who wants to rid America of sin?

If we can all agree Hollywood is a problem
Will we give up all the money we get from it
Or at least stop spending our money on its products?

If we believe we are in the world but not of it
Why do we champion the ideas of the world?

Our nation has a long list of national sins
One of which the Church has denounced recently
But there are so many they do not want to believe

We are so loyal to our system
Unless we have to pay more money or sacrifice anything
Or God forbid we fight in one of the wars we vote for

How is being cheap a Christian value?

If we want to save money on clothing and food
So we wear used clothing and eat used food
This is probably ok with God

But why are we unwilling
To pay more money to reduce trash
Or to reduce the torture of animals?

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Why do we not dispose of our own waste
In our own country?

Why do we hide the cost to God's creation
On the other side of the world

This is because we do not want to admit
How toxic our modern society is

And what are the most controversial issues ever?
Anything that requires everyone to do something
That we don't want to believe is a problem
Even when required by law

Just like the Protestant view where
Every believer can just spin their own theology to suit them
So we think we can do so with government
Just vote out the inconvenient ideas

It is easy to follow the laws you voted for
As they fit your personal worldview
That you think everyone else should believe

It is not just unbelievers who create their own religions

We cannot just choose certain human laws
To follow and not others
Just as we cannot choose just certain laws
From the Bible to follow

Human laws are not ever going to be
The same as God's laws
But we need to follow both

And a moral stance on a particular issue
Cannot just be abandoned

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Because we want to save money
Or we think it inconvenient
This is not a legitimate reason not to stand for them

And it is not a persecution of any kind
When we are called out being mean to others
Saying inappropriate things in public
And people ask us to leave their property

When we think of not following a country's laws
Because we think they are not moral
Remember the apostles told us to serve our masters
Even when we were sold into slavery

And Rome was so evil at the time
That is was the evolution of Babylon
And the home of the anti Christ
What was the Christian response then?