



Bible Positions on Political Issues by John Hagee

1. What is the overview of this book?

John Hagee says that the purpose of this book is to get us to think about what is happening in our world both politically and socially. In this book, he outlines what is important and relevant in our present political culture and talks about truths on controversial issues that are currently dividing our nation. He hopes to mobilize a grassroots movement of God-believing citizens who will get involved in the election process and actually influence public opinion and make a difference in the government, education and morals of our world.

2. How do we do this?

Contrary to what most people have come to believe, we can change our society and restore it to what God intended. Numerous times throughout history, the power of only ONE person has changed the masses and he gives examples of this. But not only can we change things, it is our responsibility to change the things in our society that destroy the moral foundations of our country. Our first objective is to change ourselves. Who we are and how we live our daily lives means more to people than anything we will ever say or any vote we cast. We have to be moral people living a moral life and we must take our beliefs into the arenas where decisions are being made on issues that affect us and our families including where historical revisionists are rewriting American history. We need to come together in unity and speak out for truth and Judeo-Christian values. We have no right to complain about something we have the ability to change. At what point will you have had enough?

3. How long have other great civilizations lasted and what caused them to fall?

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been about 200 years. During those years, those great nations always progressed through these sequences:

- From bondage to spiritual faith
- From spiritual faith to courage
- From courage to liberty
- From liberty to abundance
- From abundance to complacency
- From complacency to apathy
- From apathy to dependence
- From dependence back into bondage

Some experts say we are somewhere between complacency to apathy but some also noted that 40% of our population has already reached a stage of governmental dependency. Edward Gibbon, who wrote *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, offers 6 reasons for Rome's collapse. The rapid increase in divorce and belittling the sanctity of the home are listed as numbers 1 and 2, with the decline of faith in God as also one of the reasons. Others include increased spending while the nation decays internally, higher taxes with the public money being wasted, and a craze for hedonistic pleasures.

Does this sound like our country?

4. What are the factors that affect the fundamentals of our society?

The family has always been the fundamental building block of society. And there are a variety of factors that have contributed to the destruction of the family, among these are: abortion, abuse, adultery, divorce, financial troubles, homosexuality, love of money, etc. etc. Most of the problems in our society stem from the failure of the family to operate as God intended. God gave us laws not to meddle into our private



affairs but to protect us and our future. To allow homosexuals to marry, devalues the sanctity of marriage and the stabilizing force that comes with it.

There has been a decline in Dutch marriages since the legalizing of same-sex marriages. Also there is an alarming rise in illegitimate births in the Netherlands since same-sex marriage has been legal. And studies show children born out of wedlock have a greater chance of encountering problems in psychological development, health, school performance and quality of future relationships which all demoralizes the once strong family structure.

John Hagee goes into each one of these factors and how they have contributed to the destruction of our family, There is no larger issue that divides our country today than abortion. John Hagee believes, as many people do, that a human life, whether an embryo or and 80 yr. old is sacred and it must be protected. This is a Constitutional right!

5. What is the main cause that has prohibited the free exercise of religion which is a guaranteed Constitutional right?

Unfortunately the principal guilty party in prohibiting the free exercise of religion, a guaranteed Constitutional right, has been the Supreme Court. The Constitution absolutely guarantees the free exercise of religion....even Christianity. Only 117 years ago, the Supreme Court stated that, and I quote, "Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon the teachings of e Redeemer of Mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent, our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian." These words show that the Supreme Court once held the Word of God in the center of its' political and moral compass. First, the Supreme Court turned its back on the Bible and now on the US Constitution.

But Congress is also to blame. It has rarely spoken out against the judiciary. But we, too, are to blame when we turn our back on moral absolutes, believing there is no right or wrong.

6. How have the judges had a role in bringing down our country?

We could talk for hours about decisions judges have made that are totally preposterous but in fact, we can point our fingers at the courts and at Congress but isn't it really ourselves who have allowed these atrocities against the free exercise of Christianity? We have remained silent while we should have been demanding freedom of religion. How much clearer can the words be than: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibit the free exercise thereof."

We have allowed the Constitution to be manipulated to endorse whatever the courts feel is necessary. Sometimes we have done so because of the right of privacy. There is no "right of privacy" mentioned in the Constitution. And despite the fact that the 1st amendment is supposed to enable our freedom to worship, our laws have prohibited it. People say we can't legislate morality but the government does it every day in prohibiting murder or rape or other offenses.

George Washington said, "It is impossible to govern America without the Bible." It is we who are allowing these atrocities against the free exercise of Christianity to be perpetuated.

7. What is the challenge John Hagee has put forth in this book to all of us Christians?

We will not be able to change anything unless we change ourselves. To be apathetic towards the laws that control our lives and the lives of our children is to be an unfaithful American. We need to vote but we need to do more than vote. We need to let our voices be heard in our own communities and let our



influence at home be heard all the way to the White House. It's not enough to complain to our friends, we will not be acknowledged for the problems we recognize, but for the problems we solve.

He goes on to give us several practical suggestions like volunteering in local campaigns and making financial contributions to worthy candidates, writing letters to newspapers or calling into talk shows or even running for office. We have to be the people who work to make our nation the best it can be. If not us, who? If not now, when? Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." We must take a stand to legislate morality that will help shape America for the better. If we do not, someone else will.