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*Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all who are appointed to die.
Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.* Proverbs 31.8-9 (nKJ)

For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. John 18.37

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25.40

Dear Mike:

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I looked through the book you loaned me, *America's Expiration Date* by Cal Thomas. I agree with some of the things he says about the Decline and Fall of the American Empire. But it is a **shoot from the hip** analysis. He obviously did not have much use for Donald Trump--*a boastful, superficial, narcissistic misogynist* [163] and he discounts the value of *a new Supreme Court justice* [162]. But he published this book in 2020, two years before the Supreme Court reversed *Roe v. Wade*, for which Trump's three Supreme Court appointments must be given a lot of the credit.

The main criticism of Trump in respect to abortion is his current claim that he can get Democrats and Republicans to come together to agree on *the number of weeks* after which abortion would be illegal. In his September 17 2023 interview with Kristen Welker on **Meet The Press** he says: . . . *You're going to come up with a number of weeks or months You're going to come up with a number that's going to make people happy . . . people are starting to think of 15 weeks. That seems to be a number that people are talking about right now I would sit down with both sides and I'd negotiate something, and we'll end up with peace on that issue for the first time in 52 years.* So no need for moral confrontation or spiritual struggle. We can all get together on the solution. It is obvious that most Republicans and most nominal pro lifers would go along with a 15 week ban which allows 95 per cent of abortions to remain legal. Which sets abortion in legal cement at the national level. If Trump is elected again, he might very well get enough Democrat votes to pass it.

Cal Thomas is right in saying that the Republican party won't save us [162] and that a *restored community of believers* is needed. [159] But he doesn't explain how that is supposed to happen. He endorses alternative pregnancy centers [165] but he does not mention **Sidewalk Counselling** or **bearing witness** by passing out pro life leaflets. What are we supposed to do besides *pray* and *vote* ? When we **bear witness to the truth** we build the Kingdom of God [John 18.36-37] and carry on the mission of Jesus in the power of his Spirit. [John 20.21-22] Handing out pro life leaflets, person to person, is bearing witness to the truth. Handing out leaflets for hopeless or hopelessly compromised political candidates is another exercise in moral futility.

He is a millionaire himself and does not see that the pursuit of wealth by Americans, including *Christian* Americans, is the major cause of abortion. Sending young women off to college in pursuit of high salaried careers requires them to wait until they are in their 30s to have the one baby they are allowed. So, instead of remaining virgins from 15 to 35, they conform to that Planned Parenthood enabled sexually liberated life style which has become the norm in American colleges and even high schools. [See *Roots of Abortion II: Careers for Women.*] Thomas blames Hugh Hefner and *Playboy* for the *Sexual Revolution*. [160] Which confuses cause with effect.

Thomas does not target that **Millionaire Christianity** which teaches us that the pursuit of wealth is perfectly compatible with maintaining true Christian faith and morals. Like most prosperous *Christians* he has spaced out all the New Testament verses about money, wealth and riches, like the one which says that *The love of money is the root of all evil.*

Although he describes the union of Church and Empire which began in the time of Constantine as *a merger that could never work*, [43] his remarks about the Byzantine Empire [64] show that he does not really understand that **patriot Christianity**--praying around the flag pole--is essentially the same idolatry as that which is found in the Imperial Church or the State Church. He still believes in **national repentance** to restore a *Christian America*. [166-167] His short essay on Thomas Jefferson [142-143] shows that he still has the imperial faith. His attempt to explain the destruction of Detroit [150] ignores the obvious fact that it was the descendents of the slaves of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and James Madison et al who destroyed American cities in the 200 riots of the late 1960s. The relentless violence and criminality of America's inner cities is our inheritance from those *founding fathers* whose luxurious life style was built upon the violent crime of slavery. I describe it in *The Great Land Hunt* on my **RadicalChristianPress.org** web site.

The things which first appeared in the 1960s did not originate in the 1960s. They had been a hidden part of American life for a long time. And that is what we are up against: **THE DEEP ROOTS OF ABORTION IN AMERICAN LIFE**. The wholesale destruction of innocent human life by **war**, by **slavery**, by **poverty**, and by **abortion** are **AMERICA'S FOUNDATION STONES**. See *The Roots of Abortion*.

In *The Church of the Empire* I wrote a history of the Imperial Church which the Emperor Constantine launched in the 4th century. The account which Thomas gives is entirely inadequate. He explains the fall of the Roman Empire as due to *a loss of civic virtue*. [49] Half the population of the Roman Empire were slaves. Much of what is wrong with America today grew out of our long history of slavery and racial segregation, not because they stopped praying in public schools. Early American righteousness is a myth and a false faith. In *The Roots of Abortion* pages 61-65 I have a brief account of the wars of extermination against the native Americans.

Half the rest of the Roman population were soldiers who set off in all directions to conquer and enslave North Africa and the Middle East and Europe. The barbarian tribes they conquered and then conscripted into the Roman armies came back to conquer them. cf. *all those who take up the sword will perish with it*. The Roman Empire went broke paying for its militarism. The taxes required by their endless wars ruined the Roman economy. Farmers had to compete with estates worked by slaves captured in foreign wars. And they were conscripted into the Roman army for 20 years. [See *The Church of the Empire* circa page 53]

The British Empire went down the same road of world empire and ruin. The American Empire now has 750 military bases around the world. Thomas seems unable to recognize that **Military Christianity** and **Millionaire Christianity** are major causes of the destruction of American society. And that avoiding wealth and war, like the early Christians, is necessary to maintain that real Christian community which **refuses to conform to this world**. Real Christians are called to carry on the battle with the World, not conform to the World while we try to change it by running for the Senate. *He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost* (John 20.22)--is supposed to make us clones of Christ who carry on the battle with **The World** which Jesus started.

Is it up to us to save the American Empire from itself? Is that the same challenge as trying to restore the Christian Community? And protecting our own families from an aborted America? Cal Thomas does not really target the false faith of American Christians who believe that we can escape from an aborted America while we continue to hold on to the wealth and power of the American Empire = while we continue to *conform to this world*.

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