

Read the U.S. Constitution



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There is a scripture in Hosea 4:6 (NIV) that says, “My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.”

In the New Living Translation Bible, it says, “My people are being destroyed because they don’t know me.”

God, through his prophet Hosea, was accusing his priests of misleading His people into an idolatrous life that excluded God.

We are witnessing a parallel to this scripture as we watch our nation’s leaders take this country further away from God and further away from the Constitution that He clearly gave to us.

The author of *The 5000-Year Leap* writes, “No principle was emphasized more vigorously during the Constitutional Convention than the necessity of limiting the authority of the federal government. Not only was this to be done by carefully defining the powers delegated to the government, but the Founders were determined to bind down its administrators with legal chains codified in the Constitution.”

The early draft of the Constitution did not contain adequate safeguards protecting the states from being dominated by the federal government. The Ninth and Tenth Amendments were passed in order to provide those safeguards.

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

The Tenth Amendment says, “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.”

The Founders were well aware, having lived under a tyrannical government with centralized power, that it would be very easy for the federal government to dominate the states.

Alexander Hamilton said, “There is, in the nature of sovereign power, an impatience of control that disposes those who are invested with the exercise of it to look with an evil eye upon all external attempts to restrain or direct its operations...This tendency is not difficult to be accounted for. It has its origins in the love of power.”

The love of power that Hamilton spoke of is exactly what we are seeing in Washington today.

This administration, has literally created a crisis in order to seize more control over the people of this nation. Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, Barney Frank, Barack Obama, et al, have literally become drunk with power since the Democrats won the majority in Congress. The checks and balances, that should be effective due to the separation of powers, have broken down because the legislative and the executive branches, with the consent of the judicial branch, are colluding together to achieve the destruction of the freedoms of this nation.

And nothing could be more destructive to our nation at this time than a Constitutional Convention when we have people in power that could, and would, destroy the Constitution as we know it. We are dangerously close.

Look at what this nation is already losing - people are losing their jobs, their businesses, and their homes. They are losing decades of hard work building wealth or perhaps even paying off the debts from the last great presidential debacle, Jimmy Carter. And what could be more demoralizing to a nation of people than to destroy the dreams and hopes of each individual?

Our biggest enemies, however, are not the individuals that I just mentioned. Our biggest enemy is apathy.

On the occasions that I speak to groups about issues such as this one, I say, "It won't matter to you until it matters to you." In other words, part of the reason that these people have been so successful in threatening our freedoms is because we have been so apathetic and lazy. Well, now our freedoms are facing a serious threat, and it is time that we all stand up against those who intend to take them away.

There is a famous quote by Martin Niemoller, that says, "In Germany, they came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. And then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. And then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. And then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up."

If you haven't read the Constitution or the Bill of Rights lately, it would be a good time to start. Contact your representatives and senators. Read *The 5000-Year Leap* so you will better understand this miracle called our Constitution.

God help us all if we wait for someone else to do it for us.

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