

Religion

People must take responsibility

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shares my convictions about the government, that doesn't mean I can't say what I believe. My convictions about the government are part of my view of life.

A very wide-spread and important view of life in Canada today - which I disagree with by the way - is that human beings are autonomous individuals. This belief in human autonomy comes out in the words of the Humanist Manifesto: 'Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existing and not created... But we can discover no divine purpose or providence for human species. No deity will save us; we must save ourselves'.

People have the freedom in Canada to believe that and live that out. Is there room for people who don't share that view of life?

My view of life says there is a God over me who has put His law - Word to the creation He made. My view of life says a deity will have to save us; that deity is the Lord Jesus Christ who upholds His Word of freedom over me. My view of life tells me that God created the government for our good.

The apostle Paul in talking about the governing authorities in Romans 13 says about our political officials: 'For he is God's servant to do you good'. My view of life shaped by the Bible tells me what good is. Good for me is to have room to love God above all and my neighbor as myself.

I believe that God gave the government the task to see that I have that room. I as a Christian, I need to have that kind of room and so do others need to have that kind of room.

What happens when the prevailing view of life is that human beings are autonomous individuals, is they no longer have any authority over the. They are their own authority.

Autonomous simply means: a

law unto one's self. When people believe they are a law unto themselves, they go against the way God made us.

Eventually, people will find a law or a person of some kind to rule over them. We are giving that job to the government. We expect more and more from the government. We expect the government to control education, we expect the government to look after the environment. We expect the government to look after our children while we work. We expect the government to provide the means to make a living. We have come to expect the government to do almost everything for us. The government becomes our deity, our God. We look way to much on the government. Our government is weighed down with much more than it can han-

dle. We blame the government when it doesn't do what we want.

I am not advocating a 'laissez faire' government - a government is best that governs least. I am saying let people take responsibility for their lives and don't leave everything to the government to hand out all our wants and wishes from the cradle to the grave.

God has given the government to stand beside the family and not over it. God has given the task to the governing officials to stand by the work force, to stand by marriages and the arts. Let us not force the government to take over what isn't its legitimate responsibility.

Let's ask ourselves how we can shape this beautiful land of ours, so there is room for all to live in peace and love.

Say: "I saw it in the Bible"

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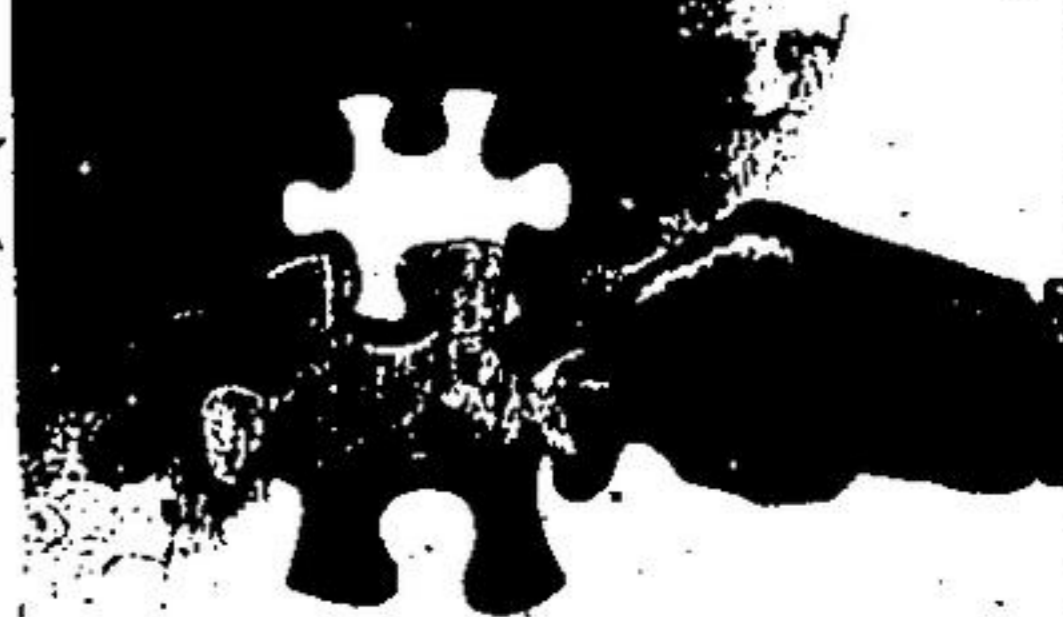


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