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POLITICS vs ISSUES

It is often said that "*Politics* does not belong in the *Church*," or "I don't mix *Politics* with *Religion*." Upon reflection by this writer, these statements appear to be most likely based upon an ignorance of the semantics, context, and/or the meaning of the words being used. They also indicate a blind acceptance of false information promoted by the enemies of Christianity that the United States Constitution requires some imaginary "*separation of Church and State*." Such cleverly devised deception is first, a bold faced lie; and second, accomplishes its strategic purpose of deterring Pastors and Members of the Christian Churches of America from engaging in thoughtful and serious examination of the hidden agenda of the very deceivers themselves. Thus misled, the Biblical mandate "to occupy until I come" and to "disciple all nations" is ignored by the professed followers of Christ, leaving the enemy to devastate and remove the freedoms at law that were put in place in this American Republic by the Founding Fathers to guarantee the fulfillment of this critical Biblical mandate. Here then, as an initial first step, is this writer's effort to expose the deception and, hopefully, shed some light on the significant difference in the words being used to keep the Christians away from the battlefield.

Let's stipulate, from the longtime accepted authority for the meaning of English language words, Webster's Dictionary, that *politics* means one thing and *issues* means another.

ISSUES: "matters that are in dispute between two or more parties: a point of debate or controversy; the point at which an unsettled matter is ready for a decision; a final conclusion or decision about something arrived at after consideration"

POLITICS: "the art or science of government; the art or science concerned with guiding or influencing governmental policy; a social science concerned chiefly with the description and analysis of political and, especially, governmental institutions and processes; related to the exercise of the power and function of making laws "

We can see readily see that *issues* are the matters, or subjects, for intellectual consideration, debate, resolution, and final conclusion or decision, while *politics* becomes the governmental institutions and processes, through which laws may be enacted to fulfill, or establish the intent of such conclusions or decisions.

It is equally wrong to say that *issues* are *politics*, as it is to say that *materials* are *carpentry*, or to say that the *grist* is the same as the *mill*. Similarly, we could certainly discuss the *materials* or the *grist* without being accused of discussing the *carpentry* or the *mill*.

NOW LET US BE DISCERNING, GIRD OURSELVES WITH THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, KNOW THE ENEMY, AVOID BEING DESTROYED THROUGH LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, AND STAND IN THE GAP FOR OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, THE ONE AND ONLY CHRIST.