

General Topics :: Kent Hovind (Dr. Dino)

Kent Hovind (Dr. Dino) - posted by lovegrace, on: 2007/4/19 17:16

I was listening to him among many others stating their claims on Creation over Evolution.

But today, reading on Wikipedia: "Hovind is currently incarcerated at the Pensacola Federal Prison Camp at Saufley Field, Pensacola, Florida.", for avoiding taxes and other numerous offenses against the law.

This is open for debate. But I think he has lost all credibility in my book and in the Answers in Genesis ministry speak against him as well. (See wikipedia)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kent_Hovind

This man, to me, seems like a great teacher. His style, using laughter and analogies make it easy to believe what he claims.

But I pose that he'd be stripped from SI's website. If not, that's absolutely fine, I agree with SI's leadership (under the guidance of the Holy Spirit).

The guy sounds like a great speaker but listening to his debates with other people and such, seems to me he doesn't truly know enough about science to really claim much about it.

On the other hand, I think Ken Ham and Answers in Genesis sound like they know real science and not just 'persuasion of words'.

Re: Kent Hovind (Dr. Dino) - posted by Jacob19, on: 2007/4/19 17:44

I have a lot of respect for Dr. Hovind and although I do not agree with his evading taxes, he said "I will pay my taxes when they take evolution out of schools". For a while he had found several loopholes that allowed him to not pay taxes legally, he became what is known as a Sovereign, which makes you kind of like your own country (its really complicated and I am sure there are plenty of people on here who know more about it than I do), but apparently they found a way to arrest him.

Re: Kent Hovind (Dr. Dino) - posted by repentcanada, on: 2007/4/19 18:17

I am tired of hearing Christians rip Kent Hovind. Time will tell what the outcome is, let God judge his soul. I heard one brother say he doesn't even know if Hovind is saved.

Hovind and CSE make ALL their materials non-copyright, how many other ministries can say that? I know of numerous, numerous people who have been encouraged by him, and I know of several who are now believers in Christ.

Lovegrace, have you ever watched all 7 of Hovind's seminars?? I think it is ignorant to say he doesn't know much about science.

And why do you suggest to SI that he is stripped off this site? (and why publicly?)

Hovind and his lawyers know more about the situation than we do. We don't even know everything that is entailed, so why judge him?

Back in the day many have done things that the society deemed "illegal" - John Bunyan preaching without a church licence (and being imprisoned for it for YEARS), Luther, etc etc. Hovind may actually be onto something as far as churches and ministries not accepting the 501c3 tax status in America. If what Hovind did was sinful, he will have to give an account to God and he will have to deal with the US Government fully.

ps - dont believe everything you read on wikipedia or other news sources. have you prayed for Hovind and his family? have you read the accounts of how he has been used in prison??

this whole post is upsetting to me,
Ricky Earle

Re: Kent Hovind (Dr. Dino) - posted by allhavsinned (), on: 2007/4/19 18:24

I think you're being a bit harsh towards Mr Hovind, My daughter listened to 8 of his 3 hour DVD's and learned a lot more about science than she has in High school.

There may be some faults in his teaching but to completely throw out all his lessons because a few are not scientifically sound or logically correct is inappropriate. If we chucked out everyone who had slight errors in their teaching there would be hardly any speakers left. If we know where his faults are then we can avoid using the same arguments or 'science' ourselves, but as the rest of what he says is good, then we should 'eat the meat and spit out the bones'.

Re: Kent Hovind (Dr. Dino) - posted by lovegrace, on: 2007/4/19 19:56

Allhavesinned and RepentCandana,

Sorry if I've misrepresented what I was trying to state.

The bible is clear about paying taxes. Jesus said so (<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2022:21,%20Mark%2012:17,%20Luke%2020:25;&version=49;> link) and so did Paul in Romans (<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2013:5-7;&version=31;> link)

The reason why I posted that I think he should be taken off of SI is because of the integrity. (If those statements were true). I don't think anyone would want to endorse Benny Hinn. *(Yes, it's an "extreme" comparison but sin is severe, not matter what case)*

Calvary Chapel is NOT a 501c3 but they PAY TAXES they don't avoid them and 'find loopholes' like Dr. Hovind.

Yes, our government is funding evolution but they also funding a lofty salary to many state workers, fbi, etc etc. I can find 1,000,000 errors within our government but THAT DOESN'T mean we should avoid taxing. Heck, in America we only pay like half as much as some people in the European countries do.

I've been tremendously blessed by Dr.Kent Hovind (keep in mind his doctorate is in Education) and he is a phenomenal speaker.

I've only recently heard of him and I posted this to hear your side of this.

I do believe facts are facts, no matter what a person's "integrity" or "character" says. But, within Christianity, I believe that to state the gospel and be a hypocrite, in one form or another, is wrong.

I'm not judging this man's salvation, I do believe he is saved because of his passion on God and the subject of keeping GOD the focus and not man but I don't believe in promoting a 'controversial' preacher.

I'm very willing to hear any rebukes and rebuttals.

Honestly, I was shocked to read that about this man. To me, he seemed completely beyond reproach, but this tax thing brings him back into the category of 'reproachable' in my book.

P.S. For the record, Wikipedia isn't the best resource, but about his criminal actions, Wiki stated the sources and you can read the NEWSPAPER articles that were written about Dr. Hovind.

Re: - posted by repentcanada, on: 2007/4/19 20:55

no comment, I can't believe what I am reading.

Re: - posted by allhavsinned (), on: 2007/4/19 23:55

This has been discussed before, check out some of the opinions here:

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id=14358&forum=48&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0

There is an interesting article about how the government went about arresting him and his wife, even breaking the law in some ways, here:

<http://www.penaltyprotester.com/files/LindseyHovindTrialReport.pdf>

Please have a read, we're not trying to change your mind regarding what the bible says, but sometimes we have to be careful that we don't jump to conclusions after having only a small amount of information.

Re: - posted by lovegrace, on: 2007/4/20 14:04

Oh, I didn't know it was spoken of before. Thanks.

Quote:

allhavsinned wrote:

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Amen, brother I totally agree.

Re: - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2007/4/20 23:37

I had lunch with Brother Hovind after he visited a church. He is very down to earth and really kind of old fashioned. He is not perfect, but he stood up what he believed to be right. I have thought about visiting him and interviewing him in prison as well as encouraging him and letting him know we are praying for him.

Don't forget that Paul and John Baptist were locked up, too. Just because he was arrested and imprisoned does not mean he should be excommunicated. It wasn't like he avoided paying taxes in a corner, he spoke openly about all his tax decisions in public numerous times.

As far as what websites say about him, I wouldn't swallow their opinion of him. Most that don't like him, don't like him because he is such a straight shooter. Paul got on a lot of people's nerves, too. He said that all men forsook him, and spent years in house arrest. Paul also said that some preached against him, but he rejoiced that they preached Jesus all the same. We ought to rejoice in the work Hovind has done, regardless. He stood on the Word of God. He preached the gospel. He did what he felt was right. No doubt hundreds were saved and strengthened in their faith under his ministry.

Even if you believe he was wrong on the tax issue...

Phil 1:18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

Re: - posted by jordanamo, on: 2007/4/21 4:22

If the following quotes from Wikipedia are indeed true as they appear to be: Hovind is a hypocrite.

"In 1996 Hovind unsuccessfully filed for bankruptcy to avoid paying federal income taxes. Hovind was found to have lied about his possessions and income. He claimed that as a minister of God everything he owns belonged to God and he is not subject to paying taxes to the United States on the money he received for doing God's work."

"More than a half-dozen guns were seized at the Hovind's home, including an SKS semiautomatic rifle. Also "During an IRS raid at the home, agents found cash stashed 'all over the place.' About \$42,000 was seized."

Odd.

"On October 21, 2006, the trial began in which he hoped to convince a jury that his amusement park admission and merchandise sales belonged to God and cannot be taxed."

Ha. These are all sourced, by the way.

According to this and if these statements are indeed true which they appear to be: he is a reproach to Christianity and his actions speak loud and clear. I have no idea as to how people can still be behind him and even compare him to PAUL the Apostle of all people! Sure, pray for him, but he is in clear error here and his denying what he's done is an offense.

Jordan

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/4/21 9:50

I am very thankful for this brother's ministry. I really don't know of any other brother that is so perfectly maligned by both the intellectual heathen *and* Christian believers alike. Whatever it was that transpired in Pensacola we just need to resign it unto God who will judge all things on that final terrible day. Everytime we libel a brother or sister on this computer screen we instantly indict ourselves as well according to our agenda for posting. God will judge our motives for each accusatory post we electronically submit. It well may be God has placed Hovind in a cell to further a divine plan which is well beyond our scope of comprehension. But if Hovind is indeed a "hypocrite", it is still not anyone's place to come on here and publically broadcast it. If you chose to do so, you do it at your own risk. Remember: he who hath shewed no mercy shall also be judged without mercy. Who am I to judge another's servant? We should rather fear our own judgment and be sober and vigilant to keep as much of our own fire-abiding riches as we can.

We are to "do unto others", and for all we know our brother may have repented and been cleared of any previous offense in the spiritual by the Judge of Judges. Who are we to then rake up the muck and fling it before thousands on SI? How would you feel if the same were being done to you by other believers? Saints, this is one of *our very own brothers* who has singlehandedly done more for the propagation of the gospel in the intellectual institution than many of us will probably ever do combined. Let us please remember and extoll his virtues and the awesome accomplishments God wrought through him rather than cut and paste and fling mud more on our incarcerated brother's name.

Brother Paul

Re: - posted by lovegrace, on: 2007/4/21 10:19

To compare anyone to Paul is forgetting simple scriptures.

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Suppose Dr. Hovind was thrown into jail because of the gospel, then, my mouth would be shut.

But **he wasn't**, he disobeyed the laws of the land from what I've seen 58 federal charges (only 44 were 'filed') and threatening against investigators. (<http://www.religionnewsblog.com/15261/kent-hovind-evangelist-arrested-on-federal-charges>) Citation - 1st paragraph under 'ads'

Like I said before, it's great that he was spreading the true message of Jesus Christ. But when character is lacking in Christendom, in one form or another, I don't believe that person should be endorsed.
(<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians%201:22,%20Philippians%202:14-16,%201%20Timothy%203:1-3,%201%20Timothy%203:7,%201%20Timothy%203:10,%201%20Timothy%205:7,%20Titus%201:7-9,%20Titus%202:7-8;&version=49>;) Some Scriptures to look at

Quote:

Jordan said:
he is a reproach to Christianity and his actions speak loud and clear.

I won't presume things and say 'he is greedy' because

Quote:

BeYeDoers wrote:
Todd Friel of Way of the Master Radio knew Dr. Hovind and testified to the fact that this was NOT about the money.

His preaching and teachings were a protest to the un-scientific "evolution" but then to go to the extreme and not pay taxes and ignore Scripture is totally wrong, just like any other command or sin.

Quote:

IanSmith said:
We should preach as strongly against this kind of sin as we do against homosexuality!

Quote:

Iansmith also said:
No matter how desperate a ministry is, it doesn't need to break the rules to be used by Gods. What this man did was no better than STEALING from the government.

I leave you all with a Scripture to think about it because I think we need to get away from our feelings about how 'great' this man is/was and be anchored by the Word of God.

Titus 2:7-8 (NASB)

7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,

8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

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Powerful statement PaulWest.

Re: - posted by repentcanada, on: 2007/4/24 13:18

the Word of God says to "mourn with those who mourn".

brother Hovind and his family are going through a hard time. therefore, we must mourn with them and uplift them with prayers.

brother lovegrace you ought to be publicly rebuked for the statements you have made. let the world report on Hovind with some truths and some lies. let us let the full legal process occur, and more importantly let Jesus Christ work on Hovind's heart and use him and deal with him IF he has sinned against Almighty God.

your comments here on SI have troubled me since last week.

Ricky