

**General Topics :: The upcoming Mormon debate in America****The upcoming Mormon debate in America, on: 2007/5/23 7:04**

I have a question for y'all...

The 2008 presidential race is starting to take shape (unfortunately), and the lines are becoming a bit more clear. I think most here are in agreement that Hillary Clinton, Obama, and Gore are probably not the choice of most Bible believing Christians because of their stand on abortion and other moral issues.

On the other side, the three main candidates are Mitt Romney, John McCain, Rudy Gulianni & Fred Thompson.

I like McCain's stand on defense, but not his stand on abortion or securing our southern border. I like Rudy's stand on crime, but again, his moral character is in question (adulterer), and he is also pro-choice.

Then there is Mitt Romney. A man of character. Has a tough stand on defense, believes in securing our southern border, and is as pro-life as you can get. I personally believe he would make a great president.

And he is a Mormon.

This is a slight snag for me because I know a lot about the Mormon cult, and it's hard for me to understand how someone as brilliant as Mitt Romney could believe the absurd prophecies and teachings of Joseph Smith.

I've pretty much made up my mind already who I am voting for... but my question for everyone here is... should his being a Mormon effect how believers vote? Would you vote for someone else because he is a Mormon, or doesn't it matter?

Personally, my vote will either go to Romney or Fred Thompson in the primary. I'm still waiting to hear more from Thompson. (I met him once in Knoxville, Tennessee... very nice man. Very gracious.)

Should Romney's personal faith make a difference? We had a Southern Baptist as president... and look at what we got. He fornicated in the Oval Office with an intern, which made him an adulterer... and then he lied under oath.

What say you?

Krispy

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/5/23 8:53

The Mormon debate is upon us; PBS released a series on Mormons about 2 weeks ago and it seems that I am hearing more press time on the subject. I am sure we will be bombarded with much false information on the topic and the "clustering w/ Christian view" seems to be in full swing. Let us not be persuaded by such

As for the political; ??? A lot of questions remain

Re:, on: 2007/5/23 9:09

I want you to know, before I say anything, there is anger in me, and I don't want to sin. If I do, I am willing to accept and confess.

So, you must be kidding right Krispy? wow? incidentally, as I was thinking about my struggle with lust this morning, the verse that came to me was, (and this is with humbleness I will say for I am mostly not learned in the things of God as most of you and have yet a road so long ahead of me but)- what fellowship has Belial with Christ? what fellowship? huh... don't deceive yourselves folks... thinking you would vote for somebody that is the best out of evil. I believe it is just another way of endorsing evil, no matter how you would think it is your right to vote or do so. Remember, you gave up your right at the cross... yea- I would confess to you, I am not a citizen of the US, neither am I permanently here, and hence forth, might say easier for you, but I feel just the same of my home country folks. I am a brother to you and more of a citizen than

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of my flesh brother. oh,

right before coming here, i was checking prophecy.tv and was grieved at the cavalier way that they tossed around the word of God. but, i wanted to come and post a prayer saying, "Oh God, if you ever give me your anointing to carry any burden for you, would you remind me the verse, "the gifts and callings are without repentance" everyday. and stumbling upon this thread, i cannot help but say again, oh how much if we remember, the gifts and callings are without repentance, even for our presidents

krispy, i love you my friend and brother... i am so sorry if there's anything that kills the inner-man that is in Christ in you, for my intention is not for that.

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America - posted by iansmith (), on: 2007/5/23 9:55

I'm still holding out hope for Mike Huckabee, Baptist Minister for president.

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2007/5/23 9:56

Hi Krispy...

Thanks for this thread! I watched the PBS program about the Mormon church. I was shocked by much of history, beliefs and practices of the religion.

I've also had the opportunity to meet Senator Fred Thompson a few times. He comes from the town in Tennessee in which my parents currently live. Unfortunately, I am not completely aware of his stances on many issues. I also met Governor Mike Huckabee (Arkansas) and Governor Jim Gilmore (Virginia) at the Southern Governors Conference in Puerto Rico (where I was on assignment as an intern with NASA Langley Research Center). Both of these men seem to be quite sincere. They seem to be devoted fathers, husbands and Christians. However, like Senator Thompson, I don't know where they stand on many issues.

It would be really sad if the most "legislatively righteous" candidate in this nation was actually a member of the Mormon cult. Yikes!

:-)

*EDIT...

- I removed a portion of my post that could possibly ignite political debate. Thanks!

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/5/23 10:07

This is a difficult question but one that we need to face.

I know there are some who believe that values and ideas are more important than theology when it comes to politics. I do understand this view but I can't help but believe it privatizes, or compartmentalizes, the behavior of Christians. I believe this is dangerous.

We get our values from our faith (or lack of faith in the atheist's case) so how can we privatize? A Mormon's values should come from his faith. If he believes in the book of Mormon, which as you have pointed out is absurd because it has no historical or archeological evidence, then we know something about his mindset. Do we want someone in the White House who accepts certain beliefs without rational analysis? What does this say about his judgment?

I believe this should be more than a "slight snag" for us.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: Careful how you tread - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/5/23 10:09

A word of caution and consideration. This realm is known for it's divisive nature in these parts and there is a small word to it in the disclaimer here (an unfinished thought that needs some clarification).

Am only asking that we proceed with the nature of what is given here predominately as a backdrop. Carry on the conversation with this in mind, that this is not always the best of places for political discussion as it tends to often spiral down into destruction. It can be done and has in the past, generally it is the exception however and not the norm. Always depending on the participants.

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I agree, and I didnt have the intention of beginning a political debate. This isnt really about politics.

What I am really asking is this: if one candidate matches your own views and values over all the rest, but his theology is quite different from yours... would you still vote for him?

Doesnt matter what your politics are, that is not relevant to the question I am asking.

I think if we stay focussed on that, this conversation would be good.

By the way, everyone, I have no agenda here in asking... I'm just curious how everyone feels about this, and thought it would make an interesting conversation.

Krispy

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/23 10:59

I would rather vote for a pro-life Atheist than a pro-choice 'Christian'.

Mitt Romney might make a good president. I prefer to have a strong, mature Christian in the White House, but if one is not running I vote for the person who agrees with me on these issues:

- Abortion
- Gun Rights
- National Defense
- Small Government
- Taxes

Re:, on: 2007/5/23 11:02

Quote:
-----i am not a citizen of the US, neither am i permanently here

sb1175... I'm not bothered at all by your post, please dont worry.

I dont really expect you to understand my way of thinking when it comes to voting and civic duty since you were not born and raised here... and I presume you're fairly new to our way of life here, such as it is.

And thats ok!

My family has been here since before America gained her freedom from England, and most of my ancestors served in the military all thru this nations history. Many of my ancestors were judges, law enforcement, public servents, etc... and so me were outlaws and bootleggers.

So it's been bred in me that we have civic responsibilities that come with living here. Voting is the biggest one. A say in the direction our country moves in. A lot of blood was spilled so that we could have that freedom.

We also have the freedom to not participate should we choose not to.

I dont know where you're from, but I think that perhaps the misunderstandings between you and I have more to do with our different back grounds.

I'm not upset at your words. To be honest, I'm not 100% sure what your point was. But you are free to disagree with me. I dont expect everyone to agree with me all the time (good thing too... I'd be disappointed all the time!).

God bless,
Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/5/23 11:03

Jay... stop copying off my paper!! (our list is identical)

Krispy

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/5/23 11:07

greetings in Christ's name by whose blood we are justified and sanctified. AMEN.

do we know what God thinks about any of these men and who he thinks we ought to vote for if we are to vote?

God bless

Re:, on: 2007/5/23 11:37

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I think God is first and foremost concerned about innocent blood. Abortion. Abortion is **not** a political issue. It is a life and death issue, as well as a sin issue. When we do not participate in the voting process, or we vote for someone who we know is pro-abortion... well, I just dont know how a child of God could do that.

I also understand that there are believers who may not agree with me, and thats ok. I'll not argue the point here. But this is the conviction I have. I think scripture backs me up...

Deu 19:13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

Deu 21:9 So shalt thou put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.

2Ki 21:16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

2Ki 24:4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

Psa 106:38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

Pro 6:16-17 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood... etc.

Isa 59:7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

Jer 7:6-7 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

Jer 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Joel 3:19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

Krispy

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America - posted by tjservant (), on: 2007/5/23 12:13

If someone is not for God...they are against Him, making them an enemy of God. I could not vote for anyone that is an enemy of God...even if it is because they are deceived.

I do have a question or two.

What do we find in the Bible as our example?

Did Jesus and/or the disciples ever face situations like this?

I'm not trying to make a statement by asking these questions...they are things I have been wondering about for a while now.

just my 2 cents

Re:, on: 2007/5/23 13:07

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I think when it comes to civic duties the principle is "render unto Ceasar that which is Ceasars".

I dont think we divorce our religious convictions from our civic duties. Our founding fathers certainly didnt, even tho many believers have bought the lie that they were deists (only a handful were... mainly Jefferson and Franklin).

So when it comes time to vote, I believe the believer should vote. If you dont vote, then you automatically turn the direction of the country over to those who do... and believe me, the lost and unregenerate will vote.

If you vote for Mitt Romney you are not voting for him as head of the church. You're voting for him to be head of the country.

Jimmy Carter claimed to be a Christian, and policy-wise he was one of the worst presidents in US history. Good man, bad president.

Bill Clinton is a Southern Baptist... totally disgraced the office.

GW Bush claims to be a Christian... while I dont know his heart, I suspect he used the so-called "Christian-right" to get elected. I agree with some things he's done, but totally disagree with alot that he's done.

So just because someone is a Christian, I dont think the believers of this country should automatically vote for him because the other guy, who is better suited for the job, is of another faith.

Our government is not "for God", therefore is against God... yet you pay your taxes. If we're to follow this reasoning concerning taxes, then dont pay them. Go to jail. We all love to talk about how we would go thru anything for Jesus... why arent you jail?

Understand, I'm just reasoning... not coming down on you... not really even disagreeing with you. More like thinking out loud about this. I dont have the answers. I'm just asking, trying to provoke thought, not emotions.

Someone is going to ask me "What if he's a Muslim?" The simple answer is: I dont trust any Muslim, at this point, to have the best interest of America in mind. Therefore, I would not vote for him based on that.

By the way, I bet if Romney were a Catholic most Christians wouldnt mind. Catholic, Mormon... there's no difference in my mind. Both are cults.

Krispy

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/23 13:26

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I don't know of anything in scripture that speaks of a voting process. Most if not all governments at that time were not democracies.

We must remember:

- To be subject to the governing authorities (whoever they may be). (Rom. 13:1)
- There is no authority except from God. (Rom. 13:1)
- The authorities that exist are appointed by God. (Rom. 13:1)
- We pay taxes because the authorities (whether good or bad) are God's ministers who punish criminals. (Rom. 13:6)

1 Peter 2:13-15 says, "13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men — 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. 17 Honor all people. Love the broth

erhood. Fear God. Honor the king."

Re: - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/5/23 14:02

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I think Another John Macarthur sermon is in order,,

<http://64.34.176.235/sermons/SID15082.mp3>

;-) ;-) ;-)

Re: - posted by Bomar, on: 2007/5/23 15:37

Ron Paul gets my vote so far....

<http://www.ronpaul2008.com/>

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2007/5/23 16:11

I'm weary of having a Mormon president. Especially being that they accept unquestionably the teachings that come out of the Utah apostles and prophets. So, in theory he could simply end up being their puppet. Some might say such was the fear we had with Kennedy being a Catholic. However, I think the present situation has more potential to be dangerous for us as a country, being that there have always been "bad" Catholics, of which Kennedy was simply in long succession of. Furthermore, Mormon eschatology believes that they will have a great influence in the restoration of the constitution.

So, this does make for an interesting situation...

Re:, on: 2007/5/23 16:25

Thats a very good point, KJ. I need to contemplate that for awhile...

Krispy

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America, on: 2007/5/26 18:35

I'm not even from the USA, and don't understand your politics very well! Our main parties in the UK are Labour and Conservative, but these don't necessarily mean liberal and conservative in theology or values.

Traditionally Conservative voters used to be upper and middle class and belonging to the Church of England. Labour was traditionally working class and belonging to nonconformist churches. The distinction has become rather blurred these days, especially as few people go to church.

Each political party decides on their candidate, often only one, for each area, and that one is put up for candidate as the Party representative. The leader of the party that gets into power in a General Election automatically becomes Prime Minister (no President).

Just a little information on the differences, now for the important matters! Just a few thoughts/comments:

1. Has anyone suggested *praying* about who to vote for? The reason I ask is that my area is very strongly Labour, and people tend to vote automatically for them, however bad their government or party has been.

Just before a General Election, some years ago, a friend met a Christian from a local church. Eddie asked "Who are yo

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u voting for?" "Labour of course!", said the man. "Have you prayed about it?" asked Eddie. The man, a *church elder*, looked at him as if he was mad!

Just shows how blinkered people can be over politics.

2. The leader of God's choice need not be the one we expect. God can use pagans to bring forward His purposes. An obvious Biblical example is Cyrus.

Of course, we ought to vote for someone who at least has some moral standards, and a certain amount of integrity.

Maybe you have to settle for the best of the not so good, whether or not they claim to be a Christian.

3. Even if someone is an out-and-out Christian, sold out to the Lord, that doesn't necessarily mean he will have the needed qualities to be a good President. I had a Christian handyman to do some work in my house once. He was a lovely chap, and we had some good fellowship, but he was very unreliable, (as bad or maybe worse than many non-Christian workmen) and seldom turned up when he said he was coming. A non Christian plumber, garage owner, and a washing machine repairer, on the other hand, were very good honest and reliable men!

I had a doctor who was a Sikh. Except he always had his turban on you wouldn't have known what religion he was. I would have preferred a Christian, as long as he was also a good doctor, but I had no complaints with this one, and no reason to change when he took over the practice.

There was another doctor in town who was a Hindu. His office had a huge picture of his personal guru, a "god shelf" full of idols, and a crucifix hanging up behind the counter. I would *never* go to him!

If this Mormon candidate is a man of integrity, but doesn't push his Mormonism, maybe he's the best one???

The important thing is to pray who you should vote for and that the candidate of *God's* choice gets in.

Jeannette

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America, on: 2007/5/26 18:57

Ron Paul is a man of truth, character, and staying power. I've watched his career for years.

It's a pity he's being marginalized by "the boys in the back room".

He's got my prayers and my support. I wish I could vote for him, too... alas, I'm Canadian.

What a man.

Re: The upcoming Mormon debate in America - posted by jlosinski, on: 2007/5/26 22:36

Just a quick observation; it seems that when a man is elected to office regardless of what faith he is, his religious beliefs become privatized, other than mentioning "god" (which one?) in any given speech to whomever.

Just another step towards the secularization of this nation, privatization of religion and in essence making every belief socially irrelevant by proclaiming every belief "relevant"

Re: - posted by JesusIsMyLrd (), on: 2007/5/26 22:56

Good point, jlosinski...

I'm not part of this world, so i don't have much to say, except to God in prayer...

You all probably know my stance on this... :-) *EDIT*

God bless you guys as you decide! Keep walking in the light! God will have His perfect will done, ultimately.

Thanks for all your encouragement and sharpening, brothers and sisters. I've grown since i joined Sermon Index forums.
.. for the better!! GLORY to GOD!

In Christ,
-nathan

EDIT= removal of excessive amounts of smiley faces. ;-)

Re: - posted by JesusIsMyLrd (), on: 2007/5/26 23:05

In saying what i just said:

"I'm not part of this world, so i don't have much to say, except to God in prayer..."

i felt i should clarify myself; i do have concern for this nation: we are to pray for "kings and for all that are in authority" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2). I'm not ignoring the needs here.

i thought that i might have sounded like i didn't care about what's going on, and just wanted to clarify...

Thanks!!!

-nathan