

Revelation Series

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Revelation 2:5, “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.”

The Basis of Knowledge

| | SYSTEM | STARTING POINT | METHOD |
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| Autonomous Systems of Perception | RATIONALISM | Innate ideas; Faith in human ability | Independent use of logic & reason |
| | EMPIRICISM | Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability | Independent use of logic & reason |
| | MYSTICISM | Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability | Independent; Nonlogical; nonrational; nonverifiable |
| Divine Viewpoint | REVELATION | Objective revelation of God | Dependent use of logic and reason |

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κατέχω, *katecho*, articular present active participle, thus a relative ptcp describing the trends of the sin-nature-controlled mind

Romans 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religion but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

~Patrick Henry

**“If men are so wicked with religion,
what would they be if without it?”**

~Benjamin Franklin

“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and intent of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

~John Jay

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars.”

~G. Washington

“Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds . . . reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

~Washington

**“Where is the security for life, for reputation and for property, if the sense of religious obligation desert?”
~Washington**

“Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled either by a power within them or by a power without them, either by the Word of God or by the strong arm of man, either by the Bible or by the bayonet.”

~Robert Winthrop, Congressman

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. —That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,”
~Declaration of Independence

“Let the pulpit resound with the doctrine and sentiments of religious liberty. Let us hear of the dignity of man’s nature, and the noble rank he holds among the works of God. ... Let it be known that ... liberties are not the grants of princes and parliaments.”

~John Adams

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“Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God; that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship; that the legislative powers of the government reach actions only, and not opinions, — I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should ‘make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,’ thus building a wall of separation between church and State. ...”

“Congress was deprived of all legislative power over mere religious opinions, but was left free to reach only those religious actions which were in violation of social duties or subversive of good order.”

~Reynolds vs. the United States, 1878

“for its officers to interfere with religion only when religious principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order. In this is found the true distinction between what properly belongs to the church and what to the state.”

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“The First Amendment has erected a ‘wall of separation between church and state.’ That wall must be kept high and impregnable.”

~Hugo Black,

Everson v. Board of Education

“If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all it will be to induce the schoolchildren to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments . . . which is not a permissible objective.”

~Stone vs. Brown, 1980

“While people in various countries in the Middle East are beginning to stir as they see democracy start to take root in Iraq, our own political system is moving steadily in the opposite direction, toward rule by unelected judicial ayatollahs, acting like the ayatollahs in Iran.”

~Thomas Sowell

“The Constitution ... is a mere thing of wax in the hands of the judiciary which they may twist and shape into any form they please.”

~Thomas Jefferson

1 Kings 12:25, “Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel.”

1 Kings 12:26, “And Jeroboam said in his heart, ‘Now the kingdom may return to the house of David:’ ”

1 Kings 12:27, “If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.”

1 Kings 12:28, “Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, ‘It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!’ ”

1 Kings 12:29, “And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.”

1 Kings 12:30, “Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.”

1 Kings 12:31, “He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.”

1 Kings 12:32, “Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that was in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made.”

1 Kings 12:33, “So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.”