

Quit Dumbing-down the “Standard”

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As a general understanding, a “standard” sets the parameters that establish acceptable use or application of specific physical elements or personal actions. A particular standard may be improved upon and, with each case, will always increase the standard.

An example of this is the standard established for threaded bolts and nuts. For them to be utilized for their intended purpose they must be matched. Use of an incorrect thread-set in the nut or the bolt results in failure of one or both. The threads on the bolt will be overpowered by the thread-set of the nut or vice-versa. Either way, the intended purpose of their use has been compromised. Continued misapplication of the standard will result in failure and potential damage to the object or the person(s) using it.

In the United States of America, a standard has been in place since November 1620. The Mayflower Compact, which was influenced by the Magna Carta of 1215 A.D., was placed into effect as the standard to guide the development of a new country which began as Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. This document affirmed the standard: “In the name of God, Amen, *(which means so be it)* ... for the advancement of the Christian faith.”

The Declaration of Independence improved the standard in July 1776. This historic document proclaims: “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, ... and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do. *(Emphasis being on the rights of the governed)* ... with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, ...”

The standard is raised further by adoption of the United States Constitution on September 25, 1789 and the Bill of Rights being ratified and made a part thereof on December 15, 1791. Particular emphasis is made to Amendments 1, 4, 9 and 10.

Amendment 1 ~ Freedoms, Petitions, Assembly

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Note: This amendment is specific to the understanding that the Government must not impose itself on the religious affairs of the People. Because the Church is made of the People it has the responsibility of influencing the agencies of government, not the agencies of government influencing the Church.

Amendment 4 ~ Search and arrest

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 9 ~ Rights retained by the People

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment 10 ~ States' rights

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

These standards, along with others that underscore or support them, are based on the True Standard of God's Word, which is the bulwark of the Christian faith, providing the principles upon which America was founded. This Standard is the rule and guide of the Christian faith and the basis for the morality that is present under the rules of law in these United States.

God has spoken and His Words speak directly to the issues associated with today's societal inclinations which are attempting to force an acceptance of life-styles and inappropriate behavior from/by individuals and groups who

want to impose their sub-standard position into/onto the lives and affairs of an uncontested majority of residents and citizenry of the United States and its Territories.

Supported by the entirety of Canonical Authority, the following statements from God's Word speak specifically to the issue of homosexuality and the current actions being taken by the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) organizations:

Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable. *Leviticus 18.22 NIV*

... God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. *Romans 1.24-27 NIV*

... do you not know that wrongdoers (*those who continue doing what God says is an abomination*) will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. *1 Corinthians 6.9-10 NIV*

The **STANDARD** has been long-set. Attempts to modify **IT** have resulted in the decline of our communities and the nation at large. Unintended consequences from implementation of local and national legislation that compromise the STANDARD move us farther from the quality of life guaranteed to all legitimate citizens by our United States Constitution. So,

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