

Everything You Wanted to Know (and preachers were afraid to tell you) about Gun Control *by Pastor Pete Peters*

INTRODUCTION

The Christian God of the Bible once made an appeal through His faithful prophet Isaiah sent to a sinful, dying, soon to be a conquered and enslaved nation. "Come now, and let us reason together,..." (Isaiah 1:18)

This treatise concerning what you should know about gun control is not just an attempt to reason from statistics, history, opinions or even the Constitution of the United States but to ultimately reason from the Word of God, the Bible, the highest of all laws and ultimate authority for any and every man who has installed Christ as King above all rule and authority. (Eph. 1:21)

The authority of the Bible and the fact that it is the Word of God has been recognized many times in America's history. Public Law 97-280 passed by joint resolution of the 97th Congress of the United States is but one example. That Law reads as follows:

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Authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim 1983 as the "Year of the Bible."

Whereas the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people;

Whereas deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our Nation;

Whereas Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas many of our great national leaders among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development, as in the words of President Jackson that the Bible is "the rock on which our Republic rests";

Whereas the history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of

voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families, and societies;

Whereas this Nation now faces great challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before; and

Whereas that renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a nation and a people: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate 1983 as a national "Year of the Bible" in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Approved October 4, 1982.

Now let us reason from such a proclamation of Congress. If the Bible is the Word of God then the laws and principles contained within its pages are the Laws and Principles of God. Reason tells us that the Creator (God) is greater than the creation. Thus, the Creator's creation is greater than the creation's creation; that is, God's Laws are greater than man's (His creation) laws (man's creation). Simply put, God's Law is the highest of all laws.

Events of our day and definitions should be considered before going further. America is presently experiencing the incessant, insidious disarming that has happened elsewhere in the world by a process the Communists call "CREEPING GRADUALISM". This process is described by Jan Kosek, a member of the Secretariat of the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia, in his book NOT A SHOT WAS FIRED. With this process the Communists took control of Czechoslovakia.

It's been compared to boiling a frog alive in a pan of water. A process that is not hard to do if one begins with room-temperature water and then gradually turns the heat up only a degree at a time.

So, in America men forbid automatic weapons, then concealed weapons, sawed-off shotguns, then they begin to work on Saturday-night specials, hand guns and now of late, it's semi-automatic assault rifles. Plus, we pass laws to sign forms before purchasing and have so-called "cooling-off" waiting periods. City councils pass gun laws, city mayor groups cry out for more gun control, certain elected officials with bleeding liberal hearts decry gun deaths and the water gets hotter.

Communist V. I. Lenin said,

"A system of licensing and registration, is the perfect device to deny gun ownership to the bourgeoisie." In 1968 the Director of the National Task Force for the Control of Firearms was asked why the Americans were suspicious of gun control. He replied, "Because they know we are coming to get their guns."

As we list in this treatise what Christians need to know concerning gun control, we shall use the term "gun control" to mean ANY infringement upon the right to possess and bear arms. We ask

God's blessings upon this treatise knowing full well, "...the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:6) [All Bible quotes will be taken from the New American Standard unless otherwise noted.]

KNOW WHAT MANNER OF MEN PROMOTE AND VOTE FOR GUN CONTROL.

When politicians, bureaucrats, or so-called men of the cloth endorse gun control in one fashion or another, Americans need to know the company such men are keeping. Let's consider that company in light of Grandma's old adage "Birds of a feather flock together" and in light of Scripture.

*"Disperse you Rebels-Damn you, throw down
your Arms and Disperse."*

MAJ. JOHN PITCAIRN, LEXINGTON, APRIL 19, 1775

KING GEORGE III was in favor of gun control as well as high taxes, corrupt courts, big growing government, oppression, people control and denial of God-given, inalienable rights. History shows the colonists tolerated such tyranny until the day George sent his men to get their weapons. It was a beautiful spring day, April 19, 1775, when George's men, on their way to Concord to confiscate guns and powder, met resistance at Lexington Green. The history book *THE LIGHT AND THE GLORY* revealing America's Christian roots tells of the event on page 272, "Throw down your arms, damn you!" A British officer on horseback called out. 'Why don't you rebels lay down your arms?' As if in answer, several Minutemen fired..."

Yes, King George favored gun control and had our White Christian forefathers consented and laid down their arms there would not be a United States of America today. If their descendants continue to cave in to present-day gun confiscation, done on the installment plan, there may well be no United States of America tomorrow!

V. I. LENIN, the murdering Communist attributed with the establishment of the world's first communist dictatorship in Russia, voted for gun control. He said, "One of the basic conditions for victory of socialism is the arming of the workers (the communists) and the disarming of the bourgeoisie (the middle class)."

LEON TROTSKY, a Communist contemporary of Lenin, also believed in gun control and said to insure a communist totalitarian state there "arises the necessity of disarming the bourgeoisie and arming the workers, of creating a communist army."

JOSEF STALIN, another Communist butcher who championed the destruction of freedom, showed how well he favored gun control when he said, "If the opposition disarms, well and good. If it refuses to disarm, we shall disarm it ourselves."

MAO TSE-TUNG, the Communist often called the greatest mass murderer in all history, favored gun control. While the hypocrite cited the communist slogan of power to the people, he took away their power by disarming them. He said, "Power

comes out of a barrel of a gun."

Of course, today's communists such as Gorbachev and Castro also vote in favor of gun control.

Americans need to recall these names, these champions of government oppression and human slavery when their own leaders advocate the same council on gun control. Then they need to remember God's Word which says, "You shall not follow a multitude in doing evil." (Ex. 23:2) Concerning the ways of evil men Psalms 1:1 says, "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,..." It can just as well be said, "how blessed is the nation whose leaders do not walk in the counsel of the wicked and how cursed is the nation whose leaders DO."

He or she who favors gun control may masquerade as a republican, democrat, Christian, communist, peacenik or whatever but Jesus Christ has identified such a person as an ENEMY. Know that only an enemy objects to you exercising self-defense or owning the means of self-defense.

Before we examine the words of Jesus Christ on this point, let us first consider the writings which helped spark the War for Independence against King George III. Those Christian men who resisted gun control by opening fire at Lexington Green, April 19, 1775, were familiar with both the Bible and the writings of John Locke and as a result knew who an enemy was when they saw one.

John Friske once wrote concerning Locke, "The principles upon which their Revolution was conducted were those of Sidney and Locke."

The following works of John Locke address the subject of enemies. Consider them in light of gun control just as carefully as did your White Christian forefathers.

And hence it is, that he who attempts to get another Man into his absolute power, does thereby put himself into a state of war with him; it being to be understood as a declaration of a design upon his life. For I have reason to conclude, that he who would get me into his power without my consent, would use me as he pleased, when he had got me there, and destroy me too, when he had a fancy to it; for no body can desire to have me in his absolute power, unless it be to compel me by force to that, which is against the right of my freedom, i. e., make me a slave. To be free from such force is the only security of my preservation; and reason bids me look on him, as an enemy to my preservation, who would take away that Freedom, which is the fence to it; so that he who makes an attempt to enslave me, thereby puts himself into a state of war with me.

Concerning a state of war, Locke wrote:

And one may destroy a man who makes war upon him, or has discovered an enmity to his being, for the same reason, that he may kill a wolf or a lion; because such men are not under the ties of the Common Law of reason, have no other rule but that of force and violence, and so may be treated as beasts of prey, those dangerous and noxious creatures, that will be sure to destroy him, whenever he falls into their power.

The words of Locke on slavery seem to match the Scriptures. "It was for freedom that Christ set

us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery." (Gal. 5:1) While many pietistic, so-called Christians of our Scripture-twisting, perverted Judeo-Christian church world may say "that just means free from your sin", thank God our forefathers knew better. The following quote from page 267 of **THE LIGHT AND THE GLORY** adequately illustrates this point.

In like spirit, the new year of 1773 was rung in by the men of Marlborough. "Death," they proclaimed unanimously on the first of January, "is more eligible than slavery. A freeborn people are not required by the religion of Jesus Christ to submit to tyranny, but may make use of such power as God has given them to recover and support their laws and liberties . . . [we] implore the Ruler above the skies, that He would make bare His arm in defense of His Church and people, and **let Israel go.**

Now let us consider the words of Jesus Christ which teach a valuable principle. "When a strong man fully armed guards his own homestead, his possessions are undisturbed; but when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, and distributes his plunder." (Luke 11:21-22)

Notice from this teaching how peace and safety existed in and with the household of the man who was fully armed. Notice the first thing his enemy did was overpower him and disarm him ("take away from him all his armor."). Isn't it interesting the more power (including media support, armed policemen and national guards) obtained by certain city councils, state legislators, and elected officials, the more desirous these people become of disarming the people? [Remember power is not authority. For instance, city councils may have the police power at their disposal to confiscate or outlaw certain firearms but they do not have the authority.]

This principle of first disarming the people before full scale oppression of the people was seen first hand by Reverend Wesley Millen who, as a missionary, witnessed the communist take-over of Asia. In his lectures he would explain how in the first 90 days the communists were so benevolent, humanitarian and helpful and at the same time labored vigorously to confiscate all weapons. The people were told peace had arrived and they would no longer have need of weapons. Once the people were disarmed Reverend Millen said, "Then at the end of ninety days we learned the difference between theoretical communism and Bolshevik terror."

KNOW THAT HISTORY SUPPORTS THE TEACHING OF LUKE 11:21-22.

For example, prior to the communist enslavement of Hungary and Czechoslovakia firearms were taken into police custody to "protect" the people. On the other hand, consider Afghanistan, a country full of armed citizens. That country is a modern historical example of this point. The communists have never been successful in taking over a country without first disarming the citizens!

Gen. Thomas Gage, commander of British forces, demanded that the citizens of Boston give up their arms into the care of a Selectman before they were permitted to leave the city. April 19, 1775

The action of the British General, Thomas Gage, against the people of Boston in 1775 illustrates both the words of Locke ("I have reason to conclude that he who would get me into his power . . . would use me as he pleased, when he got me there . . .") and the words of Jesus in Luke 11:21-22. The General made great and earnest promises to the people if they would turn in their weapons. The following, taken from page 409 of *The Christian History of the American Revolution* by Verna M. Hall, tells the rest of the story.

Gage plighted his faith in the strongest terms, that if the inhabitants would deliver up their arms, and suffer them to be deposited in the city hall, they should depart at pleasure, and be assisted by the king's troops in removing their property. . . . The insulted people of Boston, after performing the hard conditions of the contract, were not permitted to depart, until after several months of anxiety had elapsed, when the scarcity and badness of provisions had brought on a pestilential disorder, both among the inhabitants and the soldiers. . . . this unfortunate town, which contained near twenty thousand inhabitants, was betrayed into a disgraceful resignation of their arms, which the natural love of liberty should have inspired them to have held for their own defense, while subjected to the caprice of an arbitrary master. After their arms were delivered up and secured, general Gage denied the contract, and forbade their retreat; . . . On certain stipulated gratuities to some of his officers, a permit was granted them, to leave their elegant houses, their furniture, and goods, and to depart naked from the capital, to seek an asylum and support from the hospitality of their friends in the country.

KNOW A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING WHEN YOU SEE ONE.

Note in the General Gage story and in missionary Millen's story how the gun confiscators appeared as one thing when in reality they were another. Then consider that today certain of America's leaders say their motive for disarming the citizens has to do with the citizen's health, safety and welfare, has to do with crime reduction, has to do with accidental gun deaths, etc. Jesus has told His followers to "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." (Matt. 7:15)

The communist criminals who gain power such as Stalin, Mao Tse-Tung, etc. want firearms out of the hands of the citizens. This attitude of criminals is evident in the statement of a criminal quoted in the January 1966 issue of "Guns Magazine" as saying, "Any gun in the hands of a citizen is a menace as far as I'm concerned."

The next time a bleeding-heart liberal politician or a so-called loving minister or priest who is supposedly interested in your health, safety and welfare speaks out in favor of gun control, **REMEMBER CRIMINALS WANT THE CITIZENS DISARMED.** Beware of wolves!

KNOW THE PEACE MOVEMENT FOR WHAT IT IS.

If ever there was a wolf in sheep's clothing it is this movement which is nothing more than a satanic campaign for one-world government and Godless Jewish utopia of socialism.

The American people have been inundated with the peace movement and Christians have been made to feel such a movement and its pacifism is equivalent to Christianity. The goal has always

been disarmament and, of course, no one seems to understand that the Zionist Communist idea of peace is when they have all the guns and the rest have none (as exists in Israel today).

Radio Moscow commenting on the Easter peace protests in Britain and throughout Western Europe said: "The fighters for peace . . . are united with the peoples of the Soviet Union in mankind's desire for peace."

In 1922 the Bolshevik dictator Lenin told his Commissar for Foreign Affairs, Yuriy Chicherin: "We Communists have our programme . . . we consider it our duty to support pacifists in the bourgeois camp . . . to demoralize the enemy." Georgi Dimitrov who became the head of the Comintern said: "The struggle for peace is the struggle for the victory of Socialism throughout the world . . . One peace sympathizer is worth more than a dozen militant Communists." Janosez Berecz, Head of the International Department of the Hungarian Communist Central Committee, said:

"The political campaign against the bomb was one of the most significant and most successful since World War II... for strengthening anti- imperialist unity."

Victor Zagladin, a top strategist in the Soviet Affairs Dept., stated:

"There are now 1 1/2 million peace protesters at work on our behalf in the U.S.A. and Western Europe . . . the majority of recruits come from the universities, the clergy and the world of journalism."

"They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." (Jer. 6:14-KJV)

"O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. . . . they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace;" (Ezek. 13:4-5,10-KJV)

KNOW YOU NEED YOUR GUN TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST GOVERNMENT...

...should it ever become a de facto, out-of-control, unGodly, law perverting, oppressive system. The bigger issue is not hunter's rights or defense against criminals but Government itself. To some brainwashed, apathetic people this statement may sound bizarre, even frightening, but the writings and teachings of our forefathers show it is not new. George Washington said, "Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force! It is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

Thomas Jefferson wrote,

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

Noah Webster wrote,

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any bands of regular troops . . ."

At this point maybe we should be reminded not to confuse love of country with love of

government or love of a de facto government. Love of country and countrymen causes one to detest any government actions which would destroy the country, the people, or their God-given inalienable rights.

Those inalienable rights have been identified in the Declaration of Independence as rights from God including Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness. They originally said Life, Liberty, and Property but then used "pursuit of happiness" in place of property to be more inclusive. What is to be done if government begins to infringe upon these rights and at the same time call for stricter gun laws?

The French philosopher and statesman Frederic Bastiat (1801- 1850) gives the answer in his small book THE LAW (available from Scriptures for America for a \$4.00 offering). Before looking at the answer we need to understand the problem by examining excerpts of Bastiat's writings.

Concerning the inalienable rights, law, and government, he wrote:

Life, liberty, and property do not exist because men have made laws. On the contrary, it was the fact that life, liberty, and property existed beforehand that caused men to make laws in the first place.

What, then, is law? It is the collective organization of the individual right to lawful defense.

Each of us has a natural right from God to defend his person, his liberty, and his property. These are the three basic requirements of life, and the preservation of any one of them is completely dependent upon the preservation of the other two. . . Thus, since an individual cannot lawfully use force against the person, liberty, or property of another individual, then the common force for the same reason cannot lawfully be used to destroy the person, liberty, or property of individuals or groups. . . . The law is the organization of the natural right of lawful defense. It is the substitution of a common force for individual forces. And this common force is to do only what the individual forces have a natural and lawful right to do: to protect persons, liberties, and properties; to maintain the right of each, and to cause justice to reign over us all.

Concerning the perversion of law which he witnessed and addressed as socialism and communism ("different stages of the same plant", he said) he wrote:

The law perverted! And the police powers of the state perverted along with it! The law, I say, not only turned from its proper purpose but made to follow an entirely contrary purpose! The law become the weapon of every kind of greed! Instead of checking crime, the law itself guilty of the evils it is supposed to punish!

If this is true, it is a serious fact, and moral duty requires me to call the attention of my fellow-citizens to it. . . . The law has placed the collective force at the disposal of the unscrupulous who wish, without risk, to exploit the person, liberty, and property of others. It has converted plunder into a right, in order to protect plunder. And it has converted lawful defense into a crime, in order to punish lawful defense. . . . fact, combined with the fatal tendency that exists in the heart of man to satisfy his wants with the least possible effort, explains the almost universal perversion of the law. Thus it is easy to understand how law, instead of checking injustice, becomes the invincible weapon of injustice. It is easy to understand why the law is used by the legislator to

destroy in varying degrees among the rest of the people, their personal independence by slavery, their liberty by oppression, and their property by plunder. This is done for the benefit of the person who makes the law, and in proportion to the power that he holds. . . . For when plunder is abetted by the law, it does not fear your courts, your gendarmes, and your prisons. Rather, it may call upon them for help. . . . Sometimes the law places the whole apparatus of judges, police, prisons, and gendarmes at the service of the plunderers, and treats the victimÑwhen he defends himself as a criminal. In short, there is a legal plunder, . . . But how is this legal plunder to be identified? Quite simply. See if the law takes from some persons what belongs to them, and gives it to other persons to whom it does not belong. See if the law benefits one citizen at the expense of another by doing what the citizen himself cannot do without committing a crime.

Hopefully, these brief excerpts have helped you see how government can begin to pervert law and rights. Now the answer as given by Bastiat.

When, then, does plunder stop? It stops when it becomes more painful and more dangerous than labor.

In light of this answer the need and right of owning firearms is self-evident.

Concerning government abuse, our forefathers said in the Declaration of Independence:

. . . prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light or transient reasons; accordingly, all experience shows that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they have become accustomed. BUT, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same end, evince the design to reduce them under absolute despotism; IT IS THEIR RIGHT, NAY, IT IS THEIR DUTY, to throw off such a government and provide new safeguards for their future security.

The citizens who hold on to their guns with a vise-like grip become a caution and warning light to any oppressive government and a statement they are ready to do their duty if need be.

KNOW THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES FORBIDS GUN CONTROL.

"But there are some persons who would... persuade the people never to make use of their constitutional rights..." Samuel Adams, Boston February 1769

"A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The framers of the Constitution knew from firsthand experience that the worst crimes in all history have been perpetrated by governments; and thus, it was their intent with the Second Amendment to keep the private citizen armed. That this was the intent is clear from their writings. Take, for example, the writings of Hamilton in the Federalist Papers, "If the representatives of the people betray their constituents, there is then no recourse left but in the exertion of that original right of self defense which is paramount to all positive forms of government, and which, against the usurpations of national leaders may be exerted with infinitely better prospect of success . . ." Over 100 years ago, Supreme Court Justice Story said, "If the people frame a Constitution, then the rulers must obey it. Neither ruler, nor functionaries . . . have the right to cripple or destroy it, because according to their view, it is inconvenient or unwise."

"On every question of construction (of the Constitution) let us carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed." Thomas Jefferson

"The Constitution shall never be construed . . . to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." Alexander Hamilton

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence. . . . From the hour the Pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences, and tendencies prove that to ensure peace, security, and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable. . . . The very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference they deserve a place of honor with all that's good." George Washington

More could be said concerning the Second Amendment and the intent of its writers but the evidence is men can and do change, misinterpret, pervert, and ignore the Constitution, so let us move on to a higher law.

KNOW THE PATTERN, HISTORY, AND LAWS OF GOD REVEALED IN THE HOLY BIBLE OPPOSE GUN CONTROL.

The Bible has much to say concerning weapons, war, and self-defense. Perhaps none are more clear and pertinent to the issue at hand than Luke 22:35-36, "And He said to them, 'When I sent you out without purse and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?' And they said, 'No, nothing.' And He said to them, 'But now, let him who has a purse take it along, likewise also a bag, and let him who has no sword sell his robe and buy one.'"

Note the words, "LET HIM WHO HAS NO SWORD SELL HIS ROBE AND BUY ONE." Are these words not every bit as much a command as "love your neighbor" or "turn the other cheek"? Yet, how often have you heard them in a sermon? How often have you heard them explained in the present-day Judeo-Christian church world. For most the answer is NEVER.

In the days of Jesus the weaponry consisted of such items as spear, bow, and sword. The sword of that day would have been the nearest thing to a handgun of our day. It could be carried on the waist, rapidly drawn from its scabbard, and used for personal defense or deadly offensive purposes. IT WAS A LETHAL WEAPON, equivalent in our time to a pistol, a rifle, a machine gun and, yes, an assault rifle. When you carried a sword you were as well armed as any member of Caesar's SWAT team.

Some may say this command was only for the Apostles, yet, Jesus told them to teach us, ". . . to observe all that I commanded you; . . ." (Matt. 28:20)

A Christian who does not own a firearm and/or does not resist gun control disobeys the will of His Lord, Jesus Christ, who has clearly instructed him to purchase a major lethal weapon of the day. The Bible has stories of assassinations, murders, and war deaths numbering in the multi-millions all with swords. Then Jesus Christ, prior to his departure, tells the Apostles to BUY A

SWORD. Naturally, this doesn't fit modern concepts of Christ and Christianity and we will address why shortly, but suffice it to say, a Christian without a gun is disobedient to the intent of those words in Luke 22:35-36.

I Timothy 5:8 says, "But if any one does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever." How can a Christian man provide safety for his wife and children if he disobeys the words of Christ and does not buy a modern-day equivalent of a sword? It is his ultimate responsibility, not the government's, to do the providing. Without a firearm one is in the same shape as the soviet citizen. Alexander Solzhenitsyn in his book **WARNING TO THE WEST** said, "We the dissidents of the U.S.S.R., have no tanks, no weapons, no organization. We have nothing. Our hands are empty."

I Corinthians 10:6 and Romans 15:4 explain that the Bible history of Old Testament times was written for our learning and instruction. This means we are to learn from the story in I Samuel chapter 13. In reading it you will find God's people Israel (the actual forefathers of those White Christian minutemen at Lexington Green) oppressed and conquered by the nation of the Philistines. Guess what the Philistines thought was best for Israel? Yes, that's right, sword control. I Samuel 13:19-22 tells the story well. "Now no blacksmith could be found in all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, 'Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears.' So all Israel went down to the Philistines, each to sharpen his plowshare, his mattock, his axe, and his goad, whenever they had to sharpen the edge of the goads, of the mattocks, of the forks, and of the axes, and to fix the goad points. So it came about on the day of the battle that neither sword nor spear was found in the hands of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan, but they were found with Saul and his son Jonathan."

Jesus Christ himself made and used a weapon against evil men. This may sound incredible, even blasphemous to some, but it shouldn't for the story is right there in the Bible. "And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers seated. And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the moneychangers, and overturned their tables;" (John 2:14-15)

Note from these verses that Jesus made a whip-like weapon, a scourge. Zondevan Pictorial Bible Dictionary defines a scourge as "the instrument used to inflict severe pain." Note that He used this weapon against men. (Space does not allow us to go into detail to explain what these moneychangers were really doing but it was not too unlike our modern-day fractional reserve banking and Federal Reserve Act. For this we recommend our cassette tape #159 - "The Unmentioned Sin of America" for a \$4.00 offering).

These examples and the command to buy a sword will no doubt seem strange and even un-Christian, un-Scriptural to many, for many have been taught a distorted Gospel and another Jesus Christ.

KNOW THE BIBLE HAS BEEN DISTORTED AND PERVERTED WITH ANOTHER JESUS BEING TAUGHT TO THE PEOPLE.

"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a

different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ." (Gal. 1:6-7).

The story goes of three blind men who jointly visited the local zoo. While there they were allowed to examine an elephant. One man felt his trunk, the other its legs, and the other its tail. When asked to describe what they found, the one who had handled the trunk said it was a snake. The one who examined the leg said it was a large tree and the man who touched the tail said it was a rope. That is the state modern Christians are in. They have only heard small, select portions of the Bible and as a result have a completely distorted idea of what the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ is about.

They have heard only about a lowly, gentle Jesus. After John 3:16 they have heard about love, forgiveness, turn the other cheek, and they are like the ignorant blind men while confidently thinking they know what Christianity is all about.

Once in a lecture to a sizable group of Christians, I passed out pen and paper asking each to briefly describe God. The answers were God is love, God is merciful, God is just, God is understanding. Why did I not read about God is a God of wrath, God is a jealous God, God is a God of vengeance, God is a God of war? These descriptions of our God are also in the Bible. The answer is that a distorted Gospel had been preached to them.

The fact that the gospel has been distorted in America is self-evident when one compares modern-day theology with that during the War for Independence. Many so-called Christian leaders are helping to disarm Americans. The following excerpt from a current newspaper article illustrates this point.

Compare such an article to the following excerpt on the War for Independence from pages 290-291 of the history book **The Light and The Glory**:

Nor were the exhortations of their ministers confined to words. These men did not hesitate to put their own lives on the line. During the battles of Lexington and Concord, Chelsea's minister, Philips Payson, captured two British supply wagons single-handedly. John Craighead raised a company of militia from his parish and himself led them off to join Washington in New Jersey, where it was recorded that he 'fought and preached alternately.' So numerous, in fact, were the fighting pastors that the Tories referred to them as "the black regiment," and blamed them for much of the resurging zeal of the Colonial troops. One of the most colorful examples is what happened in a staid Lutheran church in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, one Sunday morning in 1775. The thirty-year-old pastor, Peter Muhlenberg, delivered a stirring sermon on the text, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

He reached the end of his sermon and said a solemn prayer and then continued to speak. "In the language of the Holy Writ, there is a time for all things. There is a time to preach and a time to fight." He paused, and then threw off his pulpit robe to reveal to the startled congregation the uniform of a colonel in the Continental Army. "And now is the time to fight!" he thundered and then he called out, "Roll the drums for recruits!" The drums rolled, and that same afternoon he marched off at the head of a column of three hundred men. His regiment was to earn fame as the 8th Virginia, and Muhlenberg was to distinguish himself in a number of battles, rising to the rank of brigadier general, in charge of Washington's first light infantry brigade.

In light of this change, consider the following quote taken from the treatise "**Why Many Ministers Preach Pure Marxism**":

Many today are amazed to find that the majority of the ministers in their community are on the other side when parents and concerned citizens are opposing subversive forces in their schools. This is true of the fight against sex education, which condones promiscuity and refuses to include morality in its teachings. The majority of the ministers are for it!

This is also true of the fight to restore Bible-reading and voluntary prayer in our public schools the majority of the community's ministers are against it. In many communities this also includes rabbis and Catholic priests. But it is especially true of the majority of the Protestant ministers, particularly the younger ones. What has been happening to many of our clergymen over the past 40 years? What happened to the younger and middle-aged ones in the divinity schools? . . . Every American concerned with this problem should read the story of Karl Prussian, who spent 26 years of his life in the Communist Party and who was offered a scholarship by the Party to attend Union Theological Society in New York City to be made a Methodist minister while he was still a devoted Communist. Karl Prussian served as a volunteer agent for the FBI during the last 12 years of his membership in the Communist Party and he is today devoting his life to openly exposing the Communists and warning the American people of the aims and tactics of these enemies of our nation.

KNOW HOW TO ANSWER FROM SCRIPTURE THE OBJECTIONS AND DISTORTIONS THAT PROMOTE GUN CONTROL AND CHRISTIAN PACIFISM.

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by the adversary He always countered with an answer from Scripture. Following are objections to the general theme of this treatise with appropriate answers.

Objection: Jesus said we are not to live by the sword.

Answer: This statement was made by Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane after Peter tried to stop His arrest by swinging a sword and cutting off the ear of a slave of the high priest. (Matt. 26:52). Notice, Peter had a sword in keeping with the command of Christ (Luke 22:36, 38), but he misused it by trying to interfere with the foretold arrest and crucifixion of Christ. The point is, a Christian is not to live by the sword. Christianity is a way of life wherein a disciple is to endure and suffer a wrong, go the extra mile, forgive, petition, pray. It is not a militant, aggressive life style of one living by the sword.

It is true a Christian is not to live by the sword but it is equally true he is not to live without one. The actions, petitions, prayers, and long suffering of our forefathers are evidence they did not live by the sword but their refusal to lay down their guns showed they also refused to live without the sword.

Objection: Jesus said to love your enemy and turn the other cheek.

Answer: Jesus did teach this in Matthew 5:38-44 in the Sermon on the Mount and we should consider each verse in light of the rest of the Scripture. First of all, it should be understood that a

key to understanding the meaning of Matt. 5:38-44 lays with Matt. 5:17, "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; . . ." Although the ceremonial laws added 430 years after the time of Abraham (Gal. 3:17) were fulfilled and eliminated by the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Gal. 3:15-25), the Laws, Statutes, and Judgments codified by Moses and existing even before that with Abraham obeying them (Gen. 26:5) were not done away with and exist even today. At the time of Christ that law had been twisted and perverted by the Pharisees (Mark 7:13).

"You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." (Matt. 5:38) This was from the law and is explained in detail in Leviticus 24:18-20. "And the one who takes the life of an animal shall make it good, life for life. And if a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him: fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has injured a man, so it shall be inflicted on him." Note this has to do with serious civil matters involving the inalienable rights of life, liberty, or property. This applied to judicial matters but not to one's private conduct involving pride and honor as the Pharisees had taken it to mean. Matthew 5:39 covers this area. "But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Here Christ is not addressing that which involves a judicial rule but rather that which involves private conduct. It was not to be one of revenge or pride-motivated conflict. The slap on the cheek was an insult and a challenge rather than a damaging blow. It was similar to the dueling day of New Orleans when a man took his glove and slapped his opponent across the cheek with it, challenging him to a duel. In such a case the teaching here is to humble yourself and not engage in a conflict. This was not dealing with a damaging body blow or the taking of life, liberty, or property.

Matthew 5:40 deals with lawsuit. If one had just cause to sue you, pay double and settle the matter (often it is cheaper to pay double than to go to a corrupt court where only attorneys win). Matthew 5:41 pertains to the custom of the day concerning a soldier's burdens and again is a teaching of humility and long-suffering to be extended to others. Matthew 5:42 is a repeat of the law as revealed in Deut. 15:7-11.

Matthew 5:43 says, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.'" Here the perversion of the law by the Pharisees is apparent. The law did not instruct one to "love your neighbor and hate your enemy." It said, "you shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord." Lev. 19:18. The enemy here is not someone in an opposing army shooting at you, rather, a fellow countryman with whom you perhaps have a disagreement or who dislikes and persecutes you. The teaching here is illustrated in a story in the history book **THE LIGHT AND THE GLORY** on pages 323- 324.

Something else happened that winter which says much about the quality of Washington's faith. A turncoat collaborator named Michael Wittman was captured, and at his trial, it was proven that he had given the British invaluable assistance on numerous occasions. He was found guilty of spying and sentenced to death by hanging. On the evening before the execution, an old man with white hair asked to see Washington, giving his name as Peter Miller. He was ushered in without delay, for Miller had done a great many favors for the army. Now he had a favor to ask of

Washington, who nodded agreeably. "I've come to ask you to pardon Michael Wittman."
Washington was taken aback. "Impossible! Wittman has done all in his power to betray us, even offering to join the British and help destroy us." He shook his head. "In these times we cannot be lenient with traitors; and for that reason I cannot pardon your friend." "Friend! He's no friend of mine. He is my bitterest enemy. He has persecuted me for years. He has even beaten me and spit in my face, knowing full well that I would not strike back. Michael Wittman is no friend of mine!" Washington was puzzled. "And you still wish me to pardon him?" "I do. I ask it of you as a great personal favor." "Why?" "I ask it because Jesus did as much for me."
Apply the verses of Matthew chapter 5 properly and do not allow the enemies of Christ (even if they wear backward collars) to force a false interpretation upon you. Turn the other cheek does not mean give over your daughter to be raped after the rapist is finished with your wife. It does not mean turn the other breast and willingly let the communist torturers cut it off also. (And don't think this hasn't happened in the past and cannot happen in your country).

Objection: Jesus said blessed are the peace makers.

Answer: With the story in Luke 11:21-22 there was plenty of peace in the home and life of the man who was fully armed. The loss of peace came after his disarmament. There was a good reason the old western Colt 45 was called "The PEACEMAKER."

The following taken from the June 24, 1988, "Wall Street Journal" proves the point.

Further, guns prevent many crimes from even being attempted. A 1982-83 study of prison inmates by National Institute of Justice showed that two-fifths of them had decided not to attack a victim when they found out that he or she was armed. In the 1960's the Orlando police responded to a rape epidemic by training 2,500 women to use guns. The next year rape fell 88% and burglary by 25%.

Objection: The Bible says thou shalt not kill and the only reason for you to own a handgun or an assault rifle is to kill someone.

Answer: This is found in The Law in Exodus 20:13. But the more proper translation is "You shall not murder" as is the translation in the N.A.S.V. for, just a few verses later, in Exodus 21:12 we read these words, "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death." Notice the society that was not to practice murder was to kill or execute a murderer. Verse 16 shows they were also to execute a kidnapper. A few verses further we read in Exodus 22:2 these words, "If the thief is caught while breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, there will be no blood guiltiness on his account." In other words, one could kill in defense of his life, home, or family and not be held guilty of a crime. Thus, the proper teaching is not "thou shalt not kill" but "thou shalt not murder."

As for the reason of owning a weapon, consider the following quote taken from the treatise "Firearms and Freedom" by Brig. General Jack Mohr.

It has been amazing to me, as I have observed the ignorance of Americans concerning firearms. On a television talk show in Philadelphia, one of the women participants literally screamed at

me: "The only reason you would keep a gun, is that you intended to kill someone." This is about as stupid a remark as I have ever heard an intelligent person make. I told her so. "Then why do you keep guns?" she shot back. To which I replied: "I keep guns for the same reason I bought a fire extinguisher. I didn't buy one because I thought my house was going to catch on fire. I got it to have handy in case that ever happened." That's the same reason I have guns. I hope and pray I never have to use them on another person; but I want them there, if it ever becomes necessary to defend myself, my family and/or my property.

Objection: Capital punishment doesn't work.

Answer: Let God's Word be considered true and all men liars. Concerning the carrying out of God's Laws on capital punishment Deut. 19:20 says, "And the rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you."

Objection: That was all Old Testament. In the Old Testament God was a God of wrath but in the New Testament He is a God of love.

Answer: "For I the Lord do not change. . . " Mal. 3:6 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Objection: Gun owners can accidentally kill themselves or members of their family or in a frenzy-rage do so.

Answer: I and the members of my household have owned guns all our lives. My family history shows my ancestors owned them and MORE PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN THE BACK OF TED KENNEDY'S CAR THAN in all the history of my gun-owning family record.

It is not the job of society to protect people from themselves. It is the job of society to carry out God's Laws, Statutes, and Judgments and punish anyone who would harm another innocent person. If this were done, men would think twice in using a weapon to harm or threaten an innocent party.

Consider the following quote from an article in the June 24, 1988, "Wall Street Journal". But don't gun owners kill themselves and loved ones in moments of frenzy made tragic by the presence of a gun? Actually, only one gun owner in 3,000 commits homicide. That lone killer is generally a person with a record of violence and conflict with the law not an ordinary citizen. Gun accidents? Bicycles kill far more children than handguns. Out of the 32,000 accidental deaths in a typical year, handguns account for fewer than 300. Gun suicide? Japan bans handguns, and its suicide rate is twice as high as that of the U.S. rate. After Canada restricted the possession of handguns in 1977, gun suicides dropped but the overall suicide rate remained the same. People simply substituted other methods of killing themselves.

Objection: Don't tell me that guns don't kill people, and that people kill people!

Answer: The first murder in the Bible (Gen. 4:8) took place without a gun. The earth was filled with violence in the days of Genesis 6:11 and there were no guns. The point is, people kill people, guns don't.

Objection: The point is we already have gun control.

Answer: This statement is normally made when men want to instigate more gun control. The statement is true but the point is two wrongs do not make a right. "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be." (Rom. 6:1-2) Not only should we be in a defensive posture of stopping further gun control but it is time Americans take an offensive stance and work for the removal of existing gun control.

Objection: Christianity is a pacifist life style.

Answer: History shows God's Word has not promoted pacifism nor have the faithful of His people been pacifists.

In Numbers 32:6-7, 20-23 you will find pacifism denounced as sin. In the New Testament book of Hebrews chapter 11 you will find God's "Faith Hall of Fame." Included in it are Abraham, Moses, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, and David. Speaking of these men, verse 34 says they "became mighty in war . . ." The hands of each one of these men had shed other men's blood. Abraham himself was a fine military tactician (Gen. 14:15). God blessed him for his military feat (Gen 14:20).

Objection: You don't need firearms for protection. That is why we have policemen.

Answer: In light of this objection consider the following excerpts from an article in the February, 1989, issue of the "Reader's Digest" entitled, "THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS! (Spotlighting absurdities in our society is the first step toward eliminating them)

The article tells of a man who, because of his employment, had to live in a Chicago neighborhood with violence, drug pushers, and the excessive wild car traffic of those coming into the area to openly purchase drugs.

McKnight used to call the police, but he gave up on that. "I'd call and complain, and they'd say, 'Hey, you know what kind of neighborhood that is.'" Last summer, Pete decided to do something on his own, to become a man of action. Nothing foolhardy just something on a small scale. He went to a hardware store and bought six bags of asphalt and some tools. Then he and a friend put up a few wooden sawhorses, blocking off the street, and went to work. "We were going to put in a 'speed bump.' You know, an asphalt ridge in the street, to slow the traffic. "We'd been working for about 25 minutes when this squad car pulled up. A cop got out and asked us what we were doing. I said we were putting in a speed bump and explained why. "The police officer said that I couldn't do it, that I was destroying city property. "I guess I got hot under the collar. I pointed at the park and said, 'What about all the drug pushers over there? Why don't you do something about them?' "The police officer got on the radio and another squad car came. They cuffed me and my friend together and took us to the station and charged us with criminal damage to property."

Someday you may need a gun to protect yourself from unscrupulous policemen. Remember, Stalin used police to round up and execute millions of people.

Objection: We must have gun control to stop crime and violence.

Answer: Usually you will hear this outcry from indignant so-called law makers right after a crime of violence with a weapon has been spotlighted by the liberal, Jewish-owned national media. This happened during the attempted assassination of President Reagan. These people seem to conveniently forget to point out that there were existing gun laws that forbid such crimes and those laws were ignored. The point is, criminals do not obey laws; thus, when guns are outlawed only outlaws will have guns.

Consider the following newspaper article.

GUNS BLOODY CITY STREETS, MAYORS WARN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON - U.S. Mayors warned yesterday that drug dealers armed with assault weapons and handguns are turning their cities into bloody shooting galleries.

Boston Mayor Tom Flynn, addressing the U.S. Conference of Mayors' second annual conference on crime and drugs, was applauded when he called President Bush and Congress to buck National Rifle Association influence and work to control the weapons.

Now let us reason together. First of all, these politicians know full well drug dealers are not going to quit carrying guns because a law forbids them to. There are already laws that forbid them from carrying drugs but they don't follow the law.

Isn't it marvelous how stupid our leaders can become when we turn away from our God? Think how stupid the people have to be to vote them into office and then obey them as masters afterwards. "Ephraim is oppressed, crushed, in judgment, Because he was determined to follow man's command." (Hosea 5:11) ". . . And the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the discernment of their discerning men shall be concealed." (Isa. 29:14) Let us consider from the Word of God the real culprits responsible for crime in the streets. When we do, we find guns are not responsible but rather corrupt public officials who want to take them away.

The Bible clearly shows crime in a nation is simply the outward manifestation of corrupt leaders, judges, lawyers, and courts. "How the faithful city has become a harlot, She who was full of justice! Righteousness once lodged in her, But now murderers. . . . Your rulers are rebels, And companions of thieves; Every one loves a bribe, And chases after rewards. . . ." (Isa. 1:21, 23) ". . . when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." (Prov. 29:2KJV)

In short, it is the corrupt court system in America that increases the crime and then the politicians (most of them past lawyers of the corrupt system) want to disarm honest God-fearing, law-abiding citizens to stop crime. To illustrate this point consider the tragedy that took place in January 1989 at a school playground in Stockton, California. A criminal named Patrick Purdy fired his semi-automatic weapon at school children, murdering several. As a result, politicians the nation over immediately began proposing legislation to ban assault weapons under the pretense of stopping crime out there on the streets.

Now, let us reason together and consider this case. The reason Patrick Purdy killed school children was not the fault of an assault rifle but a corrupt criminal justice system that did not have Purdy behind bars the day of the murders. That system had plenty of chances, because he was in:

1979: Arrested for extortion and possession of dangerous weapons

1980: Arrested for sex crimes;

1982: Arrested for possession of drugs;

1983: Arrested for dangerous weapons;

1983: Arrested for receiving stolen property;

1984: Arrested for attempted robbery and conspiracy;

1987: Arrested on weapons charges and resisting arrest.

Probation report called him a danger to himself and others. Seven times Purdy faced serious criminal charges and seven times the courts dropped or plea bargained away felony charges. Then their system of a 15 day "waiting period and background check" okayed Purdy's repeated gun purchases.

If the justice which comes from observing God's Laws, Statutes, and Judgments was being meted out in the courts and the legislatures, there would be no crime in the streets. "And the judges shall investigate thoroughly; and if the witness is a false witness and he has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother; thus you shall purge the evil from among you. And the rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you. Thus you shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." (Deut. 19:18-21)

The Bible is clear, evil departs from the land when justice is administered. History is clear, evil increases when honest, God- fearing citizens are disarmed (by criminals in three-piece suits).

HOW FAR DO WE LET THE GUN CONFISCATORS GO?

Many are beginning to face the question of "How far do we let the gun control go before doing something?" The following quote from Alexander Solzhenitsyn's book **Gulag Archipelago** expresses a similar question.

. . . At what exact point, then, should one resist the communists? How we burned in the prison camps later thinking: What would things have been like if every (Soviet) Security operative, when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive? Or, if during periods of mass arrests people had not simply sat there in their lairs, paling with terror at every bang of the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood they had nothing to lose and had boldly set up in the downstairs hall an ambush of half a dozen people with axes, hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand. . . . the Organs (police) would very quickly have suffered a shortage of officers . . . and, notwithstanding all of Stalin's thirst, the cursed (Communists) machine would have ground to a halt.

Americans, it is too late to resist if you are only armed with axes and hammers. In 1968 Russia invaded and put down an anticommunist revolt in Czechoslovakia and when an escaped citizen was later asked, "Why didn't you resist?" He replied with tears in his eyes, "They had all the

guns."

A great patriot of our day who has actively been fighting gun control wrote the following to a friend concerning how far do we let it go.

I received your letter in which you asked the all important questionÑ

"What do we do when those in power declare marshal law? Do we turn in our guns, do we bury them in the ground, or what do we do?"

I have addressed that question many times over the past twenty years, and my position now is the same as it has always been. Even though we have now some laws restricting the ownership and use of firearms; and we constantly have attempts at all levels of government to increase the regulations, ordinances and laws dealing with our personal weapons and our God given right to use them in our own defense; and we win a few and lose a few in the over all legislative battle; nevertheless, we still have our guns and to a great extent are still able to use themÑ at least in most states outside the major cities. I believe that as long as this situation does not get worse, then we must obey the law so as not to bring a great burden on us in regard to our time, resources, reputations, business, etc. There is no need now to make martyrs of ourselves. We should fight the encroachment in every way possible, but do it in as legal a manner as possible. However, if a law is ever passed that requires that our guns be registered, or inventoried, or confiscatedÑthen it will do no good to hide them or bury them because then they will not be available to us, or of any use to us; and, in fact, the ownership and possession of those guns will make us "criminals" and permit us to be prosecuted and imprisoned. Consequently, at that point, there will be only one thing to do, that is to use your guns against any individual, who comes to confiscate them. That will be our last chance at freedom and at that point we should act with determination and force, and make every shot count. If enough American citizens would take that action, that would be the end of tyranny and our freedom would be reestablished. It should be clear to any intelligent, informed, freedom loving American that confiscation of our firearms will be the final step in eradicating our rights and will be the necessary prelude to imposing totalitarian rule over us.

As I write this, it is apparent that the enemies of Christ now want my semiautomatic rifle and so I conclude with this point addressed to those who would continue this push for gun control.

CONCLUSION

Come let us reason together so that you might know peaceful, loving, long-suffering Christian people can be pushed too far just as King George III discovered April 19, 1775, at Lexington Green.

On July 23rd, 1988, a divergent group of Christian men drafted and signed "The Remnant Resolves" (available from Scriptures For America for an offering of 3 for \$2.00). These resolves were after the order of the Fairfax Resolves in 1774. They have been circulating throughout the United States and were taken to Washington, D. C., and presented to Congressmen in March of 1989. It is stated in the resolves concerning firearms, "Resolved. The right to defend one's life, family, liberty, and property is a God-given right, supported by Scripture and illustrated in God's Law as seen in Nature. Any person, group or government which would attempt to deprive one of this right, or attempt to persecute, prosecute or punish one for exercising this right, violates God's Law and is an enemy of God's people. Weapons are essential for self-defense and Jesus

admonished His followers to purchase a sword. A firearm is the modern equivalent of a sword, thus gun control in any form or manner is in opposition to God's Law."

For those who would ignore the highest of laws and persist in turning up the heat CAVEAT!