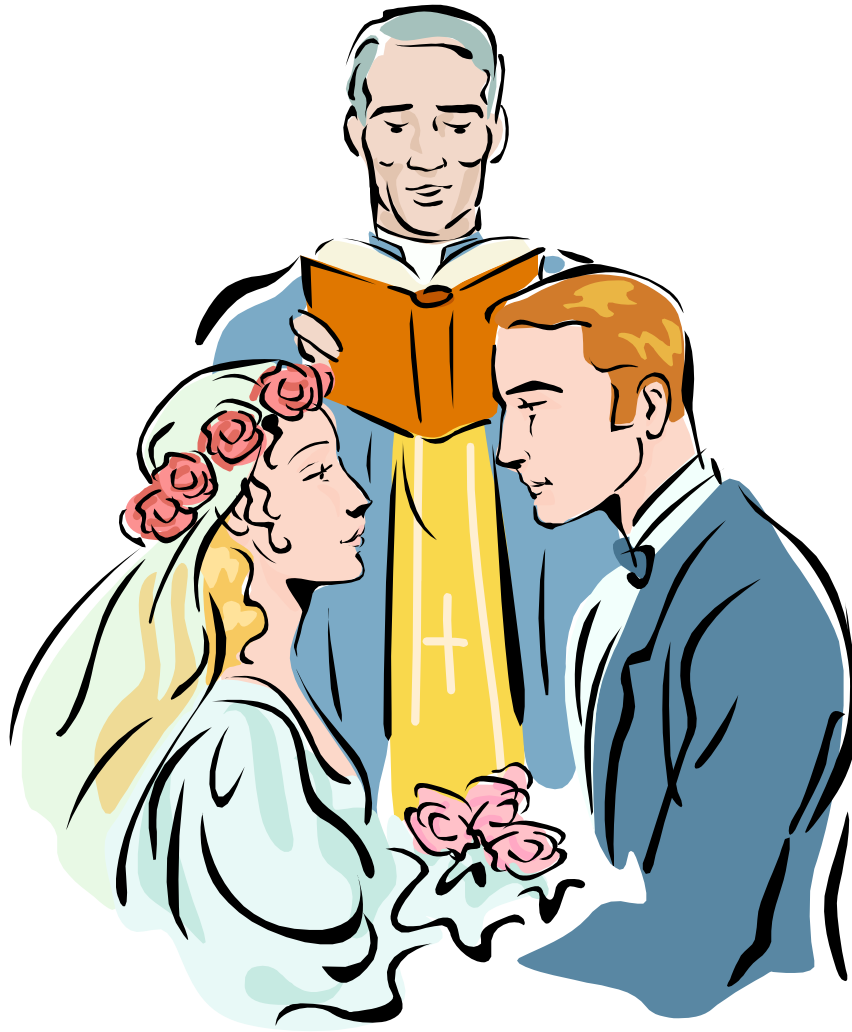


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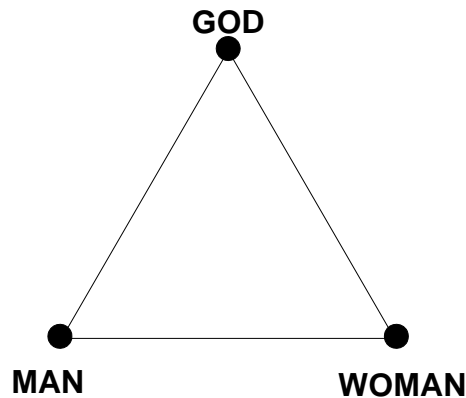
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1. INTRODUCTION

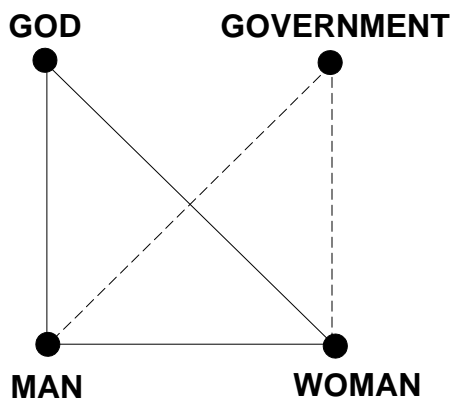
Marriage is a contract ordained by God. It is probably the most sacred and permanent type of contract or covenant that two people can make to each other. Your choice of marriage partner is the most important choice you will ever make, and it will have more affect on your liberty, property, and life than any other choice you will make except that of your choice of religious faith. The terms of the marriage contract that you and your mate specify will literally dictate the rest of your life, because marriage is intended by God to be a lifelong commitment. God intended for marriage to be a contract between you, your partner, and God...making it a triangle. A triangle is the strongest geometric shape in nature.

Figure 1-1: Diagram of God's plan for marriage



The lines in the above triangle represent the relationship established between the parties by the contract. That relationship can only be defined by God's laws found in the Bible for Christians. Don't let the government write that contract, because they will invite themselves into that relationship and destroy the triangle by making it into a square! A square is the weakest shape in nature and this destabilizes families and creates an insecure place for your children and their posterity. The dotted lines in the diagram below represent man's laws, which are often in conflict with God's laws. Notice also that God and government are at the same level and that they are above the spouses, because the spouses must serve and obey (e.g. worship) both God and government.

Figure 1-2: Man's corrupted and debased version of marriage in competition and defiance of God's plan



If you allow the government through your apathy and indifference to invite itself into your life using the marriage contract they write on your behalf, you will be serving two masters, and not one: God and government. Procuring a marriage license from the state delegates total authority over your life, your children, and all your property to the state and makes you a polygamist by making you party to a private contract. You marry TWO people, not one: the state and your spouse.

[4] In all domestic concerns each state of the Union is to be deemed an independent sovereignty. As such, it is its province and its duty to forbid interference by another state as well as by any foreign power with the status of its own citizens. Unless at least one of the spouses is a resident thereof in good faith, the courts of such sister state or of such foreign power cannot acquire jurisdiction to dissolve the marriage of those who have an established domicile in the state which resents such interference with matters which disturb its social serenity or affect the morals of its inhabitants. [5] Jurisdiction over divorce proceedings of residents of California by the courts of a sister state cannot be conferred by agreement of the litigants. [6] As protector of the morals of her people it is the duty of a court of this commonwealth to prevent the dissolution of a marriage by the decree of a court of another jurisdiction pursuant to the collusion of the spouses. If by surrendering its power it evades the performance of such duty, marriage will ultimately be considered as a formal device and its dissolution freed from legal inhibitions. [7] Not only is a divorce of California [81 Cal.App.2d 880] residents by a court of another state void because of the plaintiff's lack of bona fide residence in the foreign state, but it is void also for lack of the court's jurisdiction over the State of California. [8] This state is a party to every marriage contract of its own residents as well as the guardian of their morals. Not only can the litigants by their collusion not confer jurisdiction upon Nevada courts over themselves but neither can they confer such jurisdiction over this state.

[9] It therefore follows that a judgment of divorce by a court of Nevada without first having pursuant to its own laws acquired...

[Roberts v. Roberts, 81 Cal.App.2d 871 [Civ. No. 15818. Second Dist., Div. Two. Oct. 17, 1947]

JUSTICE MAAG delivered the opinion of the court: This action was brought in April of 1993 by Carolyn and John West (grandparents) to obtain visitation rights with their grandson, Jacob Dean West. Jacob was born January 27, 1992. He is the biological son of Ginger West and Gregory West, Carolyn and John's deceased son...

However, this constitutionally protected parental interest is not wholly without limit or beyond regulation. *Prince v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, 321 U.S. 158, 166, 88 L. Ed. 645, 64 S. Ct. 438, 442 (1944). "[T]he state has a wide range of power for limiting parental freedom and authority in things affecting the child's welfare." *Prince*, 321 U.S. at 167, 88 L. Ed. 645, 64 S. Ct. at 442. In fact, the entire familial relationship involves the State. When two people decide to get married, they are required to first procure a license from the State. If they have children of this marriage, they are required by the State to submit their children to certain things, such as school attendance and vaccinations. Furthermore, if at some time in the future the couple decides the marriage is not working, they must petition the State for a divorce. Marriage is a three-party contract between the man, the woman, and the State. *Linneman v. Linneman*, 1 Ill. App. 2d 48, 50, 116 N.E.2d 182, 183 (1953), citing *Van Koten v. Van Koten*, 323 Ill. 323, 326, 154 N.E. 146 (1926). The State represents the public interest in the institution of marriage. Linneman, 1 Ill. App. 2d at 50, 116 N.E.2d at 183. This public interest is what allows the State to intervene in certain situations to protect the interests of members of the family. The State is like a silent partner in the family who is not active in the everyday running of the family but becomes active and exercises its power and authority only when necessary to protect some important interest of family life. Taking all of this into consideration, the question no longer is whether the State has an interest or place in disputes such as the one at bar, but it becomes a question of timing and necessity. Has the State intervened too early or perhaps intervened where no intervention was warranted? This question then directs our discussion to an analysis of the provision of the Act that allows the challenged State intervention (750 ILCS 5/607(b) (West 1996)).

[West v. West, 689 N.E.2d 1215 (1998)]

The Bible says in no uncertain terms that Christians cannot contract with the state or make the state into their master, because it amounts to idolatry towards government:

"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

[Jesus

[God] speaking in the Bible, Luke 16:13]

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage to the government or the income tax."

[Galatians 5:1, Bible, NKJV]

This document will therefore explain why it is anti-biblical for Christians to get a marriage license, why we are denying our faith and our God and practicing idolatry by doing so. We will describe the biblical and legal foundations for marriage and explain why and how Christians can and should get married in the eyes of God but without a state marriage license. This type

of marriage arrangement is called a “Sovereign Christian Marriage” in this book. We will then conclude this document with a marriage contract that both parties have read and agree to.

NOTE: This document is intended to be used *only* for couples wishing to get married, both of whom are Christians and who have a commitment to following all of the teachings and commandments in the bible. These are the only types of people capable of the kind of self-governance necessary to build a strong and lasting marriage without government intervention. We do not recommend a Sovereign Christian Marriage between two people who are *not* believers.

The Apostle Paul warned us not to be cheated by vain philosophy as follows:

“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”
[Col. 2:8, Bible, NKJV]

Consequently, we take great pains in this book to show the biblical foundations for everything we advocate and tie everything back to the word of God. The result is a marriage totally conformed to the will of God and minimally conformed to the “traditions of men”, which in this case are embodied in the laws of your state regarding marriage and divorce.

1.1 Dedication

Psalms 127:1

“Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it”

Psalms 128:1-6

“Blessed is every one who fears the Lord
Who walks in His ways,
When you eat the labor of your hands,
You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
In the very heart of your house.
Your children like olive plants
All around your table.
Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the Lord.”

Prov. 18:22:

“He who finds a wife finds a GOOD thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.”

Matt 7:24-25:

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”

1.2 Sovereign Christian Marriage Defined

“The scripture warns us against those who change the grace of God into a license [from the government, maybe even a marriage license] for immorality, thus denying Jesus as sovereign and Lord.” Dr. James Dobson, Focus on the Family

Sovereign Christian Marriage: A spiritual and legal relation between a man and a woman that replicates or recreates as closely as possible the relationship that Adam and Eve enjoyed as documented in the Bible in the book of Genesis. Such a relationship honors the 10 commandments documented in Exodus 20, the first and most important of which is to put the Lord first in our priority list, and above our allegiance to the world or government.

“You shall have no other gods [including government] before Me.”
[Exodus 20:3]

It is based on the idea that there needs to be a separation between:

Table 1-1: The two faces of existence

#	God	Man/world
1	Church	State
2	The couple and their future family	The pagan, godless culture the couple must live in
3	The <i>grace</i> and <i>love</i> of god	The <i>law</i> of man
4	Minister or pastor of the church doing the wedding	The government/state
5	Confidence in God	Confidence in “princes”/government (see Psalms 118:8-9)
6	God	Satan
7	Spirit	Mind
8	Son Of Man	son of man
9	Truth (John 14:6)	Deception (Rev. 12:9, John 8:44)

When or if the minister performing a ceremony either advocates the obtaining of a marriage license or signs it after the ceremony, *then he is in fact acting as an agent of the state more than a representative of God*. You will learn more about that later in section 2.3, entitled “Holy Matrimony v. Marriage”.

The foundation of marriage is, of course love. But love must be *freely given and freely accepted*. Love must be a *voluntary act* and cannot be coerced or forced::

*“Love is the child of freedom, never that of domination.”
[Eric Fromm]*

Love that is coerced or forced by an outside third party, in this case the state, isn’t love, but slavery and oppression! On the other hand, the use of legal force against a person that is based *only* on a written agreement between them decided in advance of the wedding is *not* oppressive, because it is a *voluntary act by both parties*. However, use of the state’s civil contract instituted through a marriage license can *never* be a voluntary act for either of us because of our distrust and distaste of government in general.

The purpose of law is force. Therefore love and law are *completely incompatible* with each other unless the parties themselves institute the force in a voluntary context. Provided that the use of force has a biblical basis in protecting the interests of the children, is the extent to which it becomes an expression of what Dr. James Dobson calls “tough love”, which both he and we agree is warranted and authorized by the Bible.

No doubt, there needs to be legal documentation and authentication of the solemnization of the marriage as required by state law identified later in chapter 5, and there needs to be an aspect of *covenant with God*, but we believe this can be properly provided for *without the involvement* of the godless and idolatrous state in the relationship.

NOTE TO CLERGY READING THIS DOCUMENT: We have collectively made or soon will make all the necessary preparations for the wedding necessary to ensure that the legal requirements and agreement between us are all properly satisfied. This will ensure that the marriage proceeds in good faith and a strong and lasting footing. You have our assurance that the marriage will not proceed without a proper execution of the contract indicated in chapter 6.

1.3 Common clergy objections to the approach in this document

Some clergy would object to the approach taken in this document by calling it a “legalistic” or “dogmatic” approach toward the bible or Christian faith in general. In making this objection, they might cite Titus 3:9:

“But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.”

Jesus, however, was dogmatic in His beliefs and we’ll offer proof. Below are some of the very dogmatic and judgmental things He said:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”
[Matt 23:13, Bible]

“Woe to you lawyers! for you have taken away the keys of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”
[Luke 11:52, Bible]

“Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers’ guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? There fore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth...”
[Matt. 23:32]

These remarks by Jesus sound about as *politically incorrect* as they come, and Jesus was our *role model*! Is it any wonder He was crucified? Is it any wonder why his sons and daughters, the members of our church and Christ’s body, are then equally persecuted by emulating Jesus as this document attempts to do? Isn’t it this political incorrectness and refusal to conform to the expectations of a carnal world that really is the essence of what makes us “sanctified”, or “set apart” as believers and God’s family?

Another question along these same lines is whether people who talk about the law are foolish and whether Christians and clergy should avoid legal discussions at all. Proverbs very clearly says absolutely NOT:

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer [shall be] abomination.” Proverbs 28:9

So we can’t call people who insist on addressing legal issues foolish and its foolish as a Christian to NOT address or listen to legal issues.

We do agree with the clergy contention, however, that we should avoid *contentions* over the law where possible, and especially in the house of God and Christ’s body in furtherance of unity. You will note, however, that the purpose for raising the legal and biblical issues found in this document is to legally avoid the unnecessary influence and jurisdiction of corrupt state marriage law entirely, and thereby completely eliminate the need to ever dispute such law, which fulfills Titus 3:9 entirely. This is in fulfillment with the scripture below, which advocates avoiding legal entanglements entirely:

“Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather [suffer yourselves to] be defrauded?”
[1 Cr 6:7]

If we seek God with our whole heart, then we are led by the Spirit and not by the law or the flesh. Apostle Paul says that when we are led by the Spirit, we are NOT under the law:

“But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.”
[Gal. 5:18]

The above concept is at the heart of the concept of why there must be a distinct separation of church and state. Why then must pastors and clergy, especially in the case of God-fearing couples of faith, try to force them to enter under the jurisdiction of the vain law or the godless government or any man-made thing of the flesh? In order to explain why we must avoid or escape the jurisdiction of *voluntary* state marriage laws by not obtaining state marriage licenses, we have no choice but to discuss and analyze enough information about them to conclusively show that:

1. State marriage law *does not* satisfy the requirements of scripture regarding the subject of marriage or Christian liberty.
2. Following state marriage law encourages abuse, harlotry, and disorderly (welfare state) conduct among our brethren by encouraging spouses to divorce and extort money from the other spouse by not working. For instance, some persons use marriage as a welfare institution by using state law as an excuse to financially rape their spouse and enslave them financially. This makes marriage into legalized prostitution, especially if the state doesn’t require people to even have a reason to get divorced. The reason we call it legalized prostitution is because the sex comes during the brief marriage, and the money comes after the divorce.

3. Churches abuse marriage law and a welfare-state mentality to abdicate stewardship over their flocks. If the state handles functions traditionally handled by the churches, such as helping single mothers on welfare, then we end up with a state-sanctioned socialist government mentality that uses force to illegally plunder the assets of its “sheep” to support the “common good”. The effect is that of compelled charity by force of the law, which does not make it charity at all, but rather forced socialism, tyranny, and slavery. How can such economic slavery and tyranny ever be regarded as biblical?

2nd Thessalonians 3:6 (NIV): In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you,

3:8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you.

3:9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." I want to interject a note here: this isn't a snobbish threat to starve the poor, it is a fundamental Biblical principle. In the same sentence where God condemned us to die, he condemned us to work for food. That's right! To acknowledge socialism is to deny God's authority. Genesis 3:19 (KJV): "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." The socialists that want you to provide not only their food but also health care, deny God's authority to sentence us to hardships.

3:11 We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies.

3:12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat.

3:13 And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

3:14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed."

4. That the ministers who sign state marriage licenses have “dual citizenship” in the corporate/government world and in heaven, which is a merging of church and state and is unethical and idolatrous.

We certainly wouldn't consider any of the above issues “foolish disputes” or “contentions”, nor are they primarily legal issues, but instead are mainly spiritual issues. To the contrary, we would identify these as serious issues of Christian liberty within God's church. Look at the scripture below and see if you don't agree:

*“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord [is], there [is] liberty.”
[2 Cor. 3:17]*

*“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”
[Gal. 5:1]*

The bondage Paul speaks of above is mainly slavery and idolatry toward the government, because law is the most frequent source of tyranny and slavery and injustice in modern society. Thomas Jefferson said so:

*“Of liberty I would say that, in the whole plenitude of its extent, it is unobstructed action according to our will. But rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the limits of the law,' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the right of an individual.”
[Thomas Jefferson to Isaac H. Tiffany, 1819]*

When then must clergy or churches compel the congregation to be subject to such slavery and tyranny by getting unnecessary state marriage licenses and thereby forcing parishioners to have dual citizenship with God and with mammon? This is clearly anti-biblical so far as we can tell.

Naturally, we would expect that the clergy of most churches would feel uncomfortable discussing such issues because they expose the possibility of sin in Christ's body and could be seen as scandalous. Avoiding such issues is no different than the reaction that Adam and Eve had when God found out they had eaten the fruit: they hid from God because they were ashamed. But the Bible says that God's judgment will begin in His own house. Why should God's children want to hide?

"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?"
[1 Peter 4:17]

How can it be wrong to expect righteousness and an absence of conflict of interest in God's house and among His own clergy by keeping them and their parishioners from entanglements with the state through marriage licenses? How can it be dogmatic or foolish to expect Christ's bride, the church, to be unblemished and completely separated and free from idolatrous and godless government influences?

*"Come out from among them [the unbelievers and the state they are part of]
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you.
I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be my sons and daughters,
Says the Lord Almighty."
[2 Corinthians 6:17-18, Bible, NKJV]*

If you think that churches should not exercise liberty of conscience by boycotting or undermining unjust laws, then please read section 4.9, which clearly shows that it is quite biblical to object to bad laws and bad government and to refuse to be subject to or subservient to either. Would you agree?

1.4 Factors Contributing to the Requirement for a Sovereign Christian Marriage by Either Prospective Spouse

The following factors are contributing to the requirement for a Sovereign Christian Marriage. These factors apply to one or more of the parties who wish to form the new ecclesiastical union:

1. Desire to serve ONLY God and not government or any man:

*"Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. **Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations** [and be OVER them]'.*

*"But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, '**Give us a king to judge us.**' So Samuel prayed to the Lord. **And the Lord said to Samuel, 'Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.** According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—**with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also** [government becoming idolatry]."
[1 Sam. 8:4-8, Bible, NKJV]*

*"Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him **ONLY** [NOT the government!] you shall serve.'"
[Matt. 4:10, Bible, NKJV]*

***Go to the ant, you sluggard!**
Consider her ways and be wise,
Which, having no captain,
Overseer or ruler,
Provides her supplies in the summer,
And gathers her food in the harvest.
How long will you slumber, O sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep?
A little sleep, a little slumber,*

*A little folding of the hands to sleep--
So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.
[Prov. 6:6-11, Bible, NKJV]*

2. To create a family and a relationship that:
 - 2.1. Is completely self-governing within itself and does not require the involvement of the government or a corrupted family law profession. The result is a the intended result of being completely left alone by government, which is a fundamental right more precious than any other right:

*"The makers of our Constitution undertook to secure conditions favorable to the pursuit of happiness. They recognized the significance of man's spiritual nature, of his feelings and of his intellect. They knew that only a part of the pain, pleasure and satisfactions of life are to be found in material things. They sought to protect Americans in their beliefs, their thoughts, their emotions and their sensations. **They conferred, as against the Government, the right to be let alone - the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men.**"*
[Olmstead v. United States, [277 U.S. 438, 478](#) (1928) (Brandeis, J., dissenting); see also Washington v. Harper, [494 U.S. 210](#) (1990)]
 - 2.2. Is based on trust in God and each other, instead of fear and insecurity that pervades the motivations for state laws on marriage
 - 2.3. Never has to subsidize a corrupted and harmful family law profession government family courts and thereby expand the power and influence of the government.
3. Desire to sanctify our relationship and separate it completely from a corrupted socialist democracy, the government, the doctrines of the Pharisees, and the "commandments of men", as required by the following scriptures:
 - 3.1. Leviticus 20:26
 - 3.2. 2 Cor. 6:17-18
 - 3.3. 1 John 2:15-17
 - 3.4. James 4:4
 - 3.5. James 1:27
 - 3.6. Revelation 18:4
4. General distaste of an idolatrous government by both parties. Parties disagree with government policy aimed at:
 - 4.1. Compelled participation in public schools. We prefer school vouchers and don't want to be forced to subsidize government mediocrity and failure.
 - 4.2. Ban on prayer in schools.
 - 4.3. Legalized abortions.
 - 4.4. Same-sex marriages.
 - 4.5. Income taxes.
 - 4.6. Socialism in the form of Social Security, welfare, and other Pozzi-scheme programs.
 - 4.7. Paper money. Prefer gold-backed currency to return.
5. Legal abuse of prospective spouses by litigious, vindictive, unbelieving, and avaricious Ex-spouses or creditors.
 - 5.1. Ex demanded the divorce, not the Party to this relationship. We therefore have a biblical basis for remarriage.
 - 5.2. False allegations made by Ex, which produced unnecessary parental alienation of children from one of the parties to this anticipated marriage.
 - 5.3. Fraud and grand theft by Ex. Took monies from community without knowledge and consent of parties to new marriage and did not reveal their existence during divorce proceedings.
 - 5.4. Exorbitant legal fees which have harshly impacted the financial well-being of the prospective parties. No more litigation is planned or expected.
 - 5.5. Ex slandered character of one of the parties to the anticipated new marriage with lies.
 - 5.6. Desire to protect future spouse from and financial consequences associated with any litigation related to past relationship. For instance, husband knows some men who remarried and their X-wives have tried to raise their support by including the income of the new wife in the support calculations.
 - 5.7. Future spouses would like to avoid ever again being subjected to the kind of legal and financial abuse.
 - 5.8. Future spouses do not want to be held legally responsible for debts of their future spouse that were contracted prior to marriage.
6. Activities of prospective new spouses in the area of honoring the law by refusing to subsidize illegal extortion cleverly disguised by the government as a "federal income tax".

- 6.1. One or more of the prospective spouses are heavily involved in the tax freedom movement. This has made them a possible target for government persecution, and they do not want to make their new spouse into a target either.
- 6.2. Prospective spouses are involved in a high visibility political campaign to end the federal income tax, which is may attract adverse attention of the IRS and state taxing authorities. They desire to thoroughly protect each other financially from any financial consequences of such activities.
7. Because of past divorce on the part of the parties and the legal skills they gained in the process, they have developed extensive legal skills which they would like apply in ensuring that this new marriage is completely consistent with God's Laws and will last a lifetime.