

## ADDENDUM #2

### THE INCOME TAX & HOLY SCRIPTURE

Because the United States was founded as, and still is, a Christian nation, it is important that we Christians ask and know what God says and directs about government's right or authority (meaning jurisdiction) to tax His people. Scripture has a lot to say about this subject.

First, let's talk about the commonly misunderstood words of our Lord in Romans 13:1 and 2 which read as follows:

***1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.***

***2. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.***

At first blush, verses one and two might be incorrectly assumed to say that we must do everything that government tells us to do, whether it is lawful or not! Not true! Verse two goes on to tell us that "whosoever" obviously, as used in this verse, includes governments. Being also ordained of God, governments must also act and perform as God directs. Therefore, when government disobeys God, as we will show they are doing, the people are no longer scripturally responsible to government.

History is replete with corrupt governments-unfortunately including our own, through the IRS, which lies to us about our tax obligation. Were Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin's governments ordained by God? Should we, as God's people, have supported the governments who murdered millions? In sharp contrast, what about our founding fathers? Now you have found a group of devout Christians whose rebellion against a corrupt government was well founded and ordained by God. A totally different story. So it is our responsibility through scripture to pick and choose obedience to God-centered and directed government only!

Let's move on to other scripture. In Matthew 22, the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus in verse 15 when they asked him in verse 17 whether it was lawful to give tribute to Caesar. Being aware of their motives, Jesus answered them in verse 21, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." The same directive can be found in Mark 12:17. So, by His response, our Lord explained that, even though Caesar may well have thought he was God and, therefore, deserved 100% of tribute (or taxes), our Lord explains that this was not true and that the distinction between Caesar and God must be acknowledged.

This distinction between what is owed to Caesar and what is owed to God was SPECIFICALLY explained by Jesus in Matthew 17, verses 25 and 26 after Jesus asked Peter in verse 25 "...of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?" And when Peter answered him in verse 26: "..., of strangers. Jesus said to him, Then are the children free." We can correctly interpret these verses in today's language in Jesus' conversation with Peter in these verses as follows: "Who does government tax-their own citizens or foreigners?"

And when Peter answered “foreigners”, Jesus said: “Then the citizens are free from taxation.” As devout Christians, our Founding Fathers acknowledged this scripture by building into our Constitution a total prohibition against taxation of our citizens in Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 and Article 1, Section 9, Clause 4, and all the statutory law in the Internal Revenue Code is in conformity with that prohibition, as I have shown in detail in my book SUPER SCAM.

This scripture, however, does not relate to the mandatory minimum 10% tithe of our earnings which is the minimum always due and payable to God, so this scripture is in complete conformity to our Lord’s answer to the Pharisees’ question in Matthew 22:21. In Matthew 10, verses 9 and 10, our Lord instructed the disciples to “Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,” (verse 9) and “Nor script for your journey,” (verse 10). So, in these verses, our Lord was instructing His disciples that an all-powerful, all-knowing God would provide for their needs provided their hearts and minds were dedicated to preaching of the gospel. John 8:32 emphasizes and acknowledges the lordship of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords when Jesus states “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

In these and other verses, the Bible tells us that our government, like the church, is ordained of God and like all the rest of us, the government is also required to obey God’s laws. God is good-all the time; God does not authorize government to break any of His laws or commit any other atrocity it likes just because it is government. Throughout scripture, whenever government nevertheless does so deviate, as it does so many times, particularly in the Old Testament, it is severely punished. God created governments to be a servant to its people and not a master.

Our Founding Fathers based our Constitution on the Bible.\* Our third president, Thomas Jefferson, said, “Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God.” So, when our government strays from God’s path, it is our God-given duty and requirement to resist. Governments are run by men who are also, like all of us, sinners, so it should not surprise us that government sometimes does evil. If we insist on obedience to government even when it is wrong and does evil, then we are justifying tyranny and denying God. Our Lord requires that governments also obey His laws.

In obedience to God’s law, to repeat, the Founding Fathers built into our Constitution a total prohibition against any direct taxation of the people who, indeed, were free (again, Matthew 17:25 & 26). That freedom has always been, and still is, embodied in the prohibitions of Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 and Article 1, Section 9, Clause 4 of our Constitution. Despite the IRS’ false allegation that the Sixteenth Amendment overruled this prohibition, Chapter II of *Super Scam* proves the limited authority of the Sixteenth Amendment to tax only the profit or gain derived from government-granted privileged activity from corporations, limited partnerships or non-resident aliens. Our nation’s citizens (God’s “children”) are free!

\*The following quotations from speeches of the Founding Fathers show their support for their Christian heritage and their dedication to God’s directives in Holy Scripture:

George Washington: “In the distinguished character of patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the most distinguished character of Christian. What students would learn in American schools above all is the religion of Jesus Christ.

John Adams: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

Patrick Henry: “This is all the inheritance I can give my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed.”

Alexander Hamilton: “I have carefully examined the evidences of the Christian religion, and if I was sitting as a juror upon its authenticity I would unhesitatingly give my verdict in its favor. I can prove its truth as clearly as any proposition ever submitted to the mind of man.”

Thomas Jefferson: “God, who gave us life, gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift from God?”

Finally, in total conformity with our Constitution’s prohibition against direct taxation of our citizens, Jefferson stated:

***A wise and frugal government which shall restrain men from injuring one another...shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.***

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