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The Christian Social Theory Workbooks are designed to help you come to a solid understanding of how God designed His world to operate. After completing this course you will have a solid foundation to understanding the problems in our society today and what God's answers are. You can then dig in to greater details on your areas of special operation. To successfully complete this workbook you will need to:

1. Complete all the questions in a Section.
2. Score all questions before taking the related Review. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
3. Take the Review.
4. Score the Review. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
5. Go on to the next section and repeat.
6. Memorize selected Scriptures.
7. Before taking the Pre-Test make sure all questions in the Sections and Reviews are correctly answered.
8. Take the Pre-Test.
9. Score the Pre-Test. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
10. Take the Final Test.

Note 1: Not all questions on reviews or tests will be taken directly from previous questions. However, reviews and pre-tests will show how well you understand the material. If you do well on them you should have no difficulty with the Final Test.

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## IS THE WORLD OVERPOPULATED?

We are a society driven by guilt, envy, and fear. One of the ways fear has been promoted is by the idea that the world is overpopulated or getting close to it. Images of a planet with massive famine and overcrowded cities are promoted.

“The battle to feed humanity is over. In the 1970s and 1980s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now.” Paul Ehrlich, *The Population Bomb* written in 1968 quoted in *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming*, pg. 41

“Four decades ago, scientists were so determined to prevent famines that they analyzed the feasibility of putting ‘fertility control agents’ in public drinking water. The physicist William Shockley suggest using sterilization to impose a national limit on the number of births...writing in the journal ‘Science’, [Garrett] Hardin argued that ‘freedom to breed will bring ruin to all.’ He and others urged America to adopt a ‘lifeboat ethic’ by denying food aid, even during crises, to countries with rapidly growing populations.” John Tierney, “The Kids are All Right,” *New York Times*, Oct. 14, 2006 quoted in *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming*, pg. 27

Why is fear promoted so much? Fear is a powerful emotion. It is a tool of misdirection. A population whose mind is numbed with fear is easier to drive down the road to socialism and slavery. They are less likely to question unGodly laws and actions. If citizens of a nation can be kept in “panic” mode they will voluntarily surrender their freedoms for protection against whatever imagined fear has been promoted to them. They will not take time to think things through and realize that a people who gives up their freedom for security will end up with neither freedom nor security. They will be slaves in their own country as well as slaves of their fears.

No Christian should ever act out of fear of anything. We know the God Who is in total control of everything. We know the God Who is love. We know the God Who does all things well. It is not His desire that a single one of His children should live in fear.

*“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Tim. 1:7*

*“...They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.” Zeph. 3:13 [NIV]*

*“But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.” Ps. 37:11 [NIV]*

Fear, for the Christian, is a lack of trust in God. It is faith in the enemy or the problem, instead of faith in God. This is not to say there are no problems that need to be solved, but that they will not be solved through panic-driven fear. Actions taken through fear usually create greater problems in the long run.

*“Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.” Ps. 37:3*

1. We are a society driven by guilt, \_\_\_\_\_, and fear.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a tool of misdirection.
3. A population whose mind is numbed with fear is easier to drive down the road to \_\_\_\_\_ and slavery.
4. A people who gives up their freedom for \_\_\_\_\_ will end up with neither freedom nor security.
5. No Christian should ever act out of \_\_\_\_\_ of anything.
6. We know the God Who does all things \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Fear, for the Christian, is a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
8. Actions taken through fear usually create \_\_\_\_\_ problems in the long run.

Is overpopulation a problem in our world today? Are we facing mass starvation because we have too many people?

“What causes famine [overpopulation]? Natural disasters play a very small part in famine...The most significant causes of famine are:

1. War;
2. The prevention of cultivation or the willful destruction of crops;
3. Defective agriculture caused by communistic control of land;
4. Governmental interference by regulation or taxation;
5. Currency restrictions, including debasing the coin.

...All five causes of “overpopulation” are entirely man-made.” David Chilton, *Productive Christians*, pg. 119-120

Overpopulation is not one of the major causes of famine. Man’s rebellion against God’s laws causes famine. Sinful man creates his own worst nightmare.

What does the Bible teach about world population? Is there a genuine cause for concern?

First, God designed the world. He knows its carrying capacity. The Bible teaches that God is a generous God. He is not going to make a planet that is not capable of handling the population that He knew and desired would be upon it. Our knowledge of the wisdom and compassion of God tells us that overpopulation on a planetary scale is not a problem.

Second, God’s desire and design is to have a planet full of Godly people. He is a Father and He wants a large family.

*“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it...” Gen. 1:28*

God’s specific instruction to Adam and Eve was to have lots of children. The word “replenish” is an Old English word which simply means “to fill up.” God commanded Adam and Eve to fill up the earth with a Godly population. The earth was to be subdued or harnessed for the benefit of mankind. It was specifically designed to hold a large population.

*“As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.” Gen. 9:7*

God repeated His command to Noah. He was required to fill up the earth. Although it is possible that before the flood the earth’s population could have been as large as the population we have today, it is likely that part of man’s evil and rebellion against God was trying to limit population growth - as the doomsayers do today. Add to that murders and wars that are common in an evil society and the population probably was not extensive. God began again and emphasized His command to fill the earth.

9. The most significant causes of famine are:
1. \_\_\_\_\_;
  2. The prevention of \_\_\_\_\_ or the willful destruction of crops;
  3. Defective agriculture caused by communistic control of land;
  4. Governmental interference by regulation or taxation;
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ restrictions, including debasing the coin.
10. Overpopulation is not one of the major causes of \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Man's \_\_\_\_\_ against God's laws causes famine.
12. God is not going to make a planet that is not capable of handling the \_\_\_\_\_ that He knew and desired would be upon it.
13. God's desire and design is to have a planet full of \_\_\_\_\_ people.
14. God commanded Adam and Eve to \_\_\_\_\_ the earth with a Godly population.

*"The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks." Deut. 28:4*

*"Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him." Ps.127:3*

Many times God declares children are a blessing. God loves large families, He wants one Himself! God promises that if people [society in general] obey Him they will be blessed with many healthy children and live long lives. That is God's desire and design.

"The growth of human population, if directed by God in response to the widespread honoring of God's law, is normative." Dr. Gary North, *Is The World Running Down?* pg. 147

"God promises in the law that He will cause population growth among His obedient people, and they are clearly to regard this growth as a blessing [Lev. 26:9; Deut. 28:4; cf. Ps. 127:3-5; 128:3-4]." David Chilton, *Productive Christians*, pg. 115

*"There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. Is. 65:20*

Some people try to put this Scripture off until the millennium or heaven, but the fact that death and sin are still around tells us it is about this world before the Return of Christ. Like at the beginning to time, long life is the norm. If a person dies at 100 years of age they would be considered to have died in their youth! Long life and many children produce a giant population, but God doesn't seem scared by the prospect! In fact, no where in Scripture can you find God commanding a zero growth population. If God isn't worried about it, then neither should we be. Never does He caution that there may be too many people - too many wicked, yes, but not too many people as such.

"When men respond in obedient faith to God, God lifts many aspects of the curse. He promises even to extend drastically the average lifetime of mankind [Is. 65:20]." Dr. Gary North, *Is The World Running Down?* pg. 110

"Growth must not be seen as inherently destructive. More than this: a static culture cannot survive. It has to change in order to survive. Population growth, like any kind of social growth, can be either a blessing or a curse [a prelude to disaster], depending on the character of the people who are experiencing the expansion. It is ethics, not growth as such, that determines the legitimacy of any given social growth process." Dr. Gary North, *Is The World Running Down?* pg. 157-158

A large population is a benefit to a nation.

Think of Joe's Shoe Store. If there are only 100 people in Histown where he operates his business, then he knows he won't get much business. As a result his prices are going to have to be high and he will only be able to carry the most popular selections. When the population grows to 1,000, he can lower prices and increase selection because he will be able to sell more. If Histown booms to 100,000, prices can really drop. Of course, Jane may now open up her shoe store in competition, but the people of Histown are the winners with lower prices and greater selection.

"There is no conceivable economic reason for population control." David Chilton, *Productive Christians*, pg. 117

*"In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince." Pr. 14:28*

Many people fear a large population. This don't want to live in cities, yet obviously many people do choose to live in cities. Remember that the major disadvantages of living in a city - crime and poverty - would be largely eliminated in a Biblical Society [see workbooks on Crime and Punishment and Helping the Poor]. A large city, like a heavily populated country, has the advantage of more producers and consumers. In a Free Market System this means lower prices and more choices. Those who choose to live in rural areas still have that option, but part of the cost is usually higher prices and less choice - although housing can be less expensive.

“...population density has little effect on a country’s wealth. Hong Kong, for example, has a population density almost 50 times that of the rest of China, yet creates about 6.5 times as much wealth each year. South Korea has 2.5 times as many people as North Korea, yet creates almost 23 times as much wealth.” Dr. Mary Ruwart, *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*, pg. 347

15. Many times God declares children are a \_\_\_\_\_.
16. God promises that if people [society in general] obey Him they will be blessed with many \_\_\_\_\_ children and live long lives.
17. In fact, no where in Scripture can you find God commanding a \_\_\_\_\_ growth population.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ growth, like any kind of social growth, can be either a blessing or a curse [a prelude to disaster], depending on the character of the people who are experiencing the expansion.
19. A large population is a \_\_\_\_\_ to a nation.
20. The major disadvantages of living in a city - \_\_\_\_\_ and poverty - would be largely eliminated in a Biblical Society.
21. A large city, like a heavily populated country, has the advantage of more \_\_\_\_\_ and consumers.
22. Population density has little effect on a country’s \_\_\_\_\_.

## What is the Carrying Capacity Of The Earth?

In spite of all we have said above, all physical things have a limit. There must be some point at which the population would be too large for the earth. How many people can the earth sustain?

Five hundred years ago the carrying capacity of the earth was less than it is today. How can that be since the earth hasn’t changed size? Improved farming methods allow more food to be grown in less space; therefore, more people can live on the planet. Who knows what scientific advances will do in the future?

“According to doomsayers...the proper or “sustainable” population of the Earth is between one and two billion; above that, famine is guaranteed. Somehow, on a

“starving” planet housing well over six billion, obesity is declared an epidemic.”  
Christopher Horner, *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming*, pg. 11.

“According to United Nations 1998 world population estimates there will be nearly 6 billion people on the planet as of 1999. If you took these 6 billion people, split them up into family units of four and gave them each a piece of land 50' x 50', the entire population of the planet would fit very easily into the state of Montana (with over 300 billion square feet left over!)...Lets say we give all 6 billion people on the planet 1,000 square feet each, did you realize that they all would fit very easily into the state of Texas (with over 1,300 billion square feet left over!)...Imagine yourself standing up in the middle of a square 1-1/2' x 1-1/2'. If the entire planet's 6 billion people all stood in identical squares, they would all fit within the city limits of Jacksonville, Florida (with over 9.7 billion square feet left over!). [http://www.tennesseeighttolife.org/human\\_life\\_issues/human\\_life\\_issues\\_over-population\\_myths.htm](http://www.tennesseeighttolife.org/human_life_issues/human_life_issues_over-population_myths.htm)

“Joel Cohen made the most thorough attempt to do so in *How Many People Can the Earth Support?* Cohen collected and examined every estimate of carrying capacity made in recent decades, from that of a Harvard oceanographer who thought in 1976 that we might have food enough for 40 billion people to that of a Brown University researcher who calculated in 1991 that we might be able to sustain 5.9 billion (our present population), but only if we were principally vegetarians. One study proposed that if photosynthesis was the limiting factor, the earth might support a trillion people; an Australian economist proved, in calculations a decade apart, that we could manage populations of 28 billion and 157 billion. None of the studies is wise enough to examine every variable, to reach by itself the "right" number. When Cohen compared the dozens of studies, however, he uncovered something pretty interesting: the median low value for the planet's carrying capacity was 7.7 billion people, and the median high value was 12 billion.” [Bill McKibben](http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/98may/special1.htm) <http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/98may/special1.htm>

“Around the world people are choosing to have fewer and fewer children -- not just in China, where the government forces it on them, but in almost every nation outside the poorest parts of Africa. Population growth rates are lower than they have been at any time since the Second World War. In the past three decades the average woman in the developing world, excluding China, has gone from bearing six children to bearing four. Even in Bangladesh the average has fallen from six to fewer than four; even in the mullahs' Iran it has dropped by four children. If this keeps up, the population of the world will not quite double again; United Nations analysts offer as their mid-range projection that it will top out at 10 to 11 billion, up from just under six billion at the moment. The world is still growing, at nearly a record pace -- we add a New York City every month, almost a Mexico every year, almost an India every decade. But the rate of growth is slowing; it is no longer "exponential," "unstoppable," "inexorable," "unchecked," "cancerous." If current trends hold, the world's population will all but stop growing before the twenty-first century is out.” [Bill McKibben](http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/98may/special1.htm) <http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/98may/special1.htm>

“The ‘carrying capacity’ of the earth depends on the type of society it sustains. The earth has a lower carrying capacity for hunting and gathering populations than for farming societies.” Dr. Mary Ruwart, *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*, pg. 348

The type of society is an important consideration. As we develop more effective means of farming and food production, we can feed more people from less land. And who knows what developments in the future may increase our carrying capacity.

“The high standard of living enjoyed in densely populated Japan suggests that the earth can support many times more people than it does now.” Dr. Mary Ruwart, *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*, pg. 348

“In all likelihood, the earth’s carrying capacity will never be reached. As societies become wealthier, the number of births drops dramatically.” Dr. Mary Ruwart, *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*, pg.348

“Even the birthrates in developing countries are slowing as the Third World becomes more industrialized. Consequently, by 2055, world population should stabilize at about 9 billion.” Dr. Mary Ruwart, *Healing Our World in an Age of Aggression*, pg. 348

“What the textbooks fail to show is that the growth rate of the world’s population peaked in the mid-1960s and is slowing in most nations. They also fail to point out that the world’s food supply has grown even faster than the population has grown.” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 58-59

“Most scholars are confident that we have more than enough food to feed the world’s growing population. [One expert claimed some years ago that the world could feed forty-seven billion people with a diet of the kind Americans were enjoying in the 1960s.] Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 63

“The United States has about 60 million acres of unplanted farmland. Argentina has about 90 million acres, now used for pastureland, that could be quickly cultivated.” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 63

All the doomsayers models are based on assumptions. Assumptions include low food production, population growth at a constant rate, and socialistic government. If any of these or other assumptions are wrong, then their predictions will continue to be wrong.

We do not need to live in fear. Our God is capable of handling anything - including a large earth population.

Also, if all Christians from Creation to the Second Coming come back to live on the New Earth after the Second Coming - assuming the New Earth is the same size - then it must be able to hold an extremely large population!

23. All \_\_\_\_\_ things have a limit.
24. Improved \_\_\_\_\_ methods allow more food to be grown in less space; therefore, more people can live on the planet.
25. Somehow, on a “starving” planet housing well over six billion, \_\_\_\_\_ is declared an epidemic.
26. If you took these 6 billion people, split them up into family units of four and gave them each a piece of land 50' x 50', the entire population of the planet would fit very easily into the state of \_\_\_\_\_.
27. When Cohen compared the dozens of studies, however, he uncovered something pretty interesting: the median low value for the planet's carrying capacity was \_\_\_\_\_ billion people, and the median high value was 12 billion.
28. Population growth rates are \_\_\_\_\_ than they have been at any time since the Second World War.
29. The ‘carrying capacity’ of the earth depends on the type of \_\_\_\_\_ it sustains.
30. In all likelihood, the earth’s carrying capacity will \_\_\_\_\_ be reached.
31. The growth rate of the world’s population \_\_\_\_\_ in the mid-1960s and is slowing in most nations.
32. Most scholars are \_\_\_\_\_ that we have more than enough food to feed the world’s growing population.
33. All the doomsayers models are based on \_\_\_\_\_.
34. Our God is \_\_\_\_\_ of handling anything - including a large earth population.

## Review 1

1. We are a society driven by \_\_\_\_\_, envy, and fear.
2. Fear is a tool of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A population whose mind is numbed with \_\_\_\_\_ is easier to drive down the road to socialism and slavery.
4. A people who gives up their \_\_\_\_\_ for security will end up with neither freedom nor security.
5. We know the \_\_\_\_\_ Who does all things well.
6. Fear, for the \_\_\_\_\_, is a lack of trust in God.
7. Actions taken through fear usually create greater \_\_\_\_\_ in the long run.
8. The most significant causes of famine are:
  1. War;
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9. Man's rebellion against God's \_\_\_\_\_ causes famine.
10. God is not going to make a \_\_\_\_\_ that is not capable of handling the population that He knew and desired would be upon it.
11. God \_\_\_\_\_ Adam and Eve to fill up the earth with a Godly population.
12. Many times God declares \_\_\_\_\_ are a blessing.
13. God promises that if people [society in general] \_\_\_\_\_ Him they will be blessed with many healthy children and live long lives.
14. Population growth, like any kind of \_\_\_\_\_ growth, can be either a blessing or a curse [a prelude to disaster], depending on the character of the people who are experiencing the expansion.
15. A large \_\_\_\_\_ is a benefit to a nation.

- 16. The major disadvantages of living in a city - crime and \_\_\_\_\_ - would be largely eliminated in a Biblical Society.
- 17. Population \_\_\_\_\_ has little effect on a country's wealth.
- 18. Improved farming methods allow more food to be grown in less \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, more people can live on the planet.
- 19. If you took these \_\_\_\_\_ billion people, split them up into family units of four and gave them each a piece of land 50' x 50', the entire population of the planet would fit very easily into the state of Montana.
- 20. When Cohen compared the dozens of studies, however, he uncovered something pretty interesting: the median low value for the planet's carrying capacity was 7.7 billion people, and the median high value was \_\_\_\_\_ billion.
- 21. Population growth rates are lower than they have been at any time since the \_\_\_\_\_ World War.
- 22. The '\_\_\_\_\_ capacity' of the earth depends on the type of society it sustains.
- 23. The growth rate of the world's population peaked in the mid-1960s and is \_\_\_\_\_ in most nations.
- 24. All the \_\_\_\_\_ models are based on assumptions.
- 25. Write out from memory Joshua 23:7: \_\_\_\_\_

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## What Is God's Design for the Nations?

We live in a theocracy. God rules on the earth over all nations. It is His desire that all nations acknowledge and submit to His rule. God's program is for a Christian world.

"The number 70 is repeated frequently in the Bible as the number of the nations. At the feast of the tabernacles in the seventh month...the priests of Israel began a week of sacrifices. For seven days, a descending number of bullocks were sacrificed: 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, and 7, totaling 70 bullocks. Then, on the eighth day, one final bullock was sacrificed [Nu. 29: 12-36]. These totaled 71 sacrifices for the 70 nations of the world, plus Israel. God's atonement for the whole world was manifested ritually in the Old Testament sacrificial system." Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 32

Even in the Old Testament God asserted His control over all nations. The prophets often pronounced judgments on nations for their rebellion against God. Jonah and Nineveh are an excellent example. Also follow the story the Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel. The Roman empire was the last world-wide physical government, now the Kingdom of God is to be the world-wide empire.

*"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Dan. 2:44*

Since the world is a theocracy, every nation should be a Christian nation [See Lifeline Course]. This does not mean one world government any more than the fact that every family should be a Christian family means there is only one family. Every nation which is not a committed Christian nation is in deliberate rebellion against the King of Kings who will one day bring every rebellious government official to account. On that day, there will be no excuses. Every law passed or enforced that is in opposition to God's law will be judged. Government officials should be the greatest students of Biblical Law!

"There are human kingdoms to which God gives limited, temporary sovereignty in history. There is one great kingdom to which God has given sovereignty throughout New Testament history. That kingdom is the kingdom of His Son, Jesus Christ." Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 24

"...the goal of Christians all over the world should be to work toward this goal: the creation of a formally covenanted confederation of Christian nations under God...This will not be a one-State world, but it will be a nation of covenanted nations." Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 51

For a more detailed look at the specifics of God's requirement for the nations take the Biblical Law course.

1. We live in a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's program is for a \_\_\_\_\_ world.
3. In the Old Testament God asserted His \_\_\_\_\_ over all nations.
4. The Roman empire was the last world-wide \_\_\_\_\_ government, now the Kingdom of God is to be the world-wide empire.
5. Every nation which is not a committed Christian nation is in deliberate \_\_\_\_\_ against the King of Kings.
6. Every law passed or enforced that is in \_\_\_\_\_ to God's law will be judged.

## Foreign Aid

The main problem of underdeveloped countries is religious. They operate on unBiblical principles and reap what they sow. Often Western politicians preach democracy as the solution for "Third World" problems. They think it is the form of government that creates all these issues. Democracy is failing to provide security and safety in the West, how do they expect it to change the underdeveloped countries? Sometimes the Free Market is preached as the solution, but by itself it is not a solution. The answer is Jesus. As a nation converts to Christianity and builds Biblical principles - including a Biblical Free Market - into its structure then it will see long-term positive change. Any nation which does this will be a world leader in the future. The internal heart problem must be fixed before any long-term changes can take place. Until that time, any aid is short-term and produces no lasting results. It only allows a nation to continue in its ungodly activities. Countries should be sending Bibles not guns to overthrow unrighteous governments.

"The observant Christian can clearly see that the Bible indicates a positive relationship between a people's economic blessings and their adherence to Biblical righteousness." Tom Rose, Economics: Principles and Policy, pg. 48

*"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Pr. 14:34*

*"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:" Deut. 28:1*

“The economic issue is symptom of their condition; but the problem with pagans is primarily religious and ethical. To neglect this central point in order to focus only on their poverty is radically unbiblical and immoral. If pagans are truly to be helped, they and their culture must be converted to the Christian faith...Our major concern must be to reconcile the heathen to the God whom they have offended. The problem is religious; the solution is religious as well.” David Chilton, *Produce Christians*, pg. 96

God controls the wickedness of men by requiring them to spend more time in surviving. They then have less time to work out their evil desires. This was the reason for the different languages given at the Tower of Babel. It limited the ability of people to work together for wickedness.

*The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” Gen. 11:6-7*

“This is how God controls heathen cultures: they must spend so much time surviving that they are unable to exercise ungodly dominion over the earth. In the long run, this is the history of every culture that departs from God’s word.” David Chilton, *Produce Christians*, pg. 92

“God is continually at work to destroy unbelieving cultures and to give the world over to the dominion of His people.” David Chilton, *Produce Christians*, pg. 94

The best way to help underdeveloped nations, after insisting that Christianity be allowed freedom to be preached and spread, is through private investment. Business people start businesses and make other investments hoping for a profit, but in turn they provide employment, services, and products. Foreign investors - whether they like it or not - become mentors to the native population teaching them how run businesses of their own. Over time prosperity increases on every level of society. Of course, in order for foreign businesspeople to be willing to invest in a nation they have to feel that their investment is secure from government seizure or hostile attacks. The best thing a government can do for the prosperity of its citizens is to guarantee private property rights for all and protect against crime.

“‘Undeveloped’ countries can progress only in the same ways that developed countries have grown - through capital investment.” David Chilton, *Productive Christians*, pg. 90

“The fact that the poor nations are suffering under the judgment of God does not mean we should not help [or] disregard the real misery of these people...Our actions toward them must be concerned with transforming their cultures by the Word of God. They will not be economically blessed until they obey Him, and we will be cursed if we

seek to help them in ways that are forbidden.” David Chilton, Produce Christians, pg. 97

7. The main problem of underdeveloped countries is \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Sometimes the \_\_\_\_\_ is preached as the solution, but by itself it is not a solution.
9. As a nation converts to Christianity and builds \_\_\_\_\_ principles - including a Biblical Free Market - into its structure then it will see long-term positive change.
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13. The best thing a government can do for the prosperity of its citizens is to guarantee \_\_\_\_\_ property rights for all and protect against crime.

## Should The Civil Government Give Foreign Aid?

Short answer: No. The tax a Biblical civil government collects is very small. It meets its needs of providing a Biblical court system, a defensive military and a police force, but there is nothing left over. Tax above the Biblically allowed amount is theft. Foreign Aid is a civil government stealing from its own citizens in order to follow a political agenda in other countries. Aid is given or withheld to manipulate other nations to do the giving nation's will.

“No government willing to abide by biblical limits will be able to afford to give anything away.” David Chilton, Produce Christians, pg. 99

“The first and most important point in understanding government-operated foreign aid programs is that they are government-to-government programs...the money will invariably strengthen the control of the recipient government's bureaucrats at the

expense of that nation's private sector, whether charitable or profit-seeking." Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 220

This also means that nations have no need to have consulates or ambassadors. The civil government's responsibilities are the protection of its own citizens and borders. It has no business meddling in other governments. The best and most efficient ambassadors are private missionaries and businesspeople as they go about their duties.

"To see the gospel missionary as God's primary ambassador to the nations requires that men first understand the God really does intend to bring the nations under His earthly administration." Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 157

"Thus, the job of the missionary ultimately should be to make a Christian nation out of the pagan nation in which he is operating, just as surely as he is to seek to make Christian individuals and Christian families out of the pagans he is working with." Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 165

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15. The first and most important point in understanding government-operated foreign aid programs is that they are government-to-\_\_\_\_\_ programs.
16. The best and most efficient ambassadors are private \_\_\_\_\_ and businesspeople as they go about their duties.
17. The job of the missionary ultimately should be to make a \_\_\_\_\_ nation out of the pagan nation in which he is operating.

## Who Should Give Foreign Aid?

Financial foreign aid in emergency situations should come from private donations given to churches or private charity organizations with efficient records. The organizations should seek not only to help immediate needs, but also to train the people with skills to provide for themselves in the future. Organizations like Hope International do a good job of ministering to the needs of the poor in other nations.

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## Tariffs

Tariffs are taxes that the government imposes on certain imports in order to raise their cost. The idea behind this is that the local industry needs protection from “unfair” competition, needs time to grow, or is needed to protect local jobs. Tariffs are socialistic theft and opposed to a Biblical Free Market system which would allow industries in different countries to compete freely with one another.

“There should be no discrimination against any peaceful nation, or any imported product: the same rate of taxation [tariffs] should apply to every import. The lower the rate of tariff [tax], the better for the consumers.” Dr. Gary North, *Inherit The Earth*, pg. 106

Like minimum wage laws and licensing keep the poor at home from getting a start, tariffs keep poor nations from developing wealth. The products they can produce at lower cost than the local market is willing to produce them is artificially increased. Their products are then less in demand. They are forbidden by law from creating their market through offering lower prices. This also robs the consumer of lower priced product and more choices.

“The formerly underdeveloped nations of the Far East that are now noted for their rapid economic growth have received little foreign aid from the West: Hong Kong, Taiwan [Free China], Singapore, South Korea, and Malaysia. What they have received is access to Western consumer markets. More than any other single factor, the primary cause of economic development of backward nations has been their commercial contacts with the West.” Dr. Gary North, *Healer of the Nations*, pg. 221

Biblical Law does not allow civil governments to restrict trade with other nations except in time of war. We should be working toward a true world-wide Free Trade agreement. A real Free Trade agreement does not need 1,000's of pages to define and limit it. It is simply allowing people and businesses to work out their own best deal free from violence or deception.

The only except to this would be if a nation attacked or threaten attack against a peaceful nation. Then the government could step in as a measure of national security to forbid all trade with that nation and/or its allies.

“The decision to trade or not to trade with a self-identified enemy should be made by the Commander-In-Chief of the armed forces, on the advice of senior military experts, subject to legislation to the contrary by the legislature. The decision should not be made by the foreign policy professionals.” Dr. Gary North, *Healer of the Nations*, pg. 189

“Religion, not politics or economics, is the crucial issue in international relations. A treaty is always a covenant, and a covenant is either a religious treaty under God or under an imitator of God.” Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 18

“It does no good to proclaim peace, for there is never peace between nations covenanted to God and nations covenanted to God’s enemies. There can only be temporary cease-fire agreements.” Dr. Gary North, Healer of the Nations, pg. 40

Except in times of war, the government has no right to restrict trade with other nations. People and companies need to be allowed to trade internationally without taxation or restrictions.

What about the idea that local products or jobs need protection from international competition?

Often the reason why local products or jobs are endangered is because of government interference in the free market. Local licenses, regulations, restrictions, taxes, higher-than-market union wages all combine to increase the cost of local business. The solution is not to place tariffs on imports, but to eliminate the unBiblical local conditions which increase costs. Businesses that still cannot compete with foreign markets should be allowed to fail. New businesses will spring up in different industries to provide employment.

Government tariffs on imports or subsidies to local businesses enable local businesses to compete without having to adjust to customer demand. In the long run these businesses often get into trouble or fail anyway because they have not been forced by the free market to adjust to market demands or to invent new and better ways of production. Once again, the government in trying to help outside of its Biblical mandate only creates further and worse problems.

Is it fair if a foreign government provides subsidies to its local businesses which produce exports? Doesn’t this give the foreign companies an advantage over the local companies?

Yes, it does give the foreign companies an unfair advantage, but tariffs are not the answer. Local competitive businesses would have to sharpen their skills and be inventive. Of course, the real winners would be the local customers because, in essence, the foreign taxpayers are actually paying them to shop! Sooner or later the foreign taxpayers are going to get tired of that and insist their government stop the subsidies. If they don’t, the local customer are going to continue to enjoy lower than market prices at the expense of the exporting nation.

19. Tariffs are \_\_\_\_\_ that the government imposes on certain imports in order to raise their cost.

20. Tariffs are \_\_\_\_\_ theft and opposed to a Biblical Free Market system which would allow industries in different countries to compete freely with one another.
21. Tariffs keep \_\_\_\_\_ nations from developing wealth.
22. Biblical Law does not allow civil governments to restrict trade with other nations.
23. Real Free Trade is simply allowing people and businesses to work out their own best deal free from \_\_\_\_\_ or deception.
24. Often the reason why local products or jobs are endangered is because of government \_\_\_\_\_ in the free market.
25. Businesses that still cannot compete with foreign markets should be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Government tariffs on imports or \_\_\_\_\_ to local businesses enable local businesses to compete without having to adjust to customer demand.

## Review 2

1. We live in a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's program is for a Christian \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament God asserted His control over all nations.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ empire was the last world wide physical government, now the Kingdom of God is to be the world-wide empire.
5. Every nation which is not a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian nation is in deliberate rebellion against the King of Kings.
6. Every \_\_\_\_\_ passed or enforced that is in opposition to God's law will be judged.
7. The main problem of \_\_\_\_\_ countries is religious.
8. As a nation converts to Christianity and builds Biblical principles - including a Biblical Free Market - into its structure then it will see long-term \_\_\_\_\_ change.

9. God controls the \_\_\_\_\_ of men by requiring them to spend more time in surviving.
10. The best way to help underdeveloped nations, after insisting that Christianity be allowed freedom to be preached and spread, is through \_\_\_\_\_ investment.
11. The best thing a government can do for the prosperity of its citizens is to guarantee private property rights for all and protect against \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Foreign Aid is a civil government stealing from its own citizens in order to follow a \_\_\_\_\_ agenda in other countries.
13. The best and most efficient ambassadors are private missionaries and \_\_\_\_\_ as they go about their duties.
14. The job of the \_\_\_\_\_ ultimately should be to make a Christian nation out of the pagan nation in which he is operating.
15. Financial foreign aid in \_\_\_\_\_ situations should come from private donations given to churches or private charity organizations with efficient records.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ are taxes that the government imposes on certain imports in order to raise their cost.
17. Tariffs keep poor nations from developing \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Biblical Law does not allow civil governments to restrict \_\_\_\_\_ with other nations.
19. Real Free Trade is simply allowing people and businesses to work out their own best deal free from violence or \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Businesses that still cannot compete with \_\_\_\_\_ markets should be allowed to fail.

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ [Each answer worth 5 points]

## Pre-Test

1. Write out from memory Joshua 23:7: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. We are a society driven by guilt, envy, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ whose mind is numbed with fear is easier to drive down the road to socialism and slavery.
4. A people who gives up their freedom for \_\_\_\_\_ will end up with neither freedom nor security.
5. Fear, for the Christian, is a lack of trust in \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The most significant causes of famine are:
  1. War;
  2. The prevention of cultivation or the willful destruction of crops;
  3. Defective agriculture caused by communistic control of land;
  4. Governmental interference by regulation or \_\_\_\_\_;
  5. Currency restrictions, including debasing the coin.
7. Man's rebellion against God's laws causes \_\_\_\_\_.
8. God is not going to make a planet that is not capable of handling the \_\_\_\_\_ that He knew and desired would be upon it.
9. Many times God declares children are a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Population growth, like any kind of social growth, can be either a blessing or a curse [a prelude to disaster], depending on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people who are experiencing the expansion.

11. A large population is a \_\_\_\_\_ to a nation.
12. Population density has \_\_\_\_\_ effect on a country's wealth.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ farming methods allow more food to be grown in less space; therefore, more people can live on the planet.
14. When Cohen compared the dozens of studies, however, he uncovered something pretty interesting: the median low value for the planet's carrying capacity was \_\_\_\_\_ billion people, and the median high value was 12 billion.
15. Population growth rates are \_\_\_\_\_ than they have been at any time since the Second World War.
16. The 'carrying capacity' of the earth depends on the type of \_\_\_\_\_ it sustains.
17. Most scholars are confident that we have more than enough food to \_\_\_\_\_ the world's growing population.
18. All the doomsayers models are based on \_\_\_\_\_.
19. We live in a \_\_\_\_\_.
20. God's program is for a \_\_\_\_\_ world.
21. The Roman empire was the last world wide physical government, now the Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ is to be the world-wide empire.
22. Every nation which is not a committed Christian nation is in \_\_\_\_\_ rebellion against the King of Kings.
23. Every law passed or enforced that is in opposition to God's law will be \_\_\_\_\_.
24. The main problem of underdeveloped countries is \_\_\_\_\_.
25. As a nation converts to \_\_\_\_\_ and builds Biblical principles - including a Biblical Free Market - into its structure then it will see long-term positive change.
26. God controls the wickedness of men by requiring them to spend more time in

- \_\_\_\_\_.
27. The best way to help underdeveloped nations, after insisting that Christianity be allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to be preached and spread, is through private investment.
  28. The best thing a government can do for the \_\_\_\_\_ of its citizens is to guarantee private property rights for all and protect against crime.
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  30. The job of the missionary ultimately should be to make a \_\_\_\_\_ nation out of the pagan nation in which he is operating.
  31. \_\_\_\_\_ foreign aid in emergency situations should come from private donations given to churches or private charity organizations with efficient records.
  32. \_\_\_\_\_ keep poor nations from developing wealth.
  33. Real \_\_\_\_\_ is simply allowing people and businesses to work out their own best deal free from violence or deception.

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ [Each answer worth 3 points]

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