



— A House Divided —
Responding to the Storming of the US Capitol





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As Christians we
must resist the
tribalism of politics.

1 John
4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We have to honestly ask ourselves, "Are the political positions I hold driven by fear or love?"

Matthew
5:43-45

“You have heard that it was said,
‘Love your neighbor and hate your
enemy.’ But I tell you, love your
enemies and pray for those who
persecute you, that you may be
children of your Father in heaven.
He causes his sun to rise on the evil
and the good, and sends rain on
the righteous and the unrighteous.”

As Christians we must
not allow our politics
to shape our reality.



Kaitlyn Shiess

*(The Liturgy of
Politics)*

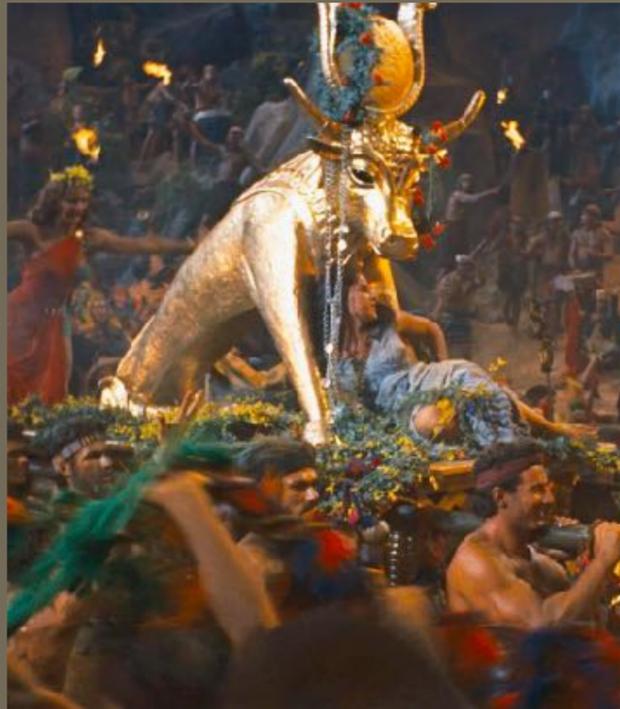
Our habit of identifying anything from chocolate chip cookies to football teams as idols lessens the impact of the real meaning of the word. In Scripture, Israel is repeatedly judged for her idolatry, worshiping worthless objects instead of the one true God. But the prophets who so consistently communicate this judgment don't describe her idolatry as merely misplaced valuing of some good thing (the way we often use the term), but **as capitulation to a different story and set of values** [emphasis mine].



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... While our relationships to chocolate chip cookies and football teams can certainly dishonor God, perhaps we've watered down the language of idolatry to the point where we miss the real idols. Political participation has a unique ability to inspire idolatry in people precisely because it so often involves promises of protection and provision, requires sacrifices, legitimizes authority, and inspires submission and worship.



Exodus 32:1-4

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "**These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.**"





Albert
Mohler

“If I were to support, much less endorse, Donald Trump for president, I would actually have to go back and apologize to former President Bill Clinton.”





Luke
20:19-26

The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the



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truth. Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

He saw through their duplicity and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?" "Caesar's," they replied.

He said to them, "Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.

Luke
20:24

He saw through their duplicity and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose **image (eikon)** and inscription are on it?" "Caesar's," they replied.

Genesis
1:26

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our **image (eikon)**, in our likeness ...

As his image bearers God
alone is the one who
deserves our total
allegiance and so we must
live for his agenda alone.



Philip Yancey

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When I ask my airplane seatmates, “What comes to mind when I say the words ‘evangelical Christian’?” they usually respond in political terms. Yet the gospel of Jesus was not primarily a political platform. In all the talk of voting blocs and culture wars, the message of grace—the main distinctive Christians have to offer—tends to fall aside. It is difficult, if not impossible, to communicate the message of grace from the corridors of power. ... The church is becoming more and more politicized, and as society unravels I hear calls that we



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emphasize mercy less and morality more. Stigmatize homosexuals, shame unwed mothers, persecute immigrants, harass the homeless, punish lawbreakers— I get the sense from some Christians that if we just pass enough harsh laws in Washington, we can turn our country around. ... I fear that our clumsy pronouncements, our name-calling, our hysteria about important issues— in short, our lack of grace— may in the end prove so damaging that society no longer looks to us for the guidance it needs.