

How Should We Then Vote?  
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**Divine Institution #3:  
Family**

# The Foundations of Social Order

## The Divine Institutions

**Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”**

# EVALUATION CRITERIA

## Christianity

## Secular Modernism, Post-Modernism

**Ultimate  
Reality**

**Personal-Infinite  
God/+R/J Love**

**Infinite non-  
personal matter**

**Man**

**Created,  
Image of God**

**Cosmic accident**

**Ethics**

**God defines**

**Man defines  
relative to time and  
culture**

**Knowledge**

**Bible reveals**

**Pure experience**

**Marriage**

**Creation  
institution**

**Social  
construct**

**God defined**

**Man defined**

# The Divine Institutions

1. Individual responsibility

**PRE-FALL**

2. Marriage

3. Family

**Designed to promote  
productivity and advance  
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

**POST-FALL**

5. Nations

6. Israel

**Designed to restrain evil**

# **What is a Divine Institution?**

**Absolute social structures instituted by God for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike.**

**Designed by God for the perpetuation, stability, protection, and freedom of the human race.**

**A Divine Institution is not a social construct.**

## **WHAT IS A FAMILY?**

**... the union of one man and one woman in marriage which has been blessed with one or several natural or adopted children.**

**... an organic union that combines father, mother, and children (natural or adopted) into a cohesive unit—**

**Thus both parents, father and mother, are integral in the rearing and training of their children to enable them to be adults who live lives to glorify God, and to be a blessing to those around them, and the surrounding culture and civilization.**

**Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ...’**

**Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”**



**Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ”**

**Gen. 2:18, “And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ”**

**Gen. 2:20, “So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.”**

**Gen. 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”**

**Deut. 6:6, “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.**

**Deut. 6:7, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**

**Deut. 6:8, “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

**Deut. 6:9, “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”**

**Psa. 127:3, “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.**

**Psa. 127:4, “Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth.**

**Psa. 127:5, “Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.”**

**Luke 2:52, “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”**