

Thy Name

In the discussions at the meetings of ACLS an important point has been brought to light. The subject of the social security number is not new as nothing is new under the sun.

Ecc_1:9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

I propose that it is the world's attempt to steal man's inheritance by changing his name to a number and to do so in a very subtle way. If it were not, then why such a demand for that number?

As David did say in Ps. 3:1 "...Many are they that rise up against me." It is the world's attempt to squeeze man into it's mold. To reshape us into it's fashion.

Within the body of Christ however the concern varies. Some take it more serious than others. Some consider it the mark of the beast. Some consider it the mark of a beast. Some consider it an annoyance. And yet others consider it a benefit. So, as a Christian, how serious should be the concern?

If it were that it was just a number for the purpose of convenience as an option to be used as an identifier for some kind of an account than it would be a personal preference. And if so, why that number? Why not any number or numbers that a person chooses to use. The Social Security Administration admits that it has become a National Identifier not only required of public administrations, but, also by private businesses and organizations. Connecting the dots so to speak, by a national identifier gives big brother the ability to know your business. That big brother wants to be your god. It wants to control your life and it begins by changing your name to a number.

In American law it is none of the government's business to know your business unless it is believed that you are breaking the law. That is called "probable cause". Show me. There is no requirement to volunteer information about yourself without due process.

The fourth amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees our right of privacy. The fifth the right of due process.

However, under a defacto regime that is obviously running amuck at the present time, it is no longer that way. Today, as it has been expressed, it is very difficult

to live a normal lifestyle unless a person applies for and provides a social security number whether it is for a public service or a private service. Why?

We must always remember that the world hates God. Do not look at it any other way. Today it is more obvious than ever. As minions of Satan the world intends to attack every bastion of the Christian faith.

In knowing that God is omniscient he knows the names of all mankind. It is the world's attempt to be as God to "know" all the people. In American law there is no authority, nor necessity for government to know all the people. God, as creator has the authority to know all his creation. As its creator, nowhere embodied in the constitution of these United States has it ever given the United States government any such authorization. Therefore, it becomes a usurpation of authority.

Anyone that has any knowledge at all of our constitutions knows that they were originally structured to limit governments and bind them with the "chains" of the constitutions. The constitution does not give men rights. It can only give privileges and what it gives it can take away.

That in part, the purpose of the U.S. Constitution was explained in these words of the preamble of the Declaration of Independence.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness".—

The three little words "that among these" is often overlooked. It was commonly understood at the writing of the Constitution that to delineate -that among these- would have been an exhaustive work all inclusive in scripture. Those certain unalienable rights include all man's obligations and duties before God. That rights inherited are duties and not to obey them is to sin before the Lord.

In a chronological order our name is our third property right, immediately after conception which in embodies the first and second. Therefore, we have a duty to protect our name. Why? Because it was given to us, we own it as part of our inheritance.

Our name is given to us by our parents, not by government.

The name identifies the child to the family of which it was born. This is one of the rights of the parents, to name their children. Instead of saying that John is of the House of Jones we say John Jones.

The word "of" means: 1. From or out of; proceeding from, as the cause, source, means, author or agent bestowing.

So, you come from the Jones. You do not come from government. You are not John United States. Your source is your parents not government. If you notice, government agencies are not nearly concerned about your name as they are about your social security number. Why? Because it wants to track its "children". It knows them by number, not by name. Yes, it could track you by name, but there is more than one John Jones. It wants to know specifically who you are. If you were a drone that could be appropriate. But, you are not; you are man, created by a sovereign God.

Who has the authority to name you? Let's look at some scripture.

Our first example is man naming man:

Gen_3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

We see angels giving names:

Luk 1:11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Luk 1:12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

Luk 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luk 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

We see God renaming Abram, Sarai and Jacob.

Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Gen 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

Gen_32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

We see the mother naming her son:

Gen_4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth:...

1Sa_4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

We see the Patriarch changing the name of his child.

Gen 35:17 "And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. Gen 35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin." The father being Jacob.

We see Jesus renaming Simon, James and John

Mar 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

Mar 3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

Mar 3:16 And Simon he surnamed Peter;

Mar 3:17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

Then we come to Nebuchadnezzar.

Historically, in ages past, it was custom or tradition for the captor to rename the captive. Often times the name changes were the names of the captor's gods.

We see the usurpation of that authority when Nebuchadnezzar renames certain children of Israel.

Dan 1:5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

Dan 1:6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

Dan 1:7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

John Gill comments:

Daniel 1:7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names,.... Other names, Chaldee names, according to the names of the gods of that country, for honour and glory, as Saadiah observes; which was done either to make them more acceptable to the court and courtiers of the king of Babylon; and to show that they were his servants, and naturalized subjects; and chiefly to cause them to forget the names their fathers gave them, and out of hatred to them, having all of them in them the names of the true God, El or Jah; and, most of all, that they might forget the God of their fathers, whose names they bore. This prince of the eunuchs seems to be the same with the master of the eunuchs, Ashpenaz, before mentioned, so Jacchiades; but some take him to be another person: what he did in changing the names of these four Hebrew youths was not his own idea and by his own authority, but by the order of the king; Dan_5:12, So, we see the intent of Nebuchadnezzar.

Dan_4:8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,

Dan 5:12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts,

were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

Now, we ask the question, "BY what authority did Nebuchadnezzar change their names".

Answer, "Because they were in captivity?" Was it by authority or by custom and tradition?

Are we in captivity? No, we are not we are a free people. Our constitution has not been altered. But, there are those in authority who are blasphemers and tyrants that have not honored their oath of office. Many don't even know the seriousness of their acts of sedition.

But, what about us? Have we voluntarily cast off our name by applying for a social security account? For applying for a different name, a name from another source, a name that has become an idol. Can we so lightly give up our inheritance as Esau gave up his? Can we waive our rights when they are duties before the Lord?

Three questions:

1. Who has the authority to name a person?
2. Have you really considered that your name is part of your inheritance?
3. When presented with the truth how does the Christian gain relief?

What say ye are you a slave to a benevolent master or a slave to a beast?

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