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“Why is greater than what is greater than how.”

R.C. SPROUL

“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me.”

JOHN 17:24

“The glory of our Lord Jesus Christ is proposed as *the principal object* of our faith, love, delight, and admiration.”

JOHN OWEN, *THE GLORY OF CHRIST* (1684)

“If a man pretend himself ... greatly to desire what he never saw, he does but dote on his own imaginations. And the pretended desires of many to behold the glory of Christ in heaven, who have no view of it by faith while they are here in this world, are nothing but self-deceiving imaginations.”

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten Son of the Father), full of grace and truth.”

JOHN 1:14

“Glory relates not only to the thing itself that is glorious, but to the estimation and opinion we have of it, — that is, doxa; when that which is in itself glorious is esteemed so.”

JOHN OWEN, *SERMON ON EXODUS 33*

“O Father,
You have made man for the glory of thyself,
and when not an instrument of that glory, he is
a thing of nought.”

VALLEY OF VISION

THE 'WHY'?

“For from him and through him and to him
are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.”

ROMANS 11:36

THE 'WHAT'?

LEGISLATION AND LITIGATION

LIFE OF THE UNBORN

HUMAN SEXUALITY

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JUDICIAL SUPREMACY IS A LIE

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ARTICLE VI - U. S. CONSTITUTION

This **Constitution**, and the **laws of the United States** which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all **treaties** made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

“[I]t was not until 1834 that the Court provided for the filing of its own written opinions with its own clerk, and even then oral opinions were not invariably reduced to writing.”

**EDWARD A. HARTNETT, A Matter of judgment, not a matter of
opinion,
74 N.Y.U. L. REV. 123, 126-27, 130 (1999)**

“[I]f the policy of the Government upon vital questions affecting the **whole people** is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court...the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically **resigned their Government** into the hands of that eminent tribunal.”

- ABRAHAM LINCOLN

“Lord, an opinion with such scatter-shot rationales as this one (federalism noises among them) can be distinguished in many ways. And deserves to be. State and lower federal courts should take the Court at its word **and distinguish away.**”

-JUSTICE SCALIA, DISSENTING, *U.S. V. WINDSOR*

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RULE OF LAW LIFE ACT

SB 1780 (Bowling) / HB 1962 (Howell)

GOV'S UNDRAFTED PROPOSAL

SB 2254 (Johnson)/HB 2484 (Lamberth)

9th Amendment

“The enumeration ... of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage **other rights** retained by the people.”

14th Amendment

“No state shall ... deprive any person of life, **liberty**, or property without due process of law.”

Life??

We don't know?

No Conflict.
Can we create one?

liberty

“The controlling word in the cases before us is **‘liberty.’**”
PP v. Casey

Can a non-person have human life imputed to it?

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“An infant *in ventre sa mere*, or in the mother’s womb, is **supposed in law to be born for many purposes.**”
Blackstone

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Life??

Irreconcilable Conflict

liberty

Now we Know—
biologically
and in law
who has
“life.”

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MARITAL CONTRACT AT COMMON LAW RECORDING ACT

SB 2290 (Bowling)
HB 2310 (Leatherwood)

IS MARRIAGE AN INSTITUTION
CREATED AND GIVEN TO US BY
GOVERNMENT, OR IS IT GOD-
GIVEN?

GOD-GIVEN
Marriage

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“The Supreme Court in its *Obergefell* decision did not, and did not attempt to, eradicate, alter or modify this antecedent, or pre-legal and thus natural, institution as marriage; instead, the *Obergefell* Court required only that marriage **as a creature of the positive law** be made available to opposite-sex and same-sex couples on ‘equal’ terms.”

“The common-law or natural institution of marriage was expressly left untouched by the Court.”

“The provisions of the Ninth Amendment mean that the ‘right to marry’ in the 14th Amendment ‘shall not be construed to deny or disparage’ this right of a man and woman to enter into a marital contract at common law.”

BUSINESS PROTECTION ACT

0364 (Rose) / HB 0563 (Zachary)

SCHOOL PROTECTION ACT

SB 1499 (Hensley) / HB 1274 (Holt)



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