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## Summer 2009 ACTION Newsletter

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## Message from the Vice President Our Mission by Kirk Radanovich

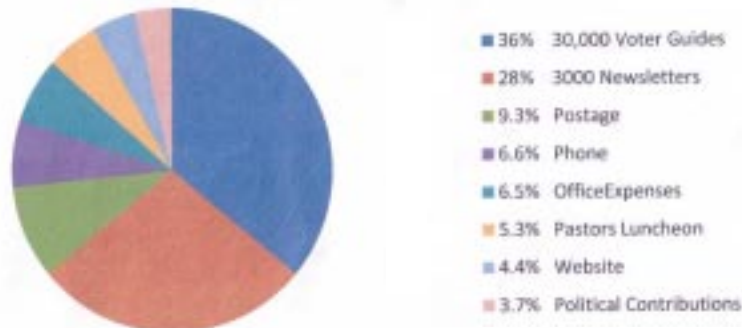
As an ancient Chinese saying goes; “May you live in interesting times.” We definitely are living in interesting times; in fact, the very foundations of our country are being shaken spiritually, morally and financially. I never thought I would live to see the

day when our President would declare that the United States is not a Christian Nation, that a late night “comedian“ would joke about the rape of a 14 year old girl simply because her mother was a Conservative Christian and dared to stand up for our values, or that many would call for the end of the US Dollar in favor of a new, world currency. If there was ever a time our country needed people to pray and patriots to rise in her defense, today is the day.

The last few months have indeed been very interesting and, for some, very difficult financially. Lancaster County ACTION would like to thank all our members who faithfully contribute to the work we do. We appreciate your devotion and would like you to know how your yearly dues are spent. Below you will find a graph that explains just how we spent your contributions last year. Since we are an all-volunteer organization, no money goes to salaries or compensation overhead. As you can see, nearly 80% of your contribution goes directly to voter education, with the balance spent to support the other parts of our mission.

If you agree with us, please consider renewing your annual membership today. If you already have, please consider joining our newly formed Presidents Club for \$500.00 or Governors Club for \$250.00 (see article on Page 2). This will greatly increase our ability to print and distribute more Voter Guides, newsletters, and other information.

### EXPENSES SUPPORTED BY MEMBER DUES



*“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”*  
 Edmund Burke

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!!!**



## Pat Toomey

**Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate  
to Keynote LCA 2009 Banquet  
Friday, September 18, 2009  
6:00 pm at The Eden Resort  
(more details to follow)**

## LCA Introduces Presidents and Governors Clubs

For over 20 years, LCA has existed to help to promote the Judeo Christian values that our society was built upon. Throughout that time we have been an all volunteer organization. (No board member receives any compensation for the time they contribute to LCA).

Today, as we observe the conditions all around us, we believe that we must continue and in fact increase our efforts to influence the society that we live in. In the past, most of our efforts have been directed toward voter education via newsletters and voter guides. For the most part, we have paid an outside printer to produce this material. Recently we were able to purchase a Canon copier that will allow us to save money by printing our own newsletters and voter guides (this newsletter was printed by our new machine). We anticipate these savings will allow us to increase the amount of materials that we print. Although we found a great deal on the purchase price of this used printer, we had to spend all of the funds in our account. As we discussed this, we thought that there may be those who would like to support LCA in a greater way. Therefore we are introducing two additional levels of support. They are the Presidents Club and the Governors Club. If you are able, please consider joining one of these clubs so that we will be able to increase our influence.

Here are the benefits of each club:

### **Presidents Club - \$500.00**

- Includes annual Family Membership
- Includes two tickets to each of our Quarterly Breakfasts for one year
- Includes two tickets and two private reception tickets to the 2009 LCA Annual Banquet

### **Governors Club - \$250.00**

- Includes annual Family Membership
- Includes one ticket to each of our Quarterly Breakfasts for one year
- Includes one ticket and one private reception ticket to the 2009 LCA Annual Banquet.



# Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, July 11, 2009

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Leola Restaurant, 365 West Main St, Leola



## Featured Speakers:

**The Honorable Judge Joan Orié Melvin**

Presently serving on PA Superior Court &  
Republican Candidate for PA Supreme Court



**State Senator Lloyd Smucker**

“State Budget Update”

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-569-0148) by Wednesday, July 8, 2009. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

## A Message from the Treasurer - Is Your Membership Current?

Please take a moment to make certain that your membership is current, by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter to see if your dues are up-to-date. The number “2009” should appear in the parenthesis on the label. If it does not, please fill out the form below and mail to:

Lancaster County ACTION, Office of the Treasurer, 1939 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603

*clip and send*

- I would like to begin/renew my membership in LCA’s Governors Club (\$500.00).
- I would like to begin/renew my membership in LCA’s Presidents Club (\$250.00).
- I would like to begin/renew (\$20.00 per household) my membership in Lancaster County ACTION.  
(Please make check payable to Lancaster County ACTION.)

I’d like to volunteer for the following ACTION Committee(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Contact/Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising      | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter          | <input type="checkbox"/> School District Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education             | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth/Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Library            | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Guides                |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please clip and return to Lancaster County ACTION, 1939 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603. Thank you!

# Statism: Rendering to Caesar the Things that are God's

Stephen McDowell

**S**tatism is the belief that the civil government (or man via civil government) is the ultimate authority in the earth and as such is the source of law and morality. The state defines what is right and wrong, what is lawful and unlawful, what is moral and immoral. The state becomes the de facto god of the society, or in the words of Roscoe Pound, President of Harvard Law School in the 1920s, "the state takes the place of Jehovah."

Statist nations do not want and cannot afford to have parallel societies. All those who believe and act contrary to the statist philosophy will find themselves gradually restricted in their rights and freedoms. A society cannot serve two gods. It cannot have two sources of authority, law, and morality. One will ultimately prevail.

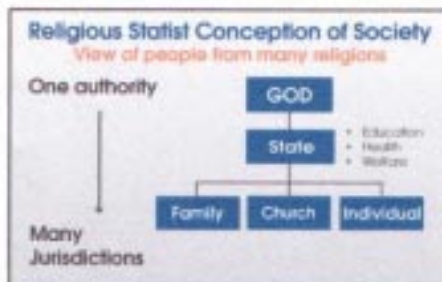
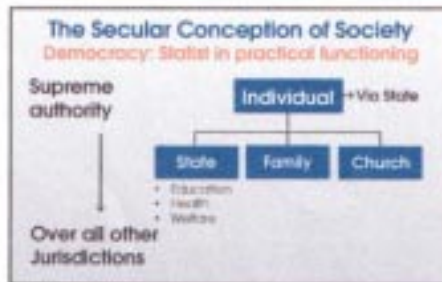
Jesus taught that we are to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. In attempting to trap Jesus, the Pharisees sent their disciples to ask Him whether it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. (Matthew 22:15-21) Knowing their malice, Jesus responded by having them show a coin and asking them whose image was inscribed upon it. When they replied, "Caesar's," he said, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

Jesus was teaching an extremely important concept here—that of jurisdictional authority. Jesus used a coin with Caesar's image upon it to illustrate that civil government does indeed have certain jurisdictional authority, such as in the area of taxation. However, Christ went on to pronounce that the state's jurisdiction is limited when He said

**"Statism is the belief that the civil government is the ultimate authority."**

that we are to render "to God the things that are God's." The inference is that there is a sphere of life where civil government (i.e. Caesar) has no jurisdiction at all. That sphere is implied here as involving the soul and mind of men, being made, not in Caesar's image, but in the image of God. Jesus was affirming that religious worship and opinions, and any endeavor relating to thoughts or speech, must remain completely free from government control.

This is the Biblical idea of the separation of church and state. It is not like the modern idea, which says we must remove God from public life. The principle of separation of church and state, the separation of school and state, and the separation of the press and speech from the control of the state, which are articulated in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, are rooted in this historic political teaching of Christ. Before Christianity, the pagan world always



included religion and education under the jurisdiction of the state. It was a radical political concept for Christ to declare that Caesar's power should be limited and, therefore, was used against Jesus when He was convicted of treason and crucified under Roman law. Christ's teaching has since changed the western world.

Caesar thought he was Lord, but Christians declared that "Jesus is Lord." Caesar saw this declaration by early believers as a threat to the state and to his reign and, hence, persecuted and killed many Christians.

The responsibilities of the state are to be distinguished from that of the individual, family, and church. Usurpation of authority occurs when

one jurisdiction encroaches upon another jurisdiction. The result is tyranny. Usurpation is exercising authority or power that belongs to another. It is "the act of seizing or occupying and enjoying the property of another, without right."

The charts included here give a brief comparison of the Biblical conception of society (and the role of civil government) with various man-made views of how societies should be governmentally structured. The fruit of socialism – or the Caesar or Babel mentality – is loss of liberty, loss of prosperity, and loss of the ability for the Church to discipline the nations. A statist government will suppress Christian involvement in government, education, and social life.

While civil government is a divine institution with an important purpose, it is very limited in what it is supposed to do. It basically is to protect the life, liberty, and property of its citizens. (Rom 13:4; 1 Pet 2:14) But we have made it like Babel, thinking the state (something of our own creation)

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will do much more than God says it is to do, where it takes on the role of God, the family, the church, and business. Many people look to the state to meet their needs from cradle to grave, to bring peace and utopia on earth, to help them in times of trouble, to solve all their problems, to care for them when they are sick, and to control and regulate all things. We as a nation have given over to the state many of the responsibilities that God says belong to individuals, the family, or the church.

Earthly authorities are not intended to control us. We are to govern ourselves under God and His standard of truth. We should seek to change the mentality of letting others govern us.

Freedom to choose is one key way we are like God. As we choose in a way that pleases Him, we bring Him glory. When we are deprived of this ability to make free choice by evil governments, then part of our God-likeness is suppressed. Liberty is freedom to do God's will.

## RENDERING TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S

Stephen McDowell



**New and recommended!** This essay by Stephen McDowell of the Providence Foundation exposes the Caesar and Babel mentalities and calls us to repent. This 25-page booklet documents how the U.S. is quickly veering from being a Constitutional Republic into European-style Socialism.

## LCA Announces Essay Contest for City on the Hill Scholarship

LCA invites all youth between the ages of 15 and 18 to enter our essay contest to win a 50% scholarship toward PA Family Institute’s City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference.

The LCA Board will review all submitted essays to determine the scholarship recipient. Essays must be sent to LCA, 5845 Clarkson Dr, East Petersburg, PA 17520-1402 and postmarked no later than July 6, 2009. Essay length should be between 500 and 1000 words and will be evaluated based upon content and topic development. Topic choices must include one of the following:

- What is the greatest moral dilemma facing today’s modern Christian politician?
  - What is the role of personal morals and values when serving in public office?
  - Which Biblical principles would serve as a personal reminder to always maintain humility in a position of prestige and power?
  - Would Jesus have pursued a life in politics? Why or why not?
  - Which Biblical principles support a democratic government viewpoint?
  - Compare and contrast the political life of King Saul to a modern day leader of your choosing.
  - Is America a Christian nation? Why or why not?
- “A city on a hill cannot be hidden” the 9th annual City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference will be held July 19-25, 2009, on the campus of Lancaster

Bible College.

City on the Hill (COH) is a fantastic opportunity for high school students ages 15 through 18 to participate in training designed to uncover God-given leadership ability:

In just the course of a week, lives are transformed by the renewing of minds. Attendees are encouraged and equipped to stand for truth against what the world defines as true. They hear stories from legislators, lobbyists, lawyers, educators and others that challenge them and awaken their imaginations to the many career opportunities awaiting them.

The dynamic 2008 speaker lineup included Brett Kunkle of Stand to Reason, Dr. Alberta Wilson of Faith First, State Rep. Rob Kauffman, Andrew Samuels of Graystone Bank, Pennsylvania Family Institute president Michael Geer, and others.

As the conference begins, what before was a group of young people now becomes a group of senators. Each attendee is sworn in and addressed as Senator. Each is given instruction, elect leaders, and introduce bills that are currently being addressed by the Commonwealth.

The real impact with becoming a senator is not just being addressed as one. Towards the end of the week, the senators will debate their bills in actual committee rooms and on the floor of the Senate chamber in the Harrisburg capitol (a rare opportunity that is rewarding and inspiring).

The senators stay on the Lancaster Bible College campus for the week. Through meals,

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## Call 2 Fall

“If my people who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” - 2 Chronicles 7:14

Intercessors for America has joined with a growing coalition of pastors, the Family Research Council, and other ministries in issuing a nationwide “Call to Fall” on our knees before the Lord on July 5th, 2009, a day of humility and repentance for America. Pastors and churches are engaging in a singular act of corporate humility, taking at a minimum of 3 to 5 minutes during the Sunday morning worship for the entire congregation to fall to their knees and call upon God to forgive our sins and heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Joel 2)

The “Call to Fall” is nothing new for America. The First Continental Congress called for a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer, on July 20th, 1775. James Warren wrote Samuel Adams saying, “Three millions of people on their knees at once, supplicating the aid of Heaven, is a striking circumstance... May the blessings of Heaven follow in answer to our prayers...”

Please help spread the word. Visit [www.Call2Fall.com](http://www.Call2Fall.com)

