

NO THEOCRACIES

Too many people are trying to push for theocracy. Look at the nations today that are theocracies. Many people left their country for the 'new world' to escape theocracy.

In fact, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson based their principles for the USA on the charter of William Penn Jr. for Pennsylvania that called for freedom to worship. This meant everyone could choose how they wanted to worship (or not to worship). Historians tell us that Philadelphia was one of the fastest growing cities during William Penn Jr.'s leadership of Pennsylvania because people were leaving theocracies to live there.

The founding fathers of the USA agreed on very little. If Benjamin Franklin did not give his speech on accepting the constitution even though it had many flaws, it probably would not have passed. Among the founding fathers there were some who did not agree on the freedom to worship, however they agreed to the constitution after Franklin's speech.

In Lee Tolstoy's **The Kingdom of God Is Within You**, he explained why state and church were evil. Vladimir Lenin strongly opposed Tolstoy and formed a state that did not allow freedom to worship. Think about that.

Isaac Newton showed that there are consequences for our actions. He wrote a lot about what he thought the 20th and 21st century would be like in terms of state and church. You can read a summary of this at the websites of Professor Stephen Snobellen. However, you can also obtain Isaac's writings for yourself.

Christ always spoke for living a kind, peaceful and simple life; He never asked for money or to go to war. He warned that people would distort His teachings and call themselves His disciples. If your philosophy for life leads to the harassment or abuse of others then you should change your philosophy.

There are many choices and paths to take in living on this earth. Many people are forced to go along a path. If you think your ways are best then show that through kindness. You may enjoy listening to (and watching) Charlie Chaplin in this video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7GY1Xg6X20>).