Independent Voter's Bible Guide

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The Christian Has A Duty To Vote

Duty	How The Bible Speaks To Voting Duty
Christians Have A Duty To Vote	"But seek first the kingdom of God and HIS righteousness" Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)
	"But if anyone loves God, this one is known by HIM." 1 Corinthians 8:3 (NKJV)
	For a detailed discussion of politics from God's viewpoint, visit http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter20/Chapter20.html
Vote God's Morals — So That —	"For this reason the gospel was preached that they [you] might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live [your life] according to God in the spirit." 1 Peter 4:6 (NKJV)
His Begotten Son, Jesus, Votes For You!	"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries." Hebrews 10:26-27 (NKJV)
	"Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame." 1 Corinthians 15:34 (NKJV)
	"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my FATHER in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!' " Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)
	Jesus said: "But why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" Luke 6:46 (NKJV)
	For a further discussion of who Jesus rejects and why he does, visit http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter21/Chapter21.html
U.S. Founded As A	"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" Psalm 33:12
Christian Nation	"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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)
	For a study of how the U.S. was founded as a Christian Nation and why our faith as a nation in God still matters, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter20/Chapter2018.html

21st Century Christian Moral Issues

#	Issue	How The Bible Speaks To The Issue
1	Lawlessness, Obedience & Deeds	"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do HIS commandments. HIS praise endures forever." Psalms 111:10 (NKJV)
		"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" Romans 6:16 (NKJV)
		"For this is the love of God, that we keep HIS commandments. And HIS commandments are not burdensome." 1 John 5:3 (NKJV)
		And to the church write, "These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet like fine brass: I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. Nevertheless I have a few things against you " Revelation 2:18-20 (NKJV)
		"Blessed are those who do HIS commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14 (NKJV)
		Explanation Of Voting Guide Disparities
		The great disparity between Christian voter guides is explained by the above verses. Jesus votes for those who were obedient and votes against those who practiced lawlessness.
		Christians are expected to do good deeds such as helping the poor, etc. However, deeds cannot be at the expense of ignoring God's morals or failing to obey HIS commandments. Or, failing to line up to HIS righteousness standards. Some voter guides give priority to social policies at the expense of God's morals. Yet it is our obedience to God's morals that matters the most.
		Ergo, Jesus votes against those people who ignored God's morals even if they may have supported many good social programs and may have done "wonders" in his name!
		For a thorough understanding of the Christian mythology that exists in the 21 st Century, visit http://www.bookofedward.org.

2	— Salvation — Born Again	"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again , not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever." 1 Peter 1:22-23 (NKJV)
		Contrary to the myth to mouth Jesus as your Lord, the Bible teaches you are born again through the word of God, which should live and abide within you forever. For further study on the issue of salvation and who the Bible says goes to heaven, go to http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter12/Chapter12.html & http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter21/Chapter21.html.
3	Morality	"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)
		"For this is the love of God, that we keep HIS commandments. And HIS commandments are not burdensome." 1 John 5:3 (NKJV)
		"Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissentions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV)
		For additional study, including a list of sixty-nine (69) moral issues from God's perspective in the Bible, visit this link http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter20/Chapter2023.html
4	Embryonic Stem Cell Research	"The LORD hatesHands that shed innocent blood" Proverbs 6:16-19 (NKJV)
		"But God gives it [us] a body as HE pleases, and to each seed its own body." 1 Corinthians 15:38 (NKJV)
		For additional study on stem cell research, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter18/Chapter1853.html
5	Human Cloning	"Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb : I made all things." Isaiah 44:24 (NRSV)
6	Euthanasia	"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey HIS voice, and that you may cling to HIM, for HE is your life and the length of your days" Deut. 30:19-20 (NKJV)

7	Abortion	"These six things the LORD hates , Yes, seven are an abomination to HIM: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood , A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren." Proverbs 6:16-19 (NKJV)
		"Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)
		"If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." Exodus 21:22-25 (NKJV)
		For additional study, including a detailed exegesis on Exodus 21 and whether the baby is of lesser value than the mother as some bibles suggest by incorrectly using the word miscarriage, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter18/Chapter1868.html
8	Free Will	"Let whoever is doing evil, continue to do evil. Let whoever is unclean continue to be unclean. Let whoever is doing right continue to do right. Let whoever is holy, continue to be holy." Revelation 22:11 (NCV)
		For additional study on why God respects our free will, visit http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter21/Chapter21.html
9	Divorce	"I hate divorce," says the LORD God!" Malachi 2:16 (NIV)
		"Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife." 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (NKJV)
		"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." Matthew 19:9 (NKJV)
		For additional study on divorce, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter20/Chapter2027.html

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10	Terrorism	"These six things the LORD hates , Yes, seven are an abomination to HIM: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood , A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren." Proverbs 6:16-19 (NKJV)
		"Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;" Proverbs 3:25 (NKJV)
		"I am the LORD your God 'But if you do not obey ME, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise MY statutes, or if your soul abhors MY judgments, so that you do not perform all MY commandments, but break MY covenant, I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you" Leviticus 26:13-17 (NKJV)
		"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil." Romans 13:3-4 (NKJV)
		"Yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor me." John 16:2-3 (NKJV)
		For additional study on the issue of terror, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter20/Chapter2051.html
11	War	"When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies." Numbers 10:9 (NKJV)
		"Joshua made war a long time with all those kings." Joshua 11:18 (NKJV)
		[There is] "A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace." Ecclesiastes 3:8 (NKJV)
		"The time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service." John 16:2 (NKJV)
12	Capital Punishment	"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed." Genesis 9:6 (NIV)
		"But if you do wrong, be afraid He is God's agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer." Romans 13:4 (NIV)

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13	Homosexuality	"Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evilmindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." Romans 1:27-32 (NKJV)
		"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination [to God]." Leviticus 18:22 (NKJV)
		"If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination [before God]. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them." Leviticus 20:13 (NKJV)
		For additional study on homosexuality, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter19/Chapter19101.html
14	Homosexual Marriage	"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to be fruitful and multiply" Genesis 1:27-28 (NKJV)
		"Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband." Ephesians 5:33 (NKJV)
		"For man is not from woman, but woman from man. Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man." 1 Corinthians 11:8-9 (NKJV)
		For additional study on marriage and love, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter19/Chapter1998.html
15	Lesbianism	"For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature." Romans 1:26 (NKJV)
		For additional study on lesbianism, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter19/Chapter19101.html

16	Nakedness	"None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his [or her] nakedness: I am the LORD." Leviticus 18:6 (NKJV)
		For additional study on the issue of nakedness, visit this link http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter19/Chapter1932.html
17	Sexual Immorality	"But outside [of Heaven] are [the] sexually immoral [people]" Revelation 22:15 (NKJV)
		For additional study, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter19/Chapter19139.html
18	Married Sex	"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." Heb. 13:4 (NKJV)
		For additional study, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter19/Chapter19128.html
19	Education	"Fathersbring them up in the training and instruction of the LORD." Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)
		"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)
		"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Colossians 2:8 (NIV)
20	School Prayer	"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4 (NKJV)
		"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (NKJV)
		For additional study, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter20/Chapter2031.html
21	Choices — Choose Good —	"Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways; For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But HIS secret counsel is with the upright." Proverbs 3:31-32 (NKJV)
		"Curds and honey he [Jesus] shall eat, that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good." Isaiah 7:15 (NKJV)
		For further study on how to make righteous choices, go to http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter7/Chapter7.html

22	Lying	"These six things the LORD hates , Yes, seven are an abomination to HIM: A proud look, A lying tongue , Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren." Prov. 6:16-19 (NKJV) "But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie." Revelation 22:15 (NKJV) For additional study on the issue of lying, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter20/Chapter2058.html
23	Hate	"There is a time to hate!" Ecclesiastes 3:8 NRSV "The LORD loves those who hate evil." Psalm 97:10 NRSV "Hate intensely what God abhors." Sirach 17:26 NRSV "Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them as my enemies." Psalm 139:21-22 (NKJV)
		For additional study on what to hate, visit this link online http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter18/Chapter1866.html
24	Self Defense	"Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked." Proverbs 25:26 (NIV) "After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the LORD, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.' "Nehemiah 4:14 (NIV) "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." 1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)
25	Controlling Sin Self-Responsibility	"So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Gen 4:6-7 (NKJV) "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. " 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) For additional study on why you are to control your sin, visit http://www.edwardtheapostle.org/chapter19/Chapter19.html

Five Non-Negotiable Catholic Issues

- 1. Abortion
- 2. Euthanasia
- 3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research
- 4. Human Cloning
- 5. Homosexual Marriage

Apostle Edward's Commentary

The above list of Catholic non-negotiable issues is biblically sound. If you support candidates that are advocating these social policies, you oppose God and HIS righteousness. Likewise, if you support Party Platforms that advocate these social policies, you oppose God's standards. It is not mankind's opinion of what makes good social policy that counts; it is God's ways. There are voter guides advocating "social policies" that oppose God's morals. It is a good thing to help the poor and engage in advocating social policy that is fair, but if such policy works against God and HIS morals, it places us in opposition to our CREATOR. Jesus teaches in Matthew and Revelation that all of our good acts will not help us if we are disobedient to God's moral standards.

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To find out more about what the Bible actually says and how modern Christianity has either ignored or grossly misrepresented God's Holy Word to Christians, visit the "Book of Edward" at http://www.bookofedward.org. The Apostle Edward's mission from God is to explain who Jesus is talking about in Matthew 7:21-23.

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