

Why CHP? — Part 2

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Believe it or not, there are officially 18 registered federal political parties in Canada, however, there are really only two: One advocates government by proven, time-tested biblical principles; and the other party, which opposes that idea, has 17 misleading names—like the so-called “Liberal Party” (which is dangerously illiberal), the “Conservative Party” (which doesn’t even attempt to conserve the principles that made us free), and a host of similar special-interest parties that don’t even try to represent the best interests of all Canadians.

Most Canadians completely misunderstand the purposes of the Christian Heritage Party—and the inept and ill-informed legacy media are largely responsible for this lacuna. They’ve *never* made an honest attempt to tell Canadians what this party is about. Instead, they work to inspire fear of what Christians might do.

CHP has *never* sought to use political power to compel people to believe Christianity; it merely seeks to restore respect for the principles, all derived from Christianity, that have made Canada one of the most desirable places on earth to live—a benefit we are rapidly losing.

Attempts by governments to compel religious belief have always failed miserably, and produced untold misery—and they are anti-biblical. The Bible clearly teaches that faith cannot be compelled.

Let me state this clearly, for all the ‘news-writers’ who so badly misunderstand CHP’s goals:

We do not aspire to use the power of government to compel anyone to believe what we believe. Rather, we want to restore respect for Canada’s heritage of biblical principles—like honesty, justice, integrity, fairness, equality before the law, and respect for all people regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or faith (or lack of it)—because we believe that all human beings are made in the image of God, and are therefore entitled to respect, and are entitled to certain God-given rights. And government’s prime responsibility is to protect those rights.

That was why the late Prime Minister Diefenbaker passed a Bill of Rights through Parliament, and why a coalition of provincial premiers insisted on a preamble to our Charter of Rights and Freedoms that says, “Canada was founded on principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law.”

The focus of the Christian Heritage Party is not on the word ‘Christian,’ but on the word ‘Heritage.’ It is simply a fact of history that our democratic form of government is an integral part of a heritage that came out of Christianity. It has been the guarantee of our liberties. But salvation is NOT the business of government!

You can be a traditional Baptist, Methodist, Reformed, Catholic or Seventh-Day Adventist (I am none of the above); or a Jew or a Muslim (although not an Islamist who advocates terrorism) or an atheist or agnostic, and still agree that honest government requires people who will admit they are sometimes tempted by sin; and that we need checks and balances to keep our governments honest.

I used to ask audiences, If the election presented Candidate A, who believes that 100 years from now we’ll all be dead, so what difference does it make if we cut a few corners or pass legislation that harms a small group of people? Candidate B, on the other hand, is a committed Christian who believes that one day he’ll answer to God for how he represented his constituents. Who do you think would make the best MP?

What politicians believe can make a profound difference to the nation, both individually and collectively!

So, am I saying that people have to believe in the Bible to be good, to be honest, to provide us with good government?

Of course not!

But it *is* important that they have an agreed-upon standard of right and wrong, and that they share the standard of right and wrong that guides most Canadians, and that has always guided most Canadians. And that standard is rooted in the Ten Commandments, and in Jesus' two great commandments: love God and love your neighbour.

Loving God means to have a higher standard of right and wrong than just your own opinion; to be answerable to Someone or Something of historically proven worth.

A few years ago, when I ran for public office in Abbotsford, a local reporter asked me, in an interview: "Abbotsford is now about 50 percent Sikh; how could you, as a Christian, represent them?"

This young man failed to see how bigoted his question was. Would he ask a similar question of a Sikh candidate? No, he certainly would not! His attitude was part of what has come to be called Critical Race Theory—the assumption that a Christian, white, straight male is automatically racist and to be feared.

But that attitude is itself a form of racism!

There is an active campaign now, world-wide, to disenfranchise Christians, to forbid them from bringing their time-tested moral principles into the public forum—to silence them. That's wrong, and it's immoral. It's bigotry.

We all, whatever our beliefs, have an obligation to our democratic heritage: to try to eradicate all bigotry of any kind.

CHP has a well-researched policy book that covers almost every aspect of federal government as described by the Canadian Constitution. Every one of CHP's policies is intended to protect the rights of individual Canadians, and to preserve the division of powers between and within governments—to prevent the unconstitutional intrusion of federal agencies into realms of provincial or municipal authority; to prevent courts from violating the separation of powers between legislatures (which should write the laws), governments (which should administer the laws), and the courts (which should settle disputes according to the laws *as they find them written*).

Violation of that separation of powers is leading Canada into a dictatorial judicial oligarchy—which will spell the death of democracy.

Why CHP? Because it's the only federal political party that advocates defending the separation of government powers. Because it is the only federal political party with a workable plan to relieve our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of a crushing burden of debt, being incurred by the reckless overspending of governments trying to buy votes today with money that future generations will have to pay in needless taxes.

Why CHP? Why not take the time to see what this party of sincere, hard-working fellow-citizens really advocates? If what you learn matches what you believe government should be like, then CHP merits your support.

If not you, who? If not now, when?

Don't wait for the decay of governments into mass marketing to keep professional politicians in office. That way lies the end of liberty. Join CHP Canada today.¹

Footnotes

¹ www.chp.ca/get-involved/

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