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# The Pathology of National Collapse

Voting is like choosing  
your favorite mosquito  
out of a swarm.



## **The Divine Institutions**

**The term “divine institution” has been used by Christians to speak of those absolute social structures established by God and embedded within the social structure of the human race. Thus these are for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike. These are unbreakable realities.**

**Modern paganism views them as by-products of man’s psycho-social evolution, “cultural conventions.”**

# The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility: to God

**PRE-FALL**

2. Marriage:  
Husband

**Designed to promote  
productivity and advance  
civilization**

3. Family:  
Parents

4. Government, Judicial

**POST-FALL**

5. Nations: God

**Designed to restrain evil**

**Logical  
sequence**

**Application**

**Political/national or  
individual actions**

**Ethics: right or wrong**

**Epistemology: knowing  
right or wrong—the Bible**

**Metaphysics: ultimate  
reality, i.e., God**

**Pressures of life**

**Deut. 4:5, “See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it.**

**Deut. 4:6, “So keep and do *them*, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ”**

**“When a man’s will and pleasure is his only rule and guide, what safety can there be either for him or against him but in the point of a sword.”**

**~James Otis, Founding Father**





**“The Christian concept of right and wrong, or right and justice, motivates every rule of equity. It is the guide by which we dissolve domestic frictions and the rule by which all legal controversies are settled.”**

**~Florida Supreme Court**

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**Jer. 17:7, “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD.**

**Jer. 17:8, “For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.”**

## Is There Hope?

**Jer. 17:13, “O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You shall be ashamed. ‘Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.’ ”**

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**Lam. 3:21, “This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.**

**Lam. 3:22, “Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.**

**Lam. 3:23, “They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”**