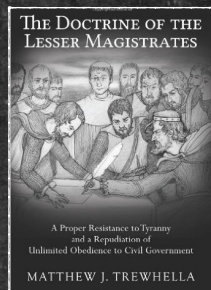




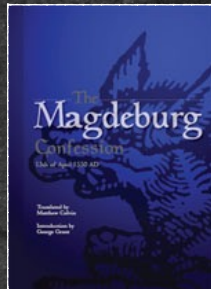
# THE TIME HAS COME

FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS  
TO INTERPOSE AND DEFEAT FEDERAL  
TYRANNY IN OUR NATION.



## THE DOCTRINE OF THE LESSER MAGISTRATES

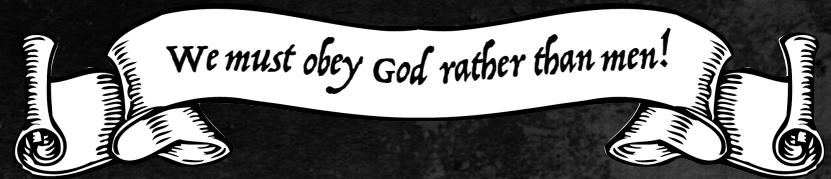
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# THE STATE IS NOT GOD





INJUSTICE HAS RAISED ITS UGLY HEAD IN AMERICA'S PAST.  
INJUSTICE IS PRESENT IN AMERICA IN OUR DAY.

## SLAVERY

The unjust and immoral practice of human slavery was legal in America for over 200 years. The Federal Fugitive Slave Act effectuated the arrest and return of runaway slaves, and the Supreme Court declared slaves to be non-persons.



## ABORTION

Thousands of preborn human beings are murdered by abortion each day. This atrocious defilement of God's Image has been taking place since 1973 when the Supreme Court unlawfully imposed abortion upon the nation.



## HOMOSEXUALITY

The Supreme Court issued an opinion in 2015 attempting to impose homosexual marriage upon the states. This corrupt ruling is in direct rebellion against God's created order and furthers the denigration of marriage and family.



# WHAT THEN SHALL WE DO?

We submit to you a historic biblical doctrine which has been employed by men for thousands of years and has proven successful to rein in the lawless acts of higher civil authorities.

## THE LESSER MAGISTRATE DOCTRINE

When a superior civil authority (such as our federal government) makes unjust or immoral laws, policies, or court opinions, the lesser-ranking civil authority (such as a governor or a sheriff) has the right and duty not to obey the higher authority, and if necessary, to actively resist the superior authority.

This doctrine rests on **two foundational principles** that have guided Western civilization for over 1,500 years, but have been lost to Christians in the last 100.

**1) All governments derive their authority from God, who is the ultimate authority, and whose Law is the standard of justice and good governance.** "Upon these two foundations, the law of nature and the law of revelation [God's written law], depend all human laws; that is to say, *no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.*" William Blackstone (1765) - Most cited Legal Scholar of America's Founding Era

**2) Lower ranking civil authorities DO NOT have to always obey the orders of higher ranking civil authorities.** For example, when the Supreme Court foisted homosexual marriage on our nation, many conservative governors said, "We have to obey the Federal courts." This is **not true**. No elected official is obligated to simply obey an immoral or unconstitutional command, whether the command is to arrest Jews, return runaway slaves, abort little helpless babies, or redefine marriage. **Lower officials can - and at times must - say no.** When they do this they are not breaking the law, but rather upholding the rule of law in the face of a higher authority who is trampling it under foot.

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