

Testimony in Favor of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3020

Ladies and Gentlemen of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly,

We find ourselves in an era where the postmodern philosophy of personal truth reigns supreme, suggesting that truth is subjective, malleable, and dependent on individual perception. This cultural trend is in direct conflict with the very notion of objective truth, a concept foundational to our society, our laws, and our governance. House Concurrent Resolution No. 3020 seeks to reaffirm an objective truth that transcends personal belief - the Kingship of Jesus Christ as the King of kings.

The Postmodern Dilemma:

In our current cultural landscape, the idea that “your truth” can be different from “my truth” leads to a relativism that undermines the stability and coherence of any society. However, the resolution before us stands on the ground of an unchanging, foundational truth that does not bend to the whims of cultural trends or personal opinion.

Biblical Foundation:

- **Scriptural Authority:** The Bible explicitly declares Christ’s authority over all creation. In Matthew 28:18, Jesus states, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me,” a declaration not limited to spiritual realms but encompassing civil governance as well. This is echoed in Daniel 7:14, where it is said that Christ received “dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.”
- Psalm 2:8 speaks of the nations being given to Christ as His inheritance, a clear directive for leaders to learn from Him. This isn’t merely a spiritual claim but a call for civil acknowledgment of His sovereignty.
- Revelation further cements this with titles like “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16), indicating His supreme rule over all earthly monarchs and powers.

Practical Implications:

- **Moral and Ethical Guidance:** Acknowledging Christ’s kingship provides a moral compass for legislation, policy, and societal norms, rooted in principles of justice, love, and truth. This can lead to a society where real liberty, discipline, peace, and harmony flourish, as mentioned in the resolution.

- **Historical Precedence:** The founders of North Dakota, as noted in the resolution, began our state's constitution with an invocation of gratitude to Almighty God, recognizing divine authority. This historical acknowledgment aligns with the resolution's intent to formally recognize Christ's sovereignty.
- **Cultural and National Identity:** By publicly affirming this truth, we strengthen our cultural and national identity, offering a unifying principle that transcends political divides. It serves as a reminder of the values that have historically shaped our state and nation.
- **Leadership and Accountability:** Recognizing Christ as King implies a standard of leadership where authority is seen as stewardship, accountable not only to the people but to divine justice, promoting humility and integrity in governance.

Conclusion:

The passage of this resolution would not compel belief but would affirm a fundamental truth about governance and authority, countering the corrosive effects of relativism. It would be a bold statement in an age of uncertainty, reminding us that there is an objective truth to which we can all aspire, one that can guide us to a more just, peaceful, and prosperous society.

I urge this Assembly to support House Concurrent Resolution No. 3020, acknowledging Jesus Christ's kingship over all the world, for the benefit of North Dakota and as a beacon of steadfast truth in our time.

Thank you.

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