

By denying sovereignty to human government, these align the curriculum around Christ's Lordship.

# Q's and A's

mostly unaddressed in A Beka's and Bob Jones' Christian high school American Government texts

Which is more significant Biblically, the Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution? **The Constitution, because it enshrines the trinitarian principle of shared sovereignty in federalism, unlike the Declaration**

Scripture asserts divine sovereignty over human sovereignty in government. Is strict construction and original intent, or loose construction and a "living Constitution," more compatible with this? **Strict construction and original intent, because they restrain human sovereignty more**

What have the pessimistic view of human nature, and trinitarian shared sovereignty, to do with police powers and interstate commerce in constitutional law? **They uphold federalism, which reserves police powers to the states and restricts the definition of interstate commerce to preserve a sphere of intrastate commerce beyond federal regulation.**

Did the Constitution originally intend that state and federal government together exercise full sovereignty? **No. Original intent was that neither would control the money supply.**

What public policies in Scripture characterize government based on human rather than divine sovereignty? **Inflation, tax hikes, property taxes\***

What type of international alliance does the Bible accept, and which does it reject? **It accepts those which do not enhance rulers' power. It rejects those that do.\***

Is popular sovereignty in government Biblical? **Yes, in the sense that God lets people choose whether to acknowledge His sovereignty there; no, in the sense that they have no right to reject it**

Since you cannot have both, does Scripture favor legal equality or economic equality? **Legal equality\***

Do Biblical principles of justice include progressive taxation, and/or government redistribution of wealth? **No\***

How do theocracy and Biblical principles of government differ? **Unlike theocracy, Biblical principles of government deny sovereignty to priests or clergy.**

How do Biblical principles deny human sovereignty in government? **Through the rule of law, through private property rights, through no human control over the money supply, through a restricted penal code\***

Why do Biblical principles of government establish Christ's Lordship? **God's Word denies sovereignty to human government. Christ is the Word of God.**

In Christocentric textbooks,  
*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth ... the DEEP THINGS OF GOD.* – I Corinthians 2:9-10

\*Our reviews of the A Beka and BJUP Government texts list the Biblical references that document these statements.