

*Fr. Perozich comments —*

*As I read Jerry Newcombe's political comments, I could not help but relate it to the Catholic church today.*

*The Synod on Synodality claims to invoke the Holy Spirit as its source for novelties that oppose Scripture and Tradition.*

*In John 14:26 when Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles and to the church, he said, "The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you."*

*Jesus formed disciples with the Beatitudes, the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, and was very clear that God's instruction from the commandments is still valid. Matthew 5:17-19: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

*It is tyrannical the way in which some church leaders are imposing their novelties on the faithful who, while members of the church, have both a right to faith and its expression as well as obligations to God and to one another, but not to be disrespected by sophistries, non biblical ideologies, and insults from pastors who should guide the faithful to Jesus as His flock, not impose their own will on God's people to claim them as their own subjects: no to Latin Mass as "museum mummies", yes to DEI, diversity equity inclusion, yes to sex outside of Holy Matrimony, name calling for those who respect God and the Tradition of the church as "pharisees", "rigid", "pickled pepper-faced Christians," "closed, sad, trapped Christians," "defeated Christians," "liquid Christians," "creed-reciting, parrot Christians," and, finally, those "watered-down faith, weak-hoped Christians."*

*Each Christian has a right of freedom to worship God, and a right to the truth that Jesus spoke and continues to speak in conscience where God lies, not in a supposed conscience where feelings triumph God's voice.*

***No God, No Rights.  
No Truth, No Church.***

# No God, No Rights



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When Vice President Kamala Harris gave a speech on the 50th anniversary of “Roe v. Wade” about a week ago, she infamously left out the Creator---when [talking](#) about our rights. One wag told me, “Hey, at least Kamala didn’t [say](#), we ‘are created by ... you know, the thing,’” as did her boss on the campaign trail.

She also left out the “right to life.” But does this oversight matter? I addressed her “right to life” omission in a previous [piece](#), but what about leaving out the Creator? Who cares?

We all should. **The essence of America is self-rule under God. Leave out either part, and we end up with tyranny.** Without God as the secure source of our rights, from whence come those rights?

Thomas Jefferson said, and you can see this [quote](#) in the Jefferson Memorial: “And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm

basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?”

Why does God matter? The late Clay Christensen was a Harvard Business professor who hosted a 90-second [video](#) segment that brilliantly shows why He matters.

**Christensen says that ultimately we must choose between internal versus external restraint.** In explaining to a visiting student from China how **religion benefits American society by bolstering morality**, Christensen makes the point that we can't hire enough police to make people good. But **democracy has greatly benefited through the internal restraints that religion provides.**

William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, would concur. He once [noted](#), **“If we will not be governed by God, we must be governed by tyrants.”**

Within a few years of America's revolt against British rule, the French had their revolution. Some like to compare the American with the French Revolution. They were totally different because of the God factor. The American Revolution was pro-God. The French Revolution was anti-God. That is the difference in a nutshell.

For the documentaries in my [Foundation](#) of American Liberty series for Providence Forum, I had the privilege to interview Dennis Prager, the founder of PragerU. At one point in the interview, he contrasted these two turbulent events.

He [told](#) me, “The American Revolution and French Revolution is the battle in the United States. Which revolution will prevail? ... They loathe the idea of God in

the French Revolution; the secular republic was the ideal. In America, they believed in secular government, but in a God-based society, because rights come from God in America. And you can only have liberty if you have God.”

Prager pointed out that this was not a “faith statement” so much as a “logical” one: **“People will either feel accountable for their behavior to God or the state. Those are your two choices. It is an absurdity to believe they’ll be good if they’re accountable only to themselves. If you’re only accountable to yourself, you will always justify what you do.”**

And so he concludes, **“God is the ultimate issue.”**

Take the issue of the value of human life. When you remove God from the equation, life becomes cheap. Because we’re made in the image of God, human life has value.

Human beings are different than the animals, says the Bible. Recently I read portions of a great book, [The Death of Humanity: And The Case For Life](#)” by history professor Dr. Richard [Weikart](#), who wrote the classic book, From Darwin to Hitler.

Dr. Weikart writes, “Western society is in deep trouble today. **Once we identify some segments of humanity as ‘life unworthy of life’ or ‘sub-human,’ to use phrases commonly used before and during the Nazi period, we have jettisoned any basis for valuing humans as humans. We have effectively undermined all human rights, because now we**

**can decide which humans have rights and which do not.”**

In contrast, the founders of America said in the Declaration of Independence, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, and among these are the right to life.” The first right they listed is the right to life.

In the Declaration, the signers mention God four times, including their appeal “to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions,” referring to Jesus, whom God, the Bible says, has appointed to judge us all one day.

But if there’s no Creator, as some politicians seem to think, why should there be any human right? As retired Congressman Ron Paul once noted, **“There is only one kind of freedom and that’s individual liberty. Our lives come from our creator and our liberty comes from our creator. It has nothing to do with government granting it.”**

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