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Answering Atheists Series: The West Wing

We are going to play a video that has been receiving a lot of attention in the media lately.

The video attacks our Creator’s Torah in an attempt to portray God’s commandments as ridiculous, and thus God’s instruction against practicing homosexual sins must be ridiculous as well.

So let’s have a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CPjWd4MUXs>

This is what is called a straw-man argument. In this case, it is a series of straw-man arguments. It is a tactic used by a debater, in which the opposing side’s position is misrepresented either intentionally, or out of ignorance, thus causing the opposing side’s position to appear weak or unsound.

“I’m interested in selling my youngest daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. She is a Georgetown sophomore, speaks fluent Italian, always cleared the table when it was her turn... What would a good price for her be?”

Exodus 21:7

“When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do.

The President in the video wants to portray Hebrew servant hood as something comparable to the horrific examples of slavery found in U.S. history.

Hebrew slavery was more comparable to welfare with a work requirement as opposed to the abusive colonial Atlantic slave trade.

God expects able-bodied persons to work for a living. That should be considered a fair requirement by our Creator. A society cannot sustainably function if able-bodied persons do not work, but expect eternal compensation.

The predetermined social contracts for servant hood are a means for persons with limited means to provide for themselves and their families and reestablish themselves financially.

It affords several rights:

- Protection from abuse
- Protection from rape
- Fair wages
- Asylum if escaped from an abusive master
- Equal representation in the courts
- Food, clothing and shelter

The alternative is to succumb to a standard of living of extreme poverty and all of the suffering that comes along with it.

God expects people to work for a living...and there are mechanisms built into God's instructions to allow for a means for contractual servant hood that is fair for all parties.

"My Chief of Staff insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly says he should be put to death....am I morally obligated to kill him myself, or is it okay to call the police?"

Exodus 35:2

Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death.

Certain commandments Scripture are determined to be so important to our Creator that capital punishment is reserved for those who refuse to obey it.

That sounds absurd to some, but to those who know and love YHWH understand the value of His commandments and reasoning for them.

But to answer his question, he is not permitted to act on the capital punishment, nor are the police. It requires a Torah based judicial system and government to offer a fair trial, which is detailed in the Torah.

For more on the capital punishment commandments, we recommend our teaching "[Should We Stone our Children?](#)"

"Here is one that is really important, 'cause we've got a lot of sport's fans in this town. Touching the skin of a dead pig makes one unclean, Leviticus 11:7...If they promise to wear gloves, can the Washington Redskins still play football? Can Notre Dame? Can WestPoint?"

Leviticus 11:7

And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you.

It is actually Leviticus 5 discusses not touching something dead, lest one become unclean. Leviticus 11 describes what is and is not food. But, we will ignore that error by the President and proceed.

The status of being unclean is not a sin. Being unclean is a temporary status, and that status dictated what one was permitted to do or not do while being unclean.

So, that is another error the President made in this video.

For example, while a person is unclean, they are not permitted to enter into the temple.

It is doubtful that the football players care whether or not they are clean or unclean, as they likely do not expect to be entering the temple anytime soon, since one does not currently exist.

Even further still, a football is not considered a "carcass." A carcass is a dead animal, as opposed to dried skin.

For example, John the Baptist wore a clothing of camel hair (Mark 1:6) which is from an unclean animal (Leviticus 11). This would be no different than touching a football. Neither makes a person unclean.

Does the whole town really have to be together to stone my brother John for planting different crops side by side?

Deuteronomy 22:9

You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest the whole yield be forfeited, the crop that you have sown and the yield of the vineyard.

This is quite an embarrassing error. There is no capital punishment commandment attached to the breaking of Deuteronomy 22:9. This seemingly impractical physical commandment teaches us the value of not "mixing seeds" which metaphorically represents not mixing the pure instructions of our Creator (Torah) with the ways of the world.

"Can I burn my mother in a small family gathering for wearing garments made of two different threads?"

Deuteronomy 22:11

You shall not wear cloth of wool and linen mixed together.

Okay, this is the most embarrassing and emotionally loaded error in the whole presentation, which is why it was likely saved for last. There is no capital punishment commandment attached to breaking Deuteronomy 22:11. Like Deuteronomy 22:9, this physical commandment teaches a spiritual understanding that we should cloth ourselves with only the Word of God, and not with also the ways of the ways of the world.

For more on this, please see our teaching "[*Wool and Linen.*](#)"

Straw-man tactics, like those presented in this video, make a strong impression with those who do not believe the Word of God to be true and applicable. There is no interest in searching out truth and understanding the reasoning behind each and every commandment.

Psalm 53:1

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'

Proverbs 18:2

"A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart."

1 Corinthians 2:14-15

"...the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

We hope this message blessed you, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

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