

# The Next Four Years

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From a political participation angle, there are distinct disadvantages to being an Independent when it comes to primaries and such, as well as when it comes to being taken seriously as a political player in the binary political system of the United States. The last change in my political party affiliation from Republican (R) to Independent (I) was made during a strengthening of my relationship with Jesus Christ through greater trust, obedience, and submission to God's will. My more recent party switching history (R-I-R-I) probably represents the antithesis of how political maturity typically manifests as one ages within faith-evangelical circles. As you mature you end up a Republican. In the church circles, which includes my involvement in a number of ministries, it is naturally assumed I'm a Republican. This is because I identify with policies reflecting the conservative crowd, and that crowd also assumes a positive statistical correlation between faith in Christ, a pro-life stance, and the likelihood one affiliates as Republican. That assumption is likely accurate 90% of the time.

Many people automatically believe that once you adopt a pro-life stance on abortion there is only one party to belong to and one slate of candidates to vote for. They consider that voting pro-life is the only policy issue that really matters because it is the one black and white matter that can be tied directly to God, and they don't want to run afoul of the Almighty. I am not at all bothered by simple political positions, or lack of a biblical understanding of the doctrine of total depravity, sin, truth, or grace. A lack of complexity in one's ballot casting motivations is easily firmly founded on the rule of thumb that pro-life = Republican. But that is not always the case.

Broad brush assumptions are running rampant in the post-presidential election aftermath as we await President Trump's inauguration in January 2025. Interesting statements indicating varied levels of concern, fear, and even panic from my Facebook feed emanate from my Democratic circle of friends in the wake of Trump's victory over Harris in the 2024 presidential election. A mild example found on a liberal thread being, "It is so sad that so many can't distinguish between who genuinely cares, and who doesn't."

After President Trump won election to the presidency for the second time, there was a much greater backlash on those social media platforms that are not as irrelevant as *Facebook*®. Among what I saw on Musk's *X*®, some women appeared infuriated to the point of psychosis as demonstrated by their video meltdowns of pure hatred. It's very sad to place so much empty faith in the politics of sinful man to the point that cognition is fully replaced by an emotion of

downright hatred. There were other reactions that were in response to anticipated abortion restrictions under Trump that have now been relegated to the states. Misinformation and disinformation on where the end of Roe leaves us is fueling those fires. One post on X that was viewed over twenty million times made by someone using the handle @lalisaura who supports the 4B Movement stated the following:

Ladies, we need to start considering the 4B movement like the women in South Korea and give America a severely sharp birth rate decline: - no marriage - no childbirth - no dating men - no sex with men. We can't let these men have the last laugh... we need to bite back

What is the *4B Movement* you ask? It is a movement among women that started in the nation of South Korea, and according to an *Evie Magazine* article by author Luna Salinas (accessed 11/9/2024), "These South Korean women have felt demeaned and disrespected at best by men, and at worst, they've been abused and treated as sub-human. They don't seek to change the minds of men, but to remove them from their lives in response to their experiences."

The god of confusion's evil scheming is so masterful at manipulating people and creating hatred that people actually do not understand what they are saying and what the implications of his hateful manipulations truly entail. In my opinion, the 4B vitriol represents the manifestation and widespread promulgation of the Jezebel Spirit that is only being strengthened throughout our country by certain people in mainstream media, it's just done a bit more subtly on the mainstream outlets than on social media. My statement about this destructive spirit is made not based on the actions being suggested in the 4B post, that's an individual choice, but by what comes out of the mouth that reveal the feelings of the heart. These words message the following, *I demand my way, and my way is the only way!*

Jesus was more specific and articulate than I am being so I will elaborate. In Matthew 15:18-20a (ESV) he said, 'But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person.' The earlier quote from a friend of a friend on Facebook that may indicate I do not care about people because of who I voted for, and maybe that's women in particular if I voted for Trump, basically concludes that I do not care about a woman's reproductive rights, therefore, I do not care about women and cannot distinguish between right and wrong. At least not within their particular set of moral values.

But the X quote stating men are "getting away" with something and women need to "bite back" sends a message that men possess a misdirected enjoyment in being pro-life and have no empathy whatsoever for the problem of women who are facing the situation of an unwanted pregnancy. And having that position incites her to a female call to arms. To me, this call to arms for the continuing extermination of the unborn and the cancellation of the seed distribution system that is responsible for these pregnancies indicate that the driving force is not policy, but spiritual darkness, and that spirit hates to have his dark agenda interrupted. And some are assisting him in that dark agenda.

It's quite the opposite. Many people who are pro-life care more about people than you could ever understand. But most don't want to understand. They have been overtaken by the Jezebel Spirit, which is rampant within our culture, the media, and represents a stronghold within certain American political platforms. The website [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org) provides the following on the Jezebel Spirit:

Ahab, king of Israel, married Jezebel and led the nation into Baal worship (1 Kings 16:31). Ahab and Jezebel's reign over Israel is one of the saddest chapters in the history of God's people. There are two incidents in the life of Jezebel that characterize her and may define what is meant by the "Jezebel spirit." One trait is her obsessive passion for domineering and controlling others, especially in the spiritual realm. When she became queen, she began a relentless campaign to rid Israel of all evidence of Yahweh worship. She ordered the extermination of all the prophets of the Lord (1 Kings 18:4, 13) and replaced their altars with those of Baal. Her strongest enemy was Elijah, who demanded a contest on Mount Carmel between the powers of Israel's God and the powers of Jezebel and the priests of Baal (1 Kings 18). Of course, God won, but despite hearing of the miraculous powers of the Lord, Jezebel refused to repent and swore on her gods that she would pursue Elijah relentlessly and take his life. Her stubborn refusal to see and submit to the power of the living God would lead her to a hideous end (2 Kings 9:29–37).

The second incident involves a righteous man named Naboth who refused to sell to Ahab land adjoining the palace, rightly declaring that to sell his inheritance would be against the Lord's command (1 Kings 21:3; Leviticus 25:23). While Ahab sulked and fumed on his bed, Jezebel taunted and ridiculed him for his weakness, then proceeded to have the innocent Naboth framed and stoned to death. Naboth's sons were also stoned to death, so there would be no heirs, and the land would revert to the possession of the king. *Such a single-minded determination to have one's way, no matter who is destroyed in the process, is a characteristic of the Jezebel spirit* (emphasis added).

My labeling of the aforementioned X post as the Jezebel Spirit has certain applicability in this case, specifically, it is a clear example of a single-minded determination to have one's way, albeit through leveraging the commonly accepted idol of sex while simultaneously dehumanizing the male sex of our species in the process. Although there is ultimately no resulting death as in Naboth's case from the infamous behaviors Queen Jezebel, Satan does leverage this dark spirit by suggesting behaviors that thwart the creation of life that only God can provide. This turns it into a spirit that is in clear opposition to God. It's Satan's attempt to cancel the creation of human life because Satan cannot create anything. It is only God who can create life, and Satan needs to remove that authority from God if he wants to be God. If you are a rube spreading hatred and promoting a satanic agenda, you fuel the fires of the moral backslide that the American voters are clearly sick of. So, how can we help someone understand a vote for Trump when they are unwilling to use anything other than the world and their own emotions to determine right from wrong?

A high school classmate of mine, Tim Reid, who I have not seen in 45 years posted a statement entitled, 'We must be missing something' that addressed a conversation with another Democratic voter that included the following, "Clearly, I must be missing something. I have perfectly decent friends on FB from all corners who voted for him, and I can't fathom why. I'm sure (or I guess I hope) that they look at me the same way. I'm at a loss, but I'm going to have to try to learn what I'm missing. I would appreciate the same in turn. Maybe that helps us get somewhere? I don't know."

Possessing a biblical worldview results in the formulation of possible spiritual responses that may be applied toward a matter that appears only to be understood from a secular viewpoint. For example, the world and the moral perspective of the secular viewpoint equate health care as including a new and nebulous concept that is actually a non-thing called reproductive rights, which involves human conception that is exclusively determined by God Almighty. Given my spiritual lens/perspective, here were some of my initial leading one-word/phrase responses to Tim's confused state: God, a lack of spiritual discernment, differing viewpoints on when life begins, the Fallacy of Goodness, the Fallacy of Control, the Fallacy of Works, or all three of these fallacies grouped as one thought.

Unfortunately, these responses would do absolutely nothing toward moving the needle from basic knowledge, to understanding, and then to wisdom, at least from my spiritual perspective. Attempting to bring about an understanding of how someone who loves God never hates another human being in the process of loving God requires a much more caring and complete investment of time. It also requires the recipient to have sufficient patience and empathy to desire to actually obtain the knowledge that can lead to understanding and wisdom.

Unfortunately, Satan has made both patience and empathy in short supply through the cancel culture paradigm. Here's an actual example of the cancel culture paradigm in action from the 2020 Presidential election cycle for which I now painfully regret voting for Joe Biden. It involves a conversation I had with a Pennsylvania Democrats election chatbot for which I was ridiculed by other family members at the time it was happening (10/29/2020 at 1843 hours) because I knew it was a chatbot and wanted to proceed down the rabbit hole to see how 'sophisticated' it was:

*Chatbot:* Hi, I'm Janet, a volunteer with the PA Dems. Election Day is less than 5 days away. Can we count on your vote for Joe Biden?

*Me:* Yes x 10. Orange man bad. (middle-finger emoji) him!

*Chatbot:* Thank you for your support! Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd – we're expecting record turnout in this close election. Do you have a plan to vote on Election Day and do you know where your polling location is?

*Me:* Yes! I know exactly as a matter of fact! I will be polling on my toilet after eating Taco Bell. So I can sh\*t (w/excrement emoji with eyes) a massive deuce on the top of Orange Man's combover and mat it down with a juicy one. (middle-finger emoji) him!

*Chatbot:* Awesome! Voting is open on Election Day between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. What time are you planning to vote?

*Me:* 420 – So I can smoke a giant fatty, blow the smoke in his face, (middle-finger emoji) him off, and take a massive deuce (excrement emoji with eyes) on Orange Man's combover and mat it down with runny excrement from Taco Bell. (middle-finger emoji) him!

At that point the chatbot stopped responding, but I did in fact eventually vote for Joe Biden for some of the same reasons that no card-carrying Democrat could ever fathom voting for him. I could not get over his personal character flaws because what comes out of the mouth flows from the heart, which I addressed earlier scripturally. I voted the person and not the policies even though I understand the fallibility of all human beings. I chose to ascertain his spirit based only upon what appeared to be a fragile and narcissistic ego. Too many topics of discussion turned into how he personally was involved, and Christ-like service is about sacrifice and an underlying expectation of extreme opposition. That extreme opposition raised its ugly head during the intervening years following the election of Joe Biden in 2020 and his assumption of office in early 2021. The extent of the opposition against Trump and my spiritual growth sealed the deal for me and many millions of other Americans in November 2024. This brings me back to Tim's confusion about how so many votes swung the other way between 2020 and 2024.

Fortunately, Tim's confusion is presented in a way that indicates he is open to understanding, so here we go. People who love the Lord and are spiritually mature are troubled by the ungodly positions of the world in general. We are also guided by a moral behavior set that prohibits degrading the belief systems of others. We are to be salt, light, and love in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Tim's question is not like most of the responses to the election results of my liberal friends that appear to be coming from one of a few very negative perspectives, such as:

- How can people be so stupid! So blind!
- Why can't they see through him and what he is like! He is not worthy to lead our country!
- Why don't those people care about anybody but themselves! They're such racists and xenophobes!

Unfortunately, the world does not use logic or facts to make decisions and is losing that ability rapidly. We also have lost our ability to empathize because of the cancel culture paradigm, which I addressed extensively in my first book (*The Great American Backslide*). Needless to say, in our partisan political environment, the FB conversation thread in reply to his post degraded pretty quickly among those who could not understand others' bad thinking based upon the many considerations that were being missed by the opposite viewpoint. We can analyze the policy issues and say that Harris was out of touch on the border/ immigration issue, she condoned and supported unwarranted lawfare against Trump by attempting to weaponize it to her political benefit and she was overly fixated on identity politics. Case in point, you don't throw out all the immigration rules and let everyone into the country because there is political oppression in many of the countries people are emigrating from. It was clearly

a free pass, 'come on in' policy stance, not a provide shelter and protection for those in danger policy. There was no inherent net of safety for American citizens. This not only made the political motivation obscure and suspect, but it did not adequately protect Americans from those merely seeking economic improvement, or worse, those with nefarious future intent from countries where we are considered blood adversaries. But I will paraphrase and assume that Tim is just asking 'I want to understand why so many of the people I know who I am friends with voted for Trump and I wonder if they will still be my friend if they knew that I really do not understand their vote, but I am willing to try to understand it.'

I read many of the responses to Tim's post and spent a week on other social media platforms before preparing this spiritual viewpoint in an attempt to get to a common understanding. The 2024 election cycle and the related attacks on Trump were clearly indicative of something of a spiritual warfare nature. I'm convinced that the American voter discerned the spiritual warfare that was occurring. It was very obvious to me and probably many others except those who may be spiritually misguided or defunct. Harris had nothing but bluster, Trump was under attack, and we need to support Americans under attack, even those serving abroad who are attacked in war zones in other countries where we are defending democracy. Since when is it in our nature to run and hide when defending freedoms in foreign lands!? (Afghanistan withdrawal reference.)

I don't have the numbers to verify it, but I believe many Baby Boomers and Gen X'ers were concerned about the vitriol and discerned that what was happening was spiritually abnormal. Most attempts to convince the other side tried to present arguments related to facts and logic. This cannot get anywhere productive without first understanding one's moral foundations and then how they approach life from a spiritual perspective.

I love all people, even my friends who choose affiliation with either of the two wayward and tribalistic political parties we are forced to choose from in our presidential elections. However, I am somewhat unique in my lack of a strong or extreme emotional investment in politicized matters. I wish I could just tell everyone it's God's will, but fewer and fewer Americans know Him. So, in addition to the logic that has already been presented, I offer the following points as to why someone may have voted for Trump in 2024 from the viewpoint of a believer in Christ. Please note that it is the spiritual underpinnings that I feel drove the election outcome. These are the core observations from that perspective:

1. A spiritual remnant within certain demographics within the electorate still possesses a knowledge of and a fear of God. This group has been getting smaller with each year, but I pray a revival is forming. This may be happening among younger generations.
2. A recognition of the Spirit of Anti-Semitism and the understanding that such a spirit is from the dominion of darkness. It was clear that this spirit was being promulgated in the liberal thinking environments of colleges and universities that teach an anti-God agenda.

3. Distrust in the mainstream media and a realization that is telling you what certain elites want you to believe in order to fulfill their global, political agendas and special interests.
4. The Fallacy of Control and the understanding that the recent governmental overreaches into every aspect of the lives we live in America are not in the best interests of the citizenry. There were clear indications that socialism and Marxism were beginning to take hold in certain political circles and on policy topics that might even be beyond human control or intervention. This is closely related to the:
5. The Fallacy of Human Goodness that assumes we can create good outcomes for all people by making a basic standard of living available to everyone regardless of their willingness to participate in and contribute to their own success and the needs of society in general. To equate the ending of human life through abortion with a good and necessary intervention for economic or convenience reasons points to the sheer depravity of what society considers good, which is somewhat related to. . .
6. The Fallacy of Good Works that suggests our works makes us righteous and the actions of our political agendas and those of our party are better than others' because our version of love and acceptance combats the evils of capitalism and provides the ability to prevent negative outcomes. In reality, many of those benefitting from attempts to redistribute wealth have contributed to their plight by their own sinful behaviors. Social equity efforts must be balanced by personal accountability. The love of others must also come with loving in truth, which must take the form of tough love sometimes. Righteousness is judged by the fruit of these efforts and from what true motive they are being offered. This does not mean that good works should not be pursued through loving, God-honoring service to others that helps others and ourselves grow in faith, hope, and love.

In my opinion, the election outcome was determined by the issues listed above and I think a large portion of America is completely devoid of spiritual discernment, but obviously not a majority. It is time we make greater efforts to be in touch spiritually with the heart of America, which possesses a kind heart that loves and respects others and does not attempt to control the population. The last several years have revealed to many Americans that the Democratic agenda appeared to be missing a value set based on serving Americans rather than elites and globalists. This made the Democrat party's political efforts toward grace appear to be prescribed works to support and influence others toward opinions that lie on the fringes through a false control, goodness, and works based agenda. Or, the motives were true and pure and failed to garner support because of very poor execution. And for that level of incompetence alone, American voters determined we needed to go in another direction.

After you contemplate this spiritual perspective, consider praying this: **Dear Lord, you are an awesome God. I pray for our nation and that we will return to you. Thank you for our country and the freedoms you have given us to worship you. I thank you for the fruit of the Spirit in the peace and joy that I have as a result of trusting in you. I provide you my unrestricted and limitless vote of confidence, for I know your will is done in the appointing of President Trump to his second term of office. May you protect him and**

**may he serve the best interests of America, your chosen people of the nation of Israel, and all of our allies across the world over the next four years. May your will be done and may your grace and truth be extended throughout the entire world. In this I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**