

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

MINISTRY UPDATE..... 2

*"This is a Dynamite Idea!"—
How One Man Brought Bible
Study to His City Hall*

VERSE OF THE WEEK..... 3

Romans 13:4

MINISTRY LEADER PROFILE 6

*Aaron Mulenga, National
Ministry Leader, Zambia*

ABOUT CAPITOL MINISTRIES 8



POWERED BY LOGOS BIBLE SOFTWARE



FOCUSED ON THE WORD

Free Markets and Regulation



In order to best explain what Scripture teaches about free markets and regulation, I would like to draw a theological parallel, which should prove instructive.

The healthiest Christians are what I call biblicists. That is to say, they rely on the Bible as their standard for all of faith and practice. To the right of a biblicist is a libertinist who takes liberty with scriptural commands, reasoning that Jesus died for all our sins anyway, so then why not take liberties with biblical guidelines? You'll be forgiven in the end, so why not live the way you want? To the left of the biblicist is the legalist. This person adds to the standards of Scripture and enforces them on others as the supposed true litmus test for spirituality.

In a parallel sense and thus related to this study on economics and government, the healthiest economies are characterized by free market enterprise. In an economic sense, we should all strive to be free marketers. Similar to the theological continuum above, to their right are economic libertarians and to their left are communists.

Continued next page

WHITE HOUSE CABINET AMBASSADORS AND GOVERNORS

Alex Acosta **DC**
Mike Braun **IN**
Phil Bryant **MS**
Dr. Ben Carson **DC**
Mike Dunleavy **AK**
Greg Gianforte **MT**
Mark Gordon **WY**
Pete Hegseth **DC**
Mike Huckabee **DC**
Sarah Huckabee Sanders **AR**
Mike Keboe **MO**
David Perdue **DC**
Sonny Perdue **GA**
Rick Perry **TX**
Jim Pillen **NE**
Tate Reeves **MS**
Kim Reynolds **IA**
Brooke Rollins **DC**
Kevin Stitt **OK**
Scott Turner **DC**
Russell Vought **DC**
Scott Walker **WI**
Glenn Youngkin **VA**

SENATORS

John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
Marsha Blackburn **TN**
Katie Britt **AL**
Ted Budd **NC**
Bill Cassidy **LA**
Kevin Cramer **ND**
Steven Daines **MT**
Joni Ernst **IA**
William Hagerty **TN**
Cindy Hyde-Smith **MS**
James Lankford **OK**
Markwayne Mullin **OK**
Mike Rounds **SD**
Tim Scott **SC**

REPRESENTATIVES

Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
Mark Alford **MO**
Robert Aderholt **AL**
Rick Allen **GA**
Brian Babin **TX**
Don Bacon **NE**
Nick Begich **AK**
Michael Bost **IL**
Josh Brecheen **OK**
Tim Burchett **TN**
John Carter **TX**
Juan Ciscomani **AZ**
Rick Crawford **AR**
Jake Elzey **TX**
Ron Estes **KS**
Glenn Grothman **WI**
Pat Harrigan **NC**
Kevin Hern **OK**
Richard Hudson **NC**
Bill Huizenga **MI**
Dusty Johnson **SD**
Jim Jordan **OH**
Doug LaMalfa **CA**
Nathaniel Moran **TX**
Gary Palmer **AL**
August Pfluger **TX**
David Rouzer **NC**
John Rutherford **FL**
Marlin Stutzman **IN**
Glenn Thompson **PA**
Tim Walberg **MI**
Randy Weber **TX**
Daniel Webster **FL**
Bruce Westerman **AR**
Roger Williams **TX**
Rob Wittman **VA**
Steve Womack **AR**
Rudy Yakym **IN**

*The views expressed in
each Bible Study are those
of the author and do not
necessarily reflect the
position of any individual
Bible Study sponsor.*

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

White House Cabinet and Governors: Wednesdays 8am (EST), light breakfast served

Senate Members: Tuesdays 8am, rotating offices, hot breakfast served

House Members: Thursdays 8am, Natural Resources, Longworth 1334, hot breakfast served



MINISTRY UPDATE

“This is a Dynamite Idea!” —How One Man Brought Bible Study to His City Hall



“When I came across Capitol Ministries, I thought, ‘This is a dynamite idea!’” says Tom McDonald, an 89-year-old retired military Colonel and former businessman. “I’ve long championed the idea that the best way for the church to engage in the political arena is teaching the Bible and making disciples.” Now living in Cumming, Georgia, Tom leads Capitol Ministries Bible studies in his community.

“The point is, it’s vitally important for the church members to be positively involved in the political establishment,” Tom explains. “How else can we help keep public servants on the straight and narrow and hold them accountable according to Scripture? The vision that God gave Ralph Drollinger is starting to bear much fruit.”

As Tom dove deeper into the mission of Capitol Ministries he

Continued on page 4

I think this analogy is good for best understanding the role of government pertaining to societal economics. In this chapter, allow me to further unpack what the Bible says about free markets.

Read on, beloved.

Ralph Drollinger

I. INTRODUCTION

“Biblical libertinism” is descriptive of a believer who is characterized by a disregard of God’s ordinances in Scripture, such as the Ten Commandments.

These believers deem their human freedom of choice as their ultimate authority, not God’s commands. The Apostle Paul, however, foresaw such faulty behavioral conclusions from so free a salvation when he penned Romans 6:1–2:

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Paul trumps such thinking with another theological truth: the believer is dead to sin once he has accepted Jesus into his heart. Biblical libertinism then is a meritless concept.

In a parallel sense, the error of economic libertarianism is similar in nature; it is best summarized, I think, by Dr. Wayne Grudem:

Therefore, I differ with “Libertarian” views of government that

make human freedom of choice their ultimate standard of good rather than obedience to God’s moral principles of the Bible and fail to adequately recognize that governments should do “good” for people [Romans 13:4], not merely protect their freedom.¹

Do you see the parallel in such thinking? Biblical libertinism and economic libertarianism have in common the higher authority of man above biblical revelation. Both share a common belief that personal liberty is the highest concern.

On the other side of the continuum in my analogy are the spiritual legalists and the economic communists who both superimpose their extrabiblical ideas on others. Both live on Mount Superior and getting through their gate at the bottom of the hill is difficult. Theirs is a standard for individual and corporate behavior that not only robs the joy of living but also doesn’t work! A person needs only to visit a legalistic church or a communist country to know what I mean.² Void of such extremes are the spiritual biblicists and the economic free marketers. Both view God’s principles as revealed in the Bible as the highest concern and final adjudicator.



All that to say, neither economic libertarianism nor economic communism are governmental systems that are substantiated by Scripture.

What follows is a theological construct underscoring Scripture's support for the idea of free market enterprise.

II. EXAMINING LIBERTARIANISM

Economic libertarianism stands on the premise that personal liberties are the highest objective governments should strive to achieve and protect. In this worldview (or better stated, this way of thinking), gaining and maintaining personal freedom is deemed a more important purpose and objective for civil government than is maintaining biblical principles in a country. It is what government should be devoted to creating and maintaining.

The free marketer believes that civil government should prioritize more than just personal freedom. Most every society today agrees that some governmental regulations are needed to protect citizens and create a thriving economy. For instance, courts punish fraud and injustice among businesses. Certain agencies create and enforce health and safety standards. Government makes sure weights and measures are accurate. These governmental responsibilities go beyond protecting and maintaining personal freedom. Societies today see a need for government to maintain roads and provide services such as fire and police departments and city planners. And if governments do not provide a trustworthy currency, economic trade becomes much more difficult.

It is hard to imagine a culture's thriving without some level of government, and in fact, God did ordain the institution of civil government as is evidenced in 1 Samuel 12 and Romans 13! Economic

libertarians must keep that in mind as they reason out their political and economic ideology: does God know best, or do the libertarians? Is total freedom and the autonomy of man the highest *good*, or is obedience to God and exalting His glory? In the previous examples, civil government is performing what God designed it to accomplish in a fallen world: to be *a minister of God to you for good* (Romans 13:4) *and for the punishment of evildoers* (1 Peter 2:14).

III. EXAMINING COMMUNISM

As seen in other of our Bible studies, government ownership of property is not its primary God-intended purpose. I have already built a strong exegetical case to prove that statement.

Furthermore, the use of the government for the personal enrichment of the government itself or a leader in government or his family runs contrary to what Scripture teaches regarding God's revealed purposes for this institution of His. In 1 Samuel 12:3–4, Israel's leader, Samuel, said to the nation of Israel at the end of his service:

"Here I am; bear witness against me before the LORD and His anointed. Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? I will restore it to you." They said, "You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand."

This passage serves to foreshadow what the New Testament (NT) shouts: the institution is to serve the *good* of the people versus a judge, a king, an emperor, or a president. Again, Romans 13:4 definitively states of government:

VERSE OF THE WEEK



Romans 13:4

For it [government] is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.



The fundamental purpose of government is to serve the people, not profit from them. Government exists primarily to serve the people, quell evil, and create justice.





Continued from page 2

knew he had been called to bring appropriate studies from the Word to the city leaders.

“I decided I had to be part of what Ralph is doing and what needs to be done—not just in America.”

Ready to take action, Tom faced a challenge. He was relatively new to the city of Cumming and didn’t know anyone at city hall.

“I put together several folders explaining the ministry,” he recalls. “I figured if I visited the City Hall, I might locate the Mayor’s office and ask for a short visit.”

Tom walked into the four-story city hall, planning to start from the bottom and simply familiarize himself with the building and its departments. What he didn’t realize was that God was already working behind the scenes.

“I pushed the elevator button to go up, and as the doors opened, a man stepped in and said hello. We started chatting. He asked, ‘Are you looking for someone?’ I said, ‘Well, I don’t know much about Cumming, but I was hoping to ask the mayor and city council if they’d allow me to present a Bible study.’ The man smiled and said, ‘Well, I’m the mayor.’”

Tom laughs as he remembers the moment: “If that’s not a divine appointment, I don’t know what is.”

The mayor was surprisingly open to the idea and gladly accepted the Capitol Ministries folder. Moreover, that very evening, he shared Tom’s vision with the city council—and they agreed to participate.

“Is that not amazing?” Tom says. “I went on to teach 52 Bible studies using *Oaks in Office* by Ralph Drollinger to the mayor, the city

Continued next page

For it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

Our Bible study titled “Resource Development” showed that government exists primarily to *serve* the people, quell evil, and create justice. Communist forms of government are patently unbiblical because they go far beyond this biblical definition and limitations. Given that premise, let us now underscore from Scripture the abnormality of government owning property.

IV. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP PRIVATELY OWNED RESOURCES

Governments should not only foster and encourage but also incentivize citizenry to create economic growth for themselves. To do so is to enrich, diversify, *and* stabilize a nation and its civil administration! The more prosperous individuals there are in a nation, the greater the economic basis (through taxation) for the government.

On its face, Romans 13:4 does not take a lot of explanation to be understood properly. It says government exists, in part, *for* your **good**. That is to say, *it is to serve its citizenry—to do good for them*. (I always think of this passage when a witness, who is being inordinately badgered in a house or senate committee by a member, reminds the member that they work for the taxpayers! Government leaders are in office to *serve the citizenry*—not to rule over them.) This scriptural idea is appropriately woven into the contract of our Constitution, wherein our exegetically sensitive, biblically informed Christian forefathers wrote that our government exists to “pro-

mote the general welfare” of the nation. The historic way in which our government has *served* its people **for good** is through identifying the worth of and incentivizing the unique contribution of each of the other four God-ordained institutions, addressed at length in our study “God’s Institutions and Their Roles on Earth” (also chapter 42 of *Oaks in Office*). Each institution provides a unique contribution to the nation that the others, in terms of efficiency and yield, cannot.

In that economic communism has no biblical basis, this practice does not yield pragmatic success. Those visiting both East and West Germany when the wall was in place experienced the stark difference in each nation’s economic outcome. The same people at the same time with the same natural resources—one controlled by a free-market ideology and the other by communist principles—were vastly different. Another example in economic ideological contrast—a present-day example, in fact—is provided by North and South Korea. The same people, the same environment and resources, the same starting point, but one nation has possessed a free-market economy, and the other has not. The result? One is dark, and the other is light in ways more evident than simply comparing a nighttime satellite photo. The point of this study is well made by these illustrations: government, if only for motives to better itself, should encourage individuals to develop privately owned resources!

V. PROHIBITIONS OF GOVERNMENTAL SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT

By way of review:

The fundamental purpose of government is to serve the people—not to profit from them.



That America has been on a wonderful mission for many years to promote democratic governance and free market capitalism to the nations of the world needs to be stated often. This biblically based mission has brought prosperity to millions. Why? Scripture is replete with warnings about political leaders' misusing their governmental position both in an institutional and individual sense.

Scripture throughout the Old Testament continually warns about the propensity for governmental authorities to abuse their positions of power. One of many ways the Bible speaks specifically to this exploitation is via the denunciation of **bribery**. The many passages on **bribery** that follow serve to illustrate the deplorability of those who take advantage of their position—in contrast to serving the citizenry. Genocide, or murdering one's citizenry in order to maintain power, would be another reprehensibility. The reason I single out the sin of **bribery** among political leaders (often simply called corruption) is that for this very reason too often free-market capitalism fails in some countries.

Bribery (*shochad*) is possible with people who have some sort of power and authority that they can wield over others. Scriptures on **bribery** are always related to someone who is being tempted to misuse his authority. Notice the many passages that condemn this misuse of power.

A. 1 SAMUEL 8:11–17

He said, “This will be the procedure of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and place them for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots. He will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and some to do his plowing and to reap his harvest and

to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves and give them to his servants. He will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards and give to his officers and to his servants. He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys and use them for his work. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants.”

In the first related passage cited in this study, Samuel wanted to make sure he did not personally abuse his institutional authority. This passage records Samuel's speaking further to Israel by way of contrast. In this Scripture, he warns Israel that (unlike him), the tendency of institutional leaders will be to abuse their authority.

The natural proclivity of government is to expand itself beyond what God has called it to achieve and to misuse its power. This predilection is an aspect of man's fallen nature and why a representational form of government “by the people and for the people” is the best form of government. (Even so, no governmental system is perfect in a fallen world, as is illustrated by America's woeful inability to slash its deficit spending with a representational form of government.) It is also why in the sense of Church institutions, I like denominations and congregational rule: both serve to check the pastor who could very well attain too much power and run with it (cf. 1 Peter 5:1–5 in this regard).

The point is that, in a fallen world, checks are needed in every God-ordained institution on what otherwise amounts to runaway autonomous power. The following are several passages relative to **bribery** that speak to one of the means by which

administrator, and several council members.”

Tom does not hide his delight in being able to lead the Bible studies. “I am sincerely grateful to Mayor Troy Brumbalow for supporting this ministry and providing a time and space for us to gather and grow in God's Word,” he says.

As part of his daily routine, Tom begins each morning by reading the Bible. He has a deep love for God and His Word and makes it a priority to study it every day.

Tom also expressed his gratitude to Ralph Drollinger for the excellent Bible studies he prepares for local government leaders.

“These studies are an incredible resource,” Tom said. “They're deeply appreciated by those of us who meet regularly with our local officials. They provide a strong biblical foundation for meaningful discussions. The need for churches to get involved in political matters is something I've always supported. Over the last 60 years, as the church has pulled back its influence, our culture has slipped into decline. The church didn't rise up and say, ‘Enough! Let's remember who we are—the nation founded on freedom to pursue individual moral endeavors and faith in the God of the Bible.’ It's time for the people of America to get back to God and the values that shaped this country.”

If you would like to support the ministry efforts in Cumming, Georgia, scan the QR code to learn more and give.





MINISTRY LEADER PROFILE

Aaron Mulenga

National Ministry Leader
Zambia



With a servant's heart and a desire to disciple, Aaron Mulenga has been called by God to minister to the national political leaders of Zambia. After 20 years of Bible teaching and church planting in many southern African countries, he continues his faithful work as Capitol Ministries' as National Ministry Leader of his home country.

"My prayer for this ministry," Aaron says, "is that the hearts of every political leader we disciple be changed, and that they may also become the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Seeing hearts changed on behalf of God's kingdom is one of Aaron's primary motivations. He heads two organizations that lovingly provide for fellow Zambians and the greater African continent. As founder and president of Reaching the Heart of Zambia, he helped transform the infamous Walale

Continued next page

Free Markets and Regulation

political leaders use autonomous power. This specific case is how **bribery** leads to the destruction of free markets:

B. DEUTERONOMY 16:19

You shall not distort justice; you shall not be partial, and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

C. PSALM 26:10

In whose hands is a wicked scheme, and whose right hand is full of bribes.

D. PROVERBS 15:27

He who profits illicitly troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.

E. EZEKIEL 22:12

"In you they have taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and profits, and you have injured your neighbors for gain by oppression, and you have forgotten Me," declares the Lord GOD.

F. HABAKKUK 1:2-4

How long, O LORD, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, "Violence!" Yet You do not save. Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause me to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; strife exists and contention arises. Therefore the law is ignored and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted.

All these passages underscore unrighteousness of the misuse of government for personal advancement rather than the service of the people. May this sin never be counted against you because the sin of

bribery is hugely damaging to free market economics! Russia and Ukraine have served as **good** examples. Their efforts to replace communism with free-market capitalism have been greatly stymied by a carryover culture that tolerates **bribery**.

VI. TWO EXAMPLES OF GOVERNMENTAL SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT

To underscore the point being made that governments should promote free markets, versus government existing to serve the leader(s), is Omar Bongo.

A. OMAR BONGO, GABON

Here is the first example of an aberrant use of government. Bongo ruled the country of Gabon in Africa for forty-one years. In his obituary published June 9, 2009, *The Telegraph* of London reported that Bongo "considered everything inside [Gabon] to be his personal property ... shamelessly looting the country's oil wealth ... and elevat[ing] corruption to a method of government." *The Telegraph* additionally reported:

"[He] owned 33 properties in Paris and Nice. ... These discoveries were probably only the tip of the iceberg; Bongo's fortune certainly ran into the hundreds of millions of dollars and may have reached the billions."³

Bongo serves as a colorful antonym to government's purpose for existence:

God does not intend for government to be the vehicle for a leader's gain; rather, it is to house the people's free market!



As we have seen already, Scripture is clear that leaders are to *serve* the people and that a leader who uses his position for personal gain is corrupt. Underscoring this concept is Proverbs 16:12:

It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, for a throne is established on righteousness.

B. JOE BIDEN, U.S.A.

A second illustration of what appears to be self-aggrandizement, using elected office for personal gain, took place in the U.S., involving President Joe Biden when he was vice president. *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* are among many news sources that reported the story. The following is an excerpt from an investigative piece written by award-winning investigative reporter John Solomon, published on April 2, 2019, by *The Hill*:

Two years after leaving office, Joe Biden couldn't resist the temptation last year to brag to an audience of foreign policy specialists about the time as vice president that he strong-armed Ukraine into firing its top prosecutor. In his own words, with video cameras rolling, Biden described how he threatened Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in March 2016 that the Obama administration would pull \$1 billion in U.S. loan guarantees, sending the former Soviet republic toward insolvency, if it didn't immediately fire Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin.⁴

The story quoted Biden, whose remarks had been previously video recorded at a meeting of U.S. foreign policy specialists. The story said Biden told Poroshenko:

"You're not getting the billion. I'm going to be leaving here in,' I think it was about six hours. ... I looked at them and said, 'If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money.' ... Well, son of a ----, he got fired. And they put in place someone who was solid at the time," Biden told the Council on Foreign Relations event, insisting that President Obama was in on the threat.⁵

Solomon reported that the prosecutor who was fired was "leading a wide-ranging corruption probe into the natural gas firm Burisma Holdings that employed Biden's younger son, Hunter, as a board member,"⁶ and that "U.S. banking records show Hunter Biden's American-based firm, Rosemont Seneca Partners LLC, received regular transfers into one of its accounts—usually more than \$166,000 a month—from Burisma from spring 2014 through fall 2015, during a period when Vice President Biden was the main U.S. official dealing with Ukraine and its tense relations with Russia."⁷

Solomon reported: "Before he was fired as general prosecutor, [Shokin] had made 'specific plans' for the investigation that 'included interrogations and other crime-investigation procedures into all members of the executive board, including Hunter Biden.'"⁸

The Bible warns that government leaders will be tempted to use their power for their own *good* rather than viewing their appointment by God as one to *serve* others. They fall to the temptations often afforded them, to use their position and power for self-aggrandizement.

VII. SUMMARY

Free market capitalism is God's blueprint for growing a nation's economy. Both lib-

Village into a peaceful place known today as Twashuka Village. They provide free primary schooling with a focus on "Christ-centered education." Aaron is also CEO of Fountain of Love and Hope for All Nations Zambia. With a focus on serving others like Christ did, this organization supports the community by striving to connect people of every tongue and tribe with their Lord and Savior.

Aaron's faith-filled efforts are felt in churches, and schools, across the continent, and also at home. He married Jennipher almost 20 years ago. Since then, God has blessed their household with 3 beautiful children.

While witnessing the profound impact the spread of the Gospel has on the communities he serves, Aaron now seeks to bring another largely unreached population to Christ: government officials. As CapMin Ministry Leader, Aaron will lead Bible studies with the purpose of evangelizing and discipling Zambian lawmakers—knowing the spiritual change has the potential to effect change in policies and even the culture at large. Aaron believes policy makers will move from "world views" to "kingdom views."

He not only shares the same vision as Capitol Ministries, but believes that with the tools they provide and a "great diet [of] the Word of God," reaching out to political leadership will be worthwhile and fruitful.



*Making Disciples
of Jesus Christ
in the Political Arena
Throughout the World*



Capitol Ministries® provides Bible studies, evangelism, and discipleship to political leaders.

Founded in 1996, Capitol Ministries has started ongoing ministries in more than forty U.S. state capitols and dozens of foreign federal capitols.

Capitol Ministries
Mail Processing Center
Post Office 30994
Phoenix, AZ 85046
661.288.2622
capmin.org

© 2025 Capitol Ministries®
All rights reserved.



/capitolministries

Free Markets and Regulation

ertarianism and communism are riddled with pragmatic problems caused by their theological and ideological contradictions. These systems do not come close to achieving for a society what biblical free market enterprise does! This is why ventures such as Solyndra, the Affordable Health Care Act, or the U.S. Postal Service will never be able to provide goods and services that are competitive with those provided by free-market capitalism. The failures of men in office that are represented by these illustrations are predictable given what Scripture says are God's intended purposes and limitations to His institution of government.

Closely parallel to being a spiritual biblicalist and not a libertarianist nor a legalist, there exists an economic tension between the extremes of libertarianism and communism that a nation must maintain in order to best facilitate economic prosperity. Living in the balance between those two extremes is biblically based free-market capitalism. What we have gleaned from the Word in this study reveals that God desires governments in a fallen

world to enact, support, and maintain free-market capitalism.

1. Wayne Grudem, *Politics According to the Bible: A Comprehensive Resource for Understanding Modern Political Issues in Light of Scripture*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2010.
2. Note that modern-day China is an economic hybrid of a communist dictatorship that allows free market enterprise among its citizenry. This is an attempt by a totalitarian regime, a rigid ruling class, to create prosperity for those over whom they maintain the ultimate control. It is nothing more than a communistic government attempting to placate their citizens by offering them a carrot. At the end of the day, China remains a communist nation, in an economic sense if not totally.
3. "Omar Bongo Obituary," *The Telegraph*, June 8, 2009, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/politics-obituaries/5478816/Omar-Bongo.html>.
4. John Solomon, "Joe Biden's 2020 Ukrainian nightmare: A closed probe is revived," *The Hill* April 1, 2019, <https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/436816-joe-bidens-2020-ukrainian-nightmare-a-closed-probe-is-revived>.
5. Ibid.
6. Ibid.
7. Ibid.
8. Ibid.

ESTABLISHED MINISTRIES: UNITED STATES

Albany NEW YORK • Annapolis MARYLAND • Atlanta GEORGIA • Augusta MAINE • Austin TEXAS • Bismarck NORTH DAKOTA • Boise IDAHO
Boston MASSACHUSETTS • Denver COLORADO • Dover DELAWARE • Carson City NEVADA • Charleston WEST VIRGINIA • Cheyenne WYOMING
Columbia SOUTH CAROLINA • Columbus OHIO • Concord NEW HAMPSHIRE • Des Moines IOWA • Hartford CONNECTICUT
Harrisburg PENNSYLVANIA • Helena MONTANA • Honolulu HAWAII • Jefferson City MISSOURI • Juneau ALASKA • Lansing MICHIGAN
Lincoln NEBRASKA • Little Rock ARKANSAS • Madison WISCONSIN • Montgomery ALABAMA • Montpelier VERMONT
Nashville TENNESSEE • Oklahoma City OKLAHOMA • Olympia WASHINGTON • Phoenix ARIZONA • Providence RHODE ISLAND
Raleigh NORTH CAROLINA • Richmond VIRGINIA • Sacramento CALIFORNIA • Saint Paul MINNESOTA • Salem OREGON
Santa Fe NEW MEXICO • Springfield ILLINOIS • Topeka KANSAS • Trenton NEW JERSEY

ESTABLISHED MINISTRIES: INTERNATIONAL

Brussels BELGIUM • Porto Novo BENIN • Brasilia BRAZIL • Ouagadougou BURKINA FASO • Gitega BURUNDI • Yaounde CAMEROON • Manitoba CANADA
Bangui CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC • San Jose COSTA RICA • Yamoussoukro COTE D'IVOIRE • Kinshasa DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
Quito ECUADOR • Malabo EQUATORIAL GUINEA • Mbabane ESOWATINI • Addis Ababa ETHIOPIA • Brussels EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
Helsinki FINLAND • Suva FIJI • Libreville GABON • Strasbourg GERMANY • Accra GHANA • Conakry GUINEA • Port-au-Prince HAITI
Tegucigalpa HONDURAS • New Delhi INDIA • Rome ITALY • Nairobi KENYA • Riga LATVIA • Monrovia LIBERIA • Vilnius LITHUANIA
Antananarivo MADAGASCAR • Lilongwe MALAWI • Mexico City MEXICO • Chisinau MOLDOVA • Maputo MOZAMBIQUE • Nauru • Kathmandu NEPAL
Wellington NEW ZEALAND • Abuja NIGERIA • Skopje NORTH MACEDONIA • Oslo NORWAY • Ngerulmud PALAU • Port Moresby PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Warsaw POLAND • Brazzaville REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO • Bucharest ROMANIA • Apia SAMOA • Edinburgh SCOTLAND • Belgrade SERBIA • Freetown SIERRA LEONE • Bratislava SLOVAKIA • Honiara SOLOMON ISLANDS • Pretoria SOUTH AFRICA • Seoul SOUTH KOREA
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte SRI LANKA • Bern SWITZERLAND • Papeete TAHITI • Dodoma TANZANIA • Nukualofa TONGA • Kyiv UKRAINE
London UNITED KINGDOM • Washington, D.C. USA • Montevideo URUGUAY • Port Vila VANUATU • Cardiff WALES • Lusaka ZAMBIA • Harare ZIMBABWE