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The Intersection of Church & State' Rev. Gregory P. Seltz

In the United States, the intersection of church and state is a busy juncture with a long and fascinating history. Debates about the proper relationship between church and state date back to the time of the founding fathers and the arguments continue to dominate the news today. The Rev Gregory P. Seltz, of the Lutheran Hour radio program hosts this engaging, information-packed documentary. Seltz assists viewers in understanding the multi-layered and sometimes contentious arguments that surround this issue. Despite the challenges Seltz believe there is still tremendous potential for church and state to work together for the common good. Includes two 55-minute versions. Original televised broadcast version and four-session Bible study version with PDF discussion guide.

This documentary will help viewers understand the multi-layered arguments that surround church-state relations. Rev. Gregory P. Seltz assists viewers in understanding what separation of church and state really means.

'Saints & Strangers' - FamilyNet

What about the hotly debated issue regarding the Christians roots of the American colonies? Was the Gospel the basis of the formation of a nation like none other in all history? What role did faith and religion play in the founding of America? From the earliest settlers in Jamestown, through the fervent patriotism of the pre-Revolutionary period, and the eventual formation of the original colonies into the United States of America, this documentary examines the religious and spiritual roots of the men and women who founded our country.

Saints and Strangers addresses religious influences from the time of the Mayflower to the Great Awakening, from Plymouth Rock to the War of Independence. It examines the groups of the faithful who were crucial influences during the colonial period — the Church of England, the Puritans, Baptist, Quakers, and others.

Won the Silver Crown Award for Best Documentary at the 2004 ICVM Crown Awards. Won the Bronze Plaque at the 51st Columbus International Film & Video Festival.
'Gospel of Liberty - Colonial Williamsburg'

The revivals of the Great Awakening shook Britain’s North American colonies from spiritual slumber during the 1730s, 1740s and 1750s. In Virginia it touched men and women whose spiritual needs had been too long neglected by the legally established Anglican church. In homes, in meetinghouses, and in open fields, rich and poor, black and white, men and women mingled to hear powerful messages of a personal God and salvation. The Great Awakening rattled and cracked the foundations of hierarchical authority and official religion from Georgia to New England, reverberating through the decades to the Revolution and the collapse of British rule.

Produced by Colonial Williamsburg, the program recreates for students of American independence the fire of George Whitefield, the zeal of the Reverend Samuel Davies, and their pursuit of the right to worship according to one’s convictions. With Colonial Williamsburg as a backdrop, Thomas Jefferson guides viewers to understand how the axiom that government ought not legislate belief became a fundamental pillar of American democracy. This tenet found expression in the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The insights of Thomas Jefferson, champion of religious liberty, infuse this dramatic portrayal of colonial Virginia during the Great Awakening, a turning point in the American concept of freedom.
"We the People - The Character of a Nation"

Travel back in time through the eyes of America's unsung patriots to experience the trials and victories that have formed our nation's destiny and secured the blessings of liberty for future generations.

The character of a nation is defined by the collective achievements of its people - ordinary people of extraordinary faith and vision who give beyond themselves for the greater good. America's lifeblood is found in the story of its people.

We, the People. In this six-episode series, you'll meet a diverse cross-section of people who have all played a role in our nation's history. Each episode presents a phrase from the Preamble with examples of people whose lives embodied that ideal.

A More Perfect Union - six unique people who contributed to the formation of our history such as Gouverneur Morris, Henry Knox, and Patience Wright.

Establish Justice - five courageous individuals who overcame adversity to further the cause of justice such as Richard Allen, John Parker, and Elizabeth Blackwell.

Insure Domestic Tranquility - individuals and groups that worked for the preservation of the Union during the Civil War such as Julia Ward Howe and the U.S. Christian Commission, a relief organization to Union and Confederate soldiers.

Provide For the Common Defense - heroic soldiers from several eras who have defended our nation's interests such as Joseph Pierce, Alvin York, and Rodger Young.

Promote the General Welfare - five people with a passion for making a difference in the world such as Esther DeBerdt Reed, Margaret Knight, and Milton Wright.

Secure the Blessings of Liberty - Meet people who achieved freedom in spite of difficult circumstances such as Constitution signers, Japanese Americans held captive during WWII, and Native Americans.
'People of Faith - Christianity in America'

Is America now or has it ever been a Christian Nation? What is the meaning of separation of church and state? How can the church be a faithful Gospel witness in a pluralistic society? What will the church look like in the future? _People of Faith: Christianity in America_ brings perspective to these questions and more.

Survey the history of Christianity in the United States from before the Pilgrims to the present in this stunning DVD series. You'll gain valuable perspective on the people and ideas that shaped America and see how it came to be the first nation in history based upon the ideal of religious liberty.

In this six episode, two-disc DVD set you'll meet the spiritual visionaries, leaders and entrepreneurs who shaped Christianity across the centuries and dramatically impacted the culture we live in today, including Jonathan Edwards, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Archbishop John Joseph Hughes, Martin Luther King Jr. and Billy Graham among many other influential Protestant and Catholic Christians.

'The Treasure Principle' - Randy Alcorn

Jesus told a story about a hidden treasure that, once discovered, brought life-changing joy. In _The Treasure Principle_, Randy Alcorn unearths a simple yet profound principle that will radically change your concept of stewardship. Short on guilt, Alcorn illuminates the liberating joy of giving and its impact, not only for today but for eternity as well. A perennial bestseller, this revised edition includes a new concluding chapter, "31 Radical, Liberating Questions You Ask God About Your Giving."
'Disciplines of a Godly Woman' - Barbara Hughes

Let's face it - life isn't easy for women today! While juggling a myriad of responsibilities, we sometimes lose our focus on pursuing godliness. Through poignant stories and faithful reminders, Barbara Hughes helps you scrutinize every area of your life, surrender it all to God, and rediscover the disciplines that build godly character.

'Disciplines of a Godly Man' - R. Kent Hughes

Our churches and homes need men willing to follow the path of godliness no matter what the cost. Disciplines of a Godly Man has been speaking to the hearts of men since 1991, and its words are still relevant. Using engaging illustrations, scriptural wisdom, and practical suggestions for daily life, Hughes offers frank biblical discussion on major areas of Christian manhood, including family, godliness, leadership, and ministry.

'Yearning' - Robert Hendrickson

One of the first books of its kind addressing how young adults are living in an intentional community in the Episcopal Church. Offers an example of how the church can be relevant to young adults, based on a highly-praised national model. Each chapter includes questions for individual and group reflection. Young adults (18-30) are searching for a church that demands their involvement, whether it is in mission, worship, theology, or daily life. They want a church that is relevant and offers a vision of the Divine. This book places the church in context with consumerism, freedom of choice, war and terror, and the impact of technology now dominating the worldview of young adults. Drawing upon the proven success at St. Hilda's House in New Haven, CT, this book provides stories and narratives from young adult interns who are involved in its mission and ministry.
'A Men's Ministry for the Small Church' - Karl W. Kloppmann

This book is a thorough and well-documented study on why churches need to develop effective men's ministries.

Containing a wealth of vital information, this is a solid treatment of the biblical basis for male leadership in the church.

The thrust of the book is that the development of men is the slow but sure way to build the church, for men either positively or negatively impact every aspect of church and family life. Jesus invested His life in a small group of men, and those men changed the world!

"This book not only establishes the need for a men's ministry in the local church, it also provides helpful information on how to establish the ministry and keep it going." - Dr. Robert P. Lightner, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology Adjunct Professor in Theological Studies Dallas Theological Seminary.

"This book challenges churches to establish a ministry to men that inspires and instructs them in how to fulfill their God-ordained role as leaders. It uses personal observation, anecdotes, statistics, and biblical insights in a helpful way." - Lee Lofquist, IFCA International Executive Director.

"Rarely does ministry begin with a needs assessment, but Karl Kloppmann has demonstrated that the best way to move men to where they need to be spiritually is to determine where they are and plan for their success. While stadium-packed events like Promise Keepers have advanced the men's movement in America, Karl Kloppmann convincingly demonstrates that the local church is the most fertile ground for growing stronger men. His research, insights and conclusions about how churches can effectively minister to men are essential for every pastor." - Dr. Woodrow Kroll, President, Back to the Bible.
'Let. It. Go.' - Karen Ehman
Women are wired to control life's details. Let It Go, by Karen Ehman gives women practical, biblically based steps for letting go of the need to control, dictate, and even manipulate the people and situations around them, and instead, trust that God has their best interests in mind.

'Keep It Shut' - Karen Ehman
Karen Ehman addresses women and words in Keep It Shut with a kind, encouraging, and sometimes funny delivery. She explores what the Bible says about when to speak, when to remain silent, what to say in social media posts, why "just sharing a prayer request" might be gossip, and why self-talk matters too.

Using words well leads to healthier relationships and the joy of seeing what God can do when he's the one who speaks.

'The Barefoot Way' - Dori Grinenko Baker
Encourage teens to step barefoot onto life's holy ground and encounter our awesome God! Inviting 21-day journey, Baker shares Christ and Immerse, View, and Explore. Ideal for individuals, small groups, and workshops.

128 pages, softcover from Westminster John Knox