

AN EXAMPLE OF A HIGHLY DEVELOPED ATHEISTIC MODEL OF REALITY
AND HOW IT FUNCTIONS (PART 2)

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". . . Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and give unto God the things that are God's."¹ It is very easy for Christians giving proper emphasis to the primacy of God in their lives to overlook their relation to civil government. After Christian teaching had been carried on in the Roman Empire for a few decades the power of the empire was turned against the Christians and persecution began. We honor those Christians who put God's will ahead of man's will and cheerfully gave their lives for truth. Yet Jesus said we are to give to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar. Furthermore, Paul said that the Christian is to be obedient to divinely appointed government.² Without the peace and order that Rome established it would, humanly speaking, have been impossible for Christian testimony to have reached much beyond the borders of Palestine and the persecution that made the apostles flee from Jerusalem might have wiped out the Christian movement before it was scarcely started. Paul appealed to Caesar.³

Carrying this matter a bit closer to home we have to say that American Christians seldom realize how fortunate they are. Spaniard and Portuguese Conquistadors went to Central and South America and quickly brought those continents into subjection and established cities similar to those in the lands from which they came. Today the U.S.A. has gone far beyond Latin America in all the outward advantages of life. Millions south of the border long to enter the U.S.A.

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