“SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE”—
THE WALL BOTH TRUMP AND FRANCIS
ARE WORKING TO TEAR DOWN

“Imagine what our country could accomplish if we started working together as one people, **under one God**, saluting one American flag.” ~ Donald J. Trump, Sept. 28, 2016.

The media and political commentators, it seems, would have us believe that Donald Trump and Pope Francis are antagonists, or on opposing teams. If so then why did Trump surround himself with a 34 member strong team of **top** Roman Catholic advisors during his presidential campaign? And why has he not disabanded that Catholic Advisory Board once he got elected?

Trump’s wife, Melania is a ‘staunch’ Catholic; and Trump is an ex-student of the Jesuits. Even his Vice-President Mike Pence is Catholic. Many in his White House inner circle are too. So, how much of an antagonist is he really to Francis’ teachings on immigration, and walls?

While Donald Trump does appear to be an enigma, like “Constantine the Great” he has shown himself to be the great **deal-maker** of our day. Forget the art of the business deal, that was ‘trumped’ by the deal he brokered with the Roman Catholics and the ‘far right’

1 www.ncregister.com/blog/kschiffer/donald-trump-names-33-members-to-council-of-catholic-advisers
Evangelicals (like Franklin Graham, Dr. James Dobson and Pat Robertson of CBS News, who, in 1994, endorsed the document “Evangelicals and Catholics Together”). They all voted ‘Trump,’ as they held their noses over the stink he created during the election campaign.

What is the analogy between Donald J. Trump and Constantine, you ask? In A.D. 312 Emperor Constantine saw that if he were flexible on issues of importance to both Christians and Pagans, he could gain unity in his empire, extend his influence over all of them, and rule unopposed on all fronts. Hence his professed conversion to Christianity and the Edict of Milan (A.D. 313).

Likewise, Mr. Trump claimed to be a ‘Christian,’ in an artful manoeuvre to cut ‘a deal’ with Evangelicals and fundamentalist Roman Catholics. The deal gained him a most stunning victory—the election of a man mostly clueless, utterly ill-suited and patently unfit for the dignity and duties of the office, thus rendering him serviceable to their ends!

During the Presidential election campaign, Mr. Trump unashamedly courted the evangelical Christian vote. His fellow Republican rivals at the time tried to argue that his religiosity was not sincere, as his campaigns usually kicked off with Elton John or the Rolling Stones. Interesting, these former rivals have now come around to ‘believing’ Trump is a converted man. Consistency, thou art a jewel.

In the face of this scepticism by the Republican leadership, Trump, being the deal-maker he is, realised that to succeed in his bid to become President, he needed to win both the Evangelical and Catholic vote. And so, throughout the 2016 election cycle, Trump called the Bible his favourite book, promised to unite Americans under “one God,” and

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2 Pastor Pat Robertson, host of the Christian television show “The 700 Club,” and founder of CBN, was a vocal Trump supporter of Mr. Trump during the 2016 campaign. He defended the Trump’s lewd behavior in a 2005 “Access Hollywood” video, referring to that conduct as “macho talk”. Robertson has described Trump critics as “revolting against God’s plan for America.”: www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2016/10/10/pat-robertson-what-donald-trump-said-in-lewd-video-was-macho/?utm_term=.791cbe21c476

3 http://ultimateclassicrock.com/rolling-stones-elon-john-trump/

4 For example, Obama was elected as President by 54% of the Catholic voters! See http://catholicism.org/54-of-catholic-voters-voted-for-obama.html; www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/results/polls/#val=USP00p2. Most of these voters were encouraged to vote that way by priests.

5 But he could not remember his favourite Bible verse when asked.
even said the United States is a “Judeo-Christian Nation.” To further convince the Evangelicals and Catholics that he was a genuine Christian, Mr. Trump showed them a Bible from his dead mother. In fact, he took the old Bible to his ‘blockbuster’ rallies, and waved it to the crowd.

Based on this simple act, Jerry Falwell Jr. (the president of Liberty University) felt able to endorse Trump, even comparing him to “King David,” saying despite King David’s adultery, he was still “a man after God’s own heart.” Falwell was making a comparison between Trump’s immoral and vile conduct with those of the one-time-sin of King David who had a sexual affair with Bathsheeba. As if to complete the King David comparison, Trump once boasted that he could kill someone and get away with it. Presumably, in the same way that King David had Bathsheeba’s husband, Uriah, killed and got away with it!  

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump holds up a Bible, that he says was given to him by his mother, Washington, D.C., Sept. 25, 2015. Trump presented himself as a ‘cultural’ and spiritual warrior for Evangelical and Catholic values. Fortunately, God has a sense of humour, or else, who knows…. Revealing however, Trump says, “Two Corinthians 3:17,” instead of ‘Second Corinthians’! Photo: Jose Luis Magana/AP.

6 www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-god_us_57d6e5ece4b03d2d459b93e0
7 Trump was caught on tape boasting to Access Hollywood host Billy Bush that he habitually grabbed women’s genitalia without their consent; and he expressly referred to their sexual organs by names I won’t repeat. Trump said “I'm automatically attracted to beautiful [women]—I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. AND WHEN YOU'RE A STAR THEY LET YOU DO IT. You can do anything ... Grab them by the....” See Washington Post video: www.slate.com/blogs/the_slatest/2016/10/07/the_1997_lawsuit_alleging_donald_trump_groped_a_woman.html
The reality is however, Trump is no King David. The comparison is in very bad taste. The main reason the Evangelical leadership supported Trump is because his campaign promises gave hope to a little-known temporal ambition of Evangelicals, one they have had for a long time now.” Donald Trump ministered to their ‘Kingdom Theology’ ambition, and in so doing won over some of the most unsympathetic and sceptical Evangelical leaders. In fact, it is reported that Trump gave them his assurance that as President, they would have a bigger say in “the greatest modern kingdom of this world”. Which is what they dream of. And so they and the Catholics elected a man with whom Nazis are besotted!

Ironically, Trump has promised to tear down the Wall! What? Didn’t Trump say during his election campaign that he would build a wall? Yes. But it is not that wall we are dealing with here. It is the constitutional ‘Wall of separation between Church and State.’ Mr. Trump repeatedly vowed to close the gap of separation between Church and State.” He made these promises in order to win over Evangelicals and Roman Catholics, the two important voting blocs, essential for any serious presidential contender. Trump told them at one of his rallies:

The Christians are being treated horribly because we have nobody to represent the Christians. Believe me, if I run and I win, I will be the greatest representative of the Christians they’ve had in a long time.

Trump also promised them that he would increase church attendance by repealing the Johnson Amendment if he were elected president.” And so salivating over Trump’s promise to tear down the

9 The Evangelicals, many of them, believe in a teaching called Kingdom Theology, in which the Kingdom of God will be set up on this earth through the efforts of Christians in America, and in that Kingdom they will have a prominent role. But they forget that Christ’s kingdom “is not of this world!” – John 18:36; 1Cor. 4:20; Romans 14:17. For said Christ when asked of the Pharisees, “when the kingdom of God should come,” he answered them “The kingdom of God comes not by observation; neither shall they say, Lo here! Or lo there; for behold the kingdom of God is within you.” - Luke 17:20, 21.

10 time.com/4452309/trumps-evangelical-voters/

11 Trump claims the Johnson Amendment, passed in 1954, proposed by then-Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, muzzles churches and silences religious leaders: “Like a child has been silenced, you’ve been silenced,” Trump told them on August 11, 2016, at an American Renewal Project event at the Orlando Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.:
‘Wall of separation between Church and State’ which would allow them to preach partisan politics from their pulpits,12 Evangelical leaders persuaded their flocks to vote Trump. The following three articles show Trump’s alignment with the Dominionist, or “Kingdom Theology”:

Following Trump’s election, Evangelical leaders having been saying to their congregations ‘God is in your midst,’ ‘He has answered your

prayers; He has given you Donald Trump, this is ‘the end of Satan’s resign on earth’ ‘the end of the Lucifarian Age.’

THE CATHOLIC VOTE

While not as overwhelming, white Catholics voters clearly preferred Mr. Trump over Mrs. Clinton, 52% to 45%. During AN INTERVIEW on the Catholic Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), Donald Trump said, “Why would an evangelical or a Catholic—almost you could say anybody of faith, but in particular evangelicals and Catholics—how could they vote for Hillary Clinton?” In that “exclusive” EWTN interview, Trump even discussed his “favourite saints”!

According to the Pew Research Center “White Catholics also supported Trump over Clinton by a wide, 23-point margin (60% to 37%). Trump’s strong support among white Catholics propelled him to a 7-point edge among Catholics overall (52% to 45%) despite the fact that Hispanic Catholics backed Clinton over Trump by a 41-point margin (67% to 26%).”

Michael F. Haverluck of One News says, “When it comes to the Catholic vote, there was a great ethnic divide” [bracketed comments in bold added]:

“White Catholics also favored Trump, casting 60 percent of their ballots for him, compared to 37 percent for Clinton,” Markoe informed. “But it was the reverse for Latino Catholics: 67 percent went for Clinton and 26 for Trump. Trump had alienated many Latinos during the campaign: lambasting the criminals and ‘rapists’ among Mexican immigrants, promising to force Mexico to pay for a wall he would build on America’s southern border and denigrating a judge because of his Latino parentage.”

Pew Research Center Associate Research Director Greg Smith says that Trump got more support from Hispanics than many anticipated, but the fact that twice the percentage of white Catholics voted for him than Latino Catholics came as no surprise.

[...] However, whites ended up tipping the scales in Trump’s favor when looking at the general Catholic vote, even though the pope was

13 www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lbJAce6vM0&app=desktop
no supporter of the billionaire for “humanitarian” reasons. [i.e. that is what Mr. Haverluck and many others wrongly assumed]

“Catholics overall voted for Trump over Clinton 52 percent to 45 percent,” Markoe divulged. “That’s despite Pope Francis and other prominent Catholics’ rebuke of the candidate for railing against minority groups. …. [but why was he and not Clinton interviewed by EWTN, the largest and most viewed Catholic network in the world?]”

“Though white Catholics in... 2016 went for the GOP candidate, their support for Trump this year was not as strong as the 59 percent they gave to Romney.... ”

Even, before the election result, the largest Catholic Media outlet, EWTN, and its anchor Arroyo told “The Hard Line” host Ed Berliner that “serious Catholics” and “serious evangelicals” told him during the primaries they were voting Trump [the then presumptive GOP presidential nominee] even though his PAST SUPPORT FOR ABORTION and two divorces are at odds with their faith.

As mentioned earlier, during his presidential campaign, Trump formed a ‘Cabinet of Catholic Advisors,’ what he called his Catholic Advisory Group as the following clippings from the Internet confirm:

![Donald Trump Names 34 Members to Council of Catholic Advisers](https://example.com/image.png)

Trump appoints thirty-four Catholics to his “Catholic Council of advisors.” Standing on his left (right of picture) is the young Baron Trump.: National Catholic Register, Sep. 22, 2016.
What is interesting is that even after his election to the Presidency, Trump has not, and says, he will not, disband his Catholic Advisory Board (or Catholic Cabinet), which has now turned into his White House Catholic Advisory Board. This is highly unusual, as all past presidents usually disband any advisory board upon being elected to the Presidency. Intelligent reader, can you hazard a guess as to why Mr. Trump has not done so? Perhaps the next chapter might give a hint.