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WHAT IS CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS? IS FREE-ENTERPRISE ECONOMICS CHRISTIAN? WHAT PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS SHOULD A CHRISTIAN SUPPORT?

The answers to these and other questions are the heartbeat of economics education in the School of Business and Government of Liberty University.

The economic faculty of the school and the staff of CEBA, the Contemporary Economics and Business Association believe:

1. that the combination of democracy and our capitalistic economy (free-enterprise) is the philosophical foundation upon which the practical solutions to almost all political-economy problems and issues must be based,
2. that the economic development and progress of nations is directly related to the extent to which they have applied, in practice, the principles of free-enterprise economics,
3. that even a free-enterprise-based system of political economy can only be successful in Western civilization if it has the underpinning of the Judeo-Christian moral value system, the value system which has been the basis for most of our great achievements.

Further, the economics faculty of the School of Business and Government at Liberty University believes that the Judeo-Christian moral value system is most clearly defined by direct reference to the golden-rule of "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you" as well as the Ten Commandments given to Moses (KJV, Exodus 20:3-17).

The faculty affirms its belief that all public policy actions and initiatives must comply with these Ten Commandments or said policies will be inherently flawed. The School's faculty views "situation ethics" solutions to problems as the antithesis of the Commandments — the end cannot justify the means! Further, it affirms the need to minimize governmental activities, the opposite invariably encourages encroachment on human rights.

The faculty recognizes the sinful nature of man, indirectly described in modern public choice theory. However, it believes that no system of political economy could be successful if it were not for the fact that man is created in the image and likeness of God, and if obedient to God's commandments, is morally capable of governing himself.

The School's faculty in conjunction with CEBA, a public-policy think tank associated with Liberty University, intends, through scholarly research, academic conferences and appropriate publications, to develop and communicate these principles to the student population at Liberty University as well as to the decision makers in the community, both regionally and nationally.

In order to develop and expand these principles further, CEBA and the School of Business and Government are co-sponsoring a conference on April 7, 1989 at Liberty University on the subject of:

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE FREE-ENTERPRISE SYSTEM

Please turn to page 19 for detailed information on the conference agenda and its participants.