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## THE SUPREME COURT, THE LOCAL CHURCH, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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With the passage of the FACE bill by House and Senate this week, the central government has confirmed itself in all three branches as an adversary of Christians. Not only have the highest authorities in the land pronounced their approval of childslaughter, but they have chosen positively to punish severely those persons who attempt to dissuade a woman outside an abortion mill from carrying out intended plans to kill her own child. "Interference" (approaching a woman and handing her literature?) is punishable as a federal crime, a felony.

Our government, our One Nation Under God, has made criminals out of Christians who live out their faith – a faith which calls them to show pity upon the weak, to care for widows and orphans.

The issue of war and revolution against such a central government which continues to assault the foundational Christian culture could well be a topic of discourse at a gathering such as this – indeed, it ought to be. And why not? Certainly in this land of perverted liberty, one cannot be charged with sedition. In a society where Maplethorpes peddle their "piss-Christs" and Santeria cults sacrifice their animals in the names of freedom of speech and religion respectively, why not speak freely about the proper occasion for replacing this government with another?

The ironies are endless. One can burn the national flag, but not in front of an abortion facility where you might intervere with a woman enroute to slay her own child. A minor has the freedom to have her child stabbed, but may not pearce her ears without permission from parents. One has the freedom to kill his own child, but not to choose where to send him to school.

Americans may worship and serve any demon they like and with the taxexempt blessing from the government. Bring on the Aztecs, whose religious