

1 Peter 2:16 - As men functioning in the environment of establishment freedom, do not use your status of freedom as a veil of evil in opposition to establishment law and order, but use that freedom as a bonds slave of God. (EXT)

1 Peter 2:17 - Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king. (NASB)

- (1) “Honor all people” does not refer to the entire human race. Those that are to be honored are those in legitimate positions of authority under the laws of divine establishment.
- (2) The word “honor” is the aorist active imperative of the verb **τιμῶω (timáō)**: “have respect for those in authority.”
- (3) Establishment authority is essential to the preservation of the freedom that facilitates the public communication of Bible doctrine.
- (4) For doctrine to be communicated there must be peace, order, tranquility, and safety within the commonwealth.
- (5) Those individuals holding positions of authority under the laws of divine establishment include parents, teachers, civic government, police officers, military leaders, business executives, and pastors.
- (6) Each of these categories is instrumental in protecting the environment of freedom necessary to function in an open society.
- (7) In so doing, they insure the transfer of traditional cultural principles, standards, and values into the next generation.
- (8) When these representatives of authority come under assault, then the entire nation is put in peril.
- (9) These positions of authority and those who hold them are just some of those under attack by the long march through the institutions.

- (10) The long march is destroying the family by redefining the divine institution of marriage.
- (11) The long march has infiltrated and undermined the culture of the nation replacing it with indoctrination of Progressive propaganda in the Federal schools.
- (12) The long march has coopted government – from city, to state, to nation – using draconian laws that replace establishment standards with nebulous notions of political correctness.
- (13) The long march has disarmed the police who are commissioned to “protect and serve.” They are now considered Brown Shirts who are not to hinder imported thugs’ civil disobedience: mob rule, theft, assault, arson, lying, and marching without license.

Thug, a member of a well-organized confederacy of professional assassins who traveled in gangs throughout India for several hundred years. The thugs would insinuate themselves into the confidence of wayfarers and, when a favorable opportunity presented itself, strangle them by throwing a handkerchief or noose around their necks. They then plundered and buried them. All this was done according to certain ancient and rigidly prescribed forms and after the performance of special religious rites. Although the thugs traced their origin to seven Muslim tribes, Hindus appear to have been associated with them at an early period; at any rate, their religious creed and practices as worshipers of Kali, the Hindu goddess of destruction, showed no influence of Islam. Through sporadic efforts were made toward the extinction of the gangs, it was not until Lord William Bentinck \ben-'tɪŋk\ took vigorous steps that the system was seriously attacked.⁶

- (14) Modern-day “Islamic terrorists” imitate nineteenth-century thugs as are the politically controlled “protesters,” most of whom are traveling thugs-for-hire for fifth columns in the United States.
- (15) Believers do not have the option to be a part of such sedition because Scripture forbids it. Believers are mandates to honor those in authority.

⁵ “Lord William Cavendish Bentinck (1774–1839), governor general of Bengal (1828–33), effecting financial and judicial reform, suppression of Thugs, and abolition (1829) of sati (suttee); first governor general of India (1833–35)” (*Merriam-Webster’s Biographical Dictionary* (1995), s.v. “Bentinck, William Cavendish.”)

⁶ *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia* (2010), 11:741–42.

- (16) The long march through the military. This attack has been successful in turning general- and admiral-rank officers into politicians. Women are now required to be inserted in all branches thereby diminishing the efficiency of each to protect and defend the nation against aggressors. The services are being downsized and budgets slashed.
- (17) The long march through free enterprise imposes high taxation as a way of distributing wealth which no company can survive for long. Further, charges that industry contributes to global warming adds to government's power grab.
- (18) The long march through Christianity has used Thomas Jefferson's private comment to Connecticut Baptists – "the wall of separation between church and state" – as license to strip the Word of God from the public square. That wall has now been breached by the "state" while ignoring their always handy "equal protection clause."
- (19) Ergo, the long march has now intruded upon the pulpits of America by rewriting the Word of God to comply with the nebulous musings of Justice Anthony Kennedy.
- (20) Progressive ideology completely reverses the intent of the mandate in verse 17. They have no honor for the institutions and obviously so since they are either heathen or benighted believers.
- (21) *Timáō* is a constative aorist which indicates nothing relative to duration. In this context it refers to a succession of acts or events, therefore a behavior pattern is mandated toward all those in positions of authority.
- (22) The active voice is directed toward the believer while the imperative mood is a command.