

## CREATION DENIED

“At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.”

*Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey* (1992)

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- (1) What will be the cultural fallout of recent court decisions?
  - (2) How will recent court rulings affect religious liberty—both individual and ecclesiastical?
  - (3) What obstacles/difficulties do recent court rulings offer the church?
  - (4) What opportunities do they offer the church in terms of pulpit ministry, worship, personal witness, and hospitality?
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“The secret to the Holy Family is the earthly family. To make the former disappear, the latter must be destroyed, in theory and in practice.”

~Karl Marx, *Marx-Engel-Gesamtausgabe*, vol. 3, 6.

“What is the repressive social institution *par excellence*? To [Wilhelm] Reich [in *The Sexual Revolution*] it is the traditional monogamous family; and, from his standpoint, certainly he cannot be said to be wrong. Indeed, the idea of family is inseparable from the idea of *tradition*, from a heritage of truth that we must *trader, hand on. Thus, the abolition of every meta-empirical order of truth requires that the family be dissolved.*”

~Augusto Del Noce, *The Crisis of Modernity* (trans. 2014) 161.

“[T]he end goal of feminist revolution must be, unlike that of the first feminist movement, not just the elimination of male *privilege* but of the sex *distinction* itself: genital differences between human beings would no longer matter culturally.”

~Shulamith Firestone, *The Dialectic of Sex* (1970) 11.

“Certainly the state that thus [re]defines marriage lays claim—let no one be in doubt about this—to authority over the natural family. ... The as-yet-unanswered question of the new marriage regime is: ‘Who owns the children?’”

~Douglas Farrow, *Seeking a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology* (2015) 30.

“... the radicals, who have the courage of their convictions, who shrink from no inferences, and who, beginning and continuing without God, are determined also to end without God. ... They have agreed to hold a total and final clearing out of whatever of the old Christian world-view consciously or unconsciously still remains in our laws and morals, in our education and civilization. ... They feel the urgency of the need of harmony between all our convictions, tendencies, and deeds.... Thus presently over against the old world-view there will be placed the new world-view thought out to its latest instance and consequently applied to every department of life, namely, the irreligious over against the Christian, the atheistic over against the theistic, the mechanical over against the organic, or as it has been named, the world-view of development over against that of creation.”

~Herman Bavinck, “Creation or Development?” *Methodist Review*, Nov. 1901.