

Critical Judgment Theory

“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Matthew 7:71-2 (ESV)

Greetings Patriot Disciples! This is Perry Greene of GodNAmerica. Thank you for listening in today. The devotional thought for today is “Critical Judgment Theory.”

There is a dangerous precedent among us today. That is, we are harshly judging our past without really knowing our history. As I have said before, America is a flawed nation made up of flawed people. We have been undeserving of blessings that have come to us by God’s grace. We stand always in need of improvement.

Yet, there has never been as benevolent a country as the USA in the history of the world. Our biblical foundations have built into us a conscience. We Americans typically want the best for people. When we find ourselves in the wrong most of the American people generally seek to do what is right – maybe not all of the politicians, but certainly most of the people.

There is an attempt being made to critically condemn America for the wrong of slavery in the early years. The “**1619 Project**” focuses on the slavery of Jamestown, Virginia as if that was the only example of early settlement. The fact is, Jamestown was settled in 1607, not 1619. Yes, slavery was present. Much of it was the indentured servitude of the time. Any forced slavery was sinfully wrong.

The Jamestown settlers were by in large adventurers who were seeking GOLD and other precious metals, not GOD. As a result, they were less than concerned with scripture or how they treated people. They tried socialism to survive but it failed (as Socialism always fails) and the settlement disappeared.

Another settlement happened in Massachusetts in 1620. This was Plymouth, founded by Pilgrim families who were in search of doing the will of God and advancing Christian faith among the natives. They had no slaves. They too tried Socialism at one point and, it failed. As a result they resorted to the biblical concept of private property and they flourished. In the years following, thousands of Puritans immigrated from England to Massachusetts for the freedoms of the New World.

As time went on and a nation was about to be formed there were many Founding Fathers that opposed slavery. These would include John Adams of Massachusetts and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. Jefferson had the major responsibility in writing the Declaration of Independence. In it he spelled out twenty-seven grievances that the colonies had against the King of England. Originally he had a twenty-eighth – slavery. The committee talked him out of including it because slavery was strong in the South and they needed all of the colonies to establish independence. They intended to “fix it” later. We finally did fix it with a Civil War from 1861-1865.

But here is the point I want to make. Yes, America has had some bad days. I think God blessed us because of the intentions of hearts even over actions. I think He knew that we would right wrongs. So, He blessed us along the way. We can sit back and bash our ancestors – ONLY IF we are willing to accept the same kind of judgment for our lack of integrity.

Would you say America is a perfect nation today? Do you know anyone in America who is perfectly sin-free? Who always does the right thing? Who never falters? The answer is, No.

The judgment we are using to judge is coming back on us. 60,000,000+ babies have been murdered in the womb since Roe v. Wade in 1973. Do you think we should just overlook it? What are the critics doing about this injustice?

Child abuse and child trafficking are on the rise. Even among the elites (maybe especially among the elites) children are being harmed. Do we just look the other way? Where are the critics?

According to my friend, Dr. Waymon Hinson, an activist for justice, black farmers in America are being discriminated against. Do we just ignore it? Don't these black lives matter?

As my Mama used to say, "We need to get down from our high horse." We need to be a little more humble. We need to realize we have our wrongs, too and that we shouldn't just be throwing stones at others. We need to make our own course corrections. Jesus went on in **Matthew 7:3-5** (ESV):

³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

The answer to our dilemma today is not judging our ancestors. Most of them did the best they could like most of us. We cannot change a thing they did, not even by erasing it from history books. We can fix ourselves and fix our world, in humility before God. **1 Peter 5:6** (ESV) reads:

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

Keep The Light of Humility Burning!