

Parson to Person

TODAY'S STUDY: MR. MICHAEL ANTHONY PEROUTKA

All across the country there is a growing disconnect between the Christian Faith and the believer's role in civil government/governance. This is occurring while pulpits preach "community" and social justice, but discourage the active public Christian voice. This disconnect is alarming.

Christians who have been privileged to live in America are responsible for America's leadership. We may be "pilgrims just passing through," but even "pilgrims" are called to steward their homes, neighborhoods, cities, state and country. Our accountability is to God and to one another.

Part of the disconnect is knowing and understanding our God-given rights and privileges. For this reason, men like Mr. Peroutka have devoted themselves to constitutional education and Biblical encouragement.

"A Christian and an attorney, Michael Anthony Peroutka is co-founder of Institute on the Constitution (IOTC), headquartered in Pasadena, Maryland. He is a graduate of Loyola College (now University) in Maryland and the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Discovering that the teaching of law in America had been perverted away from its original design, Michael determined to investigate America's founding and the roots of our law, in English Common Law and the Bible. This led to the founding of Institute on the Constitution, which is an independent educational outreach in Pasadena, Maryland. IOTC presents the real view—the founders' view—which is the American view of law and government.

The Constitution Party's candidate for President in 2004, Michael had a platform which sought to honor God, protect the family, and restore the Republic. The platform came to be known as "The American View of Law and Government," and inspired the name of his website, TheAmericanView.com. IOTC teaches that American view:

- *There is a God, the God of the Bible.*
- *Our rights come from Him.*
- *The purpose of civil government is to secure our God-given rights.*

Michael and Senior Instructor, Pastor David Whitney, travel around the country, graduating classes from IOTC's course on the United States Constitution, in addition to teaching classes in IOTC's Pasadena, Maryland classroom. Under their instruction, those who take the course become very familiar with the words, meaning and purpose of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Biblical principles on which those founding documents are based. IOTC teaches the only known course on the Maryland Constitution, and a course on the lawful duty and role of the Jury."

Today we are privileged to hear from Mr. Peroutka. Please welcome him as you would the Lord. Sit back, listen, learn, and put to work those things the Lord reveals through him during our few minutes together.

I love you all, Pastor Paul