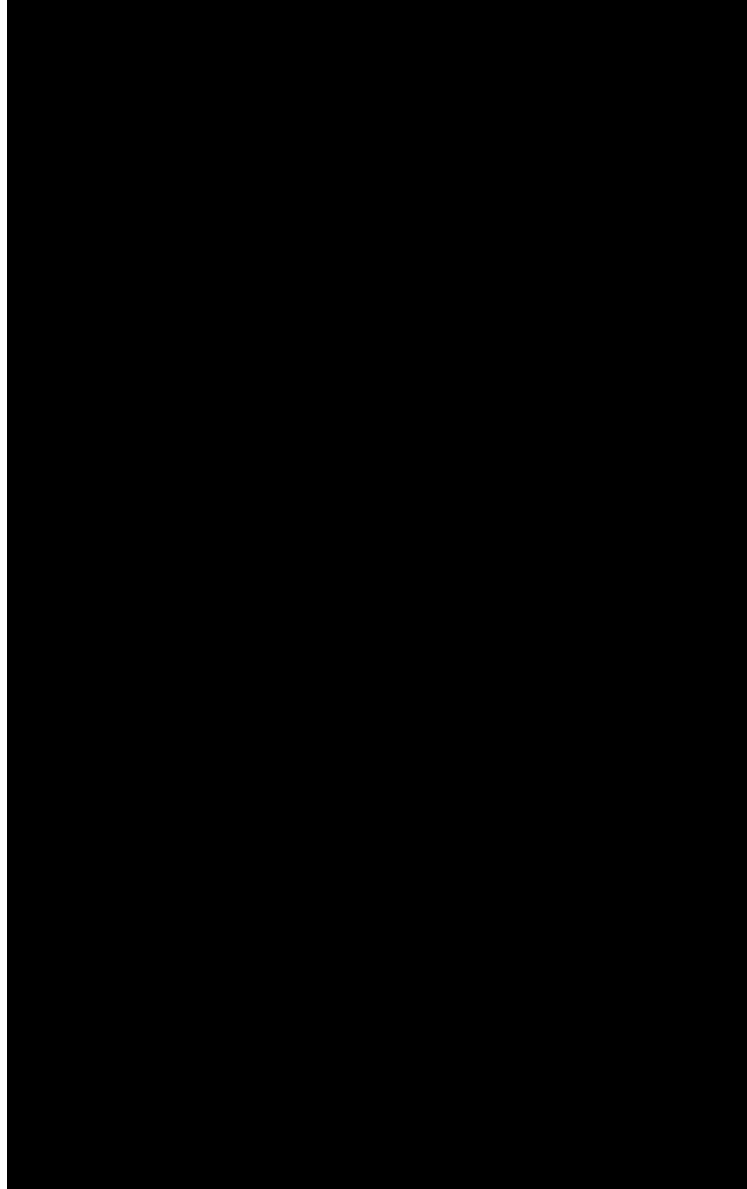


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Paul Marshall : God and the Constitution: Christianity and American Politics before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised God and the Constitution: Christianity and American Politics:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. DecisionsBy McjhI was particularly interested in where our country came from and where it seems to be headed in the faith vs political area and what we are teaching today's generation.

Paul Marshall does an excellent job in speaking of the need to know the historical and faith based background of the constitution. He encourages the detailed historical knowledge that should be used in making political judgments. Several generations have now been taught that this country, the USA, is becoming more of a secular country and that "traditional beliefs and morality" are no longer relevant. This is not true and in fact even though some churches have lost members and closed, there are still many Citizens who believe in traditional values, whether it be Christianity, Islam, Buddhism or Hinduism for making their decisions. Religion is reasserting itself as a major cultural influence. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A very good primer on Christian philosophy/theology of politics By Robert W. Robinson Paul Marshall's book should be "must reading" for every evangelical Christian who wishes to have a biblical understanding of politics in our age. We live in a very frustrating time: (1) It is a time of ever-increasing polarization in the political realm - left and right demonize each other, and Christians are caught up in the hateful rhetoric. (2) A frustrating amount of Christians are misinformed about Christian political theory by pop Christian media sources. (3) Politicians seek to manipulate evangelicals with inflamed rhetoric in order to win our votes. Marshall cuts through it all with clarity and well-researched insights of what Christians should consider when thinking about policy issues in America.

Is there room for religion in politics? In this insightfully written book, Paul Marshall argues that Christians can and should approach politics in a way informed by faith. Drawing on traditions of both Catholic and Protestant political thought, Marshall analyzes the ways in which religion influences our understanding of power, justice, and democracy. By exploring the biblical background of modern issues, Marshall provides an indispensable guide for Christians searching for a way to interject their religious convictions into their political actions. In an age when the relationship between politics and religion is becoming ever more important and ever more blurred both in America and beyond, God and the Constitution is essential reading for anyone interested in the intersection of faith and government.

From Library Journal As American political thought polarizes into mutually exclusive viewpoints on the role of religion in politics, Marshall (Their Blood Cries Out: The Untold Story of Persecution Against Christians in the Modern World) attempts to help both sides understand the Christian concept of politics. Drawing on scriptural scholarship as well as modern thinking in both Catholic and Protestant churches, the author shows the relevance of religion in the political arena. Believers, he says, must adapt their concepts to the modern world, and secularists must respect the insights that faith-based values can provide without reflexively condemning or dismissing them. A senior fellow at the Center for Religious Freedom in Washington, DC, Marshall is not merely rehashing Christian positions on issues, nor is he advocating theocracy. Readers will find food for thought no matter where they stand on the issues, as he insightfully addresses such subjects as church and state, religious freedom, democracy, and rights. Recommended for public and academic libraries. C. Robert Nixon, MLS, Lafayette, IN Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. One will learn more about the meaning and purpose of government, the process of American politics, the contemporary dynamics of religion and politics, and the actual message of the Bible in this book than in any other on the market. Marshall is informed, astute, critical, wise, and open about his own beliefs all at the same time. (James W. Skillen, executive director, The Center for Public Justice) Paul Marshall writes with intelligence, compassion, and practicality. He sets a high standard. (Michael Novak, former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, 1994 Templeton laureate) Some truths are so blindingly obvious that many of us are blinded to them. One such truth is that our constitutional order is on the side of the vigorous public engagement of the many truths by which the American people live, including those truths often excluded because they are categorized as 'religious.' Paul Marshall's argument invites us to the high adventure of renewing the political task envisioned by the Founders. (Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, editor-in-chief, First Things) Marshall is not merely rehashing Christian positions on issues, nor is he advocating theocracy. Readers will find food for thought no matter where they stand on the issues, as he insightfully addresses such subjects as church and state, religious freedom, democracy, and rights. Recommended. (Library Journal) To anyone who is in political office or involved in public policy and advocacy and who is uncertain about the way religion and politics should mix, as they inevitably do mix: waste no time in getting and reading this book. It is an eminently readable and well-informed statement of the basics, which, if learned and practiced, might renew the political task envisioned by the Founders. (First Things) A succinct and thoughtful analysis. (WORLD) Essential reading for anyone interested in the intersection of the Bible and civil government. There is a great deal of helpful material here. (Biblical Worldview) This book will appeal to those interested in political theory and US church-state relations. (CHOICE) Provides a truly helpful introductory approach to politics from a Christian perspective. God and the Constitution provides a helpful guide for understanding the central questions for determining what is truly political and properly belongs to the domain of government. Marshall's argument is so well reasoned that one need not be remotely Kuyperian to appreciate this book. In fact, even a non-hostile non-Christian could read God and the Constitution and appreciate it as a gateway to understanding and participating in politics. (Family Policy) About the Author Paul Marshall is the author of Their Blood Cries Out and many other books on religion and politics. He is a senior fellow at the Claremont Institute in California and at the Center for Religious Freedom at Freedom

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