

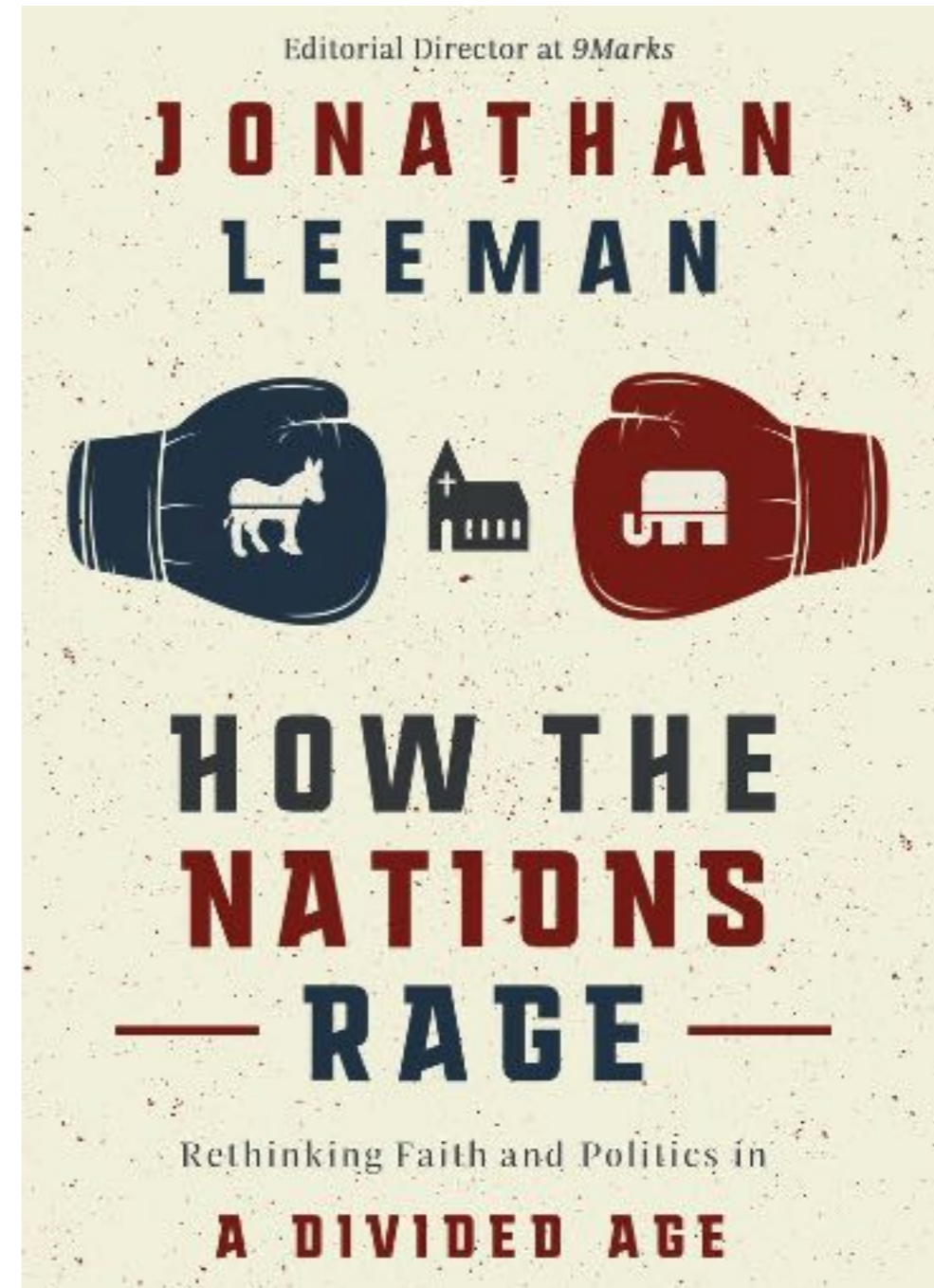


**Canada
Votes -
God Rules**

**Everybody Wants
to Rule the World**

Goal #1 - Rethink Faith and Politics from a Biblical Perspective

- We must not give our political evaluations the same certainty as God's principles
- Many things about our political system for which we can be thankful



Goal #2 - Invest Our Political Hopes First of All in the Church

- Church and state are distinct institutions and must remain separate
- Christians are called the light of the world



Goal #3 - Learn to BE Before We Do

- The local church and Christians must be just, loving, and compassionate or we have no right to speak politically



Goal #4 - Prepare for Rage

- The nations rage against God and Jesus Christ (Psalm 2)



Goal #5 - Become More Patriotic for the Kingdom of God

- A Christian is a citizen of and an ambassador for God's kingdom



7 Biblical Political Factors

- **The public square**
- **The heart**
- **The Bible**
- **Government**
- **Churches**
- **Christians**
- **Justice**



THE PUBLIC SQUARE: Not Neutral, But a Battleground of gods



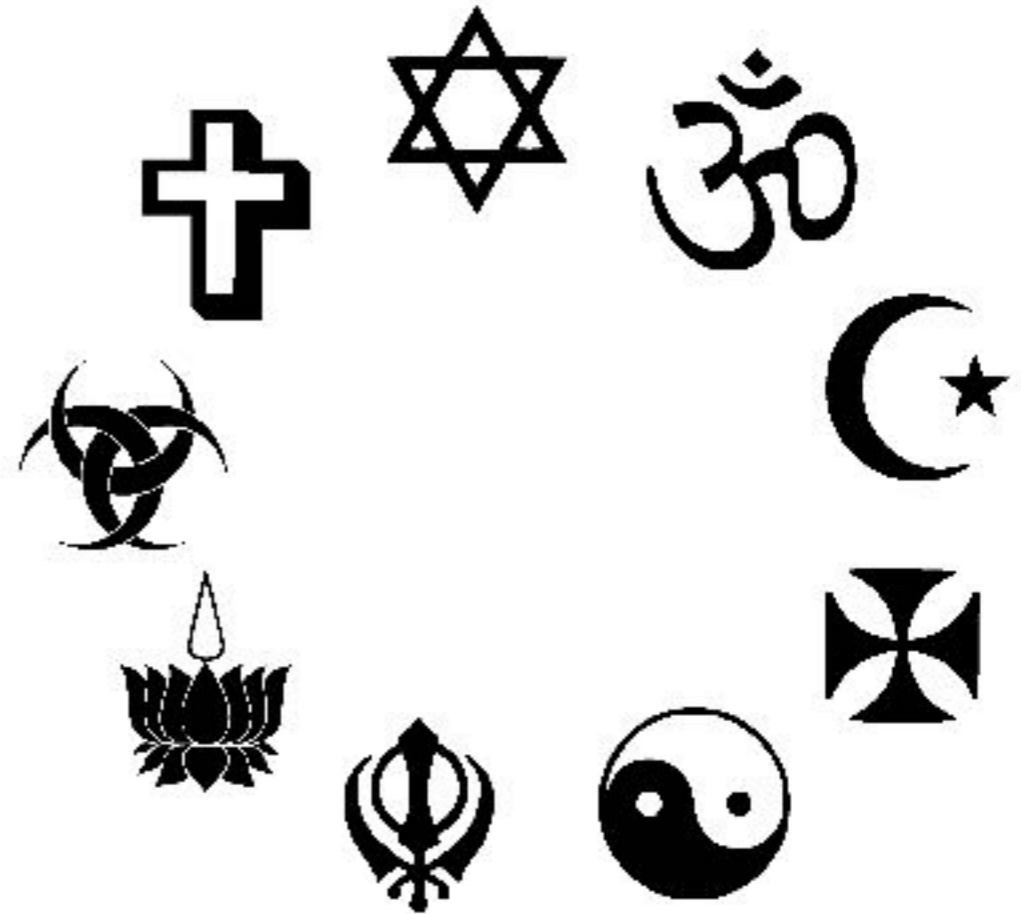
Governments Serve gods

- The voter, the party, the candidate, and the leader can never be morally neutral
- Everyone has a worldview



Wars of Religion

- Can you name a law that does not impose someone's morality?
- The laws of a nation are a place where consensus exists between gods



The Public Square

- All those places where the nation goes to talk, debate, and make decisions that bind the whole public
- It is where the citizens of a country wage war on behalf of their gods



Freedom of Conscience Can be Abused

- It is impossible to separate faith and politics
- Trying to have a morally neutral public square ends up keeping God out and letting little gods in



Separation of Church and State Applies Only to the "Religious"

- God has given government one kind of authority and the church another kind of authority
- It so happens that a person who is not religious is exempt from this principle



A Country Will Always be Religious, But Not Necessarily Christian

- Worship reveals itself through politics
- A contest of competing faiths

DO NOT CONFORM
TO THE PATTERN OF
THIS WORLD, BUT BE
TRANSFORMED
BY THE RENEWING OF
YOUR MIND.

- Romans 12:2

What Now?

- All of our lives are political because we have to look at our relationship to King Jesus and his claims on our life

