



Hawaii Pastor Alliance



The Blessings of Biblical Values
Standing for Truth in the Culture

Because it is often remarked about how different Hawaii is from other states of the Union we want to highlight important aspects of its past.

We hope this insight can be a stepping stone to dialog about our responsibility as leaders and citizens. We also pray for a greater sensitivity to God's leading in these challenging times.

The 20th Century

In our last email we described how 87 different families ended up controlling nearly half the land in Hawaii. This unusual concentration of ownership dominated much of local politics and culture for the first half of the 20th century.

The Big 5 (Nā Hui Nui 'Elima) as it came be called consisted of the largest landowners and shipping organizations which was described as a government within a government.

The interest of the large landowners was promoted by the Republican Party in Hawaii and consisted of maintaining a private/public network which exerted a oligarchic level of political control.

Items such as property tax were manipulated to help preserve the large estates (such as Bishop Estate receiving favorable tax treatment for its land in Hawaii Kai being designated "forest reserve").



The Democrat Revolution

The alienation of much of the general population into tenant/renter status began to come to a head with the return of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) as combat veterans of World War 2.

Initially rebuffed by the Republican Party, long under Big 5 domination, they turned to the Hawaii Democratic Party as the vehicle for their reforms.

Beginning in the mid 1950's and through the rest of the 20th century this class of highly motivated veterans and their political descendants took control of state politics.

What arose was a new economic model amalgamating the large landowners with a new political class which consolidated government approval and insider private enterprise developers into a new private/public relationship. And, to its credit, put tens of thousands (eventually hundreds of thousands) of people into homes of their

own.



This "new political reality" is no longer so new. Studies such as the landmark thesis in *Land and Power in Hawaii* describe this economic matrix for land development interconnecting Government- Financiers- Developers and Labor Unions as the genesis of Hawaii's notorious Pay-2-Play economic system.

While this worked to develop the vast tracts of land it also enriched and entrenched the state Democrat party and their supporters.

The problem arises in the post land-boom era. Does this built-in economic matrix of Pay-2-Play (or Hui-Development) serve the long term interest of Hawaii's people in the 21st. century?

What's missing is the idea of broad economic development and the innovation and free enterprise required to achieve it.

Pay-2-Play, like the Big Five before it, has evolved into protecting and promoting a singular political-economic governing alliance. And, as such, it leads to the same abuse and misuse, common to human government, which our Constitutional system of sovereign citizens is designed to mitigate against.

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not

yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

The Lord's first recorded miracle was turning water into wine. While many sermons and comments can be made of the spiritual significance of this, the basic fact is that the Lord Jesus is concerned about the common problems people face.

Even doing a quiet miracle to make sure the focus of that day, the bride and groom, continue to celebrate their wedding day without the slightest disruption. What a mighty God we serve who cares about every aspect of our lives!

This is the sort of concern which should animate all our efforts.

Turning water into the complex organic chemicals found in wine is beyond our natural abilities but transforming lives and cultures has been a consistent outcome when believers work together in prayer and unity.

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News and Updates



Jury Rules Pro-Life Group Must Pay Planned Parenthood Nearly \$1 Million in Damages

Our courts oppose the righteous, and justice is nowhere to be found. Truth stumbles in the streets, and honesty has been outlawed.

Isaiah 59:14

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A West Palm Beach U.S. Marine Corps veteran Tobiah Steimetz carries large cross to spread message of faith

'There's Healing at the Cross': FL Marine Veteran Carries 75lb Wooden Cross to Spread God's Message

A US Marine veteran living in Florida traveled 12 miles on Monday while carrying a large wooden cross in honor of Veterans Day.

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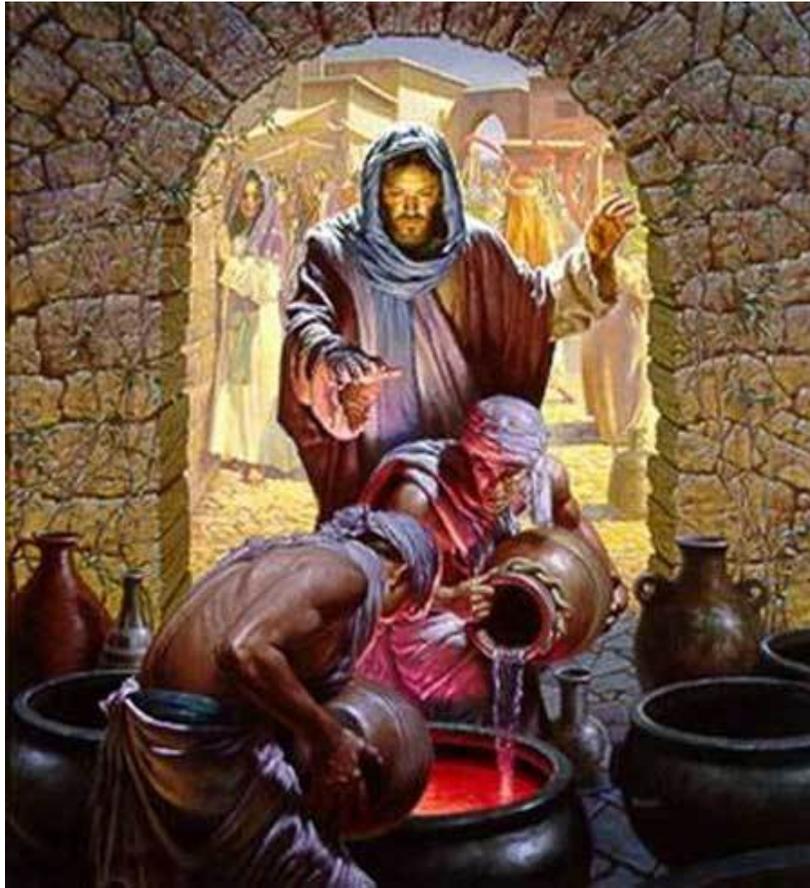
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Are millennials really 'not going back' to church?

"The rise of the nones" is the attention-grabbing phrase used to describe the well-documented increase in the percentage of Americans who, when queried by survey researchers about their religious identification, say "none." This remarkable social trend has received significant publicity in recent years, based on generally similar research produced by Gallup, Pew Research Center, NORC's General Social Survey and others.

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