

“Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible.”

Karl Barth



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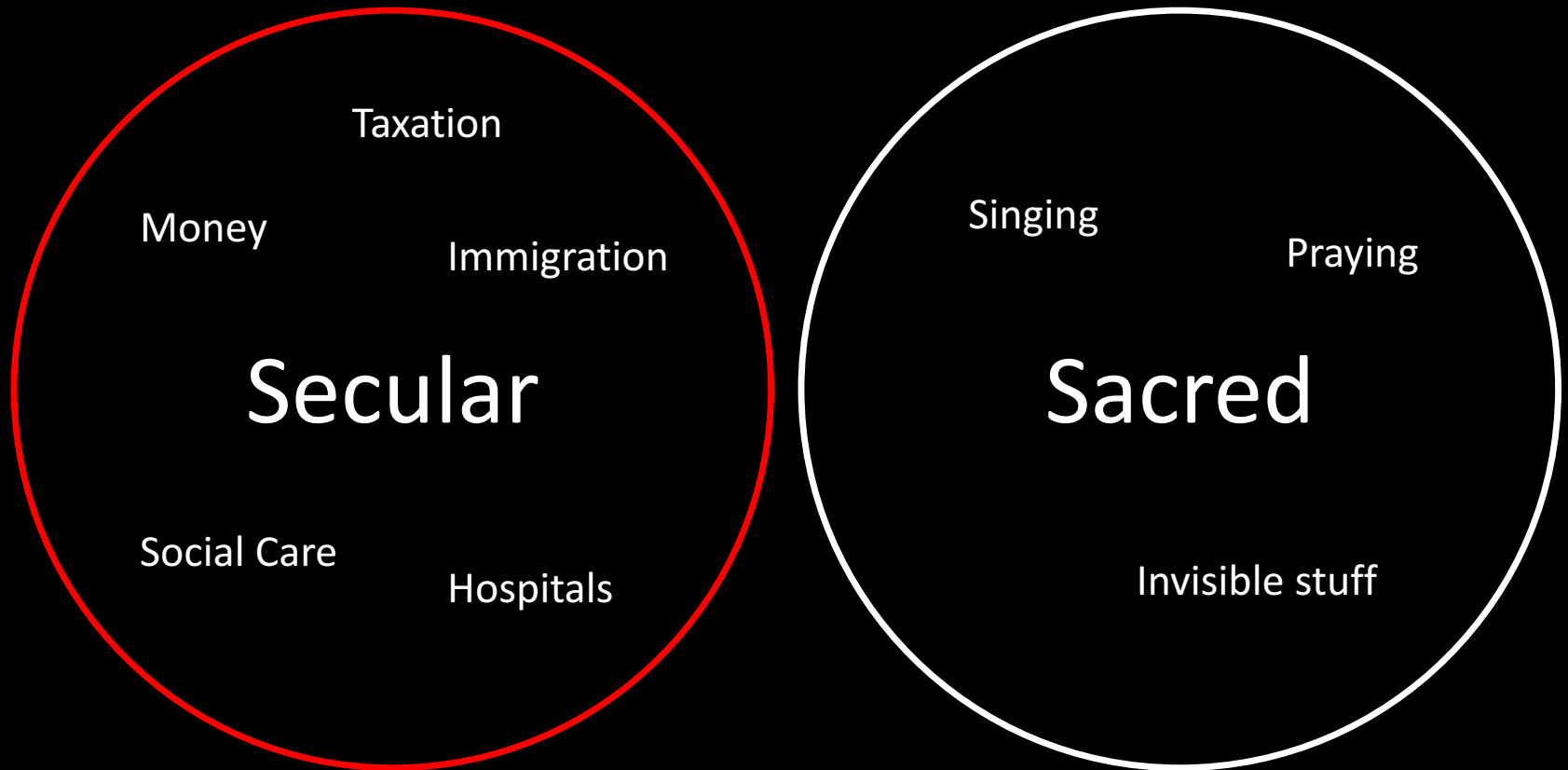
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Luke 20:20-26

²⁰ Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.

Luke 20:20-26

²¹ So the spies questioned him: 'Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. ²² Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

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 (“Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine Augustus”)

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²⁵ He said to them, 'Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.'

²⁶ They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.



Caesar's
Political
Secular

God's
Religious
Sacred



God's Kingdom

Caesar's

Dual Citizenship



But our citizenship is in heaven.

Philippians 3:20

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven,
conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the
Good News about Christ.

Philippians 1:27

...live out your time as foreigners here in reverent
fear

1 Peter 1:17

I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from
sinful desires, which war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:11

No one can serve two masters.

Matthew 6:24



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But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:19-20



God's Kingdom

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How should we treat the foreigner in need?



Love Refugees As Yourself

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

Leviticus 19:33-34

Leave Food for the Poor and the Foreigner

When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner.

Leviticus 19:9-10

God Loves the Foreigner Residing Among You

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:18-19

Do Not Oppress a Foreigner

Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

Exodus 23:9

Invite the Stranger In

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Matthew 25:25-36

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:14

Have Mercy on Your Neighbour

He asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him...

Luke 10:29-37



