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BEWARE ORIGINAL INTENT and PROOF-TEXTING

My approach to interpreting the Scripture has been seriously challenged recently. I hold to an originalist approach, ie- what did the original writers intend by the words they chose to use. This is the same approach I also use to interpret the US Constitution. We see that approach to the Constitution challenged almost daily.

The Original Intent approach is also challenged by its use to justify Slavery from the Scripture by both the North and South before and during the Civil War. And again by its use to justify segregation and particularly Miscegenation as in the case of the Court case, Loving vs Virginia [I recommend the Movie called "Loving"]

The lesson is not to reject seeking the original intent of either the Bible or Constitution, but to be very careful in its use, especially paying careful attention to a study of original social and cultural context in the written document.

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