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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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THE DOCTRINE OF PROVIDENCE

The London Baptist Confession of Faith defines Providence this way: "God, the good Creator of all things, in his infinite power and wisdom, upholds, directs, organizes and governs all creatures and things, from the greatest to the least, by his perfectly wise and holy providence, to the end for which they were created. He governs in accordance with his infallible foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness and mercy."

To understand History (what is really going on in current events, past, present and future) we begin with this Doctrine.

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