

DDS—Debating—Topics (4)

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Some thoughts on Debating.

Debate, according to www.merriam-webster.com, is

“a. A regulated discussion of a proposition between two matched sides.”

Discussion, according to www.merriam-webster.com, is

“1. Consideration of a question in open and usually informal debate.”

Debating like Jesus

It seems that when Jesus engaged in a topic, it was often represented by two sides.

Examples:

It is okay to heal on the Sabbath/it is not okay to heal on the Sabbath.

An adulteress is to be killed/an adulteress is to be loved and discipled.

We study Jesus to see how He debated.

We debate emulating how Jesus debated.

It seems that Jesus was usually calm and loving when in debates with the people.

It seems He was not as calm when in debates with the leaders of His day.

Belief Base

Our spirituality and our politics are informed by our Beliefs.

Our Beliefs seem to go to the core of who we are.

Individuality

Each person has sovereignty over his or her own beliefs.

It is not for us to control the beliefs of others.

It is not for others to control what we believe.

Emotions

We would do well to be aware of our emotions.

Because differences can touch our beliefs, differences can cause great emotions.

Topics can come up in our conversations that can stir our emotions and increate conflict.

As we consider topics, and their two views, it may stir our emotions.

We can ask the Lord to keep us from the chaos of emotions and have cordial conversations.

It seems the chaos of emotions can cause divisions and splits.

Topics

Topics are coming up.

Every topic can be added to this list.

Please know every topic can become part of our schedule.

The truth in love

We debate with guidelines that help us maintain peace and cordiality.

#T number for the topics

| # | Topic | # T | Subtopics: Side 1/Left | Subtopics: Side 2/Right |
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| | Abortion | 1 | Abortion is not murder. | Abortion is murder. |
| | Abortion | 2 | Women must have the right to abort a fetus. | Women must not have the right to kill a child. |
| | Abortion | 3 | Life begins at viability, when the person can live on his or her own. | Life begins at conception. |
| | Adoption | | | |
| | Afterlife | | There is no life, no existence after death. | There is life after death either in Heaven or in Hell. |
| | Brothers\Jesus | | Jesus had biological step-brothers. | Jesus did not have biological step-brothers. |
| | Businesses | | | |
| | Capitalism | | | |
| | Crime | | | |
| | Debates | | One way to debate is to push harder and get louder. | One way to debate is to push harder and get louder. |
| | Education | | | |
| | Elder Care | | | |
| | Elections | | Voting by mail is secure. | Voting by mail is not secure. |
| | Energy | | | |
| | Environment | | | |
| | Firearms | 1 | There should be no firearms in the citizenry. | Citizens have, and must always have, a right to bear arms |
| | Firearms | 2 | Removing firearms from citizens reduces gun deaths. | Removing firearms from citizens leads to tyranny. |
| | Finances | | The Federal Reserve should remain independent of the government. | The Federal Reserve should be under the management of government. |
| | Foreign Relations | | The USA should not be involved in other countries. | The USA must support freedom wherever possible throughout the world. |
| | Healthcare | | | |
| | Holy Spirit | | The baptism in the Holy Spirit is not for today. | The baptism in the Holy Spirit is for today. |
| | Housing | | | |
| | Immigration | 1 | Illegal aliens should be given citizenship, going to the front of the immigration line to become a citizen within our country. | Illegal aliens should not be given citizenship, and should go to the end of the line to become a citizen in our country by going back to their own country. |
| | Immigration | 2 | Immigrants can simply become citizens if they have been here working for a period of time. | Immigrants need to go through an assimilation process in order to know how our country and the Constitution works. |
| | Justice | | Justice and the law can be applied according to politics to achieve political ends. | Justice and the law must be applied equally to all. |
| | Languages | | | |
| | Marriage | | | |

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| | Policing | | Police enforcement should be reduced and replaced by social programs for criminals. | Policing must be maintained to stop criminals by enforcing the law. |
| | Recovery | | People in the 12-step program can become truly free. | People in the 12-step program are not truly free. |
| | Sabbath | 1 | It is not okay to heal on the Sabbath. | It is okay to heal on the Sabbath. |
| | Sabbath | 2 | Sabbath is on Sunday. | Sabbath is on Saturday. |
| | Salvation | | We are saved and able to access Heaven if we live a good life. | Jesus is the Only Way to access Heaven. |
| | Socialism | 1 | Socialism is a legitimate way to govern. | Socialism has never worked as a way to govern. |
| | Socialism | 2 | Socialism, economically, controls resources to create equity. | Socialism centralizes control of resources into the hands of the few who can take power and take the resources to themselves. |
| | Taxes | | Those who have more should give more in taxes. | Taxes should be the same percentage for everyone. |
| | Terrorism | | | |
| | Transgender | 1 | Gender Dysphoria is a naturally occurring condition. | Gender Dysphoria can be created in children. |
| | Transgender | 2 | A minor should be given the option to change his or her gender. | A minor is not equipped or capable of determining his or her gender. |
| | Violence | | | |
| | War | | | |
| | Weapons | | | |

| # | Topic | Left | Center\Consensus | Right |
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| | Abortion | | If there were no unwanted pregnancies, there would be no need for abortion. | |
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| | Abortion | | If people were well trained about sex, there would be no unwanted pregnancies. | |
| | Abortion | | Ultrasounds reduce the number of pregnancies. | |
| | Abortion | | Abortion is “sacred” to satanism. | |
| | Abortion | Life begins at viability, when the person can live on his or her own. | | Life begins at conception. |
| | Abortion | That which is in the woman is a parasite. | | A child in a womb is not a parasite. |