

不久之前，我在節目中提過有個生意人做總統比有個政治人好，一位基督徒觀眾（反 Trump 者）很不贊成我的看法，寫了一封電郵要求我收聲，電郵當然也數盡 Trump 的不是。我也認識不少逢 Trump 必反的基督徒，他們都不明白為何我會支持這樣一個壞人。我給他的回答以前其實也提出過，但這裡列舉了四個主要理由，歡迎你細看細思。

Dear Mr. Lam,

Thank you very much for helping people with your expertise in finance. We appreciate and applaud you for sharing your time and knowledge with others. We are your fans.

Last night, you made the comment that a business man is better equipped than a politician to lead this country during this time of need.

We would like to share with you proverbs 10:8,10:14 and 13:16.

Sometimes, a businessman may be so boastful of himself that he shuns the advice of world experts. On the other hand, an experienced non-businessman may understand he is not the expert in business and therefore seeks the advice of the best advisers in business.

Especially during this time of heightened uncertainty and many worries, love and compassion are especially needed.

We hope you will receive this message with an open mind. We simply want to consider what is important to our nation.

Please take the time to reflect upon the following. Do we want a leader who:

1. Teaches compassion? Or someone who disrespects others? Calls others names and causes children to increase bullying others?
2. Truly cares about people? Or someone who puts himself ahead of his fellow human beings?
3. Takes the advice of other experts? Or someone who is boastful and rejects the advice of others, even world experts?
4. Conducts himself with integrity? Or someone who does unethical things and then lies and covers up the wrong doings?

5. Honors and acknowledges the truth? Or someone who twists the reality to increase his own fame and fortune, at the expense of others?

Especially during this time of crisis and worldwide repercussions, we need people who can lead with wisdom and a steady hand, have love & compassion for the people, and are willing to consult and work with others who may have different opinions.

May we share with you proverbs 12:15-19

From Christianity point of view, we ask whether you would like to have a leader who:

1. Treats fellow human beings with respect even when the points of view differ?
2. Lives honorably and encourages others to conduct themselves with dignity and integrity?
3. Sets a good example of compassion and empathy for others?
4. Is ready to acknowledge the truth? Is willing to admit a mistake?
5. Takes responsibility instead of trying to blame someone else?
6. Has the humility to accept that there are others who are experts? Is willing to listen to the experts who know more and learn from other's expertise?
7. Genuinely cares about other human beings and does not put oneself ahead of other people?
8. Tries to serve the people rather than focus on increasing one's fame and fortune?
9. Values all of God's creations? Tries to reduce inequality and discrimination? Promotes harmony among people?
10. Considers how actions today can impact the future of our planet earth for generations to come? Appreciates the beauty of nature and values improving the environment for the well-being of its people?

Public office is hopefully an office of Service and Duty, instead of a rotating door for self-promoters and self-enrichment.

Mr. Lam, what you say can influence many people, especially during an election year.

We urge you to consider thrice before you endorse political figures. Please try to research all the facts and present different points of view. Please do

not endorse someone who is there to self-promote instead of trying to serve the people.

Frankly, we are disappointed that you used your forum to endorse a political figure. If you must use your name to promote anyone, then please use caution in selecting someone whose heart is truly for the people and has the sincerity and humility to serve others, instead of someone who is driven by greed and cravings to win and to enrich oneself.

We pray to God for wisdom. We pray for you too, Mr. Lam.

We pray that you can develop further insight and look beyond your usual source of news.

Please read Nobel Prize winner Paul Krugman's writings. Please take a look at Chris Hayes and Rachel Maddow's reporting. We would recommend NPR news. There are many hardworking journalists. You will gain a lot of depth and insight if you are willing to open your eyes to other journalistic reports that are not highly politically motivated. We read also the news reported in other countries to get a wider perspective. Also, very good is the news from Germany (dw.com) reported in English. Open your mind's eyes. We wish you further wisdom.

Please use this time to consider more deeply what the Bible and Jesus would recommend.

Peace be with you,

Your fellow believers

我的回覆：

Thank you for taking the time to write to me to express your opinions. I respect your opinions as I am sure it is well-intentioned. but I ask that you read my response with an open mind.

You probably have not been reading my blog at www.sauwing.com or my Facebook, and you probably have not watched any of my TV forums about the upcoming election. I have always explained why I support President Trump. Back in 2016 I wrote about why I was initially not a supporter of Donald Trump the candidate. I explained in detail why I became a supporter and on May 5, 2016 I put down in writing (published in the Herald Monthly and my blog) that Donald Trump is going

to be the next president. I also wrote about why Christians have no choice but to support President Trump. Below I will briefly summarize my reasons.

1. God can use ungodly man for His purpose

There is no question Donald Trump is not a saint. He had marital fidelity issues before. But the thing I detested the most about him is his ownership of casinos. Having worked with a number of chronic gamblers in the past I know how devastating gambling can be. I was also taken aback by his abrasiveness and arrogance. However, God can and has used bad people for His purpose, and He could turn this person around by showing that He alone is the holy and almighty God. The example that came to my mind is King Nebuchadnezzar in the Book of Daniel. He is an exceedingly arrogant and evil King but Daniel, a Godly person, worked for him and loved him. As you know, King Nebuchadnezzar had gone crazy in a 7-year period when he lost his mind and lived like an animal. It is my belief that Daniel, as his prime minister, took care of his kingdom and returned it to the King after he recovered. Three times in the Bible God mentioned that King Nebuchadnezzar was His servant. And in the Book of Daniel chapter 4, King Nebuchadnezzar finally recognized and acknowledged that our God is the only God in the universe. It is my belief that King Nebuchadnezzar was saved. If God can use and convert an evil Pagan King like Nebuchadnezzar, he can certainly pick and convert Donald Trump. Who are we to say that Donald Trump does not qualify to be used by God?

2. Watch a person's deed, not his word.

Donald Trump is a loud and brash New Yorker who speaks his mind. Sometimes he insults people particularly when he is under attack. No politician talks like that. Certainly no politician would tweet continuously. He certainly comes across as arrogant, which initially turned me off. However, I realize that he is a New Yorker real estate businessman and I was told that many of them talk that way. I would rather deal with a person who speaks from his heart than one who talks with a crooked tongue. Many politicians would tell you what you would like to hear in the most soothing way, but they are dishonest. Donald Trump speaks his mind and is generally more trustworthy than many of the politicians. Just watch what he did in the last 3 years in terms of: opposing abortion (he is the first president to participate in the annual Walk For Life), removing barriers (the Johnson Amendment) for pastors to speak on the pulpit, honoring and protecting Israel, removing Obama's threat to schools regarding accommodation of transgender students, bringing back prayer meetings and bible studies into the White House,

appointing conservative and Christian judges to both the Supreme Court and the lower courts, etc. Nowadays many Christians turn to support and love President Trump. James Dobson of Focus on the Family told us that President Trump became a Christian a few years ago. I know he never talks about his faith, and he is probably at best a baby Christian. But I do not see him opposing Christians like President Obama did.

3. The Bible tells us to honor and support our leaders

I mentioned Daniel who did not overthrow or hate King Nebuchadnezzar. During Jesus' time the Jews were under the cruel Roman rulers. Jesus never advocated the overthrow of the government. These are Paul's teachings:

- I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2:1-4)
- Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:17)
- Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. (Roman 13:1-2)

If another person (Hillary Clinton) had been elected President I would support and pray for her, as is commanded by God. I would criticize her wrongdoings, but I would not tell others to oppose her. The reason is all leaders including ungodly leaders are put into leadership position by God so we simply must respect that.

4. What are the alternatives?

I have spent a lot of time studying the Clinton family history and I was appalled by the lust and greed of the Clintons. Likewise when I studied the background of Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden I cannot help but shudder at the possibility that such a greedy and evil person could be the President. Do not overlook the godless and liberal platform of the Democratic party. Should Christians support such

politicians and hoped that they would win the presidency just because we cannot stand Trump's style and mannerism? Unfortunately we only have two viable candidates to consider. Christians can become independents, but they still have to vote for one of the two candidates from the major parties or forfeit their vote.

Finally I want to address the question of whether a Christians who has a public forum like me should talk about politics. Politics is everyone's business, and if Christians do not speak up then we would only hear from non-Christians. I think Christians should be involved in politics and let their voices be heard. But we must follow biblical principles when evaluating leaders and party platform. I have received many emails from fellow Christians who are now awakened to political issues so they can pray and vote a certain way. I do not hesitate in endorsing candidates in key races but I always try my best to clearly explain why so people can evaluate my position and decide for themselves. I have only summarized my thoughts here, but you can read a lot more about my commentaries in my blog (www.sauwing.com)and on my Facebook.

Thanks again for writing to me.