



## CAN YOU TRUST THE GOVERNMENT?

### Introduction:

#### I. THE COMMAND TO PROLIFERATE ON THE EARTH (vs. 1 & 7)

A. A Blessing

B. A Burden

“be fruitful”

“increase in number”

“fill the earth”

#### II. THE MANDATE TO PREVAIL OVER THE ENVIRONMENT (vs. 2-4)

A. Prominence - “fear and dread”

B. Permission - “every moving thing that is alive”

C. Prohibition - “you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it”

#### III. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PUT TO DEATH THE EVILDOER (vs. 5-6)

A. An Accounting System

B. An Execution Sentence

#### *Biblical Arguments:*

1) Man’s nature implies the need for capital punishment.

- 2) Human government is responsible for capital punishment.
- 3) Capital punishment was incorporated into the Mosaic Code.
- 4) the New Testament reaffirms capital punishment.

*Theological Arguments:*

- 1) Capital punishment was not abolished with the Mosaic Code.
- 2) Capital punishment is not ruled out by the New Testament ethic of love.
- 3) Capital punishment does not “send unbelievers to hell”.
- 4) Capital punishment was not removed by Christ's work on the Cross.

*Moral Arguments:*

- 1) The primary purpose of justice is punishment, not reform.
- 2) Capital punishment is a deterrent to crime.
- 3) Capital punishment is necessary to protect the sanctity of human life.
- 4) Capital punishment must be justly applied.

**Conclusion:**