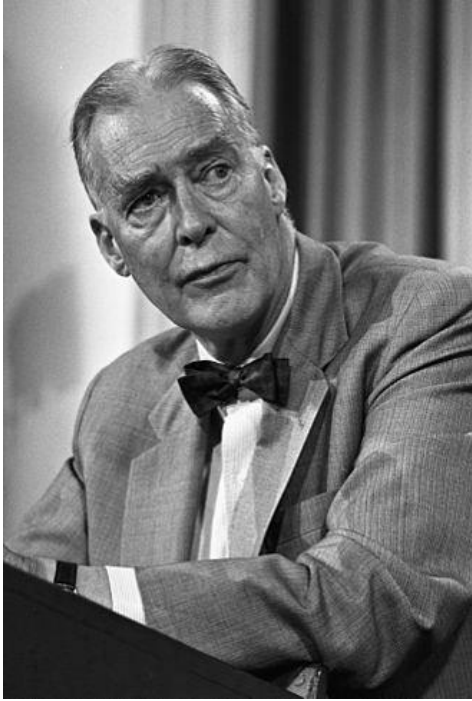




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**Authority!**

**One Piece  
Per  
Person!**

# Authority!

- “The concept of authority has become one of the most controversial notions of modern times. Yet the informed man knows that anarchism is an empty dream, and that unchecked individualism is but inverted slavery.”

*(The Pattern of Religious Authority, Bernard Ramm, p. 9)*

# Challenging Duly Constituted Authority

- I'll tip my hat to the new constitution  
Take a bow for the new revolution  
Smile and grin at the change all around  
Pick up my guitar and play  
Just like yesterday  
Then I'll get on my knees and pray ...

**We don't get fooled again!**

**Meet the new boss ... same as the old boss!**



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# Living Under the Authority of God

# Acknowledging the Authority of God

- If God exists, then human beings are subject to him! **(Isaiah 43:21)**
- Doing the will of God is the “whole duty of man.” **(Eccl. 12:13)**
- The Bible clearly shows that all come under the authority of God! **(Gen. 18:25; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:16; 14:12; 1 Peter 1:17)**
- We must deal with God — we have no choice!
  - *“And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account!”*  
**(Hebrews 4:13)**

# What Is Your Attitude ...

- Toward the Word of God?
  - **Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; John 12:48; Revelation 22:18-29**
- Toward Christ?
  - **Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 17:5; 2 John 9**
- Toward the New Testament teaching of Christ?
  - *On the church?*
  - *On the plan of salvation?*
  - *On worship according to the New Testament order?*
  - *On the organization of the local church?*

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