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## *Constitution Party of Ohio*

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I have been married to my wife Kari for almost 12 years, and we have been blessed with 3 boys, ages 10-5-1, who keep us busy. Currently, I am a physics professor with research interests in astronomy and astrophysics.

When the Tea Party movement happened I got involved by being a party delegate in the major party in my county. Then when the Tea Party proved to be ineffective in making any significant changes I left the two party carousel for the politically independent wastelands. I had heard of the Constitution Party but hesitated to join for the same reason many people don't join third parties, I didn't believe a third party could make any difference. As I saw my country drifting further and further from its biblical and constitutional moorings, the words of Edmund Burke haunted my mind: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." If third parties are going to make a difference it has to start somewhere. A few people who are no longer going to be satisfied with the status quo can start a snowball effect to make change happen.

I chose to take my stand with the Constitution Party because not only does the party respect the constitution and the principles that this country was founded on but particularly what I saw in the Constitution Party of Ohio was a recognition of the Ultimate Authority above and behind the constitution. It was the faith of our founders that illuminated their political theories and allowed them to establish the freedoms that we hold dear today. But without a biblical foundation, our society will tend away from freedom and towards oppression. As John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." The Christian apologist and philosopher, Francis Schaeffer, put it well when he said, "We must realize that the Reformation worldview leads in the direction of government freedom. But the humanist worldview with inevitable certainty leads in the direction of statism. This is so because humanists, having no god, must put something at the center, and it is inevitably society, government, or the state." Our government was never meant to be central in our lives. That place is reserved for the One who "has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and boundaries...so that they should seek the Lord" (Acts 17:26-27). I don't believe we should establish a theocracy but I do believe that the further we move from our Christian heritage, the further we move from true liberty.