

Soul Freedom: A Quiet Proposal for Making the World Safer for Diversity

Christians have a matchless record in pioneering and defending freedom of conscience and religious liberty. Today, however, when violations of both rights are widespread across the entire world, many Western Christians have become part of the problem rather than part of the answer. On the one hand, they are fighting for their rights in ways that are counter-productive. On the other, they are doing so in ways that are sub-Christian and even anti-Christian. This session will set out the global problem and possible solutions, and argue for a Christian approach that is wiser, more faithful, and more effective at once.

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Introduction

1. Why religious liberty is crucial for everyone
 - A. 1st Liberty

 - B. Source of civil society

 - C. Key to social harmony

2. Common weaknesses in responses so far
 - A. Neglect of 'habits'

 - B. Neglect of common good

 - C. Fighting negative with negative

3. Options for the public square

A. Sacred

B. Naked

C. Civil

4. Misunderstandings of the Civil Public Square

A. Niceness

B. Interfaith unity

C. False tolerance

5. Requirements for a successful restoration

A. Declaration

B. Implementation

C. Education

Conclusion