

The Choices?

1. You can't beat 'em, so you might as well join 'em
2. Be friends with them, just don't become like them
3. Keep your head down and fly under the radar
4. Don't make waves, but you're allowed to grumble
5. Grumble all you want, but the NSA is listening
6. Write a letter to the editor once in a while
7. Speak at a Village Council meeting
8. Run for any kind of office
9. Support some kind of activist organization
10. Attend a rally
11. Get arrested
12. Get arrested a few more times
13. Write a book about your experiences; become a darling of the talk show circuit
14. Get yourself on the Homeland Security No-Fly list
15. Buy a large compound in Montana, lots of camo gear, canned goods, bottled water, and weapons
16. Get arrested again, sentenced to Federal prison, and "renditioned" to Outer Mongolia

How do you make your choices?

Popular opinion	Magic 8 Ball
I listen to Rush	I listen to Oprah
Depends on what I eat	Depends on my mood
My conscience	The code of Hammurabi
The code of the Jedi	The Ten Commandments
The Golden Rule	Jesus' love for me

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No Other Gods



No. 8—The Golden image of Nebuchadnezzar. B. C. 579.

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer

was a German Lutheran pastor known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship. He was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo and executed by hanging in April 1945 while imprisoned at a Nazi concentration camp.

Billy Graham

is an American Christian evangelist, ordained as a Southern Baptist minister, who rose to celebrity status in 1949 reaching a core constituency of white, middle-class, moderately conservative Protestants.

Al Sharpton

Alfred Charles "Al" Sharpton, Jr. is an American Baptist minister, civil rights activist, and television/radio talk show host.

Sarah Hershberger, 11, and her parents are staying hidden after returning from a natural cancer treatment center in Central America. An appeals court ruled last month that an appointed guardian will make medical decisions for the cancer-stricken Amish girl.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

was an American clergyman, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience.

Nelson Mandela

was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary as well as a politician and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

Gnadenhutten Massacre (1781)

During the Revolution, Pennsylvania militiamen massacred nearly 100 non-combatant Christian Lenape, mostly women and children; they killed and scalped all but two young boys

Rick Warren

is an American evangelical Christian pastor and author. He is the founder and senior pastor of Saddleback Church

Mother Teresa

founded the Missionaries of Charity, which run hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; children's and family counseling programs; orphanages; and schools.

Bishop Macram Gassis of South Sudan

"The bishop is a shepherd. He is obliged by the very fact of vocation to stand up and protect his flock, even at the cost of paying the consequences. That's exactly what I'm doing."

John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg

was an American clergyman, Continental Army soldier during the American Revolutionary War, and political figure in the newly independent United States.

Philip Berrigan

was an American peace activist and former Roman Catholic priest. Along with his brother Daniel, he was for a time on the FBI Ten Most Wanted list for acts of vandalism.

Daniel Berrigan is an American Catholic priest, peace activist, and poet. He achieved notoriety in 1968 when he and his brother, Philip, were put on the FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list for their involvement in antiwar protests during the Vietnam war.

Matthew Harrison testified in 2012 in front of the US House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in opposition to contraceptive mandates imposed upon parachurch organizations by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Martyrs of Vietnam

The Vatican estimates the number of Vietnamese martyrs at between 130,000 and 300,000. John Paul II decided to canonize those whose names are known and unknown, giving them a single feast day.

Saint Thomas More was an English lawyer, social philosopher, author, statesman and noted Renaissance humanist.