

Render unto Caesar... Nothing

Editor's Pick. Written by Darryl Perry.

Yeshua did not say that taxes are lawful, nor did he counsel obedience to the Romans. In the context of a society with many competing currencies, most of which did not have Caesar's inscription, Yushua's response is subtly seditious. Even if one rejects the idea that all things belong to YHWH, they must acknowledge that nothing rightfully belongs to Caesar. Governments own/create nothing that they did not first take from someone else. I can think of no better argument from the Scriptures against taxation, but counseling against using the "king's money" is a powerful rejection of "central banks."

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