

DEBATE AGREEMENT
Joel McDurmon vs. Jordan D. Hall
Friday, February 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m. MT

Resolution: “Mosaic Civil Laws are obligatory for civil governments today.”

Affirmative: Joel McDurmon
Negative: Jordan D. Hall

Logistics:

- The debate will be held on February 20, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. MT, at Arizona Community Church (community center), 9325 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ 85284.
- Airfare and lodging for each participant will be reimbursed from conference revenues, up to \$700.
- Book and product sales and promotional efforts will be allowed at the conference/debate event location in designated areas.
- Both parties agree to appear.

Debate Format:

Segment 1

Opening Statement (aff.): 15 min.
Opening Statement (neg.): 15 min.
Cross-examination (aff.): 7 min. (max.)
Cross-examination (neg.): 7 min. (max.)
Rebuttal (aff.): 12 min.
Rebuttal (neg.): 12 min.

Segment 2

Opening Statement (neg.): 15 min.
Opening Statement (aff.): 15 min.
Cross-examination (neg.): 7 min. (max.)
Cross-examination (aff.): 7 min. (max.)
Rebuttal (neg.): 12 min.
Rebuttal (aff.): 12 min.

Q&A: 22 min.

Total time: 160 min. (2 hrs. 40 min.)

- Q&A format will consist of written questions submitted by the audience, directed to either participant. The participant to whom the question is directed will have 2 minutes to answer. The opposite party is allowed a 1 minute response to the answer.
- At the end of each segment, the speaking participant will be allowed a “grace period” in which to finish his sentence and/or thought after time has expired, within a reasonable moment, as briefly as possible.
- The Moderator will be Vocab Malone of Backpack Radio. The Moderator will be responsible to:
 1. Introduce each participant according to information submitted beforehand, else according to publicly available information.
 2. Maintain order and decorum during the debate.
 3. Note any infractions during cross examination such as browbeating, refusing to allow full answers of reasonable length, reasonable qualifications to answers, stalling, dodging, or filibustering, refusing to answer, belittling or insulting—in the unlikely event that any of these should occur.
 4. Otherwise refrain from interfering in the debate.
- A timekeeper will be appointed subject to approval of both participants.
- All research for the debate must be completed at the beginning of the debate. No outside help or information via third party, internet connection, social media, text messaging, or other electronic connections or databases shall be allowed to be consulted or referenced during the debate. Written notes, completed research in printed form, and printed books with previously-marked quotations shall be allowed.

Record:

- The event will be recorded in both audio and video. Both participants, along with their ministries and/or businesses, will have equal rights to publish audio, video, or print versions of the debate in full and unaltered.
- Neither party shall have the right to cause the other party to cease publishing the debate unless both parties agree to cease.
- Either party shall have the right to cause to cease and desist the publication of any substantially edited, rearranged, or truncated copy of the debate, except such as shall be covered by “fair use” doctrine.

Christian Mediation:

The parties to this agreement are Christians and believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (Matt. 18:15–20; 1 Cor. 6:1–8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by biblically-based mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration. Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods

shall be the sole acceptable remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

Entire Agreement:

This Agreement encompasses the entire agreement of the parties, and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements between the parties, oral, written, or otherwise. The parties hereby acknowledge and represent, by affixing their signature and date, that said parties do not rely upon any representation, assertion, guarantee, warranty, collateral contract or other assurance, except those set out in this Agreement, made by or on behalf of any other party or any other person or entity whatsoever, prior to the execution of this Agreement. The parties hereby waive all rights and remedies, at law or in equity, arising or which may arise as the result of a party's reliance on such representation, assertion, guarantee, warranty, collateral contract or other assurance.

Signed _____
Joel McDurmon

Date

Signed _____
Jordan D. Hall

Date