

General Selected Bibliography for The Session on The Law of Nations

Adler, David Gray, and George, Larry N., editors, *The Constitution and the Conduct of American Foreign Policy*, University Press of Kansas, 1996.

- Utilizing a multitude of authors, this volume is well worth it for those of any nation to see how foreign policy gets fleshed out and applied. Utilizing the American Constitution as an example, the authors clearly articulate both the successes and failures, along with their consequences, over the past two centuries. Though set in the context of the United States, the examples and interactions with other nations is instructive for those serious in learning to implement the values of the Law of Nations.

Bemis, Samuel Flagg, *John Quincy Adams and the Foundations of American Foreign Policy*, Alfred P. Knopf, 1950.

- As Secretary of State under President Monroe, John Quincy Adams was probably the author of the Monroe Doctrine. We know his commitment to Christ and Christianity made him an unwavering adherent to the Law of Nations and the practical way he implemented it is a classic example of what a nation can do to further the Kingdom of God's values in international relations

Cole, Darrell, *When God Says War is Right*, Waterbrook Press, 2002.

- In my opinion, this is probably the single best summary of the Just War Doctrine from its development by Christian theologians to its application in modern times available for the reader today. In a very readable fashion, Darrell Cole highlights the key points, as well as the errors, of how nations ought to view war and the restoration of justice among the nations.

Hall, Verna M., *The Christian History of the Constitution of the United States of America: Christian Self-Government with Union*, Foundation for American Christian Education, 1979.

- As a compiler of primary sources, Hall allows the reader to read directly from those who pioneered the understanding of the Law of Nations, exposing the errors of interdependence, intermeddling and manipulation in world affairs. Beginning with an understanding of ecclesiastical foreign policy in the first three centuries, this is a one volume resource for hard-to-get primary sources.

McDowell, Stephen, *Building Godly Nations*, Providence Foundation, 2004.

- In this work Stephen gives an overview of how nations can be disciplined from the inside out – including international relations. The readable style of this book is a textbook for leaders that will practically inspire them to influence their nations.

North, Gary, *Healer of the Nations: Biblical Principles for International Relations*, Dominion Press, 1987.

- In this book, North lays out the Biblical principles for international relations and how God and His Word reign supreme regardless of the whims of leaders. It is an excellent overview of how international relations should be governed by very practical principles drawn from the Bible.