

enables men to understand truth. The Holy Scriptures are the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried.

8. Consistent with the Baptist doctrine of the priesthood of the believer, each believer is directly accountable to God through Christ for the activities of their life and to fulfill what they understand as their obligations according to the Bible.

9. There is in the Holy Scriptures, in the book of Revelation, a prohibition against aligning oneself with the "Beast". Such alignment is manifested by giving and receiving the Beast's number, or mark, or the number of a man. The literal manifestation of such number, or mark, is figuratively described as six hundred, three score, and six.

10. The Holy Scripture, Revelation, chapter Thirteen, verse Eighteen, admonishes all men to be wary and to use wisdom to discern the literal manifestation of the number of the beast.

11. The Southern Baptist sect has not made a determination about the literal interpretation of Revelation chapter Thirteen as it relates to the number of the beast. It is keeping with the tenets of the Christian faith, and our Southern Baptist sect, for a man to be obedient to what He understands the Holy Scripture to require of him.

12. I am keenly aware of the depth and sincerity of the convictions of David Alan Carmichael regarding his understanding that the Social Security Number is the number of the Beast.

13. Through my own interviews with him, I am aware that David came to his convictions by careful study of the Holy Scripture and by diligent prayer to obtain illumination from the Holy Spirit.

14. David's convictions are sincere, rational, and within the realm of Christian doctrine.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

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Subscribed and sworn before me a Notary Public on the _____ day of _____, 2004.

My Commission Expires: _____