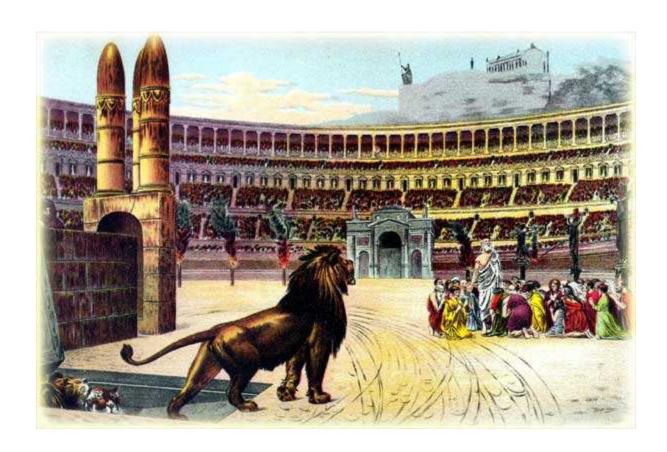
# A Brewing Pot of Christian Persecution: America's Postmodern Anti-Christian Crusade



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To God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

To All Persecuted Christians in the World

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#### **Forward**

When I am interested in reading a new book, I always begin by looking at the chapter titles. If the chapter titles do not interest me, then I feel that the book would not be an enjoyable read. In the case of A Brewing Pot of Christian Persecution: America's Postmodern Anti-Christian Crusade, I found the chapter titles caught my attention. From the first page to the last page, I could not put the book down. The subject matter and facts of this book kept my interest.

I feel that every Christian in America needs to read this book. Also, I know that if we do not begin to speak up now for Christianity, America will not always be the America that we know today.

Rev. Mickey Corley, Th.M.

#### Preface

The Jewish Holocaust that occurred in Germany from the late 1930s to 1945 was one of the darkest periods in world history. Adolf Hitler was responsible for the guided torture and death of millions of Jewish people during his fascist leadership. The rationale for this mistreatment and murder of innocent Jewish people was mainly Hitler's total dislike for Jews as an ethnic group and he also needed an escape goat for all the social and economic problems that had gripped Germany after World War I, especially since the Jews were the leaders of the financial community. Therefore, if Hitler was to achieve his goal for the creation of a new world order with him as the dictatorial leader, he would have to eliminate any and all people that might stand in his way.

The spirit of Hitler did not die with the Allied victory in World War II. It still exists in the minds and hearts of ruthless people all over the world. Unfortunately, many of these people live in the United States of America. Their goal is to create a new world order, too. However, their target group has changed to a certain degree. They hope to annihilate all Christians or any other conservative-minded, godfearing people. This could very well include Jews, too. But, presently, it is obvious that Christians are their major objective, especially since it is politically incorrect to offend anyone in America except Christians.

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Crusade exposes the tactics that are being used even now to rid America of

Christianity. The anti-Christian agenda in America can be seen in the public school

systems, the court systems, and throughout many other public settings. Despite the assumption that America is a Christian nation, it is obvious that Christendom and Christians are on the verge of being persecuted. Read your newspapers. Watch television news broadcasts. Read Internet articles. Read books on the topic (According to Russ Wise in his article "Education and New Age Humanism," Sheila Schwartz, a member of the American Humanist Association, stated "...but thank God the Crazies don't do all that much reading. If they did, they'd find they have already been defeated."). Then, it would be much easier to accept that a brewing pot of Christian persecution is about to boil over in the United States, unless Christians everywhere become aware of what is going on behind closed doors and get on their knees in concerted prayer again.

There are three prime examples that could be used to verify that Christian persecution is on the rise in America. One such example occurred during the spring of 2008. The formation of the Gay/Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives is proof that many of America's elected leaders are not supporters of Christianity and its positive effect on the United States culture. Why would elected politicians promote sexual immorality from the chambers of Congress? Politicians are elected to represent the masses of constituents from their states. Since the vast majority of their constituents are not homosexual, why are politicians risking their political careers in an effort to promote a lifestyle that most of their constituents would denounce? Of course, the answer is simple. They have sold out to homosexual lobby groups, just like many major companies and corporations have done in the recent months.

Another example occurred during the aftermath of the Proposition 8 voting in California in November 2008. When the California electorate voted to eliminate same-sex marriage, it caused hundreds of homosexuals to verbally and, in some instances, physically abuse Christians who were opposing their lifestyle. Some homosexuals even went inside Christian churches and did some abominable things. It is amazing that homosexuals want Christians to be tolerant toward them, but they do not treat Christians with the same tolerance, especially since Christians are normally non-violent people. Therefore, as a result, supporters of the homosexual agenda in America have gained the boldness to openly attack Christians and their beliefs. Of course, the homosexual agenda is still alive and well in California and many other liberal states.

One final example took place after President Obama took office. Since he took office, he has purported an anti-Christian belief in the United States. He stated several times that America was not a Christian nation. However, at the same time, he has proclaimed Islam to be a "religion of peace." Understandably, this proclamation has promoted the religion of Islam over the religion of Christianity. As a result, the American Christian community should realize that the current governmental administration of the United States does not accept the Judeo-Christian base of our constitutional republic.

Ultimately, as the brewing pot of Christian persecution boils over in the United States, more and more individual Christians and their churches will encounter direct persecution. But, prayerfully, America's Christian persecution will not involve the murder of innocent Christians as has occurred in many foreign

countries. However, if American Christians would return to a life of prayer, Bible reading, church attendance, and draw closer to their Lord and Savior, God will provide a way of escape for His followers from the persecution that American Christians will inevitably encounter soon, unless those in high governmental positions wake up and return to their sanity. Persecuting Christians in the very nation that was founded upon Judeo-Christian principles and the constitutional right to live by the dictates of a chosen religious belief system is totally absurd. But, most of all, it could very well lead America into an era very similar to the days of Adolf Hitler in Germany. However, this time it might just be a Christian Holocaust.

#### Introduction

Some Americans will take a new perspective on cultural issues now and in the years to come. One such issue was the advancement of more anti-Christian sentiment in the United States. More and more anti-Christian groups have attempted to find ways to silence Christians from promoting their religious beliefs outside the four walls of their churches. Some more prominent groups are those who support atheism, humanism, and the homosexual agenda. However, now the Christian persecution that has been propagated behind closed doors for so many years has finally come out into the open. Therefore, Christians of every denomination must prepare themselves for the brewing pot of Christian persecution that might just boil over into mainstream America soon.

Why are these anti-Christian groups determined to silence Christians in America? The answer lies in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Over two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ saw the beginning of Christian persecution then and foretold the rationale for its ugly resurgence in the latter days, too. As stated by Jesus Christ in John 3:20-21, "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." Also, in John 7:7, Jesus said, "The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." Basically, Jesus was stating that the witness of Christians, the light of Jesus Christ, would cause many nonbelievers to feel uncomfortable. As a result, some nonbelievers who do not want to conform to

Christ's standards would ultimately use persecution as a method to hopefully silence the Christian voice in America.

However, Christians should expect some form of persecution now and in the future, just because there are so many people that do not want to surrender their will to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As written in II Corinthians 4:8-9, Paul the Apostle said, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." If Jesus, Paul, Peter, and many other of Jesus' followers were persecuted, true Christians today must face the reality that persecution will continually pop up its ugly head until Jesus comes back to take His children home to live eternally with Him in Heaven. Finally, in John 15:18-21, Jesus said, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the world that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours, also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me." As inferred by these scriptures, postmodern day Christians will at some point in time be persecuted. Unfortunately, that point in time is now.

However, it is amazing that with all the religions in America that the religion of most of the Founding Fathers has been placed on a "bully" platform. If those who choose to persecute Christians in America would take the same approach to Islam,

the United States government would put a stop to it immediately. It would not be politically correct to persecute the followers of Islam. But, at the same time, Christian "bashing" is accepted as the status quo by many politicians and anti-Christian groups. Of course, the main reason that Christians are now being persecuted in America is the fact that true Christianity is a way of life that is based on the absolute truths of God's Holy Word, the Bible. It is these absolute truths that cause non-believers to fight back against Christians and their lifestyle. In fact, many people, including some Christians, do not believe the divine truths of God. Therefore, Christians are setting themselves up for even more persecution.

In the United States, Christian persecution is subtle in nature (In many countries overseas, Christians are killed for their faith). Businesses, pubic schools, public universities, governmental agencies, and the media constantly attack Christian beliefs, values, and worship methods. But, it is ironical that the religious belief system that demands honesty, integrity, good character, patriotism, and right living of all Americans is the religion that is being attacked. However, only the Christians who are being persecuted know about America's persecution of Christians. Too many Christians are unaware of the Christian persecution that is occurring in the United States today. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that they see the hand writing on the wall and see the truth soon.

How are America's anti-Christian groups actually persecuting Christians in America? First, there are too many Christian rituals and icons that are prohibited in businesses, public schools, public universities, and governmental agencies. In most of these places, Christians are not permitted to read their Bible and pray

openly, even if they are on their lunch break. However, special attention is given to the religious needs of Islamic believers and other non-Christian religions in order to meet all the demands of their religion. Second, many corporations and businesses are showing their anti-Christian sentiment by giving thousands of dollars to support the pro-homosexual agenda and the pro-abortion agenda in the United States.

Third, dissatisfied homosexual groups have actually entered Christian churches and defamed church property and verbally abused church members. Fourth, teachers and principals in some public schools verbally abuse Christian students and their God. Fifth, public universities are beginning to prevent the free speech of Christian students who mention the name of Jesus Christ on campus as they witness to their peers. Sixth, government agencies are beginning to prohibit the freedom of expression of their Christian employees. It is as if the United States government wants to ensure that America becomes a godless nation.

How can Christians deal with religious persecution in a more positive manner? First, Christians must actually live the type of life that they purport to non-Christians. When many of the major Christian preachers and/or evangelists commit the same sins that they have preached against for years, it can leave a bad taste in the mouths of non-Christians. In fact, it would make it much harder to win them over to Christianity, since they probably would believe that most Christians are not really sincere in what they say they believe. As the Apostle Paul stated in I Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." In other words, the hypocrisy of Christians, especially those who live in the limelight,

would be a negative catalyst that would lead to even more Christian persecution. Second, Christians must be involved with God the Father's business, just as His Son Jesus Christ did when He walked on the earth. Therefore, even though Christians do not base their salvation on how much work they do for the church, people who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior tend to give much of their free time for the Kingdom of God here on the earth. When a Christian has a close relationship with God, he or she would have an anointing of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them as they travel on their journey to Heaven. As a result, any persecution from anti-Christian sources that they might face in the days to come would become less challenging. However, any persecution would be hurtful, but spirit-led Christians would be better prepared to face the "lions and the gladiators," just like the first Christians did during the first century in ancient Rome.

Third, Christians must remember that the purpose of their church is to be a salvation station. Sinners should come into the church, ask forgiveness for their sins, and become an active member in the family of Christ. However, when the sins of the sinner become incorporated into an immoral subculture within the church, non-believers outside the church would lose faith in the intent of the church. This could definitely lead to more persecution. As a result, Christians must remove any sign of lingering sin inside God's House of Worship. The sinner must be loved and accepted, but his or her sins must not be permitted to exist inside the four walls of the church. Remember that the Protestant Church was started in 1517 in Germany by Martin Luther because he detested the sins that existed in the Roman Catholic Church at that time. Also, it would hard for the Christian Church to be a light to

the world when there is darkness and sin in the camp. Therefore, as written in I Thessalonians 5:22, Christians should "abstain from all appearance of evil." Then, their spiritual light could shine brighter and brighter.

Fourth, Christians must not permit the marketing of Jesus to replace the true evangelistic efforts of the church. According to Tyler Wigg-Stevenson in his Christianity Today article entitled "Jesus Is Not a Brand," Christianity and the teachings of Jesus Christ are viewed in a different perspective in today's postmodern, consumerist age. Apparently, in the postmodern consumerist age, some people are possibly being drawn to the church and Jesus Christ by marketing schemes, instead of the Holy Spirit. However, if this is true, the authenticity of Jesus Christ and His original mission for coming to the earth would eventually be viewed as a Fifth Avenue, humanistic gimmick. As a result, the effect of Christianity on America at large would be diminished. This could lead to even more persecution in the years to come. Therefore, it is extremely important that evangelism in the church stays focused on the immaculate birth of Jesus Christ and His Death and Resurrection. Also, it is important to remember what Jesus said in John 14:6 in the Bible. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." But, despite the fact that many anti-Christians use this scripture as a source for their persecution, claiming that Christians are intolerant and insensitive, Jesus said it and He meant what He said.

Fifth, Christians must realize that they can be categorized into three, distinct groups of believers. Some Christians are very close to God in their relationship. Some Christians are fair weather believers. Then, there are Christians whose relationship

to God hardly exists. Therefore, the last two categories of Christians might be less likely to encounter attacks from anti-Christian forces in America. As stated in Acts 12:1, "Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church." Therefore, those who belong to the "certain of the church" would be those who are close to God. They might be persecuted even more than those who do not have a close relationship to God. But, regardless of what type of persecution that Christians might have to face in the years to come, Jesus promised in Hebrews 13:5 that He would never leave or forsake those who call Him their Lord and Savior.

Many people do not believe that Christian persecution exists in America. In fact, some people even believe that up to 90 percent of Americans are Christian. However, that is a very high estimate. But, regardless of how many people profess to be Christians in America, a brewing pot of Christian persecution is about to boil over in the nation that prides itself on religious freedom. Christians in the United States need to set their eyes on what happens in the halls of Congress in the next few years. They should become aware of the anti-Christian groups that seek to gain leverage over America's Christian community. They should become aware of the proposed bills in Congress that would prevent Christians from worshiping freely inside and outside the four walls of their churches. But, most importantly, they should become aware of the persecution that already exists in America in businesses, public schools, public universities, government agencies, and, of course, the media. Therefore, Christians in America would then be able to mount a unified

front against those who would attempt to deny Christians their religious freedoms without fear of persecution.

# **Section I**

**Areas of Christian Persecution** 

## Chapter 1

# **Growing Christian Persecution in America**

America from its inception has been a God-fearing, Christian nation. Our forefathers made sure that this became a part of our heritage. However, in postmodern America, certain forces are attempting to rid America of its Christian faith. The faith of America's founders is hanging on by a thread. Even though churches in the United States are still operational, the spirit of Christ is being attacked throughout the land. Therefore, the persecution of Christians is growing in the United States at an alarming rate. In fact, Manly P. Hall, a well-known author and leading scholar in the fields of religion, mythology, mysticism, and the occult, said,

They are the invisible powers behind the thrones of earth, and men are but marionettes, dancing while the invisible ones pull the strings. Satan's string pullers have patiently manipulated unregenerate architects of American society for over five decades, networking both visible and invisible principalities to discredit Christian causes. Indicators reveal the propaganda blame-game against western believers is working. (1)

Even though most Americans have never been persecuted like the Jews during the Holocaust, the persecution of Christians in the future in the United States could take on some of the same characteristics. First, Jews were isolated and marginalized. Second, the propaganda machines made the German people hate and develop prejudice toward all Jews. Ultimately, this persecution led to the mass annihilation

of over six million Jewish men, women, and children. Unfortunately, these are some of the same procedures that might be used in America today against the Christian population. (1) In fact, Christians are beginning to be blamed for all the ills in the United States. As a result, much prejudice is being directed toward Christians in America, despite all the good things that Christians do on a regular basis for the less fortunate in the United States and in the other nations of the world. Of course, there are some Americans that would like to see all Christians isolated from the rest of the U.S. populace. Also, if the truth were known, there are people in America who would advocate the annihilation of all Christians, just like the Jewish Holocaust. Ultimately, as far-fetched as it would seem, these people do exist. There are many seeds of persecution that exist in the United States. These "seeds" affect every part of the American culture. Since Americans are too involved with their day to day existence, they fail to see what is happening in their own country. Apparently, it is accepted that Christians would be persecuted in a communist country. However, some Americans fail to realize that religious freedom in America today pertains to every religion in America. However, it appears that too many people want to exclude Christianity, the religion of most of the Founding Fathers. Since Christian persecution does exist in the United States, it is extremely important to know how to fight back against it. Therefore, it is also important to know what types of persecution does exist in America's own backyard. However, it is so depressing to see how the United States government is banning the truth and replacing it with tyranny. America is rapidly becoming a nation that will accept anything except the truths of the Bible. According to William Penn on January 3,

1701, "If we will not be governed by God, then we will be ruled by tyrants." (3) Unfortunately, this is the predicament that the United States finds itself in today. There are plenty of anti-Christian rumblings that are vibrating from the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C. This is the reason that Christians should become aware of the religious belief systems of those who they elect to represent them. If Christians haphazardly put politicians in office who have anti-Christian belief systems, it might just be these same politicians who initiate even more Christian persecution in the United States. As inferred by William Penn's quote, Christians should not want tyrants ruling America who do not believe in God and His Son Jesus Christ. But, sadly, some of America's politicians promote legislation that is anti-Christ in content.

It is extremely important to meet the challenge of Christian persecution head on.

Christians must not deny that persecution does exist in America. As stated by Mary Ann Collins, a former Catholic nun, "We will have to be willing to make sacrifices, be disciplined, persevere in the face of hardship, endure suffering, overcome frustration and inconvenience, and spend more money than we want to." (2) Also, Collins stated, "If we don't deal with it, then it will keep getting worse. It will become more widespread, cause more suffering, and be more difficult to deal with."

(2) Therefore, the general public must be made aware of what is happening in America. However, most of the general public would not accept such a premise that Christian persecution even exists in the United States. In fact, since America has a large Christian population, they would not accept the premise that Christians do

face religious persecution in America. But, this assumption is far from the truth. It does exist!

According to Berit Kjos of Kjos Ministries, America's tyranny toward Christians can be seen in the following trends and events. First, the United States Supreme Court is basing many of its decisions on United Nations and European models. In fact, Gina Holland, an Associated Press writer, wrote an excellent article on this topic. Her article was entitled "Ginsburg: Intl' Law Shaped Court Rulings (August 2, 2003)." According to Holland, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg stated, "The Supreme Court is looking beyond America's borders for guidance in handling cases on issues like the death penalty and gay rights." (3) Also, Justice Breyer reaffirmed Justice Ginsburg as he stated, "The world is growing together through commerce, through globalization, through the spread of democratic institutions, through immigration to America. It is becoming more and more one world of many different kinds of people ... And whether our constitution fits into the governing documents of other nations, I think, will be a challenge for the next generation." (3) But, why should the United States worry about whether the U. S. Constitution relates to the governing documents of other nations? America's judicial systems should only be concerned about the documents written by its Founding Fathers for the citizens of the United States. Also, America's Founding Fathers used the Bible as their guide to write the U.S. Constitution and other governmental documents. As a result, the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights have the greatest foundation of any other constitution in the world.

Sadly, as stated by Kjos, "Our world can't tolerate the old Biblical laws that identify

certain behaviors as sin and certain beliefs as incompatible with Christian faith.

Offended by the truth, it bans the convictions that once gave rise to social order and prosperity. Its new systems leave no room for an uncompromising moral standard which can't be conformed to man's shortsighted vision of the 21st century community." (3) But, yet the United States is on the verge of using Islamic Sharia law, the religious and judicial law of Islam, to judge different aspects of the American society. However, why should the United States ever contemplate the use of another non-Christian nation's laws to judge Americans? Therefore, the use of a non-Christian nation's religious and judicial laws to judge Americans would be another slap in the face for Christians in America. Also, it would be another prime example of indirect Christian persecution.

Second, the trashing of the Ten Commandments has become a new trend in America. In fact, Roy Moore, Chief Justice of the Alabama State Supreme Court, was willing to sacrifice his esteemed position in an effort to save the Ten Commandments from being removed from the state judicial building in Alabama. According to Judge Moore, "We must acknowledge God in the public sector because the state constitution explicitly requires us to do so. The Alabama Constitution specifically invokes 'the favor and guidance of Almighty God' as the basis for our laws and justice system. As the chief justice of the state's Supreme Court, I am entrusted with the sacred duty to uphold the state's constitution." (3) But, despite the dictates of Alabama's State Constitution, Judge Moore was suspended from his position on November 13, 2003 because he refused to follow a federal judge's order to remove a 2.6-ton monument of the Ten Commandments

from the state Supreme Court building. However, since the Ten Commandments are on display in some federal buildings throughout the United States and in Washington D.C., such as the Reagan Building, the main reading room of the Library of Congress, and the U.S. Supreme Court, why should the Ten Commandments be removed from the Alabama State Supreme Court building? Ultimately, why should the Ten Commandments have to be removed from any public building in the United States? Of course, the answer to this question is really quite simple. It is the arrival of an anti-Christian spirit in America. Third, the relearning process that is taking place in America's public, governmentsupported schools is creating persecution for Christians, too. Public schools fifty years ago were much different than they are today socially and culturally. Christianity was mentioned on a regular basis without fear of being sued by the American Civil Liberties Union. Bible-reading and prayers to the Lord God Jehovah took place each morning before starting the school day. Christmas and Easter were major religious holidays that were recognized within the school setting. Christian icons were seen in the public school setting, also. However, in postmodern America, public schools throughout the United States are eliminating all signs and symbols of the Christian faith. Discrimination toward the teachings of Jesus Christ has become the accepted norm. Any religion, except Christianity, is accepted in a nation founded on the Judeo-Christian ethical system. Students may write reports about any religious figure, except Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son. (3) But, public schools in years gone by provided a place for those who did not attend church to find out about Jesus Christ, His love, His mercy, and His plan of salvation for all

mankind. Yet, in America today, the promotion of Christianity in public schools today is not permitted; instead, it is "null and void." Therefore, America's public schools are now becoming the major breeding grounds for Christian persecution and anti-Christian ideology.

Also, besides the public school systems in the United States, the media is another manner in which anti-Christian groups are attempting to indoctrinate America's children. Movies, television programs, video games, DVD's, and other media materials are being used to paint a negative viewpoint of Christians and Christianity in the United States. Basically, the media could use their influence to deny citizens the truth of what is happening in America and the truth about the Christian influence in America. According to Thomas Horn, CEO of RaidersNewsNetwork, "If one succeeds in separating Godly principles from public education and the media, they deny citizens the knowledge of good and keep them from embracing the laws of God. To that extent, they are pawns of evil and subvert and destroy both the message and the messengers of righteousness." (1) But, this is exactly what is happening in the United States. The media does not always report the whole truth, especially about Christianity. In fact, the media is used to attack the Christian faith, much like Hitler did the Jewish faith in World War II. Basically, the media is a driving force in the current trend to bash Christians for their love of Jesus Christ and His teachings. Of course, it is not politically correct or media correct to mention the name of Jesus Christ too much, but it is more acceptable to discuss the teachings of Islam openly. This, too, in itself, is another form of Christian persecution.

As a result of the trends of persecution in America, Christian persecution is on the rise. It can be viewed throughout the complete spectrum of the American society, not just the public education system. As a result, there are several things that Christians can expect to happen in the future. First, as has already started, the governments of the world, including the United States, are gradually denying Christians the same privileges as other religious groups. Christians who preach against life styles that the Bible classifies as sin and an abomination to God will face many kinds of fear that will cause much stress for them. The different kinds of fear would be:

- 1. Fear of being arrested.
- 2. Fear of being associated with radicals.
- 3. Fear of being seen as unloving.
- 4. Fear of getting a bad reputation.
- 5. Fear of government scrutiny.
- 6. Fear of losing one's tax exempt status. (4)

However, as stated in the Bible, Christians will have to deal with fear and persecution in their lives on a regularly basis during the end times. But, at the same time, Christians should not sit idly by and do nothing about it. They should form some type of legislative agenda of their own, an agenda that would bring America back to its Christian roots. Of course, a great spiritual awakening would be even better.

Finally, new words to describe Bible-believing Christians are being introduced into the American society, too. Christians are being labeled as "intolerant" and" insensitive." They are even being classified as "radical terrorists." In fact, some lukewarm Christians might even take on the "Judas Syndrome" and turn over their friends and other Christians to the local law enforcement agencies. As described in Matthew 24: 9-10, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." (4) Therefore, if Christians are going to fight against the cohorts of Satan, they must first make sure that the God who they represent is with them in the battles that lie ahead. As happened too often to the Israelites, they would be led into captivity when they failed to serve God. When they returned to God, He always brought them out of captivity. If American Christians do not truly return to their God and Savior, and rekindle a personal relationship with Him, they will not be able to spiritually stand when the persecution that awaits them arrives. It will bring them to their knees in agony. But, if they have their God on their side, they will be victorious over religious persecution in America. (3)

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## Chapter 2

#### Christian Persecution in the Media

The media and entertainment industry is spearheading Christian persecution in America. Christians have been belittled and have been looked upon as second-rate citizens. As a result, Christians have been misunderstood by many nonbelievers of the Christian faith. Therefore, Christians, according to the Media Research Center in Washington, D.C., are considered to be "cold, intolerant and oppressive." (1) As a result, media bias has become a serious problem in the Christian community. Why are anti-Christian attitudes on the rise in America? According to Media Research Center, "There is a massive, monolithic pro-liberal, anti-Christian bias among the 'gatekeepers' of the mainstream media." (5) As a result, the general public has become aware of the media bias that exists in America. According to a special Media Research Center report, most journalists believe differently on religious issues than the people they supposedly serve. (5)

In a 1980s study completed by Columbia University sociologists, several characteristics were prominent of most journalists in America. The characteristics

Journalists are much less religious than the public.

are as follows:

Journalists are far more pro-abortion than the public.

Journalists are much more pro-'gay' than the public. (5)

As a result of this study, it is obvious that journalists attempt to indirectly force all Americans to view society as they do. In fact, many journalists believe that it is part of their job description. Therefore, apparently the media industry has one main goal-the brainwashing of the American public to accept their anti-Christian values.

(5) However, there are other examples of media bias that should be considered. First, the media normally votes for Democratic candidates. Most journalists have voted for Democratic candidates in every election since 1964. Second, most journalists would quickly admit that they are liberal Democrats. Third, most Americans recognize the one-sided political views of most journalists. Fourth, many journalists would openly admit that they are bias toward conservatism. Finally, there is much evidence to substantiate the claims that the media is bias. The Media Research Center keeps the general public abreast of the liberal media activities in the United States. (7) It is their ongoing watchdog activities that alerts mainstream Americans.

Despite the normal media biases, the media also supports and promotes the UN Declaration of Tolerance, especially since many people consider Christianity to be an intolerant religion. According to author Thomas Cahill,

Because their God wished everyone (or so they thought) to believe as they did, they felt justified in imposing their religion on others.... The religion is not Islam but Christianity, whose dark history of crusades, inquisitions and pogroms lies not as far in the past as one might prefer to think. (6)

As indicated by Mr. Cahill, Christianity is viewed as an intolerant, selfish religion that promotes hate toward nonbelievers. However, since Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian faith, hate should not be associated with Christianity. Anyone who would take the time to read the Bible would see that Jesus Christ

preached love and compassion toward all people, regardless of race, creed, or religion.

Thomas Friedman in his article entitled "The Real War" practically declared war on Christianity. According to Joseph Farah in his counter article entitled "The Unreal War,"

Whether he realizes it or not, what Friedman actually did in his essay is declare war on Christianity – including the very biblical Christianity responsible for the true pluralistic society America established under the authorship of the founders. More specifically, he declared his own humanistic jihad on Jesus Christ Himself. By Friedman's definition, Christ would have to be characterized as a 'religious totalitarian,' because it was Christ who said in John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (2)

It is appalling that Mr. Friedman has labeled the Savior of Mankind as a religious heretic who wants complete control over his followers like the late Jim Jones. Also, according to Thomas Friedman,

We're fighting to defeat an ideology: religious totalitarianism. World War II and the cold war were fought to defeat secular totalitarianism... and World War III is a battle against religious totalitarianism, a view of the world that my faith must reign supreme and can be affirmed and held passionately only if all others are negated....

(2)

Therefore, the comparison of Christianity to any form of totalitarianism negates all the good that Christian believers have done for America and the world. With all the death and carnage in the world at the hands of Communist and Socialist leaders, the classification of Christianity as a similar entity is an abomination to all Christians and to God.

It is also an abomination to God when members of the media and the entertainment industry use Jesus Christ's name in vain. Unfortunately, this is happening on a regular basis. There are several examples that come to mind. First, the motion picture industry is definitely anti-Christian. This can be seen in the themes of the movies that have been produced in Hollywood during the past thirty years. In "The Last Temptation of Christ," Christ was depicted as a sinner who needed Judas for strength instead of God the Father. Christians are ridiculed in "Poltergeist II," since Christians were outdone by a pagan Native American medicine man. In "Monsignor," the late Christopher Reeves portrayed a priest who seduced nuns. A young nun in "Agnes of God" has an illegitimate baby and then kills it. The movie "King David" has the king, portrayed by Richard Gere, rejecting his religion and his God. (3)

Therefore, it is obvious that Hollywood does have a hidden agenda which is to degrade Christianity in the movies that are produced. This can even be seen in the movies produced by Christian ministers, such as Billy Graham. In "The Prodigal," Dr. Graham's 1984 film, the Motion Picture Association of America showed their anti-Christian beliefs in the rating that it was given. The MPA rated it PG because it mentioned the word "Christianity" throughout the film. The Motion Picture Association was so bold that it gave the following disclaimer in its review: "Preteenage children should not be exposed to Christianity without their parent's consent." (3) Considering the immoral issues of sodomy, infidelity, obscenity, and

many other perverted activities that are included in made by Hollywood movies, it is absurd that a disclaimer such as this would be given. But, such is Hollywood! Secondly, television is the other major area in the entertainment industry that degrades God on a regular basis. According to Don Feder, a syndicated Jewish columnist, "Christians are the only group Hollywood can offend with impunity, the only creed it actually goes out of its way to insult. Clerics, from fundamentalist preachers to Catholic monks, are routinely represented as hypocrites, hucksters, sadists, and lechers. The tenets of Christianity are regularly held up to ridicule." (3) Corbin Bernsen, one of the stars of the old L.A. Law series, stated, "Religion has become an outdated mode, an outdated answer to some of our problems ... I tend to think that people have to start thinking on a logical level. You have to follow your heart, and your heart is not guided by anything except what is in us as thinking animals. If it means dismantling religion, we might have to do that." (3) Mr. Bernsen's statement about religion is basically the same belief of all those who produce television programs. They believe that their purpose in life is to promote ungodly social change. Everything is permissible, especially abortion, divorce, dysfunctional sexual orientations, and pornography. In an effort to promote their agenda, they attack and ridicule anyone or any group that fails to support them. This includes Christians and the Church. (3)

The final area of concern to Christians is the blasphemy that occurs regularly on talk shows and award programs. Three prime examples have occurred within the last few years. During the September 8, 2007 Emmy Award's Program, comedienne Kathy Griffin made an extremely blasphemous acceptance speech. Ms. Griffin

stated, "A lot of people come up here and thank Jesus for this award. I want you to know that no one had less to do with this award than Jesus. Suck it, Jesus; this award is my god now!" On January 11, 2008, an ESPN anchorwoman Dana Jacobson made even more blasphemous statements than Kathy Griffin. At the time, she was speaking at a celebrity roast banquet in Atlantic City, New Jersey. During her speech, she went on a verbal rampage using several profane words addressed at Jesus Christ. Ms. Jacobson said "F---Notre Dame," "F---Touchdown Jesus," and "F---Jesus." Finally, actress Diane Keaton said the F-word four times on Good Morning America with Diane Sawyer. Therefore, it is obvious that Hollywood has little or no regard for Jesus Christ and His teachings.

How can Christians fight back against the tactics of the news media and Hollywood? According to Michael J. McManus, Christians are finally fighting back against the anti-Christian media and Hollywood. They have actually won several recent battles. Two of the more recent wins occurred in early 2006. They relate to the proposed new series "The Book of Daniel" and an episode of "Will and Grace" with a guest appearance by Brittany Spears. These two programs were anti-Christian and blasphemous. However, after over six hundred thousand emails from Christians were sent to NBC and the added pressure put on its sponsors, the "Book of Daniel" was cancelled and the "Will and Grace" episode was changed from the original anti-Christian skit. (4)

But, why did these two programs create such uproar in the Christian community? Basically, as usual, the anti-Christian and immoral content was the reason for the uproar. "The Book of Daniel" did not have a Biblical theme. Instead, the main

character, Daniel Webster, was an Episcopal priest who was addicted to drugs. To make things worse, his family was definitely not a typical Christian family. He had an alcoholic wife. His own son was a homosexual, and his adopted son had sex with the Episcopal bishop's daughter. Then, to make things even worse, Daniel Webster's sister-in-law and her husband's secretary had a lesbian relationship. The association of the Prophet Daniel's name with the characters in this television program would be considered an abomination to Christian believers. (4)

In the "Will and Grace" episode, Brittany Spears portrayed the sidekick to a homosexual television talk show host. Her assignment was to cook a dish called "Cruci-fixins." This anti-Christian theme the day before Good Friday was another blasphemous attempt to ridicule the Christian faith. Fortunately, the uproar in the Christian community prevented this event from happening. This script was changed, also. (4)

What would make NBC and other networks so offensive to Christians, especially since 9 out of 10 Americans claim to be Christians? The main reason is that most network executives do not believe that Christians will retaliate against them.

Therefore, they willingly attack evangelicals and conservative Catholics. But, fortunately, Christians are finally becoming upset about the anti-Christian propaganda in the media industry. Needless to say, the attack by the media on Christians is not over by any stretch of the imagination. (4)

However, you who blaspheme Jesus Christ on a regular basis, please give Him a rest from all the defamation to His Holy Name. You could blaspheme another religion's god for awhile. Of course, you know that you would not be irreverent toward any

other religion's god. Any other religion, such as Islam, would fight back immediately. If you were to blaspheme Mohammad, you already know what the consequences would be. Therefore, don't use profane words toward anyone's god, especially Jesus Christ. He Needs a Breather!

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### Chapter 3

#### **Christian Persecution in Public Schools**

Public schools have become the major breeding ground in America for Christian persecution. Students are persecuted throughout the halls of academia by administrators and teachers for their Christian faith on a regular basis. Secular humanism and atheism are gaining control of the life stay of America's cultural heritage. Public schools are denying students the very freedoms that made America the greatest nation in the world-the freedoms of religion and speech.

John Dunphy, a noted secular humanist, wrote an essay entitled "A Religion for a New Age." In this essay, he said that there is a battle going on for the future of humanity, and it must be fought and won in the public schools. He said that teachers should see themselves as evangelists of a new faith-humanism. They should teach humanist values in every subject they teach, at every level of education from day care and preschool to state universities. He said that the school classroom will become a place of conflict between the "old rotting corpse of Christianity" and the "new faith of humanism." (1)

Many of the early progressive educational leaders in America have stated similar humanist opinions. Horace Mann, known as the "Father of American Public Education," said that public schools must get rid of the concept of God. John Dewey, known as the "Father of Progressive Education in America" and one of the original signers of the "Humanist Manifesto," said that God does not exist and there are no moral absolutes. He said that schools should exclude "dogma and creed" so

that "immutable truth" will become "dead and buried." Charles F. Potter, founder of the First Humanist Society of New York, said that American schools are a powerful tool for humanism. Paul Blanshard, an atheist lawyer and critic of the Roman Catholic Church, said that the purpose of schools is to promote a secular society by eliminating "religious superstition." G. Richard Bozarth, the consulting editor of the "American Rationalist, said that if humanists can make sure that schools only teach secular knowledge, then they can "kill the god of Christianity." Unfortunately, the ideologies of these men are alive and well in the public education systems of the United States today. (1) It is the philosophies of these secular humanists and many others like them that are working to remove God and Christianity from public schools in America. Dr. Chester M. Pierce, a Professor of Educational Psychiatry at Harvard University, labeled American children as "insane." His rational was that American children are too loyal to their parents, to their nation, and to their God. Therefore, teachers should strive to create a new type of child. This child should have an international perspective to their life, not just an American viewpoint. This is the reason that Christian persecution in America's public schools is so prevalent. (1) There are many methods used by anti-Christian educational leaders in the United States to remove any semblance of God and Christianity in America's public schools. First, the new textbooks contain very little information about America's Judeo-Christian heritage. The emphasis given to the Pilgrims and the Mayflower has drastically decreased. Thanksgiving is recognized as the time that the colonists

thanked the Indians for helping them, not God. Another example of textbook

revisionism can be seen in an American history book that had 6 lines written about George Washington. The same textbook had over 6 pages written about actress Marilyn Monroe. Basically, the things that mean so much to America's heritage are being eliminated from history books. Instead, they are being replaced with signs of godless, secular humanism. (1)

The hidden agenda of secular humanism is to indoctrinate public school students with New Age teachings and practices. Primary and elementary students are being taught how to put themselves into a trance. They are also being taught to put their trust in imaginary friends instead of God. Basically, they are being introduced to "spirit guides," which is related to pagan worship. In some primary and elementary schools, students are taught how to cast spells. Apparently, witchcraft and pagan worship has become the accepted norm. Many of the new practices in public schools are definitely not good for young people. Some of these new practices are the study of human sacrifice, the study of death and suicide, the study of reincarnation, and the study of euthanasia. Also, values clarification, which denies the reality of good and evil, has been introduced into most public schools. Therefore, America's schools have come a long way from the days of the colonial schools where the Bible and God were the center of attention. (1) As a result, it is easy to see why Christian persecution is on the rise in the public schools in the **United States. (1)** 

Which groups are responsible for Christian persecution in America's public schools? The first group that is responsible for Christian persecution in public schools is the pro-homosexual movement. They want an ungodly homosexual

agenda introduced to all students in government-supported schools. If they are going to succeed, Christianity must be removed from all public school campuses.

Therefore, if Christian persecution is increased, it will make it much easier for them to advocate their agenda and to indoctrinate America's children to their anti-Biblical lifestyle.

Homosexual curriculums already exist in many of the public schools in the United States. According to Kelly Boggs of the Baptist Press News, "Schoolteachers read books with homosexual themes to children as young as six and seven years old. Lawmakers approve a measure that would mandate 'gay history' as part of the curriculum. Legislators favor textbooks that drop 'sex-specific' terms like 'mom' and 'dad.'" (2) This incident occurred in Alexandria, Louisiana. Another example took place in Lexington, Massachusetts. Second-grade students were required to read a fantasy book about two princes getting married. Since Massachusetts permits "same-sex marriage," all children, including Christians, must read this book. (2) Also, some states are changing or attempting to change the wording of their state education code. The key wording change is to give positive emphasis to sexual orientation. Therefore, it is obvious that much of the Christian persecution in America's schools comes from anti-Christian homosexual groups. However, the group that has been the greatest anti-Christian threat in public schools is the American Civil Liberties Union. This organization uses the court system, especially the Supreme Court, to prevent Christian religious activities in the public school systems in the United States. There is a long list of religious activities that the ACLU has fought to ban on public school campuses. Some of the religious

activities that the American Civil Liberties Union have banned through court cases or are attempting to ban now are:

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Bible-reading
- 3. Christian symbols (cross and crucifix)
- 4. Christmas activities (nativity and carols)
- 5. Christian clubs (Bible clubs)
- 6. Free Speech (talk about Christian religion)
- 7. Display of the Ten Commandments (2)

Therefore, as evidenced by the activities that the ACLU attempts to ban in America's public schools, Christianity is definitely being persecuted. But, at the same time, the American Civil Liberties Union does nothing to stop the open promotion of other religions in the public school setting. This is just one more example of the ACLU's anti-Christian agenda.

What must be done by America's Christian community to return public schools to the days when the name of God and Christ could be mentioned freely? First, parents should become aware of some of the objectionable materials included in many public school curriculums, such as curriculum materials, videos, and books. Some of the main curriculum programs include:

- 1. Any SEED -based curricula or materials. SEED stands for Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity.
- 2. Families All Matter, book project for children from aMaze. Presents families headed by two homosexuals as a normal alternative.

- 3. Both of My Moms Are Named Judy: Children of Lesbians and Gays Speak
  Out. Video for elementary grades. From Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition.
- 4. Daddy and Papa: Stories of Gay Fathers in America, film for middle and high school. (3)

After observing the list of objectionable materials used in public schools that pertain mainly to the pro-homosexual agenda, the next question is "Where is the American Civil Liberties Union when America's schools need help to stop the pro-homosexual agenda?" Of course, the answer is very obvious. The ACLU supports the ungodly, anti-Christian homosexual agenda. Therefore, these two groups with the support of America's liberal court system are the major enemies of Christianity in America's public school. But, what can be done to stop the persecution of Christians in America's public schools that was instigated by these two groups?

At present, on the surface, there appears to be only one way to prevent Christian persecution in public schools. Christian students must withdraw from public schools and attend private Christian schools. But, most parents could not afford to send their children to private Christian schools. Therefore, other solutions to the problem must be devised very soon. Of course, home schooling could be another alternative.

However, something must be done in the public schools of America to meet the challenge from all anti-Christian forces. These forces of evil have desired to eliminate any likeness of Christianity in government-controlled schools. They chose the public schools because it is the public schools that teach the accepted norms of society. They do not want the children of America to be exposed to the teachings of

Jesus Christ. Instead, they would prefer the teachings of secular humanism, atheism, socialism, communism, and Satanism to be incorporated into all public school curriculums. Their selected weapon to defeat Christianity in America's public education systems has been the persecution of Christian students. As a result, Christian students, if they cannot afford private Christian schools, will have to endure the persecution and shine forth as a light in darkness.

Of course, Christian believers throughout the United States could begin a frontal, counteroffensive and, with God's help, take back America's schools from the enemies of Christianity. Many Christian lawyers are already fighting for the rights of Christian students to express their religion in their schools without fear of persecution. But, the frontal attack by lawyers is not enough to completely defeat America's ideological enemies. Christians in America must bombard Heaven with the prayers of the saints in order to get the wisdom and knowledge needed to plan a successful battle strategy against those who persecute Christian students in America's public schools.

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### Chapter 4

# **Christian Persecution in the Workplace**

Christian persecution does exist in America's workplace. This can be seen in new company policies dealing with tolerance toward all employees. However, many times tolerance is not shown toward Christian employees. In fact, many Christians are ridiculed and harassed on a regular basis just because they do not accept the sinful practices of some of the workers, specifically those who practice homosexuality. Unfortunately, many employers require all workers to take sensitivity classes for the purpose of teaching tolerance toward and the acceptance of homosexuality as an alternative sexual orientation. But, when Christian workers refuse the training based on their religious beliefs, they are fired because they did not follow the dictates of their employers that have nothing to do with job performance. Ultimately, with the onslaught of new anti-Christian ideologies and religions in the United States, Christians have begun to fight one spiritual battle after another in the workplace. Of course, the main weapon used by Satan in the workplace is persecution.

Why are American companies requiring their employees to take classes on tolerance and sensitivity in the workplace? Accordingly, no person in the workplace should be intimidated by their colleagues because of their religious faith, their sexual orientation, or their ethnic group. Therefore, many companies have a zero tolerance policy. If anyone says anything negative about another person's religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic group, he will be fired. But, if a person is intolerant

toward a Christian, he normally would not be fired. Zero tolerance appears to be an anti-Christian philosophy. It is used as a method to discriminate toward Christians. It is also a method used to force Christians to accept ideas that go against their religious belief system and the teachings of the Bible. Basically, Christians are forced to be tolerant toward their fellow workers, but their fellow workers do not have to be as tolerant toward their Christian counterparts. The Bible explicitly states that the followers of Jesus Christ will be persecuted. Unfortunately, this regularly happens in the workplace. According to Daniel J. Stewart of Jesus-Is-Savior.Com, some horrendous anti-Christian persecution was directed toward him in the workplace. He stated, "In my many years of secular workplace experience: I've had hammers thrown at me, been spit upon, been thrown up against the wall, been grabbed by the throat, had my radio thrown and broken, been physically threatened, told to find another job, been fired, had the buttons ripped off my shirt, shocked from a charged capacitor placed on my toolbox, called every name imaginable, called 'baby Jesus,' told not to bring my Bible back to work, told by my boss 'If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen' when I complained about the abuse ...all because I was living for Jesus Christ. They hated my Christian music. They hated my Bible at work. They hated the Bible verses on my tool box. They hated hearing me talk about the Bible and God. They hated my smile and the gleam in my eye. They hated me without cause. They really hated Jesus and I was a reminder of Jesus." (1) Sadly, this is probably a scenario that happens more often than most people think, even in a nation where Christian churches are located on practically ever street corner.

If Christian persecution does exist in the workplace, what can be done to stop it? But, in reality, is there anything that can be done to stop it? The answer to this question is very simple. There is nothing to eliminate all Christian persecution in America's workplace, except the return of Jesus Christ. However, why is the amount of Christian persecution increasing at a rapid rate? The answer to this question is very simple, too. As Daniel J. Stewart so aptly stated, many non-Christians in the workplace hate Christians, especially those who openly witness for Christ. Also, since Christians are intolerant to belief systems that are contrary to the teachings of the Bible, they are singled out as the promoters of "hate speech." This in itself will lead to more persecution. (1) Why has Christian persecution become the thing to do in America's workplace? Are there some hidden agendas? Who is ultimately responsible for the persecution of Christians in the workplace? Persecution comes with being a Christian. However, no one wants to be persecuted. But, in so many words, Jesus said that it would come during His time on the earth, in the present, and in the future. As previously mentioned, according to John 15:18, "If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." Also, according to II Timothy 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Thus, Christians will be persecuted. But, what is God's purpose for permitting His children to be persecuted on their job. According to Michael Zigarelli, professor and Christian author, "Persecution is a vehicle God uses to transform us from lukewarm to redhot followers. You might ask how it is a blessing when someone is gossiping about

me. How is it a blessing when my job is threatened because of my faith? Why

doesn't God bless me by FedExing a lightening bolt to this atheist who's using me as a verbal punching bag? Perhaps because such trials have the capacity to make us stronger, to ratchet up our commitment, to make us more Christ-like." (2) Despite the fact that Christians are and will be persecuted in the workplace, there are definitely some hidden agendas associated with the persecution of Christians in America. First, anti-Christians want Christians silenced in the workplace. True Christians are constantly voicing their opinion about the sinful practices that exist in the marketplace. Therefore, anti-Christian forces are attempting to discourage the Christian influence by attacking the credibility of Christian workers. Second, anti-Christian forces want to replace the Christian influence in the workplace with those of modernistic, neo-pagan worship beliefs. The Wicca and Gaia religions are gaining many followers in the United States. They basically promote the worship of Mother Earth. They put the creation of the earth ahead of the creator. Therefore, Christians are persecuted in order to prevent them from fighting the arrival of a new type of spirit in the workplace, the spirit of Satan instead of the spirit of God. Since Christians are busy defending the front door of the workplace, Satan is coming in the backdoor of the workplace.

Third, as part of their hidden agenda, anti-Christian forces are promoting the homosexual lifestyle in the workplace. It pushes the idea that homosexual couples should receive the same benefits as heterosexual couples. Unfortunately, many large corporations are buying in to this ungodly ideology. They are saying by their actions that homosexuality and same-sex marriages are acceptable. But, what does God say? Has He changed His mind from how he felt during the ancient days of

Sodom and Gomorrah, as recorded in the Bible? According to Malachi 3:6, "For I am the Lord, I change not..." Therefore, the answer to the question is obvious. It is also obvious that many United States corporations openly back the homosexual agenda in the workplace. Some of the more well-known companies are Anheuser-Busch, Kodak, ChevronTexaco, Wells Fargo and Philip Morris. These companies are so prominent in the anti-Christian homosexual activist movement that they were awarded a spot in Out Magazine, a voice for the "gay" and "lesbian" life. Needless to say, these companies and many more companies like them support homosexuality in the workplace, but they deny the mention of Christianity in the same workplace. Of course, that is synonymous with discrimination and outright anti-Christian propaganda. (3)

There are many other examples that prove that corporations promote homosexuality but deny Christianity. Diversity and tolerance training is required by many corporations mainly to promote tolerance toward homosexuals, but tolerance toward Christians is not included. In fact, many companies have fired Christians who expressed their negative feelings about homosexuality. One such case involved Rolf Szabo who worked for Kodak. When he objected to a prohomosexual memo, he was fired. The memo is as follows:

Today, Oct. 11, 2002 is the Human Rights Campaign's 15th annual National Coming Out Day for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. If one of your employees elects to "come out" at work, there are several things you can do to help that person feel comfortable in sharing his/her orientation in the workplace:

Be supportive of the individual who wishes to share this information.

Acknowledge his/her courage to publicly share this personal information.

Respect the individual's privacy. Understand how broadly he/she wishes the information to be shared.

Acknowledge your level of awareness of this topic, and share your personal willingness to understand.

Be sensitive to the employee's language in defining their personal orientation.

Support the employee in displaying appropriate personal photos in the work setting.

Recognize and respect that not all (gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered)

employees find it OK to be out at work. They should not be questioned or harassed

about their sexual orientation.

Act quickly and responsibly if any anti-gay humor or negative comments are made in the workplace.

In response, Mr. Szabo wrote the following response:

Please do not send this type of information to me anymore, as I find it disgusting and offensive.

Thank you,

Rolf Szabo

When Mr. Szabo refused to apologize for his response to the company memo, he was fired. This was definitely an example of Christian persecution in the workplace. (3) It is also obvious that Christians will face many persecutions and challenges in the workplace as Americans forget God and His will for their lives. Economic gain will replace honesty in the workplace. Economic gain will replace workmanship in the

workplace. Economic gain will replace integrity in the workplace. Ultimately, according to anti-Christian forces in the workplace, Christians will become a stumbling block to those who do not want to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ in the workplace. Therefore, if they can intimidate Christians and drive them from their particular workplace, they will have achieved their goal to obtain a work environment without Christians witnessing about their God. God Forbid!

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# Chapter 5

# **Christian Persecution in the Public Square**

Christianity and Christians in general are encountering many types of persecution in the public square, even though many critics would disagree. Some of the more prominent examples include the removal of the Ten Commandments from public buildings along with the banishment of prayer and Bible-reading. Christians throughout the United States are having their faith put to the test. Christians are facing many diverse circumstances in the public squares of America. This is caused by the anti-Christian forces that are attempting to ban the mentioning of God's name in the public square.

The major attack against Christians in the public square occurs during the Christmas holiday season. The birth of Christ is one of the two main focal points of the Christian faith. Easter is the other main Christian event. Without the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christianity would not exist as a faith or a religion. If anti-Christian forces can destroy the importance of these two major Christian events in the public square, they could possibly destroy Christianity in America. According to Mychal Massie, a political activist and columnist, "It only makes sense that if the birth of Christ can be rendered of no effect, i.e. reduced to a non-consequential break in routine, 'His' death will be rendered of no effect, ergo, 'His' resurrection will soon also be reduced to just another vacation day." (1) However, despite the religious importance of both holidays, the attack on Christmas is more prominent.

Even though many critics would disagree, there is a war against Christmas in

America. In fact, there are countless examples to prove that Christmas is under attack by those who would eliminate God and Christ from the public square. First, many large corporations and companies have practically eliminated their support for Christmas on their property, except for attempting to get Americans to purchase their goods. According to Guy Adams, founder of Values USA, some of the well-known stores that have done this in the past are Target, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, K Mart, Sears, Office Max, J.C.Penney, Dell, Macy's, Lowe's, Walgreens, Kohl's, Barnes& Noble, Staples, Marshall Field's, and Kroger. (2) But, fortunately, some of these companies have changed their view about Christmas.

Who is responsible for the push for the anti-Christmas agenda in companies in America? The main culprit promoting the anti-Christmas propaganda in America is the American Civil Liberties Union. Some people have even labeled the organization as the Against Christmas Liberties Union. The battle against Christmas is at the forefront of the ACLU's secular humanist agenda. According to Mr. Adams, "The ACLU is most assuredly behind the attack on Christmas, and the organization's anti-Christian campaign is hurtful to America and America's culture. It's hurtful to you. Whenever a minority wields the power to force their views on the majority, as the ACLU has done, it infringes on your rights as a citizen of a democracy. I'm surprised that the ACLU hasn't already attempted to sue the Red Cross because its internationally-known symbol of hope, rescue, and charity is a CROSS. (2)

Mike Johnson, a pro-Christmas attorney from Louisiana states, "It's a sad day in America when you have to retain an attorney to say Merry Christmas." (2) However, as stated by columnist Chris Adamo, "The real danger to America's future does not emanate from a display of the Christ Child on the courthouse lawn anymore than from the verses of a Christmas carol. Rather, it is present in any governing entity that presumes the authority to control thought." (2) Therefore, as stated by Michael Zamorano, chairman of the Committee to Save Merry Christmas, "It's the height of hypocrisy for a corporation to make tens of millions of dollars selling Christmas presents, yet coldly refuses to acknowledge Christmas, despite the fact that most Americans want them to." (2) Therefore, at Christmastime, Christians should purchase products from stores that support Christ and the true meaning of Christmas.

Another area in the public square where anti-Christmas views are promoted is the public schools. The ACLU and other secular humanist groups are fighting diligently to prevent America's school children from getting involved with the Christmas season. They do not want students to see or hear anything that connects Christ's birth with Christmas. In fact, public schools have renamed the Christmas season as the "holiday season" or "winter break." What a dastardly thing to do to the memory of the Son of God!

What are these anti-Christian and anti-Christmas groups doing to achieve their goals in America's public schools? What Christmas symbols are causing them so much agony and stress? First and foremost is the Christmas nativity scene. Even though it has been the focal point of Christmas in America since the founding of the nation, anti-Christmas groups today do not share this opinion. To them, it would be promoting the establishment of a national religion in the United States. However, if

over 90 percent of Americans claim to be Christian, it already appears to be the established religion in America. If this is the case, and it is, why are these minority groups controlling the affairs of religion in America and its public schools? Another Christmas symbol that disturbs the ACLU and other anti-Christmas groups is the singing of Christmas carols, especially "Silent Night." They believe that the words of this song would promote Christianity above other religions, too. But, as stated earlier, since the majority normally rules, Christianity is the religion of America. All other religions should have the freedom to worship, but not at the expense of degrading the Christian faith. Therefore, symbols of Christmas and Christianity should be permitted in public schools without government or judicial interference.

Some other specific examples of public school banning Christmas symbols are:

- 1. Kindergartners at a public school in Oregon were invited to bring cards to a Christmas party, but a teacher barred one student from distributing his holiday greeting because it mentioned Jesus Christ.
- 2. In Illinois, children in most elementary schools must now sing "We wish you a happy holiday" instead of "We wish you a Merry Christmas."
- 3. Numerous school officials, including some in Arizona, have considered it unconstitutional and offensive for students to make any reference to the religious history of Christmas in a class project.
- 4. Many public schools have banned even "instrumental" versions of traditional Christmas carols. In other instances, the words have been rewritten to reflect a humanist secular worldview. (2)

It is obvious from the aforementioned examples that public school systems in the United States have lost their mind in their effort to discriminate against Christianity and Christmas in their schools. Ultimately, the saddest part of the attack on Christianity in the public schools is that other religions are being spotlighted at the expense of America's majority religion.

Christmas is also being attacked by local and state government officials. According to Guy Adams, state government workers in Illinois cannot say "Merry Christmas" while at work. Also, in Rhode Island, local government workers cannot decorate the lawn of City Hall with Christmas lights and decorations. (2) Also, according to the Catholic League of Religious and Civil Rights, there are many more examples of local governments banning Christmas symbols in their cities and towns. Some of these examples are as follows:

- 1. La Grange, KY—Town officials decided not to display a nativity scene on the courthouse lawn. The reason given was that they feared a lawsuit from the ACLU.
- 2. Somerville, MA—Mayor Joseph Curtatone publicly expressed regrets for calling Somerville's "holiday party" a Christmas Party. "I apologize for the mistake," Curtatone said, "and to anyone who was offended by it."
- 3. Denver, CO—The city's annual Parade of Lights, sponsored chiefly by NBC affiliate KUSA-TV, banned the words "Merry Christmas" from all floats, as well as all Christmas songs. Parade spokesman Michael Krikorian said the decision to discriminate against Christians was made "out of respect for other religions in the region." Meanwhile, the parade honored homosexual and lesbian American Indians as "Holy People."

4. New York, NY—Mayor Michael Bloomberg insisted that the City Hall Christmas Tree was really a "holiday tree." (3)

As seen in these examples from the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, local and state governments are proving themselves to be anti-Christian and anti-Christmas every year. Therefore, it is extremely important for Christians of all denominations to join together and fight the attacks of Satan at the symbols of Christmas and Christianity. When Santa Claus gets more attention at Christmas than Jesus Christ, something is definitely wrong with America's concept of the true meaning of Christmas. According to Jon Christian Ryter, a commentator and advertising executive for the Washington Times,

Over the past two or three decades, Santa Claus has pretty much replaced Jesus Christ as "the reason for the season" due to the power of advertising and the success of the merchants of Main Street who managed to blur the symbolic religiosity of Christmas by commercializing the holiday. The change was subtle and non-offensive to Christians at first, with images of a venerate Santa Claus worshipping the baby Jesus in manger scenes. By inserting the myth into the reality, the reality of Christ became blurred and indistinguishable from the mythical Santa Claus. As a result, both are rapidly becoming mythical in the minds of an increasingly secular America. (4)

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# **Section II**

**Targeting Christianity** 

Chapter 6

Is Christianity on Its Way Out?

Sodom and Gomorrah-the Sequel and 1984 Revisited are rapidly becoming acculturated into modern societies in America and around the world. However, most Christians have been blinded by Satan to the reality of their immediate future. World governments, including the United States, are openly using their powers to force Christians to accept their mandates concerning the homosexual agenda. They do not fear God, and they certainly do not fear lukewarm Christians. Therefore, Christendom in the world is on its way out unless Christians of all faiths and denominations ban together. They must organize an effective frontal attack against the onslaught of spiritual negativism and ethical relativism that is destroying the very essence of religious freedom throughout the world.

Why is Christianity being attacked so bitterly by modern societies and their governments? According to Jon Christian Ryter in his article "The Banning of Christianity,"

The foremost reason that Christianity is being targeted is because it is now being viewed as the religion of exclusivity—the world's religion of hate. To the secular globalists who are structuring the framework of governance for the New World Order as a society of inclusiveness, there is no room in their humanist Garden of Eden for a religion that excludes homosexuals, lesbians, atheists, polytheists or monotheists who believe in a different God than the Jewish Jehovah or the Christian's Yahweh. And, because of that, there is no room in the "New World Order Inn" for Christianity. (1)

Of course, as mentioned earlier, the organization that has been the main obstacle to Christianity in America is the American Civil Liberties Union. This organization has been promoting in the public eye what the United Nations has been plotting secretly. Its main objective is to instill within the American people the idea of the separation of church and state. Also, another major agenda of the ACLU is to promote communism in America. According to Devvy Kidd of WorldNetDaily, The ACLU has been on a major crusade to destroy Christianity in America, promote filth under "freedom of speech and expression," and, of course, vigorously defend the homosexual culture of death. On Jan. 10, 1963, Congressman Albert S. Herlong, Jr., D-Fla., read a list of 45 communist goals that were entered into the Congressional Record. Below are the communist goals being implemented by the ACLU in their quest to destroy America's culture and traditions: Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions, by

claiming their activities violate civil rights.

Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers associations. Put the party line in textbooks.

Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all form of artistic expression. An American communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings," substituting shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms.

Control art critics and directors of art museums. "Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art."

Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.

Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and television.

Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural and healthy."

Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion.

Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity, which does not need a "religious crutch."

Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the grounds that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."

Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of "the big picture." Give more emphasis to Russian history since the communists took over. Obliterating the American past, with its antecedents in principles of freedom, liberty and private ownership is a major goal of the communists then and now.

Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture – education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.

Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce. (6)

However, which of the goals of the ACLU are having the greatest effect on Christianity in America? Discrediting Christianity and mild persecution have been the methods most used for many years by anti-Christian forces in America. But, as Christian persecution intensifies, other more severe methods are being used to end the influence of Christianity in the United States. One of these more severe methods

for banning Christianity in America is to criminalize the religion. Unfortunately, this step to criminalize Christianity in the United States has already been initiated. Many Christians have been labeled criminals simply because they speak out against the sinful lifestyles that many Americans live. The sins that Christians are preaching against are the same sins mentioned by God and Jesus in the Holy Bible. In fact, in many instances, preaching against sin in America has been classified as "hate crimes" or "hate speech." Does this tactic sound familiar? It is very reminiscent of Germany's attack against Jews during the reign of Adolf Hitler. However, large groups within the American society are buying into this plot by anti-Christian groups who detest Christians and their anti-sin religious beliefs. Ultimately, when did the ACLU initiate its direct attack to discredit Christianity in America? It began on June 17, 1963. On this date in history, the right to pray in public schools was declared "unconstitutional" in the Supreme Court case of Murray v. Curlett. Since this infamous event, America has been going down hill as a nation and as a people. According to Henry Lamb, the executive vice president of the Environmental Conservation Organization, "This nation is in the throes of deciding whether we are, in fact, one nation under God. Until 1963, we were one nation under God. We certainly were not a nation of one religion under God. We were a nation that recognized the existence of God, man's dependence upon God and man's individual freedom to recognize, define and worship God – or not." (4) However, as individual Christian Americans began to fall from the grace of God, the greatest freedom-loving nation in the world began to fall from the grace of God, too. Therefore, as seen in the Bible, the sins of a nation will bring that nation to its

knees. This is what is happening in America with the discrediting of Christianity and its symbols.

Of course, Satan has always been subtle in his efforts to discredit Christianity. As always he tries to play with the minds of God's creation. Many times he uses the written word or movies to convince Christian believers and nonbelievers that the absolute truth in the Bible is not the absolute truth. By distorting the truth, he confuses some believers and many other nonbelievers. One of the more recent attempts to distort the truth of God was the book The Da Vinci Code written by Dan Brown. According to Robert Norris, the senior pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland, "In the course of his story, Mr. Brown enables his readers to 'discover' that the doctrine of the deity of Christ emerged, four centuries after his death, as a result of the political invention of the Roman Emperor Constantine, who aimed to create a new religious power he could control." (7) Also, as stated by Reverend Norris,

Far from being divine, Jesus, according to "The Da Vinci Code," was human, which was proved by his marriage and his siring an heir whose line continues to the present. Also "exposed" is the carefully concealed historical fact that the church had its origin in a battle between the sexes: Jesus' intent, Mr. Brown writes, was for his followers to be led by his daughter after his crucifixion. This desire, however, was thwarted by the ambition and design of Peter, who was determined to impress male dominance upon any future church. (7)

Ultimately, the gullibility of the American people comes to the forefront. Rev. Norris confronts this theme of the book in his article "Discrediting Faith." He stated,

A startling reality to emerge amidst the controversy that surrounds the book is that our society, one of the most sophisticated in history, can be so gullible. The book's content is a cocktail in which some basic historical facts are blended with considerably more half-truths, and mixed up with substantial amounts of authoracknowledged "make-believe." (7)

Yet the public not only continues to buy "The Da Vinci Code," but some repeat as "fact" its content, using the book's assertions to challenge orthodox Christian belief. The deliberate gullibility of a society that wants to believe and promulgate acknowledged and exposed fabrication raises profound questions about the nature of faith today. Many people, it seems, are looking for a new form of religious faith, and want a spirituality that has removed the dogma of the past. To gain this, they are willing to affirm the manifestly untrue and assert the demonstrably absurd. (7) Reverend Norris pinpoints the hidden heresy in Dan Brown's book The Da Vinci Code when he states, "By rejecting the historic content of Christianity and replacing it with a mythology, Mr. Brown is not simply weaving another story with which to entertain weary travelers; he is constantly and deliberately assaulting the historic understanding of Jesus Christ, demeaning His person and denying His divinity." (7) Ultimately, Reverend Robert Norris exposes the plot contained within the pages of The Da Vinci Code. "Under the guise of fiction, it attempts to rewrite history, refashion Christianity and reinvent the truth. That our society embraces fiction as

fact is not only sad but profoundly frightening. There is an inevitable moral consequence when truth is replaced by the lie" (7) Of course, the lies contained in the recently released movie version of The Da Vinci Code could possibly encourage even more people to question the truths of God's Holy Word, the Bible. It is the questioning of God's Truths that will discredit Christianity in the minds of more and more people. As more and more people doubt God's Truths, they could readily accept the non-truths of paganism. Then the possibility exists that Christianity could be banned in America and Christians could be severely persecuted. Unfortunately, some liberal lawmakers have joined the anti-Christian bandwagon, too. They proved their anti-Christian stance when they enacted the federal "hate crime" and "hate speech" law. As a result, the federal government is now in charge of the protection of certain groups at the expense of other groups who are accused of hate crimes. In fact, Steve Watson of INFORWARS.Net foresaw what would happen if America enacted a federal "hate crime" and "hate speech" law several years ago. He stated his opinion that has presently become a reality. He said, A federal hate crime law could permit gay rights activists to conduct parades through the streets of America, but, if a Christian was to read his Bible at the same parade, he could be in violation of a federal hate crime law. This actually occurred on October 10, 2004, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when 11 Christians were accused of hate crimes because they read from the Bible at a Gay Pride parade. Fortunately, they were exonerated by a higher court. However, if a federal hate crime law had existed, they could very well have been found guilty. The penalty would have been up to 47 years in prison and a \$90,000 fine for each person. (2)

But, just imagine being sent to prison in America for reading from the Bible publicly. But, as America gets closer to its own Christian Holocaust, being a Christian could be labeled a hate crime. As a result, Christians in America could face some of the same situations that Jews faced during World War II in Germany. Mr. Steve Watson's summarized the awful scenario that could face Christians and other religions in America. He states,

Let us put this more into perspective. The bill directly violates freedom of religion in this sense as it declares moral disapproval to be unacceptable. It condemns the religious beliefs, not only of Christians but also of Jews and Muslims, who according to their faiths consider homosexuality and unorthodox sexual practices to be morally wrong. The federal hate bill effectively equates such reservations with the racist views of White supremacists, Nazis and Klansmen. (2)

Therefore, the Bill of Rights would then apply to protected minority groups only.

The rights of most Americans would become a thing of the past. Then, the ideology depicted in George Orwell's 1984 would once again become prominent in the minds of those whose goal is to control specific groups of people.

According to Greg Koukl, founder and president of Stand to Reason, "George Orwell once said that sometimes the first duty of a responsible person is to restate the obvious. Note the obvious: Hate crime laws criminalize thought, not conduct. Assault is already punishable under existing statutes. This legislation levies an additional penalty solely for the attitude of heart: a motive called hate." (3) Also, Mr. Koukl states, "One of our most cherished freedoms is the liberty to think as we see fit, even if our thoughts are ignoble. A man's inner life has been his own. His

conduct was under jurisdiction of the law, but not his convictions. Thoughts could not be made criminal." (3) This is the scenario that Christian Americans are facing today. Anything that Christians' condemn, even though it is condemned in the Bible, is being viewed as a negative hate thought. Therefore, the individual persons or collective groups who speak against sins of Americans, especially homosexuality, are labeled as criminals. Anti-Christians want even the thought of Christians to be criminalized. But, as stated by Alan Keyes, a former Presidential candidate and ambassador, "Government can govern men's actions; it cannot govern their hearts. And when it attempts to govern their hearts that is simply an excuse for the worst kind of tyranny." (3)

As has already been addressed, the major attack against Christians in America is the homosexual community. Homosexuals with the help of activist judges are attempting to destroy the institution of marriage and the family. But, what is the purpose of such a planned attack against Christians? The purpose is to use the homosexual issue to ultimately prevent Christians from preaching and teaching from the Holy Bible. When the gay and lesbian agenda is finally accepted by the courts of the United States, all types of perverted sexual acts will become legal in the land once labeled as a Christian nation. Therefore, as a result of America's politicians passing federal hate crime legislation, the end result might be a newly, reinvented Sodom and Gomorrah. Ultimately, since Americans live under a federal hate crime law now, Christianity might be criminalized and become an enemy of the state. Of course, if Christians would keep abreast of anti-Christian activities

happening at the highest levels of government, they would realize that Christians are already being looked upon as "enemies of the state."

What legal means have been used besides hate crime legislation to criminalize Christianity? As stated by Peter Benson of Unity in the Body of Christ, there were a series of events that brought about further acts to criminalize Christianity:

The first blow came on June 10, 2003, when three imperious judges on the Canadian Supreme Court declared the exclusivity of marriage between one man and one woman to be unconstitutional.

Within two weeks, on June 26, 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Texas law prohibiting sodomy in the Lawrence v. Texas decision.

On November 18, the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that gay couples have the right to wed.

On July 28, the New York Board of Education announced the creation of a gayoriented high school in New York City, because, in the words of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, "everybody feels that it's a good idea."

On August 5, the United Episcopal Church ordained its first gay bishop and on August 7, affirmed the establishment of "gay unions."

During the first week of August, the California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 196 with the intent to "protect" transgendered people from employment and housing discrimination. (8)

As viewed in these decisions that took place in Canada and the United States,

Christians in America might just find themselves in the same position in the years to

come. They should expect many attacks against their faith by the homosexual community and by those who support them.

In conclusion, many Christians in America live their daily lives as if the anti-Christian forces in the world will never affect them. They live a relaxed life similar to the military stationed at Pearl Harbor prior to the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. However, just as Pearl Harbor was attacked, Christians in the United States are going to be attacked by Satan's anti-Christian allies.

They are going to see more persecution than they could have ever imagined in a nation founded on the principles of Jesus Christ. In fact, if Christians would read the newspaper daily and/or watch the nightly news broadcasts, they would hear true stories that would verify that the initial stages of the prelude to a Christian Holocaust in America are already in operation. According to WorldNetDaily editor and founder Joseph Farah, "The attacks on Christianity in America are alarming. We are witnessing more than religious bigotry now. We are entering the early stages of what could become persecution and outright criminalization of Christianity if it is not exposed and fought vigorously by all freedom-loving people."

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### Chapter 7

## **Distortion of the True Gospel of Jesus Christ**

During the ministry of Jesus Christ on the earth, He gave His disciples some key commandments to follow. One main commandment is found in the Holy Bible in Matthew 28:19-20. These words of Jesus were spoken to His disciples prior to His return to Heaven. These words of Jesus admonished His disciples to carry on His ministry during His absence from the earth. These words of Jesus expressed the true manner in which His good news (the Gospel of Jesus Christ) should be presented throughout the earth after He ascended to Heaven. These words of Jesus also have been called the "Great Commission." Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Also, another similar scripture can be found in Mark 16:15-16. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Therefore, from these two sets of scriptures, Jesus presented the true manner in which His gospel was to be presented to mankind. However, as centuries have passed, the true sinless Gospel of Jesus Christ has been distorted.

Historically, the distortion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ originated during the Middle Ages, A.D.500-A.D.1500. It was during this thousand year period that the Roman Catholic Church claimed that salvation was obtained by works. In other

words, an individual would have to perform the rituals demanded of him/her by the Catholic Church in order to go to Heaven. In fact, an individual could actually buy certificates of indulgences from the Church that basically forgave him/her of the sins he/she had committed. However, this distorted view of Christianity was challenged on October 31, 1517. It was on this date that Martin Luther posted his infamous Ninety-five Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther who was a member of the Roman Catholic Church bravely declared that this distorted view of the Gospel of Jesus Christ should not be preached by the Catholic Church anymore. It was at this time that the Protestant Reformation began. Martin Luther proclaimed that salvation is obtained only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, not by some kind of work's religion.

Eventually, the Protestant Reformation spread the true Gospel of Jesus Christ all over Europe. Fortunately, the new religious movement made its way to America with the first English colonists. But, as centuries have passed, religious leaders have tampered with the Biblical views of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a result, many ministers in America are using their pulpits to preach a gospel that is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. They are preaching a postmodern world social and/or political gospel. This distorted gospel has no eternal value. This distorted gospel will not save any individual from his/her sins. This distorted gospel will not heal any individual, since faith in Jesus Christ is not necessarily the focal point of these new manmade gospels. However, this distorted gospel that is being preached in many churches in America today will destroy individuals and entire nations.

What is a social gospel? Basically, a social gospel brings the sins of society into the church. Of course, as Jesus stated in Luke 14:23, He wants social outcasts in His Church. He said, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." But, Jesus intended that those who come into His Church would accept His Plan of Salvation. However, those who preach a social gospel attempt to get their church to accept the sins of the society at large. A prime example in postmodern America would be homosexuality. Too many American churches are arguing over whether or not homosexuality is a sin. But, why should any born-again Christian see the need to discuss this topic in church. The Bible explicitly states that it is a sin in the eyes of God. As stated in Romans 1: 26-27, "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: or even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet." This scripture should be enough proof for any Christian or Christian church in the United States that homosexuality is contrary to God's Plan of Salvation.

Large numbers of people probably would not accept true salvation in a church that preaches an unscriptural social gospel. Also, even though these preachers and churches do many good things for people in society in the name of Jesus Christ, the works that they do might not be accepted by God. As Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to

me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." However, Jesus does expect Christians to do good works on the earth in His name. As recorded in Matthew 25:40, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." But, these works would have no saving value, unless the person performing the works first accepts Jesus and His Sinless Gospel by faith.

What is a political gospel? A political gospel brings the politics of the society at large into the church as a major topic of discussion. Therefore, those who preach a political gospel promote their views of America's political affairs, instead of concentrating on God's Plan of Salvation. A prime example would be the recent turmoil caused by the reported anti-American political messages that former pastor Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. preached at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. A church pulpit should never be used to preach anything contrary to God's Love for sinners of all races, creeds, and colors. Also, the political views of a minister should never be given center stage in God's Christian Church. God and His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ should always be the major topic of discussion in Christian churches. The gospel that is preached from a church pulpit must line up with the Word of God. The preaching of any other gospel would be blasphemy to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, since faith in Jesus Christ is the only path to Heaven.

The true Gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached in all churches in the United States. If America's distorted Christian viewpoints are not replaced once again with the truth, as recorded in the Holy Bible, American ministers and their churches will be held accountable for the spiritually dead nation that the United States is rapidly becoming, even though 90 percent of Americans claim to be born-again Christians. However, if all Christians return to their first love, the Lord Jesus Christ and His true Gospel, God might truly bless America as a nation once again. As Jesus stated in Matthew 6:33, while giving His great Sermon on the Mount, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you." Therefore, God will never accept any distorted, manmade social and/or political gospel that would permit unrepentant sinners to go to Heaven. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ is based on the fact that sinners must ask forgiveness for their sins and that sinners must acknowledge that true salvation comes only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Any other route to Heaven would mean Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary in vain.

However, America's postmodern church acts as if Jesus Christ did die in vain. In fact, the postmodern Christian Church has indirectly provided propaganda fuel for the many anti-Christian forces in America. The sin of Christian individuals and Christian church organizations have made nonbelievers view Christianity as a joke. It began when high profile fundamentalist ministers were caught committing the sins that they preached against. When these men fell from God's grace, many Americans lost interest in Christianity and its tenets. Then the sin of a few men spread to entire religious movements. Of course, as well-known church

organizations abandoned their own Biblically-inspired doctrines, more and more people have abandoned their own Bible-based religious beliefs, too. As a result, the Christian Church in America is setting itself up for severe persecution in the years to come.

What specific sins are destroying the Christian Church in America? The sins of adultery, fornication, and homosexuality have overtaken every nook and cranny of the postmodern Christian Church. The Christian Church has evolved into a breeding ground for sexual promiscuity. Unfortunately, there are many examples to verify that sexual misconduct has occurred and is still occurring in the churches of America. But, what has caused this increase of sin in the Christian Church? According to David Kupelian, vice president and managing editor of WorldNetDaily.com and Whistleblower Magazine, the answer is contained in the Bible in Revelation 3: 15-16. It reads, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." In other words, Christians are not as close to their God as they need to be. As a result, they are easily persuaded to follow the dictates of society instead of the dictates of their God. Therefore, as Mr. Kupelian stated, "Christians have stood on the sidelines during the breathtaking transformation of their once-great Judeo-Christian culture into today's neo-pagan, Sodom-and-Gomorrah-style freak show." (1) Thus, it is the lukewarm American Christian Church that could be responsible for the Christian Holocaust that could possibly be right around the corner.

What are some of the sins of the American Christian Church and how are they negatively affecting Christendom in America? How will these sins discredit the Christian Church? How will these sins become the catalyst for America's Christian Holocaust? First, adultery is rampant even in most churches in the United States. According to Dr. Clay Nuttall, moderator for the International Businessmen's Fellowship of North America,

The real shock is the level of sexual immorality in the church today. The light attitude toward divorce, adultery and fornication in the membership of the church is staggering. Marriage vows mean little, and churches are filled with huge numbers of the divorced, as well as those who have been involved in sexual sins. A light attitude is invading churches about sodomy and unmarried people living together, much of which reveals an unbiblical view of repentance and forgiveness. (2) Also, Dr. Nuttall states,

A recent survey of evangelical teens claims that up to sixty per cent of these teens have been involved in sexual immorality at least once. Much of this has come from the "dumbing down" of sin. Churches celebrate fornication with public weddings for those who have public sin outside of wedlock. The end result is that the rest of the teens detect an implied message---- "go and do likewise." The clear lack of repentance on the part of the offenders is really the heart of the matter. This is not about our extending forgiveness. It is about their lack of repentance and unwillingness to receive true forgiveness. (2)

Ultimately, Dr. Clay Nuttall concludes,

Much of the above problem in churches has to do with the large numbers of people on church roles who repeatedly demonstrate that they are unsaved. It would do a church well to be slow to speak of the immorality of this society when weekly they tolerate, defend and therefore encourage spiritual adultery. You see what I mean now, in the churches adultery has become the not-so-scarlet sin. At this point no one has to wonder why we have gone "soft on sin." Where is the condemnation of evil in the pulpit? The fire is gone out, and damnation is reserved for the conservative separatist who dares to make an issue of iniquity. (2)

Adultery in the American Christian Church is just as dominant as the plague of adultery in society at large. Of course, as a result of the sin of adultery, there are many divorces in the American Christian Church, too. Therefore, if the Christian lifestyle is no different than non-believers, then how can Christianity succeed in its efforts to save the world from their sin? This is one reason Christians are being persecuted more than ever before. Non-believers do not see a godly lifestyle in many of the people who profess to be Christians. In turn, they do not respect Christians for their faith, as they did years ago. Eventually, as is seen in America today, persecution replaces respect.

The second major sin in the Church is fornication. Sex before marriage, pornography, and homosexuality are alive and well in the American Christian Church. Since many Christians are lukewarm, their attitudes toward sin have changed. Also, since denominations are made up of these individual lukewarm Christians, they have changed their views on sins that are explicitly condemned in the Bible, God's Holy Word, too. As a result, fornication is not viewed as sinful as it

was fifty years ago.

Unfortunately, some Christian denominations in America openly accept sin in the Church. At their recent conventions in June 2006, the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church have passed measures to ordain homosexuals and lesbians as clergy members of their denominations. According to Verna Gates, a Reuters' journalist, "The new policy was approved on a vote of 57-43 percent among 500 church representatives at the biennial meeting of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. It gives local church organizations more leeway in deciding if gays can be ordained as lay deacons and elders as well as clergy, provided they are faithful to the church's core values." (3) Jon Walton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New York's Greenwich Village, states, "It permits local governing bodies to examine candidates on a wider criterion than sexual orientation ... it allows these bodies to look at the whole person and not categorize them." (3) Finally, Kim Clayton Richter of Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta says "You cannot pick out two or three passages to prove your point. You have to look at the whole witness of Jesus Christ. We've changed our mentality on slavery and the role of women. We have to change with reality." (3)

The Episcopal Church view on homosexuality made the headlines in 2003. When the denomination approved an openly gay bishop Gene Robinson, it appeared that the denomination would split on the issue of homosexuality. Also, during the same convention, the Episcopal Church recognized homosexual unions. Even though the Episcopal Church is divided on this issue, the damage has been done. The liberals in the movement are for the acceptance of gays and lesbians and the conservative

members are against the pro-gay rights agenda in the Episcopal Church. Sadly, more and more delegates are voting for the recognition and acceptance of homosexuals in the church as members and clergy.

It is very difficult to understand how any church denomination would vote in favor of permitting homosexuals to be church members and clergy. The Bible that these denominations preach from on a regular basis emphatically condemns homosexuality. In Leviticus 20:13, an Old Testament book, God through Moses states, "If a man also lies with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination." However, many people believe that Old Testament scriptures don't apply to mankind since Jesus died on the cross. But, there are New Testament scriptures that express God's view of homosexuality, too. In Romans 1: 26-27, as stated earlier, Paul the Apostle states, "For this cause God gave them up to vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet." From the message in these scriptures, it is obvious that God recognizes homosexuality and other forms of fornication as sin. Therefore, the sin in church must be driven out immediately.

The third and most deadly sin of the American Christian Church is abortion. The purposeful killing of millions of innocent, unborn babies is an abomination in the eyes of God, the creator of all mankind. In the eyes of God and mankind, self-defense and punishment for murder are the only permissible reasons for killing

another person. However, abortion is the killing of a person (Yes, an unborn child is a person.) for the wrong reason. An unwanted pregnancy is not a viable reason for murdering an unborn child. Unfortunately, many of the people who have abortions in America are members or attend the lukewarm churches in the United States. These people put convenience ahead of morality. They usurp powers that are only given to God the Creator. But, these same people would be against the Jewish Holocaust that occurred in Germany during World War II. They would also be against the ethnic cleansing that has occurred in other parts of the world in the last twenty years. Needless to say, these same people do not see the correlation between the Jewish Holocaust, ethnic cleansing, and abortion. When God's Church supports abortion and rebels against the Creator, they could only expect to face serious consequences sometime in the very near future.

What are the consequences that American Christian Churches are encountering because of the sin that exists in the Church? First and foremost God will not bless a church or an individual that is sinning. God and Satan cannot abide in the same dwelling. Second, the Church in the United States will lose its influence on unsaved people. They will not accept its hypocrisy which is a stench in the nostrils of God. Third, God has a strong personal view toward people who compromise on spiritual matters in their life. As stated earlier, God will spue these type people out of His mouth. Finally, God will place conflict in churches or in individual lives that accept or recognize sin in His Holy Church. This is the reason that modern day churches are having so many problems. They are preaching a social gospel instead of a sincleansing gospel. When church denominations spend more time fighting among

members over the acceptance of homosexuality and other forms of fornication, they are missing the mark in the realm of spirituality. They must return to their commitment to a Holy God that hates sin in the world and especially in His Church. The death of His Son Jesus Christ paid the debt for the sins of mankind. Therefore, God has a vested interest in His Church and His followers. But, if they fail to confess their sins and return to God, God will have no choice but to punish America. Will America's Christian Holocaust, the severe persecution of those who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, intensify? The answer is unequivocally "Yes," if the prophecies of the Bible are true-and they are!

Since the American Christian Church has rebelled against God, it is now headed on a collision course with those forces in America that hate "all" Christians.

Unfortunately, some of these anti-Christian forces abide in the pews of the churches in America. These are the people who have placed material gain and the preaching of a social gospel ahead of the true principles of Christianity. They are Christian in name only. The spirit of God does not lead them. Their new master controls them. They hate true Christianity and the forces of good in America. Just as local leaders in Germany during World War II supported the Holocaust either directly or indirectly, the members of America's Christian Church who have sold out to sin will be leaders in America's Christian Holocaust. These will also be the people who will report Christians to the one world government leaders of the near future. Of course, most Americans might not believe that a one world government and a one world religion will be established. But, it will!

Remember, in the future and possibly now, true Christians will be made aware that all politicians, educators, businessmen, and even ministers do not have their right to freedom of worship at heart. Keep your eyes open and keep abreast of the new laws and new judicial decisions in America that pertain to religious issues. Christianity will eventually be labeled the number one enemy of the state. In fact, last spring, a document from the Department of Homeland Security was leaked to the general public. It labeled American Christians as "potential terrorists." Has the United States government lost its collective mind? Also, what is the current count of the number of deaths caused by terrorism in America by the followers of Jesus Christ? In conclusion, the distortion of the true gospel of Jesus Christ and the sins of America's lukewarm Christian Church are the major reasons for the increase of persecution toward Christians in the United States. As God observes the activities of His blood-bought Church through His Son Jesus Christ, He becomes deeply grieved. As a result, the sins of lukewarm Christians in the His Church will cause God to turn His back on His own Church, just as He did throughout the Old Testament days. When His people rebelled against Him, He normally punished them by permitting enemy nations to take them captive and rule over them cruelly. Will this same scenario take place in America?

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### Chapter 8

### **Because They Regard Not the Works of the Lord**

Believe it not, America is in the midst of its most dangerous Culture War. This Culture War could virtually destroy America as a nation without any military action from a foreign nation or a terrorist group. However, the actual cost in lives and money could very well surpass all the wars that America has fought. In fact, based on the outcome of this war, America could possibly lose its recognition as the most powerful nation in the world. But, why is the current Culture War so much different than other Culture Wars that the United States has fought over the past hundred years?

A Culture War involves an on going debate on social issues between conservatives who advocate a traditional value system and liberals who advocate a progressive value system. Conservatives base their belief system on the tenets of America's Judeo-Christian heritage, which are contained in the pages of the Bible. On the other side of the Culture War, liberals base their belief system on the postmodern ideologies of secular humanists, which represents rebellion against God.

Each generation of Americans face many different cultural issues. The two main cultural issues that Americans differ on at present are abortion rights and homosexual rights. Basically, most conservatives would oppose these two cultural issues, but most liberals would favor them. But, which side would God logically back? Logically, God would back the side that bases its beliefs on His Word.

Therefore, the conservatives most likely would win automatically. However, it

appears that God is using another approach to deal with America's most deadly Culture War. Apparently, God is letting all Americans get their stomachs filled with the ugliness of their cultural ways, as seen in their actions, the actions of their children, and the actions of their government.

How does the war over abortion rights and homosexual rights affect society at large in America? First, abortion is destroying the very soul of America. Every sector of America's society is affected by the murder of unborn babies by unscrupulous doctors. If there was an excess of jobs in the United States, the labor force would not be able to provide the workers, since millions of future workers were aborted at birth. Could this be one of the reasons that legal and illegal immigrant workers are needed in America? Also, many men and women who would be responsible for saving the lives of many Americans were never permitted to come into the world. Therefore, abortion has cost the United States economy billions of dollars. Fewer workers mean less tax revenue for the U.S. Treasury. Fewer workers mean less Social Security revenue for the U.S. Treasury. Fewer workers mean less money spent on food, clothes, and shelter in America which definitely affects the economy negatively. Get the picture! Of course, let's not forget the mental and emotional state of those who have had an abortion, too.

Second, homosexual activities are destroying the very soul of America, too. It is amazing to see how the homosexual agenda is being pushed by so many Congressmen in Washington, D.C. It is amazing to see the number of public schools that are promoting a homosexual lifestyle as an acceptable sexual alternative in their curriculum. It is amazing that some states boards of education are changing

their mission statement to include "sexual orientation." It is amazing that some state legislatures are appropriating thousands of dollars to promote homosexuality in their public schools. It is amazing that some schools are celebrating "Gay Awareness Week" each year. It is amazing that many schools are establishing /Lesbian Clubs. It is amazing to see that in some settings boys are actually being taught how to become a homosexual. It is amazing to see that saying anything negative about homosexuality is considered to be politically incorrect. It is amazing to see the actuality of hate crime laws that might possibly prevent preachers from condemning homosexuality from the church pulpit, even though the Bible calls it an abomination. Ultimately, it is amazing to see how close the United States resembles the ancient city of Sodom and Gomorrah. Of course, anyone who has read the Old Testament in the Bible knows exactly what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah and the rationale behind it. Simply, God does not continually play with those who make a mockery of His Holy Word.

Therefore, as a result of America's Culture War, America is suffering as a nation.

In fact, America is facing a myriad of economic problems that are causing the
United States economy to go into a tailspin. Of course, the reasons for America's
economic nightmare might not necessarily be tied to the U.S. economy in itself.

They could actually be tied to the spiritual decline of a nation that has turned its
back away from a Holy God and has refused to live by His absolute commandments.

However, most people would not admit that God's justice is the reason for
America's swift economic decline in the recent months. Also, anyone who purports
such a belief would be considered a lunatic. But, God explicitly states in His Holy

Word that mankind should always be conscious that his sins will eventually find him out. Also, the Bible clearly states that the nation that rebels against God will be cursed. Could all the problems that America is encountering today actually be linked to God's disdain for America's sins? Does the federal government have the solution to all the problems in the United States?

Obviously, the solution to the United States' problems lies outside the realm of government intervention. Actually, the solution lies in a renewed covenant with God through His Son Jesus Christ. However, America's politicians refuse to believe that the problems of the United States are inherent in their lack of faith in Jesus Christ and the sins committed collectively and individually by the inhabitants of the United States. But, in essence, the problems of America are directly related to man's rebellion against God and Jesus Christ. As stated in Psalm 28: 5, "Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up." This is the very situation that the United States finds itself in today.

Ultimately, the solution that most politicians purport through government intervention is not the best solution. The best solution would be a spiritual awakening to the absolute truths contained in God's Holy Word, the Holy Bible. Then, God would stay the supernatural forces that are responsible for the current mess that exists in the United States. Then, He would properly receive the praise for reinstating America to its proud status, instead of the United States government itself. As stated in Psalm 68: 19, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." However, at the same time, the Bible

clearly states that God will not be continually mocked by man. As written in Galatians 6: 7-8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." This is also another situation that America finds itself in at present.

As a result of waning spirituality, America is headed for more serious problems than they already have. The Bible states that God will punish those people and nations that rebel against Him. In Isaiah 59:1-4, 7-8, 13, and 18, it states,

<sup>1</sup>Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

<sup>2</sup>But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

<sup>3</sup>For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

<sup>4</sup>None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

<sup>7</sup>Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

<sup>8</sup>The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

<sup>13</sup>In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

<sup>18</sup>According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

Therefore, as these scriptures so aptly imply, God sees the sins of those who do not regard His Works, individually and collectively. As stated in Isaiah 60:12, "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." This is the message from the Holy Bible that private citizens and government politicians who rebel against God should take heed to in the months and years to come. As a result of their rebellion against God, they must accept the blame for many of the problems that America is facing. If individual Americans continue to resist the Holy Spirit tugging at their heart's door, they will have the blessings of God stayed in their lives. If politicians continue to promote sin in the bills that they introduce in Congress and the President decides to sign them into law, it will cost America as a nation. According to Numbers 32:23, when you fail to follow the dictates of God, you will have to face consequences. It states, "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out." This is the situation that many of America's private citizens and elected leaders find themselves in at present.

In fact, they are acting similar to the Hebrew children and their leaders who came out of Egypt during the great Exodus. While Moses went to talk to the Lord on Mt. Sinai, they played before the golden calf created by Aaron, their high priest. As

written in Exodus 32:1-10,

<sup>1</sup>And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

<sup>2</sup>And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

<sup>3</sup>And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

<sup>4</sup>And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>5</sup>And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said. To morrow is a feast to the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

<sup>8</sup>They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

Therefore, as evidenced from these scriptures, God was extremely angry at the people that He had set free from Egypt. Aaron, the high priest, had made a replica of an idol god who the people had given credit for delivering them out of the hands of the Egyptians. In fact, God was angry enough to permit His wrath to consume them, except for the fact that Moses convinced God to stay His Almighty and Powerful Hand. Of course, sometimes no one is able to convince God to spare His judgment on stiffnecked people. Prayerfully, America has not arrived at that point in time yet. But, in reality, America has arrived at this point in time. America has become a rebellious and stiffnecked nation, just like the Hebrews during the time of Moses.

Also, America is attempting to exist in a deep, muddy pit. Unfortunately, at present, the pit is getting deeper and deeper. Many Americans are forsaking their belief in a faithful, loving God. Instead, they are putting their trust in a government and its leaders who are leading them down a road loaded with the pleasures of sin, which is not the type of benefits that God desires mankind to enjoy. As a result, those who have chosen to rebel against God are asking for the wrath of God to consume them. Their cultural sins associated with abortion, homosexuality, illegal drugs, fornication, adultery, and other sins of the flesh are dooming themselves to meet their creator in an unprepared state of spiritual readiness. This is the situation that

America is in today. God, please lead America back to you, instead of the United States government. If not, America will be doomed as a nation because its inhabitants and leaders chose to travel down the wide and crooked road of sin and rebellion.

Ultimately, America is at a crossroads in its existence. But, political, social, and economic problems are not the problems that will destroy America as a nation. But, rebellion against God will. The lack of true faith in God by America's leaders will create a spiritual vacuum in the nation established by Christian statesmen over two hundred years ago. As a result, many Americans may tend to follow in the footsteps of their leaders, instead of the footsteps of Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son who died for their sins. Sadly, America is in this situation today because it does not regard the works and operations of God the Creator and Father of all Mankind. However, according to Kind David in Psalms 73:28, "It is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works."

# **Section III**

**The Coming Persecution** 

### Chapter 9

### A Possible Christian Persecution Scenario

Over fifty years ago, children were taught by their parents and their pastors that the end times would be spotlighted with cruelty toward Christians. The Christian movies that were made during the 1950s depicted examples of the dim future that awaited Christians in America. However, now it is evident that what these Christians predicted about the end times years ago possibly could happen in the very near future. In fact, according to Phyllis Shuffert in "The Coming Persecution of the Church in America," "those who study Bible prophecy have long known that great persecution of Bible believers shall come to every nation, especially in the end times prior to Jesus Christ's return. Matthew 24 makes this abundantly clear. In fact, Jesus Christ warns His disciples of false Christ, wars and rumors of wars, of nation rising against nation. He warns them of famines and pestilence and earthquakes in many different places. But then He states that "All these are the beginning of sorrows." He then begins to expound on the coming reality of end-time persecution. (1)

Jesus speaks of false prophets arising and deceiving many. He reveals that iniquity, or sin, will abound, and the love of many shall grow cold as a result. We know we are witnessing that hour in which sin is abounding and even glorified, both in America and throughout the world. Acts of sin which people were formerly ashamed of are now being paraded openly in public and

glorified on televisions and movies and rock music. Then, He concludes this passage describing the nature of end-time persecution before His return by stating, "But HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED." (1) As Jesus so aptly described in Matthew 24, the coming persecution of the Christian Church in America will eventually happen. In fact, it is evident that the early stages of the American Christian Holocaust have already begun. At one time in America, it was socially and politically acceptable to be a Christian. But, in the 21st century, it is the exact opposite. Today, Christians are being blamed for many of the ills of society, especially their lack of tolerance toward non-Christian groups. Many anti-Christian groups have classified Christians as terrorists. Since the inception of the new buzz word "diversity," Christians are looked upon as the promoters of hatred in America. This new anti-Christian spirit will ultimately be responsible for the future Christian Holocaust in America. It could very well be a time of cruelty and terror toward all true, Bible-believing Christians.

The events of America's Christian Holocaust might begin the next time martial law is declared in the United States. Unfortunately, there are many present day situations that could bring about an immediate declaration of martial law in America. Two probable examples that merit concern are the swine flu and terrorism in America. With these two events creating fear for many people, the government could institute martial law for the so-called safety of the masses. What will happen to American citizens and especially Christians when martial law is declared? According to Pam Shuffert, the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers in New York has brought America one step closer to becoming a

police state. Also, the treatment of the citizens of New Orleans by local law enforcement officers and military troops after Hurricane Katrina is a prime example of New World Order activities that may be instituted in America soon, too.

(1) If martial law is declared and the subversive New World Order agenda takes effect, anyone who resists will face torture and death. Those who resist the satanic goals of the New World Order will be the true followers of Jesus Christ, not necessarily the Christian Church.

The plans for the American Holocaust have already been drawn up and even practiced in the United States. However, these pre-martial law training activities have been hidden from most American citizens. But, according to Pam Shuffert, her inside sources in the CIA and other government agencies have verified that martial law in the United States is almost here. (1) Jesus said to beware of the signs of the times. If Christians keep up with the news, they will know in their heart that the end times are almost here. It will only take one real or made up epidemic or terrorist attack to launch the United States into the worst period of its existence. The number of martyrs during the Roman Empire might not come close to the number of martyrs that might die during an American Holocaust.

Who are the enemies that Christians and non-Christians will encounter when the American Holocaust begins? They are the people in the governmental offices of our nation. The very ones who took oaths to defend us from the tyranny in the world are the enemy of Bible-believing Christians. In fact, they have already categorized Christians in their minds as the people who would resist the New World Order. When martial law and the New World Order become the way of life in America,

according to Shuffert, Christians would be killed. Then their homes and churches would be taken over by FEMA and foreign troops. Then any other resisters of the New World Order would be arrested and persecuted in the many concentration camps that already exist in America. Picture this! Over 2,000,000 foreign troops occupying the military bases that were closed supposedly for lack of funding are loosed on the people of the United States. (1) If Pam Shuffert's evidence is accurate, the atrocities inflicted on the citizens of the United States by these foreign troops would be unimaginable. God have mercy!

What types of viable proof exist now that verify that secret plans to destroy and enslave America do exist? According to a former inspector for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Department of Defense, the government has already developed plans for those Americans who refuse to accept the New World Order. He said, The infrastructure is set up. There are at least 130 concentration camps — quietly modified facilities which have sprung up and continue to spring up across the country, seemingly devoid of activity, yet requiring strange accounterments, such as barbed wire-topped fencing (with the tops turned inward) and helicopter wind socks. Most have good logistical supportability, with major highways and railroad transport facilities adjacent to the sites. (2)

These facilities, many in remote areas across our country, are set up to become concentration/detention camps, complete with gas chambers, for resisters and dissidents. Generally speaking, they're set up for dissenters who will not go along with the New World Order. The 'resisters' are gun owners who refuse to give up

their weapons; the 'dissidents' are Christians, Patriots and Constitutionalists.

These camps are set up. I've seen many of them. (2)

Mr. Sea, the name used by the former inspector for the United States government, said that the government has already categorized these people into two groups. In fact, according to Mr. Sea, there is a RED list and a BLUE list. He states, The RED List is for pick-up and execution before unobtrusive preparations for martial law are initiated. The BLUE List is also for execution, but at a later date — within six weeks of martial law declaration. There are no re-education plans for either category — just execution. When you get picked up on a RED pick-up, they'll take you from your home at night — probably around 4 a.m. — and put you in a black van, then drive you to a helicopter waiting to fly you to an intermediate point. There, you'll be loaded onto a big 64-passenger CH-47 Chinook helicopter, unmarked and illegally operating under the Treaty on Open Skies. Then they'll fly you to one of 38 cities where you'll board a 747, 737, or 727. You may be taken straight to a temporary detention facility. When you're RED listed, you'll be taken to a red camp. Then you'll be executed.

According to Mr. Sea, he has seen some of the places that will house the people whose name is on the RED or BLUE list. One such place is located near Indianapolis, Indiana. He toured the facility on August 6, 1994. Mr. Sea stated, I toured the Amtrak Railcar Repair Facility at Beech Grove, Indianapolis, Indiana. There are at least ten maintenance barns at this facility, covering 129 acres, with two separate fences with the tops leaning inward. The windows of several buildings have been bricked up. Hence, you have three levels of security for Amtrak repair

barns! There are three helicopter 25-knot aviation wind socks (which aren't the correct ones to use for chemical spills which require 10-knot wind socks). There are high security NSA-style people turnstiles, and high intensity/security lighting for 24hour operation. The box car (gas chamber) building fence is marked with special 'RED/BLUE Zone' signs. This corresponds to the 'mission' of the RED/BLUE Lists which surfaced in June and July of 1996. Under martial law, this will become a death camp. They're only going to handle category one and two (RED and BLUE) people there. This box car facility will be used for execution. (2) If martial law is declared in America in the future, who would be responsible for picking people up and incarcerating the people who do no accept the rules of the New World Order? According to Mr. Sea, foreign cops under the direction of the United Nations Internal Security Forces would be in charge. He said, Over 30 foreign military bases under the United Nations flag are already set up in the US, all with the approval of special appointees in high Federal positions. These bases are already manned with over ONE MILLION troops from Russia, Poland, Germany, Belgium, Turkey, Great Britain, Nicaragua, and Asian countries. Why are they here? Because unlike our own troops —many of which along with the Guard and Reserve of 24 states are being deployed overseas — will have no qualms about firing on U.S. citizens when the time comes. There are more than 2,000 Russian tanks, military trucks and chemical warfare vehicles just outside Gulfport, Mississippi. They began arriving in January of 1994. There are 180 foreign troops at Fort Reilly which was confirmed to me by a Brigadier General. There are 300 who came into the Birmingham, Alabama airport on a big white Russian cargo

plane on December 13, 1995. As of 1995, there were 10,000 plus foreign troops at Fort Chafee, Arkansas reportedly making preparations for 20,000 'detainees.' This is going on all over the country. German troops are known to be at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, and Fort Hood, Texas. Chinese troops are known to be at the Long Beach Naval Station in California. There's not going to be some future event when the invading troops are going to show up. They're already here! When martial law is implemented, these foreign U.N. troops will be policing our country, carrying out the plans of the New World Order. (2)

In conclusion, if the American Holocaust does become a reality in America,
Christianity may well face the toughest attack on the faith of its believers than ever
before. Any Christian who does not accept and abide by the directives of the New
World Order will be imprisoned, tortured, or most likely executed. The End Times
for God's Faithful Few is closer than most Christians are willing to accept.
However, Americans in general and Christians specifically must realize that the
possibilities of an American Holocaust do exist in the United States of America.
God, please save your Children from the atrocities that might lie ahead!

P.S. Prayerfully, everything that Pam Shuffert and her government informer stated several years ago about a possible takeover of America by foreign troops that are possibly already here in the United States is not true. But, if it is, Christians in America need to "pray without ceasing" that God will once again send a great

revival and save Americans from their sins and from a New World Order Holocaust.

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### Chapter 10

## **Escaping Christian Persecution in America**

If an American Holocaust does take place, how can Bible-believing Christians escape the reality of an American Holocaust? Actually, the solution is very easy. They must permit Jesus Christ to become the Lord and Protector of their life. They must permit Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit to lead them through the valley of the shadow of death. Christians must draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to them. It will take a side by side walk with their Heavenly Father in order for Christians to make it through the impending American Holocaust, not just attending church on Sunday morning.

When Jesus Christ walked on the earth, He promised to be with His Children at all times. In fact, He promised that He would never leave His Children or forsake them. In other words, the Spirit of Christ would be with His Children twenty-four hours each day and three hundred sixty-five days each year. This fulfills what was stated in His Holy Word, the Bible. According to the Bible,

God is not slack toward His promises. He sees all and knows all, even Satan's plot to bring harm to His faithful servants.

In Psalm 91, God's plan for His Children's protection is made extremely clear. This protection includes all attacks of Satan, even an American Holocaust or any other End Time activities that could happen some time in the very near future. There are just too many signs and happenings in the world today that point to such an event. This is the reason that God had His servant King David pen the Ninety-first Psalm

many, many years ago. As penned by King David in the Bible, Psalms 91: 1-16 states,

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Therefore, since Psalms 91 is part of God's protection plan for His people, how does it operate? First, it gives some very forceful names for God. They are Most High, Almighty, Lord, and God. According to Gordon Churchyard of Free Bible Commentary,

"Most High" means that God is more important than anyone else.

"Almighty" means that God is more powerful than anyone else.

"LORD" means that he will never die.

"God" means that he decides what will happen. (1)

Secondly, God is compared to a castle. Since a castle is a heavily, fortified building, it offers protection from the enemies of the land. When a person puts his trust in God, it is like living behind the protective walls of a castle. While behind the walls, the outside evil forces cannot harm the inhabitants. Also, all personal needs are met on a daily basis. This is the same method used by God in the figurative sense to take care of all the problems that His Children encounter throughout their life. (1) Thirdly, God offers protection by using different types of shields. However, these shields only represent a picture of God's loyalty and faithfulness to His Children.

God's loyalty and faithfulness to His Children is everlasting. As stated earlier, He will never leave or forsake His Children. He will be near His Children to help them in the time of fear and trouble. He will protect His Children while they are in the midst of turmoil and terror. God's angels will act as personal bodyguards to all His Children continually around the clock. (1)

Fourthly, God promises to protect His Children from dangers, arrows, illnesses, bad things, and fighting. Today, these problems would relate to plagues and evil spirits. According to Gordon Churchyard, "A plague is an illness that people catch from each other. If one person becomes ill, many other people that live near become ill also." (1) Also, he states, "An evil spirit is a servant of God's enemy Satan. We cannot see them, but we can see what they do. They make people ill in their minds and their bodies." (1) Since God is on the side of His Children, they do not have to be afraid of the illnesses and evil spirits that they encounter. As written in Psalms 57:1, "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast."

Fifthly, the Most High God is compared to man's home. In that respect, God's Children can go to Him any time day or night. He hears the prayers and supplications of His Children at the very moment they make them. He gives them the assurance in the heart that everything is going to be alright. Whether His Children live or die, they are still in His almighty hands. No harm will overshadow their life until God gives the permission for His Children to come to their Heavenly Home. When that day comes, it just means that God's protection has become an

eternal protection in Heaven. But, until that day, God's angels will protect His Children. He will not allow any harm to come to them. His Children will be sheltered in the arms of God. This is where God's Children feel the peace and safety of their Heavenly Father. This is where God's Children finally receive the complete salvation of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! (1)

What must be done by humans to obtain the complete salvation of God? First, they must accept that there is only one way to obtain salvation. Since mankind is born into a sinful world, he must find an escape goat for his sins. Jesus Christ became this escape goat when He died on the cross of Calvary. Even though many people claim that Christians are self-centered and insensitive in their religious beliefs, they fail to see that, according to the Bible, Jesus Christ is the only begotten son of God. Therefore, He is the only way! Sinners must ask God through Jesus Christ to become the propitiation of their sins. This will insure that God's undivided attention will be given to them in any crisis situation.

If the American Holocaust does happen before the Rapture of the True Church, God's Children will see His strong arm at work. Of course, God has already provided many true Old Testament Bible stories that show the strong arm of God in action during crisis situations. One such story is recorded in I Kings 17:1-24. As seen in these scriptures, God pronounced a curse on the people of Gilead because of the sins of their ruler Ahab. During the time of this draught, Elijah, a prophet of God, had to live in the rainless area, too. However, God sustained His servant during this time. God led Elijah to a stream where ravens actually fed the man of God. Yes, ravens! Since God is the Creator of all things, He has the power and

ability to use the animal kingdom to provide for His Children. Then, when Elijah's water supply ran dry, God sent him to a widow woman's house to receive further sustenance until the draught and famine was over.

The story of the widow woman and how God used her to sustain Elijah, her son, and herself is amazing, too. When Elijah met the widow woman, he asked her to make him some bread to eat. However, she told him that she had just enough flour and oil to prepare one final meal for herself and her son. Then they would wait for death to take their life. But, Elijah told her to feed him first and God would sustain her and her son during the draught and feminine. He promised the widow lady that the flour and oil would not run out until the rain returned after the three and one half years which God declared. Since the widow lady did as the prophet of God asked, God provided food for her, her son, and Elijah. Also, God spared her son's life when he became deathly ill. When Elijah prayed, God heard his prayer and healed the widow's only son.

Therefore, as can be seen by reading I Kings17:1-24, God took care of His Children during the severe crisis situation, just as He had promised. This is the only way that Christians will be able to survive the coming attacks against their faith. God's supernatural interventions must be used for the deliverance of His Children. As seen in the life of Elijah the Prophet, God can sustain His Children in the most supernatural ways.

Of course, another noted example of how God sustained His Children who were in a serious predicament occurred in Daniel 3:10-28. As stated in these scriptures, Chaldean King Nebuchadnezzar made a ninety-foot high and 9-foot wide image

made of gold that was to be worshipped. Basically, Daniel 3:10-28 deals with what happened to the three Hebrew boys who refused to bow and pay homage to the Chaldean idol. When they did not worship the idol, charges were brought against them. The charges were three-fold:

They showed disregard for the king's authority.

They did not serve his gods.

They would not bow down to the image. (2)

However, since King Nebuchadnezzar valued the services of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, he gave them several chances. When they ultimately failed to bow down and worship the idol, King Nebuchadnezzar mandated that Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego be thrown into a fiery furnace. In fact, he declared that it should be made seven times hotter than it was. (2)However, the three Hebrew boys were definitely not afraid since they had ABSOLUTE FAITH in their God. The end result was that the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego spared their lives from burning to death in a fiery furnace, just as they had predicted. When the American Holocaust or any other type of terror confronts God's Children, He will provide for and protect His Chosen Few. This is the reason that Christians must have an extremely close relationship to their God at all times. Then He will react in a positive manner to their prayers, petitions, and supplications. God will be their only source to overcome the battles of life that Satan launches at them. Therefore, the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY GHOST will become the mighty military that fights for Christians in America and around the world. But, the main thing that must be remembered is that the Holy Trinity will be VICTORIOUS!

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# **Section IV**

**Issues Affecting the Postmodern Christian Church** 

#### Chapter 11

Political Correctness: The Springboard for Christian Persecution

What is Political Correctness? Political Correctness is "marked by or adhering to a typically progressive orthodoxy on issues involving especially race, gender, sexual affinity, or ecology." Political Correctness is "conforming to a prevailing body of liberal opinion, especially in avoiding language, behavior, etc., which might conceivably be regarded as discriminatory or pejorative to racial or cultural minorities or as reflecting implicit assumptions." Political correctness also strives to project a more positive image of negative or undesirable qualities such as dishonesty or failure, with the substitution of such euphemisms as ethically disoriented for dishonest and deficiency achievement for failure." Therefore, "Political Correctness (PC) is...communal tyranny... It was a spontaneous declaration that those particular ideas, expressions and behavior, which were...legal, should be forbidden by law, and people who transgress them should be punished. It has become an unwritten and written law within the community. With those who were publicly declared as being not politically correct becoming the target of persecution by the mob, if not prosecution by the state." (1)

There are five major characteristics of Political Correctness. First, it advocates the politicization or transformation of life. Every profession must take and pass a political test. The purpose of this test is to ensure that everyone is thinking correctly on the same ideological wave length. Secondly, Politically Correctness denounces the elements of dissent in a society. To them, nonconformists should be quieted in

some form or fashion. These actions are reminiscent of some types of totalitarian ideologies. Thirdly, the Politically Correct are concerned only about themselves. The opinion of the unenlightened voters and the selfish consumers are not accepted. Fourthly, Political Correctness attempts to meet its ideological goals by using nonviolent means. However, if necessary, it would use other methods. Finally, the Politically Correct are more interested in the culture of a country than the economy. They endeavor to alter the ideas and beliefs upon which a country bases its existence. Then it would be much easier to overthrow that country internally. (2) What determines the reasons for instituting Political Correctness in public environments? The determining factor of Political Correctness would be the verbalization of negative or derogatory comments about a person's race, sexual orientation, ethnic group, religion, or political persuasion. (3) Therefore, because of the many different multicultural traits of Americans, the advocates of Political Correctness are demanding that the language of America should encourage groups to: "not favor one group over another; not infringe on any group's right to sovereignty; not interfere with the peaceful relationship of any minority group with those from other groups; not hinder society (i.e., the state) in its attempts to protect cultural groups (i.e., social, economic, and ethnic minorities) whose views are declared to be equally valid and who have the "right" to equal opportunity, integrity, and point of view; and not promote stereotypes of any kind." (4) Basically, Political Correctness attempts to identify the reason certain people and groups are not successful in life. They use words like "culturally deprived" and "developmentally challenged" to rationalize their position in life as being based on

their gender or race. As a result, these victims are convinced that their problems could be solved by social engineers. People, for various reasons, accept that life can be perfect for them on the earth. But, these minority and/or deviate groups, feminist women, African Americans, Hispanics, or homosexuals, should know that individuals are unequal socially, educationally, and economically. Also, they should not discriminate against those above them. But, it does happen. According to Political Correctness, the middle and upper classes, the bourgeoisie and capitalist, white men, and non-feminist women are viewed as the scum of society. In fact, expropriation is used to deny the best qualified people from getting in college and getting certain jobs. (3) Therefore, there are costs associated with diversity. However, many of the organizations and institutions that maintain it do not believe that it has value. But, since it is considered politically correct and moral, they participate in a diversity program. Ultimately, politically correct morality supersedes any other morality.

Unfortunately, Political Correctness has made inroads into America's democratic entities. It has gained control of the language of Americans. It has revised the history of our nation to the point of belittling our Founding Fathers. It has created division between races and religious groups. Political Correctness has made a joke out of the Bill of Rights. It has blamed all the evils of the United States on traditional, Christian values. It has made the Western Civilization stay on guard to defend its way of life against the onslaught of the guised socialist movement in America. Free speech has almost become a historical farce. (2) Also, the "truth" that Political Correctness has preached is completely opposite of the truth seen in

reality, in the human race, and the experience factor. As a result, diversity and tolerance is being forced on the American people through legislative action related to affirmative action, hate crimes, the approval of quotas for colleges, and many more repressive tactics. Therefore, the state has been designated the entity to rid society of all its cultural ills. (4)

One of the more disturbing elements of Political Correctness is the fact that a double standard has emerged. The American Civil Liberties Union and other leftist groups have harped about the Constitution's so-called requirement for the separation of church and state. As a result, public schools and other public environments in America would not dare teach religion or permit the display of religious symbols anywhere on a school campus or other public buildings. Basically, Christianity is prohibited like it was during the early days of the Roman Empire. But, other non-Christian religions are permitted. Take, for example, the apparent special treatment given to some members of the Islamic faith. Several prominent examples are:

A Texas elementary girl was permitted to show a video concerning the Islamic faith.

Middle school students in San Luis Obispo, California dressed up as Muslim

warriors pretending to defend the Islamic religion.

Seventh-grade students in California dressed up in Muslim robes during a threeweek mandatory course on Islam.

Denver International Airport established a chapel for Muslims to pray.

Muslims are permitted to have prayer each Friday in a special room located in the U.S. Congress building.

United States government agencies, such as the FBI, are teaching their employees the teachings of Islam from the Qur'an.

The United States Congress has been opened with readings from the Qur'an.

Many public schools and colleges are providing Muslim students with places to pray and to hold ritual ceremonies.

Therefore, based on these examples, it is obvious that at least one religion in America is being given preferential treatment in the public sector. However, if this is not a double standard, then the Jewish Holocaust did not happen. Of course, some Politically Correct people in America and in other countries around the world would debate that it did not happen. But, it did happen!

Unfortunately, Political Correctness has become an invisible, utopian society in the minds of its creators and followers. It has insisted that rules, regulations, and new ideas of what is right and wrong be the guideline for perfection in America. Since the basic documents of our nation reflect the spirit of freedom intended by our Founding Fathers, the ideology of Political Correctness has not succeeded in the totalitarian control of the American citizens yet. The clandestine backers of a new world order have failed to realize that all Americans are not willing to sacrifice all their freedoms for a so-called utopian society. (5) However, if Americans do not wake up soon and fight back, the United States could very easily become an ideological state. The fruit of an ideological takeover is ripe!

Today, Americans are being incarcerated for expressing their political thoughts. Of course, the judicial system does not word it that way. It seductively addresses it as

"hate crimes." Therefore, it's extremely important that all true Americans see the "handwriting on the wall." "Political Correctness is a perversion of morality and a contradiction of reality that requires constant state interventions for its successful implementation. We do not want America to become a country with a non-reality-based ideology enforced by state power. Political Correctness threatens free society by encouraging 'group-think' and by attaining conformity through intimidation and force. We must fight political correctness by striving for truth through the use of reality-based rational and logical arguments. Because Political Correctness is crippling Western society, it is imperative that we recapture language, reestablish the private ownership of the means of expression, challenge PC concepts, and stand up in defense of reality." (4) Political Correctness has an agenda to destroy America and it could be sooner than the American citizenry thinks.

In conclusion, Political Correctness is like a person who puts puzzles together. But, at present, he is taking up the pieces and putting it back together again. However, each piece represents some new ideological belief that is different from America's democratic heritage. When the puzzle is complete, America will not look the same. The picture on the puzzle will be distorted and unrecognizable. The color scheme of the picture on the puzzle will change from America's patriotic red, white, and blue colors to a solid red, which is symbolic of socialism and communism. In the end, all the bits and pieces America's democratic ideals and freedoms will be substituted for some form of totalitarianism and its atheistic religious doctrines.

Therefore, it is extremely important that this new puzzle be dismantled now.

Political Correctness must be destroyed in the same manner that it was employed to

destroy America: one piece of un-Americanism at a time. It is not too late to reclaim America from the clutches of Political Correctness and its anti-Christian motives.

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#### Chapter 12

## May All Injustices Bow to God

Injustice, according to Dictionary.Com, means the violation of the rights of others and unjust or unfair treatment of others. Unfortunately, injustice is alive and well in America and in other nations in the world. The major group of people in the United States that are currently being treated unjustly are Christians and the ones who are treating them so unjustly are some federal judges, classroom teachers, congressmen, and possibly the President of the United States, especially if he signs bills that will deny Christians their constitutional rights. Of course, since so many bills are passed by Congress without even reading them, Christians could face all types of injustices without the perpetrators knowing what they have done.

Some federal judges are using their judicial power to prevent Christians from defending their faith, which is based on the absolute truths contained within the pages of the Holy Bible. For example, recently Walter Hoye, a California pastor, was given 30 days in jail and a \$1000 fine because he got within 100 feet of an Oakland abortion clinic and closer than 8 feet from a person going into the clinic. The sign, that he was carrying stated, "Jesus loves you and your baby. Let us help you!" Even though Oakland had a city ordinance that stated how close you could get to an abortion clinic or how close you could get to a person going into the clinic, it was an unjust law addressed to those who mainly oppose abortion, Christians. In fact, maybe the Oakland City Council should set distances that those who were against Proposition 8 in California and favored same-sex marriage should be

permitted in order to protest at the churches and against the people that promoted it. But, instead, the church-going supporters of Proposition 8 received very little protection against these people who violated their rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion. In fact, many of the anti-Proposition 8 people entered many churches and interrupted the services. However, there have not been in high profile court cases where any of these people were given jail time or had to pay a fine. Another disturbing court case occurred recently in the state of North Carolina. A judge ordered the mother in a divorce case to stop home schooling her three children and place them in the local public school system. But, as far as academics and social skills are concerned, the woman's children always test above average. The judge also required the mother to get a mental health screening. However, the adulterous father did not have to get the same screening. Once again the Christian in this true scenario is being targeted for her beliefs and her faith. Therefore, apparently Christians are expected to bow to the injustices of America's court system.

Some classroom teachers and principals in America's public schools are using their administrative powers to prevent Christians from promoting their faith in the classroom setting. However, other religions are promoting their faith in the classroom setting without any administrative backlash. Once again Christian beliefs have to take second place to anti-Christian religious beliefs. As most people already know, Christian students cannot write essays or give oral reports on Jesus Christ. However, these same students or other students could write essays or give oral reports on Muhammad, Buddha, or any other founder of a religion. But, what

is the rationale? Why are public schools afraid of Jesus Christ? Why are non-Christians afraid of the name of Jesus Christ being mentioned in public schools? What has Jesus Christ ever advocated that would bring emotional, physical, or religious abuse to any student? At the same time, why has there been so much violence in public schools in America, since the courts used their political correctness ideology to permit all religions in public schools, except Christianity? Could there be a significant relationship between the violence in public schools and the anti-Christ spirit that exists? Therefore, apparently Christians are expected to bow to the injustices of America's public school system.

Some congressmen and congresswomen in the United States Congress are using their legislative powers to prevent Christians from living their faith in the communities in which they live. With the current anti-Christian spirit in Congress and the evolution of the Democratic Party into almost a one-party system, American Christians most likely will not get a fair deal in the upcoming liberal laws that are in the making. Of course, the dreaded anti-Christian "Hate Crime" and "Hate Speech" Bills was passed, since it was favored by mostly Democratic legislators. Of course, it is probably too late for the Republican-controlled House, elected in 2010, to change these bigoted laws. Unfortunately, Christians in America will not be permitted to say anything negative about homosexuals. If they do, they will have to pay a \$5000 dollar fine and possibly spend undeserved time in prison. Remember, homosexuals were the ones who violated the rights of Christians after Proposition 8 passed in California. Now their lobbyists have won many congressmen and congresswomen over to their side. As a result, Christians will basically be silenced

from defending their position on homosexuality and same-sex marriage, even though the Bible categories their lifestyle as a sinful one. Therefore, apparently Christians are expected to bow to the injustices of America's federal legislative system.

Ultimately, the President of the United States might use his executive powers to prevent Christians from having the same freedoms and rights that all other Americans have. In the past few years, United States Presidents have issued Executive Orders to get things that they wanted without going through Congress. They just have to publish them in the Federal Registry and then they automatically become law. When the check and balance system of the United States that has kept America a democratic nation becomes "null and void," Christians must watch out for what might be lurking around the corner or what might be brewing in the U.S. government's executive branch. If not, some non-congressional laws might usurp the freedoms of one selective group of people in America, namely Christians. Therefore, apparently Christians, based on the anti-Christian sentiment in Washington, D.C., are expected to bow to the injustices of America's executive system.

But, why are Christians being targeted so openly during America's postmodern times? Why are Christians being treated as second-rate citizens when, in reality, they are the major faith that wrote the United States Constitution? Why are Christians being labeled as an enemy of the state by the very government that they helped create? Simply-speaking, much of America's postmodern culture does not want to hear or live by the truths that God expounded in His Holy Word. In fact,

many members of the government, the government-controlled public school system, and the society at large want Christians to bow down to their self-created gods of humanism and atheism and the anti-Christ spirit that it perpetuates. In conclusion, there is a scripture in the Bible that many non-Christians in the judiciary system, the public school system, the legislative system, and the executive system apparently do not know that it exists, at least they do not act as if they do. It is found in Romans 14:11. It states, "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." In other words, there will come a time in the future when everyone who made Jesus Christ's followers bow to them will have to bow to God and confess that He is the only true and living God. However, these persecutors of Jesus Christ who deny His deity and the fact that He is God's only begotten Son will have to pay for every injustice directed toward His Holy name and those who worship Him. In fact, Christians will finally be vindicated for all the injustices that they have had to encounter or will encounter when God holds court for their persecutors inside the gates of pearl, the City of God. From that day through eternity, Christians will never have to bow to anyone again, except God the Father and His Son. Therefore, it is time for all those who persecute Christians to take heed to the truths contained in Romans 14:11, because all injustices will bow to God.

#### Chapter 13

#### Putting the Ten Commandments on the Back Shelf

When the first English colonists arrived in America, they had some form of an English Bible packed away in their luggage on board the ship. It was probably the Geneva Bible which was published in 1560, since the King James Version was not published until 1611. However, regardless of which Bible they read at the time, they learned about living a godly life here on the earth. Probably, the main area of study was the Ten Commandments. It was the Ten Commandments that provided a guide to follow in order to live a holy life according to the dictates of a Holy God. Of course, even though the Ten Commandments were written over three thousand years ago, it is still a foundational guide for individuals and nations to follow in order to live peaceably on the earth. In fact, the United States of America was established with the Ten Commandments and the Holy Bible as its foundational guide.

As the years have passed and as men's hearts have changed from godliness to sinfulness, the acceptance of the Ten Commandments as America's foundational base has changed, too. As a result, more and more Americans have replaced the godly concepts that are contained within the Ten Commandments with the concepts purported by postmodern day ideologies. In fact, the Ten Commandments that once were found on the walls of courthouses and schoolhouses are no more. It is not politically correct to display the Ten Commandments in public places because it may offend someone who does not accept the teachings of the Holy Bible. But, since

America was founded on the principles of the Ten Commandments, logically the person who is offended by the Ten Commandments is the one that has the problem, since God expects everyone to abide by them.

As stated, the Ten Commandments provides a God-ordained, Biblically-inspired approach to face the maladies that destroy an individual and a nation. Therefore, if an individual person or a nation refuses to accept and follow the Ten Commandments, that person and that nation can only expect problems to exist. It is this truth that is destroying the United States today. In the last three decades, more and more Americans have denied the significance of the Ten Commandments. In fact, the court systems of America have mandated that the Ten Commandments be taken out of the public square. A prime example would be the case of former Alabama State Chief Justice Roy Moore who was suspended from his position for refusing to remove the Ten Commandments from his state courthouse. As a result of the Judge Moore scenario and many more similar cases, America's social and economic problems have skyrocketed. Needless to say, Americans are probably living through the worst economic downfall since the Great Depression of 1929. But, this is what should be expected when so many people in the United States, individually and collectively, place their nation's foundational heritage and their personal godly guide to a holy and prosperous life on the back shelf of their minds and hearts.

However, realistically, how could anyone be offended by the Ten Commandments, unless they are guilty of violating them? A college professor asked his students to write down in their notebook all the Ten Commandments that he or she could

remember. After a short time span, the professor asked each student to tell the class the specific commandments that he or she remembered. After every student had told the class the commandments that he or she had remembered, the professor told the class why he asked them to do the assignment. He calmly proclaimed to the class that the commandments that each student did not individually remember were probably the same commandments that the students might just be violating themselves. Once again, logically, the Ten Commandments should not offend anyone, especially since God's Commandments were written for every race, creed, nationality, and religion. Therefore, as the aforementioned college professor so aptly implied, the Ten Commandments should be followed by everyone. However, sadly, many American have chosen to disobey God's Commandments and, as a result, America is suffering as a nation socially, politically, and economically. But, what are the Ten Commandments of God and how are God's Commandments being violated by present-day Americans? The First Commandment is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" and the Second Commandment is "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." However, Americans today have too many idols to replace the Lord God Jehovah. They waste time and money on their idols of materialism and pleasure instead of worshiping God their Creator. As a result, the gods of America cause their worshippers to get off the straight and narrow road that leads to an eternal home in Heaven. Also, these worshippers of idol gods tend to violate other commandments of God that would lead to the degradation of themselves and the degradation of

society as a whole. This is the reason why the sins encompassed in America's culture wars are going to destroy the nation from within, just like the fall of the Roman Empire, unless Americans once again return to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Third Commandment is "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." However, in America, everyday someone is cursing God's Holy Name. In reality, some of these same people would be quick to say "God Bless America." But, according to the Third Commandment, God will punish those who defame His Name. As a result, how many Americans are suffering physically or economically just because they were disrespectful to the Name of the Lord God Most High? Also, could God be punishing America as a nation now just because His Name has been taken in vain by too many Americans? Of course, it is amazing that people would even think about saying God's Name in vain, since He controls every breath that a person breathes.

In fact, two true stories can be used at this time to prove this point. First, years ago, an eighteen year old boy skipped school to go fishing. When he was returning to his car, he had to climb a hill. About half way up the hill, he had a sharp pain hit him in his chest. His immediate response, since he used profane words on a regular basis, was to take the Lord's Name in vain. These words would be his last words on the earth. Imagine how awful it would be to die and face your Creator immediately after cursing Him. The second story involves a man who was extremely wealthy. One quiet and clear night he went to the end of the pier located in his own personal

pond. In his egotistical mind, he had made all his wealth by himself. Therefore, while standing on the pier, he raised his clinched fist to God. Then he yelled out to God that he was responsible for his success, even though the Bible clearly states that it is God who gives mankind the ability to make wealth. As a result of his disrespect to God and using His name in vain, a bolt of lightening came out of the sky, hit the boastful man, and killed him instantly. Of course, both these stories may sound farfetched, but both stories are true and show how dangerous it would be to fall into the hands of an angry God.

The Fourth Commandment is "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." The Sabbath day or Sunday, as it is called in modern times, was very important to God. After He created the earth in six days, He rested on the seventh. Therefore, since a Holy God is a prime example that mankind should follow, He expects His Creation to rest on Sunday, too. However, it is almost impossible to carry out this commandment in America's postmodern culture. Fifty years ago, it was much easier to honor the Sabbath day, since most business and factories closed on Sunday. When businesses and factories closed, it permitted the employees, as well as their employers, to attend church and worship their God. But, now many people do not have the opportunity to go to church on Sunday and worship because they have to work on God's Day in order to make a living for themselves and their families. In fact, many Americans spend more time working on Sunday than they do worshiping God and His Son Jesus Christ. As a result, the spirituality of America as a nation has dwindled. This is evident in the reality of how Americans live during the present postmodern era. Of course, if Americans do not have jobs and if Americans

have to face hard economic times, they will have the time and a renewed purpose for keeping Sunday as a Holy Day. Could this be America's problem now? The Fifth Commandment is "Honor thy father and mother." If children follow the dictates of this commandment, God has promised to give them long life. However, too many children do not honor their father and mother. In fact, they are rude, disrespectful, and even harmful to their parents. They even attempt to usurp parental authority. But, worst of all, some children refuse to follow their parent's rules and regulations which are meant to protect them. They stay out pass their parent's curfew. They become friends with people who become an albatross around their neck and who lead them down the wrong road to life, that is, if they expect to have a long life. They curse their parents. They steal from their parents. They continually lie to their parents. Unfortunately, they even hit their parents and, at times, even murder their parents. Therefore, it is understandable why some children do not live long on the earth that God created for them. Of course, the early demise of a child makes life harder for the parents who remain behind. Needless to say, sin and the failure to follow the Ten Commandments, especially the Fifth Commandment, are to blame for the death of too many disobedient children. The Sixth Commandment is "Thou shalt not kill." However, even before God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai, Adam's son Cain slew his brother Abel in anger, possibly because of Cain's jealousy toward his brother. Of course, many other people were killed prior to the writing of the Ten Commandments. But, obviously, God saw the need to protect men from themselves. Thus, the Sixth Commandment was included in His directives to His Creation. Needless to say, men are still violating the Sixth Commandment, since postmodern man, just like ancient man, does not value the sanctity of life. This is seen in the continued slaughter of unborn babies in America through the abortion process. Also, hundreds of murders occur every year in the large cities throughout the United States. Evidently, men and women in America permit the sins of anger, greed, and the love of money to lead them to disregard the Sixth Commandment. Therefore, as a result, God who gave the Ten Commandments to all mankind for a life-saving and a soul-saving purpose will at some point in time punish America for its sins as a nation, specifically those who violate the Sixth Commandment and kill other men and women, except for self-defense and during wartime.

The Seventh Commandment is "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Basically, the violation of this commandment has been the downfall of many American families and America's traditional family itself. Also, it teaches America's youth that the marriage vows are not as sacred as God intended them to be, since He requires fidelity in marriage relationships and abstinence from sex before marriage. Of course, with all the immoral cultural traits that come from the movie subculture in Hollywood, it is no wonder that many Americans show total disdain for the Seventh Commandment, since too many Americans are unfaithful to their partners and to the marriage vows that they took on their wedding day. However, God still attempts to get the attention of those who are committing adultery and other immoral, sexual activities. He wants them to make reconciliation to their marriage partners and, most definitely, He wants them to make reconciliation to Him, too. But, some serious consequences usually follow people who participate in ungodly

sexual practices, such as sexually-transmitted diseases, AIDS, blindness, and even death. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Therefore, those who fail to obey the Seventh Commandment could encounter unlimited physical and emotional problems for themselves and their families. On the other hand, those who obey the Commandments of God would receive the gift of eternal life.

The Eighth Commandment is "Thou shalt not steal." The Ninth Commandment is "Thou shalt not bear false witness (lie)." Finally, the Tenth Commandment is "Thou shalt not covet." Basically, all three of these commandments are similar in thought. They pertain to one person taking something from another person that does not belong to him or her. Unfortunately, in postmodern America, the current affairs in the corporate world and on Wall Street would be a prime example of how people violate the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments. In fact, many businesses purposely do illegal activities in order to make large profits, even if it means the average American citizen must suffer economically from their greed. However, these corporate giants apparently do not see the error of their ways, although their modernistic view of relativism and situational ethics goes against the teachings of God's Word. Therefore, these "barons of the corporate world" and their cohorts in crime have lied, stolen, and attempted to take other people's money, which was their securities for their life now and in the future. Of course, consequences from God and even the United States government could occur very soon. But, the worst case scenario of all the current affairs in the corporate world is the number of good people who might have given in to the dictates of their bosses

and violated the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments in order to keep their jobs. Needless to say, these same people could still lose their jobs. Also, the guilt that they might possibly encounter for violating their own Judeo-Christian belief system could be even more troublesome to them than losing their jobs.

In conclusion, too many people have rejected the significance of the Ten

Commandments in America's postmodern society. They view these commandments
of God as a hindrance to the very society that has a governmental foundation based
on a Judeo-Christian tradition. However, what would America's society look like if
the Ten Commandments of God were obeyed religiously? It would look a lot like a
utopia (a perfect society) that some people have tried to create in America. There
would be no: stealing, murder, rape, burglary, sexually-transmitted diseases,
adultery, unethical business practices, lying, greed, vulgarity, pornography,
fornication, drug addiction, alcoholism, etc. But, instead, too many Americans
continually choose to defy God's Ten Commandments and, at the same time, choose
to live a life of pain and disgrace. Ultimately, their ungodly choices could very well
evoke the judgments of God on themselves, their families, and their nation. God
Save America!

#### Chapter 14

#### Ichabod

Almost all Americans have read the story of Ichabod Crane and the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. However, very few people know anything about the man named Ichabod in the Bible. In fact, his birth came at an extremely low time in the history of ancient Israel. According to I Samuel 4, the Israelites were once again fighting the Philistines. During a major battle, the Philistines defeated the Israelites, including killing the two sons of Eli the priest, Hophni and Phinehas. Also, more importantly, the Ark of God was taken by the Philistines. When Eli the priest heard about his sons being killed and the Ark of God being taken, he fell backwards off the top of a gate that he was sitting on and broke his neck. When Phinehas' pregnant wife heard about the death of her husband and her father-in-law Eli, she travailed and gave birth to a son that she named Ichabod, before she died herself. She named him Ichabod because "the glory of the Lord" had departed from Israel with the capture of the Ark of God by the Philistines. Therefore, the name Ichabod has come to symbolize the removal of God's spirit from an individual person. In the modern world, the word Ichabod would be synonymous with the word apostasy. As a result, a person who gives up on his spiritual faith would become an apostate person. But, many apostate people could affect the entire Christian Church community in America. Then, ultimately, the apostate Christian Church community could have a long-lasting, negative spiritual, political, and social effect on America as a nation.

How can the name Ichabod symbolize the removal of God's spirit from an individual person? Simply-speaking, since Christianity is a relationship with God and not a religion per say, an individual person can make the choice to turn his or her back on God and walk away from Him, even after worshiping Him for many years. When this happens, this individual becomes apostate to their religious faith, that is, they abandon it. Unfortunately, in America's postmodern culture, more and more Christians are trading in their religious faith for a more modern secularist approach to life. The Apostle Paul discusses this very modern issue in II Timothy 3:1-5. II Timothy 3:1-5 states,

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Also, Paul continued his discourse on apostasy in II Timothy 4: 3-4. It states,

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Based on Paul's God-inspired writings in the Holy Bible, what are some sure signs that apostasy is on the rise in America? First, America is facing perilous times. The economy is crumbling at a rapid rate. Thousands of jobs have been outsourced to overseas companies. Also, unscrupulous Wall Street executives and other corporate elites have permitted their greed to get the best of them. As a result, many Americans have lost their jobs in the last two years, approximately one million to be exact. But, jump starting the economy, as the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress had attempted to do, will cost American taxpayers billions, if not trillions, of dollars, since everyone including cities and states want their share of the government's multibillion dollar stimulus package. At the same time, America is fighting two wars overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq. Also, it might just have to get involved with Iran and North Korea in the weeks and months to come.

Americans live with the possibility of another major terrorist attack on a daily basis, too. Of course, let's not forget that terrible ordeal that America is facing on its southwestern border with the hordes of illegal immigrants and gang members that constantly come to America from Mexico. Needless to say, the cost to America for this illegal invasion is horrendous. Finally, America's public education system is no longer rated at the top of the educational ladder. Thousands of students graduate each year that are not qualified to do the jobs that American companies have to offer. Could asking God to leave in the 1960s be the reason for the failure of America's public education system in an era of high technology?

Second, some Americans have replaced the love of God with the love of themselves. Humanism is gradually replacing faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ. As a result, some people have become proud, boastful, and covetous. Sadly, some people even blaspheme God the Creator through their actions and deeds. However, too many people in America are living unholy lives that are not acceptable to a sovereign God. If this was not true, the Ten Commandments would not be broken on such a regular basis. Of course, since the Ten Commandments is prohibited from the public square, it is no wonder that the divorce rate is over fifty percent, stealing takes place on a regular basis, and murders in America are most likely the highest in the world. But, let's not forget that the prison system in America is the largest in the world, too.

Third, homosexuals have become a vibrant subcultural group in America. They have employed many lobbyists in Congress to promote their agenda. In fact, in the spring of 2009, 52 members of the House of Representatives formed a caucus that vowed to use their political powers to promote homosexuality as an alternate sexual lifestyle with all the benefits of heterosexual couples. Of course, only two of these representatives were Republican. Also, homosexual groups have black-balled groups, mainly Christians, who supported Proposition 8, the anti-same-sex ban in California. They have also used fear and intimidation against those who do not support their sexual orientation. However, it is clear, according to the Apostle Paul, that homosexuality is wrong. He stated that in the last days some men and women would be without natural affections toward each other. Also, he stated that some men and women would despise those that are good. Needless to say, this is

occurring in America today. But, despite the negative opinion that most homosexuals have toward Christians in general, true Christians are required by God to love them, but they are not required to accept their sexual lifestyle that is condemned in the Bible.

Fourth, America has more and more people who do not support the U.S.

Constitution and who have become traitors to America's democratic way of life. As a result, it is obvious that they love themselves and pleasures more than God and the nation founded on Biblical principles. Immediate gratification of all types of pleasures is the lifestyle of too many Americans, regardless if it is condemned by God or not. Of course, too many times church attendance and church activities tend to cramp the lifestyle of Americans who are more concerned about their own self-image as they live their fast-paced lives. Therefore, their apostasy has made it much easier for them to fulfill their personal goals in life without being concerned about living a Christian life.

Fifth, some postmodern Christians have a form of godliness, but they are denying the power of the Holy Spirit to operate fully in their lives. As a result, these spiritless Christians would eventually refuse to accept the truth of the Gospel. Instead, they would prefer to listen to ministers that preach sermons that sound good to their ears, sermons that have nothing to do with their eternal salvation. Therefore, Paul the Apostle said that other Christians should not have anything to do with these lukewarm Christians. These Christians could possibly lead other spiritually-weak Christians out of the spiritual fold, too, especially with all the false doctrines that are being promoted today in America's secular world. Therefore, as

more and more Americans become apostate toward their Christian religious beliefs, the more likely that America could become an apostate nation.

In conclusion, apostasy was a problem for the early Christian Church and, according to prophecy, would eventually become a serious problem for the modern Christian Church at some point in time. Apparently, the time is now in America. According to Christianity Today Magazine, a Barna Group research project found that a majority of American youth raised in the Christian Church would leave it by age 29. However, since many of the older generation of church goers are reasonably solid in their Christian faith, there probably would not be as much apostasy in their age group. But, if generation after generation of America's youth who have attended church practically all their life rebel against the Church and its doctrines, America will be headed toward some serious religious problems. In other words, if the Church of the Future walks out the front doors of their churches today, the Church of the Future could become nonexistent.

Of course, it has been prophesied that an increase in apostasy would occur in the world prior to Jesus Christ's return to rapture His Church. Could the apostasy that exists in America today actually be the beginning stages of the end times? Will America's backsliding Christian Church have the chance to come back to God before Jesus Christ splits the eastern skies? Will God send a mighty move of His Holy Spirit to a nation that has repeatedly turned its back on Him? Will God initiate one final Great Awakening in America, the nation that was founded on His Biblical teachings? Prayerfully, God will. However, if He doesn't, true Christians might finally arrive at the point in their spiritual life, especially since they will be

persecuted for their faith in God, that they raise their voices and shout, "Even so Lord Jesus come quickly." Then, at that time, if the spirit of God is taken from the once mighty spiritual nation of America, God would be obligated to rename the United States, Ichabod.

# **Section V**

**Epilogue** 

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Throughout <u>A Brewing Pot of Christian Persecution: America's Postmodern Anti-Christian Crusade</u>, the possibility of the passage of a Federal Hate Crime Law was mentioned several times. If this law was enacted, any person who committed a crime against another person who was listed as a member of a federally-protected group would receive more prison time than he or she would normally receive. Some of the categories of federally-protected groups are race, religion, gender, and ethnicity. However, if the 2009 Federal Hate Crime Bill became the Law of the Land, it would add sexual orientation as a federally-protected category of people. Therefore, gay, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people would receive special protected status. This would be an insult to most Americans and an abomination to God. Of course, this should be expected from America's leaders who have sold out to the ungodly agenda of homosexual lobbyists.

Unfortunately, the Federal Hate Crime Law has a secret agenda. It could be used to possibly silence Christian free speech in America's churches, on the airwaves, and in the nation as a whole. Christians of all faiths would face criminal charges for saying anything negative or derogatory about anyone who lives a lifestyle of sin and perversion in a nation founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ, God's only Son and the Savior of all Mankind.

Ultimately, if the 2009 Federal Hate Crime Bill was enacted into law, the Supreme Court should declare it unconstitutional, since it promotes one group over another group. As a result, Christians would be denied their constitutional right of freedom

of religious speech, since the Bible, the Holy Book of Christians, denounces homosexuality. Also, American ministers, at least the ones who preach the Bible as it was written by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit, would have to curtail many of the things that they would say from their pulpits about homosexuality or face exorbitant fines and lengthy prison terms. This could be the beginning of an all out blitz by many non-Christian groups to persecute the followers of Jesus Christ. In conclusion, sad to say, the 2009 Federal Hate Crime Bill, which was added to a defense authorization bill, was signed into law on October 28, 2009 by President Barack Hussein Obama. Of course, only time and history will be able to judge the negative effect of this new law on America's Christian population. Unfortunately, if homosexuals and their supporters have their way, Christians could be facing many types of persecution in the very near future. But, it is extremely difficult to accept that the United States of America has sold its soul for a few coins in the coffer. However, the consequences for the actions of America's politicians are already being seen in the public and private sectors of the economy of the once god-fearing nation. In fact, it appears that God's curses and plagues are infiltrating the United States, just like they did in ancient Egypt when Pharaoh mistreated God's people. Sadly, though, the lukewarm, American Christian Church is just as much to blame for America's current dilemma as the United States government. By replacing the true gospel with a social and political gospel, the American Church has replaced the God of the Universe with the god of man (secular humanism), which denies the existence of a god. Therefore, the American Christian Church has possibly given the U.S. government and the American society at large the figurative fuel needed to

jump start an attack against Christendom in the United States at an unimaginable magnitude. However, prayerfully, all Christians will return to the True Gospel of Jesus Christ in order for them to be spiritually prepared for the "dark days" of persecution that are possibly on the horizon for American Christians.

# **Section VI**

**Author's Biography** 

#### **Author's Biography**

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