

FUNDAMENTALISM: A **'FUNDAMENTAL' THREAT**

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But something strange happened instead. Rather than putting Islam under the microscope, we elected to lump Islamic killers into a larger religious group called 'fundamentalists.' In order for the Politically Correct to make that stick, it was necessary to conclude that Islam is really a peaceful religion hijacked by a few "Islamic fundamentalists".

A religious 'fundamentalist' is one who follows the fundamentals of a religion. If the fundamentals of Islam were peace, then we should expect Islamic fundamentalists to be peaceful.

The Muslims who are violent killers should be an aberration devoid of any justification from the foundational writings of Islam known as the Koran and the Haddith. But instead, the terrorists openly admit they are following Islam's fundamental teachings.

It is also worthy of note that a 'religious fundamentalist' and a 'religious extremist' both describe the same thing in modern doublespeak.

The dictionary defines an 'extremist' as "one who advocates or resorts to measures beyond the norm". But a 'fundamentalist' is described as "a religious movement or point of view characterized by a return to fundamental principles and by rigid adherence to those principles."

An Islamic 'fundamentalist' is one who practices the fundamentals of Islam by rigidly adhering to its principles. An Islamic 'extremist' is one who advocates or resorts to "abnormal measures."

Since both describe the 9/11 terrorists, why is the emphasis on 'fundamentalist' and 'extremist' instead of on 'Islamic'?

One of the consequences of the jihadist war against the West is a global review of religious fundamentalism in all its forms; Christian, Jewish, Islamic or whatever.

The global assessment is that it isn't the teachings of the Koran that is responsible for the global war on terror. It is the religious fundamentalism that is at the heart of the conflict.

To the secular world, the Arab-Israeli conflict is the product of a clash between Jewish fundamentalists who believe God ceded the land to them.

And the Islamic fundamentalists who believe Allah gave it to them.

Making the problem worse are the Christian fundamentalists whose support for Israel is cited as the reason for al-Qaeda's declaration of jihad. But the problem isn't religion, its religious fundamentalism.

Over the past decades, the World Council of Churches has been a champion of ecumenism.

Ecumenism is the opposite of fundamentalism; it is the bringing together of all the world's religions under one roof. It was to that end that the World Council of Churches was formed in Amsterdam in 1948.

But clearly, the only way religions can all unite into one is to forsake their fundamentals. So there can be no religious Ecumenicalism without the abolishment of religious fundamentalism.

This means that the core beliefs of Christianity, Judaism and Islam have to be compromised for it to work. The result will be the demonization of all fundamentalists, Christians included. It is already happening.

The WCC's mission has been to develop a kinder, gentler, all-inclusive religion. That effort is now in high gear.

The United Religions Initiative seeks to become the dominant religious voice at the UN. It is headed by William Swing, an Episcopal bishop from San Francisco.

According to Swing, all religions are guilty of fostering terrorism. "There is a lot of terror and violence in a lot of scripture. There has to be a critique of that. We have to hold the religions' feet to the fire for the violence and terror within them."

Swing's goal is, in his words, "to address the problem of "fundamentalists in our own groups," an issue that traditional religion "wimps out on."

URI was founded in 1995 and is active in 58 countries. Along with Protestants and disaffected Catholics, URI includes witches, Druids and members of New Age movements. Swing himself is hostile to traditional and conservative faiths, once saying that "proselytizing will be illegal in the United Religions zone."

For a Christian to proclaim that "Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and that no one can come to God except through Him" will soon be a criminal offense. Watch It is coming.

The global religious system of the last days is still in development, but the obstacles are relentlessly being overcome. Fundamentalism of all stripes will one day be declared the enemy of peace.

The infrastructure necessary to fulfill John's prediction of a global apostate church is alive and well and under UN protection.