

GORE: BUSH FAITH AKIN TO FUNDAMENTALIST ISLAM

Former veep says president emphasizes 'vengeance,'
'brimstone'

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Note from Pastor Kevin: This article reveals the extent to which some will "believe the lie." We are truly entering into the perilous times Paul described in 2 Timothy 3 where he prophesied that in the last days people would have a form of godliness (Gore saying he is a Southern Baptist), yet deny its power (the salvation that can only be found in the Christian gospel). The truth - fundamentalist Muslims are behind all the terrorist attacks, not Christians. The lie - Mr. Gore saying President Bush's statements about God are akin to fundamentalist Islam. Amazingly, nearly half of the country voted for this deceived politician in the last election, and more amazingly still, he has a look alike running for president this year.

Christians must realize we are living in a time when people want to believe the lie. Even though a rational thinker would assume people will see the absurdity of Mr. Gore's statement and only give it passing thought, the reality is that many will believe his lie and plant a seed of hatred toward the Christian message. It won't matter that we are not flying planes into buildings, or placing bombs in schools so that hundreds of children can be slaughtered in the name of Allah. No, the deception sweeping the world will continue to protect the murderers and blame those who "do good." This coming reality would be discouraging if not for the final chapter of God's holy Word, which promises comfort to those who are His.

*II Thessalonians 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, **that they should believe the lie**, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (NKJ)*

2 Tim 3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, ----- despisers of good, 4 traitors, -----5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! (NKJ)

*Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and **whoever loves and practices a lie.** (NKJ)*

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Former Vice President Al Gore has compared President Bush's Christian faith with fundamentalist Islam, saying it emphasizes "vengeance" and "brimstone."

In an interview with the New Yorker, Gore, who says he's a Southern Baptist, expressed disdain for Bush's public declaration of his faith.

"It's a particular kind of religiosity," he told the magazine. "It's the American version of the same fundamentalist impulse that we see in Saudi Arabia, in Kashmir, in religions around the world: Hindu, Jewish, Christian, Muslim. They all have certain features in common.

"In a world of disconcerting change, when large and complex forces threaten familiar and comfortable guideposts, the natural impulse is to grab hold of the tree trunk that seems to have the deepest roots and hold on for dear life and never question the possibility that it's not going to be the source of your salvation. And the deepest roots are in philosophical and religious traditions that go way back. You don't hear very much from them about the Sermon on the Mount, you don't hear very much about the teachings of Jesus on giving to the poor, or the beatitudes. It's the vengeance, the brimstone."

Gore also slammed Bush's leadership in the White House, calling him a "weak man."

"I wasn't surprised by Bush's economic policies, but I was surprised by the foreign policy, and I think he was, too," Gore told the New Yorker. "The real distinction of this presidency is that, at its core, he is a very weak man. He projects himself as incredibly strong, but behind closed doors he is incapable of saying no to his biggest financial supporters and his coalition in the Oval Office. He's been shockingly malleable to Cheney and Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz and the whole New American Century bunch. He was rolled in the immediate aftermath of 9-11. He was too weak to resist it. ...

"I think he is a bully, and, like all bullies, he's a coward when confronted with a force that he's fearful of. His reaction to the extravagant and unbelievably selfish wish list of the wealthy interest groups that put him in the White House is obsequious. The degree of obsequiousness that is involved in saying 'yes, yes, yes, yes, yes' to whatever these people want, no matter the damage and harm done to the nation as a whole – that can come only from genuine moral cowardice."

Last month, Gore's former boss, Bill Clinton, also took aim at Bush's faith. At an appearance at a Harlem church service, the ex-president said Bush was a "good Christian" but that it "doesn't mean that he doesn't see through a glass darkly."