

WAKE UP! YOU'RE UNDER ATTACK

A Rabbi's Call to America's Christians - Wake Up! You're Under Attack!

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

I am certainly not a Churchill. I am not even a Revel. I am having enough trouble just trying to be a Lapin. But I am issuing a very serious warning about deep consequences, just as they did. It is a warning about the earliest stages of what could become a cataract of disasters if not resisted now.

During the 1930s, Winston Churchill desperately tried to persuade the English people and their government to see that Hitler meant to end their way of life. The British ignored Churchill which gave Hitler nearly ten years to build up his military forces. It wasn't until Hitler actually drew blood that the British realized they had a war on their hands. It turned out to be a far longer and more destructive war than it needed to be had Churchill's early warning been heeded.

In 1983 a brave French writer, Jean-Francois Revel, wrote a book called *How Democracies Perish*. In this remarkable volume he described how communism's aim is world conquest. For decades he had been trying to warn of communism's very real threat. Yet in January 1982, a high State Department official said: "We Americans are not solving problems, we are the problem." (Some things never change.) A good portion of the planet fell to communism which brought misery and death to millions because we failed to recognize in time, that others meant to harm us.

Heaven knows there was enough warning during the 1980s about the intention in parts of the Islamic world to take yet another crack at world domination. Yet instead of seeing each deadly assault on our interests around the world as a test of our resolve we ignored it. We failed the test and lost three thousand Americans in two unforgettable hours.

I am not going to argue that what is happening now is on the same scale as the examples I cite above, but a serious war is being waged against a group of Americans. I am certain that if we lose this war, the consequences for American civilization will be dire.

Phase one of this war I describe is a propaganda blitzkrieg that is eerily reminiscent of how effectively the Goebbels propaganda machine softened up the German people for what was to come.

There is no better term than propaganda blitzkrieg to describe what has been unleashed against Christian conservatives recently.

Consider the long list of anti-Christian books that have been published in recent months. Here are just a few samples of more than thirty similar titles, all from mainstream publishers:

- "American Fascists: the Christian right and the war on America."
- "The baptizing of America: the religious right's plans for the rest of us."
- "The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason"
- "Piety & politics: the right-wing assault on religious freedom."
- "Atheist universe: the thinking person's answer to Christian fundamentalism."
- "Thy kingdom come: how the religious right distorts the faith and threatens America."
- "Religion gone bad: the hidden dangers of the Christian right."

What is truly alarming is that there are more of these books for sale at your local large book store warning against the perils of fervent Christianity than those warning against the perils of fervent Islam. Does anyone seriously think America is more seriously jeopardized by Christian conservatives than by Islamic zealots? I fear that many Americans believe just that in the same way that many pre-WWII westerners considered Churchill a bigger threat than Hitler.

Some may say that today's proliferation of anti-Christian print propaganda is nothing to become worried about. To them I ask two questions:

First, would you be so sanguine if the targets of this loathsome library were black, or say, Jewish? Just try changing the titles in some of the books I mention above to reflect racism or anti-Semitism instead of rampant anti-Christianism and you'll see what I mean.

Second, major movements, both positive and negative, that changed the way Americans felt and acted came about through books, often only one book. Think of Rachel Carson's 1962 error-filled "Silent Spring" that resulted in the pointless banning of the insecticide DDT and many unnecessary deaths. Other books that caused upheavals in our nation were Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle," many of Ayn Rand's books, and of course "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

No, I would advise you not to underestimate the power of books to alter the behavior of the American public and I fear for an America influenced to detest Christianity by this hate-filled catalog.

It is not just books but popular entertainment also which beams the most lurid anti-Christian propaganda into the hearts and minds of viewers. One need only think of who the real targets of the recent hit movie Borat are. The brilliant Jewish movie maker, Sacha Baron Cohen, as his title character, using borderline dishonest wiles, lures some innocent but unsophisticated country folk, obviously Christians, to join him in his outrageously anti-Semitic antics. Cohen then triumphantly claims to have exposed anti-Semitism. In fact, he has revealed nothing other than the insatiable appetite of America's social, economic, and academic secular elites for virulent anti-Christianism.

Even the recent PBS documentary, "Anti-Semitism in the 21st Century: The Resurgence," managed to do more attacking Christianity than defending Judaism.

Singer Elton John informed the world that he "would ban religion completely." He wasn't referring to Buddhism. Rosie O'Donnell said "Radical Christianity is just as threatening as radical Islam."

Richard Dawkins, an Oxford University professor is one of the generals in the anti-Christian army of the secular left. American academia treats him with reverence and hangs on his every word when he insists that "religious myths ought not to be tolerated."

For those with a slightly more tolerant outlook, he asks, "It's one thing to say people should be free to believe whatever they like, but should they be free impose their beliefs on their children?" Dawkins goes further and suggests that the state should intervene to protect children from their parents' religious beliefs. Needless to say, he means Christian beliefs of course. Muslim beliefs only add to England's charmingly diverse cultural landscape.

The war is against those who regard the Bible to be God's revelation to humanity and the Ten Commandments to be His set of rules for all time. Phase one in this war is to make Christianity, well, sort of socially unacceptable. Something only foolish, poor, and ugly people could turn to.

Churchill correctly identified Hitler's many incursions as a pathway to the precipice. The twentieth century provided many opportunities to identify the pattern in communism's aspirations. It shouldn't have been hard to identify the pattern in Islamic behavior since the 1970s. There is a similar pattern in countless seemingly disconnected assaults against Bible believing Christianity. We must identify the pattern for what it is—an overture to the obliteration of Biblical faith.

We have seen how a carefully constructed campaign pretty much made it socially unacceptable to drink and drive. For years there had been stringent laws against drunk driving. They achieved little. In the end, the practice was all but eliminated by groups allied with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and their effective ways of changing the way that Americans thought about it.

We have seen how a carefully constructed campaign has pretty much made it socially unacceptable to smoke. In the face of a relentless campaign (dare one call it propaganda?) Americans became docile and forfeited the right to make their own decisions. Nobody was willing to stand up to the no-smoking tyrants. Nobody even asked whether health was sufficient grounds for freedom to be reduced. Now entire cities and even states have banned smoking, not only in public places but even in privately owned restaurants.

Considerably more intellectual energy is being pumped into the propaganda campaign against Christianity than was ever delivered to the anti-smoking or anti-drunk-driving campaigns. Fervent zealots of secularism are flinging themselves into this anti-Christian war with enormous fanaticism.

If they succeed, Christianity will be driven underground and its benign influence on the character of America will be lost. In its place we shall see a sinister secularism that menaces Bible believers of all faiths. Once the voice of the Bible has been silenced, the war on western civilization can begin and we shall see a long night of

barbarism descend on the west.

Without a vibrant and vital Christianity, America is doomed, and without America, the west is doomed.

Which is why I, an Orthodox Jewish rabbi, devoted to Jewish survival, the Torah, and Israel am so terrified of American Christianity caving in.

Many of us Jews are ready to stand with you. But you must lead. You must replace your timidity with nerve and your diffidence with daring and determination. You are under attack. Now is the time for you to resist it.

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Throughout history, true Christians have always been under attack by those who hate the message of the gospel. The fact that American Christians have been relatively sheltered from this persecution is a fluke of history, which can be attributed to our country's biblical foundations which were put in place by our wise forefathers.

Now that we are into the second generation since many of those foundations have been weakened or removed (removing the teaching the law of God in schools, discouraging prayer to almighty God, destroying the concept of a biblical family, killing children in the womb, etc.) we can expect the associated sheltering to also be removed.

Our Lord Jesus said the world would hate us because it hated Him. It made no sense that people would spit upon, torture and crucify our Lord Jesus two thousand years ago. It also makes no sense that secular Americans increasingly can't stand true Christians, but hate them they do.

Rabbi Lapin wants us to tell the world we aren't going to take it anymore. Jesus said to keep preaching and be willing to lay down our lives for the gospel. We may soon start to join the millions of Christians throughout the world who have come to fully realize what laying down our lives really means.

Matt 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or

what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (NKJ)

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. (NKJ)