

News and Current Events :: Terrorism and Persecution**Terrorism and Persecution - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 11:30**

Greetings again...

First off, if you are going to read this post, please read it all. I'm not long winded, but this is a very in-depth topic.

We know that terrorism is a constant threat to our lives. We know that the next attack is "imminent" according to our Gov't.

We know, likewise, that G.W. Bush is not a practicing Christian. In saying that, I know I pit myself against a large portion of Christians in the US, because they generally are of the "conservative" Christian political bent. So why do I say that he's not a Christian? I had been concerned, when he was elected, that many Christians and Pastors preached about "electing morality" and how he was a Christian, and how they hoped he would get the Holy Ghost, etc. They were, in my opinion, giving him their unconditional support (in violation of Ps 118:-7) simply because he had gone on record to state that he was Christian... he was not proven. In my opinion, that is basically supporting someone untried, for political gain. But many of us have seen his works... lies, deception... we've seen the video of him flipping off the camera, we've heard the audio of him cussing non-chalantly (proving that he does it regularly), and some may not be aware that his aides have mentioned that the administration "consults" with Pastors in order to get their support, and yet ridicules them later. It sounds a lot to me like Christians were just a voting bloc to him.

That being said, I began making my own observations and doing research... and it's clear to me that he has used his unconditional support from the "religious right" to keep him going. That, and the unrestrained use of the word "Terrorism", to push through whatever policies he wants.

I don't say this lightly: I am of the opinion that America is headed for the deadliest and most efficient persecution of Christians the world has ever seen. The amount of controls that have been built into the system, the REAL ID act, microchip implanations combined with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID chips) that could very well be the "Mark of the Beast", are all set up. Concentration camps have been set up, the police force has been rearmed with tanks and military grade weapons... the infrastructure is all in place.

This has all been kept very quiet, and it's only seen by those that look for it. But make no mistake, it has been set up. Ranchers will tell you about the plans to RFID-tag all livestock, not realizing that it's a test for rolling it out to all people. Civil libertarians will alarmingly tell you about the posse comitatus and how that's down the tube, along with most of the bill of rights. You can hear about illegal gun confiscations in Katrina, not realizing that there's a larger plan for it.

But do you realize that this is all part of a bigger plan? That we are the targets? All kingdoms of the world are under the power and control of satan, that is his priveledge (Luke 4:5). That includes America. And we are prime for the plucking.

Does anyone else realize this? I can understand if no one has really followed this, or if they still think that Bush is a saint... it's time to look at the facts, instead of believing that politicians will lead us into revival, like I heard one pastor speak about.

Thoughts? Objections? Comments?

Re: Terrorism and Persecution, on: 2007/8/22 11:45

I am a conservative who is disappointed in Mr. Bush's presidency. I think he is better than the alternatives would have been, but I think there has been a lot of mismanagement going on. I am a Reagan conservative, and wish we could find someone like him to be president.

I think most here would agree that a lot of things we see happening today have much greater significance than just headlines. You're preaching to the choir.

As for Mr. Bush's personal relationship with the Lord... you are in no position to judge that, and I think you are

completely out of line saying he is not a practicing Christian. I'm **not** saying he is, I am saying YOU do not know that he isn't. All you know about him is what is in the media.... hardly a reliable source when it comes to the weather, not to mention someone's relationship w/ the Lord.

News Flash: You're not God. :-)

And I don't say that to defend Bush... I just got done saying this very thing about Benny Hinn on another thread. And everyone knows I don't support Hinn on his best day.

I have to wonder... is this thread a very polite and spiritual way to participate in the new national pastime of "Bush bashing"? If it is, it has no place on this forum. Want to make a difference? Go vote in November. Stirring the pot on this forum by bringing up politics when it's been made abundantly clear that it is a topic to be avoided for the most part is not going to do anything but get people riled up.

By the way, I agree with most of your post concerning the direction America is heading in. That much I can go along with.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 12:30

"Bush Bashing" is not something I care for. In fact, politics isn't something I care for. At my heart I think I still want republicans to win, and so I think I am not quite out of it yet, but I earnestly desire to not dabble in politics whatsoever.

I'm not judging Bush to heaven or hell. I am, however, judging his works. I would NEVER, and I mean never, call someone a Christian that flips people off, cusses regularly (without repentance), or pokes fun at Christians and uses them for personal gain.

That being said, I don't mean he can't be saved, but he certainly isn't going in the right direction... especially if he is responsible for killing hundreds of thousands of people for monetary gain.

This isn't politics. Virtually all politicians are crooks, in my opinion, and I don't advocate any political party. I haven't voted in several years and I don't plan to any more. I'm looking for a city "whose builder and maker is God", and I put no trust in the kingdoms of this world, even though 10 years ago I considered myself one of the most patriotic people in the country.

My interest in the matter is solely on the part of the Church. I am UPSET, to say the least, that the fundamentalist Churches of the USA, has put so much support into politics, and especially into this politician. Don't they realize that the Bible says "It is better to trust in God than in princes"? Princes are political figures! Don't they realize that the Bible says that "God will send GREAT delusion, that they will believe a lie"? Don't they realize that the Bible says that "the very elect" will be fooled? Don't they realize that the anti-christ will be a man that they THOUGHT was going to fix things? That means that YES, the religious right, the Christian Coalition, and every other Christian group formed for political advantage, is supporting a system that is fooling them.

I personally believe Christians should divorce themselves from activism (apart from simple voting) and should focus on what Jesus focused on... evangelism. We're not here to make the world a better place, we're here to lead people to Christ. If we pour our time and money into supporting someone that's going building a system of death camps for us, then something is WRONG here...

And once again, I'm not judging GW Bush, or anyone else. He has to work out his own salvation, just as I have to work out mine. He will be judged according to his final works, just as I will be. But Churches need to stop getting involved with people for impure motives... and by "impure" I mean "anything that isn't Christian", aka "What Christ taught".

Hope that helps you understand my position.

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 12:42

Quote:

-----...especially if he is responsible for killing hundreds of thousands of people for monetary gain.

See, this is what I am talking about. All this talk of this being a war for oil... if this is a war for oil, why has the price of oil gone up 135% in the last 18 months?

The President is making money of this war. This is the kind of jibberish we dont need here. Specualtions and accusation s that you can not proove one way or the other.

We would be better off sticking to theological issues here.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 12:44

Quote:

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Amen to this, and that is what this site is about... and probably 99.9% of the people here would agree with you.

You're preaching to the choir.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 13:31

Hold on a second, it's a plainly obvious FACT that war is the biggest moneymaker in history.

Regardless whether it's about oil, or simply war itself, hundreds of thousands of people have died, people with SOULS. 3000 Americans, yes... but 500,000 Iraqis. That's ALOT! We're talking about SOULS here.

And war IS a big moneymaker, thousands of defense contractors, the military industrial complex... they are making mon ey that WE are spending. I don't give a fig about OIL, you brought that up. I'm talking about war, war that's taking lives, and that shouldn't be acceptable to ANY Christian.

I cannot PROVE that Bush is personally making money off this. But I can prove that his friends are making money off thi s. That is the reason we are there, still there, and not going to leave. Every month, billions of dollars more. And in the meantime people with souls, dying. I care less about the monetary cost than about the human cost. It's not about politic s, I don't like people dying before they've had every chance they need to get saved.

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 14:34

Quote:

Zaphycat wrote:

It's not about politics, I don't like people dying before they've had every chance they need to get saved.

moe_mac wrote:

So are you in the movement to stop all traffic tickets from being written and the court system from inacting fines and pris on sentences on felony conviction to fight against evil domesticly. That's a big money maker you know, for the states an

d the federal government. Police die daily in America in this effort. If you looked at the stats on deaths in the US, probably more police and firefighters died in the last five years than soldiers in Iraq. I don't like either but use a little logic. The military is only making an attempt to restrain evil and protect people that the UN did have the gall to enforce after they passed the resolution to do so. The domestic police departments are doing the same thing the military is doing. Have you joined the group to dismantle all the police and courts systems yet? Or do we only strive in a direction when it has a direct affect on the home front and listen to all that one sided recthoric on the news media? Do only US citizen deserve to have an effort made to be protected against evil people? I hope they all get saved, also the ones that are being killed by the evil people before the police and the military can get them. And for that matter if they got saved they wouldn't be evil.

Re: - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 14:54

So, you are saying that the US is a "rightous nation" and that everyone else is "evil", so we should kill everyone else, and hope that they have a chance to turn from their ways before we kill them, right?

Our government is getting ready to crack down on every Christian in the country, and preparing to brand us with the mark of the beast, and you still think that we should be in another country creating more terrorists and killing more civilians? Or do you seriously think that they will "follow us here" if we don't fight them "over there"?

EVEN if they did, it's still not our fight. We, as CHRISTIANS, are not supposed to be fighting for satans causes, aka the kingdoms of this world. We are not OF this world, our mission is to save people, not try to make the world a better place.

You can try to pigeonhole me and put me in whatever group you think I belong in, but I don't have a clue what you're talking about to "eliminate traffic tickets".

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 15:06

Ah... I just noticed you're from *California*.

;-)

...nuff said.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 15:12

Quote:
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Uhhmm... while this will happen in the future, I do not think the Bush administration is planning Armageddon. You do not understand scripture if you seriously believe what your espousing here. The mark of the beast and the anti-Christ will not be an American thing. Go back to the Bible... and study it this time.

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Actually... I was in the military. This is a very sound and historically proven strategy. You keep your enemy tied up in one theater of operation, and it keep another theater safe. Pretty simple actually, but since you obviously havent a background in military tactics, I wouldnt expect you to be knowlegable of such things.

But it's really very simple to understand. Heck, I use it when I'm developing offensive plays for the football team I coach.

The Israelite army engaged in those types of tactics several times... at the direction of God.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 15:20

By the way... you're true colors are coming thru loud and clear. You may deny it, but you **are** bashing Bush. You say you're only interested in the Bible... how then do you justify bearing false witness against another? You admit you can not prove Bush is financially profiting from the war... yet that's what you have stated. That is bearing false witness. It is lying. It is gossip... unless you can prove it... which you admitted you cant.

I can see clearly what your agenda is... and it has no place on this forum.

Krispy

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 15:57

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moe_mac

I realize that, you can't even read and answer a simple question. I'm sure everyone else understood the question and point and You did too. Just didn't like how you would have had to answer the question. You answered it anyway, by not answering it.

Re: - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 15:57

Fine. Pigeonhole me as a liberal Bush hating hippie from California. It's easy to negate the message if you label someone as a cliché.

Be that as it may. I shake the dust of my feet off from you.

Is there anyone else who has any comments? I'd like to hear the thoughts of fundamentalists who believe what Jesus preached, and not political activists.

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 16:00

Quote:
-----Is there anyone else who has any comments? I'd like to hear the thoughts of fundamentalists who believe what Jesus preached, and not political activists.

Well... you already have. I'm no political activist. I hate politics. Politics is what's wrong with our government in the first place.

Quote:
-----I shake the dust of my feet off from you.

That's only commanded in scripture for when someone refuses Christ. :-) Perhaps something like "I refuse to cast pearls before swine" might be more appropriate?

Lighten up, Francis. I'm trying to inject a little humor.

Sooo... since you've decided to not carry on with me on this topic... can I interest you in a discussion about Bible versions? Or tithing, perhaps? Tongues? Revival? ... you pick a topic.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 16:15

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Moe: Your question was ludicrous, and instead of answering the question directly I preferred to get to the point that you were coming from... that you were also trying to pigeonhole me and label me as a deranged wackjob liberal, instead of hearing the message. It's a lot more convenient to attack the messenger rather than face the message. That's what the conservatives (Pharisees) did with Jesus when they didn't like his message. They questioned his upbringing and nitpicked minor violations of their traditions, like "healing on the sabbath" instead of dealing with the healings (or actions) or message itself. In not commenting on what I wrote, you revealed your agenda rather than "forcing me to reveal mine". Please note that I have no political agenda, my purpose in authoring this thread is to raise awareness of what is going on around us and above us. It's a lot easier for me to "stick my head in the sand" and pretend everything is A-OK, than take my head out and face the facts that are not pleasant.

Oh well.

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 16:16

Please understand, before you get in a huff and leave, that I agree with the basic premise of your posts. It's the extras that you throw in that make it distasteful. Try sticking to your point, which you can easily make without bashing individuals.

While I don't agree with your exegesis, you do have good points to make!

I am curious about why you want "fundamentalists" to respond. What does that word mean to you? What's your definition of a "fundamentalist"? Are you one?

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 16:20

Quote:

-----That's what the conservatives (Pharisees) did with Jesus when they didn't like his message.

I think Jesus was more of a conservative than the Pharisees. The Pharisees kept the Law to the "T"... but Jesus' Law was even more stringent and strict. To the Pharisees adultery was sexual intercourse, but Jesus said that if a man even look upon a woman with lust he commits adultery w/her in his heart.

Over and over again Jesus tightened the noose around their necks.

That's not my definition of liberal.

By the way, there are a lot of people here who would consider themselves to be "conservative" on many levels, political and theological... and to imply that conservatives are pharisees is really not very productive.

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Again, this forum is made up of people who are very serious about their faith, and most of whom are seeking God for revival. This is not really a social club type Christian forum. Not that your message isn't needed... but for the most part your preaching to the choir. Rather than come to us with a message, perhaps you should see if there is a message here for you as well.

I think people fair better when they come here to learn and grow and to share. Coming in with a message for all of us re

ally doesn't get to far. Not that we aren't open, but you kinda have to get to know some folks before they will be receptive to whatever it is that's on your heart. This forum is like a family. Try and find your place among us (and I'm certain there is a place). Then share your burden. Let us get to know you.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 16:36

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Oh well.

moe_mac wrote:

I wasn't trying to pigeonhole anyone. If you can't answer a question you should realize you are pigeonholed on the subject. Many people say politics have nothing to do with a relationship to the Lord. I say SI is not a political discussion place. I'll put it this way. I had rather follow someone who confessed Christ and aided others, than someone who said what has God got to do with anything" I refuse to bow down to that way of thinking. And if you honestly weighed the questions I asked you, then you would be able to see how these people are deceiving many. My faith is not in any President, Prime Minister, but King Jesus and I will support those who follow King Jesus and are not ashamed of HIS WORD.

I am sorry for the volley of exchanges in the issue. This subject is not something I just did research on yesterday. If I am going to be wrong about anything. It is not going to be following someone who says God's ways does not matter.

Re: - posted by Zapthycat (), on: 2007/8/22 16:42

A fundamentalist is one who believes in the fundamentals or basics of their cause. A fundamentalist Christian is one who believes in what Christ taught, and the basics of that message, who have peeled away all of the fluff and tradition and gotten back to the purity of the message.

The purity of the message, that Jesus taught, has a broad range of appeal to people of all types, except the folks that have gotten entrenched in the traditions, and make a good living off of complicating the message. Benny Hinn would not want the purity of the message, because that would deprive him of the millions of dollars he makes. Jesus was against people getting rich off of a message.

"Christian" was applied to followers of Christ, and it means "Christ-like". If we were truly "Christ-like" then we could ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do", like that nifty little wristband, WWJD. Sure, it became a fashionable thing to wear for a little while, but even if it was, it still bears a lot of truth. What would Jesus do? He helped people, he cut out the "middle men" that profited on religion, he purified a system of beliefs into one that honored God above all, and treated mankind better.

Think about this: What would Jesus think about:

The Death Penalty?

Rich tele-evangelist preachers?

Dying for your message?

The apostles picked up on this and carried it on. It wasn't until after they were gone that more layers of bureaucracy were added on, until the catholic church of today, with its magnificent cathedrals, purple and red robes, and elaborate traditions looks NOTHING AT ALL like what Jesus taught. And every church since then that has come out of the catholic church has taken at least some of the traditions with it, whether it's as simple as pulpits (which Jesus didn't have) or the form

at of a service (songs and then a message). Almost none of all that is biblical (not saying it's BAD, just not biblical) and no one is free of it. But what John Wesley said still rings true:

"Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergy or laymen, such alone will shatter the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon earth".

If you desire nothing but God, and fear nothing but sin, you don't care about position, titles, robes, hierarchy (sp?) recognition, money, buildings, opportunities... you are fundamentalist, you care for the advancement of God's kingdom. Jesus didn't need any ornate buildings, neither do we.

But at least if we free our mind from some of the things that we think are necessities and focus on God, and we start spending our resources on God and his kingdom, he will send down his power to enable us to shake cities and nations.

But if we are stuck in the rut of carnality and caring about the temporal things of this world, then we will spend resources on those temporal things. And the more "things" you have, the more you will want. It's hard (but not impossible) to be satisfied with what you have.

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 16:51

Good! That's what I believe as well, and is why I call myself a fundamentalist Christian.

I agree with you... except probably on the death penalty. People think Jesus would be, or is, against the death penalty. Yet... Jesus had no problem w/ the death penalty being part of the Mosaic Law. He is God... Jesus gave the Law, because the Law came from God, and Jesus is God. And nothing in the NT indicates that the government should not use the death penalty.

But other than that, that was a good post. Thank you.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 17:05

Do you realize that Pharisees were the "good guys" back then? It was Pharisees that were the most likely to accept Jesus' message, and as it turns out, they DID. A great many of them did. Why did Jesus come down so hard on them? Because his message was directed for them. He spent a lot more time talking with them, the ones that LOVED GOD MORE and the ones that HELD THE WORD TRUE than the Sadducees, who didn't even believe in spirits, who were obviously the "liberals". Why did he come down so hard on them? So that they would produce more fruit! Jesus didn't hold much common ground with the Sadducees, but he had a ton in common with Pharisees, which is why folks like Nicodemus jumped right in with him, he saw the purity of the message and the bloated traditions of the Pharisees and understood that Jesus was taking a sword and cutting out the traditions, not the word. And later on when this was understood, Pharisees were some of the MOST ARDENT followers of the Christian faith. THEY were the fundamentalists of the day, but the problem was bloated and traditional religion, as opposed to a pure relationship with God.

Likewise, I'm trying to get us to separate ourselves from some of our beliefs that we have and question which of those is really of God? Abortion is a terrible evil of society today, but is it our job to protest with signs outside clinics? No, it's our job to lead people to Christ... if they had Christ, they wouldn't have abortions! Islamic terrorists are evil, but is it our job to go and kill hundreds of thousands of them? No! The world will deal with the things in the world, or job as Christians is to not be infiltrated by the world or the policies of the world. Forget about protesting "traffic tickets" or outside abortion clinics or whatever political end you may try to achieve, if it's not of God it won't go through. The mighty Church of God has diversified its interests until it has fingers in every pot everywhere, and our message is polluted with inconsistencies for the sake of those we might call "allies" that we really have nothing in common with.

I'm aware of what type this forum is, I've been a member for several years. I posted this on here because I felt that there were people here that knew Biblical truths, and I wanted to hear the thoughts from some others that I would consider "fundamentalists", with the calling on God placed upon them. WRT is a book that I would consider to draw a great deal of fundamentalists, revivalists, etc, and this is the biggest bastion of folks that have read that book (that I know of) and that it has struck a cord with. If there are people like that, then I'd like to hear their thoughts without them immediately discounting me as a California hippie that wants to live in anarchy, or something to that effect.

Re: - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 17:07

"Let he who is without sin cast the first stone".

That was his direct quote, in response to a mosaic law that she should be killed.

Mercy rejoiceth against judgement.....

Re:, on: 2007/8/22 17:26

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moe_mac wrote:

A man or women's geographical location is not relevant to or has anything to do with their relationship with the Lord. Only when one's theology, thinking and heart is in line with the majority of Californians, as I hear I know about, and I might say, some other states, as well, including the one I live in, that makes the statement, if he indeed one is lined up with the same thinking as the worldly majority. Hopefully this is not the case with you.

Re: - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2007/8/22 17:31

"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

"Come and see..."