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WASHINGTON, D.C. (FR) - A former philosophy professor at Columbia University recently told U.S. News & World Report that he sees the potential for another "Great Awakening," like those that swept America during the 18th and 19th centuries. A non-believer, Prof. Robert Nisbet explained as a historian and sociologist that without such a spiritual awakening the nation may never regain its special place in the secular world.

Curious about his remarks, we called Prof. Nisbet recently to discuss his views. He resides in the nation's capital, where he has been affiliated with the American Enterprise Institute.

"The worship of sheer wealth is prevalent in America," Nisbet said. "But I believe we're approaching another crisis - a religious upheaval which will turn the love of mammon away." Nisbet explained that he noticed an increased interest in Christianity on college campuses after the 1950s. "Prior to the 1950s Christianity was considered a thing of the past. Science and rationalism were thought to have driven it off campus. However, after the 1950s students seemed more interested in religion than in scientific conclusions."

Nisbet taught at the University of California/Berkeley during the outbreak of the "Jesus Movement" in the late 1960s and early '70s. "I noticed that along with the dirty clothes and virtual consecration to anything anti-bourgeois, there was a distinct religious character on campus. However, I've been impressed with the recent outburst of Christianity on different college campuses."

Nisbet noted that the philosophical basis of the American form of government is based on Christianity. "The American belief in progress is based on strong Christian beliefs. Progress is a secularized idea of Christianity." Science and socialism are not as powerful as Christianity, he added.

"Men will fight with their lives for religion, but not for scientific conclusions. The Soviet government for the last 75 years has not been able to destroy religion. But our form of government is based on the acknowledgement of the existence of God."

Although skeptics predicted that evangelical Christianity would suffer a decline after the recent televangelist scandals, U.S. evangelical churches have enjoyed a steady increase in members. "Every televangelist could be wiped out tomorrow, but religion would be just as powerful," Nisbet added.

**Re: Professor says U.S. needs another "Great Awakening" - posted by PTywama3 (), on: 2005/12/4 22:45**

Mr. Gordon, how do you find all these wonderful articles?

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/12/4 22:55**

Brother,

I spend alot of time researching on the internet. Bless the Lord for allowing me to do this work, it is exciting and fearful to mine out these revival resources for the saints worldwide.

**Re:, on: 2005/12/5 12:03**

I just spoke with my grandma about the 'next' revival.

She got saved during the Jesus Movement, during the 70's, and her husband got saved thru 'The Cross and the switchblade' By D.Wilkerson.

I asked her 'when do you think its going to be?'

She said 'Soon'

I replied 'I'll give it about 2 years to be national wide.'

we then chatted back and forth concluding that:  
God's remnant of people are becoming 'more' holy. (Without blemish)  
Uniting in prayer, despite 'meaningless' doctrines.  
North America is the only continent not experiencing a Revival.

Hmm, wonderful huh? (it was all opinions..but still edifying to look forward to this)

**Re: England needs a great awakening and so do I - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/12/5 15:43**

England needs god in it especially canterbury!!

**Re: - posted by saved\_matt (), on: 2005/12/5 16:55**

hey we need revival in Liverpool too thank you, stop hogging the fire :-P ;-)