



General Topics :: the greatest evil

the greatest evil, on: 2008/3/27 14:09

what is the greatest evil known to mankind? and how should Christians address it?

my belief is that nuclear weapons are the greatest evil under the sun. they have the power to destroy the entire earth and all living things, regardless of what your faith is.

if Christians would make the abolition and destruction of all nuclear weapons their primary purpose, they would do more to convince others (nonChristians) of their Faith and the Truth of this Faith than any amount of preaching revival or other form of spreading the Word. the world would without a doubt know that Christians are dead serious about loving their fellow man if Christians demonstrated, acted, preached, and undertook every possible work or activity that could result in the elimination of nuclear weapons. if Christians would do this and fail, people of other faiths may well join in.

that Christians tolerate something capable of destroying God's Creation and all of Christianity does not speak well for our appreciation of God and His Great Works.

you can find out information about nuclear weapons and what Quakers are doing to oppose them at the link below:

http://www.fcni.org/issues/issue.php?issue_id=2

I am certain there are other sources, as well.

bub

Re: the greatest evil - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/3/27 14:21

The greatest evil is the evil human hearts of unbelief that crucify Christ afresh.

Re: - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2008/3/27 15:14

Quote:

sermonindex wrote:

The greatest evil is the evil human hearts of unbelief that crucify Christ afresh.

Amen.

Re:, on: 2008/3/27 16:08

Greg, what do you mean by "crucify Christ afresh."

moreover, what do you think is the responsibility of Christians in a world endangered by nuclear weapons?

Re:, on: 2008/3/27 16:16

Contrary to what last day deceivers such as Rob Bell, Brian McLaren, Rick Warren, and Bono might have to say our responsibility is the same as the Apostles Paul and Peter.

PREACH CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED.

2Peter 3:10-18

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening

the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/3/27 22:37

Quote:

-----sermonindex wrote: The greatest evil is the evil human hearts of unbelief that crucify Christ afresh.

Amen.

I will second that.

Physical dying by any means is not near as horrible as rejecting the gospel and spending eternity in hell.

As far as weaponry is concerned, evil men will always find a way to kill people. Outlaw one weapon, they will invent another one to replace it or finetune an existing one.

I have no confidence that man will through diplomatic negotiations eliminate war from the human landscape. Man has intensified efforts to do so and failed miserably. Men love to fight because their hearts are evil and will continue to be so as long as they are away from God.

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/3/28 10:16

Ginnyrose,

i don't disagree with what you say about diplomatic negotiations eliminating war. war will be with us until He comes again and makes the world new.

nevertheless, atomic weapons kill indiscriminately. those who may have had time or opportunity to come to God in their life can have this opportunity taken away by such weapons. moreover, they are an offence to the Creation itself. in essence, those in control of nuclear weapons have the ability to destroy all life on earth and this is an abomination like no other. (they can destroy what God has put into being!! and they like, no LOVE, having this control!!!) no other weapons produced by man can do this.

as i said, the Church that opposes these weapons will prosper and grow in that those who oppose such an abomination will be rewarded by God. and those who speak up for the Creation will be known as true believers fighting for their fellow man's salvation, as well as their rights.

bub

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/3/28 11:06

Bubba,

I agree in your assessment of the destructiveness of nuclear weapons. However, I question the church's right or responsibility to impose its opinions/convictions on the state. The state does not have a glowing reputation of taking a "Biblical" principle, putting it into practice and having it work well. Let me illustrate one tiny incident.

All of us are aware of how the Feds appeared to have bungled the relief efforts (especially FEMA) following hurricane Katrina. (Do not get me wrong: the victims had developed a mentality that it is the government's responsibility to fix whatever went wrong, so this only compounded the problems.) Sometime later, a tornado touched down in Daviss County, IN destroying homes, businesses, etc. The locals immediately went to work cleaning up, fixing, repairing, building. When the FEMA man came on the scene he was surprised to see what the locals had done and were doing. He declared there is nothing for them - FEMA- to do!

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Would you mind giving me a case example? I am aware of the Quakers pacifist position on this issue. I am also aware of the larger (liberal) Mennonite churches role in protesting the use of atomic weapons. I cannot speak for the Quakers because I am not all that well acquainted with them but I can speak of the Mennonites.

To what end have they been blessed for protesting the government's use of atomic weaponry? They have exchanged Biblical non-resistance for pacifism which has put them on a slippery slope of apostasy the unlike that has not been seen (I think) in all of Anabaptist history. They have exchanged evangelism, holiness for socialism, benevolence to the needy. Works of benevolence are commendable if not separated from the gospel, but in many situations this is what has happened.

And to add insult to injury, for many years the Mennonite Central Committee has refused to come out against abortion! (Do not know its present position on this issue.) War on the unborn is not worth their efforts. (I have talked to a lady who had contacted MCC about this but they were close mouthed and very uncooperative.) Now figure this out.

The liberal Mennonites have fast gone the way of popular Christianity in their apostasy in just the past 50 years. So, in my observation I have not seen any church being blessed for trying to impose their pacifist philosophy onto the government.

I am not saying I like atomic weapons: I am only saying that non-resistant Christianity has better things to do which will have better results. Too often we are ignorant of how God is working in the lives of people in the military. Pastor Frin has shared his testimony on "Let's Talk about Peace." On that thread I shared a story of a navy intelligence officer who was 6 months from retirement. The HOLY SPIRIT convicted him of his job and he left the Pentagon and now works as a teacher. (There is a picture of him, Tom Mooney, in the April/May 2008 issue of "Country" magazine, published by Reiman publications, on page 54.) He says there are others whom the HS has convicted of their role in military machine.

Bubba, God is working in the lives of people and it seems to me we do well to cooperate with him in His methods and not take this work into our own hands because that is fleshly and gets you nowhere spiritually.

My understanding and observations of life and what I have seen happen.

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/3/28 11:46

Ginnyrose, thank you for your seasoned post. i'm not sure, but the Mennonites may not be taking a position against abortion for reasons unclear to outsiders. The Religious Society of Friends takes no position on this issue because Friends are not in agreement on the issue. all denominational decisions are made by consensus process, so, a few individuals can stand in the way. many Quakers oppose abortion, but the RSOF takes no position. this may be so in the Mennonite Church??

my opinion of the Mennonite Churches opposition to nuclear weapons????? LAME!!! in word only. When is the last time you saw anything in the news about Mennonites working against nuclear weapons???

this kind of protest needs people willing to live with conviction! as did the Navy man you noted.

as it is, this Great Abomination is standing in front of the Church, saying, WE are IN CONTROL! YOUR FATE BELONGS TO US!

bub

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/3/28 14:59

Quote:

-----but the Mennonites may not be taking a position against abortion for reasons unclear to outsiders.

Bubba, one can only guess why this is so. However, in the conservative segment of Mennonites opposition to this procedure is strong with no tolerance whatsoever. The reason for this is because people believe it to be killing.

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Likely. Mennonites have no 'pope' to steer them but they do have seminaries, and church periodicals in which ideas are shared and promoted. :-?

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I do not know the answer to this question since I do not have access to "Mennonite Weekly" where these kind of ideas/acts are reported. But I suppose you are right: there has been very little protests done at military bases...maybe because God has kept them too occupied with clean-up following disasters. I am talking about Mennonite Disaster Service which will go into any community hit by storms to assist in clean-up. They have refined this service which has even grabbed the attention of the news media! and now other church groups are following suit!

Liberal Mennonites have also jumped on the bandwagon of making the church friendly to unrepentant homos and lesbians. This may be their latest project, having displaced the protests against the use of nuclear weapons. Or maybe they have decided they have reached the goal politically in that people are scared of it. Do not know...reckon I will have to ask someone, like my BIL who teaches at a liberal Mennonite University...will see.

The bottom line is that modern Mennonites have strayed far from their Anabaptist roots. If Michael Sattler, Felix Mantz, Conrad Grebel, Menno Simons could see where the modern Mennonite church has gone, they would 'roll over in their grave'! I am sure they would be so embarrassed and ashamed like some conservative Mennonites are...:-o

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by BrianPaul (), on: 2008/3/28 18:26

Ill give a biblical answer to the greatest evil under the sun.

My Heart.

"My heart is as black as ink and blots out the Name of God"

This should be sobering for us all.

Peace brothers and sisters.

Re:, on: 2008/3/29 8:31

BrianPaul,

I definately hear what you are saying, the human heart is full of malice and ego.

this said, without technology such as nuclear weapons, this heart could not effect a worldwide destruction of the Creatio n. in fact, atomic weapons are a reflection, a manifestation of this evil heart.

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Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/3/29 8:55

What's more? The sanctified gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift? In this case, the heart is the altar of the temple, and some temples are for God and some are for Satan. I think a nuclear bomb is an "evil invention" (Romans 1:30), the prod uct of a darkened heart, of a heart that has been "given over" by God to run wild in its natural, godless state. The darken ed heart came before the bomb, and the bomb was invented by it, therefore the wicked product is but a fruit of a more wi cked producer, the root of which is able to produce not merely bombs and guns that destroy physical things and take life , but is also the wellspring of all defilement in the spiritual. The sins Jesus mentions that proceed from the heart: "fornicat ion, uncleanness, lust, malice, backbitings" are all unseen and of eternal consequence and have an all-encompassing ran ge of destruction and death with billions and billions in their grip leading to eternal death. Bombs can only destroy the te mporal, and within a given proximity. The heart is able to produce bombs leading to physical death, as well as unseen d efilements of spiritual sin leading to eternal death. In both, the heart is the seat.

The unregenerate heart is a greater evil than anything it can produce.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/3/29 9:08

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The sins proceeding from the heart have a far greater kill-ratio than any nuclear bomb can ever dream of. The greatest e vil known to man is invisible, dear Bubbaguy; you can't hold it, smell it, touch it, taste it, feel it. It's a spiritual dynamic, tak ing its seat in the heart of man when Adam sinned. Nuclear bombs were merely one of the things resulting from the injec ted spiritual DNA of this invasion.

I do agree that in the *physical*, and perhaps of all the evil fruit that has blossomed from the heart of man, the nuclear bo mb may be the most atrocious means as of yet for taking mortal life on a grand scale, but this is only one of the evil rami fications the heart is able to produce. I believe there is a greater evil yet within the heart, still to be revealed.

Re: - posted by nowhr2hide (), on: 2008/3/29 9:41

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No doubt that is so true.

It's our heart, our human heart that result of the suffering because of the thought of the heart exposed to the very roof to

p of the earth; unless it's submitted to the continual correction and the renewing of the heart fully dedicated and full surrender to God the creator of all from the beginning through Jesus Christ the Messiah.

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/3/29 11:02

I would certainly agree that nuclear weapons are a terrible evil. It's worth noting that the horrible level of destruction and human misery that filled the writings of Jeremiah and Lamentations could be surpassed in a single missile launch today. If John the revelator was really glimpsing nuclear weapons being used en masse, it is not surprising that he would employ metaphoric language to describe the scale and horror of the vision. Man in his time couldn't imagine that a few leaders would have tools capable of melting cities greater than ancient Rome in mere seconds.

Having said that I think this is vitally important...

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This is the point of a deep fissure between the biblical Gospel preaching and our many conservative and liberal churches who carp on about various schemes of morality and happiness.

Until we accept that the human heart is a hateful alien towards God, we will not be able to accept the Gospel. In that sense the old heart is the greatest evil, and churches that substitute the cross (a way that is contrary to man's heart) with humanism (a way that is compatible with man's heart) are the greatest accomplices of that evil.

I don't think we can expect much more than weapons of mass destruction from intelligent men who never knew God. Yet for men who claim to be of God, while endorsing not only these weapons, but also by letting forth a veritable Niagara of human defiance to the cross from their ostensibly Christian pulpits, they have become a weapon of mass deception to this generation.

The temptation we have to resist is becoming self-righteous in some particular while remaining indifferent to our own place at the cross. An environmentalist who gives his life to protect the ecology while rejecting Christ is just as self-righteous as the religious moralist who marches around with derogatory signs towards homosexuals.

I can only conclude that the more we Christians protest nuclear weapons, or homosexuality, or environmental pollution without making the death and resurrection of Christ our central and persistent theme, the more we are aiding and abetting the very evil that terrifies us in our dreams. The idea that our vigorous protests of social evil will cause unsaved men to warmly approve of Christianity is a misdirection to ourselves from the gospel, and a misunderstanding of the human heart.

If we bring real light to the world, it will hate us. This is because we aren't just giving some righteously tuned opinion against some world leader, or some evil businessman, according to our own arbitrary perspective, but telling the unwelcome truth about the very nature and corrupt framework of their own hearts according to the perspective of God. People who want to do live morally and do good deeds aren't attracted by that message...only those who are appalled at their own sin truly come to Christ.

MC

Re: The Greatest Evil - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/3/29 11:19

(<http://www.poodwaddle.com/worldclock.swf>) World Clock

It is based on averages but it still puts things into perspective.

Certainly a nuclear launch would dramatically alter the numbers but that is not really the point. You called this in your estimation 'the greatest evil' but it can never be so.

The greatest evil is sin and without its elimination even if you rid the earth of atomic weapons man would still devise way

s to kill and conquer, rid themselves of the inconvenience produced by selfish aims; abortion, violence, rape, murder, the ft ...

For many years when the arms race was in full heat I was petrified that it was eminent, only a matter of time (even days) before the world would see it's demise. And frankly, though my perspective is completely altered now as a Christian, the point of fact is that the threat is only the push of a button away.

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Well that is sheer rubbish. For how many years has the cry gone forth over the murdering of the unborn from Christan's (direct your gaze back to the running chart and it's running tally). Just to stare at it for awhile and ponder the whole sordid affair, all the death and disease, violence and destruction. You would have us believe some collective outcry would 'convince' the same rulers that will not abolish let alone punish the now convenient act of murdering the innocent, though it has been tried and continues to be protested, spoken out against ... that they would however lay down their weaponry all because we are dead serious about it?

It's absurd and a product of your imagination. To hear these kinds of things often makes me wonder if there isn't some hidden agenda behind a great deal that we think we are doing and it applies in many ways, even in the attempts to win the lost. What I mean is this nefarious idea that as long as we attempt something with a 'good' motive, the betterment of the race for the here and now (though it is *temporal*) and a thousand other things, just as long as we give it the old college try we can wash our hands of it even if it produces nothing or next to nothing, "I did my part", thinking ourselves somehow justified, forgetting;

Luk 17:10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Quote:
-----they would do more to convince others (nonChristians) of their Faith and the Truth of this Faith than any amount of preaching revival or other form of spreading the Word.

And yet just what was it that produced the faith that we hold? A committee, a program, a collective petitioning of mere men around an ideal? This is complete nonsense. All the turns of history that ever caused men to wake up were caused by God intervening into the evil human affairs and through the very foolishness of preaching, revival and spiritual awakenings. If you think it otherwise you are delusional.

The greatest evil is that man will say no to God as Philologos once put it. You would put off the greater import for the lesser;

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this said, without technology such as nuclear weapons, this heart could not effect a worldwide destruction of the Creation. in fact, atomic weapons are a reflection, a manifestation of this evil heart.

The effects for the root cause, it is what the larger common denominator of the church at large goes about doing. Attempt

ting to win, fix, manipulate, program and design ways from the outside in. The word of God does not pierce the heart as it once did because it has been taken into the wrong hands and put about after its own intentions, man's. It is said to mean something different than its intentions because we are now so much more enlightened, have progressed as a species and yet ... do the numbers lie? You do not believe the bible on its own merits Bubba but apply it as it suits you. Your concerns are earth bound despite even the Lord Jesus and the apostles constant emphasis otherwise; away from the temporal, the earthy ... *But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth a way.* 1Co 7:29

It is not abstract or fatalism that we are dealing with but *eternity*. We have gone from this to majoring on the minors, the here and now, the temporal, while giving the import a nod and a wink and a "but of course". You also forget one very important matter;

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. Dan 2:21,22

The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.' Dan 4:17

... all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?" Dan 4:35

For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another. Psa 75:6,7

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: Act 17:26,27

Who is in control, mere men? What keeps the world from spinning into full on anarchy, our great learning and advancement? Our peculiar evolutionary abstracts, 'micro' organic changes that makes men a better race than they were 2000, 50 000 years ago? That we have become more civil and moral, more God fearing and God loving? Is it so?

It certainly is not, it's worse not better, it's painted to look so but the heart is still as full of all evil and depravity as it ever was. Even the so called 'best' of us can barely get along without pride or evil imaginations and suspicions of each others intents and motives. It is sin that brought us down and pays its price in death, no one escapes it. It is *the* greatest evil.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Heb 9:27

I worry about you Bubba, your approach to things that matter often seem to be bound to this earth and social causes. It has never been without them as we have our obligations, to the poor and to the widow and likewise. But the things put forward as our greatest concern are not those that scripture ever puts forward as so; what the world does and says, what it believes are its humanitarian constructs of an elusive earthly utopia, all without God ... or even with Him as long as it goes according to our desires and wishes.

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

I believe it was mentioned earlier and not to be forgotten;

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 2Pe 3:7

Do you think mere men will thwart this?

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2Pe 3:10

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 2Pe 3:12

Even the Lord Himself speaking ...

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Mat 24:6-13

It all seems so redundant doesn't it? To keep hearing all this, to have it so in our face as it were even to the point where some of us might secretly harbor the unbelief unspoken of but nevertheless ...

And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 2Pe 3:4

You can go on socially engineering a thousand of like constructs and never get anywhere. It is the heart, it always will be that must be reached, it is the grand effort all throughout scripture and experience. If this is not the aim and effort we will continue to spin our wheels, create more and more confusion and even work directly against God Himself.

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Indeed. A better extrapolation I do not know of than just this;

(http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmode=flat&order0&topic_id=22841&forum=34&post_id=&refreshGo) Take Heed of Sinning in Thought -venning

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/3/29 12:05

I appreciate you fellows' spiritual input - I agree. Now for more insight into the practical:

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-----To hear these kinds of things often makes me wonder if there isn't some hidden agenda behind a great deal that we think we are doing and it applies in many ways,

Bubba, quite a few years ago there was found in the possession of the Communist Viet Cong canned foods prepared by MCC! Now go figure that! Some conservative Mennonites have speculated that the liberals are working in cahoots with the Communists (and believe it or not, but conservative Mennonites are quite patriotic: they just will not take up arms to kill anyone) and in effect undermine our government.

Bubba, in the practical, I am very leery of this kind of activism by liberal Mennonites, and by extension Quakers, because it plays into the enemy's goal of dividing the American citizens and its government, thus hoping to destroy it.

(Mind if I tell you another true story? Quite a few years ago "Christianity Today" magazine had a feature article detailing the work of VORP (Victims-offenders-reconciliation-program). I was fascinated with its concept and thought now this is a Biblical thing to do. So I called their headquarters to discuss this more with them. In the discussion, I asked about the spiritual dimension of this program. The lady told me in definite language that it is not a part of their program, it is left up to the individual to use it if he/she wants to but it is not an integral part of its philosophy. Here you have a program that utilizes spiritual truths but leave out the Master Teacher.. This is NOT the way to deal with sinful folks.)

On the spiritual level a greater fear is that we are seeing people throwing their resources to be used by the devil to drag them and others into hell and at the same time they think they are doing God's service! Bubba, this to me is the scariest of it all!

Make sense?

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/3/29 17:04

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the abortion comparison is not valid here. Abortion is committed by a lone doctor and woman, and maybe a nurse or two . it is murder, but the state views this as a matter of women choosing, and thus will not interfere.

the bomb is the work of a society that views mass murder (and unfathomable biological and environmental destruction) as justifiable under certain circumstances. (Just as the US justifies bombing Japan, "to save american lives.")

as for "your approach to things that matter often seem to be bound to this earth and social causes." Did not Jesus tell us "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. . . . Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." ??

Our salvation is dependent upon our Faith, but faith without works is DEAD, DEAD, DEAD! If our faith is not manifested in concern for this time, this earth, this life, this humanity, if you can save yourself without effecting positive change on the earth,

well, is this really what you mean??? or want???

from what i can tell, protesting and working against atomic weapons is perhaps the most important thing that Jesus would have us do (unto Him.)

bub

Re: Greatest evil - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/3/29 21:02

Bub,

The time to arrest the development of the nuclear arms race was when it started. To think that a mass of concerned Christians is going to 'convince' the world leaders to abandon their weapons of mass destruction ...

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But if her children are born and she kills them the state will punish her.

It is valid in the point that for all the outcry from Christians or no and are they not dead serious? that this effort has not stopped it.

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Ah, now you are at least closer! *a society*, change that and you might have something. Take the bombs away and you still have a society bent on it's own evil inclinations ... For crying out loud, we have a society that is more concerned over global warming than of it's own destruction, what a minute, that is the great concern, right? We are manipulated to believe whatever is more predominant, even when there is a great disagreement over whether all of this or if any of it is even true. Now go find a scientist who will deny that nuclear fallout is up for disagreement as to it's effects. The thinking of the world is insane, madness is in the heart of man.

Mat 25:44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
Mat 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

That is the context Bub.

And faith without works is indeed dead. But what manner of works are in view, protesting? Where do you find this in the scriptures? Is this what Christians are instructed to be about doing ... saving the created world doomed to destruction? Do you not believe Jesus Himself and what He told would come to pass ...

Quote:
-----from what i can tell, protesting and working against atomic weapons is perhaps the most important thing that Jesus would have us do (unto Him.)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. Joh 3:16-20

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Joh 5:39,40

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. Joh 8:12

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. Joh 17:3

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mar 1:14,15

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Joh 3:3

Re:, on: 2008/3/29 22:43

if anybody cares.

<http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=10949771>

bub

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/4/2 20:56

Bubba,

I have been thinking about your concern, this issue all day while I was working on my plants - if nothing else it makes the time go faster. :-D

But seriously now, I am wondering how do you plan to go about convincing the government to back off from stocking nuclear weapons?

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 7:20

If it wasn't for the desperately wicked state of the human heart there would be no nuclear weapons, or war for that matter. Greg was right on with his answer. Until the heart is renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit there is no solution.

Also... I think the US should get rid of all nuclear weapons... actually, all weapons... just as soon as China, Russia, India, Iran etc give up theirs.

Unfortunately, until they get rid of theirs, we need ours.

It's nice to dream of Utopia... but it will never happen in this world of sin and wickedness. 1969 is over... the peace/love/evolution "movement" failed. Why? Because it denied God. They tried to change the world without the only One who could change it!

...and that's what Bono, Warren and all those others are trying to do. Their intentions are noble, but they deny the Power.

And I'm a little tired of everyone holding Bono up as a spiritual giant. He is not a born again, Spirit filled believer.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/4/3 9:36

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Krispy, did you listen to Sen. McCain's speech "I Detest War"? Your sentiments match his minus the spiritual rhetoric.

I still hope Bubba will come on and tell us what he had in mind, but he may not....however I would like to share something that came to me yesterday.

I personally know of two men who have ministered to government officials who believe in Biblical non-resistance and they had/have a very interesting ministry. It is not the kind that will get a lot of media notice. And perhaps I should not even name them?

The one, I will call Abe (now deceased), was a Mennonite preacher in PA who owned a farm and his wife had the gift of

hospitality including the gift of cooking. Somehow, he made friends with the people at the United Nations building in NYC. He would regularly go there and in the process of things invite the people - foreigners - to his farm. They would come by the bus loads. Now remember, he was a preacher and had a love for people that was an extension of his love for the LORD Jesus.

Now the other one, who is still living - I will not say anything more because this is a public forum and I do not want to ruin things for him. But the point is the government consists of individuals who are going *somewhere* and in my opinion one should focus on them, not the organization because after all God did ordain the government to keep law and order. But do they have to use nuclear weapons? Yes, I wish they would destroy them...

More food for thought...God talked to Amos, gave him messages for the people. Notice who God was angry with and why: (All scripture from NASB)

1. Damascus: Because they threshed Gilead with implements of iron. cha. 1:3
2. Gaza: Because they deported an entire population to deliver it up to Edom. Cha. 1:6.
3. Tyre: Because they deported an entire population to deliver it up to Edom and did not remember the covenant of brotherhood. v. 9
4. Edom: Because he pursued his brother with the sword, While he stifled his compassion; His anger also tore continually, and he maintained his fury forever.
5. Ammon: Because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead in order to enlarge their borders.v. 13
6. Moab: Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime. 2:1.
7. Judah: Because they rejected the law of the LORD and have not kept His statutes; Their lies also have led them astray, Those after which their fathers walked.
8. Israel: Because they sell the righteous for money And the needy for a pair of sandals.... Also turn aside the way of the humble; And a man and his father resort to the same girl.... On garments taken as pledges they stretch out beside every altar, And in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined. cha. 2:6-8. ALL NASB.

Now fast forward to the NT: John the Baptist: he challenged Herod because of an unlawful marriage which cost him his head. This was all done under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Later, soldiers asked Jesus for advice and he told them to be content with their wages and to do not violence to no man.

God sent warnings to heathen peoples about their destructive behaviours. It was about cruel acts of war they have done, their methodology, if you will. God was not pleased, hence his warnings about imminent destruction and why.

As I consider these scriptures, these messages all delivered by a prophet under the direction of God and later Jesus, I do see room in the scheme of things for people to sound the alarm about destructive behaviours BEFORE preaching to them about their need for a Saviour. Then there is 1Tim. 1:8: "But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully." Perhaps this is where the challenge lies: how does one do this?

Personally, I can understand Bubba's concern about the use of the A-bomb. But I am more concerned about the practice of abortion. Now this is something people CAN do something about. And to date many more have been killed by it than the A-bomb ever did or likely will ever do. And this is happening in our cities (people from the rural areas go there to have the procedure done).

My understanding...

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/4/3 9:48

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Indeed, maybe we should all be thankful that Planned Parenthood doesn't have the bomb.

MC

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 10:37

Ginnyrose,

the link that i provided is one way to communicate with your representatives in Congress about your concerns for New nuclear weapons. Yes, even though the US has 10,000+ warheads, they are planning to build more of them. We (anti-nuclear activists) barely defeated renewed production facilities in New Mexico a few of years ago (in 2003.) Concerned citizens such as yourself made alot of noise and the pit facility remains closed. (Just think about how this would look, the US making new nuclear weapons while telling Iran and North Korea they cannot have them.)

The Bush Administration wanted to build two weapons: 1) an earth penetrator (also called a "bunker buster") to attack underground targets, and 2) a tactical, battlefield, "mini-nuke." They actually called these things "usable" nuclear weapons, because the others in stock are soooo big and destructive, and cannot be used without huge amounts of collateral damage.

So, it is possible to stop the government from making new nuclear weapons. this is a good first step towards their elimination, because as the arsenal ages, it becomes more and more unreliable. eventually, the military will try again to start up the nuclear weapons program.

We likely cannot get all of these weapons destroyed in the short run, but prepared and active citizens can make the world a safer place (for their fellowman.) And i believe this is what Christ would have us do.

bub

PS. i asked before, bt didn't hear back. what kind of tomatoes are you pruning in the middle of winter??

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 11:10

Quote:
-----Krispy, did you listen to Sen. McCain's speech "I Detest War"? Your sentiments match his minus the spiritual rhetoric.

No, didnt hear it... but it's just common sense. No normal human being wants war. But America disarming is not practical and is not smart. Everyone wants to save lives around the world, but everyone expects the US to put it's citizens at risk. It doesnt take a rocket scientist to figure out that if we totally disarmed... it would take about 12 minutes for someone to nuke us.

No one else is going to disarm. Not Russia, not China, not Iran... and until that changes, America needs to have a nuclear arsenal. To think that we can change the world by buying it a Coke, singing a few U2 songs, and putting the flowers in the barrels of guns it naive and idiotic... and would get us all killed.

And regardless of what Bono and whoever else says... America is not the evil empire. If anyone thinks China is a Utopia, go live there and proclaim your faith in Christ publicly.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 11:22

By the way... I'm no fan of McCain either. I'm no fan of 95% of the politicians out there, regardless of their party affiliation . I'm about as frustrated as I have ever been with our "choices" for President. I wouldnt give you a plug nickle for any of t hem.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 11:35

Krispy,

i hope that you wouldn't advocate for renewed nuclear weapons testing and production. or production of the "neutron bo mb."

frankly, if the U.S. went ahead and got rid of 99% of our nuclear arsenal, the few remaining would still be a very serious deterrent to other countries. and we would be safer and save billions of US taxpayer dollars. (did you see the story about the navy plane landing in Texas with several live nucs on board that weren't supposed to be there? they cannot keep tra ck of these things! and how that story got out is beyond me. who leaked THAT?!?)

if the US got rid of all of them, and told the world, would NK and Iran believe us???? and given the fact that even withou t nucs we could still bomb Iran or NK into the stone age, would they ever dare use a nuc against us??

bub

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 11:47

Obviously there are some problems with our nuclear program. The fact is, Bubba, the world will not be nuked until such t ime as God sees fit to allow it to happen according to His prophetic time table.

So... I'm really not that worried about it. My faith is not in government, or man... not even Bono. My faith is in God. All I c an do is tell as many people as I can about the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and that He died so that man could live.

And guess what, according to the Bible things are going to get worse for this old world, not better. No matter how hard y ou "kick against the pricks", things are going to get worse. Buckle up.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 12:19

Krispy,

thanks for your frank assessment. (just so you know, i don't follow mr. bono, or know much about his activism.)

what scares me is that people will go along with your thinking that it is just a matter of time before "things . . get worse" and nations resort to the use of nucs. this thinking is that nuclear war is inevitable and we cannot alter this future (becau se we perceive it within the end-times prophesy of the Bible.)

this is a kind of hopelessness that I cannot share or accept from anyone, Christian or not. this is because it is self-fulfillin g. if you believe any activity opposing nuclear weapons and the interventionist foreign policy of our military is a waste of time, it will be so.

the important question is this: do we accept and live under such violent options as part of our daily lives? we can do this with defeated resignation or with righteous protest and nonconformity. Jesus told us to "render unto Cesear" what belon gs to Cesear. So, i pay my taxes and try to be a good citizen. but "Cesear" doesn't own my life and we are all called up on to stand up for what we believe.

bub

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 13:01

Let us remember that the birth of Nuclear weapons began in Nazi Germany, and if we did not defeat the Hitler-ites, they undoubtedly would have succeeded and the world would still be smoking under their cruel Satanic sting. Russia and China followed, and detente'.

Solomon developed Engines of War, as did Alexander, and the Romans took warlike dominion over the Western world with hi-tech war machines like no other before. So, the issue cannot be accomplished by destroying the weaponry. His story proves that because evil exists, so do evil men, and they will not compromise with goodness and peace. They are driven to dominate. They are driven to act upon a desire to usurp themselves over another.

The most evil thing and event in History is when Satan said in his heart, "I will ascend to the sides of the North, I will raise MY throne Above the stars of God, I will sit on the mount of assembly, above the heights, "I WILL MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH!". This is the spirit of murder, this is the root of all death, destruction, disease, and the ultimate annihilation of all mankind.

Nuclear weapons are a grain of salt in a 55 gallon drum, compared to this one. This is the creation of death itself. This is original sin.

Jesus said of Satan, "He is a murderer from the beginning" Out of this heart, out of this rebellion birthed the black heart of all men, as it spread to the first man, and woman. It is our natural identity. It is our self.

We became original sin, by birth right. We inherited the nature of Satan himself, through Adam, simply by being born.

It was the most costly error in history, and without doubt, the most wicked. Would it disappear if each and every nuker vanished today? Would we still fear another monster would arise to subdue and use us? Of course, and the end of war will come when Satan is thrown headlong into a lake of burning fire, where he will be tormented forever and ever, and with him, all who reject the ANSWER, the Blood of the God man, Jesus.

Since the beginning, there has been the Answer. The city of God, promised. Enoch knew of it, as did Abraham. Jesus called it The Kingdom of God. Ultimately it will be focused into a massive dwelling place the Lord calls New Jerusalem, that will forever be free from all war, and the evil hunters who create it. Rev:22. Bad stuff is outside, along with the bad.

Jesus said, "Remember my Death, until I come." Commensurately, to erase the greatest Evil ever to plague mankind, The greatest price, ever to grace mankind was paid. The death of God himself, in the body of a man.

Not to alarm, but I believe as the word says, there will be something that destroys one third of all mankind. I also believe that this is allowed and released by God himself, as the flood was, in Noah's day. I also believe that America will not be spared, but contraire', it will be added some suffering, for our rebellion was smack in the face of the word of God, and multiple holy men over 300 years. Judgement begins at the house of God. We've become a prostitute of epic reputation, selling our faith furiously to become the home of every foul bird.

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I won't elaborate on 60 million babies offered to Molech, the grandiose thefts that have soaked into all manner of commerce, the sensual fornicating spirit that defiles us and our young ones, that would cause Sodom to blush, the widespread promotion of drug use, both legal and illegal, and outright in your face witchcraft and new age sorcery. {SEE OPRAH'S NEW CHURCH for an eye opener, you tube.

Yes, America suffering Nuclear attack. I think 2 for 1. We will see 100 million burnt in the end, on our soil. 2 for every baby murdered.

The answer is Faith. Those who will survive "the greatest evil on the Earth today", will do so as it has always been, from the beginning. The just shall live by faith. What does this mean?

The Lord has never forsaken ANY who have put their trust in Him. Never." EVEN THOUGH HE SLAY ME, YET WILL I TRUST IN HIM."

"Who are these, where did they come from?"..."you know".....

"These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." REV:7VS.14

Then the Word describes the City of God. The answer to the greatest Evil ever. Faith is the vehicle to get us over, to believe and know that he cannot lie, and He is worth serving no matter what, and as Job, "Even though He slay me, YET WILL I WORSHIP HIM."

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Hopelessness? Are you kidding me? What I am talking about is the greatest source of hope known to man... the hope of redemption!

I look toward heaven for my hope and encouragement. You'll never find it here. Mother Teresa did more than probably any other human being to help relieve the suffering of the poor, and try and bring peace to the world. What a noble and honorable thing that was. But when her personal journals and writings were released after her death it revealed a woman who had no inner peace... why? Because her hope was in her good works, and in a false religion.

I never said we should never do anything to bring peace into people's lives, and try to alleviate suffering. We should, but the Bible plainly shows us that things will wax worse. But that's not fatalism... it's realism. It's not hopelessness... it's hope! Hope that as we see things worsen look up... for our redemption draweth nigh!

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 14:08

K-man,

do you ever have a bad day and say to yourself, tomorrow will be a better one? when a father sends his son or daughter off to college, do they reflect that it may be a waste of their time because the End Times are a comin'??

all humans hold out hope for their lives, in the here and now, in the moment God has created. we aspire to be better musicians, better husbands and wives, better employees, better athletes, etc.

we should not be waiting for paradise to commence. it will come in due time, but in the meantime we have Christian responsibilities to other people and to the Creation. my point in the thread is that getting rid of such abominations as nuclear weapons is one of our Christian responsibilities here on earth. because it is an expression of love for our fellow man. those untold millions unsaved will not be saved by the world war and destruction that you say is inevitable. no, they will be lost. i am advocating that we show our Christian Love for all of them and lessen the dangers here on earth. would that they live long enough to be able to come to the Faith.

bub

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 15:58

Like I said, Bub, I never said we shouldn't do all we can to make this a better place... you're overgeneralizing my words. But we also, as believers in God's inerrant and perfect Word, have to realize that HE says it will get worse... and it will.

And that is why we should keep our hearts fixed on the future glory, which will have nothing to do with this wicked and perverse world system.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/4/3 21:49

Quote:

-----i asked before, but didn't hear back. what kind of tomatoes are you pruning in the middle of winter??

Before I read further, I will answer this question. We grow Trust and Quest, greenhouse varieties. They have been developed to grow under low light conditions. Garden varieties do not do well during the short months of the year. Having said this, these tomatoes respond very well to natural light as we are seeing now. Not only do they love natural light, they love its intensity which results in increased production. The plants will grow half an inch a day. Before they set fruit it is like one inch a day! Now you know why we are busy!

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/4/3 22:07

Quote:
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Krispy, you actually might change your mind about McCain if you listen to his speech "I Detest War". He says the same thing you just did on this thread...:-o

Actually, I share your sentiment about these presidential candidates...to vote in this election would be like ..oh, never mind, it is not very non-resistant! :-? Reckon I am a tad bit afraid I may end up voting for the one that will facilitate the coming of the anti-Christ. I am almost 61 YO and never in my life have I felt so much uncertainty, unease about a presidential election as this one and my earliest memory of a presidential election goes back to the '50s when the contest was between Adlai Stevenson and Ike Eisenhower. Back then popular opinion was that what disqualified Stevenson was that he was involved in a divorce/remarriage situation!

Yes, this election scares me a whole lot more then the A-bomb.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/4/3 22:24

Quote:
-----my point in the thread is that getting rid of such abominations as nuclear weapons is one of our Christian responsibilities here on earth. because it is an expression of love for our fellow man.

Son, I am going to nag and beg you again, make a pest of me; if you want to crusade against unmitigated evil, why do you not channel your energies into fighting abortion? You agree it is evil, but this killing goes on every day. I think the stats say there are 3700 babies aborted every day in the USA; in one month there are 100,516 babies aborted.

Bubba, methinks thee should educate thyself more on this issue. Hast thou seen the video "Massacre of Innocence"? It is now on DVD. I just purchased one on eBay...

{{sigh}}

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/4/4 7:28

Quote:
-----Krispy, you actually might change your mind about McCain if you listen to his speech "I Detest War". He says the same thing you just did on this thread...

I'm w/ McCain on defense. But there is a lot about him that I don't like. I don't think he has a clue what to do about the economy, and on social issues he is a rank and file liberal.

And I couldn't be further away from the other two yahoo's as I am right now. I may write in Mickey Mouse this election.

But we all agree when we come to this forum not to discuss politics, so I will simply say ... I remember Ronald Reagan, and McCain ain't no Ronald Reagan.

Wish he was, but he ain't. And neither is our current President.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/4/4 15:28

Son? Ginnyrose, you aren't so old as to possibly be my parent. (no offense taken)

i am "educated" about the abortion issue. hate it. but we all have to pick our battles, so to speak. Abortion is not manufactured with billions of taxpayer dollars, stored in silos and threatening the entire world with destruction. It is a great evil, but i don't see anything i can do that could possibly affect the Supreme Court ruling, (and even if this ruling is someday overturned, abortion will still exist and be readily available.)

the folks for whom this issue is most important will likely have to settle for increasingly tighter restrictions on abortion, lessening its occurrence. but, perhaps a very good team of lawyers could get standing in court for a fetus, which is the real issue. a fetus has no standing in court and is not recognized as having rights. overturn this, and the whole issue will fall away. the concern is not "womens rights", it is the rights of the fetus that will turn the tables, if recognized. until that time their isn't much to do. protest won't work on this issue, but activist protest will work on the nuclear weapons issue in the long run.

bub

ps. thanks for the tip on the maters, ma. :-)

Re: - posted by ginnrose (), on: 2008/4/5 11:01

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Bubba, this mindset indicates an apathetic attitude. Most people involved in the pro-life movement know it will take 'forever' to make abortions illegal so they are working otherwise to convince people to not do it. And they are succeeding - one baby at a time, one abortion clinic closing at a time. Do you know there are now fewer abortion providers in the USA than at any point in the last 30 years?

To suggest AB will still be available even if outlawed is a lame excuse, IMHO. If you take this reasoning to its logical conclusion, one should decriminalize all acts of violence because people will still do it!

The abortion issue is NOT just about killing fetus': it deals with the entire issue of what leads to 'making a baby'. It is a morals issue. "Experts" go into schools to teach children how to 'do it', leave knowing jolly well they played into children's curiosity and flair for experimentation and what is the result? Pregnancy. Oh, well, never mind: there is the school nurse who will help you go to a Planned Parenthood Clinic which will give you an abortion - just do not tell your parents. So, off to the clinic she goes and the taxpayer pays PP to kill this baby and in the process scar the girl. Physical intimacy has been demoted to the realm of animalistic drives like my cat, completely separated from the spiritual aspect God had infused in it. And who pays? The girls and by extension the boys - the fathers, and the fellows who may eventually marry a girl who has been victimized by this satanic philosophy. The girls will find herself being unable to bond with her husband once she marries and the husband cannot figure out what goes with this crazy woman he is married to. It is no accident that rates for abuse and divorces have risen since roe v wade. Abortion is all part of a larger picture.

Yup, abortion hurts more people than the A-bomb ever did or will. The bomb kills bodies. Abortions kills souls AND bodies.

A pro-life worker must content himself/herself with few numbers, persistence in face of apathetic minds, little public acclaim for any greatness. And we all know if the churches had done their job well, there would be fewer abortions in the USA. Most clients who have ABs say they are religious.

Now go figure...and where is the outrage?

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Onesimus4God (), on: 2008/4/5 11:41

Hello,
I'm not sure just how this thread started with Nuclear threat and progressed to abortion. I apologize for not having read all your posts.
I've been involved in "pro-life" for over 25 years. I've seen some success, but none quite as profound as what I want to share with you now.

I'm originally from a large midsouth city. In that city at one time there were 5 abortion clinics. Yes there were protests. Yes there were sidewalk counselors. Yes there were vigilants. But then there were prayer warriors. There are now NO abortion clinics in this city. 4 of them closed because they could not find any doctors willing to perform abortions. The last one experienced a similar decline in business, until one night it mysteriously burned to the ground. No one suspected anti-abortion activists. The insurance company suspected the owners. Nothing, to my knowledge was ever proved, except that God answers the prayer of faith. God did what man could not do, without any signs, without any protests, without any change in laws, without any other interference. God simply removed the desire for blood money from the doctors hearts, and without them, you have no service to offer.

Back to the greatest threat. What has been mentioned so far are great threats, no doubt. But to me, the greatest threat in the world today is that of religion. You see, religion is based on the performance of religious in relation to God. Even among so called "protestants" today, there are few groups and denominations that are exempt from religion. Religion deceives its victims by thinking that if they do this and that, all is well between them and God. Biblical truth is that our "righteous" deeds are as filthy rags before God. There is only one thing that connects us with God, and that is faith, faith in the perfect, not the imperfect.

Millions crowd churches every Sunday, and perform their believed religious obligations that relieves their guilt in a carnal way, and then return to their old lifestyle thinking everything is cool between them and God. How tragic for these people, when they step into eternity and their hope is in their works, not in their faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. They help other men build kingdoms of their own instead of helping build the kingdom of God. They are just as much little popes as the man in the palace in Rome. They set themselves up as the authority of God, and demand that their subjects are subjected to them, rather than God. Oh yes, they are subtle. They have to be to deceive. Many of these "leaders" are very sincere, some even well intended. But they are teaching what they were taught by men and women who themselves were deceived. They look to mortal men in books and videos for answers. They are all hungry for God. But they are misled into a trap of grave consequence.

Bible readers are not exempt. They read their bibles faithfully and regularly. But then on Sunday, they are told what the bible says and what to believe by men and women who live by tradition. Jesus said that when the blind lead the blind, both fall in the ditch.

The only reliable teacher is the Holy Spirit. He alone is the One who leads and guides into all truth. Yet many have raised up mortal men as their teacher, and put more confidence in what they sit and hear in their itching ears, than what the Holy Spirit can reveal to those who read their bibles prayerfully and rely on the Holy One, the True Light, to lead, guide, and light their path and reveal God to their spirit.

The bible calls this religious outrage the great apostacy. Friends, it's not the falling away from church that makes one an apostate. Falling away from biblical christianity is the great apostacy. This, to me, is the greatest threat in the world today. Nuclear weapons can destroy the flesh, religion can lead you to hell, for all eternity. You can move into the wilderness, store up food, build bomb shelters, hoard water, or whatever. But you cannot build a shelter from death. Death is a certainty. How tragic for the religious to wake up in eternity and find out that all their works were in vain, that they believed a lie, carrying the book of books that they would not read for themselves, or would read to confirm mans opinion instead of seeking the true revelation of light.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/4/5 14:42

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Awesome!

I have one question: what happened to the abortionists and the nurses that assisted them?

Quote:
-----How tragic for the religious to wake up in eternity and find out that all their works were in vain, that they believed a lie,

Jesus echoes these sentiments in Matthew 7:22, 23: Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23" And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'" NASB. I have many times tried to imagine, to visualize this happening and every time I am filled with horror.

Appreciate your post..

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/4/6 1:04

Man, "O", I really liked your post here. I have written in my Bible, "Religion Kills", and that is a surety. Jesus calls the proselytes of the Pharisee's, twofold children of Hades, and in my experience, when this snake bites, it blinds and paralyzes, and few, so few, escape her clutches. The word, speaking of the murder of Jesus, states that if the powers of darkness and evil had known, that this would bring about their own annihilation, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. It seems as though these Pharisees had the thoughts of the demon Princes playing them as mere puppets, and the Word attributes their actions DIRECTLY to the Satanic overview. Wow..Think of it.

Jesus called them sons of their father, the Devil, who was a murderer from the beginning. Religion kills. It removes the real relationship possible with the Father and replaces it with a sterile and deadly faith killer with them, the leaders, as the focus, and their doctrine.

This, of course, is a spirit, not a particular sect or specific heresy, it is a fortress of ideas and mandates enforced by a vast power of united devils. Jesus said that no kingdom could stand divided. Satan will not cast out Satan. They are united.

In Revelation, The Lord Jesus speaks twice directly about His feelings about this exact spirit. He called it the Nicolaitans, or RULERS AND KINGS OVER MY PEOPLE. It may have been translated this way, if James, king of England, did not need the hierarchy of the church of England at his behest to govern with a more absolute scepter, so we got the odd transliterated Greek; NICO- LAITAN. Jesus says, "I hate their deeds, and I hate their teaching."

I call the religious spirit "The breath of the Dragon." It steals away men's faith, and the grace to live in the Spirit of

God. When man rules, God leaves.

I look at the Apostolic ministry doing three basic things, in direct opposition to this wicked fortress called religion, and thereby the ministry of all true Shepherds called to oversee the church of the living God.

Shepherds FEED the church of God. Shepherds PROTECT the church of God. Shepherds MANIFEST THE ABSOLUTE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST JESUS IN ALL THE CHURCH IS AND DOES. I don't have time for scriptures tonight, but here is one for the last one. 2 COR: chap. 1, last verse, Not that we are Lords over your faith, but helpers of your joy, FOR BY YOUR FAITH, YOU ARE STANDING! This is the Apostolic heart. No control; burning love, to see each lamb stand and whole and holy before their Lord on that day! Upgirding and serving to see those the Lord has entrusted to him walk in faith to overcome, and stand honored by God forever. That's a far cry from most of the aberration of so called ministry today.

Much more to say, but time doesn't permit. The Lord will have a holy witness, and I believe the first installment is arriving very soon!...Brother Tom

Re: Dear Brother Tom - posted by Onesimus4God (), on: 2008/4/6 18:25

Thank you sir, and amen. One need only get close to the top echelon of these so called mega churches to see the diabolical control and iron hand lordship over the saints. My bible says Jesus Christ is the head of the church.

This same reason is why they are so opposed to home churches. They have little or no control over home churches. Jesus told James and John not to "lord it over them, as the gentiles do". Well dear brother, there is so much scripture that is ignored like this passage, by modern day so called giants. And you are right, the Lord has written ICABOD over the door. The glory of the lord has departed. The people and the leaders they fuel millions too are so blind in their carnality that they simply cannot see He is missing. Lost as lost can be. It is very frightening. They are unteachable, hard hearted, with only one goal, anarchy. Self promotion and personal glory. That is not like my Savior. It is not like biblical teaching. It is the apostacy in full bloom, the blind leading the blind.

Thank you again for the kind words. God bless you real good as you go on with Him.

You mentioned apostles. Let me give you an illustration and insight if I may. The other day I sliced open my thumb on my right hand. Yesterday I was doing a few dishes, and I had to avoid using my thumb. I managed to get through it, but it was very awkward, and my hand/fingers were not nearly as useful without the aid of the thumb. The apostle is like the thumb on my hand. It assists the teacher, the pastor, the evangelist, and the prophet and helps them to excel in their ministry of love and service. The popular apostate church has exalted false prophets and won't give the time of day to one's like you and our bible describe. I could go on and on here, but you know what I'm talking about. It is tragic, and millions have been lead astray into believing doctrine of devils that appeals to the flesh and relegates God into the servant of man, instead of the other way around.

God bless you who hunger and thirst for righteousness that can only be found by faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ our LORD and Savior.

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Re: come out of her my people. - posted by brodav9 (), on: 2008/4/11 14:45

I praise the Lord for he is getting his assembly of people ready for his return. in Eph. 5:27 the Lord is preparing a church without spot wrinkle blemish. we in our zeal for the Lord can become bitter easily when we see the things we don't like in the church. here is a little comfort. they are not the church who disobey the word. no difference between another religion. so what do we do? focus in on Jesus and pray where can I fit in and be useful, and not be sidetracked in my mind of thinking of the negatives. we can pray for God to deliver them out of the fire Jude 1:23. we are busy now praying that God will bring us together with true saints. this will take faith and preparing ourselves as we wait that we be worthy for God to bring his beloved to be with us. God has to know they will be safe with us. Jesus is the good shepherd over his sheep. believe me I know what demons are. I was assistant to the worship leader in our church, one sunday on the way to a church and saw a cadillac, big white and horns on front. I thought out loud that car reminds me of boss hogs the old tv show. the brother said to me when I got to church good morning boss hogs. I knew that wasn't the holy Spirit. but I still love

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him and pray for his deliverance. revival will have to include deliverance to stop the enemy from all kinds of deviousness and phariseism. praise God-- he is in control and loves his own amen.