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*"Hereby know we the spirit of truth
and the spirit of error" 1 John 4:6*

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OFFICE NOTES

Our belated New Year's greeting to all! This issue goes out somewhat delayed due to health and process problems. For that reason, Steve Lagoon's promised article on Eckankar is slated now for our next issue. Thank you for your understanding.

Please note that our address has changed slightly – it is now Religion Analysis Service Inc., 1313 5th St. S.E., Mail Unit 5, Minneapolis, MN 55414-4504.

Our RAS website – www.ras.org – has been improved and expanded. Articles from The Discerner are now available for reading on the Internet and cover the years from 1993-2007. These articles are indexed by subject matter and article title. When this project is completed some 333 articles in the period of 1987-2007 will be accessible. This website will thus provide research materials for Bible students, pastors and Christian leaders, and interested people worldwide. We thank Rick Dack, RAS board member, for his substantial and faithful work of scanning and indexing the articles.

The ministry of RAS continues to enjoy the good support of The Discerner's subscribers. It is encouraging for us to hear how the Lord works in hearts and situations through this ministry. Thanks for all notes and extra gifts.

The RAS Team

DEAR READER

The ministry of “discernment” is a necessary, demanding, rewarding, and refreshing service to the church of Jesus Christ. Overlooked sometimes is the element of responsibility and commitment. We are responsible, first of all, to the Triune God and then to our own consciences to examine and expose false teachings and movements according to the truth of God’s holy Word. It is God’s Word that will finally judge us. We dare not endorse nor submit to men-pleasing theories or demonic ideologies.

An article in the recent Voice magazine (“Discernment Ministry: A Biblical Defense” by Dr. Gary Gilley, February 2010) has encouraged me. Dr. Gilley writes: “If the teaching of sound doctrine is unappetizing to many today, to expose false doctrine is utterly repulsive. Discernment is considered unnecessary, unwanted, and down-right mean-spirited in a relativistic age. To spend even a small fraction of time critiquing false teachings (as our Lord directs us to do) is to invite charges of negativism, division and worse. Yet we must decide whether we want to please the Lord or men and, since the Lord commands us to ‘refute those who contradict’ sound doctrine, we have no choice.”

Following a cogent argument against “Objections to Discernment,” Dr. Gilley cites noble examples of Christian leaders who have deemed the defense of the faith as extremely important: J. Gresham Machen in the Modernist-Fundamentalist battles in the early 1900s, the early Church Father Irenaeus in his “Against Heresies,” Princeton theologian B.B. Warfield in his assessment of other religions as corrupt and debilitating in comparison with the salvation message of the Christian faith. Gilley then concludes with these heartening words: “These men understood, as we must do today, that the ‘faith once for all delivered to the saints’ is worth defending. We must not allow the objections of those who lack the courage or the insight to fight for truth to cause us to cower from this important God-given obligation.”

We say “Amen” and concur fully with Dr. Gilley’s exhortations.

I praise the Lord with all colleagues and comrades in the camp.

Laurence J. Sutherland

WITH THIS ISSUE

In his text: “Visions and Dreams,” Dr. Roy Knuteson, RAS Advisory Board Member and frequent contributor to The Discerner, takes on an issue that is often brought up when people are asked to verify “the leading of the Lord,” their calling to service, or the truth of their positions. Dr. Knuteson examines the whole text of Scripture and comes to conclusions that are biblical and welcome in this era of nebulous and confusing theological currents. His thoughts are refreshing and mirror in every way solid conservative reflection.

One might think that Dr. Hutchings’ article about the Council of Foreign Relations (CFR) would be another fascinating but fanciful conspiracy theory. The idea of a “new world order” was once a mere dream of utopian dreamers or futuristic theologians opining on the “age to come,” the Anti-Christ, etc. The research that Dr. Hutchings has documented belies any wild conspiratorial notions. The salient and convincing facts evidenced in this article, demonstrate the existence, scope, and threat of the CFR to Christians and Christianity.

The themes relating to Islam continue to gain prominence in modern American society. For that reason, we submit another two articles relating to the rising formation of Islam in the whole world and - in this case - tiny Switzerland. I value Rick Kronk as a missionary of the Cross in central Europe but also as a student of Islam. In the second article, though dated, Hal Lindsey gives us key thoughts on “hudnas.” The data are certainly strange to our ears, but it is high time that we get the facts on Islamic ethics and practices.

What is a “hoax?” Without even looking at a dictionary, I think we would define it as a “giant deception” or words to that effect. There are hoaxes in science and religion as we have discovered years ago. Let’s check ourselves out in the quiz. A score of 70% or more is very commendable.

Laurence J. Sutherland

VISIONS AND DREAMS

by Roy E. Knuteson Ph.D.

Eight hundred years before Christ, the prophet Joel made a startling announcement regarding the future ministry of the Holy Spirit of God. Sandwiched between the announced judgment of God upon Israel for her sinful practices (Joel 1:1-2:27) and the promised restoration of Israel in the millennial kingdom (Joel 2:30-3:21) is this announcement:

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams and your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days” (Joel 2:28-29).

This prediction is followed by a description of the signs that will accompany the final “Day of the Lord” or “Great Tribulation” associated with the return of the Messiah.

Eight centuries after Joel’s unique announcement, Peter cites Joel’s prophecy to explain the spiritual phenomenon of glossolalia that accompanied the Holy Spirit’s advent on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:15-21). He dogmatically declared that “This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel.” Some scholars deny that this was a fulfillment of that ancient prophecy by saying: “This is like that spoken by Joel” or “This is only an illustration of what took place in his day.” However, no translation of Acts 2:15 supports these explanations.

Perhaps it is best to view Peter’s quotation as having a dual reference, part of which was completed at Pentecost and the remaining portion to be completed at the second advent of Jesus Christ since the natural phenomenon mentioned in Acts 2:20 did not take place at Pentecost.

We believe that verses 17-18 of Acts 2 refers to the present age which was inaugurated by the dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus in John 16:7-8. Based on this fact, we ask then: What does this prophecy mean when it states, “The young men will see visions and old men will dream dreams?” We question: “Is that happening today?” Interestingly, very few biblical commentaries will even attempt to explain this verse of scripture, even though some of the cultists and charismatics claim that visions and dreams

have been and are, evidenced in their particular movements and churches. In order to properly understand this announcement, it is necessary to make an inductive study of visions and dreams as recorded in the Bible.

VISIONS AND DREAMS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

It is almost impossible to distinguish visions and dreams in the Old Testament since both were the means of receiving divine revelation. The differences between the two have mainly to do with the recipients of the revelation and not the contents. Biblical visions were often concerned with immediate situations as in God granting a vision to Abraham regarding the covenant He made with him (Genesis 15:1-21).

Usually, however, the various visions granted to holy men were of a long range nature, and had to do with the development of the future Kingdom of God as seen in the writings of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Micah, Zechariah, and Daniel. Such visions, in contrast to dreams, needed no interpretation, and were readily understandable and were regarded as coming directly from God.

Dreams were the divine means of communicating truth in picture form as in the case of Jacob and his dream of the stairway to heaven (Genesis 28:10-15). In contrast to visions, God frequently spoke to unbelievers in dreams, e.g. to Abimelech of Gerar (Genesis 20:3), to Laban, (Genesis 42:24), to the butler and the baker of Pharaoh, (Genesis 40:8-19), to Pharaoh himself (Genesis 41:1-36), and to Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:1-45, 4:5-33). Dreams often needed interpretation by such men as Joseph (Genesis 40) and Daniel (Daniel 2,4,8).

In the Old Testament, false prophets who feigned visions and dreams were denounced by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 23:16, 25-32) and Ezekiel (Ezekiel 13:1-23). Moses warned his people that false prophets and dreamers would arise to lead them astray. Such persons, he declared, should be put to death since they preached rebellion against the Lord, their God (Deuteronomy 13:1-5).

VISIONS AND DREAMS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

There are only six references to dreams in the New Testament, four of these experiences were granted to Joseph, the husband of Mary (Matt. 1:20, 2:12, 2:19-20, 2:22). The Magi were warned in a dream not to inform Herod of Jesus' whereabouts, and Pilate's wife was cautioned through a dream to warn her husband not to have anything to do with Jesus' trial and death (Matt. 27:19).

Visions, on the other hand, were more commonplace in the New Testament and almost all the references are found in the writings of Dr. Luke. He reports how John the Baptist's father Zechariah was informed by the angel Gabriel of the birth of the greatest of the Old Testament prophets (Luke 1:5-22). This angelic visitation is called a "vision" in Verse 22.

In Acts 9, Ananias experienced a vision of Jesus by means of which he was instructed to find Saul (Paul) on Straight Street in Damascus and urge him to "call on the name of the Lord and to be baptized" (Acts 22:16). Simultaneously, Paul experienced a vision of Jesus regarding the coming of Ananias to restore his sight and instruct him in the ways of the Lord (Acts 9:1-17).

Acts 10:1-23 records an angelic visit to a devout Gentile named Cornelius and by means of this vision, he was instructed to find Peter who would explain the gospel to him and his family. At about the same time Peter experienced a divine vision of a large and descending sheet which was filled with unclean animals, reptiles, and birds. Although this vision was obviously symbolic, Peter's experience was a very definite revelation to him that God had made a major change in His dealings with the Gentiles in regard to their salvation.

Paul's famous "Macedonian vision" in Acts 16: 6-10 was the means God chose to direct Paul and his companions in their missionary ministry into Europe. The final reference to visions in the Book of Acts regards God's verbal instruction to Paul to remain in Corinth "because I (God) have many people in this city" (Acts 18:10). Paul responded to this vision by staying in this city for a year and a half where he was very effectively used of the Lord.

In Revelation 1:1-20, the Apostle John sees a vision of the risen Christ in the midst of the golden lampstands. Being "in the Spirit" he was caught up into heaven and by this extended vision he observed future things in heaven and on the earth.

DREAMS AND VISIONS TODAY

The question remains: “Does God grant dreams and visions today as a means of revealing directions, instructions, and predictions as He has in the past?” Many of the cultists and charismatics enthusiastically say: “Yes.”

Joseph Smith, the self-proclaimed prophet of Mormonism, claimed a series of visions which are the foundational beliefs of this modern day cult. In his first vision, Smith claimed that God the Father and God the Son personally appeared to him as a fourteen year old boy in 1820 to inform him that all the churches were corrupt and that he should not join any of them. This is a crucial claim for Mormons in spite of the fact that Smith’s story is filled with problems concerning its timing, the persons involved in the vision, and the message they conveyed.

Smith reported a second vision when the fictitious angel Moroni allegedly revealed the golden plates which, when translated by Smith, would result in the Book of Mormon. Subsequent visions include the appearance of John the Baptist to confer the Aaronic Priesthood on Smith and his sidekick Oliver Cowdery in 1829. Later Peter, James, and John appeared to confer upon them the Melchizedekian Priesthood.

What shall we say to these claims? Based upon the unscriptural doctrines of this major cult, we must conclude with Paul: “even if we or an angel from heaven (Moroni) should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned” (Galatians 1:8).

James Ryle, the Pastor of Boulder Valley Vineyard Fellowship in Boulder, Colorado is one of many charismatics who claim modern-day revelation by means of dreams and visions. Ryle regularly has dreams, sees visions, and hears messages directly from the Holy Spirit and thousands listen breathlessly as he recounts his prophetic messages. One example is his “hippo in the garden” vision in which he stated that the Beatles were gifted by God to bring about a charismatic renewal through their rock music!

In the Bible, dreams and visions were closely associated with the prophetic office. It must also be remembered that all the references to dreams and visions in the New Testament occurred before God’s written word was complete and it was during this period of time that

God used many means to convey His message to His people. Since we have the complete Word of God in our Bibles, we do not need the subjective experience of dreams and visions anymore than we need “prophets” in the church today. God has also given us His Holy Spirit to instruct us and guide us into all truth (John 14:26).

Perhaps we cannot adequately explain why the Bible states that the young men will see visions and the old men will dream dreams, but we can conclude that this happened in biblical times and that the young and old alike have been used of God to reveal His word to the children of men. It has been adequately demonstrated that the only advocates of the validity of dreams and visions today are the charismatics and the cultists, both of whom in this realm are in gross error, and we are therefore commanded to “have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them” (Ephesians 5:11).



All scriptural quotations are from the New International Version of the Bible.

CFR – APOSTLES OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER by Dr. N.W. Hutchings

NOTE OF INTRODUCTION:

After one year of the Obama administration, millions of disgusted and concerned voters are looking forward to the 2010 Congressional elections, and more so towards the 2012 presidential election. However, if the candidates are not members of, or endorsed by, the Council on Foreign Relations, this once sovereign nation will continue the process of inclusion into a Global Government as a member of the New World Order.

The reason that economic and political goals and programs will change little, if any, regardless of the political flavor of the men in Congress or in the White House is that anyone who is anything in economics, politics, business, media, or education must be a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. The CFR is presently composed of a membership of 4,000 plus of the most powerful personalities in all the aforementioned groups. This is why a third party candidate, as suggested by Dr. James Dobson, will get only a few campaign dollars and only negative newspaper, radio, and television coverage. The membership of the CFR is posted on the Internet, along with the newest members, which includes that of Dr. Rick Warren. Some prominent personalities may seem to be missing, but when CFR members run for high office, or they are elected to high office, they resign membership, but not their ideologies.

Recently I asked for some background information on the CFR from the Internet. In later looking at the information I was provided, I was somewhat amazed to find it was something I had written in 1997. Another organization had reproduced it on their website. Until otherwise noted, the following is an article I wrote 12 years ago:

Mentioning the Council on Foreign Relations in a negative sense, especially being the moving force of the new world order, will immediately earn anyone the social ostracization identification as a “right-wing fanatic.” The problem with relating the purpose of the mission of the CFR to the understanding of the average citizen is explaining just how and what the organization has done in the past 80 years, what it is doing today, and what it proposes to do tomorrow, how it affects his or her freedom, security, and even the pocketbook.

After the United States rejected membership in the League of Nations after World War I, some prominent Americans got together to form their own private club to discuss world problems and attempt to bring their influences to bear on solving world problems. The organization took the name of the Council on Foreign Relations. Membership in the CFR is by invitation only, and although the membership is not a secret matter, deliberations and decisions are secret. Article III of the CFR's bylaws states: "If you are a member, and reveal any of the secrets of the meetings, you will be disbarred or asked to leave."

Edith Kermit Roosevelt (granddaughter of President Theodore Roosevelt) wrote in the *Indianapolis News* (12/23/61): "...the best way to fight communism is by a one world socialist state governed by 'experts' like themselves [CFR]... policies which favor... gradual surrender of United States sovereignty to the United Nations."

In July 1948, Sir Harold Butler wrote an article that appeared in the CFR's Foreign Affairs publication titled, "A New World Takes Shape." The CFR coined the phrase "new world order," and it appears throughout the organizations pronouncements, publications, and speeches of principal proponents, dating back to the 1920s. James P. Warburg, CFR member, told a U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee: "We shall have world government, whether or not we like it... by consent or conquest." On September 13, 1949, Senator Glen Taylor of Idaho stated: "We would have to sacrifice considerable sovereignty to the world organization to enable them to levy taxes in their own right to support themselves." To quote statements regarding the goals of the CFR in promoting a world government to eliminate war and poverty would be redundant.

In 1954, the Rockefellers anointed a rising political star, Henry Kissinger, to lead the CFR as a shepherd in international diplomacy, to lead sheep nations into the greener pastures of the **new world order** (see our April 1997 *Prophetic Observer*). Dr. Kissinger's latest book, *Diplomacy* (900 pages) concerns the diplomatic road that we have traveled to this international "paradise." The last chapter in *Diplomacy* is titled "New World Order Reconsidered."

Mao Tse Tung once stated: "Political power comes out of the end of a gun." Was Mao right? To borrow an advertising phrase from Hertz: "Not exactly!" Without a strong economic foundation, no empire, national or international, can get off the ground. Neither political or military purpose can survive much longer than a generation without financial resources. The Soviet Union is a good example. Augustus

taxed the entire Roman empire to raise funds to sustain the Roman military forces that kept the empire together. Mao himself, when his economic policies failed, offered to resign to the Central Committee in Beijing in 1965. Only a scheme to blame China's economic woes on the counterrevolutionaries, capitalists, and religionists that had not yet been liquidated saved Mao from political disgrace. This started the most brutal decade of murder, persecution, and slavery in history – the Cultural Revolution.

However, by 1971 Mao was running out of blood to let and the nation was in chaos, so on February 27 of that year, Henry Kissinger sent his famous Shanghai Letter to President Nixon. This event was celebrated in a CFR presentation on C-Span with Henry Kissinger presiding on February 27, 1997. The Shanghai communiqué paved the way for President Nixon to visit Mao, leading the way for opening world markets for Chinese products. Dr. Kissinger, speaking for the CFR, became an apologist for China's Communist government. Dr. Kissinger stated, in reference to the Tiananmen Square massacre of students: "China remains too important for America's national security to risk the relationship on the emotions of the moment. No government in the world would have tolerated having the main square of its capital occupied for eight weeks by tens of thousands of demonstrators" (*Washington Post / Los Angeles Times*, 8/19).

The approximate 3,000 students were killed or sent to prison labor camps throughout China. The Tiananmen Square affair was not just in Beijing; it was all over the nation. Only a mild protest was sent by the United States. Students in China who had come to accept U.S. democratic idealism felt betrayed. The United States lost face.

In 1972, Dr. Kissinger saved Saddam Hussein when the CIA deserted the Kurds in exchange for a lucrative oil arrangement with Iraq. Dr. Kissinger was doubtless behind the Oslo Agreement which saved Arafat. As Joseph Alsop once observed regarding Dr. Kissinger's diplomacy: "...so somber that it is close to anti-American. The American view is all optimism and all morality...That is not the way Henry Kissinger thinks. He never expects any nation to put morality above the chance of great gain" (*Daily Oklahoman*, 9/11/73).

Being the CFR's Guiding light, we would expect Kissinger's views to be those of the CFR.

However, the CFR, in order to wield political influence, must be backed with economic power. Keeping in mind that CFR membership is by invitation only, consider these CFR members who are international bankers:

- **Alan Greenspan** – chairman, Federal Board of Governors; chairman, Federal Open Market Committee; former member of the Trilateral Commission
- **Ellen Futter** – chairman, Federal Bank, New York
- **Robert Forrestal** – president, Federal Bank, Atlanta
- **E. Gerald Corrigan** – president, Federal Bank, New York; former vice chairman, Federal Open Market Committee
- **William McConough** – president, Federal Bank, new vice chairman, Federal Open Market Committee
- **Paul Volker** – former chairman, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; member of the Trilateral Commission
- **Richard Cooper** – chairman, Federal Bank, Boston
- **Bobby R. Inman** – chairman, Federal Bank, Dallas
- **Robert F. Erburu** – chairman, Federal bank, San Francisco

This preceding list of CFR banking membership is only a partial one, and doubtless much larger and inclusive. According to the April 30, 1989, edition of the *New York Times*, Kissinger and Associates represent 30 multinational companies, including American Express, H. J. Heinz, ITT, Lockheed, etc. Dr. Kissinger's role as the most powerful international business lobbyist in the world also gives him vast political power, enabling CFR to also expand its goals for the so-called new world order. Kissinger's clients include those doing business in oil-producing countries of the Middle East, manufacturing, merchandising, agriculture in South America, Central America, China, Japan, Micro-Asia, etc.

The Council on Foreign Relations keeps memberships, or associate memberships, in such international units as the Trilateral Commission, Club of Rome, and Bildebergers. CFR membership is also inclusive of West Point superintendents, Allied supreme commanders, secretaries of defense, and military policy members. Media memberships include *Time*, *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, CBS, NBC, ABC, etc. Federal government

memberships include presidents, State Department, National Security Council, ambassadors, Senate, and the House. The CFR also exerts influence on United States personnel at the various United Nations agencies, which is natural, because U.N. goals usually parallel CFR goals.

We pulled off the Internet the complete list of Bilderberger attendees at their meeting in Toronto, May 30 to June 2, 1996. The list of 120 included kings, queens, prime ministers, international corporation CEOs, presidents, banking executives, etc. Many of those attending were prominent professors at major world universities.

It is not our intention to depict members of the CFR in business, banking, government, and the military as conscious participants of some dark and evil conspiracy planning to put Americans under some kind of world dictatorial authority. Yet David Rockefeller, perhaps the most powerful of CFR's directors, wrote in his Memoirs: "For more than a century ideological extremists at either end of the political spectrum have seized upon well-publicized incidents such as my encounter with Castro to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. **Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure – one world, if you will.** *If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.*

The goals of the CFR have been well publicized over the past 70 years. Most Americans who are even aware of the CFR consider its objectives as visionary rather than a pressing political certainty or reality. Senators, congressmen, and others in some branch of government service, doubtless for the most part consider an invitation to CFR membership as an honor; and after all, CFR membership enhances political career opportunities and potentiality.

Nevertheless, according to the well-documented statement of goals by prominent CFR membership, CFR consensus is to surrender national identity and constitutional authority to a world government when the time is convenient. CFR consensus proposes this is the only answer to mankind's future survival. The means are justifiable as long as this utopian international state is realized at the end of the all political and economic efforts.

That such a world government will one day become a reality is beyond question or a shadow of doubt. The ruler who will head the coming new world order is called the “man of sin... the son of perdition” in 2 Thessalonians 2:3. This world government and its king is referred to often in the book of Daniel.

In Revelation 13:7, we are informed that this coming world ruler will have power “over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” This will be absolute political power.

In Revelation 13:8, we read that this person will be worshipped as a god by “all that dwell upon the earth...whose names are not written in the book of life.” This will be absolute ecclesiastical power.

In Revelation 13:16-17, it is foretold that everyone in the world must have his mark and number in order to “buy or sell.” This will be total economic power.

Empires are identified as predatory beasts in the Bible because empires grow by eating up other nations: bear, lion, leopard, etc. (Dan. 7). The coming world empire depicted in Revelation 13 is called the ultimate beast (Rev. 13:2). The political and economic segments of a possible world government are now in view. Ecclesiastical or religious entities are depicted by women in Scripture, both good and evil. The ecclesiastical organization of Revelation is not yet on the back of the beast. However, from Revelation 17 we know that she will come forth riding on the back of the beast. Protestantism is splintered with no real international identification or power. The two remaining possibilities are Islam and Roman Catholicism. At present there is no Mahdi to speak for unified Islam, but there is a common voice for Rome, the pope.

The last two editions of the *Prophetic Observer* are not to be construed that we are indulging in a semi-political campaign to save the world from the new world order. Only Jesus Christ will save mankind from another Babel.

The gospel of the apostles of the new world order not only entails the persuasion of politics, but also the love of lucre. Each compliments the other. In following the trail of the Revelation beast, it is easier to follow the dollar than political pollution.

The Vatican sends and receives political ambassadors from all over the world. The Roman Catholic Church also comprises one of the largest financial empires in the world. In the areas of politics and economics, the Roman Catholic Church always acts in its own self

interest, vis-à-vis Constantine, Charlemagne, Hapsburg, Mussolini, Hitler, etc. When the beast of Revelation 13 appears, the harlot of Revelation 17 will ride it.

Jesus said of our day, "...when ye shall see all these things." Today, everyone sees, but only a few perceive. Seven times we read the words of Jesus in the messages to the churches in Revelation: "He that hath an ear, let him hear." Today, everyone hears but few comprehend.

The following public statements made by Dr. Warren reveal the real intent and purpose of his far reaching ministry:

We now have "purpose driven" churches in 122 countries. And if I were to ask every "purpose driven" church in America to raise their hand, it would shock America because we don't tell them to change their label. On the font it says, "Lutheran, Second Methodist, Holy Power Episcopal, you name it; Four-Peas-in-the-Pod Four Square" – it's got everything! Every name you can imagine. And we have Catholic "purpose driven" churches...

And I don't make any apology in saying to you that the "purpose driven" paradigm is the operating system of a 21st century church. I believe that because we now have 36,000 case studies, and it's in every country.

*And so it doesn't demand that they change from being Lutheran or Methodist or Nazarene or Assembly of God or Baptist or whatever. **I don't really care about what your doctrine is.** What I care about is, do you have a process by which you bring people into membership, build them up for ministry, train them for ministry, send them out on a mission, for the glory of God?*

– Foundation Magazine, Nov.-Dec. 2004

*Well, as I said, I could take you to villages that don't have a clinic...But they've got a church. In fact, in many countries the only infrastructure that is there is religion...What if in this 21st century we were able to network these churches providing the...manpower in local congregations. Let's just take my religion by itself. Christianity...The church is bigger than any government in the world. Then you add in **Muslims**, you add in **Hindus**, you add in all the different religions, and you use those **houses of worship** as distribution centers, not just for spiritual care but health care. What could be done?...*

Government has a role and business has a role and churches, house of worship have a role. I think it's time to go to the moon, and I invite you to go with us.

– Time Magazine, Nov. 1, 2005

At the Religious Newscasters Association Convention in September, 2005, Dr. Warren stated:

"In the 1990s I trained about a quarter of a million pastors. It's now gone, as I said, to over 400,000...and we're talking about all kinds of different groups, including priests in the Catholic Church, and including rabbis...So anyway, then in the 21st century I said that now we're going global."

An item in the Philadelphia Inquirer dated January 8, 2006, referencing Dr. Warren, stated in part:

Warren predicts that fundamentalism of all varieties, will be, "one of the big enemies of the 21st century. Muslim fundamentalism, Christian fundamentalism, Jewish fundamentalism, secular fundamentalism – they're all motivated by fear. Fear of each other."

At the Aspen Ideas Festival in July, 2005, Dr. Warren seemingly referred to Christian fundamentalists as a vanishing breed:

I could count the number of true fundamentalists on a couple hands today. There really aren't that many left.

Dr. Warren stated on May 23, 2005, at the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life:

The word "fundamentalist" actually comes from a document in the 1920s called the Five Fundamentals of Faith. And it is a legalistic, narrow view of Christianity.

The five fundamentals of the faith to which Dr. Warren objected are:

1. The inerrancy and full authority of the Bible.
2. The virgin birth and full Deity of Jesus Christ.
3. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
4. Christ's atoning, vicarious death for the sins of the world.
5. The literal second coming of Jesus Christ.

The CFR tentacles of control reach into banking, news media, and politics, local, national, and international. Their immediate control is the increasing dependency of the populace upon the government in housing, entitlements, health care, and utilities. This Marxist pattern was followed in Russia, China, Cuba, and Mongolia.

The ultimate goal is the reduction of world population from 6 ½ billion to between 2 billion and ½ billion. Homosexuality and its related fatal fall out, AIDS, is one of the more sure ways of realizing this goal. President Obama on June 1, 2009, issued a Presidential Proclamation making June the LGBT (homosexual) month, and within the context praised LGBTs 17 times, said that he had, “partnered with them,” and that he intended to appoint them to positions within his administration, which he has done.

We can determine how many are dying of malaria, cancer, or slipping on a banana peel, but we cannot find out how many are dying of AIDS. It is a CFR protected disease. It is estimated that at least 100 million have died of AIDS in Africa. Recently Uganda passed a law to protect the citizens of its nation from this disease, especially to the minor age groups. Dr. Warren sent an aggressive demand for the pastors to oppose this law, stating the sexual and moral choices were gifts from God. The Uganda Pastors’ Task Force Against Homosexuality responded with an angry, detailed report that ended with the following charge:

Your letter has caused great distress and the pastors are demanding that you issue a formal apology for insulting the people of Africa by your very inappropriate bully use of your church and purpose driven pulpits to coerce us into the “evil” of Sodomy and Gaymorrah. This is expected within seven days of this date.

CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS:

One of the most powerful and influential members of the CFR in realizing a Global Governance in which the U.S. will be only a submissive member has been Dr. Rick Warren. Dr. Warren now says he has “trained” over 500,000 pastors. These so-called pastors have actually become Dr. Warren’s disciples. I was a member of Council Road Baptist Church of Oklahoma City that rose from a mission in 1975 to the number two Baptist church in Oklahoma. Dr. Glaze, our general manager, will testify he would avoid 30th and Council because of the traffic. In 2004, my church was taken over (stolen) by PDC disciples. Now, it is only a shadow of its former outreach. Now, when it is mentioned, it is always, “Wasn’t that a wonderful church.” Recently a man from Kansas City laid \$52,000 worth of gold on my desk, because he read my book, “The Dark Side of the Purpose Driven Church.” The PDC disciples had destroyed his church, the largest evangelical church in Kansas City. A PDC disciple and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach said that I was mentally ill,

ignorant, and unchristian in response to my tract, *Is Your Church Going Purpose Driven, How Can You Tell?* But that same week the Baptist Press reported: *Dr. David Cox Resigns*. The church was saved.

Our ministers on staff often spend half our time counseling with members of fundamental churches that have been taken over by PDC disciples of Dr. Warren. Fundamental Christians are chiefly those who are patriotic citizens opposed to socialistic and global government. This is why these churches are targets for PDC take-overs.

The CFR membership, which included Dr. Warren, are united in working for a New World Order that corresponds to the political beast of Revelation 13. According to Revelation 11:16, Jesus is coming back to “destroy them which destroy the earth.” This is the Blessed Hope. Even so, come, Lord Jesus (Rev. 22:20).

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BEWARE OF 'HUDNAS'

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I am appalled at how quickly the United States is leaping at the same old bait offered by the Palestinians. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, following the orders of our dear but naive president, is shoving Israel toward a disastrous agreement to grant a Palestinian state.

As everyone applauds the “valiant efforts” of Mahmoud Abbas to secure a “cease-fire” from a bunch of terrorist gangs that have sworn they will never have a permanent peace with Israel, it is time to review the sacred Muslim concept of “hudna.”

It began with Islam’s most revered founder, Muhammad. He declared a 10-year “hudna” with the Quraysh tribe that controlled Mecca. Two years into the hudna, Muhammad had acquired enough troops and arms to abrogate the hudna and conquer Mecca – decimating the Quraysh in the process.

This became known as the “Quraysh Model,” which defines the meaning of a hudna. When you are militarily at a disadvantage, declare a “hudna” until you are militarily strong enough to discard it and win the war. This is a Muslim tactic that has been used over and over again throughout history with devastating success.

So while negotiations begin at Sharm el-Sheik between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Abbas, we really need to remember the following historically supported concerns:

In exchange for a “tenuous ... un-enforceable ceasefire,” we are asking Israel to give the Palestinians an irreversible military advantage.

The “Quraysh-hudna” tactic is something that fits perfectly into the plans of terrorists who have already sworn they will never make a permanent peace with Israel. So I am appalled at how quickly the United States is leaping at the same old bait offered by the Palestinians.

Once Palestinians have a state, they can bring all manner of weapons and trained militants into the heart of Israel.

Israel will be forced into indefensible borders and have only one ultimate military option – nuclear weapons.

Daniel the prophet predicts that Israel will be driven into just this kind of a desperate situation. According to Daniel chapter 9, verse 27, this will force Israel to make a covenant with a soon to arise Roman antichrist. He will guarantee their security.

Judging by the rapid fulfillment of the entire prophetic scenario for the last days, we could well be within the prophetic timetable for this to take place.

There are certain things that I know are prophetically inevitable, but it is still hard to stand by and watch it happen. If this is the time in God's prophetic timetable I think it is, there will be "a successful" formation of a Palestinian state. But the idea of a permanent peace between Israel and Palestine is a "pipe dream." It is a self-deception for those who ignore the history of the Quraysh-Hudna Muslim tactic. To the followers of the Quran, this is just a tactical interlude in a long-term strategy for the ultimate annihilation of the state of Israel and the return of what they view as sacred Muslim soil to its rightful owner – Allah.

We of the Western world think in terms of about a 10-year historical context for our decision making. Muslims think in terms of a couple of centuries as the context for present-day strategic planning.

In the case of land previously conquered by Muslims, now under the control of "infidels," there is no time limit for the obligation of true Muslims to take it back for Allah. It never means a permanent peace. It is only a tactical interlude in which Muslims rearm for a successful jihad. So beware of the "hudna."

NEWS AND VIEWS

December 2, 2009

by Rick Kronk, Christar Missionary in Europe

This week, the Swiss public voted in a referendum to ban the construction of minarets – a pronounced symbol of Islam associated with the mosque. Now, nothing in Islam says that a mosque requires a minaret for it to function as a mosque. In days gone by, the minaret served as an elevated platform from which the Imam would make the call to prayer five times a day. But today, in the vast majority of mosques, there are clocks, watches, and the printed media sufficient to inform the faithful of the times to gather and pray. And yet, this construction ban has been criticized as racist, xenophobic, anti-Islamic and even anti-European.

So, why did the Swiss, who have enjoyed a decade of relative quiet as compared to other European neighbors with regards to Islam and the conflicts that have erupted over the clash of Islamic and European values, vote against the minarets? And why the reaction from Muslims both from within Europe as well as those on the outside? After all, this was not a vote banning the construction of mosques. Nor was it a vote against Islamic dress or Islamic customs or even speaking Arabic in public.

Political analysts with a penchant for deciphering the motives of Europeans have said that the vote was motivated by a rising anxiety over the Islamization of Swiss society. A correspondent for the Huffington Post, had this to say in his Tuesday, December 2 article:

"Many Swiss are worried about the rise of political Islam and religious rules in Europe that are threatening hard-won rights such as equal rights for women and men, the secular rule of law above religion or the right of each individual to decide for him -- or herself. A majority of Swiss voters obviously feels that there are problems with Muslim integration into civil society at the moment. This vague sentiment was fueled by a number of incidents over the last years: The former Imam of a mosque in Geneva, Hani Ramadan, a Swiss citizen by the way, publicly justified the stoning of adulterers or the punitive amputation of the hand of a thief. Muslim parents prevented their daughters from attending swimming classes, gymnastics or summer camps in public schools because they didn't want their girls to be together with boys. Media reports about forced marriages, female genital mutilations and "honor killings" of Muslim women - all confirmed by authorities or in court -- came as a shocking

surprise. A university professor even went as far as to suggest in an official publication of a federal commission to introduce elements of the Sharia, the Muslim legal system, into Switzerland.”

The incidents summarized above focuses the spotlight on the real issue: is Islam compatible with Europe? This is one of - if not the most difficult – of the issues that are being discussed, debated and decided upon at a European level as the Euro member states try to determine what exactly it means to be European. Though this might seem like a game of philosophical semantics that has nothing to do with life in the real world, but, in fact, how Europe defines itself will affect its relationship politically, economically and spiritually with the rest of the world for the next several decades at least. And surprisingly, despite Europe’s aggressive stance with regard to secularization and separation of church and state (much more so than the U.S.), at the core of the debate is the question of religion and religious heritage. And here is the question: Must European identity acknowledge that it owes its “soul” to its Christian heritage? And therefore, to be European (at least at a national level) means that you share a similar Christian heritage?

Francis Schaeffer said that Europe is the result of the fruits of the Spirit. What did he mean by that? Simply that what Europeans enjoy today in terms of freedom of choice, freedom of expression, individual rights (including those for women), and the basic building blocks of democracy, all find their origins in biblical truth. Truth which transformed the life of someone, who passed that on to someone else, who in turn affected local and later national policy which in turn transformed Europe from barbaric hordes to civilized nations. What’s troubling, and here is where the minaret issue pushes itself to the forefront of the debate, is that Islam does not hold to these European values. There is, therefore, a real question, as to the compatibility of Islam in Europe. Behavior – that which is reported on by the media – only displays at the visible surface that which is valued and believed at the core. If there are anti-social behaviors by Muslims that conflict with accepted social and societal norms of Europeans, it is because they are based upon values and core beliefs which fuel them. So, should Turkey, one of the largest Muslim countries in the world, be admitted to the European Union? For economic reasons and shared European military defensive opportunities, the answer seems to be “yes.” But if in so saying, Europeans expect that the 70 million + Turks are suddenly going to think and act like Europeans, then they have another thing coming.

But back to minarets and the outcries from Muslims around the world. Were the Swiss justified in so limiting Islamic architecture? To put things in perspective, Switzerland is home to some 400,000 to 450,000 Muslims – most of whom are from the Balkan states or Turkey, and most of whom seem to enjoy a certain level of peace and contentment. There are some 150 mosques in the country already with numerous other local prayer rooms, meeting places and access to larger facilities for annual feasts and celebrations. Clearly the fact that Switzerland has limited minaret construction, though it may have been more about expressing anxiety over the rise of Islam, should not be construed that it now opposes freedom of religious expression.

But wait a minute. What of Muslim complaints? Well, what of them? It hardly seems fair to me that Muslims in places like Libya or Saudi Arabia or other Arab states that officially and systematically oppose anything but Islam should have anything to say in the matter. If you want to talk about mosque and minaret construction in Europe, let's first talk about church construction in Muslim countries. Switzerland has 150 mosques, in France there are more than 1500 and the former head of the Muslim Federation in France was quoted as saying that Mayors of French cities are the major constructors of mosques in France!), in Germany there are 159 mosques - 141 with a minaret, and over 180 more mosque projects on the drawing board! And in Italy there are some 400 mosques and cultural centers. As for churches in Muslim countries: Saudi Arabia -0, Qatar – 1, Libya – 3-5, Morocco – 3-5, Tunisia – 3. A law adopted in 2006 in Algeria has put an end to new church construction and requires government approval of pastors. Prior to a global outcry over the Algerian government's crackdown on Christianity, they had shuttered half of the recognized churches in the country, arrested and tried Algerian Christians on grounds of insulting Islam and the Prophet, and effectively closed the door on Western (especially American) missionaries. Hardly seems fair to complain about limiting minaret construction as racist and anti-Islamic in Switzerland when churches are banned and Christians are openly hunted by authorities in many Arab states.

All that to say, I am decidedly for religious liberty and see it as essential that individuals have the right to think and express themselves with regard to religion – to the extent that they do so in ways that do not infringe upon the rights of others. So, Islam in Europe? By all means. But Christianity in Muslim states as well.

QUIZ:

HOAXES IN HISTORY AND RELIGION

1. Evolution was first perpetrated as serious scientific doctrine by
 a. Sir Francis Bacon
 b. Charles Darwin
 c. Thomas Paine
 d. Sir Isaac Newton

2. Global warming is ardently espoused by
 a. Saudi Arabia
 b. Rush Limbaugh
 c. Sierra Club
 d. 90% of all scientists

3. Whose theory, once advocated by the Roman Catholic Church, taught that the sun went around the earth:
 a. Galileo
 b. Josephus
 c. Socrates
 d. Copernicus

4. Declared a hoax even by evolution scientists as a link in the development of the human species:
 a. Neanderthal Man
 b. Great Stone Face
 c. Piltdown Man
 d. Heidelberg Man

5. Declared that Christ would return to earth in 1925:
- ___ a. Jehovah's Witnesses
 - ___ b. Charles Lindbergh
 - ___ c. Bahaiism
 - ___ d. Herbert W. Armstrong
6. Supplied the basic philosophy for communism:
- ___ a. Nikita Kruschev
 - ___ b. Karl Marx
 - ___ c. Vladimir Lenin
 - ___ d. Mao Tse Tung
7. Caused considerable anxiety with his dramatization that the world was coming to the end:
- ___ a. Albert Einstein
 - ___ b. Adolf Hitler
 - ___ c. Orson Welles
 - ___ d. Charles Heston
8. Purported that Jesus appeared in Central America in 425 AD:
- ___ a. Simon Bolivar
 - ___ b. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
 - ___ c. Dead Sea Scrolls
 - ___ d. Book of Mormon
9. Denied the reality of a literal hell or heaven:
- ___ a. Dwight L. Moody
 - ___ b. Mary Baker Eddy
 - ___ c. Jonathan Edwards
 - ___ d. John Calvin

10. Supposedly attests to the authenticity of Christ's sufferings:

- ___ a. Shroud of Turin
- ___ b. Gnosticism
- ___ c. Rosetta Stone
- ___ d. English runestones

Answers:

1. (b); 2. (c); 3. (d); 4. (c); 5. (a); 6. (b); 7. (c); 8. (b); 9. (b); 10. (a)

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