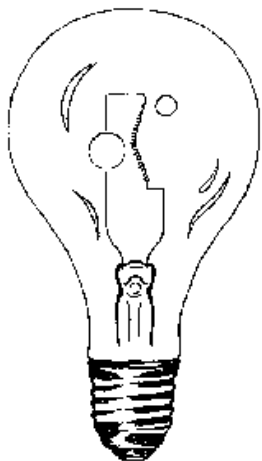


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BEING A LIGHT FOR JESUS CHRIST

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

I try above all things to keep others from using me as an excuse for not believing upon and serving Jesus Christ. If my pleasures are a stumblingblock, I try to separate from them.

When H. M. Stanley went to Africa in 1871 to find and report on David Livingstone, he spent several months in the missionary's company, carefully observing the man and his work. Livingstone never spoke to Stanley about spiritual matters, but Livingstone's loving and patient compassion for the African people was beyond Stanley's comprehension. He could not understand how the missionary could have such love for and patience with the backward, pagan people among whom he had so long ministered. Livingstone literally spent himself in untiring service for those whom he had no reason to love except for Christ's sake. Stanley wrote in his journal, "When I saw that unwearied patience, that unflagging zeal, and those enlightened sons of Africa, I became a Christian at his side, though he never spoke to me one word."

That is the kind of witness I desire to be.

- Dr. Larry M. Groves, Pastor
Faith Baptist Church - Indianapolis, Indiana

Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?

(Conclusion)

In this series of articles, we've been looking at what is REALLY happening to our country: How that Humanism - which is a religion which teaches that human wisdom is the answer to all of mankind's problems - has taken over our:

- GOVERNMENT
- EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM
- MEDIA (entertainment venues as well as news sources)

This week, we continue to look at -

THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

Thusfar, we've seen Goal #1 = **Humanists want to replace religions based on supernatural beliefs (like Christianity) with a religion based only on natural beliefs.**

Goal # 2 = **Humanists want to replace Biblical ethics with Humanistic ethics.**

Goal # 3 = **Humanists want to replace Biblical ethics with Humanistic ethics..**

And Goal # 4 = **Humanists Want to Replace Our Republican Form of Representative Self-government with a Democratic Socialist Government.**

This week we look at Humanism's Goal # 5, which is -

5. Humanists Want to Replace Multi-national Governments with A One-world Government. The ultimate goal of humanism is to build **"a world that is significant."** By that expression, humanists mean that the best option for humanity is **"to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community in which all sectors of the human family can participate."** Humanists "deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds." They "look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon *transnational* federal government." This requires that nations "reduce the level of military expenditure and turn these savings to peaceful and people-oriented uses." It also requires centralized "cooperative planning concerning the use of rapidly depleting resources."

Moreover, since the problems of economic growth and development are considered worldwide in scope, developed nations are said by humanists to have a moral obligation to provide **"massive technical agricultural, medical, and economic**

assistance, including birth control techniques, to the developing portions of the globe." And since humanists generally consider technology to be a vital key to human progress and development, then humanists "would resist any moves to censor basic scientific research on moral, political, or social grounds." "Communication and transportation" must be expanded. "A world wide system of television and radio for information and education" must be developed that "diverse political, ideological and moral viewpoints" may be shared.

Humanists declare that since "we are responsible for what we are or will be," then we should work together for a humane world. They believe that **"...commitment to all humankind is the highest commitment of which we are capable; it transcends the narrow allegiances of church, state, party, class, or race in moving toward a wider vision of human potentiality. What more daring a goal for human kind that for each person to become, in ideal as well as practice, a citizen of a world community."**

Although humanists are far from achieving this goal they have already put many systems into place for a one-world government. The United Nations charter is based upon the precepts of humanism. UNESCO, the World Health Organization, and other UN auxiliary organizations are all influential throughout the world. The International Court of Justice (commonly referred to as the World Court) is now functioning, although most nations abide by its judgments only whenever it suits their respective wills. Many countries now consider it standard practice to give foreign aid to other countries. Public demonstrations promoting peace, demilitarization, and the cutting of national defense budgets are also common.

In some ways, this goal of modern humanism is quite similar to a goal once held by some ancient humanists. The ancient humanists had said to one another, **"Come, let us build a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth"** (Genesis 11:4). As these ancient people left God out of their plans and efforts, so also do modern humanists who want to build a one-world government. And as those ancient humanists acted in pride to make a name for themselves, so also do modern humanists act in pride, thinking that by human reason and intelligence modern man can guide himself in the full development of his potential.

But just as God then confounded their languages and turned their tower "unto heaven" into a tower of Babel, so also will God confound these modern humanists and leave in rubble their attempts to build a one-world government. We may be sure of this because God casts down the haughty and lifts up the humble (see II Samuel 22:18; Proverbs 3:34; James 4:6; I Peter 5:5; Isaiah 10:33; Proverbs 16:18; 18:12; 22:4; Luke 14:11; 18:14).

CONCLUSION:

However much Christians may believe that humanism leads to destruction and that it will ultimately fail, humanists think otherwise. They "believe that it is possible to bring about a more

humane world, one based upon the methods of reason and the principles of tolerance, compromise, and the negotiations of difference.” They are confident that they can “initiate new directions for humankind.” Their assessment is that “the true revolution is occurring and can continue in countless non-violent adjustments.”

However much Christians may not wish to acknowledge it, ***“the influence of secular civil humanism in the West since the Enlightenment has generally followed an ascending course. Even in the United States, where religion remains a powerful social force, civil humanism is now probably the dominant value system within the intellectual community. It thereby exerts strong influence over the entertainment and news industries and over the higher levels of the education system and the government bureaucracy. Leo Pfeffer, a distinguished authority on church-state relations, has written, ‘Secular humanism [is] a cultural force which in many respects is stronger in the United States than any of the major religious groups or any alliance among them.’”***

In view of the accelerating growth of humanism, it seems abundantly clear that professed Christians are not being the salt of the earth, the light of the world, and a leavening influence within society. Professed Christians are not exterminating the termites of humanism. The sad fact is that many professed Christians seem altogether unaware of the existence of humanism. Such Christians are therefore totally incapable of assessing the damages done by humanism. More significantly, such Christians are unable to oppose humanism.

If humanism is ever exterminated, and if our culture is ever to be firmly established upon Christian principles, then all who profess to be Christians must act immediately to implement Christian values within all civil governments and agencies, and also within all other institutions, organizations, and human associations. Unless the Christian religion comes to prevail over the religion of humanism in America, then we may expect that, as humanists more fully achieve their goals, this nation will continue on its downward path of moral degeneration.

As we look at the goals of humanism, and the degree to which they already have achieved their goals, we who profess to be Christians should be alarmed at the effectiveness with which humanists are achieving their objectives. If ever there has been a time in these United States for Christians to respond to shouts of alarm, this is that time. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David W. Cloud



MASS MURDER ON U.S. MILITARY BASE WAS AN ACT OF ISLAMIC TERRORISM

In spite of attempts on the part of some government officials and media personalities to blame something else, it is clear that Nidal Malik Hasan’s mass

murder of 13 people and wounding of 31 others at Fort Hood Army Base in Texas was an act of Islamic terrorism. Hasan cried “Allahu Akbar” (“Allah Is the Greatest”) before opening fire, and one of his neighbors said that he gave her a Koran at 9a.m. that morning before heading to the base and said, ***“I’m going to do good work for God”*** (“Fort Hood Gunman Had Told US Military Colleagues That Infidels Should Have Throats Cut,” Telegraph, London, Nov. 8, 2009).

Hasan had told some of his colleagues that “infidels” should have their throats cut and that they should be set on fire. Earlier this summer he cheered the shooting death of a Little Rock Army recruiter by a Muslim (“The Military’s Blunders,” New York Post, Nov. 7, 2009).

In a lecture at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (where he worked prior to being assigned to Fort Hood in July of this year) Hasan ranted that “non-believers should be beheaded and have boiling oil poured down their throats.” While stationed at Walter Reed, Hasan attended the Dar al-Hijrah mosque at the same time as two of the 9/11 terrorists (“Fort Hood Shooting: Texas Army Killer Linked to September 11 Terrorists,” The Telegraph, Nov. 7, 2009). The imam at that time was Anwar al-Awlaki, who now lives in Yemen.

Charles Allen, former under-secretary for intelligence at the Department of Homeland Security, described him as “an al-Qaeda supporter who targets US Muslims with radical online lectures encouraging terrorist attacks.” Val Finell, an Army doctor who studied with Hasan, said he and others questioned Hasan’s allegiance to the U.S. Constitution and his commitment to the defense of America (“Officials: U.S. Aware of Hasan Efforts to Contact al Qaeda,” ABC News, Nov. 9, 2009).

Dr. Finnell said that most of the officers did not file complaints for “fear of appearing discriminatory against a Muslim soldier” (“Fort Hood Gunman Had Told US Military Colleagues,” The Telegraph, Nov. 8). That exposes the foolish “political correctness” that has taken over the U.S. military, which is more zealous to please the feminists, environmentalists, Muslims, and lawyers, than it is to fulfill its obligation to protect America from all enemies.

The root problem, though, is not the weakness of the military; the root problem is the apostasy and cowardliness of the nation’s preachers, which refuse to proclaim the fear of God boldly and without compromise. As a result, the nation has been robbed of its wisdom and power.

The solution, therefore, from the Bible believer’s side is not to focus on politics and immerse himself in conservative talk radio; the solution is to focus on godliness, in our individual lives and in our churches -

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (II Chronicles 7:14). ■

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
 Cradle Roll 2: Larry Byars
 Rebekah White

6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Janet Bridges
 Cradle Roll 2: Bertha Segebarrt
 Nathaniel White

Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White
 Shirley White


AND THE PEOPLE CAME...


Week of November 8, 2009

Sunday School ----- 19
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 42
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 31
 Wed. Eve. Service, 11/11/09 ----- 25

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of November 8, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----  \$ 1,344.00
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 10.00
 Love Offering, Looper Family ----- \$ 8.00
 Love Offering, Pastor ----- \$ 120.00
Total Received for Week of 11/08/09: \$ 1,482.00

**Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
 to operate the church
 EACH WEEK,
 as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00** 

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

NEW HYMNAL FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 1,791.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 574.00

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Total Received, To Date: \$ 454.00



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1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

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