

Taking a Stand Against Liars in Religious Garb

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We have a real problem, and we are making every effort to ignore it.

Problems usually do not go away when ignored. They only fester, and get worse. We can ignore the problem, but in the end it is going to severely harm us.

And what is the problem of which I speak? I am speaking about the very serious problem of the perversion of religion. We see before our eyes how religion has been hijacked by extremists who are destroying the religion from the inside out.

We have become a generation that demands ease. We want ease in our religion. We want to be told what to believe, and how to act.

So few seek to question the status quo, or inquire if what is being taught is indeed authentic, and factual. We want to fit in, blend in, and be absorbed into something greater than our individual selves. Yet, in so doing, we lose touch with our individual selves. In effect we become absorbed into a cult-like monster that disguises itself under the facade of pious religion.

The psychological pressure for conformity in certain religious circles is reminiscent of something horrifying from out of science fiction. However, I am not speaking about fiction. I am speaking about fact. And the proof of how serious a threat this is, is your present reaction to my words. You know you are dismissing them as you read. You will say



that I am overreacting. You might even be so brainwashed to condemn me as unfaithful to our religion, for how dare I challenge the authority of the religious leadership. After all, they are great, and I am nothing. And we are all supposed to accept what the great leaders say, without question, right? As they used to say, "Sieg Heil!"

The message of religion is supposed to be one that calls for the betterment of humanity. **The mission of those who embrace religion is to work for the betterment of humanity.** When religion does not perform this primary function, then it ceases to be religion, and becomes a divisive monster. When the religious fail to perform their primary function of living better lives, and serving as positive role models, then they too have become willing servants of a divisive monster. Instead of being moral, loving, and righteous individuals, they are transformed into petty hypocrites, who serve only themselves, and their illusions of what they fantasize their religion ought to be.

We see it happening among us. Religious individuals, who many hold in high esteem, embrace radical political positions. These so-called religious leaders, in spite of their denials, are full of hatred towards those who are unlike them. They especially hate those who see through their facades, and then work against them, trying to save people from falling into their elaborate snares.

Religion today has been transformed from being an enlightened path towards God, and into a cult-like, mind-controlling pariah. The more religious one becomes the more separatist the ideals one embraces. The more religious one becomes the more condescending, and egotistical one becomes. The more religious one becomes the less rational, and more irrational one becomes.

Extremist ideals, and wild conspiracy theories have become widely embraced in a growing segment of the religious population. Religious people, are becoming more and more paranoid, fearing the government, and fearing the population at large. They consider the government to be in the "hands of the devil." They consider the government to be evil, and some make actual efforts to overthrow it. Hiding under the guise of religious zeal, some even go so far as to commit acts of violent terrorism against their fellow citizens. These other citizens, however, are not members of the religious cult hive-mind. Therefore they are the enemy, and are thus worthy targets to attack.

We have seen the effects of such insane religiosity before. It was people of this same mindset who, two thousand years ago, provoked a violent uprising against the ruling Roman authorities. These madmen created a holocaust the like of which was only second to what Hitler did nineteen centuries later.

The insanity of these ancient madmen has returned. Today, instead of wearing white, they wear black. Instead of turbans, they wear large kippot serugot. Regardless of whatever the garb, a wolf in sheep's clothing remains a wolf. A wolf is a dangerous ravenous predator. Those who ignore the wolf, and see only sheep will, in the end, be eaten!

Religion is supposed to be about God. **Serving God is supposed to be about humanity learning how to live humane lives, and learning to be the best that we can be.**

Why else do you think the Creator of the universe made contact with us, His creation? Do you think that the Eternal God needs our mortal, human worship and praise?

All such activities, on our parts, is exclusively designed for our personal benefit. God receives no benefit from us, nor does God desire or seek any benefit from anything in His creation. God is above need, and desire. Therefore, God's purpose in being involved with us is entirely for our benefit. So, **religion about God actually, and truly means religion about humanity.**

Religion is primarily concerned with our service to God. God's primary concern is our service, and righteousness towards one another. Therefore, **the true and proper service of God is to serve and support our fellow human beings.** By being decent, honest, moral, and righteous human beings, we are serving God in the highest way possible. God created humanity to act humanely. When we do this, we are serving God. When we fail to do this, we are not serving God. It is this black and white; it is this simple.

Anyone who is religious, and who at the same time does not treat all fellow human beings with respect and dignity is by definition a religious hypocrite, and a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Worse than this hypocrisy, the religious hypocrite is a traitor against God, and a rebel against what true religion is supposed to be.

Don't be fooled by cultural identities, and superficial expressions of religious fervor, and observance. One cannot judge a book by its cover. Unless a religious person is a sincere, moral, and good human being towards all other human beings, then such an individual is a religious hypocrite.

It behooves us all to shun and stay away from religious hypocrites, and the organizations that they build to further propagate their skewered views of real religion.

As long as we support religious institutions, and religious leaders who embrace and promote positions of separatism, extremism, conspiracy theory nonsense, and religious paranoia, then we ourselves become collaborators with everything that is wrong in our society today.

If we play with wolves, we have no right to complain when we get eaten.

Individual intelligence, and personal resolve are necessary for each of us to embrace in order to stand against the tidal waves of mind-numbing, cult-like religious brain washing that is going on today. **We need real men, (male & female), to take a stand against the wolves!**