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THE UNREAD BIBLE

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"In the fifteenth century the following law was in force in England: 'That whosoever reads the Scriptures in the mother tongue, shall forfeit land, cattle, life and goods from their heirs forever, and so be condemned for heretics to God, enemies to the crown, and most arrant traitors to the land'.

"During the first year this law was in force, thirty-nine were hanged for its violation and their bodies burned".

The excuse for the law was to keep people from being confused and corrupted by the writings not being interpreted by a controlling clergy who wanted them to believe only as the Church demanded. So even at that time there were those who would risk their lives to read the Bible.

Today, with a Bible in nearly every home, the threat against reading it is more subtle, but almost as effective. Instead of threats by an impotent clergy, it's all done by programming. As my article, "The Practical Atheist" explains, people are programmed against reading the Bible. It works like this: Take for instance Numbers 31. A casual Bible reader will come upon this chapter which commands genocide, the killing of every male and every possibly pregnant female Midianite. Infanticide, the killing of all the infant males and human sacrifice to Jehovah by butchering and offering 64 virgins, half for the army and half for the congregation.

This chapter is only one example. My article, "The Jewish Plot To Take Over The World" (Not anti-Jewish), shows dozens of other accounts of genocide and infanticide commanded by the god of the Bible. No one in his right mind could believe that a real god could permit, much less command, such evil. So if he continues to read of these atrocities he stops believing in that god. Then he is faced with the often repeated verse from Mark 16:16, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be

damned".

So to the best of his ability, he closes out any such verses which would kill his belief and consciously or unconsciously refuses to read any but those verses recommended by his clergy.

This being the case, most Jesusites hardly read the Bible at all and believe only that which their clergy tells them is in the Bible. Now, do they really have the belief indicated by Mark 16:16? They don't believe the Bible at all. They just believe what someone else tells them is in the Bible. Could that live up to the requirement to believe?

Then we have those fanatics who go on about how there should be prayer in school. Some say, "They've taken God out of our schools". This reminds me of the joke: "Where does your pet gorilla sleep?" Answer: "Anywhere he wants". A real god that could be kept out of someplace it wanted to be is a piss-poor god, to say the least.

But about prayer in schools; haven't these people read Jesus' admonition against public prayer? I remember it being brought up many times when I was a churchgoer. Matt. 6:5-6 says,

5 "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you. They have their reward.

6 "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy father which seeith in secret shall reward thee openly".

I have to add verse 7,

7 "But when you pray, use not vain repetition, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking".

Whether synagogue or church, don't you remember clergymen going on and on telling their god just what to do, while boring the congregation to sleep?

I remember my brother describing one preacher praying, with his hair standing out on all sides and his tie hanging down to his knees. No one was

listening and few had their heads bowed since they were looking around trying to find out who broke wind.

You probably saw those kids who chained themselves around the high-school flagpole while they prayed. They were on TV being seen of men and that was their reward.

Then there was the incident where these high-schoolers were making a demonstration of praying in their lobby. One of their peers came along and shot several of them to death.

In all these cases, it's hard to imagine that they didn't read, or had read to them, Jesus' admonition against public prayer. At any rate, they didn't believe the word of their god enough to even read it, much less abide by what it says.

A philosophical question: Could those who died doing something Jesus didn't want them to do, go to Heaven? They didn't believe so they were damned. Right this minute those sanctimonious little snots are burning in Hell, writhing and suffering for eternity, being eaten on by the worm that never dies. Of course, I don't believe it and I wouldn't wish it on them, but the imagery of it tickles me.

Following is an excerpt from my article, "[You Can't Trust A 'Patriot'](#)":

"In recent years the conspiracy mongers have latched onto a new market - Christians. This is mainly due to the fact that the modern "Christian" has stopped reading the Bible, relying on others to read bits and pieces to him and tell him what Christianity is about. "Conspiracy" Christianity is Christianity without Jesus. Since most of its preachments are from the Old Testament, it would be better described as "Neo-Judaism".

People like Norman Olson, of the Michigan Militia, feed on this ignorance to sell guns. Norman claims to be a Baptist minister yet trains people to fight the U.S. Government and kill its employees. He owns a gun store and probably makes a good living preaching fear and hatred of our government. He is not alone.

But he and the others are wrong and in a position to know it. Jesus was not a patriot. The Christianity Jesus preached was a preparation for an afterlife.

"In my Father's house are many mansions.....I go to prepare a place for you", (John 14:2).

That place was in Heaven, no there.

He also said,

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's..." (Mark 12:17).

Caesar was a Roman and his soldiers were enemy occupiers of Judea. So Jesus, far from resisting, was preaching submission to the enemy. Nothing here was worth fighting for - Heaven was the goal. To Pontius Pilate He said,

"My Kingdom is not of this world: if My Kingdom was of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews..." (John 18:36).

So again Jesus denies His kingdom is here and He did not want His servants to fight, even in His defense.

Some might quote Jesus saying, before going to the garden where He was captured,

"...he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one" (Luke 22:36).

Whoever wrote that made it up. Jesus would not have said it. Matthew's version of the capture is typical of Jesus' attitude toward violence.

"And behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, **'Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword'**" (Matt. 26:51-52).

Jesus then ties down his pacifist philosophy in Matthew 5:38-48.

"Ye hath heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth; but I say unto you, that ye resist not evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow

of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others do? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect".

Of course, the kill-for-Christ-crowd, who encourage their followers to arm against the Jews, Feds and the U.N. would counter with Matthew 10:34-36,

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law".

I have never heard that quoted in church without the explanation that this was just His way of saying that His message would result in strife, but that it wasn't His literal purpose. Even so, I believe the writer just let his emotions run away with him.

The early Christians allowed themselves to be slaughtered in the hope that they would awaken in Heaven. It was indeed their belief that Christianity was a preparation for an afterlife. The conspiracy mongers have perverted Christianity just to get money from people too lazy to read the New Testament for themselves. So one can be a Christian and one can be a patriot. But one cannot be a Christian "patriot".

I admit, I'm not so strong when it comes to not resisting evil. I resist it wherever I find it. That's why I've written this article. The conspiracy mongers are evil. They take advantage of the anxious and the confused and sell them useless and false information. But what's worse, they fill them with hatred and

inspire them to arm against their own government and people. Their only motive is profit and to this end they're willing to undermine what little stability our faltering system still has.

I would not go so far as to say that they wanted the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City or the derailling of the train in Arizona. But their constant agitation of the emotionally unstable among their "patriots" justifies in unsound minds the most horrible deeds of vengeance.

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" Romans 12:19-21"

Then there are the cases where the clergy overrides the word of their god as a means of control. Matt. 23:9 says,

"And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your father, which is in heaven".

That Catholic priests are called "Father" is proof that the word of the pope is over that of Jesus.

Few Catholics read the Bible. Those who do and come across those words ignore them as being against their programming.

At any rate their "Holy Father" is neither holy nor a father. Besides, a priest can't be a father since little boys can't get pregnant. It's almost common knowledge that priests are notorious for sodomizing alter boys. This does not hold true concerning priests presiding over convents. A case in point happened in a convent vegetable garden in Connecticut.

Two nuns were talking and one was telling of her prize-winning cucumber of the year before. She measured it by parting her hands. A nun on the other side of the garden who couldn't hear but saw, called out, "Father who?" So much for their vows of celibacy, which should be guaranteed by castration.

Also are those who believe in religions made up out of whole cloth but pretend to be biblical. Among these are the believers in the "Rapture". The word is not in the Bible, nor is the concept of believers being transported into

Heaven while alive even hinted at in the Bible. The idea was invented by British minister John Nelson Darby in the 1840s. John Hagee, a prominent televangelist bases most of his ministry on this fraud. Watching his audience, one sees a mob of happy, smiling, programmed Hageeites, none of whom has a whiff of the Hell-fire awaiting them if their Bible is true.

Such silliness accounts for the over 1200 so-called Christian sects in our country. Let them read from the last page of Revelation 22:18-19.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things. God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy. God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city and of the things which are written in this book".

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