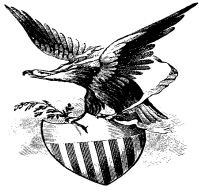


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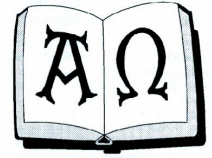
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Why "Hate crime" laws would ban Biblical Christianity

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"...the real danger of 'hate crime' laws is that they criminalize thoughts and beliefs."

"...a school administrator told the student: 'Leave your faith in the car' when your beliefs might offend others."

"Arlene Elshinnawy, 75, and grandmother of three, was holding a sign: 'Truth is hate to those who hate the truth,' before she was hauled off by police officers."

"Practitioners of homosexual, cross-dressing, transvestism, and transsexualism become federally-protected minority groups...."

"The notion of the 'hate crime' has now been established in English law. Thanks to the mullahs, anyone daring to subject the Muslim faith to the same kind of harsh analysis brought to bear on Christianity or Judaism could be convicted as a 'hate criminal.'"

This legislation may be the most ominous attack on "free speech" and Christianity since the founding of our nation. Yet, the silence of the mainstream media is disturbing. It suggests that many of our most powerful leaders want these bills passed behind closed doors, freed from any public accountability. Even so, the public is awakening to the facts.

On April 25, 2007, a House of Representatives committee approved a measure to add homosexuality to the list of groups "protected" by hate crimes laws. The Senate has prepared a twin bill, S. 1105. Except for the addition of the name Matthew Shepard, its title is the same."

Matthew Shepard? Few Americans could miss the shocking details of this young homosexual's horrible death in 1998. The media published *that* story 3007

times -- 45 times in the *New York Times* alone. It made Matthew a martyr for the cause of gay rights, hate-crimes legislation, and **anti-Christian sentiment.**"

Did you read about Jesse Dirkhising's torture and murder at the hands of two homosexual lovers eleven months later? Probably not. The thirteen-year-old boy was drugged, strapped down, sodomized, tortured, and killed by two adults living in an apartment that 'reeked of excrement and was littered with drug paraphernalia.' Like Matthew's murder, it was a horrible crime -- almost unfit to print. But that's *not* why most newspapers across the country refused to tell the story. The *real* reason? *It didn't fit their agenda! It wasn't politically correct!*

Nor is the Bible. Its unchanging standards can't be adapted to the new global guidelines for holistic spirituality and politically correct tolerance. So when eleven Christians shared the gospel as well as warning about homosexuality during Philadelphia's 2004 homosexual 'OutFest', they were promptly arrested and temporarily "charged under [Pennsylvania's] hate crimes legislation."

Christians aren't the only ones vulnerable. On April 11, a Maine Middle School student did something *really foolish* on a dare: He put some ham -- considered "unclean" by Muslims -- on a cafeteria table occupied by Muslim students. As punishment, the school suspended him. School principal, Maureen Lachapelle, sent a report of this incident to the Attorney General's office and to the County District Attorney "*because the ham incident was perceived as a **hate/bias crime.***"

A crime? Does this line up with the fast-track *Hate Crimes Bill* in Congress? And if so, why?

A quick review of HR 1592 might, at first, suggest a negative answer. Section 7(2), like the corresponding Senate Bill, defines "Hate crime acts" as:

"(A) In general.—Whoever, whether or not acting under color of law, in any circumstance described in

subparagraph (B), **willfully causes bodily injury** to any person or, through the use of fire, a firearm, or an explosive or incendiary device, attempts to cause bodily injury to any person, because of the actual or perceived **religion**, national origin, **gender**, **sexual orientation**, **gender identity** or disability of any person—"

But, you might argue, the boy neither caused nor intended "bodily injury."

True! But consider another key word, one that's part of the title in both bills. That all-important word is "prevention!" We're looking at the "Hate Crimes Prevention Act," not simply a law against "hate crimes." And the concept of *prevention* (or pre-emption) is open-ended. Its wide range of interpretations could be used in almost any situation to **silence offending voices** and to **intimidate critics** of useful "protected" groups such as homosexuals and Muslims -- long before any signs of actual violence.

For example, a Canadian pastor was concerned about the overt promotion of Islam at a local high school. It not only distributed copies of the Quran, it also offered Muslim students a room for prayer during school hours. Of course, Christian and Jewish students had no such "freedom." But when Pastor Mark Harding began handing out leaflets protesting this strange favoritism, he was charged with "willfully promoted hatred." Having violated a new Canadian hate-crimes law, he was sentenced to 340 hours of "community service" at the Islamic Society of North America.

Pastor Harding claimed to be motivated by love for Muslim students, not hate. According to worldnetdaily.com, he expressed that love in a recorded phone call. Yet his own phone was swamped with more than three thousand *real* hate calls, including many death threats. When his trial began, the police protected him from the crowds of Muslims chanting "Infidels, you will burn in hell."

What is going on? Who is behind this unequal and borderless "protection" system?

THE UN "CULTURE OF PREVENTION"

The UN has established a massive, worldwide, inter-agency program of "prevention." Through the coordinated efforts of UNESCO, The World Health Organization, The World Bank and countless other UN agencies, its agenda is transforming not only beliefs and values everywhere, but also schools, churches, communities and nations. Words like "war" and "genocide" have been used for more than fifty years to

persuade the world to participate in "peace-building" ventures that would create a *climate of prevention* everywhere. This cultural atmosphere is defined by UN declarations such as UNESCO's Declaration on Tolerance and Declaration of Principles on Religion in a Culture of Peace.

The UN policy of prevention requires "lifelong learning," re-learning, group-learning and service-learning. Continual progress must be measured through unceasing assessments that monitor compliance with new global standards for human resource development. What counts is progress toward the envisioned solidarity -- a global community where no one takes a stand contrary to UN ideology -- and where everyone is willing to compromise their beliefs, seek common ground, and flow with the group consensus.

While Biblical Christianity hinders such universal solidarity, the war against "hate" supports it. After all, it provides the incentive needed to intimidate and persuade the masses that they must change and conform.

In 1999, the United Nations published a pamphlet by Secretary-General Kofi Annan titled, "Facing the Humanitarian Challenge: Towards a **Culture of Prevention**." In it, Mr. Annan states:

"...the common thread running through almost all conflict *prevention* policies is the need to pursue what we in the United Nations refer to as good governance. In practice, good governance involves promoting the rule of law, tolerance of **minority** and **opposition groups**.... Above all, good governance means respect for human rights... the question is Whose human rights?"

"Long-term **prevention strategies**, in addressing the root causes of conflict, seek to prevent destructive conflicts from arising in the first place. They embrace the same **holistic approach** to prevention that characterizes post-conflict peace-building...."

Do you wonder what he means by a holistic approach? It has to do with the vision of unity, wholism, solidarity, interconnectedness, or -- as the new global management puts it -- *a systems approach* based on "General Systems Theory." It tolerates no Christian "separatist" views. As Al Gore said at a 1992 Communitarian Conference, "Seeing ourselves as separate is the central problem in our political thinking."

But "peace-building" implies more specific action than simply a holistic approach. An UNESCO publication I

picked up in Istanbul during the 1996 UN Conference on Human Settlements clarifies a broader issue. Ponder the following excerpts from *Our Creative Diversity: Report on the World Commission on Culture and Development*. The first paragraph was written by former UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar:

"An ounce of prevention is better than a ton of punishment.... **Imagination**, innovation, vision and creativity are required.... It means an open mind, and open heart and a readiness to seek *fresh definitions, reconcile old opposites*, and help draw new mental maps."

"**Universalism** is the fundamental principle of a global ethics."

"Religion... has affected and sometimes poisoned the relations between majorities and minorities.... **Extreme doctrinaire views** [*Biblical Christianity?*] look to an imagined past, seen as both simpler and more stable, thus **preparing the ground not only for a variety of overtly violent acts** but also for the intimidation of individuals and indeed entire communities in **matters of thought, behavior and belief**, coercing them into accepting a single 'orthodox' point of view.... The challenge today, as in the past is to... distinguish between the beliefs and activities of the peaceful majority... and a minority of extremists...."

"PREVENTION" AS A PLOY TO SILENCE CHRISTIANS

Some of the same warnings were sounded by the respective founding directors of both UNESCO (Julian Huxley) and the World Health Organization (Dr. Brock Chisholm). Both were determined to wipe out the "poisonous certainties" of Biblical Christianity in their quest for UN solidarity. Notice Dr. Chisholm's emphasis on prevention back in 1946:

"We must... find and take sure steps to **prevent wars** in the future.... The **re-interpretation** and eventually **eradication of the concept of right and wrong** which has been the basis of child training... these are the belated objectives of practically all effective psychotherapy.... The *pretense* is made [*by uncompromising Christians who cling to old standards*] that to **do away with right and wrong** would produce uncivilized people, immorality, lawlessness and social chaos....

"When [infectious diseases] were attacked at the **preventative level, some martyrs had to be sacrificed to the cause of humanity**, because reactionary forces fought back.... The problem is no

longer the germ of diphtheria, but rather the **attitudes of parents who are incapable of accepting and using proven knowledge for the protection of their children**. Surely the training of children in home and schools should be of at least as great public concern as their vaccination....

"For the very survival of large parts of the human race, world **understanding, tolerance**, and forbearance have become absolutely essential.... **If it cannot be done gently, it may have to be done roughly or even violently.**"

Today, more than half a century later, the world is rapidly conforming to this UN agenda touted by Chisholm and Huxley in the 1940s. The global network of "lifelong learning" aims to *prevent* anything that would hinder "positive" collective thinking. Few notice how effectively its tentacles now reach into community [mental] health programs in over 130 nations around the world.

During his 1997 White House Conference on Hate-Crimes, former President Clinton suggested that "The Justice Department will make its own hate crimes training curriculum available. A lot of hate crimes still go unreported.... If a crime is unreported, that gives people an excuse to ignore it." Then he announced a Justice Department website which invites children to tell "trusted adults" about "hateful" or exclusive attitudes they see in their relatives at home or in friends in school.

Hard to believe? It all makes sense when you consider the history of the UN. Ponder the words of Federico Mayor, former Director-General of UNESCO:

"We have witnessed... the **growth of fundamentalism** and of religious and ethnic intolerance. The roots of exclusion and hatred have shown themselves even deeper and more tenacious than we had feared... Peace... requires, in the words of the Constitution, 'the intellectual and **moral solidarity of mankind**'."

Today's well-funded champions for boundless sexual "freedom" are fighting an all-out war against those who resist. Their efforts are pushing America toward inconceivable lawlessness, bondage (to their own sensuality), and social chaos, which will surely be countered by more intensified surveillance and control.

They are no respecter of persons. Even Marine General Peter Pace - war hero and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff - is under "rapid fire assault from his extreme left-flank." His "crime"? When interviewed by the

Chicago Tribune, he said that “homosexual acts between two individuals are immoral.”

J. Matt Barber describes the battle in his article Pro-'Gay' Bullies Pick Up the Pace:

"Not surprisingly, many of those non-judgmental, freedom-loving moral-relativists on the left are up-in-arms, demanding that Pace apologize and offer a full retraction or be fired.... Their carefully crafted propaganda is peppered with provocative and sensational code-words like “hate,” “violence,” “bigot,” “homophobia” — and on and on, ad infinitum. They are militant, organized, extremely powerful and well funded. Through clever semantics and shrewd political subterfuge they cynically play to **honorable notions of freedom and fair-play** in order to push a deceptive and activist agenda.

"**They are the radical homosexual lobby....** Theirs is a carefully orchestrated and skillfully executed scheme not only to undermine, but to abolish from public discourse, any words — or even thoughts — which might stem from the traditional **Judeo-Christian worldview** upon which our great nation was founded.

"Their agenda: To mandate that only a secular-humanist worldview may be properly entertained or referenced. That worldview is one in which morality is entirely relative, and any reference to traditional notions of natural human sexuality, the natural family, or any fixed lines of demarcation between right and wrong are “hateful,” “discriminatory,” and to be strictly forbidden by force of law."

GOD REIGNS IN THE MIDST OF THE BATTLE

America's dangerous drift brings sobering consequences. Long ago, God warned us that when people mock His ways, He will "give them over" to their own futile resources. Rejecting His guidelines, they lose His protection and are driven by the passions of their own capricious nature. Notice the descent into depravity and social chaos:

"...the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth....**

"Professing to be wise, they became fools....

"Therefore **God also gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves....

"**God gave them up** to vile passions.... committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over** to a debased

mind.... being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness. They are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful...." Romans 1:18-32

The good news is that those who do turn to the Light in the midst of the spreading darkness will find peace and strength in Christ. "My peace I give to you," said Jesus, "not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27-28

Children of Jihad vs. Children of the West

"What is your most lofty aspiration? Death for the sake of Allah!"

That is the charming verse kindergarteners in a Hamas classroom chanted last week during their graduation ceremony. The girls dressed in butterfly costumes. The boys donned camouflage, black masks, green bandanas and toy semiautomatic rifles. The video aired by the Middle East Media Research Institute (www.memritv.org) features the children wielding swords and guns while mimicking paramilitary exercises.

And how are we preparing the children of the West to defend themselves against these little soldiers of Allah?

Scene 1: In New York City, one nursery school dragged 3-year-old toddlers to the office of Rep. Eliot Engel (D-Bronx/Westchester/Rockland), where they sang "It's a Small World" around a 12-foot "Tree of Peace." The New York Press reported last week:

"The handmade tree, crafted by 17 children during pre-school class time, was a statement against American troops remaining in Iraq, and a call to pursue peaceful paths to end all world conflicts. This gift, however, seemed more like a Trojan horse, designed to gain an invitation inside so that the children's far-left leaning parents could rail against the war and the congressman's initial vote in support of it."

The children's teacher, Valerie Coleman-Palansky, defended the stunt thusly: "I think it's appropriate for 3-year-olds to know that the world needs to be a peaceful place for everybody to live in and a safe place for everybody to live in."

Perhaps it's time for Ms. Coleman-Palansky to acquaint herself with the Palestinian Mickey Mouse. The chant of the little jihadists drowns out the Disneyfied reverie:

"What is your most lofty aspiration? Death for the sake of Allah!"