

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11

A Berean Exercise: “Christian” Magazines Part II

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THERE’S A LATIN saying that is similar to what it means to be a Berean. The Bereans were Jews to whom the Apostle Paul spoke in the synagogue in the Greek city of Berea. Luke commended them (Acts 17:10-11) for listening to what Paul and Silas had to say and then for searching the Scriptures to discern whether or not their words were true to what was written therein. In a secular sense, that’s what the Latin phrase *caveat emptor* means: “Let the buyer beware.”

That warning is what the Word of God encourages. Jesus characterized the days prior to His Second Coming as ones of increasing apostasy. He forewarned, “Take heed that no man deceive you” (Matthew 24:4). The Bible also gives reasons for the coming apostasy (a widespread turning away from biblical truth) such as: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:3). Without an understanding of, and the application of, “sound doctrine” in one’s life, the ability to discern truth from error is nearly impossible. Furthermore, as deception and seduction increase, the errors become more cunning and therefore more difficult to identify. Twice in Proverbs—14:12 and 16:25—we’re told, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Death always involves separation, and in these verses, death may be understood as separation from the truth of God’s Word, which ultimately leads to destruction.

Over my many years of reading *Charisma Magazine*, subtlety would not be a term I’d use regarding its biblical errors. They were typically more of the blatant “billboard” variety, but that’s just my opinion. What I’m seeing now is a more sophisticated maneuver that is very seductive and far less obvious. This has been taking place among many of the Word-Faith, Healing, and Prosperity ministries. Joel Osteen is a frontrunner in this approach. His father, John Osteen, was old-school Word-Faith, with its unconcealed heresies, and Joel was his media director. Joel learned how to avoid his father’s excesses in his own presentations, although they are still much the same.

In my last visit to Bethel Church in Redding, CA, I could see the same things taking place. It’s not that anything had changed regarding its false theology, beliefs, or practices. It’s just that they were no longer as obvious as they’d been in the past. A visit to Bethel’s bookstore revealed what was foundational to its teachings for the 3,000 students who are enrolled on its campus. There were books by the Word-Faith, Positive Confession old guard of Kenneth Hagin, Charles Capps, E.W. Kenyon, Smith Wigglesworth, John G. Lake, etc. However, those writings were buried under current books by Bill Johnson, Kris Vallotton, Heidi Baker,

Che Ahn, Randy Clark, and others better known to the millennials and the upcoming generation.

The May 2019 *Charisma* issue includes an example of that “new tactic,” and it gives me great concern. The two-page article was titled “The Send Mobilizes Tens of Thousands to Kingdom Evangelism,” and the subtitle declared, “We are here for the greatest move of God in human history.” That grandiose overstatement “outdoes” the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus! Sadly, it is claimed to be for the sake of the evangelization of the lost, something that most Christians would be blessed to participate in. According to the article, “Over 50,000 people gathered on Saturday, Feb. 23, in Orlando, Florida, for The Send, a charismatic mega-event that continued for nearly 12 hours straight.” Andy Byrd, of Youth With A Mission (YWAM), one of the event’s primary directors who also emceed, declared, “We are here because we are crazy enough to believe that we are here for the greatest move of God in human history!”

What Christian could object to the stated goal of The Send, which is to equip people to evangelize “high schools, universities, neighborhoods, the mission field, and the foster care system?” Speaker Banning Liebscher “urged Christians to take everyday evangelism seriously, emphasizing it as a matter of personal responsibility.” He added, “It is not

your pastor’s job to see your friend saved.”

Another speaker, Francis Chan, exhorted the young gathering to make sure that they were not responding to an event manufactured by man rather than the Holy Spirit, that they were being faithful in little things (sharing the gospel with their neighbors, friends, etc.) before desiring to go to the ends of the earth to evangelize, and most importantly that they were disciplined in reading the Word of God daily. Without knowing the Word, he noted, they would have nothing of value to share.

Who wouldn’t agree with at least some of the concerns of those speakers? So what’s the problem...or problems?

The fundamental problem is that the crowd of 50,000 or so is being preached at to fulfill the great commission, i.e., “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19) by sharing the gospel. Yet the gospel being preached by most of the speakers is false, and the Jesus being exalted is “another Jesus” (2 Corinthians 11:4)!

What is this false gospel? Nearly all of the older Word-Faith preachers (Hagin, Copeland, Price, the Crouches, et al.) were and are heavily influenced by E.W. Kenyon, Smith Wigglesworth, and Paul E. Billheimer. Of Jesus, the latter wrote, “He was ‘made’ sin...impregnated with sin, and became the very essence of sin; on the Cross He was banished from God’s presence as a loathsome thing. He and sin were made synonymous.... [I]t was not sufficient for Christ to offer up only His physical life on the cross. His pure human spirit had to ‘descend’ into hell.... His spirit must not only descend into hell, but into the lowest hell.... The Father turned Him over, not only to the agony and death of Calvary, but to the satanic

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RIGHT UNTO A MAN, BUT THE END
THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.

—Proverbs 14:12

torturers of His pure spirit as part of the just dessert of the sin of all the race. As long as Christ was ‘the essence of sin’ he was at Satan’s mercy in that place of torment.... While Christ identified with sin, Satan and the hosts of hell ruled over Him as over any lost sinner. During that seemingly endless age in the nether abyss of death, Satan did with Him as he would, and all hell was ‘in carnival.’”

Dave Hunt, noting the blasphemy and absurdity of such a belief, pointed out that “That would make Satan our co-redeemer!” Yet there’s much more to that shameful heresy in contradiction to the biblical gospel. Jesus paid the full penalty for the sins of mankind as He hung on the cross—not in hell. Following the three hours during which the sky had turned black, He cried out, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” He, and only He, as the sinless God/Man could personally experience what was necessary to fulfill divine justice. When that payment for the infinite penalty for sin was completed, His last words were, “It is finished” (*tetelestai*—paid in full), and “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.” Notice that it was into *the Father’s hands* that Jesus committed His spirit, not into Satan’s in order to be punished.

There is nothing in Scripture that even hints at Satan torturing Jesus as His payment for sin, especially in hell, which is the last place the father of lies wants to be (although that’s where he will spend eternity). That is a false gospel—a doctrine of demons. It also includes a false Christ. What those who hold to such a belief write about Him *never happened to the biblical Jesus*.

Is that the gospel The Send wants the 50,000 young people to take to the ends of the earth? Someone might argue that not all the speakers believe that gospel. Not all? How many such preachers of a false gospel would it take to lead the young people astray, especially when they are up there with the leader they like? Perhaps

some of the younger leaders don’t believe that false gospel, but no one can be certain, because a clear biblical gospel was *never given* throughout the twelve hours of the conference. Since some of the elder statesmen of the Word-Faith and Healing and Prosperity “gospel” were there to influence those gathered, there’s little doubt that they held to that heretical belief.

As mentioned earlier, one of the speakers, Francis Chan, encouraged the crowd to discipline themselves to read the Scriptures daily, as he does. One value of that important habit is biblical discernment, which somehow seems to be seriously missing from Chan’s stated diligence. His history of defending the Roman Catholic Church, with its false gospel of works, seems to pale in light of a staggering number of heresies held and practiced by those among whom he preached at The Send. Their heretical examples have filled volumes, especially those of Benny Hinn, Rodney Howard-Browne, Mike Bickle, and Bill Johnson. Where were Chan’s warnings as a biblical watchman (Ezekiel 3:17-21; 33:7-11; Mark 13:21-23) regarding the false teachers and false prophets with whom he shared the stage? Why was there no mention of Paul’s warning to the Ephesian elders?: “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” (Acts 20:28-31).

The doctrinal errors among the speakers, in addition to the false gospel, as noted, are numerous and can only lead their followers away from the Word of God. Most of them, and the ministries they represent, are into Kingdom Dominionism. They believe that God is going to use them to bring about a great end-times revival and that Christians will rule the earth prior to the return of Jesus. No! The Bible states that there will be a “great” *tribulation*, not a great worldwide revival! The next kingdom, according to the Scriptures, is the kingdom of the Antichrist. Kingdom building is a major belief of Bill Johnson and Bethel Church. That fact is made clear in the songs of Jesus Culture. Those who buy into these false teachings will be contributing to, albeit unwittingly, the religion and the kingdom of the “man of sin.”

False teachings run through the entire history of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, not because the Bible doesn’t teach the very critical and necessary work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of every true believer but because that activity has been distorted

and abused by many who *seem* to endorse the Spirit-filled life. Christianity, without the true working of the Holy Spirit, is not *biblical* Christianity—it is vanity.

The haven of false prophecies abounds among many of the The Send’s speakers, of whom Benny Hinn may be chief among them (see *The Confusing World of Benny Hinn*). Fake healings at his meetings are well known. The young leaders of The Send emulate their elders, including Michael Koulianos, who is Hinn’s son-in-law. Todd White claimed to have a word from the Lord that a healing was going to take place among all those in the crowd who had physical scars and needle tracks from past drug use. God, he claimed, was going to remove the scars and needle marks as he spoke! After what seemed like an endless harangue for God to heal, and a besieging of the audience for proof of

God’s healing, *no one manifested what White had declared*.

Another article in the May 2019 issue of *Charisma* was related to the claim that God was bringing about revival throughout the world. The article was titled “God Is Shaking Europe.” We’re told, “Hundreds of thousands of people in Europe are beginning to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ through massive evangelization efforts.” Sounds really good! But we need to be Bereans and discern *which gospel* is being preached, and by whom. The leader of Awakening Europe is Ben Fitzgerald, a former pastor from Bethel Church. The article notes that “numerous houses of prayer, similar to the International House of Prayer [IHOP] in Kansas City, Missouri... have spread to most major European cities.” IHOP’s beginnings were steeped in the beliefs and spiritual abuses of the “Kansas City Prophets.” Yet a leader of the European IHOP comments that “the growth is driven by the next generation.... The younger generation loves worship and is drawn to real Spirit-filled worship.”

The article opens with a statement related to the thoughts of Todd White and Ben Fitzgerald. I don’t think they recognized the potential—and even frightening—irony of what came to their minds. They “felt oddly compelled to visit the field where Adolf Hitler had held Nazi rallies decades earlier. On that field, Hitler had indoctrinated tens of thousands of youth into the lies behind his murderous regime.” If those individuals who are behind The Send are not preaching the truth of God’s Word to the “tens of thousands of youth” who are attending their rallies, the consequences are more than merely temporal—they’re tragically eternal.

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MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESIED IN THY NAME? AND IN THY NAME HAVE CAST OUT DEVILS? AND IN THY NAME DONE MANY WONDERFUL WORKS?

AND THEN WILL I PROFESS UNTO THEM, I NEVER KNEW YOU: DEPART FROM ME, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY.

—Matthew 7:22-23

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: I just read the Q&A in the June newsletter, and now I have a new concern that popped into my head out of nowhere. I hope you can ease my mind.

Heaven was originally without sin, and yet we have Lucifer, who rebelled and changed everything. Then Adam and Eve lived in a perfect world but *chose* to sin, resulting in the havoc of today's world. I'm wondering, when I'm blessed with the place the Lord is preparing for me, and where I expect to live a sinless, peaceful, stress-free eternal life, what assurance do I have that wrong choices won't be made *there* that will affect its perfection?

You would think that after 50-plus years of being committed to Christ (30 of which I've been blessed by your ministry), I'd have thought about this and had it figured out. I'm sure I'm missing something somewhere, but do hope you can get me back on track.

RESPONSE: We are given great assurance that the scenario you wonder about will not happen. According to 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, we read: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

First, we all shall be changed. Second, we shall be raised incorruptible. That encompasses every aspect of our beings. It's not just that our bodies are no longer subject to decay, but that the curse of sin that affects us in this life shall also have been dealt with.

Furthermore, we need to remember the promise of Scripture concerning those who will be gathered in the Rapture of the church. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and *so shall we ever be with the Lord*" [our emphasis].

QUESTION: You claim that Christ became a man to pay the penalty His justice demanded for our sins. Why would He have to become a man? Why would God go to all that trouble when as God He could have just forgiven us?

RESPONSE: God's love, grace, and mercy cannot override His justice. The penalty He has pronounced for sin must be paid. For a judge to fail to mete out the sentence demanded by the law would make him a partner in the crime. God cannot waive the penalty He has pronounced. That would make Him a liar and mean that He gives His approval to the very sin He has condemned. It would be contrary to God's own nature and being to do so.

Why did Christ have to become a man in order to pay the penalty for sin? Man sinned, the penalty has been pronounced upon all mankind, and must therefore be paid by man. But no finite man, being a sinner himself, could pay the infinite penalty for all mankind. Thus, God had to become a man. If Jesus were not God and man in one person, He could not have paid the penalty for the sins of the world.

No religion anywhere offers such salvation, or could offer it. Yet many who call themselves Christians reject what the Bible teaches and what our consciences know about sin and its penalty. Churches and cults, such as Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, offer "salvation" by means that no court of law would

accept: rituals, sacraments, works, and prayers in payment for sin. Catholics imagine that Mary will get them into heaven, and to that end seek her favor.

I expose such folly in this way: Suppose I am in jail awaiting trial. You warn me that the judge is strict. I reply, "Don't worry, I'll get off—I know the judge's mother!" We call that corruption, rightly condemned in earthly courts. Certainly, God will not allow it in his heavenly court!

QUESTION: One of the "contradictions" in scripture that some people point out is the number of Abraham's sons. Galatians 4:22 says he has two, but other verses in Genesis say he has more (or just one). I know that one explanation for Abraham's being said to "have two sons" is because Paul used it to model the covenants of law and grace. I generally agree with the explanation, but the tricky part is that in today's world when we say we "have two kids," and we really have three, others may consider that lying. That makes this explanation somewhat difficult. How do we approach this "contradiction"?

RESPONSE: There is no contradiction. We need to examine all the scriptures pertaining to this. The Lord had promised Abraham that from his "seed" (singular) would come forth many descendants. With the delay of the fulfillment of this promise, Sarah and Abraham devised another plan when Sarah urged Abraham to have relations with her handmaid, Hagar. As a result, "Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael" (Genesis 16:15).

But the Lord rejected their plan, and when Abraham asked God to accept Ishmael as the child of promise, in Genesis 17:18 we read that "Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!" But God repeated His promise: "And God said, *Sarah thy wife* [emphasis added] shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him" (Genesis 17:19).

The Lord viewed Isaac as "the son," that is, the "promised son," regardless of Sarah and Abraham's plan. When the Lord told Abraham to take Isaac and offer him for a sacrifice, He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and get you into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you of" (Genesis 22:2).

By common usage, Isaac wasn't the *only* son, because Ishmael was the eldest son. But the passage in Genesis 22:2 ("your only son Isaac") used a particular phrase. The Hebrew word used for "only" is *yachiyd*, which means "unique" or "only begotten" (that is, "special").

Furthermore, Ishmael had already been rejected and cast out. In Genesis 21:10, Sarah "...said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac." The promise applied only to Isaac. He was the heir and the one specifically named by God.

Afterwards, there were other biological sons. Genesis 25:2 tells us that after the death of Sarah, Abraham took another wife named Keturah. "And she bore him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah." Nevertheless, Isaac remains *the only son of the promise*, for in Genesis 25:6 we are told, "...unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country."

LETTERS

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Good Day, Brother:

I was reading your past article on Christian Hedonism, and I have been looking at some of Piper’s writings on it, as well as others, and one thing I have found woefully lacking in all their [Calvinist] writings is any mention of obedience. If satisfaction is all that matters, that is a pretty low bar to set. Many believers today are satisfied with a God that doesn’t judge, that expects nothing in return, that seeks no change in their life, in their walk, in their sin. That is a pretty easy satisfaction. So if all it takes for God to be glorified in me and my life is for me to be satisfied and to be seeking my pleasure, then obedience and service and sacrifice apparently have no place in such a philosophy.

I find satisfaction in my Lord, whether happy or sad, whether in pleasure or in pain. Through [medical trials and subsequent] bills—yet I still, through it all, found satisfaction in my Savior, and still thank Him through and for it all, and continue to serve Him. Nothing to my credit, mind you, I don’t boast, but in my

Savior—my point being, my happiness, my pleasure, makes no difference in the satisfaction I have in my God. Somehow it makes sense that the pleasure-seeking Calvinists would come up with such an idea. God bless, sir, you and your ministry. MR (email)

Dear Berean Call,

Your newsletter is a blessing to us. It has been one among a few out there exposing the wolves in sheep’s clothing. Brother McMahon, your articles about Catholicism are excellent, and we used them with Catholics who now are Christians and attending our church. The Lord really uses you. IF (Puerto Rico)

Dear T. A. McMahon:

[Brief excerpt of an extensive letter.] Without trying to be too critical, I felt a strong conviction to write to you regarding two issues. I enclose a letter that I recently wrote to another ministry. When you read it, you will understand why I felt a need to bring up a doctrinal issue [the pre-trib rapture].

The second issue is in regard to who is the “woman” sitting upon a scarlet colored beast. Both you and Dave believe that she is the Roman Catholic Church. From my exhaustive study of the Scriptures, I see this as an incorrect interpretation. It is biblical discernment that I see as a real problem in the church today. You have repeatedly made mention of this problem, especially in your May issue. Yet there doesn’t seem to be true biblical discernment from well-known Bible teachers (and I have to include you). LW (WA)

Hello,

This week, I received from *Our Daily Bread (ODB)*, a topical devotional “Get Outside; Knowing God through His Creation,” written by Thomas Springer, senior editor at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, who has a Master’s Degree in environmental journalism.

As a regular reader of the *ODB* devotional it was distressing to read this author praising Julian of Norwich, a 13th Century English mystic, as having a call to ministry and having experienced “showings” (Chapter 3, page 18 and 19). There is New Age terminology throughout this topical devotional; however, I’m tossing it. I was going to mail this to you, but it is easy to bring this to your attention via email. Just disappointed that *ODB* published this without scrutinizing it for the red flags it presented. RN (email) [TBC: Springer’s quotation is not surprising, as he is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Three Rivers, Michigan. The concern is the fact that ODB would use it.]

QUOTABLE

“The world is unrelenting in its hostility to us, and determined to wipe out every divine principle for which we stand. It seeks to supplant creationism with evolution. It denies the sacredness of human life by abortion. It achieves the breakdown of the family unit by divorce for any reason. The purity of the marriage relationship is denied by premarital sex. Homosexuality and lesbianism are looked on as acceptable alternative lifestyles. God’s chain of command in the home and in the church is ridiculed by militant feminism. Church and state are so separated as to ban the mention of God and Christ from public life entirely. Obscenity, pornography, nakedness, filth, and violence are treated with amiable tolerance.

And so, drugged and insensate, the world defies every law of God and hurtles on to its fiery doom.”

—WILLIAM MACDONALD,
IN *WORLDS APART*

TBC NOTES

Being a Watchman...

Dave Hunt, my best friend in the Lord who is now home with Jesus, was called a prophet by a highly respected pastor when Dave spoke at his church. The man was honoring Dave for his exceptional insights in recognizing movements that were or would be troubling for the body of Christ. Among Dave’s many writings *The Seduction of Christianity* is a good example of how one might get the idea that “prophetic insight” was at work on Dave’s part.

Dave, however, never claimed to have a gift of prophecy and, having worked closely with him on *Seduction* and a few of his other writings, I can testify that his awareness of erroneous teachings and movements was not from a special gifting but was rather by God’s grace. That grace gave him diligence in studying the Scriptures and using God’s Word as a lens of discernment for observing what was happening in the world and then seeing its potential influence on the church. Dave was not a “prophet,” but he was in my mind a “watchman” (Ezekiel 3:17-21; 33:7-11). His obedience as a watchman set the direction of his life, including going to India and seeing firsthand the practices of Eastern Mysticism. That led to his recognition of the teachings and practices of the New Age movement well before it became established here in the West.

So it was God’s grace and Dave’s love for and obedience to God’s Word that enabled him to be wonderfully fruitful and greatly helpful to the body of Christ as a watchman. Grace, a love of the Word, and obedience have been made available (and very needful!) to us to be watchmen as well. That is no minor instruction from the Lord, especially in our day of increasing apostasy. As we take heed to God’s exhortations in Ezekiel we will surely be of great benefit to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise
in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

MORMONS APPEALING TO MILLENNIALS AND GEN Z

RELIGIOUSNEWSERVICE.COM, 6/18/19, "20 CHANGES THE NEW MORMON PRESIDENT HAS MADE TO APPEAL TO MILLENNIALS AND GENERATION Z" [EXCERPTS]: Ever since Russell M. Nelson took office in January of 2018, the changes have been coming fast and furious, and most of them are quite Millennial-friendly. Here [are some] changes:

- Church meetings are shortened to two hours each Sunday, down from three
- Missionaries can call home weekly instead of twice a year
- Women missionaries can (finally) wear pants in most situations
- Service missions are available for some young people instead of proselytizing missions
- There are expanded opportunities for online teaching as a nod to a digital generation
- There has been a profound emphasis on interfaith outreach and cooperation from top LDS authorities
- "Saints" publication presents a more honest version of LDS history

Taken all together...LDS leaders are stepping up their game to make the Church more palatable to younger Saints without watering down its core doctrines.

(<http://bit.ly/32Gtqsw>)

'ISLAMOPHOBIA' EXPERT: CHRISTIANITY OPPRESSIVE

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 6/25/19, "ISLAMOPHOBIA' EXPERT: CHRISTIANITY 'AN OPPRESSIVE POLITICAL SYSTEM' [EXCERPTS]: He could have become something worthwhile like a clerk at 7-Eleven or a sanitation worker, but instead, Todd Green is "associate professor of religion at Luther College and a former advisor on Islamophobia at the U.S. State Department." And now, in a new article for the Muslim online publication AltMuslimah, he is helpfully sounding the alarm about the dangers of a violent, aggressive, authoritarian religious faith: Christianity.

Imagine wasting your life being an expert on "Islamophobia," a propaganda term coined to intimidate people into thinking it wrong to oppose jihad terror. In his article, provocatively entitled "When Christianity is not a religion," he details some cases of what he claims is "Islamophobia" and concludes: "This framing of Islam as

more of a nefarious political ideology than a religion is also a staple in the repertoire of the Islamophobia industry. Anti-Muslim hate speakers insist that Islam is not 'just' a religion but 'a political system that is authoritarian, supremacist, discriminatory, expansionist, violent, and aggressive.'"

Notice here that he offers not a single shred of evidence to establish that Islam is not "a political system that is authoritarian, supremacist, discriminatory, expansionist, violent, and aggressive." In Todd Green's world, he doesn't have to prove this false. He just has to present it, and his hapless readers will take it as self-evidently false, because it violates their mythology, the propaganda they have been fed for so many years.

(<http://bit.ly/2Sxtq9E>)

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL/FOUNDER'S HOME DESTROYED

MORNINGSTARNEWS.ORG, 6/6/19, "OFFICIALS DESTROY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, HOSTEL—AND FOUNDER'S HOME—IN EASTERN INDIA" [EXCERPTS]: Authorities seized 12 tearful, fatherless children from a Christian ministry in eastern India last month after local officials demolished the ministry's school and hostel, sources said.

After Hindu extremists persuaded the district collector to demolish the hostel and school serving 250 students, child protection personnel and police on May 21 seized the six orphans and six other children whose fathers were killed by communist guerrillas known as Naxalites, said Vijay Kumar Pusuru, who founded the school near the village of Lichapeta in Odisha state.

Previously local officials have demanded money from other Christians, according to area Christians. "The children wept bitterly and pleaded, not wanting to depart," Pusuru [said]. "They caught hold of branches and trees. But ruthlessly they were snatched and taken away."

The 44-year-old Pusuru said the school, about 40 miles south of Malkangiri in the forests of Malkangiri District, is the only one in a radius of 62 miles (100 kilometers) providing English-language education.

The district collector sent 50 people to demolish the school and hostel, which housed 100 children, along with Pusuru's house, after a local leader of the Hindu extremist Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) began to spread misinformation about him and the school.

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