The Dangers of Appeasement in a Social Justice World

Those attentive to the news are well aware of religious persecution in China, Nigeria, Iran, and other countries, places where Christians often face imprisonment, death, or loss of their civil liberties.

Here in America attacks on Christians and their faith are much more subtle, but nonetheless real and ongoing.

In "How Cultural Marxism Is Grinding Christianity Down," John Eidson begins by citing an old but valuable book, W. Cleon Skausen's <u>The Naked Communist</u>, in which Skousen lists the goals of communism. Goals 27 and 28 involve the infiltration of churches and the replacement of Scripture-based revealed religion with "social" religion, what we would today call social justice, and the elimination of religion of any sort in our public schools.

Eidson then gives more than a score of examples of this grinding down of American Christianity, citing all sorts of cases ranging from schools banning Christmas carols to a student failed by a professor for refusing to "renounce her Christian faith." He points out that by "using 'diversity,' 'inclusivity' and 'multiculturalism' as justifications, cultural Marxists in corporate America, government, and publicly funded schools and colleges regularly scold, threaten and punish Christians, as well as censor religious activities by Christians and Christian organizations."

The article ends with a brief video featuring Harvard professor Clay Christensen on the importance and value of religious freedom. Christensen begins by telling viewers of a conversation he had with a Marxist economist from China who was studying in the United States. When Christensen asked the

economist if he had learned anything surprising or unexpected during his time here, "without any hesitation he said, 'Yeah. I had no idea of how critical religion is to the functioning of democracy.'" The Chinese economist, who had clearly done some homework on this matter, then pointed out that most Americans obeyed the laws not because of an all-powerful state, but because for centuries Americans had learned that they must obey the laws of God.

Christensen then wonders whether democracies can survive without religion and ends with this chilling statement: "Because if you take away religion, you can't hire enough police."

Strange, isn't it, that a Chinese Marxist would understand the connection between religion and our republic just as our Founding Fathers did?

That so many of the faithful buckle to corporate and government demands we may easily witness in the pandemic closures or restrictions imposed on our churches today. Very few bishops, priests, ministers, or pastors have publicly opposed or questioned these shutdowns, which likely violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. Few church leaders question why the state has stripped worshippers of their right to attend church while at the same time permitting mass protests in our streets.

As Ronald Reagan said in his 1964 'A Time for Choosing Speech':

Every lesson in history tells us the greater risk lies in appeasement and this is the specter our well-meaning Christian liberal friends, our priests, bishops, and pastors refuse to face, that their policy of accommodation is appeasement and it gives us no choice between peace and war, only between fight and surrender. If we continue to accommodate, continue to move back and retreat, we will have to face the final demand, the

final ultimatum, and then what?

Whatever our religious faith, we all should oppose such appeasement, for it is not only Christianity undergoing this destruction, but the rest of our culture as well. Most of us are either too good-natured or too busy living to protest Marxist concepts like cancel culture, white privilege, and gender politics, but our silence allows these radical ideas to gain traction.

To combat the dark forces that have infiltrated our corporations, our government, our universities and schools, and many of our churches, we must first open our eyes and understand the truth of this reality.

The truth, as the Old Book says, will set us free.

With this new vision, we can fight to save and restore our culture using the same tactics as those who wish to destroy it. In a myriad of small ways each of us can participate in this battle.

- We can vote
- We can write letters to our elected officials
- •We can personally see that our young people are taught American history from such sources as Wilfrid McClay's <u>Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great</u> <u>American Story</u>
- We can educate those same young people by taking them to historical sites like Jamestown, Gettysburg, and the Alamo
- We can start book clubs to further our education and end our sense of isolation
- We can ask questions of our liberal friends rather than arguing with them
- We can give financial support to those schools, colleges, and churches whose ideas align with ours
- We can share sites like Intellectual Takeout with others

We can stop buying goods from businesses and stores that fund radical groups and causes

I'm sure readers can think of countless other measures.

Let's join together, fight the good fight, and bring back America.

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