

# THE WAR AGAINST CHRISTIANITY

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In our success orientated society the popular idea is that if Christianity is true then it will meet with mass approval. What we would like to see is everyone in the world cheerfully obeying God, ignoring each other and singing the praises of Christ. What we actually see is another picture altogether. Christ is under attack along with all His disciples.

It takes no psychological expertise to be able to see that there is a vast army of immoral people trying to destroy Christian faith and values and force their own immoral practices upon the rest of us.

For example, a woman having marital difficulties said that every counselor she consulted advised her to engage in extramarital sexual affairs. Planned Parenthood, a mammoth organization funded largely by the federal government, teaches teenagers to engage in all forms of fornication, only teaching them how to use contraceptives, then assuring them that if pregnancy occurs they can have an abortion at taxpayer expense!

For decades the world of art, literature and entertainment has been promoting violence, immoral sex and anti-Christian philosophies in every possible manner. Pornography and homosexuality have demoralized old and young, and the attack on God's order for marriage has destroyed almost half the families in our nation.

As the warfare rages, the enemy eventually becomes identified. In the September issue of Journal of the National Federation of Decency, there is a continuing report on the work done by the Lichter-Rothman team who researched the TV and movie industry. They found that some 59% of the people in decision making positions in the TV and movie industries were raised in Jewish homes, and only about 4% ever attended any church. Two out of three of these leaders said that they believe their industry should be used to shape attitudes of society. Obviously they want a society that not only rejects Christ but considers His disciples as foolish, bigoted, and often evil.

The most influential legal agency is the ACLU, dubbed by, some as the "Anti-Christian Lawyers Union." This group has been in the forefront of the effort to silence Christians and deny us the use of any public facility. They have succeeded in having the Bible removed from public library reading programs, having pro-Christian books (including Shakespeare) removed from school curriculum and keeping Christian students from meeting on public school campuses.

Yet when the President's Commission of Pornography was appointed, the ACLU immediately protested, accusing it of censorship before it had even met! This organization, backed chiefly by Jewish lawyers, constantly wars against the Christian witness.

In the face of such a savage onslaught against Christ and truth, many have retreated into isolation, resigned to let the enemy take control, hoping to exert some influence by a life of quiet piety. Many have been misled by speculative prophecies into thinking that there is nothing they can do but to wait for Christ to come.

Neither attitude is compatible with Christ's doctrine. He said, "I came not to send peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34). Throughout His ministry He was under attack from the scribes, priests and Pharisees. He said, "And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake" (Matt. 19:22). The apostles were sent as "sheep in the midst of wolves." As soon as Peter and John began publicly preaching the gospel of Christ, they were arrested and imprisoned. Upon their release they reminded the church of the prophecy in Psalms: "The kings of the earth set themselves in array, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his anointed" (Psalms 2:2).

The apostles had just recently witnessed the victorious resurrection of Jesus, yet they were not surprised at the fierce attack by His enemies. And neither should we be.

The strategy of the immoral enemy is deception. This has been the tactic of Satan from the beginning when he succeeded in deceiving Eve. Today the world is being enslaved by deception. "For many deceivers are gone forth into the world, even they that confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh" (2 John 7). In the news, the media presents disinformation. In evangelism, you are told just to pray, and Christ will come into your life! In education the student is denied the knowledge of his origin in favor of pagan theories. In every facet of life, the weapon of the enemy is deception.

We can take a lesson from Peter and John. They prayed not for relief from the conflict, but for the power to continue it, saying, "And now, Lord, look upon their threatening: and grant unto thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness" (Acts 1:29).

This is the answer to deception: "to speak the word with all boldness." When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness – perhaps the greatest battle of His life, short of the cross itself – He answered each challenge of Satan with, "Thus it is written..." The only thing that can vanquish deception is truth. So Paul writes that in our spiritual warfare, we are to have "our loins girded with truth" and to take up the "sword of the Spirit which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:14, 17). We have the truth for the issues of our day. God has spoken on abortion, homosexuality, marriage, sex and alcohol/drug abuse. His word instructs us on law and government, on how to handle criminals and what to teach our children.

Too many Christians are like the preacher who was asked by member why he didn't speak on the issues of the day. His answer was that he didn't like to speak on controversial matters! One wonders if he had ever read the life of Christ or the book of Acts.

