

Will God tolerate this?

There are two types of wars that are being fought in our world each day: physical and spiritual. The spiritual battles are the more important of the two because they deal with matters that are eternal. Today, a war is being waged against biblical truth.

Many churches have ended up loving what God hates and hating what God loves. The Bible says in II Timothy 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to them-

selves teachers, having itching ears." We are there!

Revelation 17-18 speaks of the false religion of the endtime—the great whore, the mother of harlots. It also describes who her daughters are. Revelation 18:20-21 expresses God's attitude toward these false religions. It says, "Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city

Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all."

Using the popular thinking that the church will become irrelevant if it doesn't conform to the times, we are witnessing a classic example of the church being conformed to the world rather than transforming the world to conform to the will of God.

Hope for an Immoral World

Primarily, this magazine focuses on endtime Bible prophecy. As such, covering the fall of the Episcopal Church

INTERFAITHISM: Religion of the False Prophet

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The Bible prophesies concerning a global religious system that all will be forced to conform to during the endtime. This global religion will be led by the religious partner of the Antichrist—the man the Bible calls the False Prophet.

Fifty years ago, the possibility of a global religious system that all people could agree on seemed totally impossible. We had Baptists, Catholics, Lutherans, Pentecostals, Nazarenes and on and on. Add to that Muslims, Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Zoroastrians and thousands of other religions...well it would just never happen. How could it happen?

Then Pope John XXIII burst upon the world scene. He surprised everyone by calling Vatican Council II. The stated purpose was to let some fresh air into the Roman Catholic Church. Many Protestant leaders were invited to attend this ecumenical council. This was done in hopes of wooing Protestants "back home to Mother." The Ecumenical movement was off to the races.

Soon the Catholic Church made the announcement that Protestants, who

had been baptized using the Mother church's formula, could become members of the Catholic Church without rebaptism. Ecumenical services soon became commonplace. Lutherans, Catholics and even Jews began to share pulpits.

The oil that greased this new ecumenical movement was compromise. Long cherished beliefs were suddenly cast aside as unneeded baggage. Teachings that previous generations had died for were now roadblocks to unity. Step by step, truth was discarded in the name of Christian unity.

By the 1990's, compromise was so rampant that most Christians had boiled their belief system down to one simple creed: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved...plus nothing, minus nothing. Doctrines of baptism, holiness, prayer to Mary, and statues were all considered unimportant. Unity must be embraced at all costs.

In March of 1994, a document of Evangelical-Catholic Unity was signed. Major personalities signing the document included Pat Robertson, Bill Bright, and Chuck Colson. In June of the same year, the Southern Baptist

National Convention, America's largest Protestant denomination, voted overwhelmingly to endorse a declaration of unity with Catholics "despite theological differences." The report in the June 17, 1994 edition of the *Indianapolis Star* said, "In a major step toward ecumenism, the Southern Baptist Convention said born-again believers may be found in all Christian denominations, and endorsed Baptist-Catholic dialogue."

By the mid-1990's, most of Christendom was considered pretty much united.

Time for Phase II

The theory goes that religious conflict is the number one cause of war on earth. In this era of weapons of mass destruction, mankind can no longer afford to tolerate the religious intolerance that has plunged the human race into war time and time again. Somehow mankind must discover commonly held spiritual values that can unite us rather than focus on our differences.

In 1993, a most unusual conference took place. It was called the Parliament of the World's Religions. Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Bahai's, Zoroastrians, and

might seem off topic. It's not.

The book of Revelation speaks extensively about spiritual whoredom. Here spiritual whoredom has manifested itself in the physical. Someone who is having sex outside of marriage is not in a saved condition. They need to repent and get married. If not, they need to separate. It's that serious. As for ordaining gay bishops, men must totally denounce God's Word in order to justify this depravity and perversion.

If the preachers and the ministers of the world do not tell this truth to their

congregations, people will slide into feeling comfortable in their sin. Worse yet, many congregations today teach that unrepentant sin is covered by grace—grace that has been turned into lasciviousness. No! Congregations need to be told that they are transgressing the law of God! The truth of the Bible is at stake here. If we embrace a position that is contrary to scripture, we are saying the Bible is irrelevant!

Many worry about the church becoming irrelevant to an immoral world. However, through the years, most of

Christendom has traveled far away from the Bible. Many of our practices are no longer biblical. Major teachings of the Bible have been ignored. The only hope for Christianity is a return to Bible-based religion. The time has come for preachers to be powerful enough in the pulpit to help people become conformed to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 24:24 warns us that in the latter days there shall arise false prophets. If it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Today this scripture is fulfilled in your ears. **E**

Wiccans, just to mention a few, came together in an attempt to discover commonly held spiritual values. A document was produced out of the Parliament of the World's Religions called "The Global Ethic."

The essence of the Global Ethic can be captured in the following three quotes in the document:

"We affirm that a common set of core values is found in the teachings of the religions, and that these form the basis of a global ethic."

"There already exist ancient guidelines for human behavior which are found in the teachings of the religions of the world and which are the condition for a sustainable world order."

"We must sink our narrow differences for the cause of the world community, practicing a culture of solidarity and relatedness."

The effort to forge an all-embracing global spirituality was born. This new movement became known as Interfaithism.

Soon the creeds of Interfaithism took shape. Most religions claim to believe in one god. We are all really worshipping the same god, no matter what we call him,... the theory goes. Some call him Jehovah, some Allah, some Brahma, some Jesus and some Baal. But we are all still worshipping the same God.

To contend that one religion was true and all others were false was now the height of religious pride and bigotry. After all, who could possibly claim to have an exclusive on truth? And to quote one famous biblical personage, "What is truth—anyway?"

The first new Roman Catholic Cate-

chism in 400 years was published in 1994. It reflected this new Interfaith thinking. Concerning Muslims it said, "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day."

You heard right. The plan of salvation includes the Muslims. Do they believe Jesus was the Messiah? No! Do they believe He died on the cross for our sins? No! Whatever happened to "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved?"

Other Christian denominations began to fall right in line. Soon it became apparent that the art of compromise had been so perfected during the Ecumenical movement of the late 20th Century that the Christian movement as a whole had no trouble believing that people might be saved without belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

On June 26, 2000, religious leaders gathered at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh to sign the charter of the United Religions Organization. This date was chosen because exactly 55 years before the constitution of the United Nations Organization was signed. The religious leaders envisioned the United Religions bringing the world's religions together like the United Nations had unified the governments of the world into the International Community.

When terrorists attacked the World

Trade Center on 9/11, globalists were in a panic to preserve the religious solidarity they had so meticulously fostered over the last fifty years. Soon the talk shows were flooded with apologists for the Muslim religion, explaining why it was a religion of peace. President Bush said that Islam was a "great faith" that should be respected. Muslims were even invited to the Whitehouse for dinner with President Bush to celebrate Ramadan.

The message came through loud and clear. Since there is no such thing as absolute truth, all people should give respect to all belief systems. The world is simply too dangerous of a place for us to tolerate the religious bigots with radical creeds such as: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Or, "...though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." There is simply no room for such narrow minded fundamentalists in the house of our New World Order.

Well there you have it! Interfaithism in all of its glory! I'm okay, you're okay. Your truth may not be my truth. But I expect you to respect my belief system, and I will respect yours as long as it doesn't say mine is wrong.

Behind all of this is Satan's plan to bring the human race under his control via a one-world government.

Out of all the global confusion of Mystery Babylon, I still hear a voice from the darkness saying, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." **E**