

America's Antichrist Spirit

By Phil Arms

“Little Children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists, by which we know it is the last time.” 1 John 2:18

The age in which we live has often been alluded to as post-Christian. In other words, according to numerous theologians, at one time in the past the Christian worldview was welcomed as well as encouraged in society. But now, as society has grown increasingly liberal, our culture has become more and more agitated by Christianity and the message we preach.

Darkness, and I speak of spiritual darkness, detests the Light of God's Truth. It is the Light of God's Word that exposes the shallow, foolish, convoluted reasoning of the humanist's minds and their valueless, bankrupt lifestyles.

Whereas the Christian ethic was at one time the dominant character of influence in America, society has now evolved and become far too sophisticated and progressive for Christianity, relegating it to an archaic, out-of-date worldview that restricts intellectual expression and stifles human progress.

Some believers can remember a time not so long ago when we were shocked if the Christian faith was attacked in any way. The defenders of the faith, which today are in short order, would stand up whenever evil antichrist voices were raised against the church and the Christian truth.

Slowly but surely, however, the forces of evil made inroads into positions of influence throughout society. The world of entertainment, the media, and the especially the educational systems became inundated with powerful people who hold a humanistic, antichrist worldview. These institutions became the launching pad for the poisonous fiery darts of evil that Satan hurled at the heart of society.

Slowly, the antichrist philosophies of the social change agents ate away at the once Christian ethic that dominated society.

We saw the impact of these workers of iniquity manifested in the American courts as they moved to expel God and the Word of God from our public schools.

A few Christians who understood what was really happening raised voices in protest but for the most part, Christians and the Church were silent.

Recognizing the spiritual apathy of the people of God emboldened the enemies of Truth to become more aggressive in their efforts to destroy the influence of Christianity in our culture. The spirit of antichrist, disguising itself as progressive and liberating, won more and more converts to help promote a culture of darkness and death.

Throughout the 1960's and 70's the true Church missed opportunity after opportunity to make a stand against the cancers of liberalism and humanism.

In 1973 while the vast majority of Christian America sat quietly in their comfortable pews, the enemies of all things holy succeeded in getting the Supreme Court of the United States to legalize the murder of millions upon millions of unborn little babies. Again, a small minority of believers protested the slaughter while the overwhelming majority of the American Church just shook their heads and went back to sleep.

Once again, the purveyors of darkness, emboldened by their ongoing victories increased their efforts to gain complete and absolute control of the institutions of influence. The insidious philosophies of these social engineers have now become the dominant attitude of most Americans.

Bible-believing Christians who stand up for their faith are written off as fundamentalist freaks trying to orchestrate a Christian Jihad. People of faith are mocked in our schools and universities. Men of God are maligned in the media and in the entertainment and educational systems.

Interestingly, we are living in the times which Paul describes as the "last days." In II Timothy 3, the apostle, prophesying about the dominant characteristics of the age said, "*Men shall love themselves, and be proud, covetous, blasphemous, unthankful and unholy.*" He writes that people will be without natural affection, referring to rampant homosexuality. He says that men and society will be dominated by fierce despisers of those that are good, men who resist the Truth and who are corrupted in their thinking and reprobate.

And, in an effort to impress on our hearts how vile society would become, Paul added in verse 13, "*and evil men and seducers shall become worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.*"

Friends, we live in a culture that is raging and warring against God.

Some time ago there was an article in all the main newspapers about how censors of airline movies removed all references to God from the popular movie, *Queen Elizabeth*. I did not see the movie but apparently the Queen kept referring to her strong convictions about her faith. And it was “too much” for the Hollywood elite to stomach so they arbitrarily just “bleeped” God out.

Later, I read another article dealing with liberal Methodists in Texas opposed to a George W. Bush Library. But the headline had nothing to do with the article’s content. It was just another liberal backhand on Christians. It read, “Usually, when there is an up roar over a library it’s because some fundamentalist Christians are upset about a book a child might chance upon if he can reach high enough.”

Friends, the attacks on the faith are no longer subtle. And the real tragedy is not so much the assaults on Truth but the lack of response from God’s people.

The vast majority of big time TV preachers are in a contest to see who can offer the best miracles for the biggest donations as they preach their heretical messages on how all Christians should be rich and how we should all discover a purpose-driven life. May God help us!

I want to assure you that the only hope for this nation is a true, powerful, sweeping revival that raises up a new generation of Jesus-loving disciples who are equipped with the weapons of warfare outlined in Ephesians six.

I pray that you and I can be part of it, but until then we must remain watchmen on the wall, raising His standard of truth and redemption.

May His Spirit enable us to speak, to give, to go and to refuse the quit or retreat.

By His grace, through it all, this ministry is committed to keep on keeping on.

In Him,

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