

BIBLE GOD ENCOURAGES RELIGIOUS WARS

In the Bible, violence for religious reasons is encouraged and commanded. God is said to be the author of the Bible and thus if it says he said something then it is claimed to be true. God commands a lot of hate and genocide. The first five books of the Bible are treated as unique and special in the Bible and the Bible cannot be understood without them. The five books make up the Torah or Law.

The Law often interprets itself but sometimes it needs interpretation. Case law is how you apply a rule of the law. It shows what the law means or what the interpretation is. The Old Testament rules to kill other nations bore fruit in genocide so that clarifies that the laws were indeed fanatical and genocidal. The Law also commanded genocide against adulteresses and witches in the midst of Israel.

You read Judges 20:16 where 700 men could sling a stone at a hair and hit it. You read how Joseb Basebeth killed 800 men in one day with his spear in 2 Samuel 23:8. The people of Israel killed 100,000 Syrians in one day and a wall fell on 27,000 more Syrians. Samson was a unique killing machine who had strength given to him directly by God that was lost when he got his hair cut. All this shows that God not only commands religious wars he gives miraculous help to kill people. There is never the slightest word of compassion for the women and children who perished. It is a duty to remember those and mention them first. They are not mentioned at all.

In Genesis, God kills all the people on earth in the flood and spared Noah and a few others. Obviously, he did not do this to save lives which would be the only justification for murder. When God could kill people just because their morals do not fit with his perception of morals he could delegate this right to human beings. Nobody can say that God is forced to kill to save lives. Nobody can believe in God and denounce capital punishment even when it is extended to thieves and people who have sex outside marriage as an absolute evil.

Israel was told to wipe out nations and to fight bloody wars of religion – by the God of the Bible. They had to destroy the Canaanites and the Amorites and others (Deuteronomy 7). God specifically said that no compromise must be made with them but that they all must be destroyed. The reason he gave for this was that they would mislead Israel into pagan worship. At that time, there was no reason to think that Israel would have liked to do that and God should have waited until a significant influence started to take root. God would not let them take even the slightest risk meaning that it is always wrong not to raise the sword against people who have a different religion from you just because they do.

Deuteronomy 13 commands the murder of Israelite persons and groups who begin to adore false Gods. No one can say that God only commands this when it is murderous pagan religions that are followed. If God's people could kill them then they could spare them but force them not to practice the evil side of their faith. Even if his people did murder many it would not justify killing all of them. There were plenty of pagan nations to be feared so it was nonsense to kill some of them to prevent them taking over. It would only encourage their neighbours to form a mighty coalition against Israel. Besides, God swore that a pagan takeover of Israel would not happen if it remained under his authority. The passage never mentions that only brutal paganism is meant. It would say if it did. Peaceable paganism must have been meant too. It is unlawful to slaughter pagans even if they have a religion that offers human sacrifice. The Catholic books, Radio Replies, state that God commanded the murders to bring home to his own people that idolatry was a most heinous crime (Vol 1, question 134). This sinister doctrine implies that it is better to be murdered or to die than to fall away from God.

In Is Religion Irrational? Keith Ward talks about Deuteronomy 20. There God commands the destruction of everything in Canaanite towns if they will not submit to Israel. He says that today no Christian or Jew will apply such rules in today's world (page 143, 144). So he is saying the command was right but just obsolete today. In reality, Christianity and Judaism don't have the guts to command such evil today! Ward writes on page 144 that Christians regard the command as obsolete for Jesus told us to love our enemies and Paul wrote that Jesus Christ was the end of the Law. But the teachings of Jesus and Paul prove no such thing. If God is love then he commanded the extermination out of love just like he allegedly commanded Jesus to embrace crucifixion for love.

Christians say that Israel was a theocracy therefore it had the right to protect God's authority as king by force and violence. That, of course, is an inexcusable thing to say. We don't kill anarchists and we all live and think like anarchists a lot of the time.

Christians say that the pagans sinned so terribly that they had to be destroyed. There is no evidence even in the Law that they did. God said their deeds were abominations but that is not the same as saying they were wilfully evil. So, God's silence makes it plain that pagans are to be slaughtered merely on account of their beliefs which he does not agree with. This is unsurprising for capital punishment is obligatory even though the victim could have committed the crime through

some unknown mental ailment.

God told Saul through Samuel that he wanted to punish the people of Amalek for blocking Israel when they were coming out of Egypt by getting Israel to put them all to death and even the children (1 Samuel 15). This was commanding war both for revenge and obedience to the Lord. Christians will say that revenge was not the only reason but one reason and that the main reason was to eradicate their evil. But God would have stated the main reason if that had been right and that is what a responsible and careful god would do. God is condoning war for the purpose of vengeance. Christians say that it was good of God to command things like that because there is a life after death for the dead babies who would have inherited the evil characteristics of their parents had they not been killed and that the parents should have been killed for they were irremediably evil (page 104, Christianity for the Tough-Minded). Loads of evil parents have good children and even the Bible does not say that the Amalekites were that bad and besides God had founded no religion for them for the Hebrews did not want them in theirs and there was no trace of the doctrine of a holy and nice afterlife in Israel at that period of time. God hadn't revealed any of it so how could the afterlife justify what the Hebrews did when they didn't believe in it? What right had they to kill over Samuel who was only one man claiming to speak the word of God? And it is judgmental to accuse the people God told Israel to kill of extreme obstinacy in evil. It is not right that many Christians try to make up excuses – especially slanderous excuses like that - for the Bible's version of God for that means they worship a kind of being they know is evil.

Jesus was certainly not a pacifist though he may not have lifted a sword against anybody when he was on earth. He sanctioned the Law and the Prophets, the whole Old Testament as the Jews have it. The Law and the Prophets promise that one day this king will come and lead the Church into bloody warfare against evildoers and unbelievers (Joel 3; Ezekiel 38-39; Zechariah 12 and 14; Daniel 2:44; Revelation 17:14; Revelation 2:26-27; Revelation 19:14). Jesus claimed to be this king and that he would return as the Old Testament foretold. When Jesus was not a pacifist it is hardly right to assume that he did away with the Old Testament's murderous and bloodthirsty laws. He never needed to fight when he was alive except when he caused a violent riot in the Temple. He embraced his death because he said it was right for him to die and not because he thought that bearing arms was wrong.

Read my book, Bible Commands Christians to Murder, and see how far the New Testament really is from pacifism. My book demonstrates that the New Testament does not do away with the bloody laws that were formulated by God in the Law of Moses in the Old Testament. A book that commands such acts should be banned for those who have no way to learn sense it is a malign influence on the person who is tempted to kill in the name of God. Many disturbed people have read the Bible for it is so easily available and have found it to steer their urges in an extremely violent direction and to give them the twisted religious motivation to go out and attack and even kill people.

The truth is that we are all disturbed to some extent which underlines how poisonous books like the Bible are and takes us closer to behaving like psychopaths. Evangelical Christians who believe they are guaranteed salvation would see no reason why they cannot fulfil Bible prophecies such as by exploding a nuclear bomb in Rome to destroy the religion that the Bible says is the whore of Babylon. It would be a sin it seems though when the Bible says the whore has to die and God and the saints approve it is impossible to see how it could be. If it is a sin it is not much of a sin.

Christianity is saturated with the thought that God has the right to tell you to kill somebody or to wage war. Yet the Christians hypocritically reject the view of some socialists that if you are in your right mind and wish to end your life then that is your right. Christians reply that it is up to God who gives life to take it away! This is not faith but hypocrisy! No wonder Christian warmongers are not deterred by their faith and piety. If anything it's a support to them as they struggle with their conscience to unleash evil.

Belief in a divine protector has given the likes of George Bush Jun the confidence to threaten nuclear destruction confident that God won't let the world perish in a conflagration that will eliminate all life. Even if religion gives comfort and support – a claim that I deny categorically – it is better for us all to do without it and be fairly depressed than to be part of something that will one day wipe out all life on earth forever. Romans 13 says that the authorities that run even pagan nations are appointed by God and not to be overthrown. When you think of all the decent men that would not wage nuclear war that could have been chosen as president of the United States and that Bush was the only one out of millions it is clear what the message is. God chose Bush and you are not to shoot him even to stop him killing others. The war he wages is God's will in some sense.

CONCLUSION

Religion does lead to war and suffering and intolerance and the Bible proves it. Atheism that seeks to help people in their self-development must take its place.

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