

THE TRUE RELIGION:THE "POLITICS" OF OPPRESSION, BIGOTRY, AND GREED IN THE NEW AEON.

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Not only was the opposition opposed to Jerry Falwell, but they seemed opposed to cooperation with each other. "Everyone is doing their own thing" is what I was told, but this way of thinking is what put us in the position we are in right now, today. Meanwhile, the extremists on the right have organized themselves in an excellent fashion, forming a machine (a mindless one) that is so far very successful at eroding public awareness about critical issues; abortion, separation of church and state, school prayer, racial and gender discrimination in the workplace (winked at by political and religious leaders), as well as cuts in the social welfare state to the elderly and mothers with dependent children. The tax structure has been shifted to the people who can least afford to bear the burden while those who could easily pay are paying very little, or not at all.

What has happened, or is happening is obvious, the middle and upperclasses have formed a "pact" with the rich and wealthy. The "pact" intends to destroy the social order, and already has in the North and Northeast. These areas of the country have been victimized by people like Jerry Falwell who have formed alliances with southern democrats, and have helped to literally destroy the very economic basis for what they value themselves, financial independence, family, and self esteem.

Now you ask why, why when the election just proved that we're moving in the right direction, should anyone doubt the intentions of this movement? Well, first of all the arguments about a revitalized economy don't hold water for thousands of people who have yet to find meaningful employment, or any at all. I thought that the labor unions would remember the P.A.T.C.O. incidents, and also the way the administration allowed corporate America to close plants for the exclusive purpose of exporting to third world countries with brutal right wing juntas, ready, willing, and corrupt to kill and torture their own people in order to satisfy "Yankee" interests. The farm belt is going down, and is being thrown a lead weight by the Reagan administration, yet this didn't change their alliance at all despite growing signs that corporate America intends to take over the farming industry, and may be behind the push not to bail it out.

What about patriotism? Hogwash and doggeral. The over four hundred Marines killed in Berit and Grenada hardly moved the population, and the reaction to KAL 007's downing was nothing more than an emotional

discharge, bloody, filthy, and disgusting. And spiritualism? I won't even comment on it, but I will save it for its proper perspective.

The election was decided very much along lines of race, gender, and religious bigotry. These are part of our society and Christianity while preaching one thing has helped to close every door to true

intellectual freedom, the freedom to use your own mind, your own ideas, without dogma or theology attached as a "rider". Though I myself have read as much of both as anyone being concerned with such things, I have rarely been stupid enough to try and apply what is essentially theory to real life, which has a way of laughing in the face of theory. Real life has too many dynamics!

So, aren't I proposing a theory or claim? Yes and no. Yes, I propose that those of us who are the targets of the "Aiwass" (93) current should shelve our petty differences, infighting, and childish bickering, for if nothing else survival's sake. How can we, who claim to be the "opposition", oppose anyone when we will not even agree to meet to discuss differences, much less strategy! We are in serious trouble if we can't do this and we will be reduced to "slaves", and "serfs" once again if we don't act in concert.

The right is vulnerable! They are because their mindsets make them blind to the fact that Americans aren't all white, heterosexual, and blue eyed. They don't understand that the very people they support are destroying their very means of existence, while telling them that the policies of the "past" have seriously damaged our economy. Yet,

the right has had four years to make significant and meaningful changes, but they haven't done it.

They have had the chance to create meaningful opportunities for those ^{FORMERLY} employed in the industrial sector, to be trained in the new technology but instead have given the opportunities to the young through that age old vice called co-optation. Undoubtedly, the strongest support for Reaganism came from those now employed in the computer field.

The "New " Right is really the same old one, they've just adopted different tactics. The younger adults look at the late sixties and early seventies through the eyes of ignorance, hatred, and racial prejudice that characterized much of that period, and even young minorities, desperate for acceptance among the elites, have in the words of Phil Ochs, "Pulled the curtain and drawn the blind", for the allure of money and glamour.

But fear not, for as I've already said, our enemies are vulnerable. The cycle of boom and bust is typical of all economic policies, such as those that are now in force. Once again the country will find itself looking for leadership, for none will be coming from this administration.

We who are the feared and loathed, are so because they fear us! They fear us because "our minds, haven't been hemmed in by bigots, tyrants, and false prophets or fads used to soothe ^{THE} infantile.

We should use these gifts to "free" others who will be very disillusioned when this "æon" of right wing militancy is swept away, as it will be. If we don't do it, who will? Who has the vision that

we do? Not mainstream politicians. They've held the power for over four hundred years, and have done nothing but solidify their control through the oppression of the very system they're supposed to defend.

Now we see the herd is rising up against the individual, "humanism" they call it, yet the lack of humanity has brought two major world wars, atrocities of genocide, and wars for profit where men kill indiscriminately for the sake of killing, and nothing else. But, fear not, "the herd will be destroyed en mass".

I invite commentary, and yes I beg all concerned members of the opposition to seriously consider the consequences of our selfishness, and nonaction. The right wing means to destroy us, and they are using every tool at their disposal.

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