

# AMERICA IS LIVING ON BORROWED TIME

*Jesus' name has become a dirty word in America*

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**The Name of Jesus Has Become a Dirty Word in Politically Correct America** is an article that I need to pass on to as many people as I may be able to. *By Michael Snyder*

In the United States today, there are very few words that provoke as much outrage as the name of Jesus. It is being banned from graduation ceremonies, chaplains all over America are being forbidden from using His name in their prayers, and many school officials all over the nation have become absolutely fanatical about eliminating every trace of Christian expression from their schools. One elementary school in North Carolina even ordered a little six-year-old girl to remove the word "God" from a poem that she had written to honor her grandfathers. Political correctness is spreading like a cancer in this country, and our "freedom of religion" is rapidly being transformed into a guarantee of "freedom from religion" for those that hate the Christian faith.

Without a doubt, there is a war on the Christian faith in America today. It is being waged in classrooms, courtrooms and churches all over the nation.

"There is a war on Christianity, not just from liberal elites here at home, but worldwide. And your government, or more correctly, you, the taxpayer, are funding it." Rand Paul

Evidence of this war on Christianity is everywhere these days. The following are just a few examples...

-An elementary school in North Carolina ordered a little six-year-old girl [to remove the word "God"](#) from a poem that she wrote to honor her two grandfathers that had served in the Vietnam War.

-The Ohio Statehouse [banned](#) Christian pastors from using the name of Jesus when they open up the daily sessions with prayer.

-The use of the name of Jesus was also [forbidden](#) in all prayers opening sessions of the North Carolina State-House.

-Last year, [a federal appeals court ruled](#) that prayers before commission meetings in Forsyth County, North Carolina that included the name of Jesus were unconstitutional.

-Earlier this year, a Florida Atlantic University student that refused to stomp on the name of Jesus [was banned from class](#).

-A student at Sonoma State University was ordered to take off a cross that she was wearing because someone “[could be offended](#)”.

-A teacher in New Jersey [was fired](#) for giving his own Bible to a student that did not own one.

-An open air preacher in Illinois was recently threatened with arrest for “[scaring people](#)” with the message of the gospel.

-A high school track team was disqualified earlier this year because one of the runners “[made a gesture thanking God](#)” once he had crossed the finish line.

-Volunteer chaplains for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department [have been banned](#) from using the name of Jesus in their public prayers. Sadly, this is not an isolated incident. Chaplains all over the nation are now being banned from using the name of Jesus.

-In recent months, daredevil Nik Wallenda has walked a tightrope across Niagara Falls and has walked a tightrope across the Grand Canyon, and yet both times the mainstream media has gone out of the way to keep the name of Jesus [out of news reports](#)...

Despite Nik Wallenda’s frequent mentions of God the Father and Jesus during his high-wire crossing of Niagara Falls Friday night, an ABC News blog documenting virtually every moment of the achievement makes no mention of his verbal thanks to the Creator.

Wallenda, 33, the great grandson of legendary tightrope walker Karl Wallenda, walked across Niagara Falls on a high wire, as hundreds watched on TV at a block party in his Florida hometown of Sarasota, Fla., and millions of others tuned in for ABC television coverage.

Wallenda was fitted with a microphone during his tension-filled, 25-minute saunter at 200 feet high, and he could be heard praising God numerous times as he walked the length of four football fields from New York to Canada.

A recently released 140 page report entitled “[The Survey of Religious Hostility in America](#)” included some more examples of how Christianity is being systematically oppressed in America today...

- A federal judge threatened ‘incarceration’ to a high school valedictorian unless she removed references to Jesus from her graduation speech.
- City officials prohibited senior citizens from praying over their meals, listening to religious messages or singing gospel songs at a senior activities center.
- A public school official prevented a student from handing out flyers inviting her classmates to an event at her church.
- A public university’s law school banned a Christian organization because it required its officers to adhere to a statement of faith that the university disagreed with.
- The U.S. Department of Justice argued before the Supreme Court that the federal government can tell churches and synagogues which pastors and rabbis it can hire and fire.

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs banned the mention of God from veterans' funerals, overriding the wishes of the deceased's families.
- A federal judge held that prayers before a state House of Representatives could be to Allah but not to Jesus.

Are you starting to get the picture?

And one of the biggest battlegrounds for religious freedom in America at the moment is the U.S. military.

Right now, there are some very powerful forces that are trying to eradicate all expressions of the Christian faith from the U.S. military. It has gotten so bad that a 23 year Air Force veteran was recently ordered [to remove his Bible from his desk](#), and the Air Force recently came out and announced that service members are only allowed to talk about their faith if it "[does not make others uncomfortable](#)".

The U.S. military is a far different institution than it once was. Today, political correctness rules the U.S. military.

If you doubt this, just check out [this example](#)...

Lt. Col. Kenneth Reyes is a Christian chaplain currently serving in the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska. As an ordained clergyman whose duties are to provide religious instruction and spiritual counseling, he has a page on the base's website called "Chaplain's Corner."

Reyes recently wrote an essay entitled, "No Atheists in Foxholes: Chaplains Gave All in World War II." This common saying is attributed to a Catholic priest in World War II, made famous when President Dwight D. Eisenhower said during a 1954 speech: "I am delighted that our veterans are sponsoring a movement to increase our awareness of God in our daily lives. In battle, they learned a great truth that there are no atheists in the foxholes."

The Military Religious Freedom Foundation was absolutely outraged when they heard about this. They demanded that the commander of the base, Col. Brian Duffy, do something about the "anti-secular diatribe" that Reyes had authored.

In the old days, a base commander would have had a good chuckle and then would have told the MRFF where to stick their complaint, but the old days are gone.

These days, base commanders cower subserviently before politically correct organizations such as the MRFF. Just check out [what happened next](#)...

"Nonetheless, only five hours after MRFF's complaint, the essay was removed from the website. Duffy has profusely apologized to MRFF for not stopping this religious leader from sharing religious thoughts. But this response—which again appears to be a violation of Reyes's First Amendment rights—is insufficient for MRFF. They said, "Faith based hate, is hate all the same," and, "Lt. Col. Reyes must be appropriately punished." (Emphasis added).

And [thanks to the MRFF](#), special edition Bibles for service members have been banned from being sold on military bases...

“Bowling to a complaint from a religious watchdog group, the Pentagon will no longer give consent for a publisher to use the official emblems of the military services on a line of Bibles sold on base exchanges.

The group claimed victory, but an association of former military chaplains is demanding that Congress overturn the Defense Department’s decision.

The Bibles, branded for each of four services as “The Soldier’s Bible,” “The Sailor’s Bible” and so on, are published by LifeWay Christian Resources’ Holman Bible Publishers, a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Bible Convention, said Chris Rodda, the senior research director for the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.”

The MRFF is a very insidious organization. It is headed up by a man named Mikey Weinstein. He has called Christians “[human monsters](#)” and “[enemies of the United States Constitution](#)“. Weinstein is convinced that sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ while in the military is “[sedition and treason](#)” and should be punished as such.

You would think that people like Weinstein would be dismissed as lunatics, but unfortunately under the Obama administration he has been brought in as a special adviser to the Pentagon.

What a crazy world that we live in.

Meanwhile, Barack Obama himself has remained completely silent as a totally innocent American citizen is being tortured in an Iranian prison. If that prisoner was a liberal activist, Obama would be moving heaven and earth to get him released. But because [he is a Christian](#), we haven’t heard a peep out of Obama, and many Christian leaders want an explanation...

“One of the nation’s most prominent evangelical leaders wants to know why President Obama has remained silent as Iran tortures an American pastor held captive in one of the Islamic republic’s most notorious prisons.

Franklin Graham, the president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan’s Purse, told Fox News the imprisonment and torture of Pastor Saeed Abedini is a blatant example of “religious intolerance.”

“Many in the international community are expressing outrage over this blatant example of religious intolerance,” Graham said. “I ask that our government do the same and demand that Pastor Saeed Abedini be released and allowed to return home to his wife and family in the United States.”

We are rapidly moving toward a time when followers of Jesus will be treated as second class citizens in America. The following are some [other examples](#) of this trend...

- A War Games scenario at Fort Leavenworth that identified Christian groups and Evangelical groups as being potential threats;

- [A 2009 Dept. of Homeland Security](#) memorandum that identified future threats to national security coming from Evangelicals and pro-life groups;
- A West Point study released by the U.S. Military Academy's Combating Terrorism Center that linked pro-lifers to terrorism;
- [Evangelical leader Franklin Graham](#) was uninvited from the Pentagon's National Day of Prayer service because of his comments about Islam;
- [Christian prayers were banned](#) at the funeral services for veterans at Houston's National Cemetery;
- [Bibles were banned](#) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center – a decision that was later rescinded;
- [Christian crosses and](#) a steeple were removed from a chapel in Afghanistan because the military said the icons disrespected other religions

For much more on all of this, please see my previous article entitled "[All Over America Evangelical Christians Are Being Labeled As Extremists And Hate Groups](#)".

This is not what America is supposed to be about.

How quickly we have turned our backs on the values of our founders.

In a recent article, [Lt. Gen. Jerry Boykin](#) tried to remind us of how far we have drifted from what our founders intended...

"It's a good thing that George Washington is dead and military history effectively banished from our campuses. Otherwise, we might remember the general order Washington issued upon taking command of the embattled Continental Army—and in Boston, no less. The general "requires and expects of all officers and soldiers a punctual attendance at Divine services, to implore the blessing of Heaven upon the means used for our safety and defense." In the same way, any assistant professor of government hoping to achieve tenure will likely skim over certain sections of the first president's Farewell Address, which reads: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports."

Will America be able to stand if we continue to try to push every shred of the Christian faith out of public life?

America's stand against the name of Jesus Christ should bring fear to the heart of every American! He is the only one that has power over life and death, Heaven or Hell, a lake of fire or a glorious future. What kind of fear does the world have of Jesus Christ? It's not a holy reverential fear, for sure, as it should be. I'm afraid it's not the kind of fear that brings about repentance unto salvation but rather a fear that fosters contempt for godliness and its Creator.

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Why is it that when those in power and positions of influence in the world today hear the name of Jesus Christ, do they tremble? Why does it offend them so? Why do they hate the name enough to try to remove it from all walks of life? Why are they turning against the Church because of the name of Jesus Christ?

*“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Philippians 2:9-11

Friend, it is because He demands accountability. Responsibility from you, answerability from me and liability from everyone! Jesus Christ demands complete, absolute accountability and this scares the world to death literally.

*“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”* Romans 4:12

Because of rebellion, the world shows it does not want rules, nor do they want anyone, any religion or any Creator telling them what to do, how to live, right or wrong, even if it moves them out of their comfort zone. This world wants to do whatever pleases them with no strings attached. Their religion is pleasure, wealth, materialism and selfishness. Whatever pleases men today will make up his or her religion. The world is looking for utopia in humanity.

*“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”* John 3:19

### **Why the attack on Jesus Christ?**

Jesus Christ laid down His life for them; He loves man and only wants what's best for His creation. Jesus did for them what they wouldn't do for their own kin; He gave up everything for the sinners they are. Yes! The greatest thing Jesus gave to this world was His life! In order that we all may live forever with Him! The next greatest thing was His Church, and the Lord Jesus Christ charged the Church with spreading the Gospel message. It is only by the Gospel that hardened hearts of men can ever be changed. The Lord expects you and me to love the souls of lost men, in this ungodly world, so much that instead of wanting to see them suffer, we will do all we can to see them saved!

*“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”* 1 John 2:15

You can't tell me the Church doesn't "love the world" when it spends the vast majority of its time trying to gain the things of this life! Just as Jesus foretold would happen in the last days of the church period. The world sees this and wonders why the Church has become so materialistic, so covetous and so hypocritical in their theology.

### **Why such open hostility to the name of Jesus Christ?**

This world is unrelenting in its open hostility to true Christianity and is determined to wipe out every divine principle for which Christianity stands.

Christians face open discrimination against their religious beliefs and against expressing them

in public anywhere. Schools today are the prime example of this. Children, teachers and parents are chastised for religious utterances despite the First Amendment's guarantee of a citizen's right to free speech and the right to freely exercise his or her religious beliefs. In addition, many government agencies today, including the courts, have not only undermined the family but have endorsed programs and policies contrary to traditional family values and morals.

The government itself wants to substitute creationism with evolution. It denies the sacredness of human life by supporting abortion. It achieves the breakdown of the family unit by allowing divorce for any reason. The purity of the marriage relationship is maligned by pre-marital sex and a promotion of "safe-sex" rather than NO sex. Homosexuality and lesbianism are looked on as acceptable alternative lifestyles when it is an abomination to God and homosexuals and lesbians are given special rights, above their already constitutionally given equal rights. God's order of authority in the home and in the church is attacked by those in the feminist movement as being ridiculous. Can't we see how wicked same sex marriages are and the depravity of interracial marriages. After all, who ever heard of a wife being in submission to her husband according to the role that God placed upon her? Church and State are so separated that we are now banning the mention of God and Christ from public life entirely, even though the constitution was written to keep the State out of religion, not religion out of the State!. Obscenity, pornography, nakedness, filth, and violence are treated with amiable tolerance and Congress refuses to put a stop to it. I'm sure you remember during the Clinton Presidential Administration, when even the President was a partaker of such things and would not pass a law requiring the restriction of such filth on public library computers. Surely you haven't forgotten that!

Our children are being taught to respect homosexuality as "simply being different," and to never think of it as wrong or unnatural. They are also taught to despise anyone who disagrees, you know, "those hateful Christian". Those of us who refuse to embrace these perverted life-styles are labeled as homophobic, old-fashioned, intolerant and as bigots.

Let me inform you of something: "Hate crime" and "human rights" laws have nothing to do with hate and human rights; they have everything to do with how political agendas supporting perversion such as homosexuality can use the courts to "force" people and businesses to either "think" in a certain manner or to pay the price. That is the real motive behind "hate crimes".

I always thought "crime" was crime and should be punished as such. There is absolutely no need to have a special definition for crime or to make one murder more important than another.

I'm sure you don't know this, but Cyber Patrol, one of the world's largest Internet software programs for blocking pornography and objectionable material, now bars access to the [American Family Association](#) site, claiming that AFA's opposition to the homosexual movement is "intolerant." The Gay & Lesbian Alliance against Defamation (GLAAD), which promotes "transgenderism," is a charter member of Cyber Patrol's oversight committee. I tried to access pages on THIS site using a computer that had Net Nanny installed and found that some were blocked due to "hate speech" and "intolerance". The blocked pages were those on Islam, and against homosexuality. Imagine!

I believe there is a deliberate effort in the world today to discredit Christians while the same time attempting to promote "religious ideas". Every single Pastor needs to wake up today and teach his church that a Christian is not "what you do" it is WHO YOU ARE!

Those protesting the loudest against "intolerance" and "bigotry" are usually the first ones to practice such when it comes to pro-family Christians. We see time and again that Christians are not to speak out against homosexuality and other evils such as the legalized murder of Terry Schiavo, yet homosexuals are encouraged to bash, ridicule, mock and curse Christians. They call it "freedom of speech", but they deny the very freedom they claim to anyone but themselves.

It is Christians who are being stereotyped and misrepresented in this culture! The media is completely biased against Christianity (except when it suits their purpose). When was the last time you saw a TV show or a movie that portrayed Christians as anything other than greedy, hypocritical or incompetent?

We have a society who opposes not only itself, but also opposes any form of truth. This, friend, is the pathway to Nazism, Nero, Hussein, and other tyrants of history, and it is becoming prevalent in our present world.

When an idea or a class of people are constantly attacked in public, in television, newspaper and the movies, the general public will eventually hold a diminished view of that people. For example: This is exactly what is happening to Christians in America today. The source of the disinformation is not the White House - at least not officially, not yet. An anti-Christian mindset has developed in our schools and in the media, and it is now spreading to the general public. I've watched over the past few years as Christians, who used to be acknowledged as the wholesome core of American cultural stability, are now seen as dangerous and somehow subversive, especially when it comes to politics.

When a culture begins to look at Christians in this manner, they will eventually begin to persecute them and attempt to silence them by any means necessary. The world is being prepared for one to come - The Antichrist. There will be those elitists who accept any and every doctrine that comes along that will fall head over heels for the soothing words of the Antichrist. On the other hand, Christians will be the hated, the outcasts, and the evil ones. It is happening as you read this page. The thought process of ethnic cleansing that has been so influential in the world today has crossed the line and now become "religious" cleansing.

As I conclude this article, there is one thing I want you to know. You will see persecution of God's people, the Church, in the coming years. When the Antichrist succeeds in convincing his hordes of New Age demonic believers that they are the "true worshippers" of God and that Christians are inferior, ignorant and dangerous to "world peace and unity", it's coming. And it's all because this world hates the name of Jesus Christ.

*“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.” Revelation 13:7-9*



*“And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.” Joel 2:30-32*

**Where do you stand?**