

Heilsan!

I have often felt that “monotheist mania” is a malady, probably carried by sand fleas, that sometimes infects desert tribes. What else could explain the Crusades, or the current and ongoing Middle Eastern wars? With some exceptions in the name of truth and fairness, monotheism seems incompatible with tolerance. (For an excellent article on monotheism versus polytheism which makes this point with erudition and insight, see <http://www.watermark.hu/doctorsunic/english03.html> .)

We - Asatruar and everyone else - are getting ready to pay a big price for the distortion of the human spirit caused by an obsessive belief in one, and only one, God.

MONOTHEISM, EMPIRE, AND THE COMING WAR

Our nation is being driven to war by insane Muslims...and by equally wacked-out Christians and Jews.

The Muslims get all the blame for the coming bloodshed, at least in the American press, but the contribution of Christians and Jews should be noted by those of us who do not follow the Biblical religions.

Consider, for example, this link:

<http://www.observer.co.uk/international/story/0,6903,901066,00.html>

It describes the influence of two men, plus their friends, on the Bush administration. One of the men is Carl Rove, a fanatical Christian who had a role in convincing G. W. Bush to run for president. But more than that, as the article explains -

”By the time George W. became President, Rove was the hub of a Texan wheel connecting the family, the party, the Christian Right and the energy industry...Rove had personally arranged for the former leader of the Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed, to take up a consultancy at Enron - Bush's biggest single financial backer - worth between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a month...Rove is unquestionably the most powerful policy adviser in the White House.”

Carl Rove, you need to understand, is not just a Christian - he is a radical and uncompromising one. Strangely enough, it makes him a natural partner with men like Paul Wolfowitz, who is Jewish.

“Rove’s position dovetailed with the beliefs of Paul Wolfowitz, and the axis between conservative Southern Protestantism and fervent, highly intellectual, East Coast Zionism was forged - each as zealous about their religion as the other.”

This Christian-Jewish axis should not be underestimated. A personal friend of mine works for a political organization, and her job required her to attend the most recent national convention of the Christian Coalition. In the vast exhibit hall, there were very few crosses to be found - but Israeli flags and "We Support Israel!" signs galore.

There's much more, and I hope you will read the complete article.

Another essay, equally ominous, was written by Dennis Prager (http://wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=31210). Titled "The Future is Muslim, European, or American," it appeared on the rabidly Christian and pro-Israeli World Net Daily web site. We already know about the evil Muslims, of course, and the Europeans are "secular socialists," and America...well, America is about "Judeo-Christian values," which makes us the good guys. So we have the right to rule the world.

To make his point really obvious, Prager uses the phrase "Judeo-Christian" no less than five times in the course of his essay and of course finds time to praise Israel specifically. You really get the feeling there's not a lot of room in America for any of us who reject the "Judeo-Christian" way of looking at the world.

THE NEW EMPIRE

A new empire is being forged, and its implicit values will be radical monotheist. Those who don't see the Imperial connection should take a look at http://wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=31222 . Richard Perle is chairman of the US Defense Advisory Board. He's also a good friend of Paul Wolfowitz, who we met a few paragraphs ago. Perle says we must have regime changes in Iran, Libya, and Syria "and a few others beside" after the US finishes pounding Iraq into the dust. Lebanon has been mentioned in some scenarios.

This echoes US Undersecretary of State John Bolton, who told Israeli officials that it will be necessary to deal not only with Iraq, but also with Syria, Iran and North Korea. Interestingly, the idea was first suggested by Israeli hardliners (as documented in the pages of *Ha'aretz*) and only later voiced by American diplomats, with the difference that the Israelis didn't mention North Korea.

Yesterday, I read a paragraph from a book about the Roman Empire written in 1919. Unfortunately I cannot find it right now - it was on some web site, I suppose - but it paraphrases something like this: Rome could always say that its interests were threatened somewhere. Or if not its interests, then an friend's interests. If it didn't have allies in a region, it would invent them. In any case, a reason could be found to send troops...and the troops, or at least Roman influence, always stayed. That's how Rome built the Empire.

We have become the modern Empire. And instead of Roman paganism, our unofficial state religion is "Judeo-Christianity," and of course corporate capitalism.

WHO WILL DO THE BLEEDING?

With whose blood will the new Empire be built? Look around at your European American brothers!

USA Today ran an article on January 21, stating that “The American troops likeliest to fight and die in a war against Iraq are disproportionately white, not black, military statistics show - contradicting a belief widely held since the early days of the Vietnam War.”

While blacks are over-represented in the military as a whole when compared to their percentage of the population, they tend to gravitate toward non-combat jobs. Whites, in the other hand, are disproportionately found in front-line combat forces.

“If anyone should be complaining about battlefield deaths, it is poor, rural whites,” according to military sociologist Charles Moskos of Northwestern University in Illinois.

I don't want any Americans to die in a war, black or white, Christian or Jewish...or Asatru. But I am angry that my blood kin will be sacrificed to bring about “regime changes” in Iraq...and Iran...and Syria...and Libya...and Lebanon...and anywhere else there is a real, perceived, or contrived threat to the Empire or its client states.

Monotheism is forging a world-spanning Imperium that will bring the planet a giant step closer to looking like a suburb of New York or Los Angeles. In the process, it just may trigger a major war because of the Apocalypse-obsession of many radical Christians. And it promises to kill a lot of our kin in the process.

POLYTHEIST POWER!

The death religions are marching off the cliff of history, threatening to take the rest of us with them. There must be an alternative. Asatru (and for that matter all native religions of every nation, tribe, and race) need to grow in influence so that their voice can be heard by a world that desperately requires some sanity. Asatruar cannot retreat into isolation, content to raise a horn of mead with friends - we must increase our numbers and our visibility, building the way of our ancestors anew in Midgard...for our sake, and that of all the world.

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