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## The Christian Nationalism Heresy

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## 1 Introduction

If you’ve paid attention to the news lately, you have likely heard the term “*Christian Nationalism*”. While the ideologies of Christian Nationalism are not new—it

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goes back decades—it has gained in popularity and notoriety in recent years, fueled largely by Trumpism.<sup>2</sup>

It has been described as a desecration of Christianity and a threat to democracy. It has been called the “Single Biggest Threat to America’s Religious Freedom”.<sup>3</sup>

So what is Christian Nationalism? It is difficult to describe exactly, as it is collection of social/political ideas that can vary depending on who you ask. Some common precepts include:

- The creation of a man-made theocracy (just as Islam is a man-made theocracy).
- Eliminating the separation of Church and State.
- Forced prayer in school.
- It contains elements of patriotism.
- It says America was founded and should be defined as a Christian Nation (and apparently abiding under the *Old Testament Law*).
- Homogeneousness—everyone looks and acts the same (but not egalitarianism), even though God loves diversity.<sup>4</sup>
- Promotes white-male power, white-supremacy, and racism—while oppressing women and minorities.
- An ideology of aggression, violence, and militarism; even in their prayers.

To their shame, the Jews in biblical times were nationalistic. They dislikes, or maybe hated, the Samaritans and the Gentiles.

## 2 A Christian Nation?

Christian Nationalists assert that the United States was founded by Christians and that it was meant to be a Christian nation or Christian theocracy.

The founding fathers of the U.S., were for the most part orthodox Christians. However, many were deists and deism, not Christianity, tended to rule their collective thinking.<sup>5,6</sup>

As for being founded as a Christian nation, nothing could be further from the truth. The founders were fleeing the tyranny of the state run church in England. The idea of a state sanctioned church was so abhorrent to the founders, they prohibited it first and foremost in the first amendment of the constitution:

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<sup>2</sup> The false belief that Donald Trump is a Christian, or that he won the 2020 presidential election.

<sup>3</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/5n82hbmc>

<sup>4</sup> See my teaching *About God*.

<sup>5</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/ym9vyc3e>

<sup>6</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/3bd944k6>

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”<sup>7</sup>*

The Bible, Christ, God, Jesus, or love—all of which are fundamental to Christianity—are not mentioned anywhere in the U.S. Constitution.

Christian Nationalism goes against the founding principles of the U.S., including religious freedom, egalitarianism, and pluralism. It certainly goes against the Christian principles defined in the New Testament such as humility, self-sacrifice, and loving one’s neighbor.

### 3 Church and State

Christian Nationalism wants to abolish the separation of church and state. This clearly goes against the teachings of scripture:

*Luke 20:24–25 [Jesus said to them:] “Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?” “Caesar’s” they replied. He said to them, “Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”*

In the context of paying taxes, Jesus clearly shows the distinction between the secular government and the things of God (his kingdom, his Church, etc.)

*John 18:36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”*

*Philippians 3:20–21 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

In writing the Constitution, the founding fathers clearly kept the church and state as two distinct entities:

“In *Everson v. Board of Education* (1947), Justice Hugo Black wrote: ‘In the words of Thomas Jefferson, the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect a wall of separation between church and state.’”<sup>8</sup>

### 4 Patriotism

A large component of Christian Nationalism includes patriotism, which is defined as pride or love of one’s country; a devotion to and vigorous support for one’s country.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-1/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/2dx9szmv>

The first sin is *Pride*, which of course is the root of all sin. We must never become puffed up because we live in the United States—all of us are here because God chose for us to live here; even those who are immigrants.

The second sin is loving the world, which is idolatry.

1 John 2:15–16 *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

We must never forget that the devil is the ruler of this world (although he is constrained by God):

Ephesians 2:1–2 *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*

James 4:4 *You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*

Also see the Book of Job chapters 1–2.

We can be glad or grateful to live in the United States; there are certainly worse countries to live in, and arguably better countries as well. Never put your country, nor anything else in the world, ahead of God—God must always be first and foremost in the believer's life.

## 5 Power

Christian Nationalism is about self-centeredness, selfishness, and power; all of which are antithetical to Christian values. Christian Nationalists seek and crave power, one of the traits for which the devil is famous. This too, goes against Christianity:

Matthew 5:5 *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

Matthew 20:25–28 *Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Mark 9:35 *Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."*

In performing a great service to the devil, they attempt to impose their (often false) morality on unbelievers:

Romans 8:7–8 *The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.*

Even though they claim to be Christians, their minds are governed by their flesh, and not the Holy Spirit.

In their unquenchable quest for power, Trump and the Christian Nationalists staged a failed Coup d'état on January 6th, 2021. Not only is this anti-christian, their Christian signs and symbols of the attackers gave Christianity a bad name. They blaspheme Christianity.

Jude 1:17–19 *But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.*

Daniel 8:23–25 *"In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.*

## 6 School Prayer

Prayer is already allowed in public schools, provided some reasonable restrictions are observed.<sup>9</sup> Forcing or pressuring students to pray is unchristian.

Matthew 6:5–8 *"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

God does not force Christianity on any of us; for to do so would not be an act of love. Many false believers fail to understand this; this resulted in the crusades, Spanish inquisitions, and other atrocities throughout history when tried to compel people to Christianity.

Christian Nationalism also promotes prayer as a weapon against people they disagree with. Again, this goes against scripture:

Luke 6:27–28 *"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.freedomforum.org/prayer-in-school/>

1 Peter 3:9 *Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.*

Luke 9:51–55 *As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them.*

Romans 12:14 *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*

Ephesians 6:11–12 *Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

## 7 Hatred

Christian Nationalism promotes hatred. They are racist, sexist, xenophobic, and homophobic—again going against biblical teachings. On the other hand, they do not have any objections to adultery, lying, stealing, oppression, and greed.

They are full of fear (one of the devil’s weapons), especially the fear of death, whereas a real Christian does not fear death.<sup>10</sup> Paranoia runs rampant among them, and they embrace the devil’s conspiracy theories.

They are deluded by God himself because they refuse to accept truth:

2 Thessalonians 2:9–12 *The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.*

They are hateful towards progressive values and *Wokeness*, which are largely Christian values. The progressive liberals are like the gentiles who have the law written on their hearts:

Romans 2:14–15 *Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.*

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<sup>10</sup> See my teaching entitled *Am I a Christian*.

Nationalists want to inflict harm on people they disagree with, promoting vengeance and retribution on misperceived wrongs. This seems to be the heart of Donald Trump's 2024 election campaign.

Romans 12:19–21 (ESV) *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

## 8 True Theocracy

There will be never a true theocracy on Earth until Christ returns. However, there may be temporary false theocracies as the devil wins battles from time to time.

Just as the Israelites were discontent with being lead by God himself, and therefore asked for a king, Christian Nationalists seek a false messiah and think they found him in Donald Trump.

All false theocracies and kingdoms will be destroyed by God at the coming of the true kingdom of God:

Daniel 2:44 *"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.*

Let us see what the Bible teaches us about Christ's return and the coming true theocracy.

Revelation 21:1–8 *Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

*He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

*He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."*

Revelation 22:11 *Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."*

If you want to see what a man-made theocracy looks like, just turn to any Muslim country.

## 9 Application

Christian Nationalism is antithetical to Christianity and biblical teachings in every respect. It is evil and demonic. Christian Nationalism and social/political conservatism are morally and theologically the opposite for the most part of what Christianity teaches.<sup>11</sup>

Moreover, they don't care what scripture says, they do not submit to scripture; they are only interested in following their own agenda.

Ephesians 5:11 *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.*

## 10 Prayer

*“Father God, we humbly ask you to open our eyes in order to have discernment between good and evil, right and wrong, truth and falsehoods. Deliver us from evil, and from Christian Nationalism, which is the work of the devil. Help us to speak out with boldness against such works of darkness, and to proclaim truth and your Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Amen.”*

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