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Inside Track

Globalism Is “Demonic,” Theologians Say

As the radical ideology of globalism comes under increasing pressure worldwide, a number of prominent theologians are joining the discussion, blasting the internationalist movement as “demonic” and even “anti-Christ” in nature. With a link on the subject to the widely read *Christian Post* appearing September 28 on the influential Drudge Report, the sharp criticism is making major waves worldwide.

For a growing number of Christian theologians, there is a dark, spiritual agenda behind the push for globalism. “Globalism is far more than ‘geographical’ or ‘eliminating national borders and boundaries,’” explained Dr. Jim Garlow, pastor at Skyline Church in San Diego, in a piece that went viral after being posted October 11 on *Charisma News*, earning almost half of a million Facebook likes in less than two months. “It is spiritual and demonic at its core.”

Other theologians have pointed out that the Bible and Judeo-Christian tradition have a lot to say on borders, and by extension, globalism. “A major objection to globalism from a spiritual and biblical point of view is that many of the globalists are pushing for a global value system,” Senior Associate Pastor Wallace Henley, with the 2nd Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, was quoted as saying in the *Christian Post* article linked by Drudge.

Henley went on to explain that there is what he called an “anti-Christ spirit at work in the world” that opposes the Kingdom of Christ, which he defines as “righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.” “The Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ is the highest form of civilization,” Henley said. “The anti-civilization represented by anti-Christ is the opposite of that.”

Indeed, Christians have long cited biblical prophecies warning of the rise of global government. While there are many eschatological interpretations, the Bible is very clear on some issues — including the idea that the enemy hopes to build up a global totalitarian system that opposes God and His people. But as well-known pastors such as Chuck Baldwin have pointed out, that is no excuse for Christians to sit back and not oppose evil.

Education Secretary “Concerned” About Homeschooling

Speaking at a breakfast with reporters on September 21, Obama’s controversial education secretary, pro-Common Core activist John King, said he was “concerned” that some home-educated children were not getting the “breadth of instructional experience” they would get at a traditional school. While the senior Obama bureaucrat acknowledged that many homeschool families are doing it well, he also repeated the debunked smear that homeschooled children lack opportunities for socialization.

Secretary King’s controversial remarks about home education were made during an event hosted by the *Christian Science Monitor*. According to *Politico*, King said he was “concerned” that homeschooled students are not “getting the range of options that are good for all kids.” He also claimed to worry that “students who are homeschooled are not getting kind of the rapid instructional experience they would get in school,” unless parents are “very intentional about it.” He said the “school experience” includes building relationships with “peers, teachers and mentors,” something that he claimed was “difficult to achieve in homeschooling unless parents focus on it.”



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One of the leading experts in the field, President Brian D. Ray, Ph.D., of the National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI), countered much of the narrative pushed by King. In an interview with *The New American*, Ray explained that home-educated students actually have far more options than children in traditional schools. “What he is saying is just factually incorrect,” Ray said. He pointed to all the options homeschooling families have, including home-education co-ops created by parents to join forces, free and paid tutoring services, mentorships, classes at local libraries, “everything imaginable.”

Whether King’s attack is the opening salvo in an upcoming coordinated attack on homeschooling remains to be seen. What is clear, though, is that homeschoolers are doing far better than government-schooled children on every objective metric — and that is probably what has King and others more concerned than anything else. Fortunately, home educators have become an immensely influential political force in recent years and decades. And so any effort to curtail educational freedom and rights is likely to be met with massive, organized, and fierce resistance.

OPEC Might Cut Production to Raise Oil Prices

A September 28 announcement from OPEC about an agreement to cut production to shore up crude oil prices was met with both delight and scorn by observers.

The reality emerged shortly after the announcement by OPEC: It wasn’t really an agreement to cut production after all. It was an agreement, hammered out after six long and reportedly testy hours behind closed doors in a “side meeting” in Algeria, to appoint a committee to study the matter and come up with options that the faltering cartel will consider at its next meeting in late November in Vienna.

OPEC members are notoriously willing to ignore pronouncements from the leading producer, Saudi Arabia. That country is the driving force behind limiting production — a startling turnabout from November 2014 when it unilaterally announced it was going to continue pumping crude at maximum rates. The unspoken and unwritten purpose then was to flood the market and drive crude prices below break-even points for the troublesome American frackers. This would (in theory) force them to leave the market and turn de facto price control of oil back to OPEC.

It didn’t work out that way. Now Saudi Arabia is facing a financial crunch. In June 2014, it had \$737 billion in foreign reserves and believed that it could force American oil producers out of the market, even if it went into deficit. Today those reserves have shrunk by a quarter, to \$555 billion, with no end in sight. Last year its budget deficit approached \$100 billion, \$8 billion a month, and still the oversupply of crude worldwide remains. Furthermore, American oil producers have cut their break-even points so far that they are aggressively bringing back stacked oil rigs into production.

Any deal in November will not come out of strength, but out of weakness, thanks to the remarkable free market in energy that still exists in the United States.

British Prime Minister Announces Delay of Brexit Trigger

In an October 2 speech to her British Conservative Party’s conference, Prime Minister Theresa May made it sound as if she had been a supporter of Brexit all along: “[After Brexit, the United Kingdom will be] a fully-independent country [no longer under the] jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice.... [Brexit] was a vote for Britain to stand tall, to believe in ourselves, to forge an ambitious and optimistic new role in the world.... Brexit should make us think about our role in the wider world. It should make



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us think of Global Britain, a country with the self-confidence and the freedom to look beyond the continent of Europe and to the economic and diplomatic opportunities of the wider world.”

Accordingly, she announced that her government was close to inking trade deals with eight countries outside of the EU, including Canada, China, India, Mexico, South Korea, and Singapore. This was a signal that Britain would be able to get along very nicely without the European Union if the EU refused to play nice and let her nation leave.

And then she dropped the bomb, adding, “As ever with international talks, it will be a negotiation. It will require some give and take.” Instead of beginning the withdrawal process in January, it won’t happen until March when she said she would then “trigger” Article 50, the escape clause built into the Act of Parliament that Britain passed in 1972. That agreement bound it to the European Economic Community (EEC), which has since morphed deliberately into the European (political) Union.

Whether this delay of two months signals simple recognition of reality, or a plan to stall, dither, and drag out negotiations, won’t be known until March. Another delay then would confirm the prime minister’s intention to stretch out the process interminably, giving insiders time to change the minds of enough British citizens and then call for another referendum on the matter.

FBI Director Comey Warns of Terrorist “Diaspora”

In a statement before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on September 27, FBI Director James B. Comey warned that though ISIS will be defeated in Syria in Iraq, “There will be a terrorist diaspora sometime in the next two to five years” in which terrorists will “try to come to western Europe and” the United States to “kill innocent people.”

“The so-called caliphate will be crushed. The challenge will be: through the fingers of that crush are going to come hundreds of very, very dangerous people,” Comey said at the committee hearing, which was entitled “15 Years After 9/11: Threats to the Homeland.” “They will not all die on the battlefield in Syria and Iraq. There will be a terrorist diaspora sometime in the next two to five years like we’ve never seen before.”

“We must prepare ourselves and our allies particularly in western Europe to confront that threat because when ISIL [ISIS] is reduced to an insurgency and those killers flow out they will try to come to western Europe and try to come here to kill innocent people,” Comey continued.

Committee Chairman Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) recognized that the territory controlled by ISIS has decreased, but progress against the terrorist group has been so slow that the group is reconstituting elsewhere. “We haven’t reduced their capability. The diaspora has already begun,” said Johnson, using the same terminology as Comey. “We’re poking the hive. We’ve done some damage to it but the killer bees are leaving the hive. They’re setting up new hives.”

In his opening statement at the hearing, Johnson observed that 15 years after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, “The threat of militant Islamic terrorist attacks to the United States remains significant.”

Johnson noted that during the past year, “Americans have suffered attacks inspired by Islamic Terrorism in San Bernardino, Orlando, Columbus, Philadelphia, and — most recently, the vicious attack in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and the bombings in New York and New Jersey.”



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A report about the hearing from *Politico* noted that senators on the committee said that the FBI is missing opportunities to head off home-grown terrorist attacks such as the shooting at an Orlando nightclub in June where 49 people were killed and the bombings earlier this month in New York and New Jersey.

While the September 27 hearing was focused on the possibility of ISIS terrorists infiltrating here from the Middle East, bringing their jihad here to America, in an online article we posted on September 21, we raised the strong possibility that the Obama administration's policies amount to importing Middle East terrorism to the United States.

To support that assertion, we noted that the administration had already begun to put a plan into place to dramatically increase the number of refugees from Syria — large portions of which are presently controlled by ISIS.

We reminded readers that during a joint press appearance in Berlin with German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier on September 20, 2015, Secretary of State John Kerry revealed the administration's plan to drastically increase the flow of refugees into the United States. During that event, Kerry specifically cited refugees from Syria. "We are now going to go up to 85,000 with at least, and I underscore the 'at least' — it is not a ceiling, it's a floor — of 10,000 over the next year from Syria specifically even as we also receive more refugees from other areas," said Kerry.

"And in the next fiscal year, we'll target 100,000, and if it's possible to do more, we'll do [more]."

As an indication that the plan outlined by Kerry is proceeding at full force, we quoted an article posted by the White House press office on September 20 (exactly one year after Kerry's statement) that made it clear that the increase in refugees being admitted to our country was still in effect, terrorist attacks or not:

President Obama announced that the United States will welcome more refugees from around the world, increasing the number of people we receive by 40 percent over the next two years, to 100,000 in 2017.

While Comey warned that "there will be a terrorist diaspora sometime in the next two to five years," the Obama administration's schedule for resettling Syrian refugees portends a timetable much earlier than that.



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