

Christian “Haters”

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The title above is admittedly ambiguous. It can mean “Christians who express hatred,” or it can mean “those who hate Christianity.” The latter meaning describes a growing “norm” of attitude and behavior. A broad-based coalition would banish every vestige of “Christianity” from our national identity. Politicians, entertainers, educators, major news media persons, and others have revealed themselves as haters of the Christian religion, especially its moral requirements and its exclusive message.

History revisionists tell us our nation never possessed a general, unabashed belief in the Bible and in Jesus Christ. However, merely viewing movies up to the 1960s (especially those relating to WW II) tells a far different tale. Almost without exception, when the element of religion appears in these movies (e.g., prayer, worship, funerals, weddings), the Bible is the Book that is referenced/read, and prayers (even before each meal) are lifted to God the Father in the name of Jesus – because it was the norm in our nation. The enemies of Christ have gradually eroded this precious national faith.

The Bible-haters charge that it teaches hatred, and therefore, Christianity is a religion of haters (is it not a bit ironic to hate a religion because its adherents are haters?). But we freely admit that true Christians are indeed “haters,” but not in the way their accusers allege. In fact, one cannot be faithful to the Christ without hating the things God and His Son hate, among them:

- **Evil:** Those who love Jehovah hate evil (Psa. 97:10). Contrary to the belief of some, practitioners of wickedness, villainy, and malignant evil are abroad in the world. These are vicious, merciless, destructive, and power-mad. Only the hopelessly naïve deny the existence of evil. God despises it.
- **Error:** Those who love God hate every false way of life because He does (Psa. 119:104). All Biblical warnings about false prophets/teachers and all exhortations to adhere to revealed Truth emphasize God’s hatred of error. His Word alone is the unbiased, objective standard of religious and moral Truth (John 17:17). Only it will make men free (8:32).
- **Immorality:** Those who love God must hate all ungodliness and unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18; Tit. 2:12). Christians therefore hate theft, drunkenness, murder, sexual sins (i.e., fornication, adultery, and homosexual behavior), and all such like (Rom. 1:29–31; 1 Cor. 6:9–10) – because God hates them.

Yes, we are haters – haters of all of those things that destroy, demean, and debase humankind. However, we love the souls of those who are destroying themselves, their families, and our nation, by behavior that God and rational men and women abhor.

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