

Believing the Lie

2 Tim. 4:4 *And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

One of the worst emotional encounters a person can experience has to be to have laid their life on the line literally on foreign soil only to return home and find that the country they thought they were sacrificing for doesn't appreciate it. The most vivid memories I have from the Viet Nam war are not of the horrors of the jungles but of the streets in the USA on my return.

America once again is finding herself divided and yet in a conflict that places many of her young people in *harm's way*. She is finding her will to continue wavering once more. While the pundits argue the legality of the presence in Iraq, America's man in the street is getting mixed messages and our returning warriors are not finding the support of their nation they so richly deserve.

Speaking from the political side and the world's opinion the USA cannot simply pull out of this engagement. A Philippine civilian working for the US Forces in Viet Nam in the early sixties once said to me: "I would never go to war with the USA as an ally again, they will pull back and leave you alone at the worst of times." Having lived on all four corners of our globe literally I found his opinion was perhaps the same with most of the people in the so-called third world.

At the same time America has entered into another conflict which has no honorable ending because she has ignorantly assumed her social opinions are those to the world and she is politically/socially trying to resolve what is in the end a religious problem. The image of the ugly American hits closer home than most will ever admit.

Islam is almost as old as the Christian religion and the two are mutually exclusive. Contrary to the liberal world they can never simply co-exist. The Islamic canon particularly says that their goal is to convert the whole world to their faith. It particularly says that they do not have to honor their word to infidels, which all who are not of their religion are. Their word is only their bond when given to a fellow believer in Mohammed. How then can there be a "treaty" of any sort worth the paper it is written on? Those of the Islamic faith who say different are kin to their liberal Christian counterparts and are not faithful to their own system of belief.

There is no such thing as a people of faith because every world religion has its own central theme and deity. Christianity above all others is an exclusive religion in that it takes a professed belief in Jesus Christ to take claim of the title Christian. There is no other way into the eternal life outside of this belief in Christ.

The Bible specifically tells us the day will come when this is the *common* belief and people actually seek those who hold such liberal beliefs. The Bible speaks of world conquest just as the Koran does. The difference is the Bible says this conquest will come through love as believers in one on one encounters share Christ and the world is converted by God; not the guns or arguments of men.

Christ gave the only answer that will solve the problems of the world:

"Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."