



The Rabshakeh Assumes Judaism is Mythology, Isa 36:18-20; Progressives View Christianity as an Authoritarian “Religion” that Must Be Silenced

- 28) The attentive ear will discern from the Rabshakeh’s proposal that the personal possessive pronoun is missing once the Jews arrive in Assyria.
- 29) And what is their benefit for agreeing to this Treaty of Peace? “They will live and not die.”
- 30) Sennacherib grants unheard of concession to the Jews while he is organizing their deportation back to Assyria.
- 31) He will systematically select those he thinks will make good slaves and tell them they won’t believe how good life is in Assyria.
- 32) The others will either be executed or allowed to remain alive to eat their own dung and drink their own urine.
- 33) **PRINCIPLE:** When someone says they are from the government (and it doesn’t matter which government) and they have come to help you, tell them you are a masochist thoroughly enjoying your misery but thank you anyway.
- 34) The Rabshakeh is a harbinger of prophets who will falsely lead the people of Judah into error over the next century. Those who follow their teachings will cause the cycles of discipline to ravage the land.
- 35) In 586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar will attack Judah, the client nation will suffer the fifth cycle, and some of her selected citizens will be carried away to endure the seventy-year Babylonian captivity.
- 36) Jeremiah, a true prophet of the Lord, railed against these false prophets. One of his condemnations of them is found in:

Jeremiah 23:16 - Thus says the Lord of the armies, “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; they speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the Lord.

v. 17 - “They keep saying to those who despise Me, ‘The Lord has said, “You will have peace”’; and as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, they say, “Calamity will not come upon you.”

v. 21 - “I did not send these prophets but they ran to you. I did not speak to them, but they prophesied.”

- 37) **Propaganda Objective #9:** If you smile, speak in dulcet tones, and promise peace and prosperity while being sure to phrase your promises adroitly, then the people will eagerly agree to exchange freedom for slavery.
- 38) The Rabshakeh is a heathen Assyrian who took the position of a prophet when he claimed in verse 10, “The Lord said to me, ‘Go up against this land, and destroy it.’” He now returns to this subject as he again denounces the leadership of Hezekiah and blasphemes the Lord.

Isaiah 36:18 - ‘Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, “Jehovah will deliver us.” Has any one of the gods of the nations we have fought delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?’



v. 19 - 'Where are the gods of Hamath \hā' math\ and Arpad \ar' pad\? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim \se-far-va' yim\? Have they rescued Samaria from my hand?

v. 20 - 'Who among all the gods of these countries have delivered their land from my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem from my hands?'

- 1) Lucifer, the father of lies, will always assault the truth. This is confirmed in the Garden of Eden, it is confirmed by the Rabshakeh, and it is consistently confirmed today. Those who tell the truth in opposition to the devious and nefarious plans of the Dark Side will find themselves assaulted for their efforts.
- 2) There is a current example of this worthy of note. Ann Coulter is an expert in Constitutional law and a popular columnist, author, and media consultant. Her newest book *Treason: Liberal Treachery from the Cold War to the War on Terrorism* has been the target of assaults from progressives since its release earlier this year.
- 3) In this book she destroys some of the left's sacred cows and exposes the truth about their complicity with Soviet Communism and the validity of some of Senator Joseph McCarthy's assertions that there were indeed Soviet agents in high places within our national government.
- 4) A recent column by David Limbaugh addresses this unjustified assault by the progressives against Ms Coulter and their attempt to silence her message:

Limbaugh, David. "Coulter's Treason: Examining Liberal Sympathies." *Conservative Chronicle*, Aug. 20, 2003, 14:

At a time when our nation is under attack and forces are determined to destroy it, it might serve us well to examine the mindset that many believe has been historically slow to recognize threats against this nation and even slower to act on them.

Instead of just reading the critical reviews of Ann Coulter's "Treason," read the book itself. Put aside her metaphorical indictment of liberals as treasonous. But do read the historical accounts she relates.

Read the book, then ask yourself how the deplorable actions of certain communist enablers can be justified, no matter what you think about Sen. Joseph McCarthy. Ask yourself how anyone can call himself a patriot and still defend some of this despicable behavior.

But before you read it, remind yourself that since roughly the late '60s, the counterculture (which has now ascended to the popular culture) has contemptuously lampooned any suggestion that communism was an international menace – a threat to world peace and freedom.

Liberals used to sneer sarcastically that conservatives could find a communist "behind every rock." For the longest time, many clung to the fantasy that Soviet Communism was a benign force. They scoffed at the notion that Soviet and Chinese communists were behind the North Vietnamese incursion into South Vietnam. They belly-laughed at the "paranoid" Cold Warriors who took the communists at their word that they sought world domination. They viewed the United States as the aggressors in the nuclear arms race and advocated that we implement a suicidal nuclear freeze based on the good intentions of the Soviets. These were people who saw America, not the Soviets, as imperialistic.

Again, no matter what you've heard about McCarthy, irrefutable evidence exists that he was correct that there were many Soviet spies in American government. And you certainly can't dismiss this as no big deal under that eternal principle "no harm, no foul," because there was harm. The Rosenbergs alone, as Coulter says, "spied on their own country and turned over atomic secrets to a grisly totalitarian regime that would threaten American citizens with annihilation for the next 50 years." Yet many liberals defended them to the end.



Indeed, many of those who most vigorously opposed communism in this country were reviled and demonized more than the communists themselves. Irrespective of whether you believe certain communist "hunters" committed excesses, should you excuse the actual traitors themselves (here I'm referring to Soviet Spies in the bowels of our government)? What would motivate people to defend the indefensible? Indeed, the greatest irony of the McCarthy chapter of American history is that it has been rewritten to protect those who protected America's enemies.

And please don't say that liberal sympathy for the bad guys was motivated solely by their instinct to protect innocent individuals from "McCarthyite" tactics. The Alger Hiss affair preceded McCarthyism's seminal event: McCarthy's "notorious" Wheeling, W. Va., speech, in which he claimed that 57 communists were in the State Department.

The Alger Hiss affair began when ex-communist spy Whittaker Chambers accused his former friend, Alger Hiss, of being a Soviet spy. Read and lament how the liberal establishment circled the wagons in defense of this communist and maliciously assassinated Chambers' character for exposing one of their darlings. Read how after Chambers produced his smoking gun, the Pumpkin Papers, liberals persisted in defending Hiss.

Read how even "On the day of Hiss's conviction (of perjury for lying about being a Soviet spy), Jan. 25, 1950, (President Truman's secretary of state) Dean Acheson announced at a press conference, "I do not intend to turn my back on Alger Hiss." Read Coulter's delicious revelation that both the Washington Post and the New York Times, as late as 1992, and again in 1994 in the Times' case, were still running stories defending Hiss.

To the everlasting shame of these two newspapers, in 1995, the results of the Venona Project (the decoding of Soviet cables during the Cold War) were made public, indisputably proving, among other things, that Hiss was a Soviet spy. There's so much more in Coulter's book. Read it.

Liberals have been quick to castigate others for their alleged excesses. In "Treason," Coulter has exposed them for their own excesses – in naturally jumping to the defense of those who sought to harm our nation. If they had any legitimate defense for their behavior, perhaps they would quit bashing Coulter and present it. Don't hold your breath.

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- 5) In Isaiah 36 it is Hezekiah who is telling the truth and thus not only must Hezekiah's integrity be attacked but also his message.
- 6) This is the fourth time in the Rabshakeh's speech that he has challenged the Judahites faith in divine protection.
- 7) In verse 7, he warns the people not to place their "trust in the Lord," for Hezekiah insulted the Lord by taking away His high places and altars.
- 8) In verse 10, the Rabshakeh claims falsely that the Lord has personally commanded him to take Judah.
- 9) In verse 15, he implores the people to reject Hezekiah's advice to trust in the Lord's power to deliver them and the city of Jerusalem from the Assyrians.
- 10) Then again in verse 18 the Rabshakeh cautions the Judahites to ignore Hezekiah's claim that the Lord will deliver them.
- 11) Thus the constant themes of the Rabshakeh's propaganda objectives are to destroy the people's faith in Hezekiah and the God of Israel and to inspire their faith in the word of Sennacherib.



- 12) To justify the former, the Rabshakeh dips into Assyrian military history to give examples of how the gods of nations invaded by Assyria have failed to deliver the peoples who looked to them for protection.
- 13) These examples include the gods of Hamath, Arpad, and Sepharvaim. These are cities located to the north in Syria. The assertion is that if these “gods” were not able to deliver the citizens of these cities how then do the people of Jerusalem expect Jehovah to deliver them?
- 14) The Rabshakeh viewed the “gods” of the nations Assyria invaded as mere inventions that assuaged the fears and soothed the emotions of the various populations but were nothing more than illusions to be destroyed by Assyrian might.
- 15) One of the interesting viewpoints that has emerged in our increasingly progressive culture is the proposition that all religions are based on mythology and that the “gods” worshipped by the followers of these religions are no more real than the “gods” worshiped by the people of ancient societies.
- 16) The self-anointed elite conclude that all religions are simply inventions designed to support and sustain the peculiar values, morals, and traditions of various cultures.
- 17) Since diversity and multiculturalism demand tolerance of all cultures then all religions must be tolerated as well.
- 18) However, the power of any religion is neutralized when the notion is accepted that all religions are equal. This lends credence to the claim that religion is a characteristic of all cultures and all worship the same “god.”
- 19) Further, since all cultures are equal then all religions are equal. But should one religion assert that it is superior to all others, as is the claim of most, then it must be silenced or discredited. In the interest of diversity all religious discourse is judged unfit for public dialogue.
- 20) Therefore religions are not only forbidden to *be* the government, which is a biblical principle, but also to even *influence* the government, which is the *sine qua non* of client nation survival.
- 21) Therefore, religion is “tolerated” so long as it is personal, exercised privately, and its teachings are never introduced into the marketplace of ideas.
- 22) By so doing the utopian ideal of world peace, free of religious friction and conflict, is supposedly attainable.
- 23) This explains why so much effort, time, and money are spent on such apparently benign and insignificant issues as the Ten Commandments in courthouses, singing of Christmas carols in schools, pledging of allegiance to the flag, wearing religious symbols on one’s person at work, or praying of invocations at graduations or sporting events.
- 24) Such opposition seems to be the picking of nits to the traditionalist but it is a central issue for the progressives. They have identified religion and especially Christianity as a breeding ground for authoritarian principles and authoritarianism must be abolished.