

America's assault on Christianity continues to deepen

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Two events this week in America signal a deeper turn by government against Christianity and conservatism.

The first event came from the chairman of the Civil Rights Commission, Martin Castro. A CNSnews online report published his public statement as follows:

“The phrases ‘religious liberty’ and ‘religious freedom’ will stand for nothing except hypocrisy so long as they remain code words for discrimination, intolerance, racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, Christian supremacy or any form of intolerance...Religious liberty was never intended to give one religion dominion over other religions or veto power over the civil rights and civil liberties of others. However, today, as in the past, religion is being used as both a weapon and a shield by those seeking to deny others equality.”

He continued, “In our nation’s past, religion has been used to justify slavery and later, Jim Crow laws. We now see ‘religious liberty’ arguments sneaking their way back into our political and constitutional discourse (just like the concept of ‘states rights’) in an effort to undermine the rights of some Americans. This generation of Americans must stand up and speak out to ensure that religion never again be twisted to deny others the full promise of America.”

To their credit, two of the commissioners objected to Castro’s conclusions contained in a report entitled *Peaceful Coexistence: Reconciling Nondiscrimination Principles with Civil Liberties*.

The report included this statement: “The appropriate balance between religious liberty and nondiscrimination principles in some conflicts arises as a concern when religious institutions and organizations claim the freedom under constitutional and statutory law to choose leaders, members or employees according to the tenets of their faith, even if the choice would violate employment, disability or other laws. It arises also when individuals claim the freedom to adhere to religious principles regardless of otherwise applicable law governing their conduct.”

The second event mirrored Castro’s comments when Hillary Clinton addressed a crowd of about 1,000 people in a New York City restaurant. She said, “To just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump’s supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. Right? The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic – you name it.”

The hateful attitude toward Christians we find in our government leadership simply emboldens other government agencies and individuals to pile on with anti-Christian rhetoric, bigotry and legislation.

In Massachusetts, a new law takes effect on October 1st of this year. It will enable the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to prevent churches from teaching the truth

from scripture about homosexuality. Tyler O'Neil stated in an article in *PJ Media*, even churches must refer to transgender individuals by their chosen 'gender identity', ignoring their biological sex. This effectively means churches must acknowledge transgender ideology or practice their doctrine on human sexuality in secret – putting Christianity in the closet. The guidance (of the law) specifically mentions churches as falling under the 'public accommodation' restrictions against 'discrimination' on the basis of gender identity." Quoting the report, "Even a church could be seen as a place of public accommodation if it holds a spaghetti supper, that is open to the public."

And in the *Salt Lake Tribune*, in an op-ed by Gregory A. Clark, Clark rails against God: "In canonizing Mother Teresa as a saint...the Pope publicly confirmed the essential tenets of Catholicism: That God could have stopped Catholic priests from raping altar boys. But, overall, He didn't want to. And millions throughout the world rejoiced in this good news. Such is religion... Christianity is not only ridiculous and repugnant. It is also deeply dishonest. No reasonable earthly father would allow his children to be raped, if he could readily intervene to stop it."

I have a lot to say about these events, which I will address in next week's article. For the time being I will say this: There is so much hypocrisy coming from the those on the left and from what is clearly becoming an anti-Christian movement in America, that it is not in any way defensible.

Unfortunately, what we are beginning to see is an ongoing attempt at the destruction of American churches, Christianity, and everything that makes America a safe and decent place to live. Christian cleansing is on its way.



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