

Thank you for coming out. The world needs thinking caring people, and that's who I know you are. I'm reading this because I'm a nervous old man who thinks it is important and urgent.

Christian nationalism is the rotten core of America's problems and it needs to be stopped. It's sad to have to be against something, but CN is an extreme and powerful movement trying to take down democracy at the expense of Christianity.

People want authentic faith and vibrant democracy, things we used to take for granted, but CN is busy killing such freedoms. Maybe I can move you from awareness to understanding of CN, to be ready for action.

To be on firm footing, I start with this point: **Christian nationalism is not Christianity.** Many (maybe even most) people don't differentiate Christians from Christian nationalism.

It's an important distinction. **Fundamentally, Christianity is love based.**

Unconditional love. The love that Jesus of Nazareth showed and talked about, that he commanded and lived out under the New Covenant. This love is not so with CN.

CN is about identity rather than religion, driven by racist hatred and perceived self-righteousness. CN has grown into a vicious counter-attack against the progress the country has made toward equality for all. They are threatened by demographic trends and the progressive agenda.

CN ramped up their "culture war" because they are losing out. Their ideology is not popular. For example, 91% of Americans think contraception should be available but they would ban it; 70% of Americans support marriage equality but they oppose it; 85% of Americans think abortion should be legal but they are banning it; and 73% of Americans (and most religious denominations) welcome religious pluralism, but they want a nation of Christians that look and act just like them.

They are backed into the straight, White, conservative corner. So, rather than the giving, sharing, caring love of Christ, it's back to the Old Testament vengeful God who will smite you. **CN is hate based, a fear-driven hate.**

CNs know most Americans disagree with them. But they don't care. And they hope you don't speak up. In fact, they are working to manipulate and take away your voice. They are fighting like hell, so opponents to CN must do the same.

So, here's another point of consideration: Whatever you think of Christianity, you have skin in this game. It's not just a Christian problem because it is already adversely affecting every one of us. If that chainsaw gets to the churches, there goes freedom of religion. Nazis and Supreme Court Justice Alito all fly the same CN "appeal to heaven" flag.

CN represents 1/17th of the US population and 1/3 of the Christians. But they have outsized influence. They know what they are fighting for, and they are well financed and determined. When you hear the term minority rule, think of CN.

At the same time, it's necessary to keep in mind that CN is made up of individual people. The person who falls for the conspiracy theory is not the same as the person or organization that spun it up. We are all people trying to get by and make sense of things. And CN has been an answer for many hurting needful people, giving them false security and catharsis. They are victims, taken in by an anti-Christian demonizing mindset.

So, when I say disparaging things about CN, it's still with hope and respect for CN's participant victims, even if they are the voting block that put Trump in place. To Trump and his handlers, these people are a necessary cost of the anti-democratic movement. He calls them heroes.

Keep in mind that religious nationalism efforts tend to crop up periodically over history, and it happens all over the world. Today's CN has technology to shrink times and distance, so it's a super-hot mess, especially when you factor in all the psychopaths. It is a complex set of networks, memes, prophecies, field operations, and politicians competing for the religious imagination of the world. Let's just hope love hangs in there and keeps winning.

America's Christian nationalism has an interesting history.

After the Civil War, when the South got busy with Jim Crow to keep racism alive and well, they also came out with the idea of redemption. That's an assertion that all their rightful privileges and ownership would eventually come back to them. MLK pointed this out during his civil rights work. This is the same redemption that Trump is talking about when he relates to himself as the redeemer. This is essentially a dog whistle to the KKK-types.

In 1939, before WWII, Germany and the USA were comparing notes on the beauty and power of fascism. That included a NYC meeting of the German American Bund, pulled together by Joseph Goebbels, which was attended by 1200 brown shirts. George Washington was called out as the first American fascist. One of the speakers was a Father Coughlin of Royal Oak, known as the father of hate radio. Coughlin was saluted and cheered by the brown shirts, right along with Hitler, Mussolini, and Franco. Coughlin went on to create the Christian Front, and the Christian Crusade.

In the 1950s, Senator Barry Goldwater sounded a warning that preachers were moving to take control of the Republican party, saying he was frightened because the religious zealots cannot and would not compromise.

In 1979, Jerry Falwell founded the Moral Majority, which was instrumental in putting Ronald Reagan into the presidency. They came out against abortion, feminism, gay and lesbian rights, and the Equal Rights Amendment. It was largely the same issues as today, but the Moral Majority has given way to CN.

Over time there has been a variety of organizations and movements working as part of CN. Many have settled on the Seven Mountains theology, which names seven areas of society they assume to control. They are government, media, arts and entertainment, business, education, religion, and family.

Through the Seven Mountains Mandate, they have made their agenda clear. They are proud and confident in their effort to make it a White Christian theocracy. But they do have considerable inner turmoil. For example, they argue about how much prophesy and speaking in tongues to use.

The working relationship between Zionism and CN has been a source of inconsistency and struggle. Some people call themselves Christian Zionists. At an earlier time, CN was openly antisemitic and against Zionism. But Zionism and CN have evolved in parallel, becoming partners in racist fascism. Now they are in lockstep in genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza.

CN and Zionists look to the biblical end times, and the return of the Jewish people to Israel is seen as a step in fulfilling the prophecies. For CNs and Zionists, this understanding means the establishment of a Jewish state in Israel as a way to hasten the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

CN's apocalyptic talk is creeping into the government by politicians who are not even religious; it's the same for the anti-woke terminology, which came out of CN.

Our country is founded on the separation of church and state. This separation ensures that all people—whether they are religious or not—are treated the same. But CN wants to take away this separation. They plan to take away democracy, to run the country as some form of theocracy-oligarchy blend. You should not have to be their certain type of Christian to be considered a good citizen.

Over time, business and political forces have merged with a tainted version of Christianity and it is all together evil. This is the old-school violence of imperialism, which is still dealing death in Gaza, with more and more violence perpetrated and threatened in the homeland.

Christian nationalism is using the Christian faith to take total control, using it to complete the definition of fascism. Nationalism, authoritarianism, and militarism are the tenants of fascism.

How Bad Is It? It has gone beyond evil to stupid; and religion is still the tip of the spear in this fight.

It's not left versus right so much anymore. It is more clearly a class war. And in this open warfare, they have been able to put stupid in charge. Trump, or a trump-like character, is necessary to advance from evil into stupidity.

We the world have been here before, staring in the face of stupid. Consider German Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who the Nazis executed on this month in 1945 for his resistance. He said and did a lot of progressive things, but the following words say a lot:

“Stupidity is a more dangerous enemy of the good than malice. One may protest against evil; it can be exposed and, if need be, prevented by use of force ... But neither protests nor the use of force accomplish anything [against stupidity]; reasons fall on deaf ears; facts that contradict one’s prejudgment simply need not be believed – in such moments the stupid person even becomes critical – and when facts are irrefutable, they are just pushed aside as inconsequential, as incidental. In all this, the stupid person, in contrast to the malicious one, is utterly self-satisfied and, being easily irritated, becomes dangerous by going on the attack.”

Maybe that sounds familiar. This is where we are. CN has gone from a veil of secrecy to a veil of stupidity, behind which they can operate to meet their end goal – toppling democracy. The New Apostolic Revolution (NAR) is the fastest growing and might be the most aggressive of the CN organizations; they are assuming a more open leadership role.

This dire conclusion of stupidity, right here at home, is being reached by scholarly people on the front lines of the fight against CN.

Again, this label of stupid is for the out-of-control people that lead the effort to subjugate the country. Many average people have been misled by the CN leadership, and have been manipulated into extremism. They have been betrayed in a time of need, and they are not necessarily stupid.

What can be done?

First of all, don't wait or expect much from the next election cycle. If Donald Trump were to disappear, there would still be so much resistance and recovery work to be done. And there are no silver bullets. Success starts with individuals, of any religion or none, to recognize the threat of CN and to do what they can to help.

Certainly, Christians have a responsibility and a will. This includes the love-based message of Jesus, which can help people out of CN. They are organizing and working for more.

Organize and resist, like always, applies here. Advocates say this needs to happen **locally and vigorously**, and needs to extend into places like school boards and town halls. CN is already been there and done that, but there is plenty of room for more.

Some of the more sophisticated resistance efforts are calling for a build-up of cultural and social capital that can cross the many issues, as well as mutual aid and shared vocabulary, and maybe the development of a watch list. Also, smart people are looking closely at how best to penetrate the CN psychology.

We must shine more light on this CN tragedy, and expose it for what it is. So, education and awareness building like this forum helps, and we must work together to provide more actions and results.

Whatever it turns out to be must be defined and done in the communities. So, I am promoting Metro Detroiters Against Christian Nationalism. Metro Detroiters Against Christian Nationalism is affiliated with state and national groups. We need freedom fighters, to stay aware, learn, and especially to help shape the local effort against CN.

Thank you.

Christians Against Christian Nationalism

Political Research Associates on NAR <https://vimeo.com/1073574722>

The New Apostolic Reformation is a Christian supremacist theological belief and controversial movement associated with the far-right that combines elements of Pentecostalism, evangelicalism, and the Seven Mountain Mandate to advocate for spiritual warfare to bring about Christian dominion over all aspects of society, and end or weaken the separation of church and state.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State; Andrew Seidel.

John Roy Carlson, "Under Cover", 1943.

Katherine Stewart; "Money, Lies, and God", 2025.