

Essay on “Christian Nationalism”

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(In order to fully benefit from this essay, I recommend reading through my “works for beginners” first. They can be found on my website.)

So-called “Christian Nationalism,” that the liberal media can’t stop fretting about, is some of the most made-up nonsense in the entire history of our media. The idea that the entire so-called white “Evangelical” church is enamored with “White Christian Nationalism,” is not only absurd, it is downright slanderous. I am not saying that there exists no tiny fringe elements that can be put under this label. They absolutely do exist. And they are die-hard Trumpers. Many do attend his rallies and they made up many of the Jan 6 goons. With that fully admitted, the idea that these fringe groups are representative of most predominantly white Evangelical churches in our country is laughable. No orthodox church in this country would ever tolerate such views. I have been immersed in the Conservative Evangelical church all over this country for over two decades now, and I can say without the slightest fear of hesitation that all such views are deemed woefully heretical in this world. That includes all of the predominantly white churches.

I am not saying that there are no problems within many predominantly white orthodox churches, especially in the Old South. There are and I have written about this in the first book of my basics series. I have also said more about this in my essay on Trump. Both of those works can be found on my website. However, any positions that espouse outright hateful racism are universally rejected outright. As I also said in my essay on Trump, many predominantly white orthodox churches, especially outside of the rural Old South, are becoming far more diverse, especially regarding Hispanic parishioners. Right here in Southern Utah where I live, the Hispanic population is growing rapidly. One of the biggest churches in town, Calvary Chapel St. George, has seen a huge uptick in

Hispanic attendance. And the pastor himself is Hispanic. This is nothing out of the ordinary across the country today.

It is true that almost all orthodox Conservative Evangelical churches in this nation believe that our country was founded as a Christian nation in some manner. That is my belief and I have written about it in my essay on that topic. That essay can be found on my website. The idea that this means that I am pushing for some white supremacist form of Christian theocracy is insane. I simply want to do all in my power to return our country to being more orthodox Christian from a cultural standpoint as I can. It is true that many orthodox believers in our nation, but not only white ones, do believe that our nation was founded as a Christian nation in a more theocratic fashion. I do not agree with them for the reasons I have detailed in the essay just mentioned above. But, even these are not saying that this means that Christianity must be forced upon the citizens. They all still believe tenaciously in freedom of religion. They are ardent Constitutionalists. They merely believe that our nation was formed as a Christian nation similarly to how Israel was formed as a Jewish state in the last century. We can debate them on the merits of their position, but to say that they want a civil war or anything along those lines is a joke. Again, I have interacted with orthodox Evangelicals all over the country for a very long time now. I continue to do so. And none of what one sees on the news on a regular basis has any grounding in fact.

Even most of the heretical groups, especially “Christian” Fundamentalism and the Pseudo-Pentecostal/Charismatic movement, in our nation, that are so often wrongly placed under the label of “White Evangelical,” do not advocate for anything along the lines of what the media say. Many, especially within the NAR (you can read more about this sub-movement in my essay on that topic, which can be found on my website), do go much, much further than what is normal among any groups or people that often get shoved into the category of “Evangelical” (including true Evangelicals). Yet, the notion that even they are desiring for some nineteenth century white supremacy mentality can only serve to leave the knowledgeable person on this subject with his or her head shaking.