

"EXPOSING UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS"

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INTRO: On this 4th of July weekend of America's 250th birthday, we celebrate God's goodness to America, while recognizing a spiritual attack on America. Col. 2:8 tells us to beware lest we are cheated through ungodly philosophies contrary to Christ. Eph. 5:8, 11, 13 exhorts us to walk as children of light and to expose unfruitful works of darkness. This morning I'm going to draw your attention to two ungodly philosophies seriously jeopardizing America's future: Radical Islam & Communism. As we shine the light of God's truth on these two works of darkness, you will not be ignorant of Satan's devices and will be better equipped to keep Satan from taking advantage of you (2Cor. 2:11).

I. RADICAL ISLAM

- A. Not all Muslims are radical Islamists.
- B. It's radical Islamists that I'll be addressing today.
- C. The word, "*Islam*" is an Arabic word which means to submit to Allah, and comes from the same root word for *salam*, meaning "**peace**".
- D. Islam is not a religion of peace and defines peace as when everyone is submitted to the will of Allah.
- E. People who leave Islam are often beaten and killed.
- F. Countless crimes and murders have been committed in the name of Allah.

TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF RADICAL ISLAM

IT'S PROPHET MOHAMMAD

WHAT THE QUARAN TEACHES

IMPLICATIONS

WHY ALLAH & THE GOD OF THE BIBLE ARE NOT THE SAME GOD

- 1. Mankind was created in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27), and Allah has no image.
- 2. The God of the Bible had a Son (Matt. 26:63-64), and Allah had no son.
- 3. The God of the Bible has different and much higher moral standards than Allah.
- 4. The God of the Bible offers faith as a choice; whereas Allah requires conformity by force.
- 5. The God of the Bible is often called Father; whereas Allah is never called Father.
- 6. The God of the Bible allows people the freedom to leave their faith; whereas Allah orders those who leave their faith to be executed.
- 7. The God of the Bible teaches forgiveness; whereas Allah teaches revenge.

II. COMMUNISM

- 1. Communism and Islamists are working together.
- 2. Communism enslaves and has murdered millions.
- 3. Communism tries to weaken the U.S. from within.

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMUNISM

- 1. A totalitarian government is in control, not the citizens (who become slaves to its government).
- 2. It has always resulted in oppression.
- 3. It opposes the ownership of private property.
- 4. Personal success is punished because successful people are harder to control.

"45 Communist Goals for America." – Cleon Skousen, a former FBI special agent in 1961 (65 years ago!).
[1Thess. 4:3; Matt. 19:4-6; Eph. 6:1-3; Ezek. 45:9]

CONCLUSION: Both radical Islam & Communism deny and reject the gospel of the Bible (1Cor. 15:1-4). Pray. Be informed. Vote. Serve. Don't give in. Let's build strong marriages and families!