

August 2018 Newsletter of the Lake Superior Freethinkers

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First Sunday - Radisson Hotel –

9:00 AM Social – 9:30 Breakfast - 10:00 Presentation

Free and open to the public.

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Program

David Breeden – Sr. Minister, First Unitarian-Universalist Church, Mpls.

"Social Discourse in a Polarized Age"



Lest We Forget - Quotes from the American Taliban

"Tattoo an American flag with the words, "In God we trust,"
on the forehead of every atheist." **Chuck Norris**

We should invade their countries, kill their leaders and convert them to Christianity."

Ann Coulter

"God told me to strike at al Qaida and I struck them,
and then he told me to strike at Saddam.

G W Bush

I don't know that atheists should be considered as citizens, nor should they be considered as patriots. This is one nation under God. **George H. W. Bush**

"The Bible is the inerrant ... word of the living God. It is infallible, without error in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as well as in areas such as geography, science, history, etc." **Jerry Falwell**

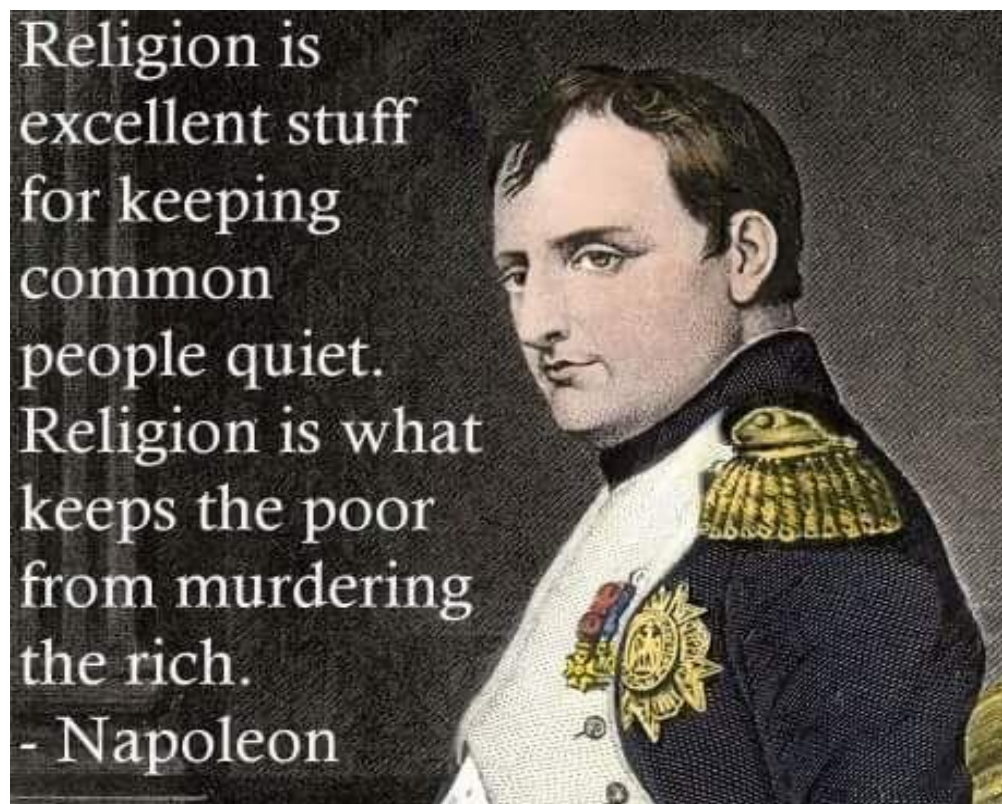
"The Media is ruled by Satan." **Jimmy Swaggert**

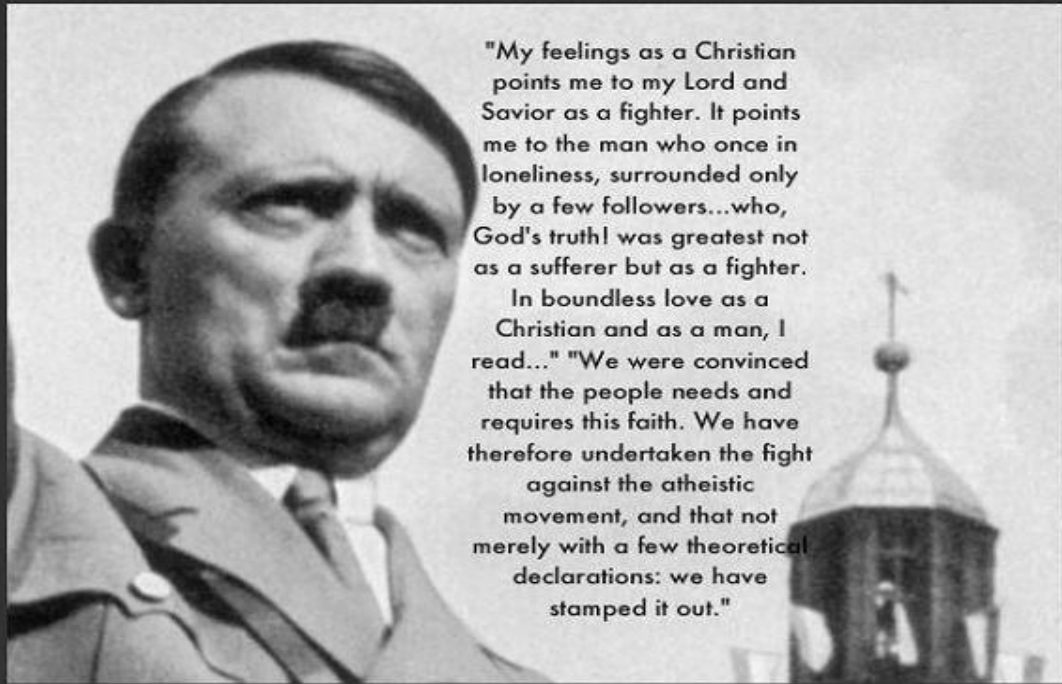
"George Bush was not elected by a majority of the voters in the United States, he was appointed by God." **Lt. Gen. William G. Boykin**

"Just like what Nazi Germany did to the Jews, liberal America is now doing to the evangelical Christians." **Pat Robertson**

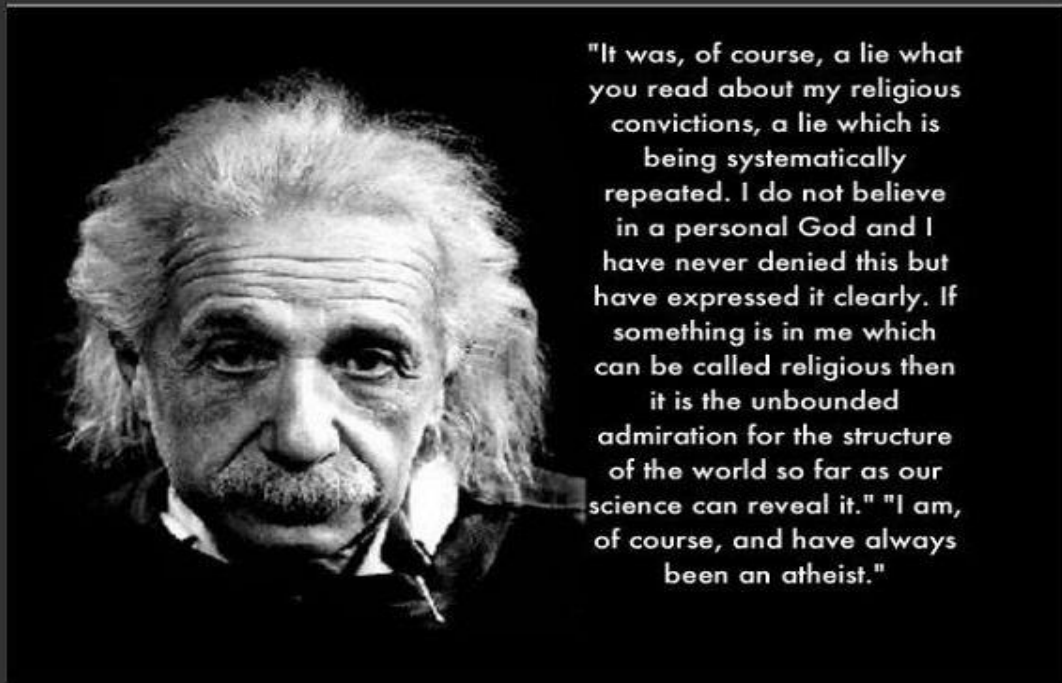
"I want you to let a wave of intolerance wash over you. I want you to let a wave of hatred wash over you. Hate is good. We are called by God to conquer this country. We don't want equal time. When people like me are running the country, you'd better flee, because we will find you, we will try you, and we'll execute you." **Randall Terry**

"For the first time ever, everything is in place for the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ." **Ronald Reagan**





"My feelings as a Christian points me to my Lord and Savior as a fighter. It points me to the man who once in loneliness, surrounded only by a few followers...who, God's truth was greatest not as a sufferer but as a fighter. In boundless love as a Christian and as a man, I read..." "We were convinced that the people needs and requires this faith. We have therefore undertaken the fight against the atheistic movement, and that not merely with a few theoretical declarations: we have stamped it out."



"It was, of course, a lie what you read about my religious convictions, a lie which is being systematically repeated. I do not believe in a personal God and I have never denied this but have expressed it clearly. If something is in me which can be called religious then it is the unbounded admiration for the structure of the world so far as our science can reveal it." "I am, of course, and have always been an atheist."

'Good Germans,' 'Good Americans': Where are we headed?

by Joseph W. Anthony, a Minneapolis attorney. – (article edited for length)

How did decent, Christian, well-intentioned Germans allow political leaders, who were supported by a minority of the electorate, to do what was done in Germany from 1930 to 1945? And are we moving toward becoming "Good Americans"?

Before and after the Lutheran revolution, Germans considered themselves Christians and adhered to Christian theology, but when the allies imposed punitive sanctions on Germany after World War I, a group of people formed a party with the goal of restoring Germany to its pre-war glory. In 1932, that party received 6% of the vote,

which eventually reached 37%. Although the Nazi party never was supported by more than 50% of the population, it effectively controlled the German legislature. [The Nazis sought and received the support of the Catholic and Protestant churches, although their zeal for displaying flags did not include hugging the flag].

Once in power, the party enacted laws that allowed it to engage in conduct that was legal but reprehensible and inhumane:

1. Exclusion of non-Aryans from the legal profession and civil service.
2. Compulsory sterilization of people with a range of hereditary, physical and mental illnesses.
3. Stripping naturalized German Jews of their citizenship, which allowed Jews to be deported.
4. Prohibition of marriages between Jews and Germans and the employment of young German females in Jewish homes. citizens. German citizens who were not of German blood were deemed state subjects, without citizenship rights.
5. In 1935, the Romani people - "Gypsies - and black people were defined as "enemies of the," the same as Jews.
6. "Social misfits" were added to those who could be imprisoned or sent to concentration camps.

Being a Good German meant "going along." It meant turning a deaf ear to leaders who lied and a blind eye to actions that were inhumane.

Recent events suggest that many Americans are rejecting the values that actually made America great. Are we turning a deaf ear to the disseminated by those in power? According to the reports of those who have analyzed the subject, the White House has lied to us at least 3,000 times in the first 466 days in office.

If we want to avoid becoming "Good Americans," we must recognize that there is such a thing as truth and that democracy's foundation is based on certain, immutable truths. Recognize that leaders who are unable to distinguish truth from lies are a threat to our democracy.

We must reject candidates who lack the courage to confront those who rely on false facts. Continuously repeated false statements take on an appearance of truth. Repeated misstatements and lies can be normalized by political leaders who lack the courage to confront the liars.

<http://m.startribune.com/good-germans-good-americans-where-are-we-headed/486320971/>



[Christian TV host claims Rachel Maddow will lead coup & decapitate Trump within hours](#)

Christian broadcaster and conspiracy theorist Rick Wiles is back... claiming that MSNBC anchor Rachel Maddow, a lesbian, will lead a coup against President Donald Trump.... "America, you've been homosexualized. You've been Jewdy-ized. I'm just telling it how it is," Wiles told viewers. "She was spewing out, last night, calls for revolution. She was telling the left, 'Take a deep breath, we're at the moment, it's coming, we're almost there, we're going to remove him from the White House.' We're about 72 hours from a coup.

"Be prepared that you're going to turn on the television and see helicopters hovering over the roof of the White House with men clad in black rappelling down ropes, entering into the White House. Be prepared for a shootout in the White House as Secret Service agents shoot commandos coming in to arrest President Trump."

"That is how close we are to a revolution. Be prepared for a mob — a leftist mob — to tear down the gates, the fence at the White House and to go into the White House and to drag him out with his family and decapitate them on the lawn of the White House," he said.