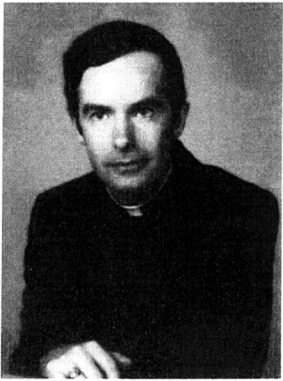


Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd...



This month we celebrate our 242nd anniversary of national independence. Nationalism ascended in the 18th century when the ideas of political philosophers such as John Locke influenced men like Jefferson and Paine and found expression in the Declaration of Inde-

spread across Europe in the 19th century and reached Asia and Africa by the 20th century.

Social organization began with tribalism and feudalism which evolved into nationalism through the establishment of monarchies and republics. In the 21st century there is an aggressive movement to replace nationalism with regionalism as the next step toward the ultimate goal of globalism or one-world-government. The concept of globalism is not new; it is traced back through history to Nimrod and his kingdom of Babel. (Gen. 10:8; 11:1) The social, political, and economic forces behind regionalism and globalism have religious overtones that will culminate with the Anti-Christ when "...no man can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name." (Rev. 13:17) With the demise of empires, regionalism became more of a political movement organized under the guise of economics through international trade agreements such as NAFTA. These treaties are administered by non-elected officials from member nations who enact and enforce regulations that supercede national independence and reach beyond free trade to redistribute national wealth and interfere with internal political and social affairs of nations. The EU is an example. The Treaty of Rome (1957) established the European Economic Community (EEC) for economic integration, concentrating on coal and steel. The Common Market removed trade barriers for the free flow of capital, labor, goods, and services. The Maastricht Treaty (1993) absorbed the EEC which ceased to exist in 2009. Ultimately, member nations have lost control over their own currencies, economies, defense, borders, immigration policies, application of moral values, etc. It is the imposition of this model that is planned for North and South America. With similar trade agreements made in

Asia, nationalism will be weakened, allowing for the final absorption of trading regions into a global economic, political, and religious system.

The formation of the CSA by our Confederate ancestors was abhorrent to the globalists of that day and partially explains why the CSA was attacked and destroyed with such vehement ferocity. Before 1776, Americans developed their own national culture that gave them unique and identifiable characteristics different from Europeans. In a similar situation, long before 1861, southerners began to naturally form their own national traits unique from the North. All of the forces used to destroy nationalism today were used against the South. Subjugation by force is the most blatant means, followed by more subtle methods. Indoctrination, aimed primarily at youth, revises history, disseminates fake news, and infiltrates education. Attrition allows for the passing of one generation to be replaced by another that has been indoctrinated. Unnatural integration, immigration, and miscegenation amalgamate people of different cultures, not with the intention of melding them together into one nationality, but of establishing parallel and conflicting cultures with the plan to form one global mass populace.

Globalism is one reason why the protection of religious liberty under the First Amendment has been attacked. Recently, the mayor of San Antonio, Texas, tried to violate freedom of religion and speech by attempting to censor pastors' homilies. The original intent of the Founding Fathers was to protect religious freedom from government interference. Using smoke and mirrors, enemies of Christianity seek to reverse the image of that original intent in order to prevent the influence of Christianity on all sectors of life in the US. We should pray for God's blessing, guidance, and protection of our nation and strengthen the bonds of community through the association of Christian values and morals with good citizenship.

To be Christian and patriotic are not conflicting terms. During the American Revolution, the Minutemen were usually members of a local church. Citizen soldiers frequently retired from the parade-ground to their churches to pray and hear homilies.

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So many of the clergy conducted military drills and served as soldiers and officers that the British called them the Black Regiment. In 1775, Congress passed the Articles of War to govern the Continental Army that stated, "It is earnestly recommended to all officers and soldiers diligently to attend Divine service..." In 1776, Congress authorized chaplains in the Continental Army and Washington ordered chaplains to be appointed for each regiment. Most of the Founding Fathers were members of Christian congregations and appendant Christian organizations. For example, Chief Justices Jay and Marshall belonged to the American Bible Society. Francis S. Key not only wrote the national anthem but belonged to the American Sunday School Union. During the WBTS, patriotic Christian Confederates also served their God and country. They were men like Bishop Leonidas Polk, known as Sewanee's fighting bishop, who led several campaigns and died in battle. Fr. John Bannon, known for his bravery on the battlefield, served in the First Missouri Confederate Brigade.

Christianity is America's first and best defense of nationalism against globalism. If we are wise, we will obey God's admonition to Solomon that "...if My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land." (II Chron. 7:14) St. Paul wrote, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Gal. 5:1) As Christian patriots, we are to resist the yoke of globalism by constant and faithful adherence to the Gospel and the liberty it brings to us.

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