A CHRISTMAS LETTER TO ANTI-CHRISTIANS

Merry Christmas. If that offends you, why should I care? It's your problem, not mine. Let me explain your problem a little more fully. America is a Christian country. It's your job to deal with that, because you're not going to change this fact. America has always been a Christian country, and - open wide now, because you're going to have to swallow this - it will continue to be.

It will continue to be because most Americans aren't Euroweenies. They haven't lost the moral courage to be proud of their country and their civilization. Notice the "most" - which you are not a part of. You are anti-Christian because you are anti-American. You are anti-American because you are anti-Western Civilization. You are anti-Western Civilization because you are afraid of and intimidated by the envy of the world's impotent. Fear of being envied defines your soul.

Try this thought experiment. Try and pretend that you are deep down in your bones proud to be an American. Try and cast aside all the embarrassment you feel, the need to apologize for being American. You feel fear, don't you? What makes you afraid to be proud of your country? Envious evil eyes, that's what.

It's that fear that drives you to ask, why do They hate us? The dreaded They out there in the world who hate America, the dreaded They whose envy makes you incapable of defending your country and your culture against them.

Another thought experiment: Place in your mind's eye the entire panorama of Western Civilization - of ancient Greece and Rome, of medieval knighthood and Christendom, of the Renaissance, the age of exploration and scientific discovery, the Industrial Revolution, the creation of mass prosperity. Now try and pretend that it is thrilling to be a part of and heir to this history, that you look upon Western Civilization as glorious and superior to any other, that you admire it without apology.

Are you cringing? You feel guilt, don't you? You have a compulsion to focus exclusively on the negative, right? When you thought of Greece and Rome, you thought, "They had slaves." You immediately translate Medieval Christendom into Dark Ages and sneer at the Crusaders. The Renaissance makes you think of the Inquisition. The Age of Exploration reminds you of what an "exploiter" Columbus was, and how much you sympathize with Aztec cannibals over the Christian Cortez. And American history - why that's just slavery, slaughter of Indians, and capitalist rip-offs.

So now you take out your fear and guilt on the spiritual source of our civilization. Well, thank you for sharing. For 2,000 years, Christianity has been woven into the warp and woof of Western Civilization. You can't pull it out and not expect the whole tapestry to unravel - as the Euroweenies are finding out. Christianity is an inseparable part of the culture of our civilization. Even atheists must be cultural Christians and feel comfortable with their culture's Christian heritage if they wish not to be estranged from their civilization and its history.

This is why your war on Christmas, your war on the Boy Scouts, your war on any mention of Christianity in schools, your war on public displays of Christianity such as the tiny crosses in the Los Angeles City Seal has nothing to do with religion: these are cultural wars, not religious wars.

You know very well that your worry about Christians establishing an oppressive theocracy in America is a complete sham. After all, it was American Christians taking seriously Jesus' proclamation to "Render unto Caesar's what is Caesar's and unto God's what is God's" that enables America to have a secular government and no state religion.

But here is what you should worry about: more and more of us are figuring out that there is no moral obligation to obey your immoral laws. There is going to be an ever-increasing amount of straight defiance of judges' anti-Christian pro-ACLU rulings. Civil disobedience has a long and venerable history in this country. *Christian civil disobedience is going to become a major social movement in America*, with refusal to obey pro-ACLU edicts more and more widespread.

You want respect for the law? Then don't pervert it to advance your anti-Christian agenda. Don't pervert it to assuage your fear of envy and guilt over being an American. Respect has to be earned. You and your judges need to earn it back.

You can start by putting Christmas back in Christmas, much less Christ. Repeat after me: It's Christmas Vacation, not "winter break." It's Merry Christmas, not "happy holidays." We're not going to put up with professional grinches any more. We are not going to tolerate your being offended at public crosses and nativity scenes and discussions of Christian history in schools, and we are not going to tolerate judges being offended by them either. If you don't like it, move to Euroweenie Land or the Land of Moral Mush, Canada. Why are you here anyway if you are so embarrassed to be here?

If you insist on staying, fine. All we ask is that you shut up and stop complaining. If you really want to keep living in a country you hate among people you despise, at least let the rest of us enjoy our lives as Americans, and let us celebrate Christmas happily and in peace.

Let me celebrate it by giving you a Christmas present - by telling you what's the best Christmas present you could give yourself. Stop caring about the envy of the world for America. Junk your fears and feel free to love being American. When you love being American without embarrassment or apology, you're free to love your fellow Americans in a way you couldn't before. You'll find yourself overwhelmed by a sense of gratitude and thankfulness for being American. Trust me, you'll be a lot happier. So happy, in fact, that it will become irresistible for you to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

And so - Merry Christmas to you, Merry Christmas to one and all, and Merry Christmas to America.