

The "All Fundamentalists Are Bad" Myth

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Fundamentalists are people who believe in the basic doctrines or fundamentals of their faith.

Christian Fundamentalists believe that the Bible is the written Word of God. They believe that God created the universe. They believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin Mary. They believe that Jesus is who he claimed to be, the Son of God. They believe that Jesus died for the sins of the world, and he rose from the grave on the third day. They believe that all who trust him as Lord and Savior will be born again and will be with their Lord forever. They love people, including drug addicts, prostitutes, thieves and practicing homosexuals. They hate everything that destroys people and keeps people from a right relationship with God.

Jewish Fundamentalists are classified as Orthodox or Ultra-Orthodox. They are not secular, but believe that God exists and that the Jewish scriptures are the Word of God. They believe in a high personal moral code and usually live accordingly.

Atheist Fundamentalists profess that God does not exist. Their personal moral beliefs may vary considerably. William J. Murray III, in his book, *My Life without God*, gives firsthand testimony of the atheistic lifestyle. (His mother is the late Madalyn Murray Mays O'Hair, the infamous atheist "evangelist.")

Secular Humanist Fundamentalists are atheists, whose beliefs include atheistic evolution and the eternity of matter. They also believe that morality is relative and based on "changing human experience," rather than based on the absolutes of Christianity, Judaism, or Islam. Their beliefs presently include abortion on demand, free divorce, gambling, pornography, the right to suicide, infanticide, and the "right" to practice homosexuality (D. James Kennedy, PhD, "Clergyman of the Year Address," 1984). On the positive side, they propose certain ideals. Part of their agenda is to "evangelize" our children using the public school system as a means. (Robert K. Skolrood, "Evangelism in the Classroom—Humanist Style,"

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. P O Box A, West Lafayette, IN 47906, Winter 1988. pp. 46-48).

Moslem fundamentalists are often portrayed as terrorists. Leaders and families encourage them to die as "martyrs" in order that they might go to Paradise. I believe that Islam was inspired by Satan. Jesus spoke to some misguided religious leaders who were inspired of Satan:

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You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44, NIV

These Muslims murder, rape, lie, murder, abuse women, etc. Most Muslims are not this radical.

Marxists profess atheism and have been guilty of terrorism. Marxist dictators have killed millions of their own people in "purges."

A relatively few people who call themselves Christian, Jew, Hindus or Moslems have committed acts of terrorism. Terrorism is not right, no matter what label one may wear.

Too often, some use the term "fundamentalist" for name-calling. They mock and slander groups who do not believe or act *politically correct*. Some naive people may actually believe that all fundamentalists are bad. This is a mistake.

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