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THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW

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Acts 17:28 NKJV

for in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

Live začw zao, dzah'-o; to be given life. To receive life. To be quicken.

Move kine÷w kineo, kin-eh'-o; to be stirred or aroused or awakened.

Being ejsme÷n 1emen, es-men'; existence of personality, our individuality,

War and the Science of War

has been part of human existence since the fall of man.

The Bible is the most well documented book in human history.

It records not only great miracles and epochs of human existence – from creation to captivity but also records the campaigns, battles and wars of Israel and other ancient nations. And unlike any other book – the Bible prophesies coming wars – all leading up to the Battle of Armageddon.

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1.) Why does God allow war?

Ultimately - War is the Result of Human Rebellion.

James 4:1-2

Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires* for pleasure that war in your members? :2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

God Even Uses Fallen Man to Accomplish His Purposes.

Because of Man's **Rebellion** and **Separation** From God – God Uses What Man Can Relate to. **God Will use War:** (1) to punish a nation (2) to create a nation (3) to destroy a nation. (4) to benefit a nation.

Israel was Judged by God when God Allowed Other Nations to Attack

Psalm 9:17

The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.

Because America has forgotten God

I believe that God has lifted His hand of blessing from us as a nation. You and I may be very blessed because of personal obedience to God, But God judges nations collectively. We, as Americans will be judged as a nation.
As a Christian – no.

***When was the last war that the united states has been victorious?
(world war II)***

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2.) When does a nation or people go to war?

Eventually only 1 of 2 reasons will come to every nation and it will be defined regarding really the (Why-When) issue of going to war.

War is to be Deterred and a Deterrent.

After the revolution, President George Washington said ***“we don't want to do this again but if someone wants to pick a fight with us we need to make sure that they really have to think twice about it.”***

It was His doctrine of “Might”

If you're the toughest kid on the block, eventually nobody will mess with you.

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

Read President George Washington and Concluded that;
His first pillar of the Reagan National Security Doctrine would be, (#1) peace through strength; (#2) trust but verify; and (#3) beware of evil in the modern world.

When Does a Nation Fight

The **first** is when it is in need of defending itself against an invading force.

The **second** is when it desires to expand its territories and conquer.

Our U.S. Military

We pay taxes so that our government builds us a strong “everything”
ships / planes / subs / weapons / programs

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household,
he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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3.) Isn't war murder?

The 6th Commandment (horizontal)

Exodus 20:13

“You shall not **murder**.”

murder *ratsach, raw-tsakh*; the root word means **dash in pieces**. To seek out and to slay or destroy a life. To put to death as a man-slayer or a murderer.

It's in the Civil Arena or Non-Military

Psalm 144:1

“Blessed be the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle – my loving kindness and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield and the One in whom I take refuge, who subdues my people under me.”

Proverbs 24:17

“Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the Lord see it, and it displeases Him, and He turn away His wrath from him.”

Proverbs 25:21

“If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for so you will heap coals of fire on his head, and the Lord will reward you.”

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4.) Can a Christian go to war?

To answer this, we go to the Bible.
(biblical worldview remember)

Let’s ask a question to answer the question.

Did Abraham go to war? // did Joshua go to war? // did David go to war? Did Israel go to war? // have nations in history gone to war? Did and will the LORD go to war?

Psalms 18:32-34

It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. :33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. :34 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

So yes a Christian not only can go to war

but a Christian understands the reason why war is necessary better than anyone else because God is Ruler of the nations.

like a Military Chaplain

But Is it moral or immoral (say) for the united states to go to war to defend **England** or **France** against attack or liberate **Kuwait**?

Was it moral or immoral for **Winston Churchill** or Ronald Reagan to take on Nazism or communism?

Can a Christian pull the trigger?

1 Peter 2:13-14

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, :14 or to governors, **as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.**

Romans 13:4

For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

Jesus said "Get a knife..."

Luke 22:36

Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take *it*, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.

**A nation and its leaders are morally obligated
to protect and to defend its citizens**

Joshua 1:5

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage..."

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5.) Is war ever just?

A "Just War" – is by nature, a war that defines or applies what is known as western or Judeo Christian ethics, (worldview) ie. The defense of Morality, Freedom. Justice. Liberty. Peace. Self Determination when threatened from Within or Without.

**The answer is Yes – War can be Just
Whether you are advancing or defending based on its morality.**

This is Why Islamic Sharia Law is So Dangerous. It doesn't allow for independent freedoms. (you cannot be a Christian, an atheist, an

evolutionist, homosexual and so on and live – just ask those in Iran or Saudi Arabia.)

The Question is “Is The War on Islamic Terrorism a Just War?”
How Do You Defend Yourself Against Al Qaeda, the MB & Others Like Them?

"The Koran is our constitution, the Prophet is our leader, Jihad is our path and Death in the name of Allah is our goal."

- *Newly Elected Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi upon taking office.*

Free Nations today are fighting against

either a form of communism and or an islamic theocracy. Some of these have No borders. No flag. No uniforms. No rules. No ethics as we know.

??? But What About Non-Violence Convictions ???

Matthew 5:38-39 KJV

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:**39** But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Derived from Leviticus 24:20 = The law of retaliation, provided for exact justice, not revenge, and concerned public justice, not private vengeance.

Question – There’s a Boatload of Evil People that Just Came Ashore in Newport. They have vowed to kill, rape and take everything you have including your life.

Do You Stop Them? - - **Who** Is to Stop Them?
Where Do You Stop Them? // **How** Do You Stop Them

??? are you morally just and obligated to stop them ???

Was the American Civil War a Just War?

On the occasion corresponding to this four years ago all thoughts were anxiously directed to an impending civil war. All dreaded it, all sought to avert it. While the inaugural address was being delivered from this place, devoted altogether to saving the Union without war, insurgent agents were

in the city seeking to destroy it without war—seeking to dissolve the Union and divide effects by negotiation. Both parties deprecated war, but one of them would make war rather than let the nation survive, and the other would accept war rather than let it perish, and the war came.

President Abraham Lincoln. Second Inaugural Address

A Nation Obedient to God is Blessed In Defense of Life and Liberty

Deuteronomy 28:1-8,12,15,25

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. :2 and all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God :3 “Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country. :4 “Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. :5 “Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl. :6 “Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out. :7 “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. :8 “The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.... :12 The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow... :15 “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you... :25 “The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.

Was the American Civil War a Just War?

“Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding. Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered. That of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh."

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6.) When will there be no more war?

Great Question – but you will not like the answer.

Because evil must be resisted and defeated continuously.

Exodus 15:3,6

“The Lord is a Man of War; the Lord is His Name ... :6 Your Right Hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces. And in the greatness of Your excellence you have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath which consumed them like stubble

Revelation 19:11-16

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. :12 His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. :13 He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. :14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. :15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. :16 And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

We Know That The World Will Be Moving More and More Towards War and More Threats of War.

Revelation 12:7-9

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, :8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. :9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Zechariah 14:1-3

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. :2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. :3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. :7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

A Little "Worldview" Exam Tonight

- By war, nations have been and shall be determined – **good** or **bad**?
- By war, the U.S. civil war liberated the American slaves – **good** or **bad**?
- By war, evil empires are destroyed and liberty established – **good** or **bad**?
- By war Hitler came to power and 11,000,000 people were killed – **good** or **bad**?
- By war Hitler was defeated and the world was saved – **good** or **bad**?
- By war the Muslim brotherhood is taking over the middle east – **good** or **bad**?
- By war saddam hussian, and Osama bin laden were killed – **good** or **bad**?
- By war the United States Colonies defeated the British Empire – **good** or **bad**?
- By war Jesus Christ establishes His 1,000 year reign of peace – **good** or **bad**?

In New York – Lady Liberty Stands

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

This is Nation was Established (thru) War.

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

There is a War that has Escaped the Hearts and Minds of Most People.
It is the war that man has launched against God.

Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Ephesians 2:14,17

:14 For He Himself is our peace... :17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

End of Study

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