

American War Crimes Against Japan!

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Oh the power of propaganda. We are taught to berate the German people for not recognizing the Nazi propaganda machine, all the while refusing to believe that Reich Minister of Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels and his crew were initially trained from books on propaganda emanating from this country. More so, refusing to believe that such propaganda has been a part of our daily reality and has formed so much of how Christians view their life and the world around them.

Terror and an ongoing state of fear are key functions of propaganda designed to unhinge us from our normative moorings - our God, our Christian religion, our culture, our families, etc. - and prompt us to seek relief from our fear in the power of government – and the larger the better. For example, several weeks ago our children were laughing at a story posted on CNN's website about a child that was 'attacked' by a fox on a playground. When I was a boy such an incident would've merited a response from the child's parents, a local doctor (to treat the child), the local sheriff, and possibly a local veterinarian to determine if the fox had rabies. No one would've dreamed of calling a national reporter. But the tone from the CNN reporter was that millions of children across America are now at risk from attacking packs of vixen. Such stories have little to do with the welfare of children and have everything to do with keeping the American population in agitated state of fear. Terrorism stories, routinely, are a larger part of this propaganda goal.

One of the many failings of the Christian church over the last hundred years has been the pulpit's inability to thoroughly study the genesis, theories, finances and even religious underpinnings behind the artisans of propaganda, both "news" and advertising. Every aspect of their skill of deception and their ideology needs to be stood up against the Word of God and exposed. God's people need to be fully equipped to recognize it, flee from it, turn it off and even better, begin to see our young people ridiculing and laughing at it....while they set about building new Christian communities.

Let us start with one of the largest propaganda events in America (probably second to the "sexual revolution" and it's attending house of horrors) – that is, the "terror" of seeing up to 1 million American boys die while having to invade Japan in the fall of 1945 and early 1946! The fear of such a loss consoled the consciences of millions of Americans for dropping the Atomic Bomb on the defenseless women and children of Japan. By the way, the city of Nagasaki had, easily, the highest density Christian population in all of Japan. Interesting target the Truman White House chose.

"Nagasaki was founded by the Portuguese in the second half of the 16th century on the site of a small fishing village, formerly part of Nishisonogi District. It became a center of Portuguese and other European peoples' influence in the 16th through 19th centuries, and the Churches and Christian Sites in Nagasaki have been proposed for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List." See more at [Wikipedia here](#).

Having believed such propaganda myself, I first began questioning the Atom Bomb story about ten years ago. It was Reformed/Presbyterian John Lofton who first got me to re-think it. Now consider what the following MILITARY authors and sources (from FDR's and Truman's highest military command at the time) had to say on the dropping of the Atom Bomb.

"[Pres. Harry] Truman's final decision [to drop the Atomic Bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki] was later (and still is) justified by a gigantic "deception" (say lie) - the claim that upwards of 1 million soldiers' lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost in an invasion of the Japanese home islands. That myth has become the second greatest exaggeration of the 20th century." (*Col. Donn de Grand Pre*, [Barbarians Inside The Gates](#) page 187-188, *de Grand Pre* was a former combat pilot and later arms negotiator working in the US Pentagon)

Note: Also from the book cited below we find that the "1 million lives of American G.I.'s saved" line was made up propaganda over the course of the year AFTER August 9, 1945. There is no military or diplomatic record of any such assessment, prior to the dropping of the bomb.

Meanwhile, all military quotes below, regarding the use of the Atomic bomb on Japan, are heavily sourced from the book noted at the end of these quotes. Never forget, the propaganda works just as well on the GI's in the battle field as it does to us at home.

"It has always appeared to us that, atomic bomb or no atomic bomb, the Japanese were already on the verge of collapse." (*Gen Henry "Hap" Arnold, CG, US Army Air Force*)

"The Air view was that the Japanese were finished. That they had had it.... Arnold's view was that it [the dropping of the bomb] was unnecessary. He said that he knew the Japanese wanted peace. There were political applications in the decision and Arnold did not feel that it was the military's job to question it." (*Gen. Ira Eaker, Dep CG, U.S. Army Air Force*)

"The use of this barbarous weapon at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was of no material assistance in our war against Japan... In being the first to use it, we had adopted an ethical standard common to the barbarians of the Dark Ages. I was not taught to make war in that fashion, and wars cannot be won by destroying women and children." (*Hampton, Iowa native Adm. William Leahy, Flt Adm US Navy and Chief of Staff to both FDR and Harry Truman.*)

"When the atomic bomb was first discussed with me in Washington I was not in favor of it just as I have never favored the destruction of cities as such with all inhabitants killed..." (*General Carl "Tooe" Spaatz, CG, U.S. Army Strategic AF*)

"Well, Tooe Spaatz came in... he said, 'they tell me I am supposed to go out there and blow off the whole south end of the Japanese islands. I've heard a lot about this thing, but my God, I haven't had a piece of paper yet and I think I need a piece of paper...' " (*General Thomas Handy, Department C of S U.S. Army*)

"I had been conscious of a feeling of depression and so I voice to (the Secretary of War Henry Stimson) my grave misgivings, first on the basis of my belief that Japan was already defeated and dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary, and secondly because I thought that our country should avoid shocking world opinion by the use of a weapon whose employment was, I thought, no longer mandatory as a measure to save American lives." (*Gen. Dwight D Eisenhower*)

"By the spring of 1945 most of Japan's shipping had been sunk, her Navy had been all but totally destroyed, and her Air Force had been driven from the skies... Our intelligence reports should have told us not to use the atom bomb and not to give Russia an opportunity to enter the struggle." (*Gen. Albert C Wedemeyer, CG Chinese Theater of Operations, in his book **Wedemeyer Reports!***)

"The war would have been over in two weeks without the Russians entering and without the atomic bomb... The atomic bomb had nothing to do with the end of the war at all." (*General Curtis LeMay, 20 September 1945, LeMay later commanded the SAC base in Omaha, NE*)

"LeMay felt, as did the Navy, that an invasion of Japan wasn't necessary. He saw that we had the Japanese licked." (*General Roscoe Wilson, C of S, 316th Bomb Wing at Okinawa*)

"I thought if we're going to drop the atomic bomb, drop it on the outskirts-say in Tokyo Bay-so that the effects would not be as devastating to the city and the people. I made this suggestion [to Ambassador Harriman] over the phone between the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and I was told to go ahead with our targets." (*General Carl "Tooe" Spaatz, CG, U.S. Army Strategic Air Force*)

The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb by Gar Alperovitz

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Alperovitz also cites a large number of conservative Republican publications who were very critical of Truman dropping the bomb, for the first year afterward....until the pro-bomb propoganda machine was cranked up! Think of it, there was a day when "conservatives" were not filled with war lust.

Alperovitz thoroughly no, exhaustively, examines how Secretary of State Byrnes and President Truman knew the religious nature of the Japanese people's view of their Emperor - that he was their deity. They knew from multiple sources (including the cracked Japanese code) that in the summer of 1945 all the Japanese government, at its highest levels, required to surrender was assurance the Emperor would not be treated as a war criminal. Without that assurance every last soldier and Kamikaze pilot would fight to the end, before seeing their "god" brought down. Again, Byrnes and Truman knew that to hold Japan together after the war the Japanese people needed their emperor.

They also knew that if the Japanese heard that Russia was going to get in the war through Manchuria that the Japanese would surrender there, too. Stalin told Roosevelt at Yalta and later Truman and Byrnes at Potsdam, Germany that they were ready to go to war against Japan 90 days after Germany surrendered. That would be the middle of August.

A couple of days AFTER the bomb was dropped on the Catholic church in Nagasaki, Truman approved the Emperor being left in office. He remained in authority until the late 1980s, when he passed away. A day or two after the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima the Russians invaded Manchuria. The military leaders listed above all knew this. We were seldom told this and those who tried were shouted down by the propaganda machine!

The A bomb was dropped to get the Soviet Union's attention and drive most nations to submit to the authority of the then-pending United Nations! And the Soviets knew all of this. (The interesting part of history is that the claim the Germans had against the Bolsheviks was ignored by the West, until days after Germany surrendered. Soon thereafter the Soviets went from a friendly ally to a feared enemy, who had to be dealt with in a tough manner. Thus, the A bomb on hundreds of thousands of innocent women and children.)

Oh and one of the two men who designed the previous fire bomb campaign over the cities of Japan, Robert McNamara, later called himself a war criminal for doing it. See [here](#). He's right. Read God's Law as it applies to the Rules of War in Deuteronomy 20.