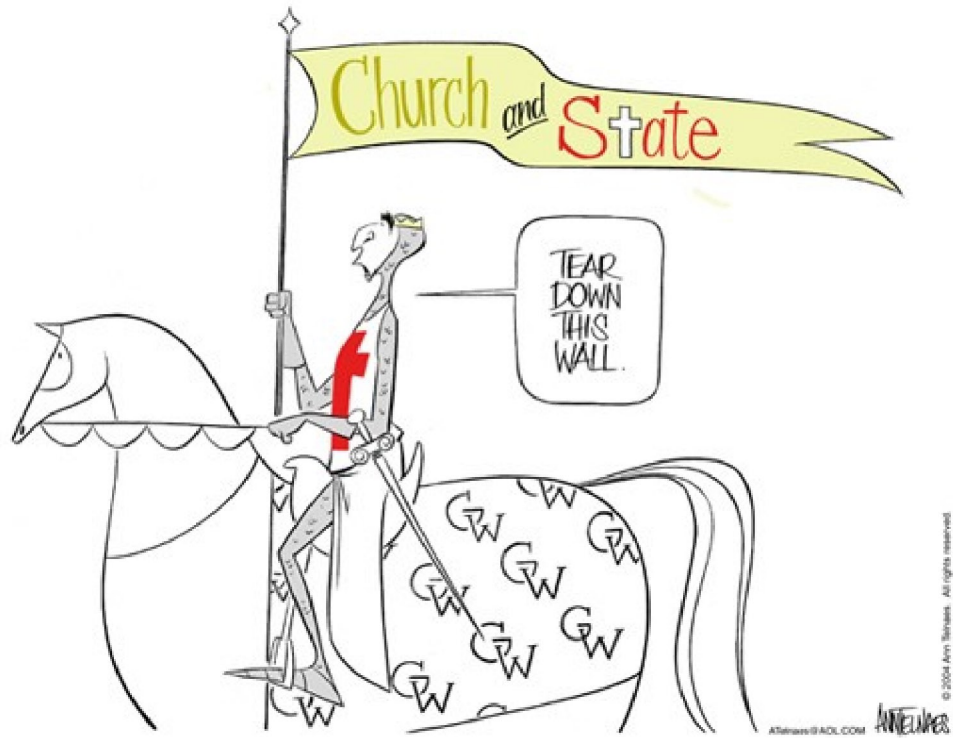


Bush Crusades for Religion – Quelle –

Caricature published by the New York Times, June 5, 2004:



Ann Telnaes, New York Times, 5. Juni 2004.

Crusade against Terrorism – Quelle –

President George W. Bush at a press conference, September 16, 2001

THE PRESIDENT: [...] and bring them to justice. I made that very clear. There is no doubt in anybody's mind with whom I've had a conversation about the intent of the United States. I gave them ample opportunity to say they were uncomfortable with our goal. And the leaders you've asked about have said they were comfortable. They said, we understand, Mr. President, and

5 we're with you.

Question: Mr. President, the Attorney General is going to ask for enhanced law enforcement authority to surveil and – things to disrupt terrorism that might be planned here in the United States. What will that mean for the rights of Americans? What will that mean ...

THE PRESIDENT: Terry, I ask you to talk to the Attorney General about that subject. He'll be prepared to talk about it publicly at some point in time. But what he is doing is, he's reflecting what

10 I said earlier in my statement, that we're facing a new kind of enemy, somebody so barbaric that they would fly airplanes into buildings full of innocent people. And, therefore, we have to be on alert in America. We're a nation of law, a nation of civil rights. We're also a nation under attack. And the Attorney General will address that in a way that I think the American people will

15 understand.

We need to go back to work tomorrow and we will. But we need to be alert to the fact that these evil-doers still exist. We haven't seen this kind of barbarism in a long period of time. No one could have conceivably imagined suicide bombers burrowing into our society and then emerging all in the same day to fly their aircraft – fly U.S. aircraft into buildings full of innocent people

20 – and show no remorse. This is a new kind of – a new kind of evil. And we understand. And the American people are beginning to understand. This crusade, this war on terrorism is going to take a while. And the American people must be patient. I'm going to be patient.

But I can assure the American people I am determined, I'm not going to be distracted, I will keep my focus to make sure that not only are these brought to justice, but anybody who's been

25 associated will be brought to justice. Those who harbor terrorists will be brought to justice. It is time for us to win the first war of the 21st century decisively, so that our children and our grandchildren can live peacefully into the 21st century. [...]

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010916-2.html>.

Crusader campaign against the nation of the Islam – Quelle –

The head of the Al-Qaeda terror organization, Osama Bin Laden, stated on a tape released in April 2006:

They send their sons to armies to fight us and they continue their financial and moral support while our countries are burned and our houses are bombed and our people are killed, and they (Western leaders) do not want a truce unless it is from our side only ... they insist on continuing their crusader campaign against our nation and to loot our wealth [...]. The blockade which the West is imposing on the government of Hamas proves that there is a Zionist-crusader war on Islam [...].

<http://english.aljazeera.net/News/archive/archive?ArchiveId=22227> (04. 01. 2007).

New Direction? – Quelle –

The Iran Daily, an official organ of the Iranian government, on Tehran, commented about the elections of the US-Congress, Novembre 12, 2006:

[...] the most important challenges that both Republicans and Democrats will be facing in the next two years before the embattled Bush retires are as follows: the final outcome of the suspicious 09/11 events, including the crusade engineered by Bush and his failed 'war on terror' (in the absence of a clear definition for the controversial concept). The US invasion of Afghanistan, uncertainty about the fate of the Taliban and Osama bin Laden (remember their thick ties to some top US figures not very long ago?), the rapidly deteriorating conditions in Afghanistan and Iraq, failure of Zionists to suppress the Palestinians despite solid US military and economic backing, and the failed US-Israeli schemes in dislodging the Lebanese Hezbollah are some other major issues that will simply not make life easier for the Washingtonian rulers. [...]

<http://iran-daily.com/1385/2705/html/index.htm> (05. 01. 2007).

The End of Days – Quelle –

The PakTribune, the commented on only dotcom newspaper in Pakistan, April 28, 2005:

One could argue that Christianity has matured and its afore-quoted bloody manifestations are seen no more. This is a debatable argument at best. Not very far back the Church was on a rampage in Europe and parts of the American continent. And currently, the present American neo-fundos, answering to imagined 'divine calls', are straining at the leash to plunge the entire Muslim world in pools of their own blood. Given their unparalleled military superiority, and parts of Muslim world sitting on an obscene amount of oil, many neocon[servative] mouths salivate at the mere mention of the word 'Crusade'. Unbelievable as it is, the insanity of this dangerous messianic strain of Christian fundamentalism is manifestly clear in its attempts to ally itself with Israel in preparation for the so-called 'End of Days'. ...

<http://www.paktribune.com/news/index.shtml?103245> (05.01.2007).

Good Words, sinister Connotations – Quelle –

The Tribune, an Indian Newspaper founded in 1881, commented on George W. Bush's speech in its issue of November 4, 2001:

[Bush] was a harried man, still reeling by the events of September 11, trying to keep his cool while playing God, almost incessantly under the camera's eye, and bombarded by a relentless barrage of questions. He was heard to say something like: „This is a crusade – crusade against terrorism.“

We all saw it on TV; for it was shown again and again. George W with his family and his dog in the process of getting out of a small airplane that had just landed, he guiding the ladies and doing his best not to step on his dog. There could be little thought in the minds of those in the vicinity that the crusade he had spoken of was against the sort of people who had perpetrated the horrors of September 11, and against no one else. Nevertheless, it caused offence to groups and communities living in distant places. There were protests and denunciations. Even before the day had ended the President's advisors were hard at work doing what they could to minimise the damage, and soothe ruffled feathers. President Bush himself had to make time from his horrendously over-strained schedule to do some high-wire propitiation.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2001/20011104/spectrum/time.htm> (05.01.2007).

Is the Crusade Successful? – Quelle –

The British daily newspaper The Times published this caricature on January 20, 2003



Richard Wilson, The Times vom 20. 1. 2003.