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**CCORDING TO TEXE MARRS, FLASHPOINT,** by Living Truth Ministries, 1708 Patterson Road, Austin, Texas 78733, September 1998, (Vol. 98-0), (800) 234-9673: Living Truth Ministries is now under withering attack from the IRS due to our vocal demand for truth and our obedience to God's Word, the Holy Bible, in exposing evil in the world. But we are not alone. In a recent publication of the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), that organization's Chief Counsel, Jay Sekulow, detailed the shameful campaign by the Internal Revenue to silence pastors, churches, and individual believers. This issue is so important I wanted Flashpoint readers to be appraised of this incredible development. (Texe Marrs)

We now have the cold, hard evidence that confirms our worst suspicions! The Internal Revenue Service has conducted an unbelievable campaign against our client, a small church in upstate New York. This campaign included secret photographic surveillance of the church grounds by an IRS agent.

When I first saw the actual IRS documents; obtained in our ongoing court battle with the IRS, I directed our Legal team to do whatever was necessary to stop the IRS right away before other churches and their members become victims.

It is important that we not telegraph our case to the IRS, but I wanted you to see for yourself just how far the IRS has gone to intimidate Christians. I have included on these pages a representation of just a fraction of the evidence we have uncovered so far.

IRS Forced to Reveal Truth: Our case defending Pastor Dan Little and the Church at Pierce Creek against the IRS has tremendous implications for religious freedom. Last year, when the IRS refused to provide us with crucial data during the discovery process, this case took on even greater significance. So we went back to court and obtained an order forcing the IRS to turn over requested documents dating back to 1980. This precedentsetting court decision has sent shock waves through the legal community. Just weeks ago, the IRS sent the first batch of information to our Washington, D.C., Office.

As ACLJ attorneys Colby May and Mark Troobnick began sorting through more than 6,000 pages of documents, they uncovered the IRS's attack campaign against our client. This rare inside look at IRS files also revealed their agenda to monitor churches and censor any speech they deem to be too political.

ACLJ Exposes Ongoing Attack: Over the course of more than two years, the Church at Pierce Creek felt intimidated by the IRS's continuing requests for more information. First, the IRS issued a "Church Tax Inquiry" letter, followed closely by a "Notice of Church Examination." The, church leaders were called to a meeting with officials at IRS offices in Syracuse, New York, which was followed by the IRS's decision to conduct an "Examination of the Church."

Within weeks, IRS officials were contemplating their course of action against the Church at Pierce Creek: "revocation of (tax) exemption of proposed assessment of excise taxes—or both." The IRS then set out to do both, and much more, as the scope of the "investigation" continued to grow.

According to the IRS files, the next phase of the investigation included "additional questions to submit to the church regarding list of contributors." Then, the Branch Chief authorizes surveillance of the church and its pastor. Photographs were taken of the church, the pastor's house and even the car the pastor drove. The IRS agent also conducted surveillance at the pastor's private business.

IRS Has Become A Political Weapon: The IRS claims it was simply trying to establish that the Church at Pierce Creek was, in fact, a church. But that alone does not justify the IRS letters, the on-site investigation by an IRS agent, and the photographic surveillance of the pastor's home. The IRS was after one thin; to gag "politically incorrect" churches. How else can you explain the fact that the IRS investigated the political activities of the Church at Pierce Creek, requested that the church provide them with names and addresses of church members, and even prepared a summons to obtain a list of contributors to the church!

This attack is not confined to one church. We have uncovered an internal IRS publication that alerts IRS agents to watch for specific code words and phrases (such as "pro-life" or "conservative") used in connection with statements about the moral requirements for holding public office. This means a pastor speaking from the pulpit about political candidates that support the rights of the unborn should be targeted by the IRS for the same kind of treatment levelled upon the Church at Pierce Creek. (This is where we are stopping the Flashpoint material)

This is nothing new, the antichrist Jews have been attacking Christ, Christians and Christian Churches since Christ was on earth. We read one of them when the Chief Priests of the Jews told Peter and John in Acts 4:18: "And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus."

Then we are told of the Apostles being beaten by the Jews in Acts 5:40: "And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go."

Jeremiah was treated very badly because he spoke in the name of the Lord in Jeremiah 20:7-13: "O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side (Is this not what is happening to True Christians today?). Report, say they, and we will report it (On every hand the government run by the Jewish antichrists have spies looking for and reporting on all patriots, Christians, and all those who speak favourably of the Lord God Almighty and the Lord Jesus Christ).

All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him (Is this not what the enemies of God and Christ are doing on a daily basis in America and the other former Christian nations of the Western World?).

But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten (But we know, as did, Jeremiah of old that our enemies will be destroyed and cast into the fire for total everlasting destruction). (Now Jeremiah is praying a prayer that we, as Christians, should pray every day) But, **O** Lord of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, Let Me See Thy Vengeance on Them: for unto thee have I opened my cause. Sing Unto the Lord, Praise Ye the Lord; for He Hath Delivered the Soul of the Poor from the Hand of Evildoers."

Pray unto our God and our Savior for the destruction of His and our enemies; pray that their names will be blotted out of the book of life and written down in the book of those whose destination is the fire for eternal destruction. Praise Him for He has performed it already our enemies are destroyed before us. Amen.



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