

# The Consequences Of Compromise

I ran across an excerpt from a speech long ago entitled, "Islam And The Future Of The World" by Murad W. Hofmann. Mr. Hofmann is an ex-German diplomat and author of *Islam: The Alternative*. He reverted to Islam in 1980. The most fascinating portion of this entire article is his assessment of "Christianity" in Europe and America. He states, "Thus we have arrived at the one-hundred thousand dollar question: To whom belongs the future? The outcome will be determined by the answer given to another question: Will the 21st century become a religious one or not? Currently, it looks as if religions were on their way out, more so in Europe, though, than in the United States. People are leaving the Christian churches in droves. And these churches even help speed up their demise by entering one compromise one after the other with the spirit and fashions of our time. Thus you have homosexual priests, abortion of children as and when you like, female bishops, and virtually no period of fasting any longer. Believe me, the churches are selling out that way. No wonder that a near-majority of the faithful members and even some Protestant clergy no longer believe in the divinity of Jesus or life after death."

Although Mr. Hofmann's language is deeply indicative of a denominational understanding, he understands the effects of compromise. The more the Lord's church compromises with the world, the more it loses its effectiveness. Any Christian ought to be able to see this with respect to the denominations. But are we seeing it among ourselves? When we compromise on issues such as social drinking, gambling, mixed swimming, and immodest dress under the guise "agreeing to disagree" or "unity in diversity," where will it all end?

When the Israelites mixed their worship of Jehovah with Baal worship, they started down a path from which they could not be turned. After a time, they forsook the Lord altogether. Virtually every prophet sent by the Lord to call the people to repentance was unsuccessful. How long will God's people shun the clarion call sent out by faithful brethren?

All must remember that one day we will bear the onus and judgment of compromise within the Lord's church and for being foolish and unprofitable servants. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 6:17, "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.*" Will we heed the Lord?

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