

Billy Graham, Bush's Rasputin?

A report on the role of the "British-Israelite" cult in determining current U.S. policy, by Chris White and Scott Thompson.

The night Bush launched his genocidal war against Iraq on Jan. 16, he spent with crusading fundamentalist Billy Graham. The couple spent two hours reflecting on what the White House called the "moral issues" of the war. The next morning, Bush attended church services with Graham in a Washington area Baptist church.

Apparently, the two have known each other since 1960, when Prescott Bush, George's father, introduced them to each other, according to Billy Graham's senior press spokesman. The Bush and Graham families are on such terms that the two have vacationed together, both at the Bush family retreat in Kennebunkport, Maine, and in Mexico. Graham was the only clergyman at Bush's inauguration, delivering both invocation and benediction.

It was Graham who told Bush Jan. 17, "There come times when we have to fight for peace. . . . Out of this war will come a new peace and, as has been stated by the President, a new world order."

The relationship between the two brings to mind that between an earlier doomed emperor and priest, the Russian Czar Nicholas II, last of the Romanov line, and the wild-eyed starets, Rasputin.

On Aug. 8, 1990, two days after Bush decided to commit U.S. forces to what was then known as "Operation Desert Shield," Graham issued a statement from his headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "An outbreak of war in that region would affect every nation and every person on earth—economically, politically, and socially. Upheavals there also could have major spiritual implications. These events are happening in that part of the world where history began, and, the Bible says, where history as we know it will some day end."

On Sept. 24, Graham was in the midst of a series of speaking engagements on New York's Long Island: "If ever a country could be called a part of the Bible land, it is Iraq," Graham said, according to his office's release. "I believe there are some spiritual forces at work—both good and evil—that are beyond our comprehension. . . . We must double our prayers, history has gone full circle and we are coming back to these lands." Graham considers Iraq part of the "Bible

lands" because it is the geographical location of the former Babylon. Graham has also charged Iraq's Saddam Hussein with attempting to "rebuild Babylon."

The references ought to be sufficient, though the language cited seems vague, to establish what Graham's views are. They reflect the same kind of apocalyptic millennialist nonsense about "the final days" that has been widely spread in recent years, especially through the ranks of fundamentalists and evangelicals. "End of history," "spiritual forces at work," "history gone full circle"; his press people don't quote him on the approach of Armageddon, nor do they need to.

If this Rasputin is an advocate of apocalyptic millennialism, then what is his emperor?

British Israel

Graham's reading of scripture doesn't have too much to do with the traditions of Western Christianity at all. In fact, it is the very opposite. Graham's preaching comes out of the racist doctrines of a Freemasonic-affiliated cult called the British Israel World Federation. Spokesmen for the preacher deny that their front-man is a British-Israelite.

They cannot deny that Graham's writings have been published in Kenneth de Courcy's *Religious Review*. Kenneth de Courcy, a self-professed British-Israelite, is part of a family-based intelligence operation providing services to sections of the Britain establishment, publishing such sheets as *Special Office Brief* and *Intelligence Digest* for the edification of political, military, and security types within the Anglo-Saxon world.

This is the same Kenneth de Courcy referred to by Lyndon LaRouche in his concluding statement to the Alexandria, Virginia court which supervised his frameup and railroad at the end of 1988. LaRouche told the court at the time of his sentencing on Jan. 27, 1989, that de Courcy "well known to be a powerfully connected and influential person in Britain," had represented himself as a contact for those people in the Anglo-American establishment responsible for bringing the prosecution and trial.

De Courcy's friends at the British-Israel World Federation claim that it was the British-Israelite Mordechai Hamm

who was the early protector of Bush's spiritual confidant Billy Graham.

The cultist weirdness of British-Israel is overlapped with the British faction, including Freemasonry which promoted the political career of Adolf Hitler, and backed him as their instrument in imposing Nazism on Germany in the 1930s. George Bush's father Prescott, who introduced George to Billy Graham, was during that period a partner of the late W. Averell Harriman's Brown Brothers Harriman, while Harriman and company were building the racialist eugenics movement, and backing Hitler as its instrument.

Will Farrish, the present custodian of Bush's blind trust, is the son of the eugenics-promoting "America First" whose money was made in I.G. Farben's Nazi gas ovens. Both de Courcy, and one of de Courcy's long-time friends, former British Prime and Foreign Minister Alec Douglas-Home, now the last survivor of Chamberlain's "Peace In Our Time" trip to Hitler's Berchtesgaden, were then involved, and both remain friends of Dr. Billy Graham. Douglas-Home speaks effusively of Graham in his autobiography.

These were the political forces who backed Hitler's "New Order," as Graham recently did Bush's.

The underpinnings of British-Israel are no different than Hitler's Aryan race supremacy theories. Believe it or not, they insist the Jews are not the real Jews. The real Jews, God's chosen people, are the inhabitants of the British Isles, selected peoples of Northern Europe, and offshoots of Britain, like the Anglo-Saxons of North America, Australia, and Canada. These are really the chosen people, not any other. There is an insane word game which backs this up, namely, Saxons = really Isaac's sons, Briton = Man of the Covenant; and so on.

From there it is a short jump indeed to insanity—to the proposition that the spread of British imperial rule and methods are the working out of some so-called divinely scripted plan for his chosen people. After all, it says so in the Bible, doesn't it?

With this comes a cycle of prophecy for the fulfillment of the plan. The British-Israelites are proponents of a cyclical theory of history, in which after 2,520 years, a selection of developments, chosen by the cult's keepers, are repeated in reverse.

On Oct. 21, 1990, for example, Margaret Thatcher, then still Britain's prime minister, told Soviet envoy Yevgeny Primakov that Saddam Hussein had "eleven weeks" to get out of Kuwait. This was before the Nov. 29, 1990, United Nations Security Council vote, which set what Bush called "the deadline," and also before Bush's Nov. 8, 1990 decision to transform the U.S. deployment into what he called an "offensive" mode. Why "eleven weeks"? Ask the British-Israelites. Jan. 1, 1991, was for these nutters, the 2,520th anniversary of the return of the Chosen People to the Promised Land after the years of Babylonian captivity.

Bush and the British demanded the deadline be set for

Jan. 1, but accepted the old-style calendar Jan. 15 New Year, still observed by Russia's Orthodox Church.

Was this what Graham was talking about when he spoke in Uniondale, New York on Sept. 24, 1990, and told the crowd, "We must double our prayers. History has gone full circle and we are coming back to these lands"?

The British-Israelites hasten to excuse themselves at this point. They assert that there are two matters involved: a physical "return," and a "mystical return," a defeat of the physical "Babylon," and a defeat of the "mystical Babylon."

The excuses bring us back to Bush's New Order, and his continuity with those who promoted the earlier efforts of Adolf Hitler.

Mystical Babylon

The target of the backers of British-Israel, what they call "mystical Babylon," is not in the Middle East. It is Western Europe, and chief among the targets for destruction in the decade before the millennium, are Germany and the Catholic Church under the Pope, called by them "Rome." The cult's spokesmen talk freely of Europe as "the hub of a conflict," international in scope, "the equivalent of World War III."

For them the conflict began Nov. 9, 1989, the day the Berlin Wall came down. That momentous event bore "marks linked to World War I and World War II. You see that it has gone sour within a year. It was a phony period of happiness. Now, the battle axe will fall. It marks the beginning of World War III."

Their war is to replace "counterfeit" European institutions with pure British ones. The "battle-axe" of their war against "mystical Babylon" is the very real Red Army; it is the "battle axe of the time, and it is fitting that they bring pressure on Mystical Babylon, especially pressure on Germany." The war in the Middle East, they confess, via the threat to oil supplies is merely a flank in their war against the "Mystical Babylon" in Europe.

So here we have Britain's standing geopolitical commitment, since the days of Winston Churchill's forebear the Duke of Marlborough, and the War of the Spanish Succession, that no power be permitted to emerge in Europe contrary to the espoused interests of Britain. Over this century, that axiom of policy was embedded in the British geopolitical school of Halford Mackinder et al., directed against the prospects for cooperation in economic development of Eurasia between France, Germany, and Russia.

World War I was the result of this thinking. World War II, the continuation of World War I, was also the result. And now, wrapped in the cultist paraphernalia of Britain's own "blood and soil" faction, comes the same unholy mixture all over again.

The last U.S. President, Ronald Reagan, used to turn to an astrologer for advice on what his wife Nancy thought were matters of importance. Now, it seems we've got something else again.