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A lot of people are trying to figure out what UCP means by putting this biblical quote out into the twitter verse at Christmas.

Many have piped up with commentary and criticized the mix of religion and politics. A convention long held in Canada.

> As a Priest and Bishop-Elect, I\u2019d ask that the UCP send Christmas greetings without the wholly inappropriate inference of divine sanction for their government. There are so many things wrong with their use of these words from the Prophet Isaiah it\u2019s hard to know where to start. https://t.co/rwOxVzvnI5
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> — Anna Greenwood-Lee (@AnnaGreenwoodL1) December 27, 2020

The quote is often repeated at Christmas. “A child is born...” makes reference to the birth of Jesus. Makes sense.

But what does it mean?

Christians (and other religious observers with their religious texts) have made an art form out of interpreting what passages mean.

To those most radically devout (some might say zealously faithful), hidden divine meanings are gleaned from “correctly” reading the bible.

That’s what Dominionists believe. That god himself wrote the bible. Through inspiration of the actual authors, & only they can interpret.

And thus, the “inerrant“ bible serves as a strict road map to save ones soul.

Many devout Christians view the passage as a prophecy made centuries before the birth of Christ. A promise made by god through one of his prophets. Jews interpret the passage very differently.

The Anglican Priest is (obviously) correct about this being supersessionism, and a form of Anti-Semitism.

Troublesome as it is for a Canadian provincial govt to be tweeting out Anti-Semitic propaganda, that’s not the only meaning this passage has for Dominionist Christians.

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Supersessionism

Supersessionism is the traditional Christian belief that Christianity is the fulfillment of Biblical Judaism, and therefore that Jews who deny that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah fall short of their calling as God's Chosen people.

Supersessionism, in its more radical form, maintains that the Jews are no longer considered to be God's Chosen people in any sense. This understanding is generally termed "replacement theology."

First I must preface this with the declaration that I am not an expert in Christian scripture or dogma. But I can read and interpret what others write relatively accurately.

Perhaps @profagagne, @C_Stroop, or @MindShift2018 can fact check. They have far more expertise than me.

The passage tweeted out by the sock puppet account for Jason Kenney, premier of Alberta, Canada is relatively popular at this time of year. Isaiah 9:6 is a reference to a child being born and the characteristics he will possess.

But the passage can be interpreted numerous ways about government, theonomy (theocracy's more rigid application) and what is expected of "true believers."

The passage also prophesies the establishment of god's Kingdom on earth. Where Jesus is the supreme ruler.


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Hypothetical form of government ruled by Christian divine law, in which non-Christians are excluded from citizenship and the state applies Biblical law, outlawing homosexuality, adultery, witchcraft, blasphemy and promotion of other religions

This is where the delusional zealotry of Dominionism becomes evident. As the supreme ruler of all of earth, Dominionists believe Isaiah prophesied the expectations for the Messiah’s human subjects; complete obedience and full subjugation to his rule and commands. No exceptions.

“The government will rest on His shoulders” affirms His lordship. This verse looks to a time still future when Christ will reign over a literal, earthly, geopolitical kingdom that encompasses all the kingdoms and governments of the world (cf. Daniel 2:44; Zechariah 14:9).

In that day, the government of the whole world will rest on His shoulders. But until that time, His kingdom is in an invisible form (cf. Luke 17:20-21). The Messiah’s rule is over those who trust Him and obey Him as Lord. It’s currently an invisible kingdom, but will one day become visible and universal as His rule extends even over those who do not acknowledge His lordship in their hearts.

Those who don’t obey will be shown the “correct” way of living and worship by the “iron rod” wielded by Jesus during his forever rule of earth.

As well, Jesus is going to simplify politics for everyone to ensure peace.

Scripture says, "God is not a God of confusion but of peace" (1 Corinthians 14:33). Chaos is antithetical to who He is. He is a God of order. Christ the King is orderly, and He brings order to the troubled lives of all who surrender to Him. In other words, He not only tells His subjects what to do as a Wonderful Counselor, but since He is the Mighty God, He can also energize them to do it.

Legislation can go only so far; it stops short of providing the power and the will to obey. Because of the sinful nature, people will always strain against law and order (Romans 7:8). Add human fallibility to the inability to make people obey from the heart, and you can see the severe limitations of political and legislative solutions.

But when Jesus Christ comes to rule this earth, He'll display His divine power by bringing order to the chaos. Those who do not submit to His leadership from the heart, He'll subjugate with a rod of iron (cf. Psalm 2:9; Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15). Those who humble themselves from the heart, bowing to Him as Lord and Savior, will find the power of the Mighty God unleashed in their lives to help them obey.

He’s going to dumb it down so even the least educated can easily interpret his will.

Humans are sinners and their only hope for salvation is unyielding faith and total subjugation to the rule of god (or his earthly regent). Those who don’t yield suffer the iron rod.

Who are those with whom He is pleased? They are those who have yielded their lives to the authority of His government: "The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy" (Psalm 147:11, KJV).

Why should we hope in His mercy? Because we are sinners who need His forgiveness (Romans 3:23). We must recognize that fact first of all if we are to place our lives under His government. We must understand that He gave His own sinless, guiltless life on our behalf. He died for our sins to save us from God's righteous wrath (Romans 5:6-9). And we must be willing to turn from our sins and embrace Him by faith, realizing that we can never earn His favor (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Establishing the Kingdom of god on earth is a primary goal of Dominionist Christians. There is no need to wait for the arrival of Jesus. The Kingdom can be established and a temporary regent can be appointed until Jesus arrives. Many Dominionists believe his arrival is imminent.

So there is no need to express caution regarding climate change. God can fix any climate issues which threaten all life because he's omnipotent. He created the whole universe, earth & it's living & inanimate inhabitants in 6 days. Clearing the atmosphere is child's play. For god.

Jesus will fix the climate, COVid, the economy; whatever it takes to protect the faithful, & then rule for eternity. (Presumably with regular climate cleansing to enable & maintain the abundant fossil fuels god provided.

So, not only is this passage an Anti-Semitic dog whistle for Christian White Nationalists, it's also confirmation that the UCP stands behind the Dominionist Christian community and continues to work towards establishment of the Kingdom of god in Alberta, & UCP rule in perpetuity.

Or at the very least, until Jesus returns. I'm guessing that means Kenney is considered another divinely appointed ruler who will take care of this part of the Kingdom until Jesus comes again. Or maybe it's Harper who is the unseen ruler behind the curtain.

Either way, the fact the Alberta government sent out this passage is a wake up call.

Dominionist Christian ideology, beliefs and values are dangerous, threatening and delusional. Like Trump, Kenney is harnessing fanatical beliefs to control politics and policy in Alberta.

Experts in Christian faith can confirm these beliefs and values are extremist and menacing. It's an abandonment of democracy, human rights and logic and reason. There are no valid challenges to a deity. It's futile to try reason and rationale.

Nothing will alter these beliefs.

I've attached a video from Frank Schaeffer. He's a former evangelical leader. He and his father actually inspired much of the rhetoric and beliefs being perpetrated by the Dominionist Christian community in contemporary politics. Please watch.

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Schaeffer is one of the experts who know Dominionism from the inside. Ex evangelicals know the ins and outs of Dominionism because they've lived it. Schaeffer is a trusted source of information about the objectives of Christian nationalists. He helped perpetuate it.

Please watch the 9 minute Scaeffer video. It explains the mindset of the people who are Dominionist Christian faithful believers. It explains why so many churches are refusing to follow COVid protocol.

The video explains how dangerous a provincial government that fosters and responds to the policy demands of the Dominionist community truly is.

Close to 50 UCP MLAs are full fledged members of the Dominionist community, including the premier.

The Isaiah biblical passage is an assertion of Christian righteousness that UCP believes they represent. It's a warning that UCP believes they have god on their side and that liberalism, socialism and humanism is the work of Satan and those who believe it, the enemy.

It's indication that logic, reason and science are useless tools to sway the premier's beliefs, policies and allegiances.

Let that sink in.

It means most of UCP are delusional and beyond the reach of reasonable discourse.

It means Alberta and Albertans are in grave danger.

It means a reasoned logical argument is useless to influence policy in Alberta.

It means we ignore the taboo of questioning religious beliefs or continue banging our heads against a brick wall.

We must expose the delusional thinking and fanatical beliefs shaping AB policy.

The fact that a prominent Anglican priest felt the need to publicly voice concern about the use of this religious passage is a huge warning to the rest of the Albertan population.

When have you witnessed a member of the clergy warning citizens of the significance of the government's chosen Christmas message?

This is the first time in my lifetime. I'm 53. This is an enormously significant warning from an actual Christian priest.

Take heed of the warning.

The mentally unbalanced are in charge of the province with unfettered power to legislate, in the middle of a pandemic.

That's reality that needs the public's attention.

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> The embedded thread is a warning and quite accurate. Please read it all.
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> While it is an imaginative attempt at prediction, it accurately captures the political ambitions of the GOP in the US.
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> Minority rule.
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> This is the EXACT same ambition of Canadian conservatives. https://t.co/c4Vx1CQxfW

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