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John 8: 31-32

Proverbs 22: 3

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THE REAL OPPOSITION TO AMERICAN HOMELAND DEFENSE

Regardless of President Reagan's initiatives for homeland defenses in 1981 and 1983 and regardless of the fact that the policy of vengeance which has preoccupied American military planners for the last 25 years is becoming unworkable, no realistic progress is being made toward the actual deployment of civil defense or strategic defense in the United States. The military planners claim that we are still defended by mutual assured destruction, MAD, the threat to kill the enslaved people behind the Iron Curtain if their slave masters kill us.

During the current Soviet propaganda campaigns, Americans are also being led to believe that the Soviet elitists are not really that bad after all. This molds public opinion to allow further acts of military and economic appeasement in order to postpone attack by the Soviet military machine.

The Soviets, meanwhile, have deployed a complete civil defense system, a rapidly expanding strategic defense system, and hundreds of thousands of tons of chemical warfare agents in addition to their ongoing rapid development of biological weapons. They have an enormous first-strike nuclear arsenal.

Soviet offensive and defensive technologies have made the MAD doctrine obsolete. In fact, even during the Carter administration, Secretary of Defense, Harold Brown estimated that, in an all-out nuclear war, the Soviets would have fewer casualties than in World War II, while the United States would lose 70% of its people and virtually cease to exist as a nation. So much for the practical aspects of MAD. Its moral aspects were never conscionable.

Why then does the United States cling to a military program that spends nearly all of its resources on offensive weapons to implement a strategy that no longer works? With defensive technology so well developed that Kremlin war planners spend *half* of their resources on *defense*, why does the United States spend virtually nothing on defense? After