

# Open Letter

## To Canadian Christians

## From a Canadian Christian Millennial

**C**an we just start by agreeing that there is a **problem**? **Can we pause to consider that our nation is headed for trouble?** Yes, I know that every generation has faced its own **uncertainties**. I don't wonder if the Nazis will win the war... or if the plane flying overhead might be the one that drops the bomb. No, this is not the world facing the **looming threat** of external enemies (even though we still have plenty of those).

**The world we are inheriting** is a world of **debt** that there is no hope of re-paying, of **taxes** that go to services that we will never see, where **broken** families are the norm, Individuals live **isolated** and **lonely**, and a **culture in decay**. My peers, the "good christian kids", are **leaving** the faith in droves. Nationally we've **forgotten** who blessed us, become well fed, and we have **forgotten** our God.

This generation is not a generation full of **optimism**. We have read the headlines of **doom** and believed them. We sit on a precipice poised to experience the **loss** of 1,500 year of christian civilization. No, we are not the first to face **hard times**, a hard life, but let's not kid ourselves that the outlook is rosy.

An army of statisticians are continually reporting on the ever increasingly **dismal** state of the culture south of ours. Meanwhile at home we find **aggression** by social services, **laws against** parents & family, laws enabling **vice** and **restricting** good, and **judicial rulings** re-defining Christian conviction as **harmful**.

Can we really doubt that our nation is on a fast track to become **anti-family**, **anti-church**, **anti-Christian**, and ultimately **anti-Christ**? Increasingly preaching from pulpits **warns** of impending persecution. Yet churches seem to remain **impotent** to speak publicly to the causes and christians are **silent** to protest.

The problem is acknowledged, and somehow **no action** is taken. Multiple times I have heard Christians say "*just a few more years until my kids graduate and then it won't be my problem anymore.*" Are families just **hanging on**? Each hoping to **ride things out**? I don't want to **point fingers** and pass the **blame**, because if someone is at **fault**, surely I am to.

I have a wife and a three year old little girl. So let me ask: in this environment of economic **uncertainty** ...do we start a business? Do we invest in a home? Do we save? How can any of this be considered a wise investment? Can I stay in a country that's **warring** so hard to **steal** the heart of my daughter and turn her **away** from God? Will I in the next 5 years be forced to face a decision to flee the country I love, or face the **possibility** of my children being taken from me either in body or mind?

Maybe I should get over it, and just **pretend** everything is alright. Everyone else seems to be **keeping their head down**, and so far not *too* many have got **hurt**. Right? And someday I can. I **forget** what is going on, and everything is ok. But I can't shake it. This is the **reality** of where we are heading as Canadian Christians and every time I consider how to move forward in life, these are the kinds of **questions** I am asking.



Freedom to be a Christian in this nation and hope for a stable, decent future seems **distant** at best. More often **non-existent**. And I would be lying if I claimed that all of this did not rise up in me **fear**. **Fear** for my family, my children, my friends...

**I believe** that as a Christian I can expect persecution from a fallen world. But **I also believe** that as a father and a christian man, I have a responsibility not to take evil laying down. **I believe** christian men are called to act to protect others.

**I believe** that God judges nations. But I also **believe** that judgment works two ways—wrath and mercy. **I believe** that an engaged loyal church can lead a nation in repentance. **I believe** that God uses families that honour Him. **I believe** that God expects people to do what's right, regardless of the consequences. **I believe** that dark moments in history are the most likely to receive a miracle and see the finger of God. **I believe** that all is not lost, but that we are on the retreating ebb of the advancing wave.

This is not the problem or **responsibility** of someone else "out there somewhere"; some other family,...some other church... some government in

some capital city far away. We are not the exception. Our "good" churches are the **problem**. Our "good" family's are the **problem**. We must own our part of the **problem**.

These problems are too big for me. I don't have money, charisma or influence. I am a flawed millennial, but *someone* has to do *something*. **I firmly believe** that effective change starts at the bottom and moves up.

God has given my wife and I a passion for proclaiming His truth through video and **we believe** that it is time to use the skills He has given us, and so we are launching a web series called *Worldview Endeavour* in hopes of making a difference.

Canada used to be known as a Christian nation. However, we cannot merely long to return to some bygone golden era. No time in history was perfect. But **I do have a dream for my country**. It's not as showy as the "American Dream". It is a simple **dream**, maybe it's the **Canadian dream**: A Canada where my children are free of fear, and my grandchildren live with hope. A Canada that is truly strong and free.

I suppose I am writing to **ask** my generation to wake up and take things seriously. I am writing to **ask** older generations not to checkout and retire. The job is not done, and we *need* you desperately. I am writing to **ask** the church (leaders and members) to *unstop* its ears, *open* its eyes, *loose* its tung, and no longer sit passively by. Will you join us in asking God what he would have you do in this battle? We need to stand **together**.

I am **asking** for change. I am **asking** for someone to care enough to get up. To Speak. To Act.

In sincere hope,

*A Canadian, a millennial, a christian, a husband, a father.*



Not to speak is to speak.  
Not to act is to act.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer