

Word Over World  
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Many famous men have tried to conquer the world with military power: Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Mohammed, Napoleon, etc. But there was one and only one force in the world which never intended to conquer the world militarily; and that force was Christianity.

There was one thing about the Christian force which was different than all the others – they did not have to force themselves upon anyone. They did not take over buildings, nor burn any property, but their word spread all over the world. This was done by men and women, who first of all, believed in what they were spreading.

This was the way the Christian conquered their world. The evangelists who walked over the world were not afraid to spread the word of Jesus Christ. Whatever harm may have been in store for them, well, they knew God had a place waiting for them. And as their numbers swelled, people started to think, “Hey, you know those Christians aren’t afraid to die; maybe they know something we don’t.”

I think this same example holds true for today also. If one believes in something that is right and good, then he will be able to express himself and have nothing to fear because God is on his side. But if one does not believe in something, and he is protesting or picketing an idea “to be cool,” or to follow his friends, well, then he is lost. And the Church is no exception to this condition. In other words, we’ve got many people in our Church who, if the time came, would not stand up for Orthodoxy or, for that matter, Jesus Christ. But there are those people in the Orthodox Church who would and have stood up for it; and they are the reason we are the only church that is actually “stable” while all others have changed so much.

What I mean is this: 2000 years ago Christianity conquered the world by the means of the “word” and not the “sword.” And I think that 2,000 years later Orthodoxy as the TRUE WORD may have to spread again, by that same means, through preaching PEACE AS GIVEN TO US THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

Throughout history all great empires have crumbled. We’ve conquered the world before. Don’t you think we had better spread the word again before we also crumble?