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A Pact With the Devil

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11/11/05 "Lew Rockwell" -- -- Recently, over these past few weeks, many newspapers and other mainstream mass media have apologized for not reporting the truth about the Iraq War. Their weak excuses are that they were deceived by the lies put forth by the Bush administration for going to war against a defenseless country and the mass murder of hundreds of thousands of innocent people. Do not be fooled by these feeble excuses. Also, don't think that these apologies absolve you, the average pro-war American, from your complicity in war crimes committed in your name. The Bush administration is guilty; the mass media is guilty; and – if you supported this vile crime against humanity – you too are guilty. I pray to God every night that all the guilty will receive their proper judgment and the sooner the better.

Of course the newspapers, etc, did not do their jobs in investigating the lies and prevarications of the Bush administration. Of course they are as guilty as the Bush administration itself in leading the American public into a war of aggression and making the United States today's international pariah nation; a pariah nation unequalled since Nazi Germany. But realizing this fact is not telling the entire story; there is something else to be considered about this entire sordid affair; there is something else that points to an even worse blight on a modern America's sick society and culture. What price will American's pay for fame?

The mass media is a business. They are in business to make money. Only a fool would run a business trying to sell people something that they do not want. After 9/11, a very ill-educated, self-centered, and vindictive American public wanted blood. They wanted revenge. It mattered not who was the target of that revenge, average America wanted their blood-thirst satiated in any way possible against the most convenient target. Those targets wound up being innocent people bombed in Afghanistan and trumped up charges against innocents resulting in mass murder in Iraq. "Kill them all and let God sort them out" was the call. Like a school of piranhas on a wild feeding frenzy, an ignorant American public sucked up the propaganda. And what an anti-American, disgraceful sight it was.

The mass media willingly obliged a sick and twisted thirst for revenge by a sick and twisted American public by giving the crowd what it wanted. In show business parlance the words would be, "The show must go on!" and the media gave a spectacular all-American show.

But what is the mass media besides a group of individuals working in a certain business? From what I've seen working in the mass media for over 28 years, I can tell you that show business has much more than its share of dishonest, vain, egotistical, and distasteful people. Show business has more prima-donnas and vain-glorious people in it than I have ever had the displeasure of working with in any other business. The mass media is full of the most wretched people you'd ever meet. I can count on my right hand the number of truly honest, good people I've met in this business over these years.

Watch that Fox News or CNN newscaster. Besides dressing and putting make-up like a prostitute (which, in a way, she is) she just reeks of insincerity. She doesn't care if she's telling the truth or not. All she cares about is her career and being on TV. She, and thousands like her, contaminate the airwaves on your TV nightly. They don't care about the truth. They only care about their job; and carrying on the façade that they are important. They are the lowest of the low. These are fake plastic people living in a make-believe plastic world. To expect them to tell the truth is like expecting men to bear children; it's not going to happen.

I've even met on-air announcers who threw away their own families and children in the pursuit of fame. What sad and disreputable excuses for human beings these people are. Don't think that I am talking about just a few of your on-air announcers, I am talking about the vast majority that you see on TV. The truly dedicated and honest ones don't make it to fame; they have a conscience and drop out while they can still look themselves in the mirror.

Most TV announcers have sold their souls to the devil in exchange for fame. I know, I have met many who readily admit so (it doesn't matter whether or not you believe in God or Satan – the fact remains that these people made a pact with the devil in return for fame). We should not expect anything from them except lies and a full plate of vanity. Of course they lied about Iraq. Of course they'll lie about anything. They have no conscience. After all, all they want to be is on TV and to do so, they think they have to give the public what it wants. It doesn't matter if it's the truth or not. Joe six-pack doesn't like the truth; if the mass media told the truth, their ratings would go down and our little Miss Hot-Shot newscasters might be out of a job.

And now the public is waking up to the crimes and lies of the Bush administration. Only a fool would expect that these sick examples of human perversion who make

up our mass media would suddenly change their ways and begin to tell the truth.

I, for one, look forward to the day when these bastards get what they deserve: And that is to be an unrecognizable no-body out on the street begging for a job.

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