

# ATHEISTS FLAG “CRUSH A CRECHE!” POSTER

Catholic League president Bill Donohue commented today on an anti-Christmas poster that is being flagged by an atheist website:

“Type ‘atheism’ in the Yahoo search engine and the first website to appear is [atheism.about.com](http://atheism.about.com). On the home page, click on the ‘Image Gallery’ on the left and then click on ‘War on Christmas Propaganda Posters.’ Or simply type ‘Christmas’ in the search engine of the home page of [atheism.about.com](http://atheism.about.com) and then go to ‘Christmas News’; then click on ‘War on Christmas Propaganda.’ Either way, you will find a World War II poster, originally titled ‘Feet First!’, that shows a soldier’s boots with a picture of an armed soldier behind him: the poster has been altered to show the soldier stepping on a crèche with the inscription, ‘CRUSH A CRECHE!: Keep America free from a religious Christmas this year. It’s up to you!’

“The website belongs to Austin Cline, regional director for the Council for Secular Humanism. The Ivy League graduate says that the altered poster is ‘an appropriate image to depict how Christian Nationalists seem to perceive the alleged threats to their treasured religious symbols.’ The term ‘Christian Nationalists’ is a pejorative used by his atheist colleague, Michelle Goldberg, who recently wrote a book on the alleged takeover of America by Christian activists.

“Cline may want to pass this off as satire, but any fair-minded person who looks around his site will understand that his brand of atheism is explicitly anti-Christian. The altered poster is, in fact, a true characterization of the anti-Christian animus at work. Moreover, it offers a glimpse into the mindset of radical secularists who seek to neuter

Christmas. The snide remark about their 'treasured' religious symbols is revealing, as is the slightly modified inscription that appears below the poster: 'Crush a Creche & Keep Christmas Free from Christianity.'

"That's the goal of radical secularists—they want to gut Christmas of its religious meaning. It doesn't get any clearer than this."