FIVE IDEOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS of Contemporary Religious Fundamentalisms from the Fundamentalist Project

1. REACTIVE
to the contemporary marginalization of religion in the process of modernization

2. SELECTIVE
appropriation of history and tradition
   • pragmatic acceptance of modern technology and methods
   • focused opposition to only certain consequences or processes of modernity
   • reshaping of traditions to emphasize distinctiveness from the mainstream

3. MORAL MANICHEANISM
worldview of either/or, black and white, good and evil

4. ABSOLUTE INERRANCY
of basic texts and traditions

5. MILLENNIALIST AND/OR MESSIANIC
end-of-time world views

resulting in a

RELIGIOUS IDEALISM OF SIGNIFICANT POWER

and an

IRREDUCIBLE BASIS FOR COMMUNAL & PERSONAL IDENTITY