**THE ARMAGEDDON FACTOR**

**BY MARCI MCDONALD**

**McDonald begins with a preface that is very powerful and sets up the premise of her book: Christian nationalism is on the rise in Canada and is intimately connected to the same movement in the United States. The goal of this movement is control of the government by fundamentalist Christians. Yes, we are talking about a theocracy.**

**In the opening chapter, the author concentrates on the background of the current prime minister of Canada, Stephen Harper. This chapter should be of great interest to Canadians.**

**In the second chapter she gets into the reasons for the ascendency of Canadian evangelicals in politics. Once outcast, this small minority uses the influence of churches to move as a unit and gain political power. They are aided by their counterparts in the United States where the movement is much more established and powerful.**

**At this point, McDonald finally mentions the "Armageddon Factor" which motivates many of the extreme fundamentalist Christians. It is the belief that the end is near and that Canadians need to prepare for their special role in this final battle. The really scary thing is that these people actually welcome the destruction of Earth and can't wait for it to happen!**

**The author makes a major blunder when she dates the first cells at 600 million years ago and the first appearance of dinosaurs at about 500 million years later. These egregious errors are unforgiveable as they could have easily been researched.**

**Well, no one is perfect. The book is still well worth the time.**

**GRADE B+**

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