

Annual Psychoanalytic Academic Program

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Charles B. Strozier, PhD

**The Fundamentalist Mindset:
Perspectives on Religiously Based Violence**

Also Speaking, Martin Miller, PhD

**Reason and the Irrational in the Mind of Terrorists: Some Historical and
Comparative Perspectives**

Before 9/11 one could be merely startled by the rise of fundamentalism in what seemed a secular world. Besides the astonishing numbers of fundamentalists, it is the premise of this presentation that there is as well a psychology of fundamentalism, a mindset that transcends its particularity in contemporary religious movements. Within religion such fundamentalism, like the Islamists who have fueled the global jihad of Al-Qaeda, or the evangelicals who have pushed Christianity to the right in this country, or the settlers in Israel who have brought a new millennialism about Jewish land not seen in centuries, can be quite noisy and seem to define the phenomenon. But the mindset of fundamentalism is something more deeply ingrained in the self that finds expression in a variety of human institutions, including religion but by no means restricted to it, and has a history that gives it protean meanings over many centuries.

The presentation will focus on three aspects of the fundamentalist mindset. First, I stress the centrality of the psychological tendency toward dualism and paranoia in it. To understand the Manicheanism of the mindset is to enter the inner experience of belief and to grasp in new ways the central importance of fundamentalists' anxious vigilance that often verges on actual paranoia. Second, I emphasize the apocalyptic character of all fundamentalists, who live for the end of the world and their own redemption in a reborn one. They embrace, in this sense, a survivor mission. Their apocalyptic narrative defines their story. And, finally, and perhaps most importantly, I will stress the intimate relation between fundamentalism and violence. There are other dimensions of the fundamentalist experience in the world that are worth studying (and have been by many scholars). But in a post-9/11 world the relation between the fundamentalist mindset and violence has been sorely understudied.

Schedule:

8:30-9am	Registration and Refreshments
9-10:30am	Presentation with Charles B. Strozier, PhD and Martin Miller, PhD
10:30-11am	Panelist introductory responses
11-11:15am	Break and Book Sales (Book sales and book signing will be available after the program.)
11:15am-12:00pm	Panel discussion with Charles B. Strozier, PhD, Martin Miller, PhD, Allan Stern, PhD, and Steve Bennett, PhD.

Location: The UNC Friday Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Cost: \$35 (\$40 at the door) An additional \$15 will be charged to non-members who wish to receive CME or CE credits for psychologist. Letters of attendance will be handed out at no additional charge.

\$5 (\$10 at the door) Any fulltime student or trainees.

No charge to members of the NC Psychoanalytic Foundation and the NC Psychoanalytic Society.

Pre-registration is appreciated

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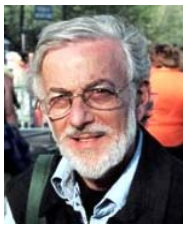
Target Audience: This program is open to mental health professionals, academicians, students, and any person interested in better understanding violence, fundamentalism, apocalyptic concepts. It will be of particular interest to historians, anthropologists, theologians, sociologists, writers, and others who have studied or are curious as to how psychoanalytic thinking views and addresses this highly important topic. This program is at an intermediate instructional level.

Charles B. Strozier has a Harvard B.A., a PhD from the University of Chicago, and was a research candidate at the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis in the 1970s. He is a Professor of History and Director, Center on Terrorism, John Jay College and the Graduate Center, The City University of New York. He finished his clinical training in New York, and is both a practicing psychoanalyst and a Training and Research Analyst at The Training and Research Institute in Self Psychology (TRISP).



Dr. Strozier is the author of *Apocalypse: On the Psychology of Fundamentalism in America* (1994, new edition 2002) and has edited, with Michael Flynn, *Trauma and Self* (1996), *Genocide, War, and Human Survival* (1996), and *The Year 2000* (1997). He also wrote a prize-winning psychological study of Abraham Lincoln (*Lincoln's Quest for Union: A Psychological Portrait*, 1982, revised edition in paper 2001). He was the founding editor for 14 years of *The Psychohistory Review* and has written scores of essays and other pieces on aspects of history, religion, terrorism, and psychoanalysis. His most recent book, *Heinz Kohut: The Making of a Psychoanalyst* (2001), won the Grady Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis, the Goethe Prize from the Canadian Psychoanalytic Association, and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Strozier is currently writing "New York City and 9/11: A Psychological Study of the World Trade Center Disaster" and co-editing "The Fundamentalist Mindset" (for Oxford University Press).

Martin Miller received his PhD in Russian history at the University of Chicago and has taught at Stanford University and the New School for Social Research. He has been a member of the History Department at Duke since 1970. Dr. Miller has conducted archival research in Russia and Western Europe, and has been the recipient of a number of fellowships, including two from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has published four books and numerous articles on the revolutionary movement in Russia. Dr. Miller's most recent book is *Freud and the Bolsheviks: Psychoanalysis in Imperial Russia and the Soviet Union* (Yale, 1998), and has been translated into French and Spanish. Dr. Miller is currently at work on a new book on the foundations of modern terrorism.



Deadline Registration: To guarantee space, registration must be received by **January 9, 2009**. Check space availability after deadline by e-mailing info@ncpsasoc.org.

How to Register:

Payment by Credit Card: Via phone at **877-572-6778** or on line at www.ncpsasoc.org

Payment by Check to: NC Psychoanalytic Society, 901 Paverstone Drive, Suite 11, Raleigh, NC 27615

Member Registration: Members of the NC Psychoanalytic Society and NC Psychoanalytic Foundation can register via e-mail at info@ncpsasoc.org.

Special arrangements are available for participants with disabilities. Please contact the Society Administrator at the number below by January 9, 2009 to make arrangements.

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You can also go to www.Mapquest.com. The address is Friday Center Drive. Chapel Hill, NC 27514. You can also find a map at www.fridaycenter.unc.edu.

Educational Objectives: The participant in this session will: Learn aspects of the general history of fundamentalism; Be able to understand some important aspects of the psychological basis of fundamentalism; Begin to understand the intimate relationship that can exist between violence and fundamentalism; learn whether terrorists are people who are the products of abused and conflicted families or whether they are functionally rational; and will learn that our understanding of what "terrorism" actually is needs greater specificity than it has received.

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