FAREWELL TO MARS: A FEW QUOTES

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I am not sure whether I'll write anything longer about this book, butÂ A Farewell to Mars: An Evangelical Pastor's Journey Toward the Biblical Gospel of PeaceÂ deserves a few quotes:

> *My claim, which Iâ€™m told is audacious by some and naive by others, is simply this: Jesus Christ and his peaceable kingdom are the hope of the world. So let me declare from the very beginning: I believe in Jesus Christ! I believe what the canonical gospels report and what the historic creeds confess concerning the crucified and risen Christ. Thatâ€™s what makes me an orthodox Christian. But I also believe in Jesusâ€™ ideasâ€"the ideas he preached about the peaceable kingdom of God. And thatâ€™s what makes me a radical Christian. Believing in the divinity of Jesus is the heart of Christian orthodoxy. But believing in the viability of Jesusâ€™ ideas makes Christianity truly radical.*
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> *...What God is opposed to, and has always been opposed to, is empireâ€"rich and powerful nations that believe they have a divine right to rule other nations and a manifest destiny to shape the world according to their agenda. God is opposed to the agenda of empire for this simple reason: God makes the same claim for his Son!*
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> *...Christianityâ€™s first apostles evangelized, not by trying to sign people up for an apocalyptic evacuation, but by announcing the arrival of a new world order...*
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> *...Nothing unites a nation like war. But whatâ€™s so tragic is when Christian leaders pretend that a rally around the war god is compatible with worshipping the God revealed in Jesus Christ.*