

America's New Religion & the Deification of the State

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America's New Religion

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Postmodernist Relativism & Nietzsche's will to power

Path to Postmodernism

Christianity → Deism □ Naturalism □ Nihilism □ Existentialism □ Postmodernism
Existentialism (only the individual & his will; reason is gone)
Postmodernism (individual is dead)

Existentialism—Jean Paul Sartre

No God, no truth, no morality, no meaning—man is free to create his own truth, morality, & meaning)

Nihilism—Friedrich Nietzsche

Friedrich Nietzsche (death of God, truth, morality, meaning; this will lead to the supermen)
We must create our own new truth, morality, & meaning through the will to power.

Christian Response

C. S. Lewis—the abolition of man & Francis Schaeffer—the death of man.

Postmodernism

A reaction against modernism

Modernism failed to find absolute truth & solve man's problems

- Rejects absolute truth (no metanarrative)
- Rejects human reason's ability to find truth
- Truth is relative to one's community (individual defined only by community)
- Focuses on beauty, mystery, narratives
- Focuses on meaning, feelings, will
- Denies absolute morality
- Heavy emphasis on tolerance (new tolerance)

Reject dichotomist thinking (either/or) ; Reduce all authority to power

Power narratives instead of rational arguments

We create our own reality through language ; Deconstruction of texts

Political correctness

Refuting Postmodernism--It is self-refuting

- "there is no absolute truth"
- "it is wrong to call any action wrong"
- Reject moral absolutes while creating new moral absolutes

- Even their language does not touch morality
- Postmodernism has become a metanarrative

Neo-Marxist Critical Theory

Karl Marx--Dialectical materialism; Economic determinism

Class struggle (workers revolt against business owners)
Abolition of private property ; Abolition of family, religion
Free government education for all children
Progressive and graduated income tax (redistribute the wealth)
National bank

Cultural Marxism

Before WWI, Marxists believed that if war started in Europe, the working class would revolt against the business owners.

Instead, the working class went to war for their countries—they didn't revolt.

After WWI, Marxists tried to figure out why the working class did not revolt.

Antonio Gramsci & Georg Lukacs believed that Western democracy & capitalism would have to be destroyed before the revolution.

Antonio Gramsci--Cultural Marxism

Gramsci believed religion was too strong in the West—opium that kept the workers from revolting. Western civilization has to be transformed (infiltrate religion, media, education, & politics)

He was an Italian Marxist.

He was imprisoned by Mussolini and dies in prison in 1937.

The Frankfurt School

Georg Lukacs tried to attack the family unit & Christian morality.

He promoted sexual immorality to destroy society in Hungary.

He referred to this as "Cultural Terrorism."

He encouraged presenting sexually explicit material to children in education.

His views were rejected & he had to flee from Hungary.

Cultural Marxism

In 1923, Lukacs went to Frankfurt, Germany to meet with other Cultural Marxists—they started the Frankfurt School.

Fellow Marxist **Felix Weil** financed the new Marxist think tank.

In 1930, **Max Horkheimer** combined the psychological thought of Sigmund Freud with Marxism.

Now everyone, not just the workers, were psychologically oppressed by Western leaders.

When the Nazis took control in Germany in 1933, the Marxists (many of whom were Jews) fled to New York City. The Frankfurt School took residence in Columbia University.

They developed "**Critical Theory**" This view criticized every pillar of Western society: family, democracy, Christianity, freedom of speech, traditional morality, capitalism, etc.

Theodor Adorno--Authored "The Authoritarian Personality"

Condemned traditional American views about gender roles and American views of human sexuality as prejudice. He labeled these views "fascist."

Shifted away from economic oppression to psychological oppression.

America was divided into two groups: the oppressors and the oppressed. Males of European descent were the oppressors. Gender & social roles of men and women were defined by the oppressors.

Gender distinctions don't really exist; they are simply a social construct.

Herbert Marcuse--He wrote "Eros and Civilization" in 1955. He promoted sexual freedom outside traditional, Christian morality. This book had a great influence on the sexual revolution of the 1960s.

Identified the oppressed class as: minorities, women, and homosexuals.

This led to many of the protests of the 1960s: Black Power, Feminism, Gay Rights, & Sexual

Liberation. He defined “liberating tolerance” as tolerance of any views from the extreme left (Cultural Marxism), but rejection of any traditional views.

Saul Alinsky--He was a devoted disciple of Cultural Marxism.

His Rules for Radicals was a practical guide for community organizers to promote his views.

He has influenced the thought of many politicians.—Hillary Clinton & Barak Obama

A hatred for traditional Christian values.

A divide and conquer strategy.

Produces tribalism & attacks the family unit.

An attempt to overthrow society through their views.

People are not judged by their individual character.

They are judged by the group they are in.

They are either oppressors or the oppressed. (Critical Race Theory)

The individual dies.

Critical Race Theory

The oppressors vs. the oppressed

Systemic racism; Inter-sectionality; **Robin DeAngelo; Ibram X. Kendi**--Oppressors vs. Oppressed

Oppressors = white, male, heterosexual, Christian

Oppressed = non-white, female, homosexual & transgender, non-Christian

Rejection of the Biblical God

The new American religion rejects the biblical God

It promotes either atheism or neo-paganism, and environmental extremism

Man is free to re-create himself (transgenderism, homosexuality, etc.)

Globalism & Deification of the State

The new religion rejects patriotism

It promotes globalism & opposes United States sovereignty

It promotes total trust in the government, extreme environmentalism

Total government control of health care

Arbitrary laws, education becomes indoctrination

Klaus Schwabb—World Economic Forum—wants a global reset of the world’s economy due to

COVID19; Bill Gates –patent #060606; he wants to track every human being on the planet

Luciferace—to identify who has been vaccinated

The State Becomes God

The state is no longer merely the government

Now the state is the government bureaucrats, the media, the schools, billionaire business

executives, technicians, and compromised military leaders.

True Community--Found Only in Christianity--Dietrich Von Hildebrand

The Christian View of the Individual

We were created in God’s image; human life is sacred (Genesis 1:26-27; Acts 17:22-28)

True community is found in the Church—the Body of Christ (John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

Collectivism--Godless systems like Postmodernism, Marxist Communism, Cultural Marxism, National Socialism, & Fascism can never produce true community—they only produce collectivism.

Our Response

We must speak the truth in love to a world that despises truth

We must love our enemies and pray for them

We must pray God softens their hearts

Romans 12:1-2--We must not be conformed to the pattern of the world

We must be transformed by God renewing our minds through Bible study and prayer