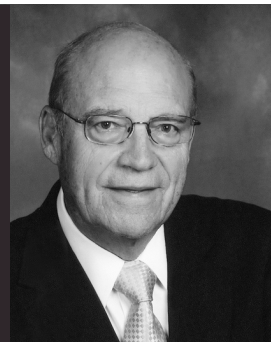




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## Spurgeon vs. Marx—Part II by Larry Alex Taunton

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Spurgeon had, in fact, noted the dangers of socialism remarkably early in his ministry. In 1855 he warned of communists who wanted nothing less than “the real disruption of all society as at present established.” He asked the gathered, “Would you desire reigns of terror here, as they had in France? Do you wish to see all society shattered and men wandering like monster icebergs on the sea, dashing against each other and being at last utterly destroyed?”

But it is in the post-1871 period that he speaks more frequently and with greater urgency on the subject of socialism. In a sermon on Psalm 118 in June 1878, Spurgeon made a tentative prediction to his congregation:

*German rationalism which has ripened into Socialism may yet pollute the mass of mankind and lead them to overturn the foundations of society. Then “advanced principles” will hold carnival and free thought [i.e., atheism] will riot with the vice and blood which were years ago the insignia of “the age of reason.” I say not that it will be so, but I should not wonder if it came to pass, for deadly principles are abroad and certain ministers are spreading them.*

In a sermon on Isaiah 66 in April 1889, Spurgeon, recognizing that many had confused the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the cheap, secular knock-off proclaimed by Marx and his ilk, thundered from his pulpit:

*For many a year, by the grand old truths of the gospel, sinners were converted, and saints were edified, and the world was made to know that there is a God in Israel. But these are too antiquated for the present cultured race of superior beings! They are going to regenerate the world by Democratic Socialism, and set up a kingdom for Christ without the new birth or the pardon of sin. Truly the Lord has not taken away the seven thousand that have not bowed the knee to Baal. ... The latter-day gospel is not the gospel by which we were saved. To me it seems a tangle of ever-changing dreams. It is, by the confession of its inventors, the outcome of the period—the monstrous birth of a boasted “progress”—the scum from the cauldron of conceit. It has not been given by the infallible revelation of God—it does not pretend to have been. It is not divine—it has no inspired Scripture at its back. It is, when it touches the Cross, an enemy! When it speaks of Him who died thereon, it is a deceitful friend. Many are its sneers at the truth of substitution—it is irate at the mention of the precious blood. Many a pulpit, where Christ was once lifted high in all the glory of His atoning death, is now profaned by those who laugh at justification by faith. In fact, men are not now to be saved by faith but by doubt. Those who love the Church of God feel heavy at heart because the teachers of the people cause them to err. Even from a national point of view, men of foresight see cause for grave concern.*

The reference to bowing knees is prescient given the events of our own time. But it must be noted where Spurgeon lays blame for the state of things. Like Francis Schaeffer a century later, he places it squarely on the men of his own vocation. As if to assail the heresy that would infect the pulpits of the Western world, Spurgeon speaks directly to the political climate. Indeed, if there were lines proscribing the lane in which he as a clergyman was to remain, he refused to acknowledge them. Like a charioteer in the Circus Maximus, he thrashed the fleet-footed horses carrying the Gospel he preached right across every lane of human endeavor, especially those that presumed to exalt themselves above God as socialism surely does.

Apart from Kim Jong-un, I have met and engaged the most famous atheists of this age. Like every one of them, Marx belonged to that category of men that Romans 1 calls “haters of God.” One simply does not set up idols and altars if he is anything else, and that is precisely what socialism is: a false god set up against the one true God in a great act of defiance, offering men a counterfeit version of salvation. Marx himself was not unaware of how easily some confuse the authentic for the false, and he sought to exploit it. “Nothing,” he wrote in *The Communist Manifesto*, “is easier than to give Christian asceticism a Socialist tinge.”

For this reason, Spurgeon combated Marx and his ideas just as the Apostle John had once opposed Cerinthus and Augustine had used his formidable intellect to confront Pelagius.

“Great schemes of socialism have been tried and found lacking,” Spurgeon inveighed in another sermon. “Let us look to regeneration by the Son of God, and we shall not look in vain.”

It is very likely that the preaching of Spurgeon, and others like him, prevented the violent Revolution in Britain that Marx sought. Ironically, that revolution would come in the unindustrialized Russia of 1917, when Vladimir Lenin would, at the cost of millions of lives, implement Marx’s unworkable ideas. That is in no small measure due to the fact that there

was no viable church to critique the undeliverable promises of socialism.

According to Russian historian Orlando Figes, when Marx's *Das Kapital* was approved for publication in Russia by the censors who forbade almost any political expression, the ideas therein were released into an ideological vacuum. By contrast, those same ideas were (rightly) subjected to withering attacks in Britain by those who saw them for what they were. In this sense, Christianity served as a bulwark against the barbarism that has accompanied Marxism everywhere—*everywhere*—it has been implemented.

Today the battle continues, but the battlefield has expanded to the entire world. Marxism morphs as it goes, disguising itself until it reaches our own time in the sheep's clothing of racial equality and so-called "social justice."

The Gospel, however, remains remarkably unchanged. Its power to transform societies is one of the most underrated benefits of Christian belief. Through the inward transformation of the individual, there is a corresponding outward transformation of society. This is what I call "The Grace Effect."

No greater scam has been perpetrated on so many for so long than the lie that socialism, once adopted, will reorganize society along the lines of a utopia for all. Such political solutions have always failed, and this one has nothing but a history of catastrophic failure.

As Spurgeon so eloquently put it: "To attempt national regeneration without personal regeneration is to dream of erecting a house without separate bricks."

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## **LGBTQIA Invades the Church** by Megan Basham

In 2000, Jon Stryker, gay heir to a one-hundred-billion-dollar surgical supply conglomerate, kicked off the new millennium by launching the Arcus Foundation, a grant-making institution that soon became the largest funder of LGBTQ initiatives in the United States. But after legislation defeats like the passage of a 2008 California law banning gay marriage, it realized its efforts to break down American's last remaining vestiges of traditional sexual morality were continually running into the same formidable roadblock—Christianity. As the journal *Inside Philanthropy* put it in 2013, "In recent years, it has become clear in the US, at least, that the only real opposition to LGBT equality is moral opposition based on religious beliefs. It seems Arcus is committed to combatting this argument at its very source."

The source, of course, was churches.

Stryker's foundation began devoting tens of millions of dollars to, in its words, "challenging the promotion of narrow or hateful interpretations of religious doctrine" within every major Christian denomination. Between 2013 and 2018, for instance, it gave over two million dollars to the Reconciling Ministries Network to "secure the full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the United Methodist Church," the last of the mainline denominations still resistant to full affirmation of the entire rainbow panoply. How did RMN go about this? According to Arcus's own reports, by training "faithful Methodists at all levels to become advocates for LGBTQ persons in the full life of the church." Given that the UMC went through a schism in 2022 over LGBTQ ordination and gay marriage, it seems Stryker's money was well spent.

While evangelicalism's decentralized and independent nature makes any wholesale attempt at reshaping doctrine rather like trying to herd a field of darting rabbits, it, too, came in for the Arcus treatment, albeit with more scattered outlays of cash. One particular expenditure proved strategic, as it managed to harness the influence of both North Point on the Eastern Seaboard and another internationally famous megachurch in the West, Rick Warren's Saddleback.

Between 2014 and 2018, the Reformation Project, a brand-new organization led by twenty-three-year old Harvard dropout Matthew Vines, received \$550,000 in grants. The purpose of the funding, according to Arcus, was to "reform church teaching on sexual orientation and gender identity among conservative and evangelical communities." This phrasing was borrowed directly from the fledgling nonprofit's website, with one addition. The Reformation Project's initial "About" page said only that it was committed to "reform[ing] church teaching on sexual orientation and gender identity." Arcus's press release about its new grantee inserted the bit about "conservative and evangelical communities." It understood what it was buying.

On the surface, the Reformation Project would have seemed an unlikely vehicle for making inroads with the most stubbornly resistant strain of American Christianity. Vines was not only young, but with his slight build and elfin face, he looked ever younger. Anyone watching the viral 2012 YouTube talk in which he argues that God does not condemn loving, gay relationships, only same-sex rape and orgies, might have guessed he was a high-schooler and a nervous, swallowing-between-sentences (though clearly bright) high-schooler, at that.

But youth and inexperience were only the first obstacles Vines as an ambassador to conservative Christians. The second was his overt branding as a "side A" evangelical. While the views of their counterparts on

Side B can be, by design, slippery (something we'll delve into in a moment), Side A activists are fairly transparent. The straightforward title of Vine's book, *God and the Gay Christian: the Biblical Case for Same-Sex Relationships*, exemplifies their beliefs as well as anything. Nor do they make any bones about their goal, which is to convince the Church to set aside the passages in both the Old and New Testaments that prohibit LGBTQ behavior and identities. In fact, Vines has called affirmation of homosexual unions "a requirement of Christian faithfulness." So, not exactly the type of teacher most doctrinally sound churches are going to welcome in the front door to set up ministries and Bible studies. For Vines and the Reformation Project to have any hope of fulfilling their mission, they needed partners who looked and sounded like the conservative Christians they were trying to convince but whose teaching was equally committed to the project of undermining Scripture.

Peruse the speakers lists for the Reformation Project's past conferences or visit the recommended Resources page on its website, and you'll find an array of authors and organizations who are as forthright about their LGBTQ agenda as secular groups like the Human Rights Campaign or GLAAD. All wear their commitment to full inclusion and affirmation in the Church on their sleeve—except one.

—Megan Basham, *Shepherds for Sale*, p. 202-204

## Chinese Spies Everywhere

by Monica Showalter

For all their pious claims to being the standard-bearers and guardians of national security since President Trump was elected in 2016, Democrats sure do have a lot of operatives getting picked up as spies for China.

The latest came out of the woodwork from New York Gov. Kathy Hochul's office.

According to the Associated Press:

A former New York state government official who worked for former Gov. Andrew Cuomo and current Gov. Kathy Hochul was charged Tuesday with acting as an undisclosed agent of the Chinese government, federal prosecutors revealed in a sprawling indictment.

Linda Sun, who held numerous posts in New York state government before rising to the rank of deputy chief of staff for Hochul, was arrested Tuesday morning along with her husband, Chris Hu, at their \$3.5 million home on Long Island.

Sun and Hu are expected to make an initial court appearance Tuesday afternoon, a spokesman for the US attorney's office in Brooklyn said.

Prosecutors said Sun, at the request of Chinese officials, blocked representatives of the Taiwanese government from having access to high-level officials in New York state, shaped New York governmental messaging to align with the priorities of the Chinese government and attempted to facilitate a trip to China for a high-level politician in New York, the indictment said. Hu is charged with money laundering conspiracy, conspiracy to commit bank fraud and misuse of means of identification.

The *New York Post* said the cozy relationship with the Chicoms seemed to be very rewarding indeed for the pair:

The damning 64-page indictment accuses Linda Sun, 41, and her husband, Christopher Hu, 40, of laundering and splurging their corrupt gains on a gaudy \$4 million Manhasset mansion, a \$2 million second home in a Honolulu high-rise and luxury cars such as 2024 Ferrari Roma.

Sun shadily used her position under Hochul and Cuomo—who are unnamed but clearly referenced in the court documents—to turn the governor's office into a virtual mouthpiece for the People's Republic of China and Chinese Community Party, the bombshell indictment contends.

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The official's personal chef had even prepared "Nanjing-style salted ducks" that were delivered to Sun's parents, the indictment states.

Investigators found four such salty duck quid pro quos, as well as a dinner for Sun's family at Huang's house, documents state.

Other reports have stated that they were given tickets to Chinese balletic dance performances, too.

But mostly, it seems to have been the mansions and millions.

It's a shocking case of cash for influence, and the Chicoms must have been snickering up their sleeves that New York would have such a willing apparent partner.

Yet it's not the first Democrat who's been caught in bed with the Chinese. In the case of Rep. Eric Swalwell, he was literally in bed with a Chinese honeypot on campaign fundraising matters.

Meanwhile, over on the other side of the Bay, Senate Judiciary Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein, had a driver in hock with the Chinese for nearly 20 years, listening in on her every conversation and reporting back to his masters in Beijing.

In New York again, Mayor Eric Adams seemed palsy-walsy with more Chicoms who did their worst to shut dissidents out of an annual parade:

What has become an annual parade in mid-town Manhattan for Asian Americans was set up with the blessing of Mayor Eric Adams by the CEO of a company that is a registered foreign agent of China, according to documents obtained exclusively by *Newsweek*.

The findings raise new questions over Chinese influence operations in the United States, and particularly in New York, where Adams and some other top politicians have previously received campaign donations from members of groups linked to China's ruling Communist Party. *Newsweek* has reported on the extensive network of such groups in the US.

These were the easy ones, the ones that allowed the FBI spy hunters and press to move in for the reveal.

There are also muddled ones about which not enough is known, such as the multiple trips to China taken by Kamala Harris's running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, which were accompanied by loudly pro-Beijing statements during his lifetime, and Hunter Biden's laptop dealings with top Chinese officials, one of whom, he crowed, was the chief of Chinese intelligence. Office space was shared and millions of dollars passed between hands.

Further in the horizon, there were also the Clintons, both Bill and Hillary, who have been caught with their pants down on China. Bill had numerous campaign finance scandals involving Chinese-American go-betweens, and Hillary ran a pay-to-play operation through the Clinton Foundation as President Obama's Secretary of State, with Bill at the helm.

Not all of these cases may be espionage, but they do signal undue influence of Chinese players in American affairs—and it's significant that it's mostly coming from the Democrats.

It would make sense that it does, given their socialist orientation which has gotten worse in the past decade, which had to have made the Chinese overlords happy.

Democrats also have been the party of the swamp, where everything becomes a consultant contract and loyalty to the US is a nonstarter. That might explain why never-Trump Max Boot's wife was recently charged with acting as an unregistered foreign agent on behalf of South Korea.

The bottom line here is that they always have been the party of flag-burners, and one-world government, not loyalty to nation and certainly not national security, despite their skinsuit claims to care about it when all they want to do is Get Trump.

With that in mind, national loyalty wouldn't mean much to them, and with their tendency to throw money at every problem, what's a little money coming their way?

Lastly, espionage cases aren't what they used to be. In the past, a conviction would merit a long prison

sentence, and maybe even the death penalty. Today, it's a few months in the can and back to the old swamp. That's a pretty weak price to pay for what amounts to treason.

Democrats have brought us this and it shouldn't surprise anyone that they are as easy as aphids to catch by lawmen assigned to this duty. How many more of them are there?

—*American Thinker*, September 3, 2024

## Spell HEALTH

by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

In my speech endorsing Donald Trump, I said we need to love our kids more than we hate each other. That means coming together to address common problems, and few are more urgent than the chronic-disease crisis. Americans are becoming sicker, beset by illnesses that our medical system isn't addressing effectively. These trends harm us, our economy, and our global standing.

Among American teens, close to 30% are prediabetic. More than 18% of young adults have nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. More than 40% of adults 22 to 44 are obese, according to a 2023 study. In 2020, 77% of young adults didn't qualify for the military based on their health scores, forcing the military to lower its standards.

Six out of 10 adults in America are living with a chronic illness. Seventy-four percent of American adults are overweight or obese. Rates of kidney disease and autoimmune conditions are going up. Cancer rates among young people are rising. This is despite Americans spending more and more to treat many of these conditions. US life expectancy is markedly lower than in every other developed country, with wide disparities between income classes.

This crisis is the product of broken incentives. There is nothing more profitable for much of the healthcare system than a sick child. Americans with chronic conditions are often put on medications or treatments for the rest of their lives. Nearly 30% of teens have reportedly used prescription drugs in the past 30 days, according to data from the prescription discount service SingleCare.

Mr. Trump has made reforming broken institutions a cornerstone of his political life. He has become the voice of countless Americans who have been let down by our elites. He could unite the country by making it his priority to make America healthy again. Here are some specific policy ideas:

\* Reform the Prescription Drug User Fee Act. Pharmaceutical companies pay a fee every time they apply for a new drug approval, and this money makes up about 75% of the budget of the Food and Drug

Administration's drug division. That creates a barrier to entry to smaller firms and puts bureaucrats' purse strings in the hands of the pharmaceutical industry.

\* Prohibit members of the US Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee from making money from food or drug companies. Ninety-five percent of the members of a USDA panel charged with most recently updating nutrition guidelines had conflicts of interest. This is from the same government that brought you a National Institutes of Health research finding that Lucky Charms are healthier than ground beef.

\* Review direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical ad guidelines. The US and New Zealand are the only countries that allow pharmaceutical companies to advertise directly to the public. News channels are filled with drug commercials, and reasonable viewers may question whether their dependence on these ads influences their coverage of health issues.

\* Change federal regulation so that NIH funds can't go to researchers with conflicts of interest. A 2019 ProPublica analysis of disclosures going back to 2012 found that over 8,000 federally funded health researchers reported significant financial conflicts of interest.

\* Level the playing field for Americans internationally on drug costs. Today in Germany, Ozempic costs less than a tenth of what it does in the US because while Berlin negotiates prices on behalf of all Germans, Washington can't do the same. Legislators should cap drug prices so that companies can't charge Americans substantially more than Europeans pay.

\* Stop allowing beneficiaries of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to use their food stamps to buy soda or processed foods. Nine percent of all SNAP funding goes to sweetened drinks, according to 2011 data. It's nonsensical for US taxpayers to spend tens of billions of dollars subsidizing junk that harms the health of low-income Americans.

\* Revisit pesticide and other chemical-use standards. As of 2019, the US allowed 72 pesticides that the European Union bans. We also allow chemicals in food and skin care that the bloc doesn't. Some of these chemicals are quite common to our daily lives. Though glyphosate isn't currently banned EU-wide due to disagreement between member states, it's approved for use only through the end of 2033, when the issue will be revisited. Meanwhile in the US the University of California, San Francisco, in 2015 found the chemical in 93% of the urine samples it studied.

\* Require nutrition classes and functional medicine in federally funded medical schools. Today, 7 out of 10 of the leading killers of Americans are chronic diseases that are preventable, sometimes through improved eating habits. Yet about 80% of medical schools don't require a course in nutrition.

\* Reform crop subsidies. They make corn, soybeans and wheat artificially cheap, so those crops end up in many processed forms. Soybean oil in the 1990s became a major source of American calories, and high-fructose corn syrup is everywhere. Our subsidy program is so backward that less than 2% of farm subsidies go to fruits and vegetables.

\* Issue new presidential fitness standards. My uncle John F. Kennedy was right in 1960 when he wrote "The physical vigor of our citizens is one of America's most precious resources." The Presidential Fitness Test that President Obama ditched should be reinstated.

\* Devote half of research budgets from the NIH toward preventive, alternative, and holistic approaches to health. In the current system, researchers don't have enough incentive to study generic drugs and root-cause therapies that look at things like diet.

\* Increase patient choice by giving every American a health savings account. HSAs are a bipartisan healthcare policy that saves Americans money and gives them financial support in healthcare outside insurance. In many cases, food and exercise interventions are clinically the best medicine. With an HSA, a pre-diabetic can choose with his doctor whether to devote medical dollars to a drug like metformin or a root cause intervention like a gym membership.

Mr. Trump has told me he wants to make ending this chronic-disease calamity a key part of his legacy, while Kamala Harris has expressed no interest in this issue. His political courage and moral clarity about the danger of our compromised institutions give us the best opportunity in our lifetimes to revive America's health.

—*The Wall Street Journal*, September 6, 2024

## France Sinks!

by Fay Voshell

The Olympic games are filled with athletes whose beautiful bodies inspire admiration and awe. Their amazing physiques reflect the ideal of the human body held by the Greek originators of the contests. That ideal was nobly realized in ancient sculptures such as Myron's Discobolus. Poised just as he is spinning around about to release the discus, the athlete's form is poetry in motion.

Other Greek sculptors such Polykleitos and Praxiteles also portrayed the ideal human form, male and female. Their art became an inspiration for Michelangelo's David, which combines the beauty of the male physique with nobility of spirit. The Athenian ideal met the faith of Jerusalem.

In view of the ideals the Olympics is supposed to represent, it was a great shock to millions of people who watched the opening ceremony of this year's Olympics to see an actor's body dished up as if a meal.

The human served up on a domed silver platter was presented as if he were a piece of rancid and decaying meat to be devoured in a quasi-cannibalistic rite. The bloated, blue, corpse-like entity's writhing suggested a swinish sexuality as well as a decayed spiritual and emotional life—the exact opposite of the celebration of the human body. Certainly, the actor's puffy body was the antithesis of the Greek ideals that inspired the reintroduction of the games by visionary Frenchman Pierre de Coubertin.

The ceremony managed to achieve a twofer, mocking both the Greek ideal of the human form and the Christian belief in the beauty and sacredness of the human body, particularly the body of Christ as represented in the Last Supper.

The entire spectacle also was *meant* to be a profanation of the sacrament of the Eucharist, which for devout Christians is the real presence of the body and blood of Christ. It was *meant* to be an ugly and vicious parody of Leonardo da Vinci's sublime painting, "The Last Supper." It mocked the beauty of Christ's sacrifice, distorting the sublimity of his expression and even his identity as the Son of Man. A porcine persona of indeterminate sex was substituted for Christ's divine image.

There should be no surprise that the person of Christ was represented by a debauchée with a diadem, for the Marquis de Sade had a character describe Christ as follows: "He was a seditious influence, an agitator, a bearer of false witness, a scoundrel, a lecher, a showman who performed crude tricks, a wicked and dangerous man."

The creators of the spectacle served up to consumers of Olympic feats admittedly found their inspiration in the cult of Dionysus. Thus, the ceremony was meant to present Christ in a Dionysian/Sadean context. But the postmodern cuisine had a particularly French odor arising from the works of de Sade and his twentieth-century supporters Jacques Derrida and Michel Foucault, both of whom are admirers of de Sade's philosophy.

The depraved de Sade wrote, "Your body is the church where Nature asks to be revered." For him, nothing was off limits when it came time to worship the body. Whatever lust wished to feed on the body was permissible, indeed capable of raising one to transcendence. The beautiful bodies of Olympians would have been offered up to lust, personified by Dionysus. As John Attarian puts it, for the Sadean, beauty exists only for "incitement of lust and profanation."

Christian or not, nearly every viewer knew precisely what was being represented. No Christian or indeed any other thinking observer is deceived by the sorry non-apologies offering the opening line: "We're sorry if you

are offended." No Christian is fooled by Thomas Jolly's statement: "I did not intend to be subversive or to mock or shock." Not one believer accepts his lame claims to the "right" of "artistic" expression.

The profanation and degradation clearly bear the stamp of the Marquis de Sade, who obsessively hated anything Christian. As Attarian put it some ten years ago in his essay "Dostoevsky vs. the Marquis de Sade," a dynamic of evil is a characteristic of de Sade and those who follow his philosophy. He writes,

It is this dynamic of wickedness and Sade's value-inverting views of cruelty and murder indicate, nihilism is ultimately Satanic. Rabid denunciations of God and Christianity, obscene sacrileges, and Satanic practices including the Black Mass pervade Sade's novels. The central fact of the Sadean universe is not matter in motion but rebellious egoism's demonic impiety, seeking transcendence through evil.

The cult of Dionysus, which the creators of the opening ceremony used as their platform, was characterized by orgies and human and animal sacrifices. It was well known to Christ, who traveled with his disciples to Caesarea Philippi, where the rites of Pan were practiced by the mouth of a cave called "The Gates of Hell." There, babies were thrown into the waters and drowned in ritual sacrifice, and orgies were devoted to the god Pan. Christ stated that those "Gates of Hell" ultimately would not prevail against the Christian church.

While the gates will not prevail, it is noteworthy that Pope Francis, the head of the Catholic church, thus far has remained silent. However, Carlo Maria Viganò, the archbishop Francis recently excommunicated, has not.

In his short and fiery letter "Vade retro Satana," Viganò called on Catholics to vigorously protest the deliberate debasement of the Christian faith, most especially the profanation of the sacrament of Lord's Supper:

Tolerance cannot be the alibi for the systematic destruction of Christian society, a society by which billions of honest and hitherto silent people identify themselves. This prevarication must end! And it must end not so much and not only because it hurts the sensibilities of believers, but because it offends the Majesty of God. Satan does not have the rights of God, evil cannot be put on the same level as Good, nor can lies be equated with Truth. This is what our civilization is based on, a civilization that some would like to bury under the physical and moral rubble of a world in shambles.

Condemning the complicity of civil authorities in financing and supporting the attack on Christianity, Viganò called on Christians to act, saying that Christians should boycott the Olympic games and hold the

sponsors and the creators of the opening ceremony responsible. “We must expect and demand that those responsible for this intolerable bullying be held accountable for their actions, as well as for the corruption that also accompanies this event.” Viganò closed his remarks by suggesting that the set designer “who gave birth to this blasphemous and vulgar spectacle must repay the fee that *Macroniades* charged French taxpayers.”

The Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky, who read de Sade and rejected his philosophy, once wrote in his notebooks, “Beauty will save the world.”

Perhaps beauty alone is not salvific, but certainly beauty of the human form and spirit can help us focus on that which leads humanity higher.

In the meantime, those who reduce beauty to ashes must not expect that new life for the Olympics, France, and the world will arise phoenix-like from the destruction of either the Greek or the Christian worldview. In such a world, there will be no winners.

—*American Thinker*, August 2, 2024

## From the River to the Sea

by Fay Voshell

Columbia University activist Mahmoud Khalil is calling for more pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel protests this fall. Perhaps he has been buoyed by the success he enjoyed as lead negotiator for campus protesters last April. Maybe he has been further encouraged by the administration’s apparent revocation of his suspension.

In any case, Khalil vows to continue agitation against Israel.

The *Times of Israel* reports that he has stated, “As long as Columbia continues to invest and to benefit from Israeli apartheid, the students will continue to resist. Not only protests and encampments, *the limit is the sky.*” (Italics mine.)

Recently, Hamas leader Khaled Mashal also made it clear that there are to be no limits. He has issued calls to renew “martyrdom” operations, a phrase that indicates that suicide bombings and surprise attacks on civilians such as the one that happened on October 7, 2023 are to continue. No tactic is off limits, as Hamas’s recent execution of six innocent hostages proves.

Doubtless neither Mr. Khalil nor Columbia University’s anti-Israel protesters would dare to display a flag with a swastika on it. Nor would they carry a banner with the word “Judenrein,” a term meaning a given territory is to be “clean of Jews.”

But there is no hesitancy on their part to employ terms and phrases that are the equivalent. The board of Meta has debated the legitimacy of allowing the phrase “from the river to the sea” on the social media platform. There has been a lot of hemming and hawing, with some saying the phrase can be used many ways. But when said by Hamas and other terrorist groups, it unequivocally has but one meaning: the elimination of the state of Israel and the Jews who live there.

In other words, there is a reason Hamas and like-minded groups, including anti-Israel protesters, display maps of the Middle East that eliminate Israel entirely—“from the river to the sea.”

As a number of historians have pointed out, the Third Reich had plans for the extermination of the Jews in Palestine, a plan taken over by Islamists.

The anti-Jew hatred that characterized Nazi ideology remained influential and have been appropriated by Islamist terrorist groups since the 1930s. German and American universities have been targeted by and influenced by that ideology for decades. As Jeffrey Herf point out in his meticulously researched article “Nazi Antisemitism and Islamist Hate” in *Tablet Magazine*,

Nazism, which ended as a major political factor in Europe with defeat in 1945, had enjoyed a robust afterlife in the Muslim Brotherhood and its offshoots, such as Hamas and al-Qaida...their campaigns have had a continuing impact in Western universities, where they serve as the ideological foundation of academic anti-Zionism and the resulting BDS campaigns of recent decades, which have aligned the Western left with the afterlife of Hitler’s Nazi Party and its larger designs for the Middle East.

Herf adds that Hitler always intended the Final Solution “to be a global policy, implemented wherever his armies met with success and working through local allies like [Grand Mufti] Husseini, with whom the Nazi leadership had cultivated intimate political relations based on a shared passion for Jew-hatred.”

Administrators at America’s top universities may want to consider the Nazi origins of Hamas’s ideology. Critical proof of the absorption of Nazi ideology by Hamas is the Hamas Covenant of 1988, which calls for

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the total rejection of the Jewish state and a religious war to destroy that state completely.

There is a reason academia has been and is being targeted by agitators influenced by Nazi ideology centered on Jew-hatred. Academia is the seedbed of ideas that filter down to other institutions, including government. In fact, it was academia's support for Nazism that helped Hitler to effectuate his anti-Semitic agenda.

The capture of nearly all of Germany's institutions began with the capture of academia, according to Paul Johnson. As he noted in *A History of the Jews*, "the Nazis effectively controlled the campuses two or three years before they took over the country."

Johnson added, "It was not that the professors were pro-Nazi. But they were anti-Weimar and anti-democratic and, above all, they were cowardly in standing up to student acts which they knew to be wrong—an adumbration of the more general cowardice of the nation later."

As pointed out in "University Student Groups in Nazi Germany," Jewish and other "undesirable" faculty were dismissed as "political opponents" of the regime, partly because of the effectiveness of student radicals:

The passage of the "Law for the Restoration of the Professional Civil Service" on April 7, 1933, propelled the Student League to the forefront of university politics. ...The law...authorized the release of Jewish and "politically undesirable" faculty members from service.

The National Socialist German Student League directly targeted Jewish students and the remaining Jewish faculty members, interrupting lectures and physically attacking Jewish students. Anti-Jew protesters targeted Germany's Frankfurt University, which was a leading academic institution of the West, much as today's protesters are targeting Ivy League universities and other top-tier institutions of learning such as Columbia.

It is useful to consider the testimony of Peter Drucker, an economist who was a lecturer at Frankfurt University during the 1930s. It was a Nazi-led faculty "restructuring" meeting that persuaded Drucker to leave. Columbia and other universities might want to take notes from his experience:

Frankfurt was the first university the Nazis tackled, precisely because it was the most self-confidently liberal of major German universities, with a faculty that prided itself on its allegiance to scholarship, freedom of conscience, and democracy. The Nazis knew that control of Frankfurt University would mean control of German academia. And so did everyone at the university.

Drucker continued:

The new Nazi commissar wasted no time on the amenities. He immediately announced that Jews

would be forbidden to enter university premises and would be dismissed without salary on March 15; this was something that no one had thought possible despite the Nazis' loud antisemitism. Then he launched into a tirade of abuse, filth, and four-letter words such as had been heard rarely even in the barracks and never before in academia. ... [He] pointed his finger at one department chairman after another and said, "You either do what I tell you or we'll put you into a concentration camp."

The results of "restructuring" were soon evident. It was not long before Jewish professors and students were no longer teaching or learning in German academia.

As CBN Israel notes, what was happening at Frankfurt University was reflected in American campuses during the 1930s and is being reflected in today's protests at places such as Princeton, Harvard, and Columbia:

Examples of pre-World War II anti-Semitism on elite campuses such as Columbia and Harvard are easy to find. Administrators welcomed Nazi leaders to campus, enrolled Nazi-trained German exchange students, and promoted the idea of American students studying in Germany under Nazi oversight. Some returned to the United States mesmerized into supporting Hitler's "New Germany."

The protesters who are calling themselves pro-Palestinian are modern examples of students who favor terrorist organizations committed to the eradication of Israel and Jewry worldwide.

As Johnson wrote, there is justifiable reason for the existence of the state of Israel:

The Jews had grasped that the civilized world, however defined, could not be trusted. The overwhelming lesson the Jews learned from the Holocaust was the imperative need to secure for themselves a permanent, self-contained and above all sovereign refuge where if necessary the whole of world Jewry could find safety from its enemies. ... Jews [knew] that such a state had to be created and made secure whatever the cost, to themselves or to anyone else.

Jews in America may not think Nazism restructured as Islamism would establish itself in America in any significant way. But it has. And if not stopped, it will be as dangerous to Jews as were the events that happened during the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich.

The radicalization of America's universities must not continue. Terrorist organizations must not have a cadre of young radical sympathizers who tacitly or directly support genocide and the eradications of nations.

Terrorist groups and sympathizers committed to genocide and terrorist tactics, be it directly or indirectly, must be banned from American's campuses.

"Never again."

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