

SECULAR HUMANISM: A Religion and a Destructive Way of Life

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5/7/14 - Cheyenne, WY - It should come as no surprise to many that Secular Humanism has been out and about in the United States for many years. Yet, I'd be willing to bet that the vast majority of Christians, whose religion is under attack by that movement, and who have the primary responsibility for countering its attempts to take over and destroy this Christian nation, do not know that it even exists, much less what its major tenets are and which organizations and individuals are pushing it.

Don't believe me? Well let me ask you this: Have you read the *Humanist Manifesto I*? Why Not? First published in 1933, it is one of the official Humanist "Bibles," so to speak.

Have you read the *Humanist Manifesto II*? No? Another of the Humanist "Bibles," it was published in 1973, and is available at your public library.

What about the latest: the *Humanist Manifesto 2000: A Call for a New Planetary Humanism*? That went into print in the fall of 1999. Haven't read that either, huh? See? No wonder we're losing the war for our culture.

So, maybe you *haven't* read these publications. But, surely you're aware of those who were, during their lives, leading authorities of Secular Humanism, or Humanism, as they are now referring to themselves? John Dewey (1859-1952); Isaac Asimov (1920-1992); Paul Kurtz (1925-2012); Corliss Lamont (1902-1995); Bertrand Russell (1872-1970); Julian Huxley (1882-1975); Margaret Sanger (1879-1966); Carl Rogers (1902-1987); Mary Calderone (1904-1998); Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956); Abraham Maslow (1908-1970); Erich Fromm (1900-1980); Rollo May (1909-1994); and Betty Friedan (1921-2006).

Richard Dawkins (1941 -) is a prominent author. Ted Turner (1938 -) is a well-known, wealthy media owner. Eugenia Scott (1945 -) is an anthropologist and a chief challenger of Creationism. These have joined many others in spewing the poison of Secular Humanism throughout the United States.

If you don't know the players, surely you know the organizations which sponsor, promote, and sustain Secular Humanism. No? Well, here's a partial list: the American Humanist Association; the American Ethical Society; the American Ethical Union; Fellowship of Religious Humanists; Society for Humanistic Judaism; Humanist Society of Friends; the Center for Inquiry Institute; the American Civil Liberties Union; the National Academy of Sciences; the National Center for Science Education; National Association of Biology Teachers; National Organization for Women; Planned Parenthood; Sex Information Education Counsel of the United States (SIECUS); Ford Foundation; Rockefeller Foundation; Turner Foundation; Carnegie Foundation; Samuel Rubin Foundation; W. Alton Jones Foundation; Ploughshares Foundation; Merck Foundation; Playboy Foundation; Hewlett Foundation; John and Catherine McArthur Foundation; the League for Industrial Democracy; the United Nations; UNESCO; the World Federalist Association; the Fabian Society of Great Britain; the Frankfurt School; the Democratic Socialists of America; the left-wing of the Democrat Party; Harvard University; Yale University; University of Minnesota; University of California (Berkeley); and thousands of other secularized American colleges and universities.

If you think these individuals and groups read like a Who's Who in the United States, you'd be right. Although some of the individuals named above are deceased, they were in the forefront of almost every area of our society; political, economic, educational, and even religious, and their pernicious influence is still felt.

In fact, many were leaders in those areas. But, leading us to what? A society in which God and morality are excluded.

In sex education, Mary Calderone [SIECUS) was, prior to her death, a leading humanist and radical sex-education advocate. She traveled more than 100,000 miles annually preaching the humanist gospel of permissive sex. Why? What was she attempting to accomplish? For years, we could not grasp why educated persons would do this with missionary zeal; teaching permissive sex to anyone who would listen. It did not seem to make sense. But, Dr. James M. Parsons, a Florida psychiatrist who has studied this problem and has written *The Assault on the Family*, a major treatise on the subject, described the reason: "They are trying to create such an obsession with sex among our young people that they have no time for or interest in religious and spiritual pursuits."

It takes years to undermine a system of values ingrained in a society. Yet, secular humanists have devoted themselves to the task. Have misguided sex-education advocates such as Calderone and her ilk succeeded? You be the judge. But, before you say anything, spend a week watching TV, taking in a few movies, and talking to local teenagers. Just one more thing: SIECUS has so heavily influenced public education that it has, for many years, injected its permissive sex philosophy into the textbooks of your children's schools, without you, your local Boards of Education, or your Administrators and teachers raising any objections.

What about the area of Religion? Let's look at just one of the Christian religions: Unitarianism. This group had originally been part of the Congregational Church, but in 1825 it formally broke from that church and formed its own denomination. Since then, Unitarianism has become largely humanistic; it accepts four of the major doctrines of humanism: evolution, amorality, autonomy, and socialist one-world government. In fact, Unitarians serve today as leaders in the humanist movement. And twenty-five percent of the signers of the *Humanist Manifesto I* were Unitarians. Why? They accepted the belief that "Unitarianism had naturally laid the basis for Humanism..." and that "Humanism is a way of life, just like any other religion."

In Education, the Secular Humanist's goal is to drop any mention of God from the public forum. It's the contention of Alan Sears, of the Alliance Defending Freedom, that "many Christian colleges and universities across the country, which seek to remain true to their religious beliefs, are under severe legal assault." This, at a time when many believe that Christian education is necessary in order to train and equip young people who will be called upon to provide leadership to restore a culture struggling to resist a steadily worsening moral vacuum.

"But, surely," you say, "all the people listed above are not bad. And all those organizations? They're not all evil. They have done and still are doing lots of good things in this country. Right?"

My answer to that? It depends. If, as Tim LaHaye and David Noebel wrote in their best-selling book, *Mind Siege: The Battle for Truth in the New Millennium*; Word Publishing Nashville, TN 2000, you understand that "Humanism is the world's oldest religion. It rests its case on the side of the serpent in the Garden of Eden who said to Eve, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it [the fruit of the tree in the center of the Garden], your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil,' (Genesis 3:4-5)," then you will surely have pause to think.

All Secular Humanists believe they are "like God" in the sense that they believe their knowledge is far superior to the God of the Christian Bible. And to Christians. Actually, most of them have convinced themselves that Christians are rather dumb and that Christianity is simply a group of stitched together superstitions.

Humanists *do* tend to use concepts of good and evil to promote their dogmas. The problem? Their understanding of good and evil is not God's version, but the Devil's. Have you noticed? What God and many solid Christians call "good," Secularists call "evil." And what Secularists call "evil" God and many solid Christians know to be "good." In fact, from the Secular Humanist point of view, the very belief in the existence of God is not good.

But according to Tim LaHaye, "the Secular Humanists belief that man can save himself is considered good by them. Believing that the God of the universe would love the human race and provide for human salvation through Jesus Christ is considered evil." Joy Overbeck, writing in *The Washington Times*, puts it this way in her article published on April 18, 2014 entitled *Easter's Message to the secularist*; "We can probably agree that the creator of the universe is no fool. Why would God put his only child through a horribly cruel death if indeed there were any other way to bring humanity back to reunion with him?" She goes on; "Obviously, there must be no other way than to accept that: 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' (John 3:16) Still, many who say they believe in the Christian God find Jesus to be a deal-breaker."

I have, myself, heard at least one young Secular Humanist voice his objection to this Biblical statement by Jesus. Why? Overbeck again: "Certainly most of us would rather think we're not so bad that God's Son had to die in agony to save us. For today's [so-called enlightened] secularists who believe that man is basically good, and utopian perfection is just a few more government edicts away, the idea of a redeemer is not only unnecessary but highly insulting. Yet, simply consulting the headlines from around the world should [be enough to] dispel the notion that humanity has no need of God's rescuing love." Of course, sadly, Overbeck's article is based on a premise that the Bible is authoritative. But, for the Secular Humanist, it has no authority at all.

"It took little more than a generation," Tim LaHaye said, "to reduce our nation to moral anarchy and degeneracy, to the point where we are now the laughingstock of nations and the drug consumption capital of the world. [The United States of] America is now #1 in all the wrong moral categories: teenage pregnancies, divorce, [and] violent crimes."

Can anything be done to correct this situation? Can Secular Humanism be vanquished from "the field of battle" i.e., our culture? Yes. I think so. "If Christians and other pro-moralists work together," said LaHaye, "we can return this nation to moral sanity in but a few years. If we do not, the soul destruction of 55 million [of our] young people will proceed."

As a first step in joining the battle? It cannot hurt to read Tim LaHaye's book, quoted above. Then, recognize that Secular Humanism IS a religion and, as such, if other religions cannot be taught in our public schools, Secular Humanism should be eliminated as well.

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