
Investigative Report

Prince Philip to set new 'Satanist Covenant' in Assisi

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From Sept. 22 to 29, the Italian town of Assisi will be the site of eight days of "pilgrimages" from all over the world. Conferences, "religious retreats," and exhibitions of "folk cultures" will be presided over by His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, husband to Queen Elizabeth II. Here, he will be acting in his capacity as President of the World Wildlife Fund International (WWF).

Nominally called to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the WWF, "Assisi Week" will initiate a "Religious Network for Conservation," or, in the words of one organizer, a "new alliance of the major world faiths and the conservation movement, of a kind that does not exist at the moment." Thereby, Prince Philip will inaugurate a project to return Western culture to pagan bestiality, based on merging environmentalism with pseudo-religious cultism. In short, Assisi Week will witness a new "Satanist Covenant."

According to a source close to Prince Philip, the aim is to overturn the "industrialization matrix" of scientific and technological progress that has evolved since the 15th-century Golden Renaissance and the 18th-century American Revolution. The notion of progress and dominion over nature embodied in leading currents of the major world religions, especially the Augustinian current in Judeo-Christian civilization, is to be destroyed. An inclusive aim is to mobilize Gnostic forces against the Papacy of John Paul II.

Said an aide to the Duke, "The whole idea for these Assisi events came from Prince Philip personally, once he realized that there existed other ways of viewing the relationship between man and nature, than just the Western way. He wants the Assisi event to be the *next* major event, defining the *next* 25 years of the World Wildlife Fund, during which the WWF will interact with these non-Western, alternative ways of looking at nature. . . . His interest is to draw in religious leaders of symbolic importance. The word from Prince Philip is that, after this week, world religions can never remain the same! He thinks this week in Assisi will be *very* historical. And it is *he* who is making it possible, without *him*, this would never happen. . . . This Assisi event is already bringing into being a new way of looking at the world. It is intended to have long-term effects, and this Assisi week is the spectacular launch."

So carried away did the aide become, that he referred

the Duke of Edinburgh as "Saint Philip."

Of late, British parliamentarians and others have been none too pleased with the Queen, her Prince, and the House of Windsor, over various matters of East-West relations. Remembering British history, they have observed that by the 1701 Act of Settlement through which the House of Hanover (now Windsor-Mountbatten in England) took the throne in the United Kingdom, the Hanoverian sovereigns committed themselves to uphold the religious principles contained in the Church of England's Book of Common Prayer. Therefore, Prince Philip's present activities of undermining the trinitarian, Augustinian principles of Christianity, in favor of Gnostic "back-to-nature" cults, is grounds enough for a constitutional crisis. Motivation is available in the special relationship the House of Windsor has assumed toward Moscow.

The WWF "happening" in Assisi is itself being composed with full collaboration of the leading agencies of the U.S.S.R. Sources close to Buckingham Palace say that the Soviet State Publishing House, various Soviet scientific institutions, and individual cosmonauts, are involved with the WWF-Assisi effort. And, a close collaborative relationship has been established with the Russian Orthodox Church—closer to Philip's version of "Christianity."

The WWF also reports good working ties with the present religious leader of the Church of England, Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie—the vice-president of the Great Britain-U.S.S.R. Association and a passionate backer of a deal with the East—and with the head of the British Catholic Church, the Benedictine-trained Cardinal George Basil Hume. Networks of collaboration have also been established with various non-Russian branches of the Eastern Orthodoxy.

The entire configuration puts on display the role of the House of Windsor as an instrumental asset of the East-West joint stock agency known as "the Trust." Composed of oligarchical interests on both sides of the East-West divide, the Trust was the sponsoring agency behind the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, and, more profoundly, behind the "Age of Aquarius"/"New Age" Gnostic cults that have proliferated in this century, achieving state power with the Nazis in the 1930s, and since sprouting under the cover of the rock-drug "counterculture" of the past 20 years.

The roots of the Trust are to be found in the historical policies of the leading families of Venice, both in these families' cultivation of Russian imperialism, beginning in the 16th century, as a weapon against the West, and in these families' subversion, within the West itself, of the culture derived from the 15th-century Golden Renaissance.

Even the empirical evidence is that it is this Venice-centered East-West configuration that is guiding the new phase of the pagan and environmentalist movements centered in Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund "Religious Network for Conservation."

The Varna conference

Preceding the Sept. 22-29 Assisi Week, was a most interesting conference in the Bulgarian port city of Varna, from Aug. 25-27, on the theme, "Ecology and Peace," which brought together top figures of the East bloc's intelligence services, with individuals representing the chief neo-Malthusian, world-federalist agencies of the West, including the Club of Rome represented by the Hungarian-born Ervin Laszlo, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), UNESCO, the Geneva, Switzerland-based International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and others. In and around the conference itself, 12 days of meetings on "ecology and peace," dating from approximately Aug. 20 through Aug. 31, took place in a city which is notorious as an East bloc planning center for terrorism and destabilization operations.

The Soviet Union's delegation is to be headed by Ivan Frolov, editor of *Kommunist* magazine. Frolov is the most avid propagandist within the Soviet media for the *Western* environmentalist or "Green" movements, writing praise-filled articles about the West German Green Party. He has met at least twice during the past year with Green parliamentarians, once in Moscow in December 1985, and once in Bonn, West Germany, in May 1986. Frolov is one who has taken the point in the Soviet policy of promoting "New Age" ecologist cults in the West.

There is close overlap between Prince Philip's Assisi Week and the Varna meetings. One participant in Varna was David Pete, representing Geneva's IUCN. The latter is housed in the same office-building complex in Geneva as the WWF, and is referred to, in official WWF literature, as the "scientific sister organization" to the WWF. The IUCN was created in 1947-48, by Sir Julian Huxley, as a sub-project of UNESCO, which Huxley had also largely created. It was the IUCN that spawned the WWF, in 1961.

In between the Varna discussions and Assisi Week, Venice will be the site of an eight-day series of meetings, conferences, and artistic exhibitions, sponsored by the president of the region of Veneto, on the theme, "The European Identity." This will take place from Sept. 14-21—immediately preceding Prince Philip's Gnostic extravaganza. According to a spokesman, participants will seek to discover "the common roots of Europe, East and West," from a cultural and "folk-

loristic" perspective. The coordinating role is being played by the Cini Foundation of San Giorgio Maggiore Island, a center for cultural warfare against the Golden Renaissance tradition: Six days of seminars and discussions, which will include significant participation by the U.S.S.R. and East bloc countries, will be held in the Cini Foundation's seminar rooms. Cini's director, Dr. Branca, has provided input in shaping the week's plans.

Against the 'industrialization matrix'

One day after the Venetian events conclude, Prince Philip's "Assisi Week" begins.

Aside from the "pilgrimages" from different parts of the world—in some cases months in duration, from as far away as Norway—the highlight of the events is scheduled to be a two-day conference, from Sept. 26-27, on the theme, "Conservation: The Need and the Message," with day-one devoted to "Why People Need Conservation," and day-two devoted

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to "How to Spread the Message." Following this, on Sept. 29, Prince Philip will give a special address, and preparations are ongoing to beam it by satellite around the world.

What Assisi Week will place under attack is the key notion embedded in the major world faiths, of man made in the image of God, with the divine spark of creativity enabling man to achieve higher levels of perfection and atonement with God's law. Particularly under assault will be the *Book of Genesis* injunctions that hold man to have "dominion over nature," and to "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it."

It is said in Buckingham Palace that Prince Philip's inspiration for the Assisi events was the book *Worlds of Difference*, authored by the WWF's Assisi Events Office in Britain and the Geneva-based World Council of Churches Project on Intercultural Education. The book details "creation stories" and views of the relationship of man to nature espoused by Australian aborigines, Chinese Taoist yin-yangites, Buddh-

ists, Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Amazon Indians, etc. One aide to Prince Philip said, "He was very excited that there existed other ways of viewing the world, than just the Western way."

A favorable review of the book in the Aug. 16 London *Guardian* stated: "The conservationist implications appear much more obvious everywhere else than among the destructive Judeo-Christian-Muslims, and the book is honest enough to include that most anti-conservationist divine injunction: 'Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and over all living creatures on the earth.' Aborigines, by happy contrast, 'see themselves as being linked to the land through the stories and places of Dreamtime. They do not feel that they own the land, but that the land owns them.' For the Chinese—Confucians and Taoists as well as Buddhists—'even the hills and valleys are seen as living, and having yin and yang within them'. . . . Christians, as indicated, come off badly."

The assault on the leading world faiths will take place as an "inside-outside job."

On the first level, purported representatives of the major faiths, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism, will opine that each of these religions has a "conservationist" view opposed to the *Book of Genesis*. Each will call for his co-religionists around the world adhere to this "con-

servationist" concoction.

Christianity will be represented by Father Lanfranco Serini, minister general of the Franciscan Order, Frati Minori Conventuali, since 1983. For 11 years prior to that, he was general secretary of the Order.

An official WWF conference brochure claims that St. Francis "preached about the need to live in harmony with nature," the need to "achieve a spiritual, ethical and practical balance with one's surroundings and in particular God's creatures."

Judaism will be represented by U.S.-based Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, of the Soviet-linked World Jewish Congress headed by Edgar Bronfman. He, said an Assisi Events organizer, "will write a theological tract on Judaism's view toward conservation. After his piece is presented, he will go to the Jewish organizations, and say, 'This is what the Jewish position on nature is.'"

The official WWF conference brochure emphasizes: "Judaism has a natural festival to plant trees, an example of the Jewish belief in caring for the world of future generations."

Buddhists, too, might object to their religion being represented by the virulently pagan Tibetan strain, in the person of the Venerable Lungrig Namgyal, a graduate of the Ganden monastery of Tibet, and presently the abbot of Gyunto Tan-

What is Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund?

The World Wildlife Fund International was created in 1961, at the personal instigation of Holland's Prince Bernhard and the British Royal Family. It evolved out of such one-world-federalist organizations as UNESCO and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), both founded after World War II by Sir Julian Huxley and his circle. Both the WWF and its "scientific sister organization," the IUCN, are reachable through the World Conservation Center in Geneva.

From the beginning, the WWF was conceived as a surrogate colonial administrator, to re-construct, under a "protection of wildlife" cover, a feudal order in which powerful oligarchs control vast arrays of land, and deny countries of the developing sector large-scale development projects. Since 1961, the WWF has brought onto its international and national committees some of the leading crowned heads of Europe, chief representatives of the European "black nobility," and representatives of multinational corporations, including, Revlon, Time, Field Enterprises, Philip Morris, and Citibank.

WWF ideology accordingly proposes that man is

properly subordinate to the "forces of nature," to animals and plants. This bestialist (Satanic) worldview, via the Sept. 22-29 "Assisi Week," is now being injected into religion, contrary to religion's belief that man is made in the image of God. Remove that belief in religion, and replace it with bestialist subordination of man to trees, symbols, plants, and totems, and there is no barrier to genocide.

Internationally, Prince Philip is the president of the World Wildlife Fund. One of his vice-presidents is Dr. Luc Hoffmann, the heir to the fortune of Switzerland's Hoffmann-Laroche pharmaceutical giant. Another is the Sadruddin Aga Khan, former United Nations high commissioner for refugees and a leading "consultant" to UNESCO. One of the richest men in the world, the Sadruddin is a patron of the international environmentalist movement. Aga Khan has patronized international conferences on "nuclear non-proliferation" and on "appropriate technology" for Africa, the latter in collaboration with the Club of Rome International, whose Africa Project he funds, along with the reputed Japanese organized-crime figure, Ryiochi Sasakawa.

Leading figures collaborating in Aga Khan's Africa Project, include former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Notre Dame University's Father Theodore Hesburgh, and Club of Rome co-founder Alexander King.

tric College in India.

The conference brochure says: "In Buddhism, people learn that Buddha found enlightenment while sitting under the Bohdi tree. In early Buddhist art this tree often symbolized Buddha himself."

Islam will be represented by one of the chief ideologues of the most virulent Sufist strain of the Muslim Brotherhood International, Abdullah Omar Naseef, of Leeds University, United Kingdom, and King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He has been the secretary of the Muslim World League since 1983, and was intimately associated with creating the World of Islam Festival Trust, a propaganda extravaganza for the Muslim Brotherhood. He is founder-chairman of Jeddah's Institute of Muslim Minorities, which sponsors Sufist-Islamic insurgencies in various nations, notably the Andalusian region of Spain.

"Muslims use the tree of life as a symbol of creation. . . . Islamic teaching outlaws waste and forbids hunting for pleasure," says the brochure.

Hindusim will be represented by Dr. Karan Singh, president of the Virat Hindu Samaja, a Hindu ecumenical organization, who is also chairman of the Indian Board of Wildlife. "Hinduism centres around reincarnation and an enormous respect for all living things," reads the WWF brochure.

Cults = religions

The real point, however, is that various animistic and primitive cults will be granted equal status.

Said an aide to Prince Philip: "We want to create an alliance between the major world faiths and the conservation movement, an alliance which does not exist at the moment. But the challenge is not only to the great faiths. We have also invited leaders from the aboriginal faiths, from among the South American and Canadian Indians, from different groups among what I call the nature faiths. What we seek to bring about is a new network of religions involved in the conservation movement."

These "nature faiths," he stressed, would encourage "other, alternative ways of perceiving nature, where we, the human race, are not the kingpins who can destroy as much as we wish. What we do, is to look more at the Chinese attitude toward the land. At the original attitude toward the totem."

In the brochure, one reads: "In Amazonia, the Sanema people of the Yanomamo tribes relate the creation story through animals of the rainforest such as the jaguar and frog. Ancestors are still believed to inhabit the forest as important forces, and it must be treated with care, respect and caution. Every time a boy is born, they say, a harpy eagle hatches: they may never meet but they are part of one another and share sickness, health, and fate."

Prince Philip's aide expanded on the ultimate aim of all this:

"The problem up to now, in the conservation movement, has been that the WWF and its scientific sister organization,

the IUCN, have based their arguments on utilitarian materialism, arguments that, ultimately, are almost the same as those of the materialist West, ironically. They approach conservation arguments through secular structures. They argue that rain forests shouldn't be cut down, because of what that would do to the interests of man. This is all based on pragmatism. Now, we want to change things, and do this through the major faiths—to nurture the idea that the forest shouldn't be cut down because it has the same right to exist as man! The argument for not cutting down rain forests, must not always be anthropocentric and materialistic.

"The idea is to get away from the linear view of time, to a cyclical view of time. We want to draw on several traditions, the Hindu, the Buddhist, the Sikh, and the Jain. We also want to draw in things from the aboriginals, the notion that life is cyclical, not linear, that humanity is *not* the end purpose of creation."

That sums it up.

He proceeded to identify the WWF's enemy: "the ideas of the last 200 years," which is to say, of the American Revolution. "The real problem is the industrialization matrix of philosophy and thought."

He identified four historical trends as causally decisive in creating this "industrialization matrix": 1) Strains of early Reformation Protestantism linked with efforts in Germany to create a sovereign nation-state; 2) The evolution of Catholic humanism, in the form brought to its highest perfection in the Renaissance by Leonardo da Vinci and Erasmus; 3) The rediscovery of Greek thought, particularly Platonic, that came after the fall of Constantinople in 1453, and that was then infused into the West; 4) The early development of the American colonies and the creation of the United States of America, as expressing, at its best, the confluence of the first three.

Leonardo and Erasmus drew his special ire: "The pervasiveness of the attitude I am indicating, is seen in those elements of the Renaissance that attempted to bring about the elevation of man. The view, in these elements, is that man is the paradigm of the universe. This is most clearly seen in the drawings of Leonardo da Vinci, that is what he is trying to depict."

The assault on John Paul II

If destroying the idea of man and God and progress is the longer-range strategic aim, the shorter-term aim is a declaration of war on the papacy of John Paul II.

World Wildlife Fund organizers, and Franciscans supporting them, are incensed that John Paul II is having his own Assisi conference, a one-day event, in late October, on the subject of "Peace." The Pope, too, is inviting an ecumenical array of spokesmen from leading world faiths, but with a conception much like that expressed by the 15th century's Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa, in his *De Pace Fidei*, to strengthen in all religions the conception of progress, and the divine spark in man, and to thereby identify a common basis for

achieving peace.

The Pope's choice of Assisi threatens to co-opt, or re-focus, the image of St. Francis, projecting him as a positive historical figure committed to the betterment of man, more or less as Dante Alighieri did when he placed St. Francis in Paradise.

So angered are the Assisi Franciscans by all this, that "the idea of inviting the Pope [to Assisi in September], as a leading symbolic figure, was suggested to them, and they rejected it, flat-out," a WWF source noted.

This source stated: "There's quite a showdown on its way between the Pope and the Franciscans, who are irate at what he's doing. What the Pope is trying to do, to put it very crudely, is to *usurp* the figure of St. Francis, so that the Pope can now do with the Franciscans, as he had previously done with the Jesuits, to bring the Franciscan Order back to discipline, and to crack down on liberation theology. The Pope is trying to take the figure of St. Francis, and wield that figure *against* liberation theology!"

"Also, there is a growing feeling that the Pope is trying to bring about a *fait accompli* in Assisi, that it's all *his* show, he's the master of ceremonies, he's dominating everything."

As counter-moves, the WWF-Buckingham Palace mafia

has, first, arranged for Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress to pull out of the Pope's event, and to attempt to coerce Jewish organizations around the world to turn down invitations. Second, the WWF-allied World Council of Churches, via its Unit Three, or Faith and Order Commission, is making its participation conditional on the Papal event being "more inclusive."

One assumes that His Holiness' response to both threats might be, "Good riddance."

A perhaps-more-serious problem, is that treasonous agencies within the Vatican itself are collaborating with the WWF, helping with Prince Philip's Assisi Week, and moving toward agreement on some joint statement of principle from the two Assisi events. Said an aide to Prince Philip, "Privately, we have set up good working relations with the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Casaroli. We also have good ties with Cardinal Etchegerry's Justice and Peace group." There are also reportedly good contacts with elements in the Secretariat for Christian Unity, headed by Cardinal Willebrands.

These complicit networks within the Vatican support, more generally, the aim of a global ecumenical accord with the East.

A busy time for Philip's Satanists

Prince Philip's "Assisi Week" in early autumn occurs in the midst of an extraordinary mobilization of Malthusian organizations and individuals, East and West. A partial calendar of main events includes:

Aug. 20-31, Varna and Sofia, Bulgaria: Several days of events, sponsored by the Bulgarian National Committee for the Protection of Nature, with the overall theme "Ecology and Peace." Included is an Aug. 25-28 conference to be addressed by Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov. Between 60 and 100 "scientists," from over 25 nations, are reported to be participating, from UNESCO, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the Club of Rome, and others. Various East bloc National Committees for the Environment are participating. The Soviet Union's foremost neo-Malthusian, Ivan Frolov of *Kommunist* magazine, will lead the Russian delegation. The Aug. 25 opening panel is entitled, "The Ecological Imperatives of Peace."

Sept. 1-6, Budapest, Hungary: The Pugwash Group is having the first of its late summer/early autumn events. Reported themes include "arms control," and a discussion on the meetings beginning in Geneva Sept. 8, where the

100-plus signatories of the 1972 international protocols on Biological and Chemical Warfare will be meeting to review the 1972 protocols. A member of the Council of Pugwash, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences head Balewski, is the Bulgaria official who launched the Varna "Ecology and Peace" project.

Sept. 14-21, Venice, Italy: An eight-day series of conferences, exhibitions, discussions, centered at the Cini Foundation on Venice's San Giorgio Maggiore Island, to discuss "The European Identity," the "common roots" of Europe, East and West. A significant Soviet delegation, including the president of Comecon, is expected. Key work for the events is being done by the Italy-U.S.S.R. Association. The sponsor is the presidency of the region of Veneto.

Sept. 22-29, Assisi, Italy: The World Wildlife Fund and Prince Philip set their Satanist Covenant.

Oct. 2-6, Geneva, Switzerland: Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan's "Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues" will meet to discuss "arms control" and related issues. Attending will be Britain's David Owen, America's Robert McNamara, South Africa's Bishop Desmond Tutu, Senegal's Leopold Senghor, Mexico's Luis Echeverria, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, and others. Aga Khan is a WWF vice-president. An aide to the Aga Khan describes the "Independent Commission" as "like the Palme or Brandt Commissions."