

ADL joins Cathedral of St. John to promote 'New Age' paganism

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The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), as EIR's readers are well aware, is far from the charitable watchdog organization against anti-Semitism that its fundraising literature claims it to be. We have documented its status as a front group for Dope, Inc., and its murderous activities, in connivance with the FBI and CIA, against political enemies of the Eastern Establishment. We here begin a series that will show the ADL's role in promoting the satanic ideology of the "New Age," against the Judeo-Christian tradition.

In June 1974, the Anti-Defamation League and the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City co-sponsored a conference entitled "Auschwitz: beginning of a new era?" Speakers claimed that the Christian religion itself was the ultimate cause of the genocide against 6 million Jews.

A typical speaker was Rosemary Radford Reuther, a schismatic Catholic theologian who espouses Wicca, an organization of self-defined witches. Nazism, Reuther claimed, can be traced back to the Apostles, because, she asserted, "at its root, anti-Semitism in Christian civilization springs directly from Christian theological anti-Judaism. Anti-Judaism developed theologically as the left hand of Christology. That is to say that anti-Judaism was the negative side of the Christian claim that Jesus was Christ."

In her writings, such as *New Woman/New Earth*, and *From Machismo to Mutuality*, Reuther also makes clear that she is a proponent of the "New Age."

The beliefs proclaimed at the conference are fundamentally satanic. This should not be too surprising, since the Episcopal cathedral and the ADL have been at the forefront of efforts to impose a satanic "New Age" on America.

Consider the following:

- The cathedral houses the Gaia Institute, named after the pagan Earth Mother goddess. In his recent remarks before a conference on ecology in Washington, Prince Philip, the consort of the head of the Anglican church, denounced the Judeo-Christian tradition for "drawing people away from what they have seen as the pagan worship of natural phenomena." He called for the "ecological pragmatism" of the "so-called pagan religions" to replace that tradition.

- The cathedral houses the Lucis Trust, previously more

honestly named the Lucifer Trust, which seeks to unify all religions under pagan belief.

- The cathedral advocates the hiring of practicing lesbians and homosexuals as religious leaders. It has renounced the Bible's injunction against sodomy as outdated.

- The ADL, which was formed by the attorney of cathedral head Bishop Paul Moore, has attempted to eradicate the teaching of natural law and the Judeo-Christian tradition from American society, through a perverse use of the notion of the separation of church and state. It is noteworthy that the ADL is financially dependent on organized crime figures, such as Moe Dalitz and the Bronfmans, as well as overtly satanic Hollywood film producers who have been central in spreading the "New Age."

The eradication of Christian belief from this planet, which the ADL/Cathedral conference demanded in the guise of mourning the holocaust, is nothing new. It was the program of Adolph Hitler, and his spiritual mentor, Friedrich Nietzsche, as their demented writings make clear (see *Documentation*). Hitler saw the butchery of European Jewry as merely the first bloody step in a program of eradicating the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Christianity blamed for the Holocaust

In her speech to the conference, "Anti-Semitism and Christian theology," Reuther said: "Christianity saw itself as the heir of the Jewish Messianic hope, and believed that in Jesus the hope for the coming of the Messiah was fulfilled. Since the Jewish tradition rejected this claim, the Church developed a polemic against the Jews and the Jewish tradition and Jewish rejection of this claim." It is this polemic against the Jews in the Gospels, for rejecting Jesus as Christ, which created "the politics of paranoia" that caused the Holocaust, she said.

Other speakers underscored Reuther's diatribe. The comments of Michael Ryan, a professor of theology at Drew University, are typical. "After Auschwitz, Christianity's claim to have superseded Judaism has become incredible. . . . This claim ultimately served the cause of genocide."

And how are Christians to "correct" Christianity to deal with this alleged problem? Simple, Reuther says: Deny that

Jesus was the Christ. "To bring this tragic history to an end will demand something like a mass repentant acceptance of responsibility by the Christian Church, and a dramatic shift in the spirituality which it teaches," she said. "Ultimately such a shift in spirituality demands a re-examination of Christology, for this is the original root of theological anti-Judaism. A repentant Christianity is a Christianity which has turned from the theology of Messianic triumphalism to the theology of hope. This is possible only if we recognize that Messianic hope is not primarily behind us, as a *fait accompli*, but is ahead of us, as a horizon of redemption that still eludes us both, Christian and Jew."

Given this anti-Christian view, it should not be surprising that Reuther states that even the name Old Testament is "anti-Semitic." She also asserts that St. Paul's (and Jesus's) distinction between the spirit and the letter of the law also expresses anti-Semitism, since the law is associated with Jewish law. "St. Paul," she rants, "develops the analogy between the Law and the Power and Principalities in such a way as to make the Law almost a demonic instrument."

Conference speaker Elie Wiesel, an ADL-affiliated author who specializes in writing on the Holocaust, elaborated on Reuther's remarks. "The Final Solution was rooted in the centuries-old Christian hatred of Jews," he claimed. "Twenty-two percent of the SS remained loyal to the church, even while murdering Jewish men, women, and children. As for Hitler, he was never excommunicated." Elsewhere, Wiesel has stated, "One Jew was put to death in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago and the non-Jewish world has not ceased to speak of it. Do we Jews not have the right, the duty, to keep alive the memory of 6,000,000 dead?"

Irving Greenburg, a professor of Jewish Studies at the City University of New York, put forward the following revolutionary demand: "For the devout Christian, the New Testament is the word of God. Yet even the word of God must be held to account for nourishing hatred, as well as culpability in, or being an accessory to, the fact of genocide. Nothing less than a fundamental critique and purification of the Gospels themselves can begin to purify Christianity from being a source of hatred."

Greenburg denounced Paul VI for "denying the complicity or guilt of Pius XII in the Holocaust." Greenburg claimed that the Vatican's refusal "to recognize Israel's *de jure* political existence," expressed its "dreadful guilt of collaboration."

Part of a tradition

This conference was not the last time that the ADL and the networks of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine used the issue of the Holocaust to attack Christianity.

In July 1988, Robert Maxwell, a leading British publicist, who also owns several Israeli newspapers, co-sponsored a conference on the Holocaust at Oxford University. The other major co-sponsor was the ADL's British arm, the Insti-

tute for Jewish Affairs. The conference sponsors concluded, once again, that Christianity is the causal factor in anti-Semitism historically.

Among the Oxford conference's main speakers was the ADL-linked Prof. Franklin Littell, who had teamed up with the cathedral and the ADL to sponsor the 1974 conference. Littell, who teaches religion at Temple University in Philadelphia, has claimed that the Holocaust must be considered as a "basic event in Christian history . . . of the same order as the Exodus, Sinai, and the Fall of Rome."

Curiously enough, in September 1988, Maxwell was the chief patron of a conference held under the auspices of the European Cultural Foundation at which the main theme was the importance of the ideas of Friedrich Nietzsche—the theoretical father of Nazism, who denounced Christianity and Judaism alike.

Bishop of the 'New Age'

That the 1974 Cathedral of St. John conference was some sort of defense of Judaism and Jews, should not be imagined. Bishop Paul Moore, then the spiritual leader of the cathedral, trivialized the slaughter of 6 million Jews by comparing it to the killing of beasts.

In his opening remarks, Moore stated that in Auschwitz, we see "that mystical miracle which pervades creation all the way from Auschwitz: the blood of all those who have died for humanity, for justice or peace, or for their God, the sad eyes of the beasts pacing back and forth in the prison of the zoos, the innocent suffering not only of adults and children, but all God's creatures. This innocent suffering is a strange symbol in our creation, and Auschwitz may be its greatest symbol."

The ADL has also worked with the cathedral to eliminate some of the most important injunctions in the book of Genesis, which are naturally common to both religions. For years the cathedral, through a committee of its Ecumenical Commission, has maintained a Christian-Jewish dialogue dedicated to such themes. Referencing Genesis, the current head of the commission, Rev. James Carpenter, reports, "It was proper at that time to say that man must 'subdue the Earth' and 'multiply.' There were so few people. But, today, this theological question must be reformulated." The cathedral's main interlocutor in such schemes, Carpenter admits, is the ADL.

In the spring of 1989, Bishop Moore even went so far as to say that he thought that the ancient Hebrews "made a mistake" in their "wholesale condemnation of Baal worship." He insisted that the Baal worshippers—who practiced human sacrifice—had a grasp of the "oneness of creation." The occasion for the bishop's defense of the grisly pagan god against Jewish monotheism was a debate with Rev. C. Fitzsimons Allison. Allison has since resigned as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, in order to devote himself to fighting what he termed "the prevailing winds of strange doctrine without and within the Episcopal Church."

The 'final solution' of Hitler and Nietzsche

One of the lesser known facts of World War II is that Adolf Hitler not only had a "Final Solution" for Judaism, but he also had one for Christianity, which he was only kept from exercising because of reverses from 1943 onward.

As is revealed in *Adolf Hitler's Table Talk 1941-1944* (Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1973), which is a series of notes on Hitler's private correspondence, recorded by secretaries commissioned by Martin Bormann, Hitler, like that "blood and soil" race mystic Friedrich Nietzsche before him, hated Judaism because it had given birth to Christianity, which toppled the pagan Roman Empire. There can be no doubt from Hitler's private instructions to Reichsführer SS Heinrich Himmler and other top Nazis, that he intended to liquidate the priesthood of the Church, then to join the remnants of a gnostic Church to his Third Reich empire, and, finally, like Emperor Julian the Apostate, to resurrect all the pagan cults, ranging from Hellenic neo-platonism and the Oracle of Delphi to the Zoroastrian fire worshippers of the Persian Magi.

Here are some quotes from *Table Talk*:

'Christianity the worst danger'

Night of July 11-12, 1941. "The heaviest blow that ever struck humanity was the coming of Christianity. Bolshevism is Christianity's illegitimate child. Both are inventions of the Jew. . . . Without Christianity . . . the Roman Empire, under Germanic influence, would have developed in the direction of world-domination, and humanity would not have extinguished fifteen centuries of civilization at a single stroke. . . . The result of the collapse of the Roman Empire was a night that lasted for centuries."

Oct. 25, 1941, evening. Special guests: Reichsführer SS Himmler and SS General Heydrich. Christianity's Reichstag Fire. "I don't believe at all in the truth of certain mental pictures that many people have of the Roman emperors. I'm sure that Nero didn't set fire to Rome. It was the Christian-Bolsheviks who did that. . . . I have numerous accounts [like this] to settle, about which I cannot think today. But that doesn't mean I forget them. I write them down. The time will come to bring out the big book! Even with regard to the Jews, I've found myself remaining inactive. There's no sense

in adding uselessly to the difficulties of the moment. One acts more shrewdly when one bides one time."

Feb. 8, 1942, midday. Special guests: Himmler and Speer. Plan to eliminate the priests. "The evil that's gnawing our vitals is our priests, of both creeds. I can't at present give them the answer they've been asking for, but it will cost them nothing to wait. It's all written down in my big book. The time will come when I'll settle my account with them, and I'll go straight to the point. . . . The fact remains that it's their maneuvers that have led me to my decision. They've only got to keep at it, they'll hear from me, all right. I shan't let myself be hampered by juridical scruples. Only necessity has legal force. In less than ten years from now, things will have quite another look, I can promise you."

'Dionysus against the Crucified'

In his "table talk" tirades against Christianity, Hitler merely echoed the "blood and soil" paganism of Friedrich Nietzsche, who had himself been heavily influenced by *Matushka Rus's* Fyodor Dostoevsky. The most crystalized expression of Nietzsche's pagan hatred of Christianity is in his book *Ecce Homo*, where Nietzsche cries out: "Have I made myself clear?—Dionysus against the Crucified."

Before today's advocates of today's "New Age" sought to more carefully cover their tracks, Dionysus was recognized as the symbol of the "Age of Aquarius" that was to replace the "Age of Pisces" (Christ).

In his book *The Antichrist*, Nietzsche carries through his reverence for the pagan god Dionysus to embrace the Satan of the Christian age, as when he says: "Christianity should not be beautified and embellished: It has waged deadly war against this higher type of man; it has placed all the basic instincts of this type under the ban; and out of these instincts it has distilled evil and the Evil One: the strong man as the typically reprehensible man, the 'reprobate.'" While Nietzsche thus openly embraces the "Evil One" as racially and culturally superior to the Christian, he, too, like Hitler later, hates Judaism because it created Christianity, which destroyed pagan Rome.

Writes Nietzsche:

"One cannot read these Gospels cautiously enough. . . . One is among Jews. . . . In Christianity all of Judaism, a several-century-old Jewish preparatory training and technique of the most serious kind, attains its ultimate mastery as the art of lying in a holy manner. The Christian, this *ultima ratio* of the lie, is the Jew once more—even three times more."

And, Nietzsche could not be clearer on his preference for Rome:

"Need I add that in the whole New Testament there is only a single figure who commands respect. Pilate, the Roman governor. To take a Jewish affair seriously—he does not persuade himself to do that. One Jew more or less—what does it matter?"