

The Black Legend in the United States

What has this meant to U.S. history, this Black Legend?

As Webster Tarpley said in his speech, the notion of Manifest Destiny comes directly from that of predestination. If you are part of an elect few—or, as Jefferson said, “We are the chosen people, like Israel,” we have a covenant—then, therefore, what you do is right. Expansionism based itself on that supposedly theological-religious principle: that the elect few, the predestined elect few, had the right to expand massively. This notion colors all of U.S. history, this Manifest Destiny, and with it, violent racism against the Hispanics.

I’ll read to you from a fellow by the name of Walter Prescott Webb, the most famous Texas historian, writing a book on the Texas Rangers: “Without disparagement, it may be said that there is a cruel streak in the Mexican nature, or so the history of Texas would lead one to believe. This cruelty may be a heritage from the Spanish of the Inquisition [the Black Legend, right?—FQ]. It may, and doubtless should, be attributed partly to the Indian blood. The Mexican warrior was, on the whole, inferior to the Comanche, and wholly unequal to the Texan. The whine of the leaden slugs stirred in him an irresistible impulse to travel with, rather than against, the music. He won more victories over the Texans by parley, than by force of arms. For making promises and for breaking them, he had no peer.”

This attitude continued in the Texas war, in the war during which the United States annexed half of Mexico, or acquired one-third of the United States, and continued with the Spanish-American War. It continues to this day.

When Bush gets up there, and justifies the invasion of Panama, because he’s promoting democracy, this is the continuation of the Black Legend.

I want to point out that this 1992 celebration of the Fifth Centennial is fundamental, and the onslaught by the pagans who are trying to destroy Christianity today, has just begun. You’re going to hear this, day in and day out. You’re going to be bombarded on TV, with how great the Aztecs were, how great the Incas were, and how brutal the Spanish, and the Inquisition were.

Gnostics, kooks, and Cathars

This is the battle to destroy Christianity. The Inquisition was first established in the thirteenth century, as a European-wide institution with the purpose of fighting the satanic movement called Catharism. Today, the crucial fact is that the Queen of England, the head of the Anglican Church—and precisely the head of the World Council of Churches, if you will—is essentially a Cathar, a gnostic. This is the same World Council of Churches which is denouncing any celebrations of 1992. Her husband, her consort, Prince Philip, is going around the world defending animal rights. I’ll read to you some quotes which prove conclusively, that this is a gnostic Cathar position.

The Cathars developed out of the Manichean heresy, a



Pinacoteca Virreinal S. Diego, Mexico City; Photo Gerardo Suter/Laura Almeida

gnostic heresy, and arrived in Western Europe from Bulgaria, through the Bogomils. The Bogomils were also known as “buggers,” and this became synonymous with homosexuality, because this is what they promoted. That is why homosexuality was so prevalent in the British Court, and in the Venetian Court—because they were gnostics, they were Cathars, members of secret satanic cults.

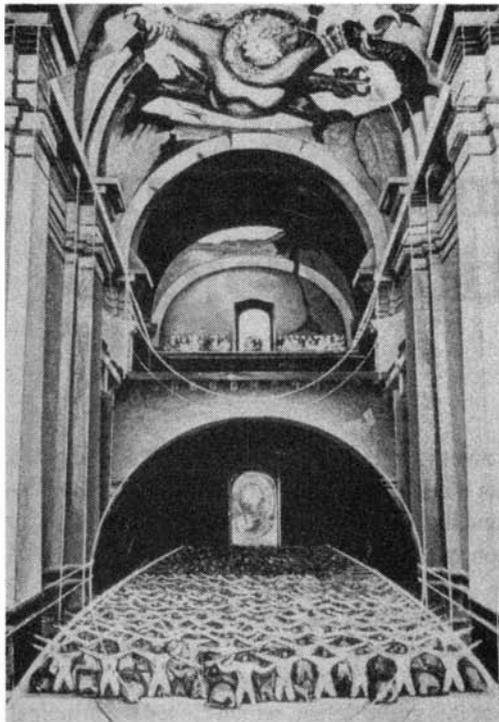
“They called themselves the Cathari, or the pure, [Puritans]. They were a secret society with an inner circle of initiates known as the Perfected. To join their True Church, as they called it, one must promise to (1) to renounce the Catholic Faith (for they held that the Mass was idolatry, the Eucharist a fraud and an abomination, since bread and wine were creations of the evil spirit. . . .”

The Church of Rome, they said, is the Whore of Babylon, and the Pope the Anti-Christ.

The initiated promised, “among other things, never to touch a woman [buggers—FQ]. Never to kill an animal, never to eat meat, eggs, milk, or any other food that came from animals [to which souls of human beings might have transmigrated—besides, animals were the result of sexual intercourse],” which was evil. There was no greater sin, than sexual procreation, because you were advancing evil.

“Indeed, the aversion to women seemed to be the chief and common characteristics of these sects. . . . The Cathari called marriage prostitution, and held that carnal intercourse between the sexes was the original sin of Adam and Eve, and the greatest of all sins, since it begot children. Even

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Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City; Photo Salvador Lutteroth/Jesus Sanchez Uribe

Satan—pro and con: “Mexico: Splendors of Thirty Centuries,” a major exhibition now on view at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, which will travel in 1991 to San Antonio and Los Angeles, has been heralded as part of the celebrations for the Fifth Centennial of Columbus’s voyage. It is divided into three basic sections: a survey of Precolumbian cultures; 19th- and 20th-century art, after Mexico achieved independence from Spain in 1820; and in between, Viceregal Art, displaying some of the finest works of the period of evangelization.

Shown here, far left, is a painting of ca. 1605-15 by Mexican-born artist Luis Juárez, showing the “Archangel Michael Conquering Satan.” Reflecting (but not copying) a composition by the Italian Renaissance artist Raphael, Juárez’s picture is a skilled synthesis of the Spanish pictorial heritage, showing good vanquishing evil.

Taking the opposite view (near left), is “The Devil in the Church,” by the Marxist painter David Alfaro Siqueiros (1947), one of the three leading 20th-century Mexican muralists who rebelled against the European tradition and sought models in Precolumbian cults. The aim to destroy the good is explicit. The setting parodies one of Mexico’s finest architectural monuments, the chapel of Hospicio Cabañas in Guadalajara, an institution for the education of poor children in geometry and industrial skills, begun in 1805-10 for Bishop Juan Cruz Ruiz de Cabañas y Crespo. Siqueiros paints Satan in the dome—where traditionally heaven is shown—over a throng of praying peasants.

perversion, therefore, was preferable in their eyes to marriage. Their fanatical logic translated the dogma that life was evil into the most shocking kind of action, a veritable ritual of suicide and murder. They would ask a sick man, or any other candidate for death, whether he wished to be a ‘martyr,’ or a confessor. If a martyr, he was smothered with a pillow. If a confessor, he was starved to death. Even babies were thus barbarously murdered.”

So we see that euthanasia is a Cathar practice. Abortion is a Cathar practice!

“Such was the result of a doctrine which regarded a pregnant woman as possessed by a devil and, if she died in childbirth, certain to go to Hell. The *endura*, in fact cost more lives than the Inquisition ever did.”³

Here you have such things committed by the enemies of the Inquisition. They and their defenders are the ones who have written volumes and volumes against the Inquisition and Spain. But even some of the violent attackers of the Inquisition and of the Catholic Church, like Lea, have pointed out, “Had Catharism become dominant, or even if it had been allowed to exist on equal terms, its influence could not have failed to prove disastrous. . . . It was not only a revolt against the Church, but a renunciation of man’s dominance over nature.”⁴

In fact, that’s what we have today: ecologists, animal rights, Prince Philip—this is all Catharism. Let’s talk about the group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Their guru has stated: Do not eat anything that has

sexual urges, or that practices sexual intercourse. That’s the tell-tale sign: This is Catharism. This is “religious”; it has nothing to do with hippies or not eating meat. It is a satanic cult practice. The lawyer for PETA is Philip Hirschkopf. Hirschkopf was the lawyer against Lyndon LaRouche in the NBC case. Hirschkopf was the lawyer against LaRouche in a case in which they tried to steal, and did steal, land from LaRouche’s associates, the Sweetwater Farm case. And Hirschkopf was the lawyer for a fellow in Leesburg, Virginia who said that LaRouche and his friends went around killing animals. The newspaper columnist Mike Royko in Chicago and this fellow in Leesburg and several other people have accused us of systematically killing animals. All this is Catharism, and it goes all the way up to the Queen of England.

Lyndon LaRouche is in jail because he attacked the Queen of England and Catharism, gnosticisim. This is the enemy that we have to defeat. All the wonderful ideas that we are discussing here—the European industrial Triangle, the creation of a new Renaissance, LaRouche’s ideas on music and science—cannot be carried out unless we actually defeat this enemy, once and for all.

Notes

1. Lyndon LaRouche, *Project A*, 1990 unpublished manuscript.
2. Dorothy M. Vaughan, *Europe and the Turk, 1350-1700*, New York: AMS Press, 1954.
3. William Thomas Walsh, *Characters of the Inquisition*, Rockford, Ill., 1987.
4. *Ibid.*