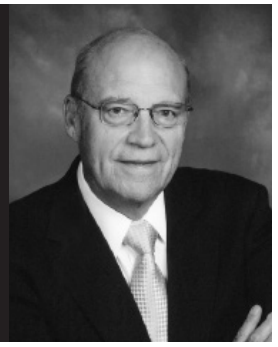




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The Progressive Religion

by Fay Voshell

If anyone had doubts about progressivism being a religious movement, those doubts should be laid to rest by a recent article in *New York* magazine dedicated to promoting a pilgrimage of faithful liberals to secular shrines dedicated to “equality:”

“Need a spiritual vacation? A new ad and tourism campaign from New York takes you on a road trip through the state’s historic equal-rights monuments, from Manhattan’s Stonewall National Monument to Harriet Tubman’s home in Auburn. The campaign, announced today by Governor Andrew Cuomo, is running in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in New York State.”

The ad for the proposed pilgrimage of the faithful features a mother and a daughter visiting the home of Susan B. Anthony. The daughter’s worshipful gaze resembles that of an acolyte looking at a crucifix.

Some may recall St. Andrew Cuomo, who in a secular interpretation of St. Patrick’s expulsion of snakes from Ireland, attempted an exorcism of people who were pro-life and pro-gun from the sacred soil of New York. If he had been able to put his threat into action as did kings of old, Cuomo, who considers himself Catholic even though he is almost violently pro-abortion, may have imitated Louis XIV’s revocation of the Edict of Nantes, effectively sentencing conservative and religious New Yorkers to exile or worse.

At the same time the newly established holy sites of progressivism are being promoted with an assiduity similar to priests’ promotion of the Christian ceremony of the stations of the cross, progressives continue their campaign to rid the South of anti-progressive graven images.

Pilgrims of the faith, masked and wearing bulletproof vests, are busy taking down offensive monuments. In New Orleans, a Jefferson Davis monument is now gone. A statue of Robert E. Lee is being removed from public view and put into a museum lest a monument to racism and lack of diversity offend passersby. It’s as if the honorable and brilliant Lee, who decided to fight for his homeland of Virginia, not slavery, was the equivalent of Saddam Hussein, Adolf Hitler, and Joseph Stalin all rolled into one. Evidently monuments to Northerner William Tecumseh Sherman are to remain in place, despite his contributions to total war, a concept anathema to faithful progressives.

What such activities amount to, of course, is erasure of history in order to reinforce what progressives see as the sole and only legitimate narrative of the South’s past and of history in general. For progressives, the South remains always in Deliverance mode, with inbred and degraded whites in remote regions of Georgia hanging on to cousin marriage, perversion, violence, and old time religion. Mississippi is always burning. The Bible Belt remains inherently racist.

It is not the first nor the last time competing paradigms of religious/political thought resulted in destruction of monuments deemed as representing heretical views. Jacobins plotted to blow up Notre Dame. French revolutionists succeeding in demolishing the great Abbey of Cluny while plundering its treasures. Bolsheviks destroyed icons and blew up Orthodox Russian cathedrals. Currently, ISIS vandalized the ancient city of Palmyra and destroyed one of the most ancient and venerated monasteries in the world. The Islamist organization also plotted to obliterate Notre Dame.

One of the most recent ISIS inspired attacks involved the desecration of the ancient, historic church Of San Marino ai Monti, Italy by a Muslim immigrant from Ghana, whose rampage was recorded by the building’s security cameras.

A bit of history is in order, as attacks on monuments involve more than just the joy of smashing things. Attacks on historic monuments are attacks on the ideas, history, and peoples they represent. They involve the destruction of history

and of cultural and spiritual paradigms that are foundational to a given culture.

The basilica of San Marino ai Monti the ISIS-inspired culprit vandalized was founded in the 4th century and initially was devoted to all the martyrs slaughtered for their faith during the centuries preceding the building of the basilica. It was within this ancient building a meeting in preparation for the Council of Nicaea was held in 324. The current building dates from the Carolingian era. It stands as a monument to the history of the Christian faith and to Christians themselves. The attack on San Marino ai Monti was clearly an attack against Christianity itself.

In a similar manner, here in the United State, the smashing or removal of monuments on which the Ten Commandments are engraved reflect an animus far deeper than sheer vandalism would indicate. Rather, the attempts to obliterate such monuments are actually efforts to symbolically and truly to destroy the Western foundations of law and morality centered in Judaism and Christianity. The ideology of progressivism is to prevail, and its rituals, pilgrimages, monuments, and statues are to replace what has been and continues to be destroyed.

Of course, tyrants never stop at destruction of monuments and statues. Symbolism is the spiritual language of real people, of humans who have strong and often unbending faith. The targeting of offending monuments is nearly always followed by targeting people. It was only a short time ago that ISIS sympathizers slit the throat of 85-year-old Father Jacques Hamel as he celebrated mass.

The last stage of persecution exemplified by attacks on and destruction and defacement of revered monuments historically is exile to the backwaters of civilization and/or the extermination of the peoples whose beliefs are represented by these monuments, be they statues of people whose beliefs are deemed offensive or documents or slabs with Ten Commandments written on them. Banning the Bible from public schools and the military, for instance, is followed by persecution of professing Christians. Creation of sacred spaces on campus means others are kept out, by force if necessary. Defacement and destruction of Jewish synagogues and grave sites presaged the increasing persecution of Europe's Jews.

In the short and the long run, taking down the statues of Robert E. Lee, destroying slabs with the Ten Commandments engraved on them, plotting to blow up Notre Dame, destroying the city of Palmyra, and vandalizing Christian churches all have one impetus behind them: No voice or history other than one must be heard or read. Society must be a monoculture free of contradicting or opposing voices.

History has shown and current times still reveal what such monocultures look like and how their leaders behave. They look like Soviet Russia. They resemble Pol Pot's Cambodia. They have the face of present day Cuba, Venezuela, and North Korea.

All were and are places where only memorials to tyrants were and are allowed. All were and are places where history—in all its ragged glory and ignominy, with all its heroes and villains, in all its exaltations and degradations—is erased in order that mere banality of evil prevail.

God forbid America would imitate such countries.

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Drive Conservatives Out

by John Perazzo

Earlier this week at UC Berkeley, an angry young woman named Sunsara Taylor—a self-proclaimed revolutionary communist with a face contorted into a perpetual grimace and a voice modulated as a perpetual harangue—led a discussion event titled “Battle for Berkeley: Why It's Right and Righteous to Drive Fascists Off Campus, and Out of Power.” Ms. Taylor's position is simple: Fascists should be prevented from speaking at Berkeley and poisoning the minds of impressionable young scholars.

In case you're wondering, “fascists,” by Taylor's reckoning, include anyone who happens to hold conservative values—i.e., anyone who believes in individual rights, the color-blind rule of law, limited government, free enterprise, and the free and open exchange of ideas. Such values are anathema to Sunsara Taylor and her fellow revolutionary communists, who instead favor group rights, identity politics, perpetual interracial grievance, the flouting of laws that don't conform to their own political preferences (like immigration laws), bloated government that intrudes upon every facet of individual life, a socialist economy, and raging intolerance for anyone who holds an opposing political view.

Last November—shortly after the presidential election in which Donald Trump defeated the woman who had feloniously violated the Espionage Act more often than all other political candidates in American history, combined—Sunsara Taylor and two other Revolutionary Communist Party members co-founded an organization called Refuse Fascism. This week's event at Berkeley was part of Refuse Fascism's “Drive Them Out” campaign.

If you were to ask Refuse Fascism to define fascism, you wouldn't get a very clear answer. Under the heading "What Is Fascism?" on the organization's website, for example, no operational definition of the term can be found. The only thing you learn is that President Trump—"the Fascist in Chief"—and his "fascist regime" are the living embodiments of fascism: "The Trump/Pence Regime—the whole thing—every cabinet post, every executive order, every tweet is a link in the chain of a fascist government and worldview. . . ."

Refuse Fascism first laid out its political and ideological platform in a December 2016 manifesto depicting President Trump as an illegitimately elected "fascist" and declaring: "In the name of humanity we REFUSE to accept a fascist America!" Noting that "Hitler himself came to power through the process of elections and established legal procedures," Refuse Fascism claims that Trump:

- "has made clear . . . that he intends to radically attack the rights of immigrants, Muslims, Black people, women, gay and trans people, the disabled, and many others who have been historically oppressed in this society";

- "will pursue a geopolitical policy that will be very short on facts and long on aggression, threats of aggression, insane nuclear proliferation, torture and threats of torture, and continually going to the brink of war and no doubt beyond, and all while stoking the fires of xenophobia and scapegoating";

- has "no respect for the freedom of the press and expression";

- "has already begun to seed the government with Christian fundamentalist theocrats and breathed new life into anti-Semitism";

- "has created an atmosphere around women that has further empowered rape culture and already damaged the lives and chances of every woman and girl in this country";

- has "super-charged the notion that this is a 'white man's country' in which the rights and existence of Black people and other people of color count for nothing";

- "has put proven white supremacists . . . in positions of power"; and

- has "given impetus to every fascist, neo-Nazi, and bigot to directly express themselves by violently going after people who are not white, male, Christian, or straight."

As a result of Trump's ascendance to power, Refuse Fascism warns, "the days of white vigilantism and . . . lynch mobs . . . will now be back with a vengeance."

Another of Refuse Fascism's seminal documents reiterates the notion that "there is method to Trump's madness" that "echoes Hitler" and is "more dangerous to the world than even Hitler." Specifically, Refuse Fascism charges that President Trump's brand of fascism promotes "xenophobic nationalism, racism, misogyny, and the aggressive re-institution of oppressive 'traditional values.'"

The last three words of that assertion give us a bird's-eye view into the heart and mind of Refuse Fascism and its adherents. They quite literally regard the values that sit at the very heart of Americanism—individual rights, the rule of law applied equally to all, limited government, free enterprise, and the free and open exchange of ideas—as "oppressive." A contempt for these values is precisely what defines the Left generally. Leftism is not "liberal"—or concerned with liberty—in any way whatsoever. It is the very opposite of real liberalism. It is fascism.

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Red California

by Lloyd Billingsley

Bay Area Democrat Rob Bonta has authored AB 22, which repeals part of a law allowing state employees to be fired for being members of the Communist Party. Bonta, 44, earned his JD at Yale but like the old-line establishment media he betrays total ignorance of the Communist Party and why the state should never hire or retain any Communist Party members.

American Communists were "volunteer members of a militarized colonial service, pledged to carry out the decisions of our supreme rulers resident at Moscow anywhere in the world but particularly in the land we were colonizing for Communism, the United States." That was Ben Gitlow, Communist Party candidate for vice-president in 1924 and 1928. The Soviets established the Communist International, the Comintern, to manage their parties in other countries.

Party leaders such as William Z. Foster authored books such as *Toward Soviet America*, but the CPUSA never caught on with American voters. Many Party members bailed out after Stalin's pact with Hitler in 1939. Others left after Stalin swung the USSR back to its traditional anti-Semitism in the late 1940s, and others after the Khrushchev revelations of 1956. It took a special kind of person to join the Party after that, but some were up to the task.

Few African Americans joined an overwhelmingly white party that represented an all-white foreign dictatorship. That proved no impediment to Angela Davis, who joined the CPUSA and at UCLA duly gained her first teaching job, which she retained despite attempts to fire her for her Party ties.

Davis left UCLA in 1970 and gained fame for supporting violent convicts such as Black Panther George Jackson, who killed a guard at Soledad Prison. Davis supplied the weapons for a courthouse gun battle in which a judge's head was blown off. That case made her a national figure and in 1979 Davis won the International Lenin Peace Prize.

In 1980 and 1984 Angela Davis was the vice-presidential candidate of the Communist Party USA, on the bottom of the ticket under white Stalinist Gus Hall. Communists Davis and Hall twice lost to Ronald Reagan and George Bush, but serving as the candidate of a hostile foreign power did not prevent Davis from becoming professor of the history of consciousness and feminist studies, two non-disciplines, at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

There she was a state employee, but never fired for her CPUSA membership and candidacy for a foreign totalitarian state. Davis remains a UC Santa Cruz emeritus professor, and she was the keynote speaker at Washington demonstrations following Donald Trump's inauguration.

Assemblyman Bonta did not mention Davis' case, nor that of Bert Corona, who joined the Communist Party in the 1930s and dropped out of USC to become a professional Party agitator, what would now be called an "organizer." The violence-prone Corona had no college degree and was completely unqualified for a job at Cal State LA, which hired him anyway.

Corona founded *Hermandad Mexicana* and bilked the state department of education out of \$7 million. When investigators discovered the scandal, state education boss Delaine Eastin, another Bay Area Democrat, demoted the whistleblowers and kept the money flowing. The verbose Eastin is now running for governor of California, hoping that nobody remembers the rip-off or knew about it in the first place.

As the record shows, even the most high-profile Communist Party members, representatives of hostile foreign governments, can easily secure and retain high-paying jobs with the state of California. Rob Bonta wants that to continue, but he's unclear whether members of some National Socialist party, Ku Kluckers and such should be able to get and keep state jobs without fear of dismissal. His bill provides a safe space only for Communist Party

members.

Bonta was born in the Philippines, an "Asian Pacific Islander" in California's politically correct caste system. He claims his intent is only to change the "McCarthyite, paranoid" intent of the current law, protect people's rights, and align California with the Constitution. In all likelihood, Bonta intends his commie caper to establish his leftist credentials and prove that all Asians are not anti-Communists like so many of the Vietnamese in Orange County.

Senate Democrats officially dissed them in February by celebrating Tom Hayden, the Uncle Tom of the Vietnamese Communist regime, who passed away last year. A staffer for Senate boss Kevin de Leon forbade Hanoi-born senator Janet Nguyen, a refugee from the Stalinist regime, from speaking out against Hayden. When she did so, the Democrats shut down her microphone then had the woman physically ejected from the Senate floor.

Assemblyman Bonta, who claims dedication to Constitutional rights, has not made it clear whether the denial of Nguyen's free-speech rights disturbs him. For her part, Nguyen is pushing back at Bonta's bill.

"Many California residents still bear the painful scars of having lived under communist regimes," she told reporters. "And now Sacramento wants to allow avowed Communist Party members to work for the state of California. The bill is an incredible insult to Californians who have escaped communism."

The bill is also an insult to anybody who knows anything about Communism and its history. For that reason alone, the odds are strong that state Democrats will pass Bonta's Communist protection act and recurring governor Jerry Brown will gladly sign the measure. It's who they are.

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Communism, Nazism, Fascism

by Bruce Thornton

The success of Marine Le Pen in the first round of the French presidential election has the global left resorting to its usual exaggerations and dire predictions of a fascist resurgence. As happened with the progressive smears of Donald Trump, Le Pen's similar appeals to patriotism, national identity, and the need to defend the nation's culture and interests are immediately turned into sinister

ter dog-whistles for the crypto-fascists, racist hordes just waiting for the Great Leader to start the pogroms and fill the gulags.

One hundred days into Trump's administration, of course, nothing has happened that comes even close to beginning a fascist transformation of America. But the persistent phenomenon of the eternal fascist threat raises old questions about and other failed collectivists political ideologies.

Why is "fascism" or "right-wing" an epithet, but "communist" or "left-wing" isn't? Why do the media, even those considered conservative, use a phrase like "extreme right" or "hard right," but seldom use "extreme left" or "hard left"? Why is Le Pen's National Front regularly described with such epithets, but Communist Parties or radical Green Parties rarely are? And why is there the vaguely honorific cliché "a man of the left," but not the equivalent "a man of the right"?

In short, how has an ideology whose butcher's bill is twice as large as fascism's managed to stay acceptable? How do progressives in America like Bernie Sanders boast of honeymooning in the Soviet Union, but do not pay a political price for admiring a regime that killed more innocents than Hitler? How can a police-state like Cuba, which imprisons and murders and impoverishes its own people, continue to attract starry-eyed European and American progressives who at home loudly proclaim their concern for human rights and freedom and equality? Why are tee-shirts that sport images of mass murderers like Mao or thugs like Che considered chic, while Hitler's or Mussolini's likeness is verboten? Why in Europe can you wave the hammer-and-sickle flag of the defunct Soviet Union, but the swastika is forbidden by law? Why can the *New York Times* write a headline reading, "When Communism Inspired Americans," when we will never, ever see anywhere a story about fascism "inspiring" Americans?

Or how is it that, as Martin Amis writes, "Everyone knows of Auschwitz and Belsen. Nobody knows of Vorkutlag and Solovestky. Everybody knows of Himmler and Eichmann. Nobody knows of Yezhov and Dzerzhinsky. Everybody knows of the six million of the Holocaust. Nobody knows of the six million of the terror-famine."

And why do there still exist legal Communist Parties in the West, and a superpower like China that still identifies itself as communist, but Nazism is a despised fringe cult that gets attention only because it's a useful political demon for the left? If murderous tyranny is our standard for condemning and ostracizing Nazism, why

isn't it equally used to judge and proscribe the most murderous tyranny in human history?

To explain this persistent double standard, start with the dishonest contrast most people accept between communism and fascism. These two ideologies are generally considered polar opposites, when in fact they were both versions of the same collectivist, totalitarian hatred of liberal democracy, individual rights, political freedom, and free enterprise. If you made a Venn diagram comprising the ideologies of fascism, Nazism, and communism, you could see how much more those regimes had in common with each other than they ever did with the liberal democracies that fought and destroyed them: torture, gulags, censorship, show-trials, reeducation camps, engineered famines, secret police, political control of the economy, and charismatic messianic leaders, to name the most obvious overlaps.

That's why the smears of Trump and his supporters as fascists are glaringly hypocritical. If we want to play pin-the-fascist-tail-on-the-political party, the Progressive Donks are more suitable targets than Republicans. Just take the "messianic leader" that is central to both fascism and communism. Is Donald Trump anywhere near as messianic a figure as Barack Obama was? Can anyone find Republican praise of Trump that matches the leg-tingling encomia of Obama indulged by the media? Would any conservative say something so patently moronic and groveling as what a *SFGate* columnist said in 2008? Obama "is a Lightworker, that rare kind of attuned being who has the ability to lead us not merely to new foreign policies or health care plans or whatnot, but who can actually help usher in a new way of being on the planet, of relating and connecting and engaging with this bizarre earthly experiment. These kinds of people actually help us evolve." Doesn't that remind you of the sort of cringing flattery that the party faithful showered on Hitler and Mussolini?

Or how about shutting down free speech, an iconic feature of Nazism with its public book-burnings and party-line newspapers like the *Völkischer Beobachter* or *Der Stürmer*. Isn't it strange that punks calling themselves "anti-fascists" are similarly using violence and intimidation to silence those who disagree with them? Aren't they two-bit versions of Hitler's Brown Shirts and Stormtroopers? Their fanatic intolerance reminds me of Karl Popper's anecdote about a young Nazi he attempted to reason with. "You want to argue? I don't argue, I shoot," he answered.

These are just a few of the similarities between fascism and progressivism of the sort that Jonah Goldberg

documented in *Liberal Fascism*. But such things are alien to most Republicans. They want a fighter on their behalf and a defender of the Constitution, not a messiah to worship. They are stanch defenders of everybody's right to speak, and seldom run in masked packs with weapons to silence their opponents.

There are two reasons for the continuing mystery of this affection for a murderous ideology. One is, as many commentators pointed out decades ago, communism was and is a political religion, a secular substitute for a discarded Christianity. Historian Michael Burleigh details the similarities: "It is relatively easy to transpose some of the key terms from the Judeo-Christian heritage to Marxism: 'consciousness' (soul), 'comrades' (faithful), 'capitalist' (sinner), 'devils' (counter-revolutionary), 'proletariat' (chosen people) and 'classless society' (paradise). The ruling classes were also going to face a revolutionary form of 'Last Judgement' . . . But there were far deeper and unacknowledged correspondences, including nostalgia for a lost oneness and the beliefs that time was linear . . . , that the achievement of higher consciousness brought salvation, and that history was progressing with its meaning and purpose evident to the discerning, knowledgeable vanguard."

Seeing leftist ideology as a debased religion explains the stubborn resistance to facts, and the passionate clinging to worn-out dogmas that give a leftist's life meaning and mark him out as one of the saved. It also explains why so many on the left are rank hypocrites, enjoying lives of comfort and affluence even as they decry "income inequality" and "corporate greed," and want the rich to "pay their fair share." They are like the televangelist hustler who preaches against adultery on Sunday morning after he's fornicated with a parishioner's wife on Saturday night. Just preach the politically correct gospel, and the progressive's hypocrisy will be ignored.

The second reason is that Marxism claimed to be a science, "the science of real men and their historical development," as his collaborator and financier Engels put it. Thus Marxism tapped into the momentous development of the 19th and 20th centuries—the belief that human behavior, society, and history could be understood as precisely and predictably as physics or mathematics. This scientism gave communism the authority and glamour of real science's spectacular successes in understanding nature and harnessing its powers to create new technologies that improved human life immeasurably. If we can create steamships and railroads and telegraphs, why not the workers' paradise of equality, peace, and com-

munal harmony? We can, comrades, if we accept Marx's "laws of historical development" as proven facts rather than crackpot philosophy.

Communism thus was "modern": "scientific," "universal," "internationalist," and moving the human race ever "forward," to recall Obama's 2012 reelection slogan, to the social and political utopia. As long as an elite of "scientists" were empowered to apply their new knowledge to human affairs, they could create the heaven-on-earth of absolute equality and social justice. Today's progressives are motivated by the same questionable assumptions, and that same uncritical faith in "science" accounts for their soft spot for communism despite its horrendous record of tyranny, torture, and murder.

Fascism, especially Nazism, was profoundly anti-modern. It was exclusionary and particularistic, the boons of its ideology reserved for the unique "Folk" or race. This Folk defined itself in terms of a mythic ancient "Aryan" identity and a fabricated "Teutonic" past, and it preached a glorious destiny that called for the Folk's eventual triumph over lesser races. The great irony, of course, is that much of Nazi ideology was influenced by the same Darwinist applications to social life that created the eugenics movement and "scientific racism," and in that sense was shaped by scientism as much as progressivism has been.

But conveniently ignoring this kinship, today's progressives interpret any belief in national identity or any love for one's own ways and traditions to be "reactionary," "xenophobic," and "racist," a dangerous manifestation of incipient fascism. In this way progressives demonize their political enemies and promote their transnational, internationalist ideology that calls for greater centralization and concentration of power in the hands of elite technocrats, and greater government intrusion into civil society, business, and private life in order to create "social justice"—goals redolent of historical fascism.

In other words, irrational beliefs, gratifying myths, and the craving for higher meaning and the social status that comes from being the champions of "progress" and "science"—as we saw in last week's fatuous "March for Science"—have allowed a murderous ideology to keep its respectable place in our culture and politics. Meanwhile "fascism" has been drained of any historical meaning, the lessons of its horrendous crimes lost in a crude epithet. Once more the self-proclaimed party of "reason" and "objectivity" reveals itself to be an incoherent and intolerant cult.

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The Bolshevik Revolution

by Peter Hammond

This year marks the 100 years since the catastrophic Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. The 20th Century proved to be the bloodiest century in all of history. Humanism proved to be the most destructive religion of all time. Far more people have been killed in the name of Atheism than by all other religions combined.

Worst Century—Historian Paul Johnson observed that “the 20th Century state has proved itself the greatest killer of all time.” The 20th Century has seen the worst atrocities ever committed. The word “genocide”, a new term coined in the 20th Century, describes what has occurred repeatedly in secular humanist states—which had first disarmed their populations. More Christians were martyred for the Faith in the 20th Century than in all other centuries combined.

Social Darwinism—Darwinian evolutionism with its “survival of the fittest” ideology has devalued human life. If man is not created in the image of God, and if there is no God in Heaven, Who will judge the living and the dead, if there are no objective standards of right and wrong, then life becomes cheap. When you devalue God, you devalue life.

Devaluing Life—What are people according to atheists who believe in evolution? “A hairless ape”—Schoenberg; “A mere insect, an ant...”—Church; “An accidental twig”—Gould; “A rope stretched over an abyss”—Nietzsche; “A fungus on the surface of one of the minor planets”—Du Maurier; “A jest, a dream, a show, bubble, air...”—Thornbury; and “I see no reason for attributing to man a significant difference in kind from that which belongs to a grain of sand”—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Moral Relativism—When atheism takes hold of a society, moral relativism is inevitable. Nothing is sacred. There is not objective standard of right and wrong, no God, no eternal Day of Judgement. No hope of eternal justice. God’s Creation becomes cheap. As the existentialist writer Jean-Paul Sartre explained: “Without God all activities are equivalent . . . thus it amounts to the same thing whether one gets drunk alone, or is a leader of nations.”

War Against God—Historian Paul Johnson commented on the advance on atheism in modern history: “Nietzsche wrote in 1886: ‘The greatest event of recent times, that God is dead, that the belief in the Christian God is no longer tenable, is beginning to cast its first shadows over Europe.’ Ultimately the collapse of the re-

ligious impulse would leave a huge vacuum. The history of modern times is in great part the history of how that vacuum had been filled.”

Death Cult—As Dr. James Kennedy in *What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?* observes: “That vacuum has been filled with the totalitarian state, the loss of freedom for millions, the concentration camp and the GULAG, the rise of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and suicide, crime out of all proportions, and the most savage wars in the history of the world.”

Gangster Statesmen—The triumph of secular humanism with its atheism, evolutionism, and situation ethics has led to the rise of gangster statesmen such as Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Tse Tung, Fidel Castro, Pol Pot, Robert Mugabe, and many more like them.

The Greatest Killer—At least 180 million people were killed by secular governments in the 20th Century. That is a very conservative estimate. We are not talking here about people who have died in wars caused by secular humanist states, because that would massively increase the body count. No, over 180 million people have been killed by their own secular humanist governments in the 20th Century. The greatest threat to life in the 20th Century was not firearms accidents, or crime, or even wars! More people were killed by their own governments, in peace time, than were killed by foreign invaders in wartime.

A Harvest of Horror—Dr. David Brett, editor of the massive *World Christian Encyclopedia*, and author of *Cosmos, Chaos and Gospel, and Our Globe and How To Reach It*, documented that Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin was responsible for killing over 40 million people. Joseph Stalin closed down over 49,000 churches, and attempted the liquidation of the entire Christian Church. Similarly, communist dictator of China Mao Tse Tung launched the Great Proletariat Cultural Revolution, “History’s most systematic attempt ever, by a single nation, to eradicate and destroy Christianity...” Mao was responsible for killing about 72 million people. The communist takeover of Cambodia in 1975 resulted in the death of up to 3 million people. A full third of the total population. When we add to these the death toll of communist regimes in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Angola, Mozambique, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Cuba, and Zimbabwe, the body count is staggering.

Humanism in Action—The terrifying thing about secular humanist states is that there is no authority above the state to which one can make an appeal. The

concept of “inalienable rights” endowed by the Creator is, of course, impossible in a secular state. If the state itself is the highest authority, then there are no limits to the abuses and oppression that unrestrained human nature is capable of. The humanist state inevitably leads to tyranny and despotism. As Dostovesky so eloquently put it: “If God is dead, then all things are possible!”

Documentation of Death—The publication of *The Black Book of Communism* created a sensation. First published in French and later translated into English, the *Black Book* is a scholarly, detailed account of the crimes of communism starting with the Russian Revolution and continuing through Eastern Europe, Red China, North Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Angola, and Afghanistan. At almost 900 pages long, the *Black Book*’s exhaustive indictment of communism is all the more compelling because all six of its authors were once communists. They are researchers, professors, and journalists associated with the Paris based Centre for the Study of History and Sociology of Communism. The editor of *The Black Book of Communism*, Stephane Courtois is also the editor of the *Communisme* magazine.

Victims of Communism—As the Foreword declares: “Ten years ago, the authors of the *Black Book* would have refused to believe what they now write...” However, their “exploration of the Soviet archives...” forced them, out of a “duty of remembrance” to the millions of victims murdered under Marxist regimes, to “spare a little compassion for the victims of the inhumanity so long meted out by so many of its own partisans.” Their intention was that the *Black Book* served, as both history and as a memorial to those victims whose very memory had been wiped out.

Communist Atrocities—In his Introduction, Stephane Courtois declares: “The fact remains that our century has outdone its predecessors in its bloodthirstiness...indeed (communism) occupies one of the most violent and most significant places of all...”

The Black Book indicts the Soviet Union’s communist leaders with the following crimes amongst many others):

—The execution (without trial of tens of thousands of hostages and prisoners and the murder of hundreds of thousands of workers and peasants in Russia from 1918-

1922 under Vladimir Lenin.

—Deliberately destroying all food and crops so as to starve to death 5 million people in Russia in 1922.

—The extermination of the Cossacks in 1920.

—The liquidation of 690,000 people in the great purge of 1937-1938.

—The destruction of 4 million Ukrainians and 2 million other people in the man-made and systemically perpetrated dekulakization famine of 1932-1933.

Atheism’s Archives—*The Black Book* presents a very conservative estimate of the number of civilians murdered by Marxist regimes based on the Marxist regime’s own records 20 million in the USSR; 65 million in Red China; 1 million in Vietnam; 2 million in North Korea; 2 million in Cambodia; 1.5 million in Afghanistan, and so on. *The Black Book of Communism* documents that, according to the communist regimes’ own archives, the total death toll is at least 100 million people killed by communist governments between 1917 and 1991.

Methods of Barbarism—“These crimes tend to fit a recognisable pattern . . . the pattern includes execution by . . . firing squads, hanging, drowning, battering, and, in certain cases, gassing, poisoning, or ‘car accidents’; destruction of the population by starvation, through man-made famine, the withholding of food, or both; deportation, through which death can occur in transit (either through physical exhaustion or through confinement in an enclosed space)...or through forced labour (exhaustion, illness, hunger, cold)... Thus in the name of an ideological belief system were tens of millions of innocent victims systematically butchered.”

Communist Carnage—The Foreword of *The Black Book* declares: “Communism has been the great story of the 20th Century. Bursting into history from the most unlikely corner of Europe amid the trauma of World War I, in the wake of the cataclysm of 1939-1945 it made a giant leap westward. . . and an even greater one eastward to the China Seas. With this feat. . . it had come to rule a third of mankind and seemed poised to advance indefinitely. For seven decades it haunted world politics, polarizing opinion between those who saw it as the socialist end of history and those who considered it as history’s most total tyranny.”

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Colossal Cruelty—With socialist fables of their “worker’s paradise” now consigned to what Trotsky called “the ash heap of history”, it now has to be admitted that the secular humanist state has been “a tragedy of planetary dimensions. . . the communist record offers the most colossal case of political carnage in history.” As *The Black Book* documents, communist states did not merely commit criminal acts, “they were criminal enterprises in their very essence, on principle, so to speak, they ruled lawlessly, by violence and without regard for human life.” What is also remarkable is that these atrocities were committed by regimes who claimed that they were building “a worker’s paradise”, heaven on earth. However, rather than delivering paradise, all communism succeeded in was creating hell on earth. “They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity. . .” II Peter 2:19

More Than Statistics—There is a danger that as we list the statistics and read the mind-numbing numbers of the victims of secular states, we can be hardened. As Joseph Stalin observed: “The death of one person is a tragedy, but the death of millions is just a statistic.” But we need to remind ourselves that these were real people and whole families that were maimed, mutilated, and murdered.

Those Who Hate God Love Death—If we were to add to the number of those victims murdered by their own government in the 20th Century the pre-born babies who have been killed by abortion, and those old and sick

people killed by euthanasia, in secular states, the death toll would approach one billion people. That is 1,000 million victims killed by secular states in the 20th Century alone. “There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; . . . their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruins and misery mark their way. . .” Romans 3: 10-17

The Bitter Harvest—As Dr. James Kennedy observed: The 20th Century is “one of mass murder, genocide, and institutionalized terrorism, the fruits of that phantom faith in the secular state that persists in promising liberation even as it attacks the most fundamental human attachments.” The fool says in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.” Psalm 14:1

Most Destructive—The bitter harvest of atheism proves that humanism is the most destructive religion in all of history. The secular state is the greatest killer ever and secular states have made the 20th Century the bloodiest century of all time. The Bolshevik Revolution was one of the most catastrophic events of all time.

“Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord? Therefore the wrath of the Lord is upon you.” II Chronicles 19:2

The 20th Century state has proved itself the greatest killer of all time.” —Paul Johnson

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“In 1958, W. Cleon Skousen wrote *The Naked Communist* in which he compiled a list of 45 ‘Current Communist Goals.’ All Americans owe it to themselves to read these 45 goals and check off those that already have been fulfilled and those that have not.”— David A. Noebel, *You Can Still Trust the Communists. . . to be Communists*, p. 11

“Dr. Fred C. Schwarz’s analysis of the Communist heart, mind, and soul is as necessary today as it was when he wrote it a half century ago!” —Ibid., p. 12

“Communists are that part of mankind which has recovered the power to live or die—to bear witness—for its faith. And it is a simple, rational faith that inspires men to live or die for it. It is not new. It is, in fact, man’s second oldest faith. Its promise was whispered in the first days of the Creation under the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil: ‘Ye shall be as gods.’ It is the great alternative faith of mankind. . . The Communist vision is the vision of Man without God. It is the vision of man’s mind displacing God as the creative intelligence of the world.”—Whittaker Chambers, *Witness*, p. 9