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A Luciferian Revolution

~ Instituted from Within

Part 1: Illuminism in America

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Americans are a people who have spent more time in a classroom than any other generation in human history, by far. We have turned education into a trillion dollar industry, and yet the average American today, swamped by mountains of data and information, doesn't know what is true or whom to believe. Highly educated people voluntarily lock themselves down in mortal fear of a virus with a 99.95% survival rate. "Rugged" American individualists suddenly seem incapable of thinking for themselves. After all those years of higher education, few ever pick up a book or consider whether the drum-like harangues mouthed by their favorite anchorwoman have any real merit. Critical thinking, in other words, seems to be on critical life support in a country that boasts more education than any other.

Now that we are all overeducated, no one can seem to find truthful answers. When everybody is an expert, we know not whom to believe. Confusion reigns under the incessant blaring of TV babble. Publicity trumps plausibility and truth as self-professed “experts” cynically shutter our churches and businesses, planting fear and panic in the hearts of once freedom loving peoples! 2020 became the new French Revolution under the guiding hand of Big Tech elites intent on bringing the world’s great beacon of hope and liberty, America, to her knees. Lament for this once great nation, for the time of her visitation is now at hand. Just as ancient Israel was punished with Babylonian exile by God for its own loss of faith, so it seems our turn has now come — and for like reason — having openly turned our backs on Him who nurtured and prospered our nation.

America was once a nation that saw itself as truly blessed by God and governed through the sovereignty of the people: the notion prevailed that government ought to be the people’s servant, and not their master. When on the road I sometimes desert busy interstates for the back roads in order to explore the true “heart” of America, namely its small towns and villages. This is the America not of the “talking classes” but of the “working classes,” whose homespun integrity and good common sense is responsible for so much of our nation’s greatness.

In passing from town to town I am invariably awed by many stunning churches tucked away, often in the most insignificant hamlets. Unlike their counterparts in the larger cities, many of these beautiful houses of worship have escaped desecration at the hands of modernist hammers and remain as originally built and lovingly furnished by our immigrant fathers, testaments to their deep seated faith. Finely carved altars, beautiful stained glass, and statuary bear witness to those German, Italian, Polish, and Czech immigrants with scant monetary resources who raised these monuments to God’s glory, fitting houses of worship, and schools where their children could be instructed in the faith. Their many struggles were poignantly portrayed by a great American novelist, Willa Cather, in novels such as *My Antonia* and *O Pioneers*.

We have come a long way from those visionary immigrants who helped to establish the largest and most prosperous middle class the world had ever seen. Yet today the same subversive forces that once drove those huddled masses out of their homes in Europe have again caught up with their descendants. An obese, unprincipled government now joins hands with an equally bloated cabal of monopoly capitalists in what are euphemistically termed Public/Private Partnerships: essentially state sponsored crony capitalism where privileged insiders get to play by their own special rules. We find ourselves not in the throes of a pandemic but of a conspiracy intent on imposing a New World Order on mankind.

This is not a theory but fact. Fifty years ago an influential Georgetown professor and oracle of the New World Order, Carroll Quigley, freely boasted of that privileged financial oligarchy’s power and methods. “The growth of financial capitalism made possible the centralization of world economic control and a use of this power for the direct benefit of financiers and the indirect injury of all other economic groups... financial capitalists discovered they could not only make killings out of the issuing of securities, they could also make killings out of the bankruptcy of such corporations, through the fees and commissions of reorganization.” In other words, even the largest corporations were being subjected to back room manipulations by financial oligarchs that

affected thousands of workers. (Think GM, TWA, Chrysler, and others.)

Big Tech is the new face of this privileged “old boys” club: an oligarchic structure where the few feed on and get rich from the many (because information translates into money). Financial oligarchs control the money supply with which they promote a reckless consumerism, an artificial credit-debt cycle that lures millions into *de facto* economic serfdom. This economic dependency is then papered over with a *faux* political freedom which looks a lot like socialism. Quigley admitted as much. “The expert (i.e. technocrats)... will replace the democratic voter in control of the political system.” Does Quigley’s eerie prediction from 1966 not resonate with the recent Nov. 4 Dominion voting machine fiasco? A century ago the historian Hilaire Belloc described this debilitating dynamic of economic and political dependency as the Servile State, in which the capitalistic state engenders “the servitude of the many, and the confirmation in their present privilege of the few.” Today’s oligarchs have effectively created a societal Potemkin Village where, absent meaningful economic independence, political freedom becomes more an illusion than reality.

This Big Tech financial oligarchy has had a profound effect in the province of religion as well. Religious liberty is a fundamental corollary to political freedom because each relies on the other for its continued health. Unfortunately, religion is generally bad for business in the sense that it orders people’s priorities to something other than material consumption. This means that the financial oligarchs and their government allies have strong incentives to hold religion in contempt, even though they may pay it lip service when the cameras are rolling. At other times the oligarchs do their best to undermine religious fervor, for example, scheduling popular sports talk shows on Sunday mornings,.

True religion now finds itself on the defensive in the land of religious liberty. The true and free worship of God is being gradually supplanted by a new kind of religion which actually deadens our spiritual senses while imposing a new form of worship, not of a transcendent Deity but rather of created nature. This is the religion of Naturalism which is steadily edging Christianity out the door. Rather than deny God outright, it merely relegates Him to an abstraction so that we can get on with more important things, like saving the planet for ourselves. As religious values are shifted from the eternal to the temporal, God is no longer considered the master over life and death — or even some pesky virus.

Modern culture is clearly obsessed with a naturalistic Cult of the Body from which we try to squeeze every last ounce of pleasure and quality of life. This Body Cult then joins itself to a Cult of the Earth to produce Pantheism, the religion of Nature. This deification of Nature was a pillar of the 18th century Enlightenment which deposed the God of Creation in order to place Nature on the divine pedestal. These same beliefs inspired the French Revolution: the replacement of divinely revealed religion with a purely naturalistic one. This substitution is not inconsequential, for if Nature is god, then Darwin’s merciless “survival of the fittest” doctrine logically follows.

This means that without God the Law of the Jungle will inevitably prevail. And that is what the Revolution in France, and its worldwide continuance today are all about. It permits powerful

oligarchs to do whatever they please regardless of the rights of others. They wrap their neo-paganism up in the garb of humanitarian virtue, but behind the mask is an underlying philosophy, “Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.” This so-called Law of Thelema comes from of the *Ordo Templi Orientis*, an Illuminist (Masonic) body which encompasses the British Grand Lodge and doubtless other Masonic bodies around the world. In other words, the corruption of a once Christian society was not just some inevitable evolutionary imperative but a concerted effort by subversive actors and organizations going back to the Enlightenment.

The ultimate goal of these Illuminist bodies is the dethronement of God upon his earth. The old paganism was born out of ignorance. The new paganism is more vicious and deadly, the bitter fruit of a virulent animosity towards the Creator fueled by a satanic pride which has infected modern secular society. Today we find ourselves up against a dark malevolent power in the hands of impious men who lurk in the shadows. Defiant towards Natural Law, they do not represent any true authority but their own power. The oligarchs, having seized much economic and now political power, are busy fomenting a new revolution called the Great Reset. These agents of intrigue sow fear, dissent, anarchy, and subversion intended to undermine legitimate authority, always with an end to controlling mankind.

Their goal has ever been increasing their own power at the expense of simple folks by any means, fair or foul. Ask yourself, who has made billions in windfall profits from pointless lockdowns? Answer: Big Tech operators such as Amazon, Facebook, Zoom, Google, etc. Who stands to make billions more peddling “experimental” mRNA vaccines? Big Pharma players who will then reap further billions treating the very people who develop secondary chronic debilities stemming from the injections. Autism rates, for example, have increased 40 fold just in the past 30 years in the wake of a massive expansion of infant vaccinations. Coincidence, or cause and effect? Consider the devastating opioid crisis over the last 20 years, again a gift from Big Pharma.

The city streets of America are now overflowing with severely unstable people with every kind of chemical dependency. How many millions of people have been permanently damaged by the political oligarchs in their reckless ambition, fueled as much by pride as by greed? How many elderly died needlessly from infections introduced into New York nursing homes in 2020? Teen suicides and mental health problems have doubled in a single year. Then democracy itself came under attack. *Time Magazine*, defending the controversial November presidential election, coyly admitted to “a well funded cabal of powerful people” whom it claimed “were not rigging the election, they were *fortifying* it.” What a curious choice of words, implying *Time* actually considers ordinary voters to be the real threat to democracy! (*Time*, Feb. 15, 2021) Big media’s job is first and foremost to protect the oligarchs. Call it conspiracy if you dare, but the steady stream of frauds, lies, and suppression of basic freedoms during 2020 should erase any doubt that evil and determined men exist who are working hard to extinguish this last major holdout against Illuminist global ambitions, our American Republic.

This braided lineage of connected conspiracies goes back 300 years or more. For simplicity it is easiest to lump them all under the banner of “Illuminism,” the secret, hidden soul of the Enlightenment. Illuminism is the twin of Naturalism, and in fact there are many points of contact

between the two considering Illuminism's quasi religious nature. Fairly dormant throughout most of the Christian centuries, Illuminism and Naturalism (as Deism) reawakened from their pagan origins in the 18th century. Today these forces have grown powerful enough to potentially realize total world domination. But in order to fully understand their plan we must go back to 1789 France, which was deliberately thrust into revolutionary convulsions which then set off a long chain of events and movements (including Communism) that have destroyed much peace, and continue to militate against human freedom to this very day.

Illuminism, the Womb of Revolution

2020 was a year of “perfect vision” for anyone willing to be made aware of the Illuminist cause. The Illuminist's long game was not simply about the overthrow of a detested president (who saw through their deceptions) but rather a total economic and political reset of the entire world. Such an audacious plan must proceed stepwise, however, and if we look at the events of that past year there emerges a clear pattern, especially when placed over another historical template: 1789 France and the revolution it ushered in. Then, as now, a three-pronged attack on the established structure of society was undertaken. In 1789 that assault was directed against the monarchy and the Church: throne and altar. In 2020 it shaped up against our Constitutional Republic and against Christianity in general. And in both cases it was covert Illuminist conspirators who cranked the wheels of revolution.

So what exactly is Illuminism? It is a quasi-spiritual manifestation of that Machiavellian lust for money and power. It attempts to justify naked greed and political ambition under a cloak of mystic transcendence by placing its “enlightened” adepts on a higher plane — spiritually, morally, intellectually — than everybody else. This elitist doctrine gained traction during the Enlightenment period, building on the magic arts and esoteric doctrines of ancient religions in Egypt, Persia, and India. It appeals to ambitious men who have always sought after hidden knowledge (Gnosis) and the power that any such exclusive knowledge might bestow. Illuminists therefore feel the need to hide their “secrets” and even personal identities under the cloak of secret societies. The most secretive of these societies, the Illuminati, was founded May 1, 1776 in Bavaria by a master conspirator and propagandist named Adam Weishaupt. It was Weishaupt who first set as the Illuminist goal that of worldwide domination. His audacious plan was to begin in France by toppling the French monarchy and its close spiritual ally the Catholic Church, which the Jesuit educated Weishaupt had come to despise.

The Illuminist attack in 1789, as it is today, was three-pronged. The first order of attack is to spin vicious propaganda which slanders and blackens the reputations of one's target. Back in the mid 1780s the Illuminists concocted the fictitious “Affair of the Necklace” to smear and discredit the French queen, Marie Antoinette. Their sly suggestion of an immoral liaison between a cardinal of the Church and the queen, both later proven entirely innocent, did much damage. Scurrilous rumors filled newspaper accounts and provided titillating salon chatter. This was part of an orchestrated propaganda campaign to make the monarchy look corrupt, ridiculous, and incompetent. The primary conspirator here was a certain *Compte de Cagliostro*, a magician and

self-confessed member of the Illuminati. In 1790 this same conspirator also revealed that the Illuminati, despite its suppression in Bavaria four years earlier, was far from dead as many naively supposed, but that it was even then actively working to ignite revolution in France.

Propaganda in 2020 has vastly improved its reach and methods since the 18th century. Then, propaganda flowed from the Illuminati through secret societies which it had infiltrated, namely the French Masonic lodges which disseminated their anti-establishment propaganda through leaflets and newspapers. Today's heirs of those early Illuminists now dominate Silicon Valley which controls the flow of information through entertainment, news, and social media platforms. Forget independent old-school newspaper editors. Such creatures hardly exist any more. Estimates are that over 90% of American mainstream media is owned and controlled by just six corporations. Traditional newsrooms have been globalized (and standardized for content), both through consolidations and the extinction of competition. Today a powerful high tech oligarchy holds a virtual monopoly over the collection and dissemination of information (including all your personal data). Nor are they shy about using that power indiscriminately to promote their preferred globalist narrative while *de facto* censoring and defaming anyone at variance with leftist orthodoxy.

The relentless, four year campaign by today's Illuminist controlled media to discredit a standing president through defamation and character assassination, was strangely reminiscent of Marie Antoinette's fate. A steady stream of Russian collusion stories lacking any hard evidence were maliciously spread by today's "enlightened" journalistic mob. Nor did that media propaganda mill recant or back down when the facts failed to sustain their defamatory narrative. They simply redoubled their slanders through an orgy of vicious innuendo tinged with self righteous moral superiority. These are the very same propaganda tactics that the Illuminists used to undermine the French monarchy more than two centuries ago.

But it takes more than demonizing leaders to incite a true revolution. One must also create, and then exploit, a serious crisis. French Illuminists, after taking control of Masonic lodges now deemed Jacobin Clubs, initiated what author William T. Still termed the contrived state of chaos needed for revolution. Capitalizing on a natural drought the year before he notes, "an artificial shortage of grain was created by Illuminist manipulation of the grain market. This produced a famine so intense that it brought the nation to the edge of revolt... The conspirators held up the food supplies and blocked all reforms in the National Assembly to exacerbate the situation, and the people starved." Simultaneously, they encouraged lawlessness through a group of radical thugs." Does this sound remotely like the antics of groups like Antifa and Black Lives Matter in our own day?

Rather than food shortages, the present day tactic used to foment crisis is a viral pandemic imported from China. By inciting fear and panic among today's health conscious populace over an apparently engineered virus, Illuminists have exploited the coronavirus to break down normal social bonds via endless quarantining, social distancing, etc. Erase human identity by the forced wearing of face masks (despite studies which show they are less than effective) to create a loss of identity, heightened anxiety, and implanted suspicion among ordinary people, thus diminishing their natural desire to bond and cooperate in a crisis. The final absurdity is to isolate and

quarantine *healthy* populations — depriving them of sunlight and human intercourse — where they become utterly dependent on Big Tech’s digital propaganda for their only window on the world.

The key to any successful campaign of social manipulation is to pass off illusion as reality. Any competent magician understands the value of sleight of hand and incantations, but today’s Illuminists have a whole new bag of high tech tricks which have ushered mankind into a whole new world of illusion known as “virtual reality.” Mark Twain gave us a rare glimpse of modern man’s future when he spoke of, “lies, damned lies, and statistics.” Deception, wrapped in a dizzying array of statistics and colorful cartoon graphics on your television screen certainly has a powerful effect on the attitudes and beliefs of ordinary people.

So when is a “crisis” more contrived than real? Thousands of medical professionals have disputed lurid media propaganda regarding the exaggerated dangers of Covid-19 to public health. The Great Barrington Declaration, signed by over 43,000 medical and public health professionals, asserts that case fatality rates for this particular virus have been grossly inflated, especially among the population under 65 years of age. What does concern these doctors are the deadly secondary effects from continued needless lockdowns which are causing social, economic, and even medical havoc globally. A Harvard study reveals that nearly 48% of young people between the ages of 19 and 24 are suffering from COVID related anxiety and depression. The U.N. actually estimates that an additional 130 million people will starve due to pandemic related supply disruptions and economic damage. Suicides, substance abuse, and depression are becoming endemic. And while Americans may not be starving, many live in mortal fear, deluged by the fatalistic non-stop fear propaganda spewing out of Big Tech media outlets.

The third prong of the Illuminist attack is to actually implement a *palace coup*. To that end an early Illuminist, Adrien Duport, instigated the “Great Fear” in France on July 22, 1789, a Jacobin program to unleash social chaos in an effort to demolish monarchical authority. Mob activity was fomented even as criminals ran rampant through Paris uninhibited. The American minister to France at the time, and a framer of our Constitution, Governor Morris of New York wrote that the country, “was as near to anarchy as society can approach without dissolution.” Despite efforts by more moderate revolutionaries such as the *Marquis de Lafayette* to form a working constitutional monarchy, the Jacobins resisted and undermined any such efforts. The Illuminists were not interested in sharing power but only in monopolizing it, every revolutionist’s dream (e.g., Communism and Nazism).

The final *coup d’etat* came on the 10th August 1792, when the king’s guard was massacred by a Jacobin mob and the monarchy officially toppled. In its aftermath an orgy of bloodletting targeted political prisoners, especially bishops and priests who had refused to take a loathsome oath supporting the Civil Constitution on the Church. This recent law had authorized governmental seizure of all Church property as well as complete subordination of the Church to the state. It was Louis XVI’s refusal to put his seal on this odious statute which led to his execution in January, 1793, but not before he had consecrated his beloved France to the Sacred Heart. By then, “much of France lay in ruins. Industries were decimated, libraries burned... The French economy was in a shambles. Unemployment was rampant.”

Far beyond the economic losses, the overthrowing of throne and altar had cost some 300,000 lives. Adding to the atrocities, a program of depopulation was also embarked upon. According to historian William Hoar stone quarries were used for mass exterminations by hurling victims over the rocky ledges. In Nantes, 500 children were killed in one event and 144 poor seamstresses drowned in the river. In the end “Liberty” succumbed to a Napoleonic dictatorship whose idea of “Equality” and “Fraternity” was a brotherhood of death which saw French corpses strewn across countless European battlefields. Nine months after the king’s death, Queen Marie Antoinette, bravely demonstrating her faith, forgave her persecutors as she mounted the guillotine. Yet even at this point, the “terror” with which we generally identify the French Revolution, had hardly begun.

The same Illuminist plot decimating the flower of France quickly made its way to American shores. In April, 1793 George Washington had to contend with this new revolution. Provoked by so-called Democratic Clubs, essentially Americanized Jacobin cells organized by none other than the French ambassador, Edmund Genet, the so-called Whiskey Rebellion broke out in Western Pennsylvania. Fortunately, President Washington quelled that disturbance with a decisive show of force before it could gain traction, but he was well aware of its Illuminist origins, writing, “That they (Illuminists) have been the fomenters of the western disturbance admits of no doubt. If this daring and factious spirit is not crushed, adieu to all government in this country, except mob and club government.” (*meaning secret societies*). Washington understood that Americans were in a struggle against malevolent forces which, if unchecked, might well ruin the young, hopeful republic in its infancy. He thus cautioned citizens of the necessity for moral rectitude. “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness.”

The method of regime change enacted in 2020 was less bloody but equally effective. After months of lockdowns and leftist rioting in city streets we were treated to a scene of flagrant, massive election fraud — the despicable theft of a people’s right to choose their own president free from interference. Much of this outrage was accomplished through hidden algorithms imbedded within Smartmatic software on machines used to tabulate millions of ballots. Granted there was also plenty of old style ballot stuffing, but this new high tech electronic vote swapping proved vastly more efficient and harder to detect (and thus easier for a conniving media to deny). Other algorithms were designed to “weight” votes for one candidate more heavily than his opponent. The leftist CEO of Facebook spent \$300 million to “assist” local election officials nationwide, including a \$10 million grant to city of Philadelphia to enable its highly irregular tabulation of ballots. The media’s predictable reaction? No smoke behind any of those doors!

Free and fair elections form the basis of any viable republic. Yet this brazen corruption of a presidential election in plain view was heightened by a more horrifying specter: the massive cover-up by the very people sworn to defend election laws! By comparison, Watergate looked like a Sunday church picnic. Judges, including Supreme Court justices, refused to hear substantive complaints by dismissing plaintiffs for “lack of standing;” lawsuits rejected on conjured up technicalities or rendered “moot” for the circular reason that the election was already decided! A

harmonious chorus of dutiful media “Truth Fairies” solemnly proclaimed everything to be fair and above board while denouncing any evidence to the contrary as “baseless claims.” Investigative attorney Sidney Powell referred to this blatant electoral fiasco as an “Election Pearl Harbor.” This defiant *coup d’etat* left our American Constitutional system in tatters as virtual voters got counted (often more than once) while leaving real voters disenfranchised — meanwhile a mere shell of democracy teeters over the razed foundations of our once proud republic.

So 2020 may well prove to be America’s “1789,” another successful chapter in Illuminist engineered revolutions intended to reconfigure society by handing more economic and political power to self-anointed Silicon oligarchs. Countless businesses have been driven under and their sales mostly redirected to huge tech monopolies such as Amazon. Worshippers have been reduced to attending “virtual” services while abortion clinics hum. Again, Big Tech Illuminists see and hear all with the power to censor any person or message it may find offensive. We have entered a terrifying new age of absolutism, not of monarchs but of absolutist technocrats whose inflexible socialist orthodoxy is being ruthlessly imposed on the common man.

Back in 1984 a defected former Communist KGB agent, Yuri Bezmenov, outlined the four stages for successful ideological subversion through psychological warfare. The first stage is demoralization, breaking down a people’s moral fiber and trust in their leaders. This is followed by destabilization of key institutions: family, churches, education, defense, etc. After this some crisis is introduced or jumped upon to justify a drastic or violent change in existing power structures. The final stage is normalization, which means a new power structure is put in place to replace the former. In 2020 terms this means the “Great Reset,” a social and political shift designed to usher in a socialist New World Order presiding over formerly sovereign governments.

The powers engineering this Great Reset include the WEF (World Economic Forum), the UN, International Monetary Fund, and many high level global financiers and industrialists who get together annually in Davos, Switzerland just to rub shoulders: a Who’s Who of Illuminist powers. What they now offer is being billed as the “Fourth Industrial Revolution, unlike anything in history.” Great Reset propagandists tout it as a “paradigm shift at revolutionary levels.” Espousing “nature as the engine of our economy,” new “sustainable economies” will become the means to impose a “Green New Deal” on reluctant nations and peoples. According to a recent WEF video, “You’ll own nothing and you’ll be happy.” We are also informed that we will all eat much less meat to help save the climate from excessive CO2. Free markets as we remember them will become a thing of the past.

But that is not the truly scary part. According to the WEF our future is also to include what they matter-of-factly refer to as “trans-humanism” — a fusion of man and machines. In practical terms this means microchip implants that will control various human biological and even brain functions. And *they* will be the ones deciding just what codes and commands are implanted in those trans-human microchips. If this kind of behavior modification sounds eerily Orwellian and futuristic be alerted, the future is plainly visible on the horizon. Much of this technology already exists and is being tested for widespread application.

The basic goals of the Illuminist's Great Reset can be summarized as follows: coercive population control and reduction; a cashless society; elimination of private property rights; meatless diets; porous borders to allow refugees random movement; imposition of the Green New Deal globally; trans-humanism (voluntary or imposed); mandatory medical interventions; the elimination of privacy rights. Ultimately, the entire world will be transformed into a vast surveillance state which electronically monitors your movements, purchases, and personal contacts for "state security." Communist China is already providing their global Illuminist partners with a "surveillance" working model which can be easily replicated in your community.

If all this sounds like some futuristic fantasy delusion consider the facts. We have now witnessed a national election flagrantly hijacked in plain sight by slick, partisan high tech fraudsters while the press, the supposed watchdogs of democracy, sat by complicitly applauding the glaring *coup d'etat*. Meanwhile, the opposition Republican Party seems perfectly content to "slow walk" the nation towards demagogic socialism so long as they get a piece of the pie at day's end. The boat has all but capsized even as establishment leaders loudly chant, "Don't rock the boat!"

Loyal Americans are being threatened, fired, and tarred as racists, fascists, and insurrectionists for daring to raise their voices in the public square. We are being systematically deprived of our right to assembly, the right to attend one's dying family member, the right to operate one's own business or to worship freely; even the right to bodily integrity via mask and vaccine mandates (whatever happened to "My body, my choice?"). These draconian measures which violate every American concept of liberty have been imposed through a campaign of fear, not rational discussion, and with virtually zero legislative input.

Illuminist "talking classes" openly make war on America's working classes in a cynical game of exploitation — social, economic, and political — cleverly managed by Big Tech elites. "Buy our phones, download our Apps, live on credit and enjoy every digital convenience — but in the end we will own you." The downfall of a republic involves real life conspirators, but it also requires a fatal spirit of popular apathy to succeed. The "people's government" has morphed step by step into the people's overlord. This is largely the work of subversive Illuminist societies which have undermined our institutions and public morality through an insidious philosophy which will ultimately overthrow free and sovereign nations into oligarchic despotism.

The Roots of Illuminism

It would be extremely naïve to believe that Illuminism is something purely ideological, because in order to truly understand the conspiracy one must factor in the enormous influence of power and money which fuels it. Shadowy conspirators form an exclusive "club" of truly powerful, though mostly invisible insiders, surrounded by an army of wannabe lackeys willing to serve their Illuminist masters, hoping to be noticed or receive promotion, just as they did back in 1789. Their utopian objective is a world owned and controlled by and for the enjoyment of an elite class. Observing that first Revolution in France the *Marquis de Charette* wisely observed, "It is old as the devil, the world they call new and would establish in the absence of God."

To those who scoff at the idea of such powerful secret societies, I refer them to a well documented secret society providing a perfect analogy: the Mafia. Organized crime syndicates are an established fact, operating as a kind of invisible government burrowing deeply into a legitimate “host” government. The syndicate first extorts or shakes down any individual or business within its reach for “protection.” It enforces a strict code of discipline and silence among its members, on pain of death. The vast amounts of cash it realizes from various criminal activities is then used to bribe and influence regular government officials.

Unlike the Mafia, Illuminism has ideological roots, fortified by unimaginable quantities of capital. For it is money that drives both crime conspiracies and ideological ones as well. With the Industrial Revolution the whole basis of wealth had shifted from land ownership to a new kind of financial capitalism. Bankers were in a unique position to exert enormous leverage thereby becoming the “gatekeepers” who determined what comes into and flows out of the money pipeline. This placed them in a very privileged position in deciding who or what venture would succeed or fail. Industrial feudalism had effectively replaced the old landed feudalism and created a new technocratic banking nobility, ever more disconnected from the common man who, in time, became a mere cipher on a screen.

This financial leverage provides a strong inducement to engage in conspiracy. I am not suggesting that people sit down for no reason and decide to hatch conspiracies. But human nature is heavily infected with pride which tempts us to think that we have all the answers. For most this amounts to no more than wishful daydreaming but for ambitious, highly intelligent people the temptation to impose their “superior” ideas on others is doubly strong. Convinced that their plans will necessarily provide the best outcome by ordering a chaotic situation, they view conspiracy as a useful means to accomplish desired ends, and money provides them that opportunity.

Conspiracy is actually a quite normal human activity. We gravitate to like minded people all the time because we share their friendship, values, and ideas. We often form exclusive circles of activity with those we are closest to. Conspiracy is simply taking the next step: entering into a secretive arrangement to achieve some commonly held goal. Secretiveness is at the very heart of conspiracy, the hiding of one’s true methods or intentions from anyone outside the inner group. Those intentions may be quite harmless and well meaning or they may be nefarious, but the fact of hiding them constitutes conspiracy. A surprise birthday party is one form of conspiracy but there are other, less benign conspiracies such as a price fixing scheme, unjustly framing an opponent, entering into agreements to limit competition, or the rigging of an election. But to deny that such things do occur in the regular course of life is to bury one’s head in the sand.

The concentrated wealth of finance capitalism allowed elite bankers, now more powerful than ever before, to engage in higher risk ventures (promising greater returns). Too often this meant secretly financing wars and even revolutions. These morally dubious loans to governments and rulers were then repaid from taxes exacted on the people who realized no direct benefits, yet in many cases suffered terribly from the effects of those same wars. Thus political power and finance capitalism entered into a very incestuous kind of relationship where bankers and politicians conspired,

through secretive arrangements and policies, to support one another with little regard for the people's true interest. Today's elite insiders who make huge profits from warmongering, crony capitalism, and various insider deals glibly refer to such self-dealing as Public/Private Partnering. This simply means banking syndicates and multi-national corporations controlling the people's government through the exercise of money power.

Any "partnership" which considers the interests of citizens or consumers is more imaginary than real — media window dressing designed to hide the reality from public view. The actual structure is one of shared monopolies: government collaborating with the biggest businesses to impose absolute compliance with a mountain of arbitrary petty rules and crushing regulations designed to prevent any potential "upstarts" from ever joining their "old boys" club. A century ago Hilaire Belloc recognized this dynamic, predicting that a capitalist state would eventually transform itself into what he called the "Servile State." He avowed that "a *collectivist* solution is the easiest for a capitalist state to aim at, and yet, in the very act of attempting *collectivism* what results is not collectivism at all, but the servitude of the many, and the confirmation in their present privilege of the few."

A half century later this prediction was confirmed by the well known Georgetown professor and Clinton mentor, Carroll Quigley, a kind of spokesman for the elites. As early as 1966 he boasted of a New World Order technocracy where, "the expert will replace the individual tycoon in control of the economic system even as he will replace the democratic voter in control of the political system." Quigley then forecast "a kind of neo-feudalism, in which the relationships of ordinary people to government ceases to be direct and are increasingly through intermediaries (who are private rather than public authorities)."

Today we see colossal corporate entities, many larger than most governments, which have global reach and virtually unlimited financial power which they use to suppress free markets and further socialist aims. All that power is vested in the hands of a few individuals about whom very little is known. On the other hand Big Tech insiders know everything about you and me through their vast data collection systems which we feed into every time we use a credit card or smart phone. Unlike the Mafia they enjoy the aura of legitimacy, but beyond that they share many similarities. Like organized crime, these corporate syndicates have the power to silence critics, eliminate competition, and to influence public policy from behind the scenes through bribery, compromise, and extortion. Much like a turtle, the corporation becomes merely the outer shell which protects and hides the individuals inside. This serves as the basic working model for every secret society.

While the media relentlessly mocks those who see the workings of conspiracy under the capitalist umbrella as "crazed conspiracy theorists," the fact is that the financial capitalists, and the foundations they control, conceal trillions of dollars in untaxed wealth. These elites constitute a giant interlocking web of world-wide conspirators engaged in population control, radical environmental agendas, currency manipulation, and social engineering (primarily through education). Yet this entrenched, globally scaled conspiracy is so omnipresent that most people take it as the normal face of business. It's far too big to take in with the naked eye, cloaking itself under various "respectable" organizations such as the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, the CFR, IMF,

World Bank, World Economic Forum, and countless others. These are all agents of the very financial conspirators which they were initially set up to hide.

In professor Quigley's own words, "*the growth of financial capitalism made possible the centralization of world economic control and a use of this power for the direct benefit of financiers, and the indirect injury of all other economic groups.*" Money is the rocket fuel upon which all successful conspiracies depend. The Illuminist conspiracy from which this present global conspiracy was first hatched, grew, and prospered is generically referred to as the New World Order. But it would never have gotten off the ground without the resources of some very deep, committed pockets — and the protective cover of Freemasonry.

Illuminism's Masonic Connection

Illuminism is an ideology that is patient and willing to play the long game. It hides itself under the cloak of various institutions and organizations. One of those cloaking organizations, from the very inception of the Illuminati, has proved itself very useful to Illuminist ends. It is perhaps the most widely recognized secret society, namely Freemasonry. The insinuation that Masonry is somehow subversive has always been hotly contested by Masons and even non-Masons. Since many excellent works on the craft have already been written, I will only touch briefly on Freemasonry itself.

The thing to remember is that Freemasonry has been used, from the time of the French Revolution to the present, as a convenient cover organization to conceal more nefarious activities by sub-groups hiding within it. Of course the typical 3rd degree Mason has no idea that anything suspicious might be concealed within his local lodge: and in most blue lodges this is probably the case. Nevertheless, because of the way Masonry is structured like an onion with many layers, those walls of secrecy are in place even between members of the various degrees. It is not until one penetrates the inner workings of the higher degrees of the craft that the darker secrets begin to reveal themselves.

But even in those lower degrees it is the permeating philosophy of Freemasonry that reveals a spiritual darkness. The secret blood oaths that candidates are required to swear during initiation rites are highly problematical from a Christian perspective. These oaths, even in the lower degrees, are mostly taken directly from occult formulas. Worse, they place loyalty to one's lodge brothers on a higher plane than one's loyalty to God or even one's own wife and family.

While publicly denying that it is a religion, Masonry embodies the religion of Naturalism by affirming the primacy of human reason in all things, therefore subverting divine Faith. It employs patently religious symbolism and ceremony. It espouses religious indifferentism — the supposed equality and veracity of all religions. It incorporates many pagan symbols into its rituals, resurrecting gods and myths from ancient Egyptian, Persian, and Babylonian religions. Take it from the highest authority in Freemasonry, Albert Pike, author of *Morals and Dogma*, known as the Masonic Bible. "Every Masonic Lodge is a temple of religion; and its teachings are instruction

in religion.”

Most Masons are told early on that the “G” prominently displayed in the Masonic square and compass logo represents the Great Architect of the Universe, God, or even Geometry. But initiates into a higher degree called Knights Kadosch are instructed that this “G” actually refers to Gnosis, a hidden esoteric knowledge that magicians and occultists throughout the centuries have sought to obtain. Gnosis represents a secret knowledge disclosed only to the “elect.” Gnostics believe that salvation is not obtained through faith but by a hidden knowledge. The hybrid blending of modern Rationalism with ancient Gnostic beliefs supposes that human nature will eventually be perfected, not by grace, but through some evolutionary “Illumination” of mankind. These are all patently religious ideas, yet Masonry publicly bills itself merely as a fraternal society devoted to the Brotherhood of Mankind.

But its cloak of secrecy is what makes Freemasonry such fertile soil for those who might want to conceal truly dangerous and terrifying things. The infantile legends and lore of the blue lodge are so fantastic that few right minded persons would take them seriously. But hidden beneath layers of such fables one begins to uncover deeper, darker secrets.

The Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry, Albert Pike, revealed back in 1889 the ancient dualism manifested in Masonry’s three highest degrees (30th – 32nd degrees). His chilling instruction reads thus:

“The Masonic religion should be, by all us initiates in the highest degrees, maintained in the purity of Luciferian doctrine... Yes, Lucifer is God, and unfortunately Adonay (the God of the Christians) is also God... the true and pure philosophic religion is the belief in Lucifer, the equal of Adonay; but Lucifer, God of Light and God of Good, is struggling for humanity against Adonay, the God of Darkness and Evil.”

Remember the onion analogy. The outer layers of Freemasonry give lip service to basic Christian tenets, until one advances into the higher degrees where a darker cult begins to emerge: the worship of Lucifer as a deity equal to God himself. The true God is then recast as the principle of evil, personified as Adonay. This, of course, is pure Gnostic dualism dating back to, and condemned, in the earliest centuries of the Church. But by holding to any number of “inner” and often confusing “outer” doctrines Masonry hides its true aims under the veil of plausible denial.

Such sophistry rarely fools experts on the subject, however, who recognize that Gnostics and Illuminists have a great deal in common. Both are cut from the same cloth. In 1933 one occult expert, Edith Star Miller, noted in her book, *Occult Theocracy*, “Such was the excellency of their knowledge and Illumination who arrogantly styled themselves Gnostics.” She adds, “Gnosticism, as the mother of Freemasonry, has imposed its mark in the very center of the chief symbols of this association. It is Gnosticism... which is defined by Albert Pike as “the soul and marrow of Freemasonry.””

This deception of dual purposes cloaked in layered secrecy made Freemasonry a perfect cover for the Illuminati and their singular role in the French Revolution. Illuminati founder Adam

Weishaupt wrote, “a cover is always needed. For in concealment lies a great part of our strength. For this reason we must always cover ourselves with the name of another society. The lodges that are under Freemasonry are in the meantime the most suitable for our high purpose.”

Back in the 1920s an eminent British historian, Nesta Webster, extensively studied the Illuminati's history. She relates that under the code name “Spartacus” Weishaupt confessed, “that I should remain hidden from most of the (Illuminati) members so long as I live. I am obliged to do everything through five or six persons.” Webster then notes, “So carefully was this secret guarded that until the papers of the Illuminati were seized in 1786 no one outside this inner circle knew that Weishaupt was head of the Order. Yet if we are to believe his assertions he had been throughout in supreme control.” She adds, “the extraordinary result was brought about that a multitude of men of diverse beliefs were all working together for an object known only to a few of them.”

And what were the goals of these Illuminist conspirators? These may sound shockingly familiar to modern ears accustomed to socialism. The abolition of monarchies and constitutional governments. The abolition of private property and inheritance. The abolition of national identities and patriotism. Abolition of the institution of marriage and family life, replaced by the communal education of children. The replacement of all religion with the worship of reason.

As early as 1798 a respected British professor of Natural Philosophy and longtime Freemason, John Robison, wrote of the connection between Masonry and Illuminism. “I have found that the covert (secrecy) of a Mason lodge had been employed in every country for venting and propagating sentiments in religion and politics. I found that this impunity had gradually encouraged men of licentious principles to become more bold, and to teach doctrines subversive of our notions of morality... I have observed these doctrines gradually diffusing and mixing with all the different systems of Free Masonry till, at last, AN ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN FORMED FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF ROOTING OUT ALL THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS, AND OVERTURNING ALL THE EXISTING GOVERNMENTS OF EUROPE.” In other words, Freemasonry was a convenient vehicle, though not perhaps the explicit source, in fomenting worldwide revolution.

In 1782 the Illuminati and Continental Freemasonry were formally joined, moving its center of operation to Frankfurt, Germany, a European stronghold of banking and finance under leadership of the family Rothschild. An important connection between (international) banking and secret societies was thus formed which has only strengthened to the present day. With this coup Weishaupt was able to access virtually unlimited funds for his Order. During a 1786 congress of Freemasonry it is said that the deaths of King Louis XVI of France and Gustavus III of Sweden were decided upon.

Weishaupt later wrote to his followers, “The great strength of our Order lies in its concealment: let it never appear in any place in its own name, but always covered by another name, and another occupation. In like manner we must try to obtain influence in... all offices which have any effect, either in forming, or in managing, or even in directing the mind of man.” Nesta Webster noted that if total secrecy proved impossible, the Illuminati would pass itself off as a philanthropic

institute. This is a tactic that is being used to this very day by countless foundations whose real work and aims remain quite murky. Once the money powers became allied with secret societies whether under the Illuminati title or some other pseudonym, whole nations had reason to tremble.

This Illuminist influence was not limited to the continent. In the early 1860s President Abraham Lincoln, looking beyond the immediate rebellion, became aware of another lurking danger. "I see in the near future a crisis approaching... corporations have been enthroned, an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until the wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the Republic destroyed." Now living in the iron grip of Big Tech oligarchs, one realizes how far sighted the president's concerns proved to be. The 1870s ushered in the era of Robber Barons, monopolists who ruthlessly squeezed out competition and bought politicians like they were paper dolls. Small farmers struggled to survive even as the cities burst with squalid tenements but the money powers prospered mightily.

By 1913 Wall Street moguls had railroaded Congress into relinquishing its power over the nation's money supply to a private Federal Reserve Bank, controlled by the bankers. Shortly thereafter New York investment banker Jacob Schiff helped bankroll the Bolshevik takeover of Russia with a \$20,000,000 loan (equivalent to \$2 billion or more in today's money). This was supplemented by other loans from Paul Warburg's Manhattan Bank, and even from the Fed itself, siphoned to the Reds through Rockefeller's Chase Bank. Schiff, Warburg, et al had earlier conspired with the Rothschilds in engineering the 1907 monetary crisis used to justify, or rather impose, the creation of the Fed on an unwilling nation. Lincoln's concerns of 50 years earlier had not been unwarranted.

By then Illuminism had clearly made its way to American shores. How do we know? Because the largest corporate foundations were now busy influencing national goals and policies in favor of an international global order, something which had been an Illuminati priority from the days of Adam Weishaupt. The Carnegie Endowment for World Peace actually encouraged President Wilson to "see to it that the war (WW I) does not end too quickly." That world conflict had actually begun when Freemason Gavrilo Princep and fellow Masonic conspirators successfully assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

So why would an endowment pledged to peace want to prolong such horrific bloodshed? Because, as Carnegie records later showed, the trustees hoped to involve the United States in the war to set the stage for one world government. These facts only came to light in the mid 1950s when a Congressional Committee appointed Norman Dodd to research tax exempt foundations. At one point Dodd was stunned when the president of the Ford Foundation openly admitted that the substance of their policy directives were, "to use our grant-making power... to alter life in the United States so that we can be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union." Incredibly, this candid admission came during the height of the Cold War!

This appropriately raises the question of the nature of relationships between Illuminism and International Communism. Marxist ideology in fact is no more than a logical outgrowth of the

Illuminist principles revealed during the French Revolution, beginning with the elevation of the so-called Goddess of Reason above Divine Revelation. According to Illuminist doctrine man's existence and purpose is exclusively earthbound, and so man's only responsibility is to man, nothing more. Illuminist deism therefore drifts easily towards atheistic Communism, which represents the most soul deadening form of Illuminism. Nonetheless, both systems profess as their final aim an earthly, utopian social structure where highly conditioned masses are effortlessly controlled by an elite technocratic class. Various human conflicts, be they religious, class, or economic, will supposedly disappear once reason (aka "the Party") exercises absolute power and control over everyone.

Perhaps without realizing it, author Theodore Dalrymple captured the deadly, spirit of Illuminism in two short sentences. "When religious faith is replaced by a philosophy that prides itself on its rationality, it soon turns religious in the worst possible sense. It becomes an atheistic theocracy." For this reason traditional Christianity presents the greatest threat to both Communism and Illuminism by professing that man's primary obligation is to God, the Creator and author of life. Christians regard the state or mankind or the earth itself as subsidiary to God whereas Communism raises the state to the level of divinity. For Illuminists nature becomes their worship idol. Both are false religions in that they place something created above the Creator. Not surprisingly, both are very antagonistic towards Christianity, seeking either to subjugate it to the state or eliminate it entirely if at all possible.

Communism itself has played a very useful role in the implementation of Illuminist inspired Socialism, Communism's softer, gentler cousin. For decades these two systems have maintained a kind of "good cop – bad cop" relationship. While the big bully cop, Communism, is busy intimidating you with dire threats the good cop, played by Socialism, is gently wooing you to hand over your liberty and your wallet. Most people generally comply with a nervous smile, considering how much worse a cold, dark Communist labor camp sounds. Communism is the sword dangling above one's head that clever Illuminists exploit to convince you that their offer is so much better. So while many true blue Americans were busy denouncing Communism their children were being cleverly indoctrinated in its parallel Socialist ideology, funded by their parent's education tax dollars.

Illuminists, as mentioned above, have been patiently playing the long game at least from the 1780s. In this country the subversion of education was actively being planned and implemented as far back as the 1920s through the machinations of tax free foundations. In the 1950s Norman Dodd researched the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace whose original statement of purpose asserted, "The only way to maintain control of the population is to obtain control of education in the U.S." Working in conjunction with the Rockefeller and Guggenheim Foundations these "charities" stayed busy underwriting their own creations such as the American Historical Association to propagate the view that "the future of this country belongs to collectivism and humanism." The current historical distortions underpinning the racial and identity politics narratives throughout academia attest to their success in turning schools into indoctrination centers.

Over the past two centuries Illuminism has managed to conceal itself, often in plain view using two methods. The first is a favorite tactic of all organized crime syndicates: shared criminality. As a part of their initiation into inner circles, new members must commit certain criminal acts, and knowledge of these “secrets” by one’s fellow conspirators is a strong inducement to keep silent as the grave. If you tell my secrets then I will tell yours. And if that threat doesn’t work there are always “accidents” that can be arranged. Even the highest ranking officials are thus fatally compromised, and easily manipulated thereafter by their shadowy handlers out of public view. The age of Big Tech makes it even easier to coerce and blackmail public officials whose every private dealing and communication can be safely stored in its massive servers.

The second method for maintaining secrecy is the periodic changing of names and organizational structure, although the same objectives and methodology will continue to be followed. It helps to create a complex web of affiliates and sub-organizations as well, just to keep the hounds off your track (just as the Mafia runs legal “front” businesses). Today in the United States there are countless foundations committed to “philanthropic” causes. These in turn fund and support a dizzying number of PACs, think tanks, cultural institutes, and social action groups. What is interesting, however, is that the vast majority of these organizations all seem to share identical socialist, left-leaning political ideologies. They invariably march in lockstep, almost on cue, in response to whatever issue is the current hot button topic (climate change, racism, LGBT, etc.). These players in turn become the arbiters and vanguard of those politically correct views fed directly into mainstream entertainment and news venues. But over all these diverse groups there waves some “invisible hand” which seems to guide their remarkably consistent views. That “invisible hand” is undoubtedly today’s successor to the Illuminati whose founder, Adam Weishaupt, insisted, “...a cover is always needed. For in concealment lies a great part of our strength. For this reason we must always cover ourselves with the name of another society.”

Freemasonry is just one front organization for a global New World Order which is currently working to impose its “Great Reset” of the world’s entire economic, social, and political order. Most Freemasons are entirely unaware that their “old boy” organization is merely the outer layer of an onion with dozens of hidden, often intersecting layers. Members of each group are mostly unaware of what happens in those other concentric rings. At the center of this vast network master conspirators can direct the flow of information and opinions that form the habits and attitudes of billions of people. Environmentalism, climate change, health pandemics and the like are mostly constructed “narratives” meant to accomplish the conspirator’s ultimate end, a global one-world government controlled by Illuminist insiders.

Illuminists are now busy constructing a digital plantation where the vast majority of the world’s population will live in serf-like bondage, under constant surveillance by an overarching nanny state. Pre 2020 most Americans would have skeptically dismissed such a diagnosis as dystopian, futuristic fantasizing. Now, such a bleak scenario no longer appears to be fictional. In one year they took away the livelihoods of millions as a “health precaution,” then, with audacious impunity, they absconded with millions of votes — in the world’s largest free democracy. If they already have the power to perpetrate such massive larceny they can just as easily take away your property, your children, or even your identity (another effect of masks).

Illuminism is active and alive today even if it no longer uses the Illuminati name. It comprises a privileged group of international financiers and policy wonks whose names are likely known to very few souls and whose clandestine membership in the very “inner circle” is known only to themselves. (Perhaps they still use pseudonyms as their Illuminati forebears did.) Supporting these shadowy figures are Big Tech billionaires, globalist politicians, foundation chiefs, CFR members, and PhD intellectuals, many hoping and striving to be invited one day into that elite inner circle. For most, such an invitation remains a pipe dream, but one needs to keep one’s credentials ready, spiffy, and up to date — just in case. Both these junior Illuminists and their real bosses, the senior members, have something in common, however. They religiously believe that they possess a superior knowledge that neatly separates themselves from the common herd. For at its very core Illuminism is Gnostic, the belief in a hidden knowledge able to grant untold power to its adepts. And this Gnosis has a spiritual source which is admittedly Luciferian.

Illuminism refers to light, and specifically to the light bearer who in the Bible we read is Lucifer. But the real Lucifer ceased to exist when he rebelled from his Creator and fell like lightning from the sky. He is a figment of the Gnostic imagination. His true name and identity, ever since falling from grace, has been Satan, mankind’s deceiver and primal accuser. Therefore, the true source of Gnostic enlightenment and power is not from above but rather from below. It comes from the realm of darkness, not of light, and Illuminists are only fooling themselves in chasing after that dark power. So in a diabolical twist of irony, the same methods Weishaupt so cleverly devised to hide the true identity of his subversive Illuminati from others have become the very means Satan uses to hide his true identity from his Illuminist followers. And, barring any final repentance, the pit they have dug to entrap others is the very pit into which they themselves must eventually fall.

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Part 2:

Illuminism Infects God’s Church

Pope Pius IX brands Secret Societies as “Synagogues of Satan”

Perhaps there is no better illustration of how deeply modern Freemasonic values have infiltrated into Christ’s own Church than a 2012 debate in Australia between the atheist Richard Dawkins and a high ranking Roman Catholic cardinal. Incredibly, this particular prelate, reputed for his orthodoxy, was unable to provide a convincing explanation of original sin, a doctrine which the Catechism of the Catholic Church identifies as “*an essential truth of the faith.*” (CCC p.98) In fact, the Catechism devotes seven full pages to the subject of original sin, so why the lapse? The reason for his fumbling on this salient point was fully apparent, however. The cardinal had only moments before opined that the Genesis account of Adam and Eve was “mythological,” devoid of any real historic or scientific basis. And if a prince of the Church is confused about such an essential foundational truth of the faith, directly revealed in Sacred Scripture, then Illuminist

ideology has undoubtedly invaded the Body of Christ.

The inability of Christians to intelligently deal with fallout from Charles Darwin's "Evolution Revolution" has done more to discredit a Catholic worldview in favor of materialistic Naturalism than anything. This is because the logic of the Darwinian and subsequent neo-Darwinian narratives negate the doctrine of man's unique divine creation. If there were no one ancestral couple from whom we all descend, (monogenesis) who then introduced original sin? And if original sin is not really true then salvation, if it has any meaning at all, is reduced to a social / political question. Of course, if you doubt original sin just spend one day on the streets of New York, quip the pundits. But a greater authority concerning the existence of original sin exists: the Bible, and specifically the Book of Genesis. Therefore, if one can discredit the Biblical description of our human origins, the whole religious edifice can be easily torn down. Darwin's theory of evolution thereby became the great ally of Illuminist Freemasonry by claiming to destroy Scriptural inerrancy, and original sin alongside it.

Yet today's prelates act as if they are helpless to argue against "science," seemingly unaware that science is never "settled" but always open to new challenges, particularly this *theory* of biological evolution. Many problems face evolutionists today. First is the yawning gap between micro-evolution, which can be observed, and macro-evolution which can't — and which has *never* been substantiated by the fossil record (all those "missing links" are still missing). A second problem, especially regarding humans, is that of "reverse evolution." This means that fossils of supposedly older human ancestors such as *homo habilis* appear to be more closely related to modern *homo sapiens* than to earlier forms on the evolutionary timeline, such as *homo erectus*. This suggests, highly improbably, that evolution took a U-turn for a long time before getting back on track. Then there are more recent discoveries such as genetic markers in mitochondrial DNA which indicate we all descended from a single "maternal Eve." Add manifest uncertainties regarding homologies, phylogenies, impossibly complex mutations, etc., and Natural Selection — the bedrock of Darwinian evolution begins to look extremely doubtful.

Not that every cleric needs to be able to debate scientific questions which, to this day, are open to dispute. But he should be well enough read to understand that such theories are not in fact "settled science." And any theory that directly or indirectly challenges a fundamental doctrine of the Catholic faith like original sin ought to be at least cursorily understood. In fact, Pope Pius XII addressed this very question of biological evolution back in 1950, at a time well before many of the current scientific objections had been raised. The Holy Father wrote, "*opinions both favorable and unfavorable to evolution, (must) be weighed and judged with the necessary seriousness, moderation and measure, and provided that all are prepared to submit to the judgment of the Church, to whom Christ has given the mission of interpreting authentically the Sacred Scriptures.*" (HG #36)

The Pope was, of course, referring to the question of human origins from *One* man and *One* woman. He continues, "*the faithful cannot embrace that opinion which maintains that either after Adam there existed on this earth true men who did not take their origins through natural generation from him as from the first parent of all, or that Adam represents a certain number of*

first parents. (Nor can) such an opinion be reconciled with... revealed truth... with regard to original sin, which proceeds from a sin actually committed by Adam and which, through generation, is passed on to all and is in everyone as his own.” For Adam’s descendents, this same original sin, as explained later in the Catholic Catechism, is a sin “contracted” and not “committed” — a state and not an act. (CCC #404)

The Holy Father clearly intended to dispose of two myths entirely destructive to Christian faith: **1.)** that of Polygenism which is corollary to Darwinian evolution, and **2.)** that the original sin whose effects were passed down to all of mankind could not be traced to one single man and woman. In order to suppress these toxic myths, the Pope found it necessary to defend the authority and integrity of the Bible. Regarding the first 11 chapters of Genesis Pius XII noted, *“although properly speaking not conforming to the historical methods used by the best Greek and Latin writers, (those 11 chapters) do nevertheless pertain to history in a true sense... the same chapters also give a popular description of the origins of the human race and the chosen people. If, however, the ancient sacred writers have taken anything from popular narrations... they did so with the help of divine inspiration, through which they were rendered immune from any error in selecting and evaluating those documents.*

“Whatever of the popular narrations have been inserted into the Sacred Scriptures must in no way be considered on par with myths or other such things... our ancient sacred writers must be admitted to be clearly superior to the ancient profane writers.” (HG 38, 39)

Is there any excuse then for a high ranking Prince of the Catholic Church to be ignorant or incapable of explaining these basic truths about man’s true origins and the condition of sin to his audience? This perhaps reflects 60 years of apologetic drift in the seminaries combined with an educational system dripping in Naturalistic, Illuminist philosophies, even in the finest Catholic institutions. The current maxim seems to be: *Faith can never challenge “science.”* Those two disciplines were put into their respective boxes long ago and they cannot be let out or even allowed to acknowledge the other’s existence. The winner in any such contest will always be rationalistic science, because faith will invariably be dismissed out of hand as being “irrational.” Thank you, Descartes, whose separation of faith from reason incubated this brave new world, a large majority of whose inhabitants are now neither able to believe nor to reason.

Sixty years ago no Prince of the Church would have been boxed in by such specious or circular reasoning. Clearly something between then and now must have seriously tilted the playing field. It did. Just as the Revolution in France was sparked by the assembling of the Estates General in May, 1789, that same Revolution arrived belatedly in the Catholic Church with the assembling of the world’s bishops in Council on October 11, 1962. Both events began innocently enough and yet, in their seismic wakes, long established orders of society and religion were thrown into chaos. Church leaders no longer speak authoritatively to the world, nor even to other Catholics. In this exegetical vacuum many of today’s prelates now bow supinely to health bureaucrats: shuttering churches, suspending Sunday obligations, and generally constricting the Church’s sacramental life to the doubtless harm of millions of Catholics.

Christians are under attack, not from a paltry virus but by a mortal enemy intent on denying basic

human freedoms and the subjugating that once great defender of true human freedom, the Catholic Church. An Illuminist war is being waged through censorship and disinformation to spread biological and psychological terror in order to foment widespread fear and panic. Yet our episcopacy seems at a loss to identify the real enemy, or to put events into their proper context, which is an assault on the few surviving shreds of Christian based culture. Germiphobic shepherds tremble yet seem to forget that the Church's primary mission is not the preservation of bodily health but rather the spiritual health of its members.

Sadly our prelates have been thoroughly indoctrinated in the belief that they must always let "science" have the last word. While still believers in a formal sense, many are now *de facto* rationalists, unwittingly manipulated by their invisible Illuminist operators. Are there no prominent Catholic medical professionals to advise and confirm what countless other MDs and researchers were shouting for months — that the dangers of this virus were being grossly inflated, or that there were inexpensive and effective treatments available? Or does the fact that these same bishops have taken billions in government handouts for their own bloated bureaucracies make them reluctant to question such draconian state mandates? We have heard a deafening silence from our prelates as arbitrary governmental overreach imposes economic hardship and even ruin on millions of workers, yet they righteously lecture their flocks on the newly woke sin of "white privilege."

We then watched incredulously as the world's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, in concert with much of the U.S. Catholic episcopacy lustily applauded the grossly tainted election of "Catholic" Joe Biden to the nation's presidency. Welcome to the bizarre new world of quasi-apostasy. Ordinarily apostasy is the outright denial of one's faith, but it seems that many of today's "political" Catholics have neither the courage nor the integrity to simply walk away from what they obviously no longer believe. Instead they equivocate, picking and choosing which doctrines to accept and reject as if ordering off a fast food menu. Meanwhile our Ordinaries sweep any perceived scandal behind a "seamless garment" curtain.

This new kind of apostasy *a la carte* allows politicians like Pelosi and Biden to posture as "loyal Catholics" even as they implement public policies diametrically opposed to core Catholic doctrines. Quasi-apostasy relieves such leaders from having to take any principled stand on grave moral issues. Such rank inconsistency did not hinder the president of the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference, Jose Gomez, from offering groveling accolades, even as election results were still being hotly contested. "We congratulate Mr. Biden and acknowledge that he joins the late President John F. Kennedy as the second United States president to profess the Catholic faith." (Ironically, both men also gained that high office through election fraud.)

Notwithstanding substantial allegations of massive electoral cheating manifested almost as fast as the votes were being tallied, the *Vatican News* itself lost no time in joining the USCCB chorus of praise, apparently overlooking former nuncio Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano's observation concerning "the non-negotiable detail that Biden is avidly pro-abortion, a supporter of LGBT ideology, and of anti-Catholic globalism." In fact, the canonical penalty for any Catholic who assists in or promotes and abets the procurement of abortions is automatic excommunication. This

censure would certainly apply to Mr. Biden with his long track record of defending abortion rights, regardless of whether such self-imposed excommunication is publicly proclaimed. Moral relativism, another prime indicator of pervasive Masonic influence, again has had the last word.

If either the Vatican or Archbishop Gomez had any true sense of charity they would be pointing out to Mr. Biden that he is endangering his eternal salvation by making sacrilegious Communion while in an excommunicate state. True, John F. Kennedy may have had his particular faults, (as do we all) but he never facilitated the wholesale murder of the unborn, thereby maintaining a justifiable claim to his Catholic identity. Mr. Biden long ago forfeited any such claim by his long voting record in support of organizations such as NARAL and Planned Parenthood. Have any of today's quisling clerics taken the time to notice that the emperor has no clothes?

What exactly is going on here? This entire burlesque script evinces a strangely Freemasonic patina, reminiscent of the 2013 election of Pope Francis which itself drew the approbation of various Masonic leaders. Their jubilation should alert us all to the problem of general apathy by Church leaders towards Masonry's corrosive influence, both upon the Church and society. As far back as 1758 Pope Clement XIII voiced grave concerns that prelates were too indifferent to the Masonic threat, referring to such slothful pastors as *"mute dogs who, unable to bark, leave our flocks exposed to the voracity of beasts roaming the fields."*

Recent events have served to lift the curtain on just how deeply the Illuminist philosophies of Freemasonry have penetrated into the Church hierarchy. For example, one foundational principle of Freemasonry is a denial of the existence of hell. And since many bishops now accept the concept of universal salvation as bandied about by Bishop Robert Barron — an implicit denial of hell's reality — perhaps this explains their unwillingness to warn quasi-apostate Catholics of the very real threat to their eternal souls. They compensate by fretting mightily over your health, however, because a small virus is so much more threatening than the fires of hell. Such spiritual ambivalence is an uncomfortable reminder that many current episcopal attitudes unconsciously seem to align more with Masonic views than Catholic tenets.

Thankfully there have been a handful of individual cardinals and bishops around the world with the courage to stand apart from their platitudinous, overbearing bishop's conferences in order to clearly speak for and defend longstanding Catholic truths. But many of their brother bishops seem to have become *closet* Universalists, which perhaps explains why the Church as a whole seems to have lost that great missionary zeal which so greatly exemplified it even 60 years ago. If every pagan, animist, and even committed atheists are ultimately saved, then what is the real value of the Church and sacraments?

A horizontal, Masonic "Brotherhood of Man" seems to have eclipsed the transcendent verticality of the "Communion of Saints" as today's preferred metaphysical norm. The spirit of Illuminism is definitely in the clerical air, although many bishops seem blithely oblivious to its presence or inherent dangers. Only recently Spanish and Italian Freemasons were loudly applauding the latest papal encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. Such accolades would alert any sober Christian to a very shrill canary singing in the Ecclesial tunnel. Back in 1865 Pope Pius IX lamented over similar clerical

apathy regarding Freemasonry. “Many of those (clergy) whose functions and sacerdotal duty should make them ultra vigilant and ardent over such an important cause have, alas! Shown themselves indifferent and as though asleep.”

In 1983, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, as chief doctrinal watchdog in the Vatican, issued a Declaration on Masonic Associations, which reiterated the Church’s longstanding ban on Catholics becoming lodge members under pain of excommunication. Notwithstanding his ban, in February of 2020 an Austrian priest / practicing Freemason, Fr. Michael Weniger, released his new book called *Loge und Altar* (Lodge and Altar) which purports the compatibility of British Freemasonry with Catholicism. Weniger is not only “chaplain” at three Masonic lodges but serves as a member of the Pontifical Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue! Likewise, Australian Freemason and Roman Catholic priest Fr. Kerry Costigan boasts that the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the country’s lodges have been in dialogue for years. In fact, three of the five Australian Grand Masters are Catholics! (Robert Moynihan, *Inside the Vatican*, Aug.-Sept. 2020, p.34-5) Yet none of these clerics or laymen have ever been reprimanded by their bishops or Rome, apparently. Such casual indifference by Church leaders reminds one of an ancient Roman maxim, “Custom is the best interpreter of laws,” and the prevailing custom today appears to be laxism.

The essence of Freemasonry is an admixture of Naturalism, Gnosticism, and Rationalism all bound up in a revolutionary Jacobin understanding of “Brotherhood.” The lodge insinuates itself into one’s social and cultural life, placing Church and even family obligations beneath it. That spirit of Masonic Brotherhood is evident in the current papal *Aggiornamento*, a misguided attempt to bring the Church and the non-Christian world into closer harmony. *Laudate Si* and especially *Fratelli Tutti* both read respectively like treatises on environmentalism and sociology, the musings of a Pope more interested in impressing global activists than speaking of eternal verities such as heaven, hell, or salvation.

Illuminist Freemasonry is temporalism, in fact it may rightly be called the “high church” of temporalism. Within its walls religious truths are not so much denied as they are ignored or relegated to incidental status. Pope Francis genially appears to share this temporal outlook. He continually sends out mixed and ambiguous messages, a favorite Illuminist parlor trick employed regularly since Vatican II. In a private interview he might depart from the official moral doctrine by offering a fig leaf for the normalization of gay marriage under the cover of government sanctioned civil unions. Or who can forget his famous off the cuff rejoinder, “Who am I to judge?” (recall “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, etc...” Mt 16:19) Moral precepts are thus subjected piecemeal to political calculations designed to appease the humanists by glossing over embarrassing or unpopular injunctions clearly spelled out in the Holy Scriptures.

Masonry’s Spirit of Indifferentism

A leading cause of the relaxation of episcopal attitudes after 1960 has undoubtedly been the gradual adoption of a Masonic principle called “indifferentism” (the presumed equality of all

religions). Indifferentism is perhaps the most toxic tenet of Freemasonry to infect the post Vatican II Church, a doctrine which has had devastating consequences among the Catholic faithful. And while it is imperative to always show true charity and respect for our non-Christian neighbors, we must firmly bear in mind the reality that without Christ there is no salvation because, “*No one comes to the Father except through me.*” (Jn 14:6). Apart from him even the most virtuous pagan can never ascend to the full Beatific Vision. What then is eternity for such persons? Only God can answer that question definitively. Theologians have long hypothesized about a state called limbo where such souls might experience eternity as a place of serene peace but lacking the ecstatic spiritual fulfillment of the Beatific Vision, something like a contented dog reclining lazily in the sun, unaware that any greater pleasures might even exist.

Man has a natural religious instinct, the human heart reaching out towards something transcendent. Yet such experiences remain purely anthropocentric. Man, reaching out for God, could only hope at best to discern faint and distorted images. Judaism and Christianity are unique in one very important respect, because both trace their origins and authority directly back to Divine Revelation — where God actually reached down to man to reveal himself. So although all religions may reveal some universal human longing, not all of them are equally capable of fulfilling that longing. Worse yet, in God’s eyes certain of these man-made cults may truly be abominations.

There are pagan practices that do not lead one *towards* God but *away* from God. Pantheism (or Naturalism) is highly problematic because the worship of nature becomes *de facto* idolatry — i.e., the worship of creatures instead of the Creator. Regardless of the purity of human intentions, it is impossible that idolatry, the worship of things, can ever produce the same effect as the worship of the One True God. Idolatry is not some lesser form of worship, it is the antithesis of true worship. It is blasphemy, the gravest sin condemned by the First Commandment. And while it may not be subjectively sinful when performed out of ignorance, such an objectively sinful action could never become the cause of one’s eternal salvation. It remains an affront to God, whether it be willful or accidental. Imagine trying to get to Seattle by mistakenly boarding a flight to Pittsburgh. No matter how honest your mistake, you are still going to end up in the wrong place.

Masonry is the religion of Naturalism. It holds that human nature and reason ought to be our guide in all things. It considers all religions to be equal and admits of no moral or religious dogmas not subject to human reason. Finally, because it equates “original sin” with ignorance and nothing else, it goes on to espouse the perfectibility of human nature through reason and learning. It supposes that knowledge, and not divine grace, will bring about mankind’s ultimate redemption.

Church leaders (until recently) have vigorously opposed such humanist doctrines, recognizing that original sin caused man’s fall from God’s grace. There is no “natural” remedy for that fall, certainly not through the acquisition of some hidden knowledge (Gnosis). Redemption is the exclusive gift of the Son of God, incarnate as a man, who alone restores man to grace. No human association or brotherhood can replace that work of redemption. Illuminist Freemasonry is a system purporting to save mankind from dark religious “superstition” through its own version of “enlightenment” and “brotherhood.” It is an enticing though ultimately deadly doctrine appealing

primarily to human vanity and our innate tribal instincts.

In 1907 Pope St. Pius X recognized this dangerous Illuminist tendency under the name *vital immanence* stealthily creeping into the Body of Christ. It was an admixture of human consciousness and divine revelation which, he says, those Modernists in the Church considered to be synonymous. He exposed the error: “*religious consciousness is to be put on an equal footing with revelation... vital immanence emerges from the lurking-places of the subconsciousness, is the germ of all religion, and the explanation of everything that has been or ever will be in any religion... It is affirmed (by the Modernists) that our most holy religion, in the man Christ as in us, emanated from nature spontaneously and of itself.*” (St. Pius X, *Pascendi*, #10) Such a blunder leads one into an entirely naturalistic religion which can only mimic true Christianity.

Thanks to that great Pope’s diligence in suppressing it, the poisons spilling from this profound error would not flow openly into the Church for another 55 years. But when *vital immanence* finally saw the light of day its impact proved to be profound, just as St. Pius X had predicted. Faith in the God of revelation was subtly and almost imperceptibly displaced by a new faith in the human brotherhood. For decades the Church’s hierarchy was able to stave off this antithetical philosophy. Pope Pius XI in his 1925 encyclical, *Quas Primas*, proclaimed. “*It is Christ whom the Father hath appointed heir of all things; for he must reign until at the end of the world he hath put all of his enemies under the feet of God the Father.*” The obvious inference is that any “brotherhood” which includes the enemies of God cannot be a truly Christian brotherhood. But for people living in pluralistic societies such intellectual rigor would prove to be a hard saying. As Masonically inspired democracies began spreading around the world the new spirit of *Aggiornamento* spread quietly throughout the Church as well.

December 7, 1965 might accurately be called the Catholic “Pearl Harbor.” During that final session of the Second Vatican Council four documents were released which have greatly influenced the Church’s evangelical mission ever since. Close upon the heels of the October 28 Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (*Nostra Aetate*) three additional documents made their appearance that fateful December 7: Declaration on Religious Liberty (*Dignitatis Humanae*), Decree on the Church’s Missionary Activity (*Ad Gentes Divinitus*), and most notably the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*). Together, these four Conciliar documents essentially re-framed the Church’s “play book” for interacting with a secular, non-Christian world. None of these overtly altered existing doctrines, but what they did change were the practical methods employed to present and explain Catholic doctrine, that is her approach to evangelization and catechesis.

At first glance the new pedagogy seems to be more grounded in sociology than in theology, as it stresses becoming good citizens of the world over good citizens of heaven. This went far beyond the ecumenical spirit that ordinary Catholics usually associate with that historic Council. *Unitatis Redintegratio*, the Council’s Decree on Ecumenism (Nov. 21, 1964) had merely articulated what Pope St. John XXIII outlined just before the Council began: a call to work for Christian unity among the sadly divided flocks consisting of Roman Catholics, Orthodox Catholics, and Christian Protestants. This was a worthy goal which opened the door to a genuine and much needed

dialogue among various Christian bodies.

But a year later ecumenism suddenly became the new catchword for religious indifferentism. Language embedded within *Nostra Aetate* and subsequent pronouncements hijacked genuine ecumenical dialogue with totally unrelated notions. "Thus, in Hinduism men explore the divine mystery and express it in the limitless riches of myth and the accurately defined insights of philosophy." (NA #2) So how could a polytheistic religion which pays homage to demonic deities and teaches reincarnation be considered philosophically accurate in any Christian understanding? The text continues, "Buddhism... proposes a way of life by which men can, with confidence and trust, attain a state of perfect liberation and reach supreme illumination." Of course the Buddhist measure of "supreme illumination," or Nirvana, being nothing more than the total annihilation of the soul, is ultimately Nihilism. Yet the same document confidently asserts that such destructive doctrines, "often reflect a ray of truth which enlightens all men." (NA #2) Not long afterward many Catholic monks and religious, even of the stature of Thomas Merton, were busy exploring Eastern mysticism in search of those "accurately defined insights of philosophy." In Merton's case, this search cost him his very life.

One could easily infer from such statements that longstanding Catholic truths were to be relegated to just one viewpoint among any number of culturally derived truths. Inter-religious "dialogue" was now free to abandon the old "parochial" dogmatism that seemed to embarrass the modern Church's comparative religion exegetes. Ecumenism began to look a lot like Illuminist styled indifferentism, the view that all religions are equally valid and pretty much the same. The Catholic Church's claim to possess the fullness of divine truth and revelation was increasingly dismissed as arrogant triumphalism. Nobody has *all* the truth, claimed the Masons, everybody has little bits and pieces of it and, of course, only Freemasonry has the ability to put all those pieces together into the big jigsaw puzzle of truth. This is known as syncretism, and Freemasonry is the syncretic religion *par excellence*.

True Ecumenism is an exclusive inter-confessional discussion among Christians about their differences regarding Christian doctrine and practices. It has nothing to do with Buddhist, Muslim, or Hindu dialogue. But this essential point gets lost in passages of *Ad Gentus Divinitus* which reveals some disturbingly Masonic overtones: "schools are not to be considered solely as an outstanding means for forming and developing a Christian youth, but as a service of great value to men." Or this, "the faithful, after due consideration, should be eager to collaborate in projects initiated by private, public, state, or international bodies, or by other Christian, or even non-Christian communities." (AGD #12)

And what if those collaborators happen to be agnostic, hostile to Christian values, intent on population control through the sterilization of village women for their "own good?" Are Catholic missionaries still advised to be eager for collaboration? Does the "service of great value to men" outweigh the proper Christian formation of the youth where inevitable conflicts arise between these two stated aims? Thus a subtle Masonic subtext permeates these last minute Council documents, leaving the individual in the field to decide which set of values, humanist or Catholic, should hold primacy.

The “Vatican II Effect” – Child of Alta Vendita?

After 1965, Catholics no longer seemed to view the world as a spiritual battleground but increasingly as a global social laboratory. Many Council documents seemed to be written in such a way as to excite division rather than cohesion, even within the Church itself. Overnight the Church Militant assumed a new identity as the Church Pacifist. Truth and Salvation now played second fiddle to Peace and Justice. Nor was this peace the “Pax Christi” of tradition but a novel “Pax Moderna,” closely conformed to the Illuminist inspired “Rights of Man.” Cultural pluralism smoothed the way for religious pluralism, which sneaked its way in through the back door unmolested.

Ecumenism quickly devolved into the practical exercise of syncretism and indifferentism in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council so that, by 1986 at the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi, even the great Pope St. John Paul II was apparently taken in by this ecumenical bait and switch. This event involved the extreme action of removing crucifixes so as not to offend any non-Christians in attendance. Ecumenism was no longer about reconciling Christians to one another, it had become a campaign aimed at reconciling *all* religions to one another, a Herculean task even for a mind as agile and perceptive as Karol Wojtyla’s. In reality, such dialogue only tended to dilute Catholic identity while failing to reconcile fundamental religious differences.

Nobody was a more fervent or vigorous evangelist than St. John Paul II. Nevertheless, the larger Church suddenly found itself echoing the utopian desire to reconcile all belief systems into one homogenous whole, a tag line that Freemasonry had been advocating from its very inception. The dominant Spirit of Vatican II — while less beholden to the Holy Spirit — increasingly resembled the spirit of Illuminist Freemasonry. Suddenly, 2000 years of missionary activity by the Catholic Church was rendered irrelevant at best if not entirely moot; or tagged as an exercise in oppressive colonial subjugation. A new Catholic *zeitgeist* had entered our consciousness encouraged by the opaque, vacillating tone of documents such as *Gaudium et Spes*. Consider just a few examples which illustrate the ambiguity embedded within that pastoral constitution:

“No one can allow himself to close his eyes to the course of events or indifferently ignore them and *wallow in the luxury of a merely individualistic morality.*” (*GES #30*, my italics) Is following Catholic moral precepts (e.g. parenting more than the politically correct 2.1 children) mere individualistic indulgence? Again, “Although the Church rejects atheism, she nevertheless proclaims that all men, those who believe as well as those who do not, should help establish a *right order* in this world. (*GES #21*) No direction is given here on who actually determines what constitutes “right order,” atheists or believers? In 1979 Pope St. John Paul II had gravely warned, “the world is facing the *final confrontation* between the Church and anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel.” If that is true, then no consensus regarding “right order” could possibly be reached between atheists and believers. Either one view or the other must prevail.

Finally, alluding to what it terms the spiritual and moral maturity of mankind, the same document

avows: “We place before our eyes the unification of the world and the duty imposed upon us to build up a better world in truth and justice. We are witnessing then, the birth of a new humanism, where man is defined before all else by his responsibility to his brothers at the court of history.” (GES #55) But is it the court of history or the court of the Final Judgment which will truly matter? Man’s duty to his fellow man, while substantial, can never take priority over man’s duty to God which is rightfully his first responsibility. Such vague Conciliar statements would never elicit the slightest disagreement at a Masonic gathering since the sentiments they express leave wide open the door to purely humanistic interpretations.

In stark contrast to such a vacillating tone, the Catechism of the Catholic Church reasserts the constant work of evangelizing in obligatory, even imperative terms. “*God wills the salvation of everyone through the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is found in the truth... But the Church, to whom this truth has been entrusted, must go out to meet their desire, so as to bring them to the truth. Because she believes in God’s universal plan of salvation, the Church **must** be missionary.*” (CCC #851) Unlike *Gaudium et Spes*, one finds little ambiguity in this language. The Church is and must remain both consciously and actively a missionary body.

Since Vatican II, unctious platitudes have become commonplace ecclesial jargon, supplanting the decisive and carefully worded pronouncements of earlier Popes and councils which left little doubt as to their meaning or applicability. Today we can fairly ask how a Church with such clear directives and policies suddenly lost the ability to express itself in plain, unambiguous language as it seems to have done after 1962. While history demonstrates that there is always the perennial problem of internal institutional rot, such natural corruption is often abetted by external forces willing to exploit any weakness in the system. So what external forces might be operating against the Church?

The Church has certainly always had her enemies, and one of the more persistent and insidious of these has been Illuminism which, after the French Revolution faltered, adopted a more patient, strategic approach. Thus Bishop Rudolph Graber noted, “The goal (of Illuminism) is no longer the destruction of the Church, but to make use of it by infiltrating it.” To that end a powerful Italian Masonic association, the Carbonari, seriously undertook this task beginning in the 1820s. Members of their most important lodge called the *Alta Vendita* considered the thing carefully, producing a “blueprint” for subjugating the entire Catholic Church which was then secretly passed around to the various lodges.

This document was not so secret that Pope Gregory XVI was not able to procure a copy of it, however. In his 1832 encyclical *Mirari Vos* to the world’s bishops Pope Gregory wrote: “*we can say this is the hour granted to the power of darkness to grind the elect as wheat. EVIL comes out of Secret Societies, bottomless abyss of misery, which those conspiring societies have dug and... vomited all they hold of licentiousness, sacrilege, and blasphemy.*” There is nothing subtle or doubtful about the meaning of Gregory’s words. Only weeks before his death in 1846 Gregory put this document of *The Permanent Instructions of the Alta Vendita* into trusted hands. His successor, Pope Pius IX then had the *Alta Vendita* published in 1858, not long after the Masonic forces of Mazzini and Garibaldi had stripped him of the Papal lands in Italy, forcing the Pope into exile in the Vatican. These *Permanent Instructions* lay out an elaborate master plan for undermining and

corrupting the Church by subterfuge.

"Our ultimate end is that of Voltaire and the French Revolution – the final destruction of Catholicism, and even of the Christian idea.

"What we must ask for, what we should look and wait for, as the Jews waited for the Messiah, is a Pope according to our needs. With that we shall march more securely towards the assault on the Church than with the pamphlets of our brethren in France, and even the gold of England.

"Now then, to assure ourselves a Pope of the required dimensions, it is a question first of shaping for this Pope a generation worthy of the reign we are dreaming of... Go to the youth, and, if possible, even to the children... you will contrive for yourselves, at little cost, a reputation as good Catholics and pure patriots.

"This reputation will put access to our doctrines into the midst of the young clergy. In a few years... they will be called to choose a Pontiff. And this Pontiff, like most of his contemporaries, will be necessarily more or less imbued with the (revolutionary) Italian and humanitarian principles that we are going to begin to put into circulation.

"You want to revolutionize Italy; (and the world) look for the Pope whose portrait we have just drawn... let the clergy march under your standard, always believing that they are marching under the banner of the Apostolic Keys... Lay your snares like Simon Bar-Jonah; lay them in the sacristies, the seminaries, and the monasteries rather than at the bottom of the sea; and if you do not hurry, we promise you a catch more miraculous than his.

"You will have preached a revolution in tiara and cope, marching with the cross and the banner, a revolution that will need only to be a little urged on to set fire to the far corners of the world."Fw

This incredible program was having such success that by 1884 the Illuminist spirit of liberalism had infected much of the Church to the extent that Pope Leo XIII was compelled to address Masonic Secret Societies in his encyclical *Humanus Genus*. Leo begins by pointing out that there are two kingdoms, opposed and irreconcilable, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. He then points out that all the various Secret Societies, of which Freemasonry is only an outer visible manifestation, are bound together by a common purpose. Their goal is the overthrow of the Christian social order to be replaced by mere Naturalism, meaning says Leo, *"that human nature and human reason ought in all things to be mistress and guide... they allow no dogma of religion or truth which cannot be understood by the human intelligence."* (HG #12)

Pope Leo then addresses what he calls the great error of the age, *"that regard for religion should be held as an indifferent matter, and that all religions are alike,"* so as *"to bring about the ruin of all forms of religion, and especially of the Catholic religion."* (HG #16) He notes how Freemasons deny original sin and preach a gospel of pleasure intended to undermine public morality. They work to take education of the youth out of the hands of the Church and place it entirely in the hands of laymen. *"By removing Christian education, the sect has begun more completely to rule, there goodness and integrity of morals have begun quickly to perish."* (HG #19) Finally, the Pope criticizes their false notion of equality which is *"most repugnant to reason to endeavor to confine all within the same measure,"* because as he points out, *"the abilities of all are not equal... as there are very many dissimilarities of manner, disposition, and character."* (HG #26)

One only need look at where we are today in order to realize just how much of what the *Alta Vendita* outlined, and numerous popes have warned against, has actually come to pass. Few in today's Church seem to be voices of truth and reason opposing the pervasive underlying spirit of Illuminist Masonry even among Catholics. The enemy has been both patient and persistent in promoting its "revolution in tiara and cope." They now seem to have reached their goal of "a Pope according to our needs." A syncretist New World Religious Order under the guiding hand of Illuminist Freemasonry is asserting itself as the answer to humanity's spiritual divisions. The Universal Church of Rome simply needs to take its place on this new bandwagon as just one more member of the team. Thus, in his 2020 *Urbi et Orbi* address, the current Pope confidently proclaimed, "...we are all brothers and sisters, despite religious differences." He somehow failed, however, to mention Communist China's ongoing persistent persecution of Christians and Uighur Muslims, nor did he have any hopeful word regarding the fate of unborn "brothers and sisters" in his native Argentina, even as that government prepared to legalize abortion for the first time.

Pope Francis is the pontiff who has elevated religious indifferentism to unimagined heights. After the scandalous worship ceremony of an Amazonian pagan idol in his very presence on the grounds of the Vatican in October, 2019, the Pope doubled down with his controversial encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* which leading Freemasons eulogized as, "close to the ideals that have constituted the very foundations of Freemasonry from the very beginning." What they undoubtedly refer to are Francis' calls for a New World Order global government, economic restructuring along socialist lines, and even censorship of the internet to prevent populist sentiments from spreading. In a bizarre twist of logic, while blithely sidestepping the issue of systemic persecution of Christians in Muslim lands, Francis nevertheless writes, "All religions together create a brotherly relationship among all men." Then, at the signing ceremony of *Fratelli*, joined by a Muslim Imam, Francis made the incredible observation that, "God in all his wisdom wants all the religions." "All" would presumably include Voodoo, Scientology, Polytheism, and even Satanic cults — how charming!

For the 2021 Epiphany Francis released a video on his Worldwide Prayer Network which displays a defiant spirit of indifferentism. "When we pray to God following Jesus, we come together as brothers and sisters with those who pray according to other cultures, other traditions, and other beliefs... The Church values God's action in other religions, without forgetting that, for us Christians, the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity is in the gospel of Jesus Christ." He was only reiterating what he had already spelled out earlier in *Fratelli Tutti* (#277) that, "*others drink from other sources.*" But the testimony of his predecessor Peter dispels such optimism. "*There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.*" (Acts 4:12)

According to Francis, this wellspring of Jesus Christ is not binding for all humankind but only "for us Christians." Others can apparently frequent other wellsprings where "God's action in other religions" produces effects which Francis clearly implies are just as fruitful as those of the gospel. Archbishop Vignano counters in accord with the constant teaching of the Magisterium, "The only source from which it is possible to drink is Our Lord Jesus Christ... Those who try to quench their thirst from other sources do not quench (it) and almost certainly poison themselves."

In his 1928 encyclical *Mortalium Animos*, then Vicar of Christ, Pope Pius XI, labeled indifferentism, “a false opinion which considers all religions to be more or less good and praiseworthy. Not only are those who hold this opinion in error and deceived, but also in distorting the idea of true religion they reject it.” Yet compare that statement with this, again from *Fratelli Tutti* (#277) which reads, “The Church esteems the way in which God works in other religions, and rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions.” In response, Archbishop Vigano notes that in false (notably non-Christian) religions “there is nothing true and holy “*ex se*” since any elements of truth they preserve are in any case usurped, and used to conceal the error and make it more harmful.”

Interestingly enough Pope, Francis, no longer embraces the title “Vicar of Christ.” Instead he has allied himself with some of the world’s leading Illuminists, personages such as Klaus Schwab, Lynn Rothschild, Prince Charles, and others in promoting a New World Order “Global Reset.” His spiritual leadership seems to be increasingly, and alarmingly, focused on purely temporal concerns. The gospel of social progress is drowning out the true Gospel of salvation. Back in 1982 Our Blessed Lady related to an Ohio nun, “There are those in high places in the Church who... betray the teachings inspired by the Divine Spirit sent by my Son to be with the Church till the end of time.” She thus implicated Illuminism in this sinister plot of Ecclesial treason to wit, “Many are those who seek truth from spirits who are false and lead only to a greater ignorance and a worse destruction.” (Sr. Mildred Mary Neuzil, *Our Lady of America*)

Pope St. Pius X was well aware of Illuminist undermining of the Church through a gradual incremental approach. In his 1907 encyclical against Modernism, *Pascendi Dominici Gregis* (#27), the Pope wrote, “While they make a pretense of bowing their heads, their minds and hands are more boldly intent on carrying out their purposes... it is necessary for them to remain within the ranks of the Church in order that they may gradually transform the collective conscience.” It is this duplicity which has always been a hallmark of Illuminism, like a mole burrowing into the Church or any body politic which it desires to influence and subvert. These are the tactics of the enemy of mankind, Satan, and where such tactics are in play the Evil One is undoubtedly present.

I conclude with the prophetic words of Sr. Agnes Sasagawa, a nun in Akita Japan who received three visits from Our Blessed Lady, the true terror of demons, back in 1973. These visions were approved by Bishop John Ito in 1984 after years of investigation. It was on the 56th anniversary of the famous Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Oct. 13, 1973, that Our Lady told Sr. Sasagawa: “The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres... churches and altars sacked; the Church will be full of those who accept compromise and the demons will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord.”

The past 48 years more than bear out the truth of this part of the prophesy, especially under the current pontificate. Just as at Fatima, there was a more apocalyptic tone to her message, with the usual conditional escape clause if only people would seriously repent. “As I told you, if men do not

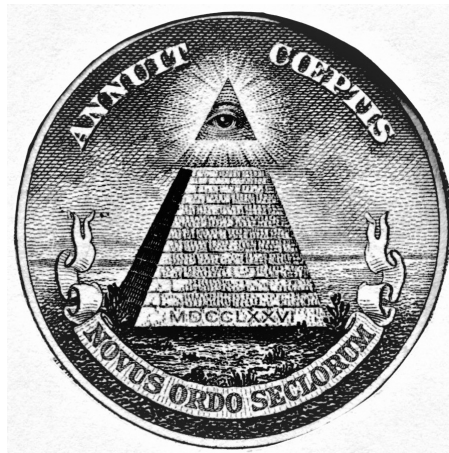
repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one never seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and wipe out a great part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priest nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms which will remain for you will be the rosary and the Sign left by my Son... With the rosary pray for the Pope, the bishops, and priests.

Today we stand on the brink of a terrifying abyss waiting to swallow this proud, impenitent, “Illuminist” world whose god is Lucifer. The bishops are the direct successors to the apostles, and hold their apostolic authority — even when they fail to exercise it for the good of the Church. Being both human and under great pressure, they too often show little courage. Although this is a source of great sorrow for the faithful, if the chokehold of Illuminism is to be broken, we must all the more pray and sacrifice for them and the final liberty and exaltation of Holy Church.

“Not to oppose error is to approve it; and not to defend the truth is to suppress it; and indeed to neglect to confound evil men, when we can do it, is no less a sin than to encourage them.”

Pope St. Felix III

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A Curious Symbol

This Reverse Side of the Great Seal of the United States has long roused controversy. Is the symbolism Masonic or patriotic? Its designer, Charles Thomson, seems to have incorporated deliberate ambiguities into the scheme. Thomson was a member of the American Philosophical Society founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 at the height of the Enlightenment. He was closely connected to Franklin, a high level Freemason, which perhaps accounts for much hidden double entendre apparent within the elements. An unfinished pyramid of 13 stone courses might represent the 13 original states – but it might also represent the various degrees one advances through to

gain Masonic “illumination,” or even perhaps some unfinished work. The cryptic motto, Annuit Coeptis, literally to favor or smile upon our undertaking, is a presumable reference to the caption “Novus Ordo Seclorum,” or New Order of the Ages. Yet this seal appeared five years before our groundbreaking American Constitution was even framed, so to what New Order could it be referring? Perhaps the new social order that was already being secretly planned and agitated for in France to displace the old established order of Church and throne?

The mysterious all-seeing Eye might be that of some deistic Providence, yet it has also been associated with Osiris, the pagan Egyptian god of the underworld and Masonic cult figure. The year 1776 in Roman numerals ostensibly refers to the founding of this nation, yet it also just happens to be the year that Adam Weishaupt founded his secretive Order of Illuminati disguised under the Masonic banner. Both “New Social Order” and “unfinished work” correctly describe the aims and status of the Illuminati in 1782, the same year the Great Seal was designed and approved. Mere coincidences or the cryptic preamble to an Illuminist inspired future which subsequent history has consistently confirmed?

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