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Modern Christianity

The May 2024 issue of the **Chancellor's Update** analyzed the situation in today's culture and the slide into the destruction of Christian Civilization.

Concepts in the various professions, which were unthinkable in the not-too-distant past, are not only alive and well in 2024 but are continuing the slide into total destruction.

In August 2000, twenty-four years ago, the <u>Chancellor's Update</u> illustrated how Antonio Gramsci applied lying, deception, confusion, to affect change of direction. After studying Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mussolini, Gramsci developed his own process of bringing about the Marxist paradise or a classless society. While Lenin believed in a violent revolution, Gramsci preferred a non-violent approach through the understanding of how Christianity viewed the transcendent, and then Marxize the inner man. Gramsci was committed to conquer the mind of civil society by acquiring a Marxist hegemony over the mind of the population. Its outward face would show national consensus, unity or pacification, participation in the democratic process of lobbying, voting, and accepting other political parties. From here, we reproduce the 2000 May <u>Chancellor's Update</u>.

Gramsci's targets of first choice were educational facilities from grade school to university. Additional targets of choice were the media, political parties, and cultural structures that would affect the family unit that was fat, happy and wide open to systematic and professional Marxist penetration. Motivate communists to join capitalists in their ventures, BUT let the entire effort be solely by man for man's sake. Collaborate with the capitalist to fill his belly with fresh food and to fill his mind with fresh knowledge. This approach would make sure man believes both food and knowledge are his creation - the results only of his own noble efforts.

In order to achieve the destruction of Christianity, Gramsci acknowledged that Roman Catholicism was the central force impeding the de-Christianization of the Western mind. Gramsci recommended not military superiority, but corruption of their Christian cultural base by reducing all men's expectations of any salvation from on high. Replace the Christian cultural base by promising men liberation from what ails them from heightened human (and only human) effort and instructing them that all hope of progress lies within themselves. The message of Gramsci was: You have to transform the culture of the people.

Once again, in order to achieve the Paradise of Marx's dreams or the classless society, Lenin believed in a violent and bloody revolution. Gramsci disagreed with Lenin's process. Gramsci's understanding of Christianity and Christian culture allowed him to be far more sophisticated and subtle in his interpretation of Hegel's dialectical philosophy of history.

Thus, Marx had been inner or immanent vs. what is outside of man or transcendent. Instead, Gramsci proposed to understand how Christians viewed the transcendent and then Marxize the inner man. Marxists must change the residually Christian mind to become not merely a non-Christian mind but an anti-Christian mind. Marxists goals sought for one to think about life's problems without reference to the Christian transcendent or without reference to the laws of God or God. Have one accept that there is nothing in existence that transcends man - his material organism within his material surroundings. Have one replace the residue of Christian transcendentalism in the world with genuinely Marxist immanentism. Marxize the West. No classes, but one class that are all proletarian minds in the earthly paradise. The whole subtle attack of Gramsci's ingeniously congenial process was to cooperate with the most central operating principle of Leninist Marxism: deception. Gramsci understood how the Christian bulwark could be and would be undone.

Lenin's organizational creation was Marxism's ideal answer to the centrally directed global structure of the Roman Catholic Church. In most Christian cultures, the national tradition of all the classes were virtually consubstantial with Roman Catholicism. Gramsci proposed using Lenin's geopolitical structure not to conquer streets and cities. Instead, Gramsci said, use it to conquer the mind of civil society. Use it to acquire a Marxist hegemony over the minds of the populations that must be won.

Gramsci Proposed Five Strategies

- 1) Change the outward face of the Communist party. Don't say 'revolution' or 'dictatorship of the proletariat'. Say instead 'national consensus', 'national unity', or 'national pacification'.
- 2) Communist party must engage in the democratic process of lobbying and voting and then accept the presence of other political parties.
- 3) Accept national versions of communism in each country.
- 4) Join any activist group to further your cause, as yeast leavens bread.
- 5) Destroy Christianity.

We can see how successful they have been in carrying out their strategy.

We (You) must develop a plan to defeat them.

The only Plan will be the Fatima Plan of prayer and penance!

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