

Humanistic “Ethics” Never Has and Never Can Create a Free and Just Society

“The least [initial] deviation from truth is multiplied later a thousandfold.” (Aristotle, On the Heavens)

“Humanism” and its pragmatic-synonym, “secularism,”¹ make similar bold social claims:

*“Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, **without supernaturalism**, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity.”²*

While this treatise on “ethical” potential raises several questions, the one aspect of ethics I choose to contest is the humanist claim that we have an *autonomous*³ capacity to “lead ethical lives.” And my challenge is *further* heightened because the plan they envision entails not merely individualistic betterment; but **overhauling a national order!** Any claim that that goal can improve America solely by repudiating the “sins” of our Founders is utterly naïve.⁴ The fact that humanistic college academicians⁵ give a “pass” to the conduct of 20th Century-Marxists⁶ while vilifying Washington and Lincoln is, on its face, absurd. It is on the one hand true that secularism has tolerably *coexisted* alongside our republican democratic social order for a century. Nevertheless, in terms of *social* considerations, their “success” has occurred not as if they collaborated in a positive way, but because of their *parasitic* reliance on the social resources, drawn from a parent society, that are rooted in the Bible.⁷

My point is NOT to begrudge their free ride, but rather to highlight the reality that the promises cited in our *Declaration of Independence* have their source NOT in humanistic ideology, but in the principles that flow from a Christian worldview. Though secularists will undoubtedly mock this assertion by charging “those Christian sinners” (meaning “us”)... with “hypocrisy,” the points they miss include (1) the *universality* of sin in that everybody without exception breaks the golden rule, (2) in an absence of a universal moral code, societies will naturally degenerate into tyrannical-chaos,⁸ and (3) in a spirit of defiance of authority, the expected result can only be that law-breakers will loot the defenseless. In addition to the Covid19 onslaught, our society has recently suffered from devastating rioting over a hundred days, *vis-a-vis* the gross neglect by Leftist authorities to protect their citizens. According to Rom. 1:18f., such misery naturally results from their defiant denial of the moral law of God.⁹

Virtually a hundred million people were *murdered* in the 20th century; not by enemy armies, but their very **own atheistic** despots.¹⁰ How could such travesties happen? Were the culprits—not just the ones who *plotted* the horrific schemes, but also the underlings carrying them out—maladjusted or psychologically dysfunctional? No, not generally!¹¹ They instead illustrate what people who hold the power are capable of doing IF fear of punishment is removed as a perceived threat, either from government, or the existence of a Holy God above.

¹ <https://www.secularism.org.uk/what-is-secularism.html>

² *The Humanist Manifesto III*, 2003 (boldface mine). <https://americanhumanist.org/what-is-humanism/manifesto3/>. Boldface mine. **

³ The term “autonomous” affectively means self-powered (pun intended). Think “automobile.” Consider also the word, “innate.”

⁴ John. M. Ellis. *The Breakdown of Higher Education*. (Encounter, 2020), p. 113

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 31.

⁶ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/volokh-conspiracy/wp/2017/11/07/lessons-from-a-century-of-communism/>

⁷ “That the founders of [our nation] believed in a religious basis for our society can be illustrated abundantly from their speeches and writings.”

Russell Kirk. *The Roots of American Order*. (Regnery Gateway, 1991), p. 433.

⁸ Think of a society where each driver is permitted individually to abide by their own laws.

⁹ St. Paul writes, “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap” (Galatians 5:7).

¹⁰ Robert Conquest. “Reflections on a Ravaged Century.” <https://sites.fas.harvard.edu/~hpcws/asreview.htm>

¹¹ BIOLA University Prof., Clay Jones concludes from extensive study that they were mostly *normal* people shielded from threat of punishment.

Fictional character Mitya Karamazov, in the novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*, ponders in casual conversation with another, “*Without God and mortal life? All things are lawful then, they can do what they like?*”¹² To state matters bluntly, deniers of “supernaturalism” have for decades recklessly sought to banish biblical values from our culture, the results of which are that they are becoming increasingly loathsome in the eyes of *humanistic* cultural leaders. Consider examples of the common core issues behind this downward spiral:

- In 1947 Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black implied (without certitude) that Thomas Jefferson intended his “*wall of separation,*” to protect the State from the encroachment of the Church.¹³ Legal scholar Daniel Dreisbach challenges that claim by noting that it has “*become the sacred...dogma that champions a **secular polity in which religious influences are systematically and coercively stripped from public life***” (boldface mine).¹⁴
- In the 1960s, on the basis of the US Constitution, homosexuals demanded (legitimately) both social toleration and equal treatment and access to the rights that it guarantees. But now the *traditional* concepts of both marriage and gender identity are not merely mocked, but bureaucratically banished so that new arrangements are both imposed onto society and enforced under the threat of judicial punishments.

Concerning sexuality and morality in general, the question of a correlation between fidelity and social/societal health, British sociologist J.D. Unwin anticipated the present moral deterioration in our own day after studying the sexual morays of eighty “primitive” tribes and six civilizations across 5,000 years of history. He stated,

“In human records there is no instance of a society retaining its energy after a complete new generation has inherited a tradition which does not insist on pre-nuptial and post-nuptial continence.” In addition he wrote, “*After a nation becomes prosperous it becomes increasingly liberal in regard to sexual morality and as a result it loses its cohesion, its impetus, and its purpose.*”¹⁵

- In the 1960s the Free Speech Movement began (appropriately) as a protest movement to Lynden Johnson’s Administration’s refusal to engage with college students over the policies concerning the Vietnam War. Today by contrast, political Leftists (**PL**), from newscasters to social media outlets **suppress** news and urge **ensorship** of ideas they oppose to the end that they outright hijacked the recent Presidential election.¹⁶
- Despite claiming to be champions of science, PLs have betrayed an utter indifference to truth insofar as truth hinders their dishonest agendas.¹⁷ For example, they have exhibited **no** curiosity at all about alleged, though documentable, massive voting irregularities. Indeed they absolutely refused to investigate sworn testimony while having the gall to insist that Republicans trust the election outright without question.
- The Democrat Party (**DP**) exposed its’ multi-faceted moral duplicity over the nightly rioting this past Summer. It was **DP** mayors who stood idly by as damage mounted, even as they armed the rioters, while restraining police from both halting the culprits

¹² Constance Garrett, tr. Fyodor Dostoyevsky. *The Brothers Karamazov*. (Signet, 1999), Pt. 4, Bk. 11, ch. 4, p. 557.

¹³ <https://www.heritage.org/political-process/report/the-mythical-wall-separation-how-misused-metaphor-changed-church-state-law>.

¹⁴ Thomas Jefferson’s Letter to the Danbury Baptist Association. <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/primary-sources/danburybaptists>.

¹⁵ J.D. Unwin. *Sex and Culture*. (Oxford, 1934). The text can be found at <https://archive.org/details/b20442580/page/n5/mode/2up>

¹⁶ See my essay, “The Blind Array of Cowardly Ploys the Left Employs,” at my blog, offensivechristianity.blogspot.com, 12/26.2020.

¹⁷ See my essay, “Leftism’s Claim to be Champions of Science is a Gigantic Fraud,” at my blog, ibid, 11/10/2020.

and protecting the innocent. So also, like-minded news shows refused to either air their deeds or tie the devastation to **DP** purposes.¹⁸ Indeed the only power their useful idiot Antifa, exhibited entailed terrorizing people and demolishing property.¹⁹

In sum, Humanists chronically distort our Constitution, 2) belittle morality, suppress and censor facts they regard as distasteful, and encourage thuggish tactics for the purpose of holding on to power. At the same time, they *offer no semblance blueprint of their vision*. Therefore they lack the values necessary to even maintain the blessings we have *already* inherited from our forefathers. Even worse still, their prospects for bringing a better future are utterly nil. So the only way forward toward a society that unites in freedom in freedom for all among a people who are literally sinners, all, is to be found by recovering that vision which brought forth that foundation which we are in danger of throwing away. To be continued...

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¹⁸ See my essay, "Fox News Alone Visually Connects Rioting with the Democrat Party," at my blog, 09/09/2020, Op.cit. (16).

¹⁹ See both my essay series, "The Choice: Flawed Liberators? Or Clueless Thugs?" at my blog, 08/08-28/2020, Op.cit". (16).