Cultural Marxism or Multiculturalism by Fred DeRuvo - Study-Grow-Know Ministries

William S. Lind is a well-known individual who has spoken a good deal about this phenomenon, and his many writings have explained it more than satisfactorily. "Cultural Marxism is a branch of western Marxism, different from the Marxism-Leninism of the old Soviet Union. It is commonly known as 'multiculturalism' or, less formally, Political Correctness. From its beginning, the promoters of cultural Marxism have known they could be more effective if they concealed the Marxist nature of their work, hence the use of terms such as 'multiculturalism'."¹

In short, cultural Marxism opposes anything and everything that is traditional in scope and based on biblical tenets. For instance, in the Bible, marriage is between one man and one woman. Opposing that means pushing for gay and lesbian rights, which allows two men or two women to marry one another, elevating that union to the same standard as two members of the opposite sex marrying.

Whereas the Bible sees the male as the spiritual head of the home, cultural Marxism seeks to reverse roles. Anything that attacks biblical mandates and tenets is seen as the new normal, while biblical mandates become antiquated and based on "hatred." Therefore, those who continue to observe them are "haters" themselves. This, of course, leads to speech codes and addresses the issue of hate speech. So, concluding that the Bible prohibits homosexual unions is tantamount to "hate speech" and will one day be illegal in the United States, as it currently is in the UK and other places.

Essentially then, one of the foundational goals of cultural Marxism is to eradicate Christianity in the West. This has been in the works since World War I. Has it been a conspiracy, where human beings have gathered together for the purpose of trying to accomplish this? I have no idea, but I do know that from the *spiritual* realm, Satan has done everything he can to turn things upside down in society so that we have come to a point where evil is called good and good is called evil.

If you consider the fact that if this has been in the works since WWI, it is not at all difficult to see that cultural Marxism went mainstream in the 1960s. If we consider all that took place during that decade alone, it becomes easy to see how society has increasingly opposed anything biblical.

In the 1960s, we took God, His Word, and prayer out of the public schools. In the 1970s, we made it legal to kill unborn children. Sadly, there are many so-called Christians who have

¹ http://www.marylandthursdaymeeting.com/Archives/SpecialWebDocuments/Cultural.Marxism.htm

little to no problem with abortion and because of it many can easily vote for a pro-abortion political candidate.

So in the space of just over ten years, we passed laws that literally abandoned God and several of the Ten Commandments, including the sixth: thou shalt not kill. Whatever America's foundation was built on, we collectively voted to overturn it in the '60s and '70s.

Since that time, what has been the result? Crime has gone up, families have been split apart, and children have experienced problems and difficulties like ADHD, depression, and a host of mental ailments that are coming home to roost.

Never fear though, because atheists and humanists alike have been trying ever since to replace God, His Word, and prayer with something else entirely. It has many names, depending upon the branch of society through which it has been introduced: New Age, Reiki, mindfulness, Humanistic Psychology, Darwinism, Ecumenism, Socialism, Diversity Training, Relativism, political correctness, Globalism, speech codes, New Media, Mainstream (or Mainline) Christianity, Christian Cultural Marxism, Postmodernism, Emergent Church, Frankfurt School, and more.

The saddest part, of course, is that nothing can replace God: absolutely nothing. He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). He is not "a" way, "a" truth, or "a" life. Yet Satan continues to lie to the world, telling society that we can find peace with God and happiness within ourselves through something *other* than God. This is essentially the same lie he used against Adam and Eve.

One of the big new things making its way into schools is called Mindfulness, or Mindfulness of Purpose. It is a way of thinking that teaches students (and educators) how to help themselves make good decisions. Ultimately, what is fascinating about it is that it is based directly on the eight main tenets of Buddhism. Reiki, which is growing in usage in many health clinics, is also based on Buddhist techniques. Again, I will have far more detail in my upcoming book.

When we take the time to look squarely in the face of the society in which we now live, it becomes clear that because we have kicked God out of schools and out of virtually every place in society except houses of worship, society has failed and will continue to fail. The devolution is nearly complete.

The great falling away has taken and will continue to take place globally. It's not just the fact that tremendous numbers of people who have previously professed to be Christian are moving away from Christianity. More to the point is the fact that all of society is moving away from any desire to even know God, just as society has done previously, as described by Paul in Romans 1.

Yet we have what are known as "mega-churches" where thousands of people gather together to "worship" God. How do we account for that? The same apostle Paul who speaks of the great falling away also tells us of the growing desire of people to have their ears tickled (2 Timothy 4:3). This, of course, is when a person only wants to hear things that make him feel good about himself, others, and life in general. Unfortunately, there are way too many preachers who are far more inclined to tell people what they want to hear as opposed to what God wants them to know.

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Society is falling away. It has been doing it for some time and it will continue to do so. People have been arrested for kneeling in prayer in front of the White House or the building that houses the Supreme Court. This happened in 2012 several times.²

In the end, cultural Marxism attacks the very fundamental rights of American citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Through speech codes, political correctness, and multiculturalism, policy and even laws are passed denoting when something is considered to be "hate" speech. This is an abrogation of the First Amendment. Is it good when people use terms that offend others? Of course not, but to make laws or policy against it is absurd. It simply whittles away at our rights. Let's not even talk about who decides what constitutes "hate speech."

Cultural Marxism encourages people to think that laws must be enacted for the safety of all people but too often wind up simply reducing the rights of the law-abiding citizen. Such is the case with respect to the fervor over the Second Amendment. All people should be willing to give up gun rights so that everyone will be "safer," yet there is no way to ensure that criminals would ever comply. This is cultural Marxism because it tries to make guns – in this case – the bad guy, when the bad guy is still the person who wields the gun and uses it for criminal activity. Cultural Marxism can do nothing about that bad guy.

Yes, there is a falling away that has been at work within Christendom, but there is also a falling away from any semblance of biblical standards in society as a whole. This falling away is described as a "rebellion" by Paul in the English Standard Version of 2 Thessalonians 2:3. It is called the "apostasy" in the New American Standard Version, and the phrase "people rise up against God" is used in the New International Version. The sense here is that this will occur throughout society, including Christendom.

The further people go from God and the more they want no part of Him, the greater will their rebellion be. Their attitudes will mirror their hearts. They will no longer serve anything but themselves.

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² http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/54-arrested-so-far-in-white-house-vigil-for-religious-liberty/

So, where does that leave society? For godless people, it leaves them without hope. However, that may wind up being a good place for many, because in their hopelessness and despair, God may yet open their eyes so that they can see the truth. He may also use those of us who already know Him to help them open their eyes. Because of that, we always need to be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have in Christ Jesus (cf. 1 Peter 3:15). As long as a person has breath, salvation is available.

We're going to continue this next time and we'll get into when America jumped the shark. Please join us then. Until then, I pray that the Lord will open your eyes to show you how blessed you are in Him!