

*Fr. Perozich comments —*

*For those who experience the abandonment of traditional Catholicism, know that adherents and their leaders in the church come from the societies in which we are raised.*

*Without a firm foundation in the faith, all of us will impose our societal experience on the church and create a God of our feelings.*

*Since all men are tainted by the original sin, the lust for power, pleasure, prestige, and possessions will overcome a man who is not rooted completely in Jesus.*

*The human desires for power and security must be submitted to the grace of Jesus in order for the true gospel to continue to be preached.*

*Lay people must be content with their state to evangelize.*

*Priests should be content with teaching, sanctifying and guiding God's people, not with ascendancy to the episcopacy.*

*Bishops should be about being fathers to their priests and people to lead them to eternal life and holiness, not novelties.*

*Many clergy and laity have been overcome by their feelings, and do not even know it.*

*Happiness has replaced holiness*

*Psychology has replaced the bible.*

*Relativism has replaced truth.*

*Feeling has replaced faith.*

*Slavery to self has replaced true Freedom in Jesus.*

*Envy has replaced selflessness of service.*

*What I can get out of God has replaced what I can give to Him.*

*Instant gratification has replaced sacrifice.*

*Feelings have made justice undefinable.*

*Free speech for me has become silencing of others.*

*The exaltation of self has replaced true compassion.*

*Personal preferences result in a hate for God*

*Feelings have become the arbiter of truth.*

*The church SHOULD convert the world to Jesus.*

*The society has now converted many in the church to the world.*

*Many believe in the EXISTENCE of God, but do not believe HIM.*

*“It is high time to return to the Christian virtues to rekindle the pillars of faith in the decaying West.”*

*For us Catholics, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, living the commandments, worshiping the Trinity in baptism, Eucharist, and the Holy Spirit will help us fight against these forces of the world that undermine our faith.*

# THE RELIGION OF FEELINGS

**Exclusive: Hanne Nabintu Herland on how nihilism's 'freedom' actually is slavery**



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In the increasingly hedonist West, individuals are encouraged to act according to their feelings. If it feels, good do it; as the pursuit of pleasure is the main goal of life. Whoever puts up a boundary, especially within the field of ethics, is instantly labeled a moralist, illiberal, intolerant, old-fashioned and so on. He is perceived to be "against freedom." In such an environment, it becomes impossible to distinguish between good and evil. Since values are considered to be relative, and right and wrong determined by how "you feel," justice itself becomes undefinable.

The modern nihilist denial of evil makes any disciplinary measure problematic, since "evil does not exist." It was the post-war, neo-Marxist philosophy that finalized the break-off from Christian thinking. The Frankfurt School's neo-Marxist rebellion against traditional authority eventually led to the 1960s student

revolution. It was a rebellion against Western traditions, the traditional pillars in society and any form of Christian faith. The point was not for the individual to take personal responsibility for his mistakes, but to liberalize and reform society. The omission of guilt and a "bad conscience" was a focal point in Friedrich Nietzsche's nihilist thinking.

We have ended up with a society that emphasizes sympathy for criminal offenders, rapists, illegal immigrants and others who deliberately break the law. Law-abiding citizens, on the other hand, are required to "feel sorry for" the offenders. The neo-Marxist idea is that offenders should not be punished for breaking the law, as punishment itself is regarded a cruelty that will lead to more offenses. This paves the way for anarchy and civil unrest.

Sociologist Peter Berger calls Western relativism and lack of morality a recipe for cultural self-annihilation. Some say this was the very point of the neo-Marxists movement: to weaken the very core of Western strength.

As the Orthodox monk Elder Paisios of Mount Athos puts it in "Spiritual Awakening": "It is not freedom when we say to people that everything is permitted. That is slavery. Freedom is good when the person can use it appropriately. Otherwise, it is a disaster. To improve one must have difficulties. Let's take an example, a child. We limit his freedom from the beginning. When he is first conceived, the poor thing is limited in his mother's womb and remains there nine whole months. Later he is born, and immediately they swaddle him in a blanket, they tie him up, as soon as he begins to grow they set a railing. All

of this is necessary for him to grow. It appears to take away freedom, but without these protective measures, the child will die."

Western hedonism's greatest flaw rests on its failure to recognize that compassion for others is a fundamental component of civil solidarity and genuine happiness. Without empathy society will crumble.

Feelings and psychology are destroying our culture, says Chuck Crismier, an American attorney and syndicated radio host. In a recent YouTube Herland Report interview, he points out that in the 1960s, psychology began to be infused into every aspect of Western culture. The foundation of the nation used to be on faith. It has been shifted to feelings that gradually replaced faith. At the universities, the whole training of teachers went upside down.

Crismier says: "I was a teacher for nine years in Southern California before I practiced law. They began to train us in what was called the encounter movement. You were to no longer talk about facts and so on. Everything had to be rephrased as 'I feel.'" He points out that if you take the lordship of feelings and implement it over a period of decades, it dramatically affects the life of a country. Feelings have become Lord.

"The media agenda is to promote a godless version of life in the Western world. Anything else is deemed to be hateful. The media is only interested in free speech for themselves and those of their particular godless like. They are interested in accomplishing just the opposite of a society that believes in the Ten Commandments."

The modern sense of "instant happiness" stands in stark contrast to the old Greeks and Aristotles whose moral philosophy defined happiness as a state of mind that develops over time. It was regarded as the result of attitudes and virtues acquired in a lifelong search for wisdom. They did not believe that "instant bliss" had much to do with the state of happiness. It is high time to return to the Christian virtues to rekindle the pillars of faith in the decaying West.

**Watch the interview with Dr. Chuck Crismier:**

**<https://youtu.be/5PZwaUDNeFI>**