

Fr. Perozich comments —

My chief concern in life is that all men be saved by Jesus Christ in His Holy Catholic Church for eternal life with the Holy and Immortal Trinity in heaven.

Whatever advances that salvation, I propose.

Whatever impedes that salvation, I oppose.

Thus I offer Linda Goudsmit's article to you because both the USA and the Catholic Church have to be subjected to this new order that is advancing the interests of the powerful to save themselves, to raise themselves among the elites in power, possessions, prestige, and pleasure while relegating others to feudalism in order to do so.

I'll leave the secular political for your consideration.

The institutional church is inherently political in how it chooses leaders from pope, to cardinals, to bishops, Vatican officials. Those chosen must agree with the leaders' views even if the salvation doctrine is denied in part through preaching worldly things which Jesus did not command His disciples to teach.

Wealth, power to command, prestige in the church and in the world are seductive for all men and now the women who are being elevated to power in church structures. A few might escape it with sincere prayer and fidelity to Jesus' mission.

Many will be captured by it. This can be seen in their words, policies, their dominance over others.

The insistence of utopian equity among church leaders concerns me.

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Some churchmen are trying to get into the elite group for their own protection, and submit themselves and sacrifice us to the dominant forces in the world, just as Ahaz surrendered his faith, his kingship, his people during the time of Isaiah the prophet. (2Chron 28; 2Kings 7)

The controls of liturgy, abrogation of moral absolutes with the disguise of being more pastoral to the situations in which people find themselves, and the alignment with the constant drumbeat of DAVOS, the WHO, the UN, the EU, and socialist politics are cause for concern.

Live life in prayer, in worship, in faith, in charity according to Jesus rather than the novel defined dictates of modern leaders.

Jesus will save you, but you will have to fight with Him, resisting novelties, maintaining family, country, faith while some leaders drone on with their agenda which elevates them, protects them, enriches them ultimately at our expense.

Fr. James Schall (RIP) teaches us how to fight and follow Jesus in the first article.

Linda Goudsmit's article follows.

If this is too big a bite for a one time reading, eat a little now and savor the rest later.

The “Mind” of Christ

We do not find ourselves by finding ourselves. We find ourselves by finding Him who first loved us and gave us to ourselves.

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Genealogy of Jesus Christ and the Christ Pantocrator (WikiArt.org)

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“The hymn to Christ, or, more commonly, the ‘Christological hymn’ (Philippians 2:4-9) is a hymn in which all attention is focused on the ‘mind’ of Christ, that is, on his way of thinking and on his practical approach to life.”

— Pope Benedict XVI, *General Audience, June 27, 2012.*



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I.

The fact that a quarter of the *General Catechism* is devoted to prayer has always impressed me. Likewise, this year’s papal audiences are devoted to prayer. Surely, some will insist, this is too much. Like the money spent on oils to anoint Christ’s feet, could they not have found better use, say, in helping the poor? The basic Christian response to this oft-heard remark is this: It is highly unlikely that anyone will help someone else, or even his best self, if he does not pray. Why is this so?

The basic answer at the heart of all human issues is how we stand to God. **If we put God first, and not ourselves, we will love others, make their lives ours. If we put ourselves first, we will repeat the history of humanity, which fashions our relations to others in terms of power and struggle, intent on protecting oneself, not in giving oneself.**

According to St. Paul, joy is the basic effect of our faith. Our faith is in the example of Christ, including His cross. When Paul thought of these things, he was in prison, probably in Rome. There, he expected no alternative but death. It is in this context that the “Christological hymn” of Philippians revealed “the ‘mind’ of Christ.” This mind teaches us how to think and a “practical approach to life.”

If we look at this mind of Christ in Philippians, Benedict tells us, it reveals “love, generosity, humility, obedience to God, the gift of self.” It involves a whole way of life and thinking about reality. **In this sense, “prayers must lead Christians to knowledge and union in ever deeper love with the Lord, if they are to be able to think, act and**

love like him.... Putting this into practice, learning the sentiments of Jesus, is the way of Christian life.”

The “way” of the Christian life is summarized in this Pauline hymn. It shows “the entire divine and human itinerary of the Son of God and englobes the whole of human history from being in the form of God to the Incarnation, to death on the Cross and to exaltation in the Father’s glory; the behavior of Adam, of man, is also implicit from the start.” This is a remarkable passage.

The understanding of the Son of God—his being and presence within creation—is what explains human history. Over against this history of God’s presence in the world is man’s effort to reject it. This negative relation to God follows from the use of our free will to find reasons why God’s order is not accepted as human order.

Christ was in the “form” of God. He was true God and man. This “being God” did not, however, prevent Him from going out of Himself. God’s “being God” is not seen as a “triumph” or a “supremacy.” Right away, we distinguish God’s being and nature from our own. Christ “stripped” Himself and took on the form of a “slave.” Why did He do this? “To behave as a servant totally dedicated to serving others.” Thus the purpose of God’s coming out of Himself in the Incarnation was to teach us how God acts and expects us to act.

Jesus “humbled” Himself. He was obedient to His Father’s will.” Benedicts cites Cicero as saying that crucifixion is the “most degrading kind of death.” Here Christ attained the “greatest degree of humiliation.” This is not simply humiliation for humiliation’s sake. Rather it is to show the way that God teaches us about His own love, both of Christ and of us. “Through the Cross of Christ, man is redeemed and Adam’s experience is reversed.”

II.

What was Adam’s experience? And why was this reversal needed? **“Adam, created in the image and likeness of God, claimed to be like God through his own effort, to put himself in God’s place and in this way lost the original dignity that had been given to him.” Adam’s sin became the paradigm of all sin, great and small. All human sin still follows the same model. It implicitly rejects the love that God gives us and invites us to imitate, a sacrificial love for others. It replaces this love by our own definition of what we want to do and love, now disguised as what “ought” to be done by everyone. Man thus lost “the original dignity” that had been given to him.**

Christ, though in the “form” of God, humbled Himself. He did this to show that Adam’s example was not correct for us. We still have some of this

“Adam in us.” His “disobedience” needs to be replaced by Christ’s obedience. We are to copy His humbling of Himself. **Prayer means precisely “to open our mind, our heart and our will to the action of the Holy Spirit to enter into this dynamic of life.”**

“Human logic often seeks self-fulfillment in power, in domination, in forceful means. Man still wants to build the Tower of Babel with his own efforts, to reach God’s heights by himself, to be like God.” This passage is not a critique of “logic” as such. Logic is itself a good thing. But we are aware of the rational steps that press on from our first operative principle, that we want to rule ourselves for our own ends. We conclude that we build our own ethic and politics. They depend on nothing but our chosen end. There is “logic” of disorder and rejection of the good.

In the plan of God, however, that is implicit in this Pauline hymn, “the Incarnation and the Cross remind us that complete fulfillment is found by conforming our human will to the will of the Father. We are to empty ourselves of our selfishness, to fill ourselves with God’s love, with his charity, and thereby become capable of truly loving others.” Thus, the whole point of the human drama is that we be able to receive and live the love that is manifest in the Godhead, in the Trinitarian life, as it is manifest in the life of Christ.

“Man does not find himself by remaining closed in on himself, by affirming himself. Man finds himself only by coming out of himself...” Logically, to “come out of ourselves” means that we see and love what is not ourselves. This is the great divine gift. The inner love of the Godhead by being itself also is creative and, if necessary, redemptive. It is good for man to be, but it is not good for him to be alone.

“And if Adam wanted to imitate God, this was not a bad thing in itself but he had the wrong idea of God.” This is why **having the right idea of God is so significant, why idolatry in any form—of statues, laws, politics, or other beings—is so contrary of what we are given to be.** “God is not someone who only wants greatness. God is love which was already given in the Trinity and was then given to the Creation. And imitating God means coming out of oneself, giving oneself in love.” When I read passages like these in Benedict, I sometimes think that his great legacy will be to teach us nothing less than that *Deus Caritas Est*, as he entitled his first encyclical.

III.

The second part of Paul’s hymn reminds us of two things. The first is that Christ is the “Lord,” the word used for God in the Old Testament. We speak now of the Father who bestows this title on Christ, true man, because

of His obedience. The Jesus who is exalted and the Jesus of the Last Supper are the same. There, Christ washed the feet of the Apostles. When He finished, He quizzed them. “Do you know what I have done?” He also identified Himself as their “Teacher.” They are to follow His teaching and example. “Loving is God’s essence.” This is the power that purifies man.

We need a “scale of values” that is the Lord’s, not ours. Prayer is designed to make us aware of this priority. We also show our understanding of God by kneeling and genuflecting. “Every knee shall bow.” The pope is not impressed by churches in which no one kneels or those in which we never see genuflections, or in which we have to look all over to find the Blessed Sacrament. “Genuflection or kneeling in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exactly expresses the attitude of adoration in God’s presence and also with the body. Hence the importance of not doing this action out of habit or hastily but rather with profound awareness. When we kneel before the Lord, we profess our faith in him; we recognize that he is the one Lord of our life.”

In the end, the “mind” of Christ does not follow “human logic” to find power and rule to be its end. Rather it follows Christ who though in the form of God, took on that of a slave in order that He might teach and restore the original love in which we were created. It is a love that goes out of itself in the way the love of God within the Trinity went out of itself. We do not find ourselves by finding ourselves. We find ourselves by finding Him who first loved us and gave us to ourselves. We pray *for* ourselves, not *to* ourselves. We are born and saved because of others have first loved us. This is both a plan of life and the subject of our constant prayer.

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From constitutional republic to socialism to globalism to feudalism

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Globalism is a replacement ideology that seeks to reorder the world into one planetary Unistate, ruled by the globalist elite themselves, of course. Globalism has declared war on the nation state, and cannot succeed without collapsing the United States of America. The tactical strategy is the incremental movement of America from constitutional republic > socialism > globalism > feudalism. The target is your children. This is how it works.

Every natural force on Earth from fire to nuclear energy has the potential for construction or destruction. This inherent duality presents man with moral choices between construction and destruction. Traditional Judeo-Christian morality deems construction good and destruction bad. **What happens when the accepted foundational morality of society is challenged by a competing narrative that insists construction is bad and destruction is good?** Let's find out.

Societies as small as families and as large as nation states are organized by accepted principles codified into written or unwritten laws accepted by member units. When societies abide by the accepted rules they are considered to be at homeostasis – they are at peace and in balance. When a competing narrative intrudes, the society becomes destabilized and must either accept or reject the competing ideology to regain balance, peace, and homeostasis.

Traditionally, **American culture derives its stability and moral authority from its Judeo-Christian tradition, Constitutional law, and parental authority in the family unit. God, government, and family are the triptych of American culture and the foundations for America's extraordinary ordered liberty.** America's triptych is the artwork of American greatness and portrays the triad that supports our unparalleled freedom and prosperity.

The globalist leadership understands that social change happens slowly, and then all at once. They have recruited the Leftist and Islamist enemies of America to wage war in America, on America. Today's radical leftist Democrat party is challenging the foundational American triptych and is attempting to repaint its panels with socialism.

In politics it is essential that policies be analyzed and evaluated with rational objectivity—when they are not, the consequence is belief in the unbelievable. I call this political mysticism—the belief in the politically impossible.

“Democratic” socialism is the 21st century’s political mysticism seducing Americans with promises of heaven on Earth. Millennials disenchanted with the religious teachings of their Judeo-Christian heritage are searching for answers to man’s moral dilemmas elsewhere. Some find it in supremacist religious Islamic sharia law. Others are duped by leftist radical Democrats advocating the political mysticism of secular democratic socialism.

No successful humanitarian huckster sells socialism by promising **enslavement–hucksters promise utopian social justice and income equality instead. They promise “free stuff” to the hopeful masses and con them into voting for “deliverance” at the voting booth.** Let’s be clear–**FREE STUFF IS NEVER FREE–people pay with their freedom.**

Collectivism, whether it is marketed directly as globalism, indirectly as socialism, or deceitfully as democratic socialism is a structure of centralized government control. Together, America’s radical leftist Democrat party, its allied Islamists and globalist funding partners, are selling the upside-down notions and inverted logic of “democratic” socialism to shatter America from within.

Collectivism is slavery marketed as freedom. George Orwell described collectivism’s upside-down notions and inverted logic in his 1949 dystopian novel, *1984*. “War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength.” Orwell was a political analyst who understood,

“All tyrannies rule through fraud and force, but once the fraud is exposed, they must rely exclusively on force.”

There is no private property in collectivism—individual citizens do not reap what they sow—the government does. So, **first comes the fraud—the promise of social justice and income equality. Then comes the force—a centralized ruling government that owns and/or controls all production and its distribution.** In the case of globalism, it is centralized government on a planetary scale.

Winston Churchill described the reality of socialism, **“Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.”** Churchill understood that socialism is a return to feudalism where the ruling elite benefit at the expense of the shared misery of the masses. Yes, you read that correctly, socialism is the stepping stone for globalism’s one world government. Let me explain.

Failed cultural Marxism has been repackaged with the magic word “democratic” to overcome reflexive American resistance to socialism, and to disguise collectivism’s tyrannical core. It is a fraudulent marketing technique designed to sell political mysticism. The word democratic is being used to paint lipstick on this particular political pig. Democratic socialism is presented with mystical reverence as deliverance of social justice and income equality—millennial salvation.

Barack Obama sold socialism to America by disguising it as “hope and change.” Today’s emboldened radical leftist Democrats and their “resistance” movement have repackaged their product reverently relabeling it “democratic” socialism.

In theater as in religion, there is the concept of suspension of disbelief. The audience does not examine the plot or characters with the same rational analysis that is required of objective scientific study. **When political theory is presented as religion, the same suspension of disbelief is accepted.** Why does this matter?

It matters because suspension of disbelief is the core of political mysticism. Duped millennials argue that old attempts at socialism were not the “real” socialism—democratic socialism is the real deal. Oh my!

The aspiration for world domination simply will not go away, and make no mistake, socialism is the stepping stone to one-world governance. A sovereign United States of America is the existential enemy of any aspirational movement for one world government whether secular or religious. After WWII it was clear to anyone and everyone that if the United States of America was ever to be defeated, it would have to be shattered from the inside out—culturally—military defeat was out of the question.

It was with this mindset that the enemies of America resolved to destroy America from within. **The Culture War against America took aim at the foundational structures of the triptych—God, government, and**

family. The hearts and minds of patriotic Americans would have to be turned against themselves to defeat America. America would have to implode.

The Leftist/Islamist/Globalist axis is targeting the triptych of American greatness to destroy her from within. The Leftists are selling the political mysticism of secular democratic socialism, the Islamists are selling the political mysticism of religious Islamic sharia law, and the globalists finance and foment both anti-American campaigns.

Winston Churchill remarked, “Islam is an ideology wrapped in religion.” He understood that peace on Earth to an Islamist means when all the world is Muslim. Churchill recognized the theocratic foundation of Islam and its socio-political requirement that no separation exist between mosque and state. **In Islam, religion is the centralized controlling government.** Winston Churchill spoke the inconvenient truth about Islamist aspirations for world domination in his time. He was, after all, a globalist who believed in English hegemony.

History is repeating itself. Today Islamism and democratic socialism are domestic enemies of American sovereignty, but their provisional alliance will remain only until they can destabilize America and make the country ungovernable. Social chaos is the prerequisite for seismic social change. Anarchy is the goal.

Anarchy will launch globalism’s final takeover, and it will become manifest that the globalists have been financing and fomenting the Leftist/Islamist alliance in

the United States for decades. Leftists and Islamists are globalism's useful idiots, exploited to usher in the New World Order ruled by the globalist elite themselves—of course.

The globalist elite have been playing chess while the Leftists and Islamists are playing checkers. Globalism's opening moves begin at the beginning.

Our Founding Fathers established a constitutional republic with distinct separation of powers designed to protect the nation from the centralization of power required for any binary system of rulers and ruled. *Barack Obama's "hope and change" attacked the separation of powers and made socialism mainstream in America. Joe Biden's globalist "build back better" went further, and made globalism mainstream in America. Socialism was always the stepping stone to globalism, and globalism was always the stepping stone to 21st century feudalism—the Great Reset.*

The United States of America is at the tipping point. We are teetering on economic and social collapse, precisely the conditions globalism requires to impose its planetary New [Old] World Order. **The globalist elite's New World Order is a regression back to the socio-political infrastructure of feudalism, a variation on the binary monarchical system of rulers and ruled rejected by our forefathers.**

Globalism's war on America is a long-range war of attrition. The older generation of American patriots is

dying. Their children's generation of woke indoctrinated millennials is transitional. It is the grandchildren's generation that is the primary target of globalism's war on America, and war on humanity. **Young children are being indoctrinated, groomed, and socially engineered to become submissive, dependent, wards of the planetary globalist managerial Unistate.**

They will be the first generation of completely propagandized, eternally dependent, genderless, submissive slaves in globalism's New World Order. These children will never know freedom. It is absolutely essential for Americans to recognize that we are a nation at war. We simply must adopt a wartime mentality to make sense of the nonsensical social policies, and understand that the globalist Biden regime's domestic and foreign policies are intentionally designed to collapse America from within.

Change happens slowly, and then all at once. The nation is teetering at the tipping point of all at once. If Americans insist on a peacetime mentality during a time of war, they will surrender America's national sovereignty to the grasping managerial state, and surrender our nation's children to the globalist elite who will consign them to a life of indentured servitude. Denial is not a survival strategy—it endangers the children and empowers the enemies of freedom. Parents and grandparents must fight the globalists for the children, or they will lose the war for the children. There is nothing in between—and the globalist enemy knows it.

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