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Tolerance as a Tool for Transformation

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NOTE: As editor, I have included additional material in Berit's article by employing text boxes. This is simply meant to increase your awareness of how values and behaviors are being targeted through the politically correct concept of "tolerance," and to provide helpful contextual material.

"...the objective of tolerance would call for intolerance toward prevailing policies, attitudes, opinions and the extension of tolerance to policies, attitudes, and opinions which are... suppressed."

- **Herbert Marcuse**, an influential Marxist.¹



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"The techniques of brainwashing developed in totalitarian countries are routinely used in psychological conditioning programs imposed on American school children. These include emotional shock and desensitization... stripping away defenses... and inducing acceptance of alternative values..." - **Thomas Sowell**.²

"I cannot stand narrow minded idiots like yourselves. You are seriously sick."
- **A visitor to our website.**

Throughout history, "tolerance" has meant different things to different people. A century ago, most Americans would have defined it as civility toward disagreeable persons, not as acceptance of contrary views. In contrast, today's "tolerance" demands acceptance of politically correct views but *intolerance* toward those who cling to "traditional" values. While media leaders feel free to mock Christians, believers are losing their freedom to state their convictions. After all, they might hurt someone's feelings.

This transformation didn't "just happen." During the 20th century, socialist visionaries redefined *tolerance* and began using it as an effective weapon against Biblical values. Trained facilitators in schools, government, corporations and churches, began turning cultural norms upside down - then held the masses accountable to the new cultural guidelines. National Education Association leader, Professor Raymond Houghton, summarized the deception in 1970,

"...absolute behavior control is imminent... The critical point of behavior control, in effect, is sneaking up on mankind without his self-conscious realization that a crisis is at hand. Man will... never self-consciously know that it has happened."³

Former Carnegie strategist Marc Tucker, a friend of Hillary Clinton and the master-mind behind America's "School-to-Work" agenda, shared that vision: "[Our objective] will require a change in the prevailing culture - the attitudes, values, norms and accepted ways of doing things."⁴ [see side-bar, "The Tucker Letter" on page 3]

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Tucker had followed the footsteps of mind-changing behavioral "scientists" such as Herbert Marcuse, a transformational Marxist trained in the "inner circle" at the revolutionary Frankfurt Institute for Social Research in pre-World War II Germany. With Hitler's rise to power, that "inner circle" fled to America. In 1934, Marcuse, called "the father of political correctness," joined other socialist change agents at Columbia University where they built on the liberal foundation laid by John Dewey. Years later, Marcuse wrote the report, *Repressive Tolerance*, which exposed his oppressive Communist goals:

"The uncertainty of chance... necessitates tolerance. However, this tolerance cannot be indiscriminate and equal... it cannot protect false words and wrong deeds which demonstrate that they contradict and counteract the possibilities of liberation... Such indiscriminate tolerance is justified in harmless debates... But society cannot be indiscriminate... where freedom and happiness themselves are at stake: here, certain things cannot be said, certain ideas cannot be expressed, certain policies cannot be proposed, certain behavior cannot be permitted without making tolerance an instrument for the continuation of servitude." [endnote 1]

Marcuse became a hero to the revolutionary student movements during the chaotic sixties. Now, forty years later, we see the fruit of his labor: moral corruption and intolerance toward traditional values. Facing these painful consequences, Kevin, a young Christian, sent us this note: "On my school bus kids would like to sing rap songs that includes a lot of profanity and perversion... Liberals, gays and others say we Christians are intolerant when they are intolerant themselves. One time my seventh grade teacher said those who say God forbids or hates homosexuality are racists!"

The Tucker Letter

Marc Tucker is the president of the National Center on Education and the Economy, which was birthed through the Carnegie Forum on Education and the Economy. As leader of the NCEE, he sent a letter to Hilary Clinton in 1992, outlining education reform possibilities under the brand new Clinton administration. Here is the opening to his letter,

"I still cannot believe you won. But utter delight that you did pervades all the circles in which I move. I met last Wednesday in David Rockefeller's office with him, John Sculley, Dave Barram and David Haselkorn. It was a great celebration. Both John and David R. were more expansive than I have ever seen them — literally radiating happiness. My own view and theirs is that this country has seized its last chance."

Tucker then proposed a plan of educational reform meant to change the American landscape, providing a "seamless web of [educational] opportunities, to develop one's skills that literally extends from cradle to grave and is the same system for everyone - young and old, poor and rich, worker and full-time student."

What followed was an integrated approach for a planned national workforce, to be coordinated by "a system of labor market boards at the local, state and federal levels."

Student profiles would be incorporated into a computerized data bank, to be accessed by governments and corporations for optimal job placement. Education would become work force training and children would become human resources - a technocratic vision of a worker-bee society.

As Tucker explained,

"Radical changes in attitudes, values and beliefs are required to move any combination of these agendas. The federal government will have little direct leverage on many of the actors involved. For much of what must be done, a new, broad consensus will be required."

Few of today's results-driven churches will take their stand with believers like Kevin. Inspired by "successful" leaders like Rick Warren, churches - like the corporate world - now wield their "tolerance" like a whip with which to intimidate resisters who still cling to Biblical certainties and intolerant-sounding truths. After all, such "lone rangers" hinder today's collective march toward the envisioned earthly kingdom of universal peace and solidarity.

In his popular book, *The Secret Message of Jesus*, Pastor Brian McLaren seems to echo Herbert Marcuse: "...to be truly inclusive, the kingdom must exclude exclusive people, to be truly reconciling, the kingdom must not reconcile with those who refuse reconciliation... [T]he kingdom of God is open to all, except those who want to ruin it by dividing it against itself."⁵

Note: Berit Kjos wrote a series of articles titled "Spirit-Led or Purpose Driven," which highlighted concerns with Rick Warren's church-growth model. As she released these articles one-at-a-time, she was contacted by people from around the world who had experienced negative repercussions for calling into question their local church's involvement with *Purpose Driven* materials. Indeed, sobering stories of "resisters" were coming to the surface through a number of concerned Christian writers and alternative media outlets. People who questioned the use and influence of, and reliance upon, *Purpose Driven* teachings were finding themselves marginalized and at-times removed from church bodies.

But why?

An unmistakable contributor to this trend was the heavy emphasis placed on "unity" within the *Purpose Driven* model - interpreted as a call to quell dissenters or those asking hard question. Moreover, this unity theme was played out in Rick Warren's *Saddleback Membership Covenant*, a short document signed by members of his church. Much of it sounds good, but not-so-hidden in the language is the concept of unqualified submission to leadership and group dynamics, something fairly obvious when compared with *Purpose Driven* "community" oriented methods.

The first part of the *Membership Covenant* reads, "I will protect the unity of my church... by acting in love toward other members, by refusing to gossip, by following the leaders."

As Berit explains in Part 4 of her series;

"One reason why people conform to the seductive 'change process' in evangelical churches is the fear of loss. Rejection hurts. But such fear is useful for today's change agents. Just as severe public punishment has through the ages been used to frighten the masses into outward conformity, so fear of personal rejection now prompts people of all ages 'to go along to get along'."

The Changeable Nature of Tolerance

Tolerance is never neutral. Its boundaries keep changing, often through self-serving governments that mandate public values through state-controlled religious hierarchies. Using various forms of propaganda and discipline, powerful establishments have turned public intolerance against foes of the planned solidarity.

Take the British monarchy during the 16th and 17th centuries.

The shameless Henry VIII replaced Catholicism with the Church of England (Anglican) when the Pope refused to approve his first divorce (Henry beheaded three of his six wives). After his

death and the short reign of his sickly son, the throne went to his Catholic daughter (Bloody) Mary I. She restored the Papal hierarchy and showed her intolerance for dissenters by burning them on the stake. When she died in 1558, her Anglican sister, Elizabeth I, became queen.

While Mary had persecuted Protestants, Elizabeth persecuted those who refused to conform to the Church of England. After her death in 1603, King James I, already the reigning King of Scotland, gained the British throne and joined the two nations. James formalized the rituals of the Church of England and had no tolerance for protestant Separatists who sought a simpler form of worship. Seeking religious freedom, these Puritans fled to Holland. Pursued even there, they boarded the Mayflower for America in 1620.

King Charles I, son of James I, was executed for treason in 1649, and the throne stood empty for almost three decades. In 1662, the British Parliament passed the *Act of Uniformity*, mandating religious conformity with the ritual practices of the Church of England. Baptists, Presbyterians, and Puritans (like John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*) who followed their Bible-trained conscience, were labeled "non-conformists." Non-conforming pastors who continued preaching faced persecution.

In 1677, James' grandson, Charles II, was crowned king. The persecution of dissenters quickly intensified. Among those who faced torture and "death by hanging" was a young maid-servant, Marion Harvie. As she prepared to climb the scaffold, her final words showed her faith in Jesus, her Lord,

"Because He lives, I shall live also... How I bless Him that thoughts of death are not terrible to me. He hath made me as willing to lay down my life for Him as ever I was willing to live in this world... Seek Him and ye shall find Him. I sought Him and found Him; I held Him and would not let Him go."⁶

Relief came in 1689 when the British Parliament passed *The Act of Toleration*, granting limited freedom to dissenters.

The Christians who fled to America during this time had seen the dangers of government-controlled religion. A century later, the religious freedom they sought became a legal promise through the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Fading Freedom

But that freedom afforded through the 1st Amendment is fading fast. Once again, the tool of "tolerance" and government mandates threaten our freedom. But today's leaders are far more subtle and sophisticated than British rulers were centuries ago. Armed with the latest psycho-social strategies, postmodern revolutionaries are facilitating a mass consensus aimed at silencing all opposition.

Today's public values show the results. Since I write reviews of popular entertainment, usually in response to questions from concerned parents, I get lots of angry letters. It matters little that I have tried to be kind and factual in my reviews - or that I criticize the message rather than a person - zealous defenders of popular entertainment have little tolerance for contrary views.

Notice the emphasis on feelings rather than facts in the following comments,

- Unfortunately people like you guys actually do exist... While reading one of your many articles on Harry Potter for a class on censorship, I came to realize that religious fundamentalism is dangerous and maniacal no matter what religion it is. You guys are on par with muslims...
- Hate and fear peddlers is all you are. You're no worse than the KKK.
- You are intolerant bumbling fools... There is nothing wrong with pokemon... Live a nice life and die.
- ...your opinions are every bit as dangerous as those expressed by so-called "hate" groups... Star Wars is just a movie, Pokemon is just a card game, and Christianity is just a belief... The most disturbing part about your articles is the vast number of "weak minded" individuals who blindly follow your beliefs, accepting your irrational way of thinking.
- I can't believe there are actually idiots like you on this planet! You people REALLY scare me...

I often ask such visitors if they would want to outlaw websites like ours. Many answer "Yes." They don't believe we have the right to share our offensive views on a public website. Instead, they claim the right not to be offended by inconvenient facts or logic.

Our Response to an Intolerant World

If we can't stop the transformation, how should we relate to this strange, new world? How can we love those who hate our beliefs?

There's a clue in Proverbs 15:1. It reminds us that "a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." It's true! When I replied with kindness, many would send back grateful - even repentant - responses. The subsequent correspondence didn't include Hegelian Dialogue as a means to consensus. Instead, the angry expressions became opportunities to show God's love - without compromise!

America's "traditional" values may be vanishing, but some things never change: human nature, God's timeless Truth, and His all-sufficient strength. Human nature may be driving this social and spiritual transformation. But God and His Word enable us to stand firm in the midst of the raging battle: "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." 1 Corinthians 15:56.

¹ Herbert Marcuse, "Repressive Tolerance," 1965 at www.marcuse.org/herbert/pubs/60spubs/65repressivetolerance.htm

² Thomas Sowell, Ph.D., "Indoctrinating the Children," *Forbes*, February 1, 1993), 65.

³ Raymond Houghton, *To Nurture Humaneness*, ASCD (curriculum arm of the NEA), 1970

⁴ Marc Tucker, "How We Plan to Do It," Proposal to the New American School Development Corporation: National Center for Education and the Economy, July 9, 1992.

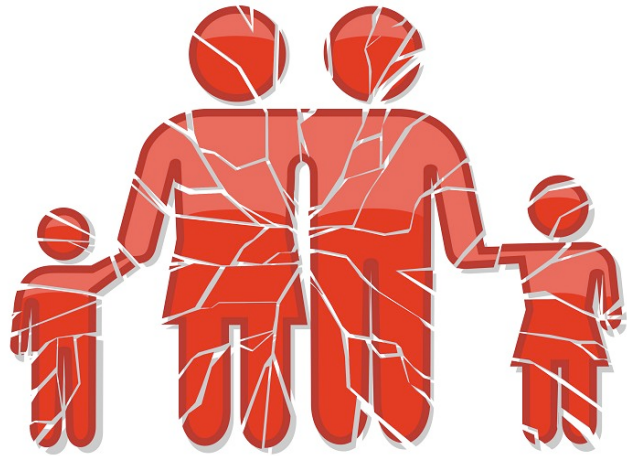
⁵ Brian McLaren, *The Secret Message of Jesus: Uncovering the Truth that Could Change Everything* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson's W Publishing Group, 2006), pp.169-170.

⁶ Michael and Sharon Rustin, *The One Year Book of Christian History* (Tyndale House Publishers, 2003), pp.52-53.

Spirit of the Age

By JR Nyquist (www.jrnyquist.com)

Why is the free market retreating and why is the state always advancing? Once upon a time it was obvious that freedom was the only guarantee of prosperity. Today, people believe that the government can rescue them from poverty. Only now, the government is sucking the economy dry, having become the all-consuming monster that tramples down the market and demoralizes investment. One has to ask: Why hasn't the market been successfully defended? I believe the answer is found in the spirit of the age, and from the conditions which give rise to this spirit.



At the end of Paul Gottfried's book, *The Strange Death of Marxism*, we find a brief explanation of the decline of market society as it devolves into "administered democracy." Gottfried wrote as follows,

"The consolidation of a managerial state, appealing to the idea of service to the people and to 'scientific' governance, sealed the doom of the society it took over. The new regime appropriated the functions of the Victorian family, mediated relations between parents and children and between contending spouses, and eventually came to preside over a society of deracinated and footloose consumers."

It must be admitted that Gottfried is onto something when he writes of the "new regime" appropriating the functions of the Victorian family. Here is the key to everything that is happening today. Furthermore, it was the *annihilation of the father* that stands as the decisive achievement of the new "administered" regime. If anyone doubts the economic impact of this development, they should consider the 2010 CDC statistic that 40.8 percent of all births are to unmarried women.

My libertarian friends may ask why out-of-wedlock births would have anything to do with the destruction of capitalism. The answer is simple. The welfare state has fed off the social catastrophe that is fatherlessness. As the father is no longer necessary, and the new regime promises to support all those in need, the society is transformed and the spirit of the age is no longer capitalist. *It is statist*. And now, instead of millions of fathers taking care of wives and children, we

have the government taking care of them. This is true at least in principle, and in the last analysis it may be said that all women have one true and steady husband. *That husband is the state.*



Capitalism is a system of proprietorship, and fatherhood is the fountainhead of proprietorship. This is best shown in the scholarly work of Stephen Baskerville whose recent article, “Why We’re Losing the Battle for Marriage,” explains that “marriage exists to attach the father to the family.” Marriage, he says, is not a gender-neutral institution. It is the proprietorship of the father that establishes the family as an economic unit, and that enables the regenerating function of motherhood. Without this proprietorship there can be no capitalism, no *effective* private property, and no sound basis for national economy.

As Baskerville points out, wherever fatherhood is discarded or diminished, we find “impoverished, crime-ridden and drug-infested matriarchies.” Taking on the role of proprietor, the state becomes the father under such “matriarchies.” According to Baskerville, “Without paternal authority, adolescents run wild, and society descends into chaos.”

Quite naturally, the state has an ever-increasing reason to intervene in such a society – and inevitably, in the economy. What many defenders of capitalism have failed to understand is the connection between paternal authority and the free market. They have failed to understand that the erosion of patriarchy signifies the rise of a leviathan state; ever increasing government controls on the economy, and socialism.

The erosion of patriarchy is no accident. It has been accomplished through the courts, through legal judgments that violate property rights. As Baskerville explains, divorce is the first step in the destruction of freedom:

“Just as marriage creates fatherhood, so divorce deliberately destroys it. Divorce court is largely a method for plundering and criminalizing fathers – men convicted of no crime but criminalized by divorce proceedings that are legally and literally ‘no fault’ of their own.”

Baskerville further adds, “With such a regime arrayed against him, no sane man today will marry and start a family. No amount of scolding by armchair moralists... is going to persuade men into marriage that easily means... expropriation and incarceration.”

Therefore, if we return to Gottfried’s statement in which he describes the current regime in terms of the state appropriating the “functions of the Victorian family,” we may find the critical linkage between the collapse of the free market and the collapse of the two-parent household. From the ashes of the family there now arises a new multicultural ideology. With the bourgeois family destroyed, and the proprietorship of the father discarded, there is nothing left but the bu-

reaucratic administration of the human wreckage – of fatherless children and mothers in need of state support. From this regime, says Gottfried, there is no way back. “The social preconditions for a return to the past even in a limited sense, such as going back to the gender roles and constitutionally more limited welfare state of the mid-twentieth century, are no longer present.” The media and the education establishment “have altered social morality.”

This last point must be allowed to sink in before making the next and even more devastating point set forth by Gottfried; namely, that the new regime has established itself as morally superior to the system it has destroyed, and this moral superiority is based on the idea that our media and educators are “liberating” oppressed individuals from bigotry and ignorance, inequality and the unfairness of patriarchy.

According to Gottfried, Europe is even more in the grip of this regime than is the United States. And if we look at the bankruptcy of Europe, and if we consider the impending bankruptcy of America, there is only the difference of months or a few years between the collapse of the one and the collapse of the other.

Why is the free market retreating and why is the state always advancing? We have changed society at its foundation. We have done so without taking a larger view. Such is the spirit of the age. What follows is the cataclysm of the age. *FC*

Quotes on Family

1. “Although the basic political unit of modern society is the individual, the basic social unit throughout human history has been the family: that immemorial unit of a married man and woman and their dependent children living together in the same home”

- William D. Gairdner, *The War Against the Family* (Stoddart, 1992), p.3.

2. “For the Christian, marriage and the family are ordained by God and will always be the fundamental institution of society. As the family goes, so goes society.”

- David A. Noebel, *Understanding the Times* (Harvest House, 1991), p.484.

3. “The dissolution of the family is the beginning of the dissolution of the nation, the beginning of anarchy.” - John MacArthur, *The Family* (Moody Press, 1982), p.19.

4. “Fortunately most of us were raised by our parents, not by the state. We learned our parents’ unique ideas, though we may not have followed all of them. We copied their idiosyncrasies; we adopted their special habits and traditions. In this way the family unit acts as check on state power, as a buffer zone between the government and the individual. If the state raised all children, the power of the state to brainwash and to enforce conformity would be staggering.” - John Eidsmoe, *God and Caesar* (Crossway, 1985), p.117.

5. “If free societies have a future, it will be because they figure out or stumble upon a way to restore the value of children to their parents, and of parents to each other.”

- Phillip Longman, *The Empty Cradle* (Basic Books, 2004), p.196.

6. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” - Ephesians 5:31.

Green Jobs, Technocracy, and the Rise of the Scientific Dictatorship

NOTE: The following article by Pat Wood dovetails with last months edition of *Forcing Change* and its discussion of transhumanism. To that end, it is my hope that this article will help you draw out the concept of Scientism and its links to Technocracy and Transhumanism, and to then use it as a springboard for further study. For more information on Technocracy, see the following editions of *Forcing Change*; “Engineering a New World,” July 2010, Vol.4, Iss.7; “Great Scott! The Rise of the Soviet Technicians,” August 2010, Volume 4, Issue 8; and “Looking Backward to Our Techno-Future, July 2011, Vol.5, Iss.7].

By Pat Wood (www.augustforecast.com)

I have been writing for several years now that the global elite are planning to implement a Technocracy-oriented economic system that will turn our existing capitalistic economic system upside-down. Why? Because it will be based on *ENERGY* instead of *MONEY*.

The Trojan horse that is enabling Technocracy is “Green Energy.” You already know that green is on the lips of just about every politician in the world. Obama kick-started the conversion of America’s energy grid into a “Smart Grid” that will control energy consumption down to the appliance level in your home and business. Public money is recklessly thrown down a rabbit hole into green companies like Solyndra. Europe is obsessed with green and sustainable development.

In his second inauguration speech, Obama stated,

“We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations. Some may still deny the overwhelming judgment of science, but none can avoid the devastating impact of raging fires, and crippling drought, and more powerful storms. The path towards sustainable energy sources will be long and sometimes difficult. But America cannot resist this transition; we must lead it.”

At the 2013 annual World Economic Forum that took place in Davos, Switzerland, the *first* major headline to be produced was, “Davos calls for \$14 trillion ‘greening of global economy.’”

This is an amount larger than the entire global economy!

The organization behind the pronouncement was the *Green Growth Action Alliance*. Who are they and who belongs to it?

The Green Growth Action Alliance was commissioned at last year’s Davos meeting, and is headed by former Mexican president Felipe Calderon. Alliance global banking members include: Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays Capital, Deutsche Bank Group, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Grupo Financiero Banorte, HSBC, Inter-American Development Bank, Morgan Stanley, and the World Bank Group. Other industry members include: Accenture, Alcatel-Lucent, Applied Materials, Environmental Defense Fund,

GE Energy, Infosys, McKinsey & Company, Samsung Electronics Company, Siemens, and the World Trade Organization.

This is a “who’s who” list of global giants. They, among other global movers and shakers, are collectively screaming for the world to turn “green,” all of it predicated on the unproven theory called Global Warming.

Given that the science behind global warming is riddled with fraudulent data and predetermined “studies” skewed by grants from these same organizations, what is the real agenda behind all this hoopla? Technocracy.

Technocracy

The doctrine of Technocracy was first formalized in the 1930’s by men like M. King Hubbert (pictured right) at Columbia University. Interestingly, Hubbert later proposed the “Peak Oil Theory,” better known as Hubbert’s Peak - a formula that predicts when an oil field has reached maximum production and enters a period of decline, which is graphed as a bell-shaped curve.

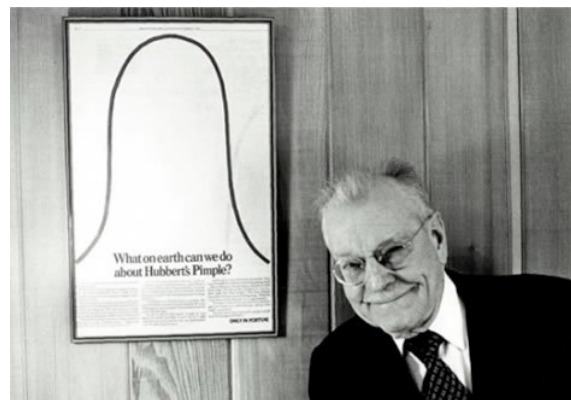
At its core, the doctrine of Technocracy sought to balance consumption with production based on an energy formula instead of supply-and-demand economics. Money would be discarded for energy credits, and society would be run by enlightened and unelected scientists and engineers (governance), and thus replace representative governments. There would be no private property or ability to accumulate wealth. People would be herded, managed and directed like cattle in a feedlot.

Hubbert, et al, believed that technology had caused an organic change in society, which could only then be run by the technological experts. They viewed politicians as ignorant and even dangerous, unable to understand the technology they were supposed to manage. This elite thinking has persisted, not only in halls of academia, but in the industrial world where technology and managerism *already* reigns. At the core of this elitist philosophy is *Scientism*, and I offer the following definition.

Scientism:

First, it’s an extension of Positivism [a form of empiricist thought introduced by the French philosopher, Auguste Comte], a position that upholds science and sensory observation as the basis for all authentic knowledge – including social development. Building on this, Scientism is based on a mixture of pseudo-science and empirical science that states that science alone, with its self-selected priesthood of engineers and scientists, is the only source of truth about the nature of man, the physical world, and universal reality. By definition it rejects the existence of God and all notions of divine truth as is found in the Bible.

A caveat is necessary: All scientists do not hold to Scientism. There are plenty – if not a majority – of scientists, engineers and technicians who accept the notion of divine and/or absolute truth



outside of science. Unfortunately, these are looked upon as heretics by adherents to Scientism, and are largely ignored. For instance, 31,000 scientists signed a petition that rejects the pseudo-science of global warming, but this has not deterred the Al Gores' of the world, including Obama, from marketing global warming as if it were a scientific fact!

Transhumanism

If Technocracy, bolstered by Scientism, is the application of science to the economic system, then its Siamese Twin is Transhumanism, which is the application of science to the condition of man in order to achieve characteristics of immortality, omniscience and omnipresence, among others, and to produce a God-like race of post-humans.

Because of the vocal rise of Transhumanism, you now routinely hear calls that immortality for humans is just around the corner, as is the case with famed inventor Ray Kurzweil. Perhaps you missed the *Time Magazine* cover from February 21, 2011. Note the picture of a human who's "plugged in" – linking the anonymous and featureless head into the unseen computer matrix. Notice too the title, "2045: The Year Man Becomes Immortal."



Do you think this is all benevolent and benign? Think again. The religious evil that runs below the surface of anything connected to Scientism is of the greatest magnitude. It's a dangerous philosophy for mankind in general, and especially to Bible-believing Christians in particular, because its adherents see themselves as gods, far above mere mortals of the uneducated classes.

For instance, a leading transhuman, cloning researcher and nuclear physicist, Dr. Richard Seed, stated pointedly in an interview for a documentary:

"We are going to become Gods. Period. If you don't like it, get off. You don't have to contribute, you don't have to participate. But if you're going to interfere with ME becoming God, then we'll have big trouble; we'll have warfare. The only way to prevent me is to kill me. And you kill me, I'll kill you." [Dr. Richard Seed, Nuclear physicist and cloning researcher. *Technocalyps, Part II — Preparing for the Singularity*].

Yes, he actually said that.

Where is this leading? Scientism, Technocracy and Transhumanism are headed straight into a Scientific Dictatorship: That is, the utopian concept of scientific managerism whereby all facets of political, social and economic life are managed solely by the scientific method and dictates of science. If unchecked, it will put mankind back into the dark ages of a feudal society where a few own everything and have all the privileges, while the rest own nothing and have zero privileges.

All of this is coming at us like an express train, but is anybody paying attention? **FC**

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Building the City of Man Redux

NOTE: The inaugural edition of *Forcing Change* contained an article titled “Building the City of Man: Architecture for a World Utopia.” In the interest of demonstrating how this idea is linked to the Babel concept, and in order to give you extra details, I thought the article should be re-introduced. Here is the redux of “Building the City of Man.”

By Carl Teichrib (www.forcingchange.org)

Cities have always been viewed as civilization’s crowning achievement; the blended housing and interaction of culture, religion, science, commerce, innovation, and government – all solidified in architecture and design.

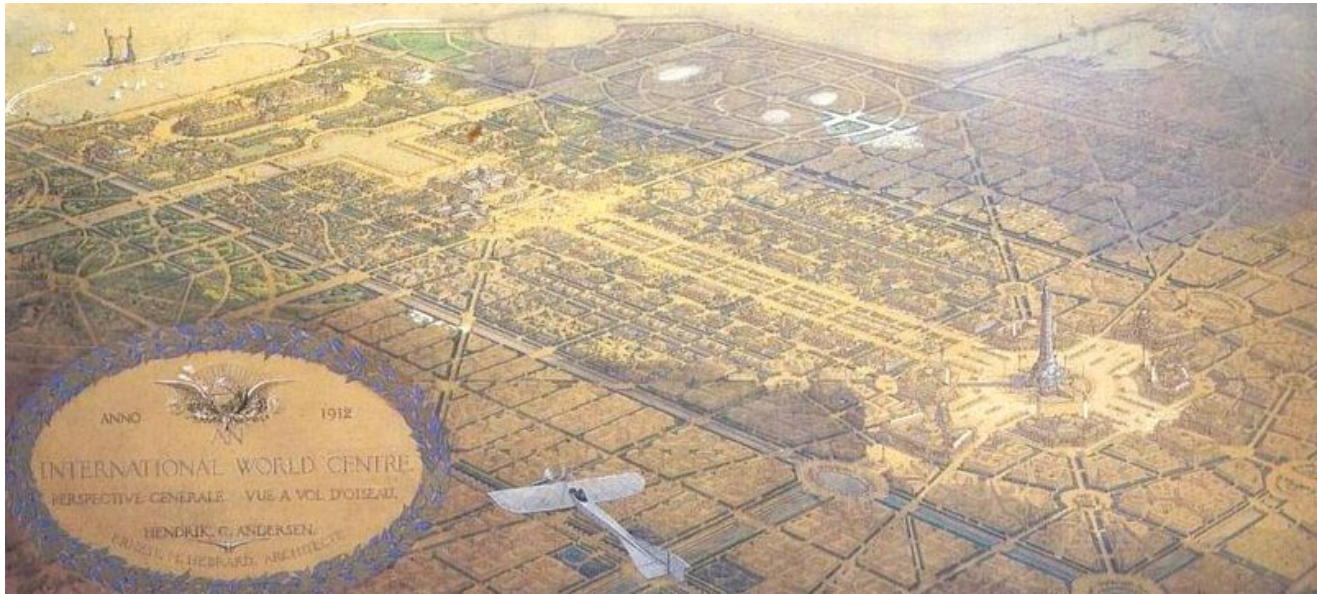
In 1913, the year before World War I erupted, an unusual publication circulated to government leaders and prominent individuals. Titled *World-Conscience: An International Society for the Creation of a World-Centre* and penned by Hendrik C. Andersen – an American sculptor of Norse descent living in Rome – this strange document detailed the plans for a global city; an urban jewel designed to elevate international human advancement.

Just under 50 pages in length, and illustrated with numerous drawings – including city plans, a “Tower of Progress,” and other architectural structures – Andersen mapped out potential locations for this international city-tower complex, and pitched the idea to respective governments and people of influence.

Suggested locations for this “World City” included...

- In the Municipality of Tervueren, near Brussels, Belgium.
- At the north-west end of Lake Neuchatel in Switzerland (where the Witzwil farm-prison stands).
- Just south of The Hague in Holland (Netherlands), right on top of what is now the Bloemenbuurt West development in Segbroek.
- Northwest of Paris, in the district between the Oise River and what is now the A15 and D392 interchange at Herblay.
- At Frejus on the French Riviera, where the Argens River empties into the Mediterranean.
- Near Istanbul (Constantinople), beside the community of Yesilkoy (San Stefano). Today, the Ataturk International Airport sits directly on the ground Mr. Andersen believed to be an excellent location for his “International City.”
- To the west of Rome, against the Tyrrhenian Sea, exactly where the Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport sits today.
- On the New Jersey coast, taking up most of Brick Township and the eastern half of Lakewood.

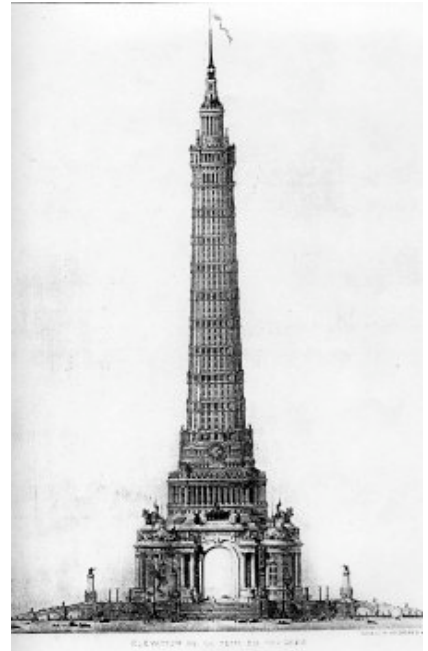
Wherever it was to be ultimately situated, the “International World Centre” would be a showcase of Mankind’s unity and progress; it would host a World Reference Library, an International Bank, an International Hall of Justice, various International Scientific Congress buildings, and a Temple of Religion – all surrounding a 320 meter (1049 feet) Tower of Progress



Top: An overview of the International World Centre, with the Tower of Progress on one end and a double colossus set up on the sea port entrance to the city.

Left: One artist rendition of the double colossus, with a view into the city.

Right: The Tower of Progress.



What is particularly interesting is the philosophical basis for the project. This “International World Capital” was to be a unifying concept, bringing the world together in a new age of international peace and harmony. According to the document, “It would encourage the desire, ever increasing in the world, for unification, and it would give a strong impetus to the progress of religion, science and justice.”¹ And religion, of all the foundational components, was a major factor in this grand scheme.

In developing his argument for a world capital, Andersen traced the history of civilization and religious thought, culminating with Christ and Christianity. However, the depiction of Christ presented by Andersen doesn’t line up with the Jesus of the Bible. In John 14:6 we find Jesus making an exclusive statement, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the

Father except through me” (Acts 4:8-12 and Acts 10:39-43 likewise attests to Jesus’ exclusive divine nature). However, Andersen’s focus on *man’s divinity* as the Christ-point for this city project runs counter to the Biblical account.

“He [Jesus] taught men that the kingdom of heaven is within, and that, through love and devotion, through labour and justice, this invisible kingdom would grow strong and imperishable.” (p.10)

...the definition, clearly outlined by Christ, of God in man, can never pass away.” (p.10)

“...as we are assured of the divinity of the human soul, we can survey the past with calm and serene judgment, and endeavour to strengthen the future by a deeper comprehension of the God in man and so help through unity, strength and culture, to build the ladder, as in Jacob’s dream, that reaches from earth to heaven.” (p.11)

Today we would say that Mr. Andersen’s religious positions would be more at home with the esoteric side of spirituality, for he spoke of a New Age-style harmonization of human souls “blending humanity into one complete unity of purpose.”² This, he explained, would be...

“Humanity rising in majestic dignity from earth toward heaven... [in] humble devotion to its Creator – the embodiment of the universal soul mounting in appealing harmony towards the divine source of life.”³

Andersen’s proposal for a world center of unity wasn’t new in 1913, nor has the notion of world spiritual cities dissipated. The idea of creating a spiritual/unifying world-city under the banner of Humanity’s Ascension has been scattered throughout the pages of religious and esoteric texts, and it is still observable in our modern age.

Atlantis, the mythical land described by Plato, was said to contain a great Royal City (known as the City of the Golden Gates), and over the years esoteric scholars have propagated that this city was a global-spiritual center.⁴ More recently, Benjamin Crème, the spokesperson for the channeled messages of Maitreya the Christ, (a supposedly ascended spirit master guiding man’s evolution) lists New York, London, Geneva, Darjeeling, and Tokyo as the five main city-centers of cosmic energy on Earth, with Rome and Moscow acting in an important but less direct capacity.⁵

In a similar vein, an interesting article on the spiritual symbolism of cities can be found posted at the Theosophical Trust web portal. In this piece titled “The City,” the writer reviews the historical significance of various religiously oriented cities, including Hindu (the Golden City), Buddhist (Kapilavastu), Judaic (Jerusalem), and Roman and Grecian centers. After citing numerous examples, the author concludes by saying, “We can recognize the sacred design nurtured in the united mind of the Builders and, once again, lay down a plan for the City of Man.”⁶

Professor Warren Wagar, in his 1963 book titled *The City of Man*, put it this way,

“The world-city is the inevitably large spiritual and intellectual and administrative capital of a civilization, of the whole known civilized world. Or, more broadly, it is the quintessence of a civilization, the gathering of all its vital human resources into a living organic unity...”⁷

Later in his book, Wagar reveals the grand formula; “The coming world civilization will have a single, all-embracing religion, just as it will need a federal world government and an integrated world economy.”⁸

While Hendrik C. Andersen has been relegated to the dustbin of obscurity, his conviction to create a world capital flows from a long history of humanity’s attempt at self-enthronement. Today, the idea of aggrandizement still percolates. The City of Man still captures imaginations and feeds desires, and for those willing to study and observe, we can see the City of Man being built – brick by brick – in the fields of science and technology, global governance, world religions, and the international banking community. All of the above can be considered part of the Babel syndrome, represented in the collective “First City of Man.”

In Genesis 11 we find the fascinating account of the Tower of Babel, and although it’s not the first city mentioned in the Bible, it is ground zero for a building project whose core element is *power in unity*. Here, in the Genesis account, the people are united in a common cause, one that sought to elevate the status of humanity through the works of their hands. But in reading the narrative, we have to note that it wasn’t just about *the tower*. Rather, the tower was but one element – albeit the most recognized – in what was a city-tower complex meant to demonstrate human pride, collective security, and world status. Mankind’s power-in-unity would be on display, and implied was the idea that “we’re are own God,” for we have taken charge of our own destiny. And all of this was wrapped up in an architectural synthesis.

As professor Yehezkel Kaufmann noted in his book, *The Religion of Israel*, the Tower of Babel was an attempt “to storm heaven; to be ‘like God,’ to rule the world.”⁹ It was an edifice and a system – a technique – one that sought to demonstrate our own power through our collective action. Therefore, the City-Tower of Babel was not just an “event,” it was a foreshadowing and a meme, carrying with it the pulse of Mankind’s unifying desire and rebellion – a theme repeated and asserted throughout history, and ingrained in the fabric of our modern era.

And as God judged the people who built the Tower of Babel, and thus doomed the project to failure, so too God will judge the final Babel – the City of Man. **FC**

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⁵ Benjamin Crème, *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom*. (The Tara Press, 1980), p.81.

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