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CHAPTER ONE

The Roots of the Culture War

Old Testament History

The children of Israel were encamped near Jericho, preparing to follow God's instructions, assured of victory through obedience. Everything went as planned; they marched for seven days, shouted, and the walls of Jericho fell. However, shortly thereafter, God became angry with an individual's disobedience, and Israel lost a battle with Ai they should have easily won.

Joshua tore his clothes and fell on the ground before the ark, asking God, why this humiliating defeat? The Lord responded, "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put *it* among their own stuff" (Josh. 7:10, 11). God went on to reveal that Achan had taken forbidden objects for his personal possession and hidden them in

his tent. His disobedience brought a curse on all Israel in the battle of Ai.

Modern History

President Reagan stood in front of the Berlin Wall in 1987 and passionately demanded, “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!” That cry was wrapped in the power of destiny that continued until it succeeded. In a spiritual sense, the people of the Western world joined in with Reagan’s inspirational shout, and in 1989 the wall came down. Miraculously, the Iron Curtain of Soviet Communism and the Berlin Wall fell between 1989 and 1991, after forty years of the Cold War. The people shouted and the wall of Communism fell.

That event was a victory for America and for God, but surprisingly, socialism and its anti-Christian values have become a greater threat now than before the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Even though the Soviet Union fell, it represented only one expression and example of the socialist strategy. Socialist ideas live on throughout the world and in the United States. Anti-Christian, socialist ideas have established and hidden themselves in our national tent. The daily bad news reports indescribable threats to our children, unfathomable, immoral, and criminal acts, the push for abortion and gay marriage, and the government’s efforts to redistribute the wealth. All this reveals an ongoing attack on basic Judeo-Christian beliefs of our nation; it’s the consequence of Satan’s ongoing plan to take God out of our nation.

Satan used the injustices of the Industrial Revolution in the nineteenth century to inspire socialist ideas as a solution. He had laid a foundation of anti-Christian ideas during the Enlightenment and the Romantic Movement of the eighteenth century, creating secular humanism. In the twentieth century, he piled socialist ideas on top of humanism, developing a philosophy and practical strategies that have led to the success of socialists as they replaced our Judeo-Christian principles. Socialist ideas became a force in America in the early part of the twentieth century but reached their peak in the 1960s. It has been unrelenting and increasing ever since. Bill

O'Reilly, author and commentator on Fox News, calls these radical leftists "secular progressives." That term broadens the understanding of socialism because it includes everything secular as well as all anti-God activities.

It's difficult to warn Americans about socialism because the media and educational institutions have reinterpreted it. They make socialism appear harmless and anyone critical of it is made to look foolish and ignorant.

Most people are aware of and even critical of *politically correct* restrictions on our speech, but peer pressure keeps us from speaking the truth and even thinking it. The secular progressives have redefined many words and attached emotional responses to them that block knowledge of the truth. For example, those whose agenda is social change initiated a program for teachers to be *agents of change*. Originally the label *agents of change*, or *change agent*, for teachers meant they were to see themselves as agents who changed the social structure of society rather than teachers of important knowledge. When I mentioned agents of change in a critical manner to a friend, she said that change agents could be a good thing. It's obvious that a good spin has been put on that phrase that will make it difficult to expose the conspiracy behind its formulation. The manipulation of the public is approaching a high level of precision.

Another example of conditioning is the response to Miss California Carrie Prejean's answer to a question at the Miss USA contest. She was asked about homosexual marriage, and she stated that she believed marriage should be between a man and a woman. The reaction of the secular left was immediate and punishing. It's obvious that that definition of marriage is being colored with negative emotions, making people feel they're intolerant and hard-hearted if they hold to the belief that marriage is for one man and one woman. The traditional definition of marriage will continue to be maligned until the general public turns from its fear of speaking out against homosexual marriage.

If someone mentions socialism in mixed company, as if it's a threat, the psychological conditioning of most Americans has made them feel that anyone who criticizes socialism or leftist ideas is out

of touch with the real world. Ongoing manipulation from the media and educational centers has made people feel that socialism is ancient history, not to be taken seriously, and that anyone who thinks it's a threat is a kook.

The general feeling of the public, even pastors and other Christian leaders, is the desire to distance themselves from anyone identifying socialism as a real threat. They don't want to appear foolish and ignorant.

Liberal Manipulation

In fact, the emotions most often manipulated are those that can make people feel insensitive, bigoted, and/or foolish and ignorant. The manipulation all plays upon a person's sense of pride, wanting to appear to be a good or at least an intelligent person. For example, Prejean was made to look like a *bad* person—insensitive and bigoted. The same is true of former president Bush and Sarah Palin—they've been made continually to look foolish. Of course, ridicule is a favorite weapon of liberals.

Socialist Strategy

Why is socialism a threat to Judeo-Christian America? We may have defeated the political and national arm of Communism in the Soviet Union by winning the Cold War, but the real threat of revolution has always been from within, not without. Not all socialist ideas are evil and strike out against God. The original ideas of utopian socialists were not a threat to the social, cultural, and political identity of a nation. Robert Owen in England and Francois Marie Charles Fourier in France were seeking a solution for the unjust labor practices of the Industrial Revolution. They didn't press for social change, revolutionizing cultures and economies by a complete remaking of society. In fact, the United States has even adopted some socialist innovations, such as progressive taxes, regulation of business, Medicare, social security, and financial help for the poorest in our society. However, there is a form of socialism, the more radical Marxist kind,

that has connected social change with economic change. Liberals have been working from within our society and within influential institutions to prepare the way for a more fundamental change in our government and economy that will lead to the eventual loss of our human rights and democratic institutions. These liberal progressives have already succeeded in our culture by replacing most of our Judeo-Christian principles with secular ones.

This radical brand of socialism is what concerns us. These socialistic ideas are promoting fundamental and revolutionary social change that supports the goal of replacing capitalism with socialism. Whether it's called socialism or communism doesn't matter; time has reinterpreted their meanings, but in the end, certain basic principles and strategies flow from one philosophical source. For our purposes, they are one and the same, and *socialism shall be the primary term to identify the adversary that has worn away the Judeo-Christian composition of our nation.*

As socialism has developed its strategies and methods for revolution throughout the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, it has become an umbrella that united many anti-Christian opponents working to make America a secular nation: secular humanists, atheists, anarchists, heretics, and secular progressives. God and His church have had many enemies in recent times, but the socialists have been the most insidious and successful in infiltrating our institutions—churches, education, media, government, political parties, courts—and over time using these institutions to replace the Judeo-Christian values with secular/socialist ones. J. Edgar Hoover, former director of the FBI, warned of this plan in his book, *Masters of Deceit*, stating that the strategies of Lenin and Stalin were to infiltrate American institutions. He quoted their plan:

This was precisely the tactic of “infiltration” advocated by Lenin and Stalin. As Communist International General Secretary Georgi Dimitroff told the Seventh World Congress of the Comintern in 1935: “Comrades, you remember the ancient tale of the capture of Troy. Troy was inaccessible to the armies attacking her, thanks to her impregnable walls. And the attacking army, after suffering many sacrifices, was unable to achieve

victory until, with the aid of the famous Trojan horse, it managed to penetrate to the very heart of the enemy's camp."¹

The infiltrating socialists were not in a hurry, and they had many soldiers. One plan was developed by communists in the Soviet Union who created guidelines for spreading socialism through a violent overthrow of governments or by infiltrating mainstream institutions in order to manipulate the values of a society while revolutionizing them from within.

The second plan was formulated by Saul Alinsky, a community organizer and Marxist from Chicago. He developed very effective methods and tactics; ones that when studied and applied became powerful tools for socialists, activists, and secular progressives from the 1960s to the present.

Soviet-Influenced Goals

The Communist Revolution in Russia in 1917 began nearly a century of threat from Soviet socialism that eventually became the Cold War after World War II. Our concern, however, is to see how the socialist ideas have infiltrated our nation and revolutionized our culture. In 1958, Cleon Skousen, author of *The Naked Communist*, described forty-five socialist goals and strategies, warning Americans of a communist campaign "to soften America for the final takeover." Skousen used the terminology of the time to describe the Soviet Union. He used the word *communism* more than *socialism* because the Soviet Union referred to itself as "Communist," although their initials, USSR, stood for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Please note that any reference to communism in this book is a reference to socialism. Skousen drew these goals from socialist literature and congressional reports. He summarized them in 1958. In addition, on January 10, 1963, a list of forty-five communist goals were entered into the *Congressional Record* by Representative A. S. Herlong Jr. of Florida. The following twenty-six goals are the ones that have been used most successfully by socialists and other radicals to revolutionize our culture and initiate the Culture War. They reveal

how the revolutionary ideas—the accursed things—were planted in our culture:

1. Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.
2. Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.
3. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.
4. Gain control of all student newspapers.
5. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under Communist attack.
6. Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-review assignments, editorial writing, and policy-making positions.
7. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.
8. Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute shapeless, awkward, and meaningless forms."
9. Control art critics and directors of art museums. 'Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art.'
10. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them 'censorship' and a violation of free speech and free press.
11. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.
12. Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as 'normal, natural, healthy.'
13. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with 'social' religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize

- the need for intellectual maturity, which doesn't need a 'religious crutch.'
14. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."
 15. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.
 16. Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the 'common man.'
 17. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the 'big picture.' Give more emphasis to Russian history since the Communists took over.
 18. Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture—education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.
 19. Eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities.
 20. Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI.
 21. Infiltrate and gain control of more unions.
 22. Infiltrate and gain control of big business. (Not as successful as some of the others)
 23. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand [or treat].
 24. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.
 25. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks, and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.

26. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use [“]united force[”] to solve economic, political or social problems.²

This is not a recent list someone is trying to pass off as having been fashioned in the 1950s. It was published in the book, *The Naked Communist*, in 1958 and entered into the *Congressional Record* in 1963. It's hard to believe we were clearly warned early on and didn't take the warning seriously. What is shocking about this list is the fact that almost all of the twenty-six goals have been implemented with a great deal of success. Besides guidelines for social change, such as undermining the family; discrediting the Founding Fathers and the Constitution; removing prayer from schools; promoting student unrest, homosexuality, and pornography; and undermining parental rights, the list also points out some of the institutions that were targeted for takeover, such as the political parties, courts, schools, unions, news and entertainment media, big business, political parties, family, churches, and the arts. Socialists designed a plan to take control of the American's culture, society, and the economy by infiltrating its institutions. They hid away their ideas, the *accursed objects* mentioned above, in the most influential institutions in our society that would bring about radical social change. They knew that by taking over these institutions, enabling them to work from within, they could revolutionize the culture, even if they could not overthrow our government or capitalist system from without. These social changes would open the door to the economic, revolutionary goals of socialism.

Review of Some of the Socialist Successes

The first goal on the list above is the takeover of one or both of the political parties. When did that happen? “I didn't leave the Democratic Party. It left me,” declared Ronald Reagan in 1962 when he changed parties. He had been a Democrat during the New Deal, but

became disillusioned by the gradual dominance of the far left in the party. Although the Democratic Party has always retained some traditional members, the Left clinched power in the party after President Kennedy's assassination in 1963 when Lyndon Johnson began his agenda for the Great Society and then his War on Poverty in 1964. Liberals had been making headway to control the party since the New Deal, but it was under President Johnson they were able to solidify their power. Socialists infiltrated the programs of the War on Poverty³ and welfare, and government spending increased exponentially during those years. The main role of government became the caretaking of the poor, and the only morality that mattered was helping the poor and underprivileged. Other moral issues were set aside in order to pursue this one purpose and free Americans from the capitalistic superstructure.

The movements at the end of the 1960s entrenched this more socialistic, liberal idea in the Democratic Party that made them focus on turning corporation to the left until recently. It continued to stay left until the Republican Congress and President Clinton agreed to reform the welfare system in the 1990s. Clinton was a realist and tried to move the party to the middle. Since then the Democratic Party has been under pressure to move away from its far left wing, but with the election of Barack Obama, it's clear the party is presently moving headlong to the Left.

Others socialist successes followed the upheavals of the 1960s. *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 and many cases that followed reveal the success of the second goal. At that time, the majority of citizens didn't support making abortion legal. The Left used the courts to gain their goals. Overreaching into the separate powers of the legislative branch, the courts began to legislate secular ideas, forcing them onto an unwilling American public. Then the takeover of the public school system through the teachers' unions and progressive educators provided one more institution to promote secular, progressive ideas. This plan had been in the works since the early 1900s. Liberal professors of education taught teachers to become agents of change in their classroom. The majority of professors in colleges and universities were and still are secular progressives, spinning their