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THE NAZI'S

“Hitler then resorted to Haeckel’s favorite example – the ancient Spartan’s – to defend the killing of disabled infants, since, in his view, their lives have little or no value. According to Hitler, killing such individuals was actually more humane than allowing them to live. He thus construed killing the disabled as morally good, overturning the Judeo – Christian moral code, which protected the disabled.

In Hitler’s mind, Darwinism provided the moral justification for infanticide, euthanasia, genocide, and other policies that had been (and thankfully still are) considered immoral by more conventional moral standards.”

~ Richard Weikart, *From Darwin to Hitler*, p. 215 ~

No lesson of history has been more distorted than the lesson of Nazi Germany. It is critically important to understand what the Nazi Party was really like to benefit from the lessons of history.

I. THE REAL LESSONS OF NAZI GERMANY: THE NAZIS WERE NOT CHRISTIAN ACTIVISTS!

It became common in America in the mid-1990’s to insist that Christian activists (or conservatives or even Republicans) were espousing the same principles that the German Nazis of the 1930’s did.

Jesse Jackson said: “In South Africa, we’d call it apartheid. In Nazi Germany, we’d call it fascism. Here we call it _____. These people are attacking the poor.” When asked about the role of the Christian Coalition in the 1994 Congressional election, Jackson said, “Of course in World War II ... in _____ Germany, the Christian Coalition was a strong force. It laid down a suitable, scientific, theological rationale for the tragedy in Germany. The Christian Coalition was very much in evidence there.”

Jackson is not alone in making such sweeping charges. Former Republican Governor of Minnesota, Arne Carlson, compared the _____ to Hitler and Former New York Democratic Representative Charles Rangel has compared the 1994 Republican Congress to the _____ under Hitler. Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison, speaking at Howard University, claimed that a plan was being prepared by the “religious right” and the Republicans for the “extermination of black people.” She compared this to Hitler and the Jews and warned that “before there was final solution, there was a first one!”

Al Gore calls _____, brownshirts. CNN owner Ted Turner compared _____ News Channel to Adolf Hitler’s election in Germany. A columnist for Newsday compared a Republican presidential convention to Nazi rallies held for Hitler in Germany. New York Congressman Charlie Rangel said that Republicans were worse than Nazis because “Hitler wasn’t even talking about doing these things.”

Are modern day evangelical Christians (or political conservatives) similar to the Nazis of the 1930’s? The answer is a resounding No! Nothing could be farther from the truth! To understand the Nazis, you must understand the theory of Evolution, National Socialism, _____, and the _____.

In reality, Nazi leader Adolf Hitler was not an evangelical Christian (or practicing Roman Catholic as some have claimed). He was openly _____ and secretly practiced the occult. In *Mein Kampf*, his book about his struggle for power, Hitler attacked both the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. Hitler said that, "Antiquity was better than modern times, because it didn't know _____ and syphilis." One of the Nazi party leaders, Martin Borman, had written "National Socialism and Christianity are irreconcilable."

Karla Poewe, in *New Religions and the Nazis*, wrote that Nazis saw Christianity "as a _____." She quotes the Nazi German movement as stating: "We have no point of connection with Luther, for we have no sense of relationship to the Bible as a godly, holy book, nor to Christ as a Messiah Savior."

On April 7, 1933, Hitler said "Nothing will prevent me from eradicating totally, root and branch, all Christianity in Germany." Prayer in schools was abolished by Hitler in _____. All religious instruction was eliminated in schools in _____.

The Nazi government created an office to _____. This office demanded what it called positive Christianity. Dr. Hans Kere, Hitler's minister for church affairs wrote: "The party stands on the basis of Positive Christianity, and Positive Christianity is National Socialism ... National Socialism is the doing of God's will ... God's will reveals itself in German blood ... Dr. Zoellner and Count Galen (the Catholic bishop of Muenster) have tried to make clear to me that Christianity consists in faith in Christ as the Son of God. That makes me laugh ... No, Christianity is not dependent upon the Apostle's Creed ... True Christianity is represented by the party, and the German people are now called by the party and especially by the Fuehrer to a real Christianity. The Fuehrer is the herald of a new revelation."

Churches were required to keep a copy of _____ on the altar. Under the threat of persecutions, many evangelicals gave in. However, over 2000 signed a statement of protest called the _____ statement. It included the following statements:

1. The Bible tells us that according to Divine arrangement, the state has the responsibility to provide for justice and peace in the yet unredeemed world, in which the church also stands ...
2. We repudiate the false teaching that the state can and should expand beyond its special responsibility to become the single and total order of human life, and also thereby fulfill the commission of the church.
3. We repudiate the false teaching that the church can and should expand beyond its special responsibilities to take on the characteristics, functions and dignities of the state, and thereby become itself an organ of the state.
4. The commission of the church, in which her freedom is founded, consists in this: In place of Christ and thus in the service of His own word and work, to extend through word and sacrament the message of the free grace of God to all people.

All of the signers were arrested. Several were executed.

II. SOCIALISM

Hitler came to power by giving the people hope. They were still smarting over their losses in WWI. He told the people what they wanted to hear. He promised to _____, to make the nation one big family, to guarantee _____, to provide free _____ and _____ and to take from the rich to give to the poor. He persuaded a majority of the German people that the only solution to their problems was government management. He called on them to quit thinking of themselves as individuals and to surrender their individual goals for the good of the whole nation.

There are a number of interesting principles included in Hitler's "National Socialism." Hitler taught that the German people should think of the state as their family. His official title was "Der Fuhrer" (The Father). Children must be _____ and family loyalties must be replaced by loyalty to the state family. Rudolf Hoess (not Hitler's secretary and deputy), commander of the Auschwitz prison camp, stated before his execution in 1947, that he would have gassed his own wife and children if Hitler had ordered it.

This attitude of the "_____" is reminiscent of the UNICEF slogan, "Every child is our child" or the National Education Association slogan that "It takes the whole village to raise a child." In 1995, Hillary Clinton suggested that the United States had so many dysfunctional families that we needed to have one big national family and take care of one another. She neglected to say who she thought should be "Mom" and "Dad" in this new, big, national family.

National Socialism also provided "Universal Health Care" as a basic right. You were no longer responsible for taking care of yourself – the government was responsible! National Health Care gave the government control over who lived and who died. This control was soon exercised. Abortion was outlawed for people of Aryan descent but was encouraged and sometimes required for other less desirable groups. In 1933, forced sterilization was begun for certain segments of society. _____ was practiced for the invalid and the elderly (they were too expensive for the national health care program to care for). In fact, the concentration camps and gas chambers were actually administrated by "_____" officials.

Education was also controlled by National Socialism. Central control and changing the scope of education from academics to "_____" provided Hitler with a national breeding ground for young Nazis. In *Ominous Parallels* (p. 48), Leonard Peikoff writes:

"Childhood education, Hitler held, must concentrate on the breeding of absolutely healthy bodies, and on the development of instincts or character, i.e., that particular emotions the Nazis wished to inculcate – while systematically down grading any intellectual element and de-emphasizing the process of cognition. We don't intend to educate our children into becoming miniature scholars, said Hans Schemm, a leading Nazi educator. The real value resting in the German child are not awakened by stuffing a great mass of knowledge into him ... Therefore, I say: Let us have, rather, ten pounds less knowledge and ten calories more character."

In one of his utterances, Hitler leaves no doubt about the nature of such "character": "A youth – that is what I am after ... I will have no intellectual training. _____ is ruin to my young men." Peikoff further writes (p. 169-170):

"The German Progressives purported to foster _____ and _____ in the schools as against the harshness of Prussian schools and discipline. Like the non-

objective artist, they spoke of novelty and experiment as against tradition, of free self-development as against what they call the stifling dogmas of the nineteenth century, of peaceful, humanitarian values as against the blood thirsty nationalism of the regular schools. The Progressive method of achieving these goals was to declare that education is not to be subject-centered but child-centered, that the child learns not by _____ but by feeling and doing, that the schools must get away from the one-sidedness of a barren intellectual culture, and that what counts is not the student's mind or the logical development of a school subject but the whole child – especially his heart (or soul).”

It is often asked why the German people did not stop Hitler's schemes. There are two primary reasons. One, Hitler was never honest with the German people about the real purposes of government regulations, national health care, national education, etc. Too many people really believed that these programs were designed to help them. By the time they realized that the real purpose of these programs was to _____ them, it was too late. The second reason is that the people who did realize what was happening were disarmed. In three stages, Hitler introduced gun registration, then gun control, then gun confiscation.

The people were promised that this was being done to _____ them. In 1935, Hitler said, “This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future.” In reality they were left helpless before a bloodthirsty dictator.

III. EVOLUTION AND EUGENICS

Hitler wrote, “In nature there is no pity for lesser creatures when they are destroyed so that the fittest may survive. It is only Jewish impudence which commands that we overcome nature.”

Richard Weikart wrote: “While examining Darwinian discourse in Germany, I found that many Darwinists believed that Darwinism had revolutionary implications for ethics and morality, providing a new foundation for ethics and overturning traditional moral codes” (*From Darwin to Hitler*, p. ix).

In the first decades of the twenty-first century, many German theologians and scientists spoke about a new moral code based upon Darwin's survival of the fittest. Hitler applied these ideas to politics and government – as Weikart has written, “Hitler imbibed these social Darwinist ideas, blended in virulent anti-Semitism, and – there you have it – Holocaust.” (Ibid, p.3).

Richard Goldschmidt (1879-1958) wrote: “Evolution was the key to everything and could replace all the beliefs and creeds which one was discarding. There were no creation, no God, no heaven and hell only evolution and the wonderful law of recapitulation ...” (*Portraits From Memory*, 1956, p.34).

IV. RACISM

Hitler's racial beliefs were merely the outgrowth of his application of the _____. In his mind, there was a clear ordering of the races from the least evolved to the most evolved. And his idea of the supremacy of the state made it easy to sacrifice individuals for the good of the collective “state.”

Many books were published in Germany promoting ideas about the racial superiority of the German people. Hitler adapted these theories to _____.

He opposed abortion for Germans, but promoted it for “inferior” races. He combined social Darwinism with racial politics. The German race was the product of advanced evolution.

Make no mistake about it – Hitler’s hatred for Judaism and Christianity was due to the teaching of the Scriptures about the individual. The Biblical teaching that God _____ individuals, gave _____ to individuals, _____ individuals, and held individuals _____ was the exact opposite of Hitler’s collective, socialist thinking. And the Biblical teaching that answers to man’s problems are to be found in the Lord and His revelation is the exact opposite of Hitler’s teaching that the state is the answer to all man’s problems. Like all “good socialist leaders,” Hitler saw himself in the place of God. A popular poster of Hitler in Germany was captioned, “In the beginning was the Word.” The Lord’s Prayer was rewritten for children and started this way:

Our Father Adolf who art in Nuremberg,
Hallowed Be Thy Name,
Thy third Reich come ...

Hitler’s racism was indeed a terrible doctrine. It is important, however, not only to see this doctrine as terrible but also to recognize the evolutionary and Satanist roots from which it comes.

V. THE OCCULT

Hitler’s interest in the occult is a major theme of the popular movies, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. These movies are fiction – the idea that Hitler was an occultist is not.

During his early days as an art student, Hitler was fascinated by the occult. He spent more time in occult bookstores than he did on his artwork. On November 11, 1918, while recovering from an injury received during the fighting in World War I, he claimed to hear voices summoning him to save Germany. He committed himself to becoming a politician and carrying out the commands of these voices.

Pre-World War II, Germany had many occultist groups. One group was the Thule Group – a group which combined _____ (Viking) _____ with popular occult teachings (similar to the modern New Age movement). The Thule Group had ties to various occult groups all over the world. The Thule Group established a political arm to take its basic principles (in disguise) to the people. This was called the _____ – the Nazis. One member of the occultist Thule Group, Adolf Hitler, was chosen to head the political arm – the Nazi Party.

After he became the dictator of Germany, Hitler outlawed several occultist groups because he thought they challenged the Thule Group for influence among practitioners of the occult. The occult symbol of the Thule Group, the _____, became the national German symbol.

The Swastika, a _____, was a long-time symbol of hatred of Christianity. During his formative years, Hitler was influenced by people who claimed to be demon-possessed (Houston Stewart Chamberlain, Alfred Rosenberg) or who were accused by close associates of being demon-possessed (Frederic Nietzsche, Richard Wagner). These leaders all expressed the hatred for Christianity implied in the Swastika.

Hitler himself demonstrated many characteristics of a demon-possessed person. He would have wild fits, crawl on all fours like an animal and eat the carpet. He was known (behind his back of course) as the “_____.” There are accounts that he would awake from sleep yelling for help and trembling. He would point to a visibly empty corner and scream “It is he! It is he! He’s here!” He was miraculously spared from death so many times that both friends and foes thought he must have some kind of “supernatural protection.”

No one has ever been able to fully explain the _____ of Hitler’s speeches. He would speak for hours, then collapse from exhaustion. His speeches persuaded millions to blindly follow him. Many of his opponents confessed to being converted to his programs after listening to a two, three, or even four hour speech.

Many of Hitler’s highest-ranking officials in the Nazi government were practitioners of the occult. Heinrich Himmler organized the feared SS as an occult society. The Nazi government had an official department for the study of the occult, the Ahernabe. This department recruited Tibetan monks to serve the Nazi government. It also studied legends like the _____, the _____, and the _____ (shades of Indiana Jones).

Many books have been written about Hitler’s occult activity. Many are written by occultists who consider Hitler an example of black magic and themselves as examples of white magic. Two good books from a Christian perspective are *The Guardians of the Grail* by J.R. Church and *The Twisted Cross* by Joseph J. Carr.

VI. HITLER’S RISE TO POWER

The word Reich means “_____.” In Hitler’s mind the reign of _____, over the Holy _____ was Germany’s First Reich. The _____ under Otto von Bismarck was the Second Reich. Hitler promised the German people a Third Reich, one that would last for a thousand years. (Hitler promised to bring about the millennium).

In 1923, Hitler tried to take advantage of political chaos and runaway inflation. The National Socialist German Workers’ Party tried to start a _____ and take control of Germany. The revolution failed and Hitler was imprisoned. In prison, he wrote *Mein Kampf* (my struggle).

After his release, the Nazi Party began to win seats in the German parliament. The Nazi promises to end unemployment, provide free education and free health care won a great deal of support in the midst of Germany’s financial hardship. Soon, the Nazis were the largest of Germany’s many political parties, though not in the majority.

As the leader of the party with the largest number of legislators, Hitler was asked to become the German Chancellor. His power was far from absolute and the German parliament often resisted him. Many people were beginning to figure Hitler out and it was clear that his party would not do well in the next election.

VII. THE REICHSTAG FIRE

A Communist arsonist tried to set fire to the German parliament building (The Reichstag). He had been recruited and aided by a group of individuals who claimed that they were communists. In reality they were Nazi agents. While Marinus Van der Lubbe tried to start a fire at the Reichstag,

several Nazi agents started successful fires there. Van der Lubbe was arrested, found guilty, and executed.

Meanwhile, the Nazi leadership began to proclaim that drastic measures were needed to save the country from communist terrorists. People rallied to the call. President von Hindenburg signed a decree suspending _____. All regional government authority was transferred to the central government. Over 2/3 of the parliament voted to transfer their legislative authority to Hitler. Hitler gained the support of the military by promising to remove the restrictions of the Versailles Treaty (ending WWI) limiting the military. Hysteria over a fire (that Hitler actually had started) brought him to dictatorial control over Germany.

VIII. HITLER AS DICTATOR

Hitler soon had thousands of opponents and even former friends executed. Freedom of the press, assembly, and association was revoked. Due process of law was ignored. Hitler was in total control.

IX. HITLER WAS A LEFTIST

In their never-ending attempt to rewrite history, liberals are fond of portraying the Communists as examples of left-wing fanatics and the Nazis as examples of right-wing fanatics. And they are quick to point at anyone on the right-wing of the modern political scene as “like the Nazis.” This is pure fantasy! The Nazis were anti-Christian socialists. They presented a slightly different type of socialism than the communists but their statism was identical. This may come as a shock to the modern liberals, but the National Socialist German Workers’ Party was socialist! The Nazis were leftists.

X. THE REAL LESSONS

There are real lessons to be learned from the Nazis but they are not all the lessons modern liberals would have you learn. Statism is about control; it is not about helping people. Tyrants are never honest about their objectives. People are never rewarded for giving up their liberties! A clear understanding of history helps to prevent you from repeating mistakes.

Hitler was very clear about his real goals in the seven hundred page book *Mein Kampf* (my struggle). William Shirer, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, p. 81 writes:

“But it might be argued that had more non-Nazi Germans read it before 1933 and had the foreign statesmen of the world perused it carefully while there was still time, both Germany and the world might have been saved from catastrophe. For whatever other accusations can be made against Adolf Hitler, no one can accuse him of not putting down in writing exactly what kind of Germany he intended to make if he ever came to power and the kind of world he meant to create by armed German conquest.”