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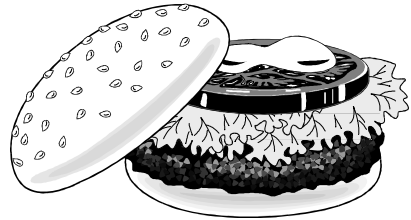
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CHURCH FAMILY COOKOUT

*TODAY AT
5:00 P.M.*



*AT THE FARM OF
LARRY & MARY BYARS*

Evening Service To Follow

*EVERYONE'S
INVITED!*



Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?

(Part 5)

In this series of articles, we've been looking at what is REALLY happening to our country: How that Humanism - which is a religion which teaches that human wisdom is the answer to all of mankind's problems - has taken over our:

- ❑ GOVERNMENT
- ❑ EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM
- ❑ MEDIA (entertainment venues as well as news sources)

This week, we continue to look at -

THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

Thusfar, we've seen Goal #1 -

1. Humanists want to replace religions based on supernatural beliefs (like Christianity) with a religion based only on natural beliefs.

Also, we talked about Goal # 2, which is -

2. Humanists want to replace Biblical ethics with Humanistic ethics.

Now we look at Goal # 3 -

3. Humanists want to replace Biblical ethics with Humanistic ethics. Humanists want to replace the family as the basic unit of society with the autonomous individual. The family is not important to humanists. Rather, *"the preciousness and dignity of the individual person is a central humanist value."* Humanists *"reject all religious, ideological, or moral codes that denigrate the individual."* They believe in **"maximum individual autonomy"** (that is, individual self-rule). For humanists, *"the possibilities of individual freedom of choice ...should be increased."*

Notice how placing the individual in the central role destroys the home and family. Here's how -

• First, the demands of humanists for individual sexual rights, if fully implemented, would destroy the institution of marriage. Humanists believe **"individuals should be permitted to express their sexual proclivities and pursue their life-styles as they desire."** They think that *"intolerant attitudes often cultivated by orthodox religion and puritanical cultures, unduly repress sexual conduct."* They believe that **"the right to birth control, abortion, and divorce should be recognized."** They *"do not wish to prohibit by law or social sanction, sexual behavior*

between consenting adults." For humanists, marriage is generally insignificant. Humanists think marriage is only one of many sexual arrangements of convenience. For humanists, non-married couples living together, as well as communal, homosexual and lesbian marriages, are equally as acceptable as are heterosexual marriages. This means that divorce must be readily available to married persons.

• Second, the demands of humanists for elimination of all discrimination based on sex, if fully implemented, would destroy the Biblical role of the sexes within marriage. Humanists **"are critical of sexism or sexual chauvinism."** They *"believe in equal rights for both men and women to fulfill their unique careers and potentialities as they see fit, free of invidious discrimination."* This means that husbands would not necessarily be heads of their families (Ephesians 5:23.), nor that wives would necessarily be "keepers (workers) at home", as is true in Christianity.

• Third, the demands of humanists for individual rights in an open and democratic society, if fully implemented, would destroy parental authority and responsibility. Humanists are committed to extending *"participatory democracy in its true sense to...the family..."* This means they would give children authority equal to that of their parents in all family matters. Moreover, since humanists wish to eliminate all discrimination based on age, and since they wish all individuals, if unable to provide for themselves, to have society to provide for them **"means to satisfy their basic economic, health, and cultural needs, including whenever resources make possible, a minimum guaranteed annual income,"** then children would have the authority and the means to divorce their parents and leave home at whatever early age they may choose. Moreover, parents need not concern themselves with the moral education, discipline and training of children, inasmuch as that responsibility is assigned by humanists to public schools.

• Fourth, the demands of humanists for individual civil liberties, if fully implemented, would destroy the legal right of one member of the family to influence another family member's personal decisions, ***even in matters of life and death.*** Humanists believe that *"to enhance freedom and dignity the individual must experience a full range of civil liberties in all societies."* This **"includes a recognition of an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right of suicide."** This means, for example, that the civil liberties of a wife would prohibit her husband from making legal objections should she seek to abort his unborn child. It means that parents would have no legal right to object should a teen-age son or daughter seek professional medical assistance in committing suicide.

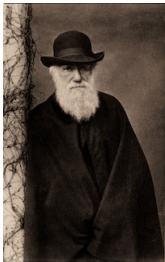
The success of humanism in replacing the family as the basic unit in society with the autonomous individual may be evaluated by recognizing what legislative and judicial actions have led to the deterioration of the family in America. The United States now has the highest divorce rate of any nation in the world. That's because **"In the last ten to fifteen years about one-third of the**

states have enacted 'no fault' divorce laws, and most others have such grounds as 'irreconcilable differences' or 'cruel and inhuman treatment' which are often interpreted by the courts to mean essentially the same thing as no-fault divorce... no fault divorce means that neither partner has to prove that the other has broken the marriage contract in any way" (John Eidsmoe, The Christian Legal Advisor. Milford, MI: Mott Media, Inc. 1984, 89).

In the interest of eliminating from society distinct biblically authorized sex roles, humanists have promoted for many years the passage of an equal rights amendment. By 1973, it had passed both houses of Congress and was ratified by thirty state legislative bodies. Needing only eight more states to ratify it, it was well on its way to becoming a constitutional amendment. Had it not been for Phyllis Schlafly and her **Eagle Forum**, it would almost certainly be national law today. Having failed to obtain by one Constitutional amendment an all encompassing law against sexual discrimination, humanists are now seeking to achieve their desired objectives through legislative enactments such as "Parental Leave," "Comparable Worth," "Unisex Insurance," and tax supported day-care centers.

Judicial authorities often deny parental authority and control over their own minor children. Parents no longer have legal authority over an unmarried minor daughter's decision for an abortion. Because the court considers that minors have a legal right to privacy, contraceptives may be freely dispensed to minors. Minors can be counseled by pro-abortion groups, and, in some states, can even obtain an abortion without parental consent or knowledge. A father now has no legal authority over his unborn child in his wife's womb. A minor child may choose, on the grounds of incompatibility, to become a ward of the court rather than continue living with parents. While humanists yet have much to accomplish before the autonomous individual can be said to have replaced the family as the basic unit in society, they have also accomplished much in achieving this goal.

(more next week)



CHARLES DARWIN'S FRIGHTFUL VISION OF THE FUTURE

Charles Darwin believed that man evolved from the animal kingdom largely by the process of natural selection or survival of the fittest, and he predicted that this struggle would result in the annihilation of less evolved "races" of men. In his 1871 book The Descent of Man, Darwin wrote, "At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilised races of man will almost certainly exterminate, and replace, the savage races throughout the world. At the same time the anthropomorphous apes, as Professor Schaaffhausen has remarked, will no doubt be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more

civilised state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the negro or Australian and the gorilla" (chapter vi). Thus, Darwin believed that Negroes and Australian aborigines are lower on the evolutionary scale than Caucasians, and that these "savage races" will soon be exterminated to make the way for an evolved man "even" superior to Caucasians. That is racism of the most wretched kind, and this "science," which was the product of the anti-God skepticism in which Darwin was reared, led directly to Hitler's murder camps.

The word "eugenics" was coined by Darwin's cousin Francis Galton. It refers to the attempt to improve the human "race" by such means as birth control, abortion, and euthanasia. In his book Hereditary Genius, Galton looked forward to a time "when the population of the earth shall be kept as strictly within the bounds of number and suitability of race, as the sheep on a well-ordered moor." Charles Darwin's daughter Henrietta and her husband Robert Litchfield were fervent eugenicists. Charles' son Leonard was the president of the First International Congress of Eugenics. He bemoaned the fact that "the unfit" are no longer killed off by hunger and disease, but "are cherished with care, thus being able to reproduce their kind." Another son, George Darwin, called for easy divorce and contraception to encourage the survival of the fittest, predating the sexual revolution of the 1960's. A grandson, Charles Galton Darwin, a major figure in the Manhattan Project, was president of the Eugenics Society from 1953-59.

Margaret Sanger, the atheist founder of Planned Parenthood, was a fervent eugenicist. Hitler praised eugenics in Mein Kampf, but as Dr. Benjamin Wiker, in his book The Darwin Myth, rightly observes, "The fundamental problem with Darwinism is not that it leads to Nazism, but that it can lead to anything" (p. 147). Darwinism destroys the basis of any true moral code.

Bro. BLÖTZ
by Doug Dillard



I CAN UNDERSTAND ROAD RAGE ...
BUT ... ON THE CHURCH PARKING LOT?

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
 Rebekah White
 Cradle Roll 2: Derek Quinnelly
 6:00 p.m. Service ----- None - See You At The Byar's!
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 25, 2009

Sunday School ----- 26
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 32
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 31
 Wed. Eve. Service, 10/28/09 ----- 33

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of October 25, 2009



Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 777.20
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 68.00
Total Received for Week of 10/25/09: \$ 845.20

**Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
 to operate the church
 EACH WEEK,
 as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00**

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

NEW HYMNAL FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 1,771.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 574.00

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Total Received, To Date: \$ 449.00



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. **Admit that you are a sinner.**
2. **Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.**
3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - OK? Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
 Larry Mathews, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
 Dwayne English ----- Outreach
 Flowers ----- Hannah and Shirley White