

## **MEDIEVALISM TODAY**

What history since the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) suggests is that the teutonic cardinals Karol Wojtyla and Joseph Ratzinger engineered a coup inside the Vatican to restore Medievalism. The loss of trust since this insider turmoil has resulted in a massive exodus of laity and backlash against the inside conspiracy to defraud the work of Vatican II.

It began with **Humanae Vitae**, the encyclical process of Pope Paul VI that meant to include lay input regarding family planning considerations. Lay input was ignored and excluded from the encyclical. The laity has been radically distrustful of the Vatican ever since. Pope Paul VI was imposed upon, on belief, by Cardinals Wojtyla and Ratzinger to disregard lay input, notwithstanding serious representations that lay input would be included. Tridentine medievalism is unrelenting against Vatican II.

Recidivism toward medievalism was put in full sway when Cardinal Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II. (John Paul I was conveniently removed from the picture by death within about a month after being made pope.) Early into his papacy, John Paul II determined to appoint bishops who had conservative credentials, for the specific purpose of putting an end to Liberation Theology that was distasteful to him. He appointed Joseph Ratzinger to be Head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. And thus, the inside war against Vatican II was engaged.

Medievalism roots in the "dogma" of staticism, centrism and sexism, which anathematizes evolution and advances an absolutist (male) presumption that misinforms and misguides. Read the signs of the times. Vatican II meant to correct this medieval defect. Modern medievalists look with nostalgia for the glory days of male imperialism. But those days cannot return. The trajectory of evolution is forward.

The vacuity of this misadventure and the damage it has already done to church credibility are becoming ever more apparent, for the bad faith motives of commercialism, sexual deviancy, cover-ups of sexual abuse have surfaced within the John Paul II Papacy, and have become even more problematic in the Benedict XVI Papacy. And the saga goes on.

### **Medievalism's Contrarian Worldview**

Medievalism's fixation in dogma intentionally stands against change (evolution) and is antithetical to adding anything new to divinity consciousness. Medievalism's contrarian doctrine of staticism, centrism and sexism bedevils all relationships, with dire consequences to nature, humankind and divinity.

So we return to fundamentals. Theology is about the spirituality of self-reflection in the "Naturalis Sacramentum Ordinis", i.e., the Earth-rootedness of life and evolving consciousness. [Perhaps a better word than 'theology' is the word EARTHEOLOGY, meaning the ground-source of God-consciousness.] The covenantal link of God/ Earth/ Man recognizes "earthiness" as the link of humanity to divinity, giving Earth a divine value. Self-authentication is a growth process of self-realization, a spiritual capacity that is the common inheritance and birthright of every person; no justification for arrogance; no excuses for ignorance; no obsession in sexism. In communal spirituality all are called to lives of faith, hope and love.

In its spiritual fixation in "antithetical trinity", medievalism eschews divine earthiness. In professional jargon, this defect is an issue of "Christology" which concentrates on Jesus' divinity even as it downplays his humanity and disallows all that full humanity entails; like for example, Jesus' life was subject to DNA coding in the same way as everyone else. We can say with confidence and conviction that medievalism's exaggeration of Jesus' divinity in effect denies his humanity; this defective Christological understanding demeans nature and insidiously infects hierarchical ecclesiology to this day; and we trash nature with supposed impunity.

Sin against nature is sin against God. God suffers from the sin of denying Jesus his full humanity and exaggerating his divinity, and conversely, the divinity consciousness of every person is demeaned when Jesus' humanity is demeaned. Earth is the radical link of man to God. We need to honor Nature's Holy Ground if we would come to Godliness.

### **Death, Birth and MEDIEVALISM in Context**

If we can understand the origin and nature of the cultural throes bedeviling us today, we are better enabled to deal with them. We are heir to the imperial ideology/ theology of male patriarchal origin based on fixation in the Garden of Eden mythology of male dominion over Earth and Woman. Medievalism evolved out of the merged politics of Roman Imperialism and the cult of Patriarchal Dominion. The Christian experience was conformed to fit the ideologies of fixation and dominion. In the course of the Middle Ages, Medievalism hatched and grew full-fledged.

MEDIEVALISM is the evolved product of Worldview and Cult fixed in dogmas of **STATICISM** (male hierarchicalism linked directly to God), **CENTRISM** (Earth-centered universe and Male Centrism), and **SEXISM** (woman created from man and for male companionship); background to the "Wars of Religion". Meantime, Enlightenment, science and reason challenge cultic fideism and the presumptions of the Garden of Eden Myth. Second Enlightenment continues the challenge to fixity in religious misdirection. The Councils of Trent and the First Vatican anathematized Enlightenment and evolution science (Modernity). The Second Vatican Council opened theology to truths of science, Enlightenment and evolution. The new insights of evolution science, cosmological acentrism, and male-female equivalency are correctives of staticism, centrism and sexism.

The angst and violence globally spread are about the death throes of Medievalism and the birth pains of Liberation Theology and cultural reconciliation. E-Communication is the birth-death nurse presiding over the cultural/ religious procedures in process. It's time we all get on the right side of history and recovery.

### **Nostalgia for Medievalism**

About all medievalism has going for it is nostalgia, which means little or nothing to modern consciousness. Of all things, the Curia, a hold-back of Caesarist Rome, is still the conspiratorial body that

enjoys little or no public regard. The trappings of medievalism speak to everything bad in the past that came from hierarchical conspirators. Perception is reality. People hunger for more than the trappings of wizardry. Vatican II repudiated old-world falsity attached to medieval trappings. More than anything, medievalism means “inquisition”, now replaced with “excommunication”. Communication and consciousness are more important than the trappings of inquisition and excommunication.

Medieval drivers and vehicles of communication and consciousness make no sense today. Through history, vehicles have greatly changed, and so has the competency of drivers. Think: horse and buggy, cars, trains and planes. Think: printing press, books, newspapers, telegraph, telephones, computers, i-phones, i-pads, etc. The more people are in direct contact, the more change is enabled and required. Note how people self-expression is breaking out all over. Old-religion politics, communication and consciousness are still fixed in the past; and that is a huge problem when change is needed but structures hold back.

Old dogmas might have worked in medieval vehicles whose engines do not accommodate modern vehicles and driver-consciousness. Before the politics of medievalism can change, vehicles and drivers must change. Neither horse and buggy vehicles nor medieval fiats are adequate for the times.

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