## Lightning Apologetics



## THE NEW PAGANISM

What do we mean when we say "new paganism?" What do we really mean when we say our nation has become de-Christianized beyond description? Let's answer that question by posing 5 questions and answering them.

## They are:

- 1. What was old paganism?
- 2. What is the new paganism
- 3. What are the consequences of the new paganism on the moral order? In other words, how has the new paganism, which has spread so widely in our nation, affected the morality of our century?
- 4. How has the new paganism created the homicidal culture of the modern world? The 20<sup>th</sup> century was the most homicidal century in the history of the human race! There were more death casualties from wars fought from 1900 than all wars since the dawn of man's existence. There are more murders of unborn children in the world today in one year than all the previous centuries than in all of man's history put together. We are living in a homicidal society.
- 5. How do we convert the new pagans?

In general, paganism means the rejection of religion. The most generic name for paganism is a person who is irreligious. However, we can distinguish between a pagan (up to modern times) and now the new pagan in the world today.

In ancient Jewish times the Gentiles were considered pagans by the Jews. During those times the majority of the human race did not believe in one God as Creator of heaven and earth. You had the Babylonians, the Phoenicians, the Egyptians and the Romans. Before the time of the death of Christ they were all polytheists. So there was a small percentage who believed in the one, true God.

With the coming of Christ the pagans remained basically the same. A pagan was one who did not believe in the one true God Who created the world out of nothing, and Who as ruler of the world, alone has a right to tell human beings what to do. Therefore we read in the Old Testament, and Christ repeated it in the new, "I am the Lord Thy God, you shall not have strange (other) gods before Me." In other words we are to worship Him alone. Anyone who didn't believe that or live by it was, by Christian or pre-Christian standards, a pagan. In this sense most of the human race is pagan. Most of the human race is polytheistic. After almost 2,000 years since the coming of Christ most of the human race does not believe that God became man in the Person of Jesus Christ. Most of the human race does not believe there is only one God. The fault cannot be that hundreds of millions, even billions, have rejected the one true God! Why? Because they never heard there is only one true God.

By 1550 A.D., over 15 million Aztecs, one single Indian tribe, became Catholic. They were hungry for the Truth and somebody fed them this Truth. This is all due to Our Blessed Mother appearing to St. Juan Diego at Guadalupe. Our Lady was the impetus but the Truth of Faith still had to be taught to the Aztecs. This was left to the Church. Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego.

II. What is the New Paganism? The new paganism did not arise spontaneously. It is not an inheritance from the past. It is the result of mass education. This education came in two forms: academic education, and institutes of learning and the modern media of social communication. Whatever else we know we had better know this: This new paganism is being masterminded by geniuses in positions of great power in materially developed countries like ours. Thus through political power, economic power and social power hundreds of millions have been paganized. Old paganism was the inevitable result of man's fallen nature but the new paganism has to be learned, and billions of dollars are spent in our country to propagate the new paganism and it has been done with phenomenal success. Unlike the old paganism the new paganism is not polytheistic. It is not the idolatrous worship of many gods. The new pagan worships only one god and that one god is **man himself**. I will explain what I mean in the coming weeks. God bless you.