## Lightning Apologetics



## The New Paganism IV

## What Has the New Paganism Done to the Truth?

**It has made Truth relative to each person's mind.** For example, if you really believe that Christ is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, well, then fine. If you don't believe Christ is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, well, that's fine too!

If you think sexual relations with a person of the same gender as yourself is the expression of the deep love of one man for another or one woman for another, well, that's fine too! So, consequently, the truth is "what I think is true." So, what is truth? In new paganism terms, that which I think is true. No longer is *the good* that which God wants us to do to reach our eternal destiny. No. The *good* now is that which pleases me or that which satisfies me or that which agrees with me. If I like something, it is good. If I don't like it is not good. Each person's mind determines what is good and what each person's will chooses so that today it is what the mind of an individual has told him that is considered the good. The United States of America in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is a hypnotized nation. Each person has become a law to him or herself. Just to use one example, abortion. Since Roe v Wade there have been over 53 million abortions in this country. Many have deluded themselves that abortion is perfectly permissible. Now we can even abort children if the parents don't like the gender of a child they are having! Many have convinced themselves it is not murder. Even our Supreme Court found a right to privacy in the Constitution which is not there and legalized the murder of unborn children. It happens every day in our country! Where is the outrage? Have we become de-sensitized?

Therefore this new paganism has produced in one country after another, what I would call a **homicidal culture**. What is a homicidal culture? One that no longer considers that the killing of an innocent human being to be wrong!

Why is it not considered wrong? It is because the very meaning of right and wrong has been **re-defined**. The Fifth Commandments tells us "You shall not kill." This means that the life of an innocent human being may not be destroyed by any human authority. Why not? It is because that human being belongs to God, because God creates the soul of each human individual at the moment of conception. However, today a person would have to know what a soul actually is! Many do not know what a soul is! Yes, everyone has a soul. Our soul is a spirit that will live forever when our body dies. Why is the murder of an innocent human being wrong? Because God wants each person to know, love and serve him in this life and thereby reach eternal life in the world to come. God alone has the right to determine who will be conceived, who will be born, how long each person is to live in this world and how much pleasure or pain our life on earth is to be. It is up to God. It is not up to us. Once you **deny** that God alone has the right to determine all these things, inevitably you sow the seeds of a homicidal mentality. When individuals will on their own decide who shall be conceived, who will be born, how long a person lives and who is to die then we have a homicidal society! Why? Because then we create laws to suit our own desires and then impose these laws on others to obey.

## SO TO SUM UP, THE NEW PAGANISM IS A RELIGION!

It is a religion of *self-adoration*. It is a religion that first created hell! The 4<sup>th</sup> Lateran Council defined that God originally created a spirit world without a body (angels) but would have a mind and a will which is therefore a "person." God tested the angelic hosts that He created and told them they were to obey to prove their right to enter Heaven. Some angels declared "I will not serve." In other words, I will not serve God, I will serve myself. So now, Lucifer, who led the fallen spirits, tries to get us to fall. He is the arch-enemy of God. He tries to get you to believe he doesn't exist. Lucifer means "light carrier." He is extremely intelligent. Why do I say this? Because neo-paganism thrives in areas of above average intelligence, and is therefore a religion. It worships one's own mind and will. Yet God warns those who practice this new paganism in this life what is awaiting them in the life to come by creating for them a hell on earth. You don't explain away by any natural means the massive lack of peace in this world and the amount of anxiety many have. Some 77 million Americans manage to have peace of mind by living on prescribed tranquilizers. You don't explain naturally the rise in Satanism or the increase in teenage suicides or abortion or violence. I could go on and on.

There is no happiness in doing your own will. Hell is a place where those who are in hell do their own will for all eternity. So we may say that the new paganism is not a God-less religion because it believes in a deity; **self-willed persons who worship their own ego**. In our last article we will discuss how to convert the new pagans. God bless.