

THE CORRUPTING OF POWER: PRIDE AND ILLEGITIMACY

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In the tenth chapter of *Ecclesiastes* we read that, "The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin; and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers; and enthrones the lowly in their place."

Since time in memorial humans have tried - through their own arrogance and supposed knowledge to supplant the all-knowing God to become godlike. It is first recorded in the early chapters of Genesis with a tempting bite from the forbidden apple in the Garden of Eden.

Over and over again, in biblical literature and in subsequent history, we find the same aberrant phenomenon repeating itself. That's why in Judaism, pride was called, "the root of all evil."

It is as if we never learn.

Since the violent terror of the French Revolution man has thrown off any semblance of normative, God-given rules and exerted - a pure lust for power.

The Left, oftentimes under the guise of so-called liberal enlightenment, tries to "immanentize the eschaton" - to bring their definition of heaven to earth.

We saw this most vividly is the 2020 US election and the false promises made by the Democrats and their compliant, senile, illegitimate leader.

In political theory, this means trying to bring about the final, heaven-like stage of history in the present fallen world.

In all these contexts it means attempting to make that which belongs to the afterlife happen here and now - on earth.

In other cases, it means killing God altogether or denying His very existence.

In the process, instead, what we find is modern history littered with movements, leaders and ideologies that, as the poet William Blake shouted, 'More! More!' is the cry of a mistaken soul; less than All cannot satisfy Man."

In the twentieth century alone more than 120 million lives were lost in wars and campaigns started by the Left: national socialism, communism, genocides, revolutions and various liberations. This year we commemorated the start of the last such world war in Poland.

The Left never has enough power.

We also heard the chairman of the Democrat National Party (DNC) was very enthused by the fact that religion is on the wane in America and that the secularist persuasion has endorsed and embraced the increasingly Leftist, Democrat Party.

The Republicans, too God-fearing, evangelical and anti-revolutionary, are to be banished and censored in the latest pride of the Left.

The Left has clear ambition to wipe out all transcendent faiths as the 'opium of the people,' as their hero, Karl Marx termed it. His ardent follower, Vladimir Lenin called for a Leftist revolution by the "vanguard of the proletariat," to take hold of all history.

Listen to some of the 2020 Democrat voices demonstrating this same and ominous pride of the Left:

Celebrating Hugo Chavez's leadership in Venezuela, "His brand of socialism achieved real economic gains."

"China under Mao made more progress than any other to end poverty."

"Homophobia is the real enemy of America."

"Fck that dude. I'll smack that fcker's comb-over right off his fcking scalp. Like, for real, if I met Donald Trump, I'd punch him in his fcking face. And that's not a joke." "It's a political civil war, Trump's racist tirades set the tone for 2020."

"Republicans don't believe in the imagination, partly because so few of them have one, but mostly because it gets in the way of their chosen work, which is to destroy the human race and the environment."

"May your children all die from debilitating, painful and incurable diseases."

"I wish they (Republicans) were all f*cking dead!"

" Yes, I'm angry. Yes, I'm outraged. Yes, I have thought an awful lot about blowing up the White House, but I know that this won't change anything."

"It's time we seized control and had democratic socialism for working families ." Well, we all know the saying, "Pride cometh before the fall."

It is pride - in the power of the State and its omnipotent rulers that leads to the destruction of America and its very Founding values of ordered liberty and limited government. It is the Left who continuously and vividly exhibit that sin.

Someday, perhaps we will acknowledge biblical wisdom again and turn away from the ever-present pride of the Left, wherever and whenever, it raises its ugly head.

Recall, the antidote to pride and hubris is trust in God's providence. The hubris of Biden-Harris is most abundantly found in their presumption of victory.

In political science, legitimacy is the right and acceptance of an authority, usually a governing law or a regime itself. Whereas authority denotes a specific position in an established government, such as the Presidency in American government, the term legitimacy denotes a system of government—wherein government denotes "sphere of rightful and legal influence".

The 2020 elections call the legitimacy of the Democrats and their candidate and those down ballot as

well, into question. If Biden is sworn in on January 21, 2021 which is by no means certain at this point, he will be an illegitimate President.

An illegitimate presidency of Joe Biden based on mounting; documented evidence is the culmination of the pride of the Left.

In overt actions to steal the election from the rightful winners and insert their lame duck, senile cut-out, the Left has manufactured the greatest pride of all - a corrupting of power that Lord Acton himself predicted years ago in his famous dictum.

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The <u>image</u> shows "Tondal's Vision," by a follower of Hieronymus Bosch, ca. mid-16th century.