

v 9 = Your impersonal love should be non-hypocritical. Detest evil. Adhere to the good.★

#4: Unconditional love among believers requires the same devotion to each other as found among family members. Also willingness to show deference to other believers is a matter of honor and protocol. Romans 12:

v 10 = With reference to your brotherly love, be devoted to each other; with reference to honor, let each one of you esteem others more highly than yourself.

#5: Failure to persevere in the inculcation of doctrine has a negative impact on one's application of the honor code. Through the filling of the Holy Spirit, consistent service to our Lord is maintained. Romans 12:

v 11 = With regard to your due diligence, do not be negligent; with reference to the Holy Spirit be zealous when serving the Lord.

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B- 9/13 B #6: Through confidence in our eternal future we are with esprit de corps to stand fast in the face of undeserved suffering. Romans 12:

v 12 = With reference to confidence in the eternal future, have esprit de corps; with reference to undeserved suffering, stand fast. Be persistent in prayer.

#7: Maintain poise and objectivity when fellow believers malign you. Never make excuses. Never retaliate. Romans 12:

v 14 = Speak well of those who persecute you; keep on speaking well and do not curse them.

#8: Respond with happiness for those who are prospered by the Lord. Respond with compassion for those who are suffering. Romans 12:

v 15 = Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

It is apparent that the Biblical problem-solving devices are pertinent to the successful execution of these principles. I would suggest that all ten come into play in some way.

- 9- **Honor Code Principle #9:** Respect the imputed righteousness of others. Without arrogance be willing to associate with all believers. Do not be opinionated through pseudo wisdom. Romans 12:

v 16 = Be thinking the same mental attitude toward each other. Do not be thinking in terms of arrogance but associate with humble people. Stop being wise in your own estimation. ★

- 1- This verse emphasizes the one overriding principle which leads to the formation of a civilization: the development of thought.
- 2- Before advancing into our analysis of verse 16, we need to take a little time to evaluate the importance of thought with regard to its historical impact throughout the Church Age.
- 3- It is interesting to note that our forebears were responsible for developing a system of thinking and a culture which, once developed, transformed human history.
- 4- Western European thought is the foundation for the unparalleled prosperity citizens of the United States have enjoyed over the past 200 years.
- 5- As is the case for all client nations of history, Satan has introduced his ubiquitous assaults on our country's culture and heritage. *ANTI-W. EUR HIST & LIT*
- 6- The reason for this is simple: A people cannot prosper without thought. The content of that thought must be Biblical truth. Whichever culture and heritage sponsors Biblical truth therefore must be destroyed.
- 7- It is apparent that that process is well under way in our nation and is threatening the future and safety of our entire population.
- 8- I want to take the time to quickly review the background of the Western Europeans who developed the culture which is being so vociferously assaulted today in academia and in the media.
- 9- One of the things we must first note is that there is nothing special about the Western European species of Homo sapiens.

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- 10- They were no different from any other third-world mentality which plagues us in the late 20th Century.
- 11- They were Barbarians, hoodlums, undisciplined hoards of ignorant and emotional heathen who populated what we know today as northeastern Europe and Scandinavia.
- 12- Pressured by the brutal and savage Huns these Teutonic tribes began a move toward the Roman Empire.
- 13- Unable to defend themselves against these vicious Huns, the Visigoths appealed to Rome seeking entrance as immigrants into the Empire.
- 14- The deal agreed upon required the Visigoths to completely disarm and give up their youth as hostages.
- 15- However, rather than amalgamating the Visigoths into the Empire, Rome permitted its military to abuse these defenseless people in many ways.
- 16- Wisely under their leader Aleric, the Visigoths bribed the Roman soldiers into give them back their arms.
- 17- Later, in 410 A.D., Aleric commanded the invasion of Rome which resulted in the Empire's first defeat in over 800 years of rule.
- 18- This victory enabled the various Teutonic groups to function freely throughout the Roman Empire and many of them moved toward Western Europe.
- 19- According to Will Durant's Age of Faith (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1950), p. 22-23, we note the following details about our ancestors:

Norway's shores were a chain of pirate dens, its people found war less toilsome than tillage, and counted the raiding of alien coasts a noble occupation for hungry stomachs or leisure days. In southern Sweden and its isles the Goths claimed to have had their early home; . . . they spread as Visigoths southward to the Danube, and as Ostrogoths they settled between (the Ukraine in the East and Scotland in the West). In the heart of Europe . . . moved the restless tribes that were to remake the map, and rename the nations of Europe: Burgundians, Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Frisians, Alemanni, Suevi, Lombards, Franks.

* CULTURE:

Latin: "cultura" = Tilling, cultivation, husbandry, careful treatment, reverence, education, refinement, civilization.

The act of plowing, sowing and raising crops; weeding and fostering growth. This concept from agriculture came over into the abstract to describe the development of human thought through training and education.

Oxford English Dictionary, sv "culture":

Fig. The cultivating or development of the mind, faculties, manners; improvement or refinement by education and training.

absolutely; the training, development and refinement of mind, tastes, and manners; the condition of being thus trained and refined; the intellectual side of civilization.

1876 by Matthew Arnold in Literature and Dogma: "Culture, acquainting ourselves with the best that has been known and said in the world."

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, sv "culture":

The integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon man's capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations. The customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group.

In Matthew Arnold's essay "From Culture and Anarchy" we see that the debate over the foundational principles of a client nation's culture did not escape Great Britain. Arnold's essay is a very subtle assault on the prevailing culture of nineteenth-century England which was based on Protestant theology. He favored a national capitulation to the thinking of the Renaissance with an emphasis on the rationalism of the ancient Greek philosophers. According to Arnold, the choice was between "Hebraism and Hellenism." We might call it "Absolute Truth verses Philosophical Opinion."

Governor Cuomo thus becomes client nation America's Matthew Arnold but with the intellect of, say, an Ice T. There is a cultural war and it pits our Anglo-Saxon heritage and its Judeo-Christian ethics, against the Jacobin ideas of the French Revolution and its unrestrained lust for power. Governor Cuomo says culture is a Nazi term. This is obviously a Rhetorical Veil from an honors graduate of the Satanic Academy of Cosmic Didactics, or "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

COMMENTARY

Yes, A Cultural War Is Raging

Battle Is Over Whose Beliefs Shall Form The Basis Of Law

By Patrick J. Buchanan

Mario Cuomo recently commented, "What do you mean by 'culture'? That's a word they used in Nazi Germany." Cuomo is not the only one to have recoiled in fear and loathing at my Houston speech. Media found my words "divisive," "hateful" and, that old standby, "racist." Carl Rowan told his copanelists on "Inside Washington" that it was the closest he had ever heard to a Nazi address.

The savagery of the reaction — ongoing four weeks later — underscores my point: As polarized as we have ever been, we Americans are locked in a cultural war for the soul of our country.

What is it all about? As columnist Sam Francis writes, it is about power; it is about who determines "the norms by which we live, and by which we define and govern ourselves." Who decides what is right and wrong, moral and immoral, beautiful and ugly, healthy and sick? Whose beliefs shall form the basis of law?

The Bosnia of the cultural war is abortion.

The Republican Party, in platform and ticket, is pro-life, i.e., we hold an abortion to be the unjust killing of a pre-born child. Bill Clinton's party rejoices in *Roe vs. Wade*. To one side, the 25 million abortions in almost 20 years are a testament to freedom and progress; to the other, they are the benchmarks of a society literally hellbent on suicide. The conflicting positions can no more be reconciled than those of John Brown and John Calhoun.

Whose side is God on? In an angry letter to President Bush, the National Council of Churches wrote: "We need to be very clear that God belongs to no one side, for we believe we all belong to God." Bush's efforts to conscript him, they wrote, is "blasphemous." But was it blasphemous to enlist him at Selma Bridge?

To those gathered at Madison Square Garden, a man's "sexual preference" and sexual conduct, so long as it is consensual, is irrelevant to moral character. To most of us in Houston, however, it is the codification of amorality to elevate gay liaisons to the same moral and legal plane as traditional marriage.

Americans are a tolerant people. But a majority believes that the sexual practices of gays, whether a result of nature or nurture, are both morally wrong and medically ruinous. Many consider this "reactionary" or "homophobic." But our beliefs are rooted in the Old and New Testaments, in natural law and tradition, even in the writing of that paragon of the Enlightenment, Thomas Jefferson (who felt homosexuality should be punished as severely as rape).

Thirty years ago, both sides in today's cultural war shared the belief that homosexuals had the same constitutional rights as the rest of us, as well as a right to be let alone. We still do. Homosexuality was not an issue then. What makes it an issue now is the non-negotiable demand that this "lifestyle" be sanctioned by law, that gays be granted equal rights to marry, adopt and serve as troop leaders in the Cub Scouts.

Let me be blunt: We can't support this. To force it upon us is like forcing Chris-

tians to burn incense to the emperor.

But the cultural war is broader than two battlegrounds.

We see it in the altered calendar of holidays we are invited — nay, instructed — to celebrate. Washington's Birthday disappears into Presidents Day. States, like Arizona, that balk at declaring Martin Luther King's birthday a holiday face political censure and convention boycotts. Easter is displaced by Earth Day, Christmas becomes winter break, Columbus Day a day to reflect on the cultural imperialism and genocidal racism of the "dead white males" who raped this continent while exterminating

its noblest inhabitants.

Secularism's holy days of obligation were not demanded by us; they were imposed on us.

In "The End of Christendom," the late Malcolm Muggeridge writes that Dostoyevsky, "in his astoundingly prophetic novel, 'The Devils,' . . . makes his character Peter Vekovinsky . . . say, 'A generation or two of debauchery followed by a little sweet blood-letting and the turmoil will begin.' So indeed it has."

"Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world," wrote the poet Percy Shelley. Does it make a difference that school kids in Los Angeles, who never heard of Robert Frost, can recite the lyrics of Ice-T and 2 Live Crew? Ask the people of Koreatown.

Where did that Los Angeles mob come from?

It came out of public schools from which the Bible and Ten Commandments were long ago expelled. It came out of drugstores where pornography is everywhere on the magazine rack. It came out of movie theaters and away

from TV sets where sex and violence are romanticized. It came out of rock concerts where rap music extols raw lust and cop-killing. It came out of churches that long ago gave themselves up to social action, and it came out of families that never existed.

The secularists who have captured our culture have substituted a New-Age Gospel, with its governing axioms: There are no absolute values in the universe; there are no fixed and objective standards of right and wrong. There is no God. It all begins here and it ends here. Every man lives by his own moral code. Do your own thing. Well, the mob took them at their word, and did its own things.

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to prosperity," Washington said, "religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man seek the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness."

It is the adversary culture that has subverted these pillars.

The cultural war is already raging in our public schools.

In history texts Benedict Arnold's treason at West Point has been dropped. So has the story of Nathan Hale, the boy-patriot who spied on the British and went to the gallows with the defiant cry, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country." Elsewhere, they teach that our Constitution was plagiarized from the Iroquois, that Western science was stolen from sub-Saharan Africa.

The name Custer has been stricken from the battlefield where his unit fell. Demands are heard throughout the South that replicas of the battle flag of the Confederacy be removed from state flags and public buildings. The old iron confederate soldier who stood for decades in the town square must be removed; after all, he fought in an ignoble cause.

Slavery vs. freedom, that's all it was about, they tell us. But, go up to Gettysburg, and park your car behind the Union Center. Look across that mile-long field, and visualize 15,000 men and boys forming up at the tree line. See them walking across into the fire of cannon and gun, knowing they would never get back, never see home again. Nine of 10 never even owned a slave. They were fighting for the things for which men have always fought: family, faith, friends and country. For the ashes of their fathers and the temples of their gods.

If a country forgets where it came from, how will its people know who they are? The battle over our schools is part of the war to separate parents from children, one generation from another, and all Americans from their heritage.

Our "common difficulties . . . concern, thank God, only material things," FDR said at the nadir of the Depression. Our national quarrel goes much deeper. It is about "who we are" and "what we believe." Are we any longer one nation, under God, or has one-half of that nation already begun to secede from the other?

That is what the cultural war is all about.

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The higher birth rate outside the Empire, and the higher standard of living within it, made immigration or invasion a manifest destiny for the Roman Empire.

- 20- Last Summer I was asked by R. B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries to revise the Colonel's book entitled Witnessing. In that rewrite, I researched the Colonel's teachings on the movement of the Pivot from the time of Paul until it came across the Atlantic to North America. I have recently been informed that the manuscript has now been sent to the printer and the book formally entitled Witnessing will soon be reissued under the title: Evangelism: Past, Present, and Future. There is one section of that manuscript which is pertinent to our study here and points out the fact that our Western European ancestors were wild, undisciplined and barbaric peoples.

Thieme, R. B. Jr. Evangelism: Past, Present, and Future. Edited by Joe Griffin. Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries, 1992, pp. I/6.10-18.

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- 21- From all of this a principle arises: Ideas have consequences; thought changes lives; knowledge of truth changes history.
- 22- The thing that gives you power to change your life for the better and to have historical impact in your generation is knowledge of truth.
- 23- The more truth you know the broader your understanding of life around you.
- 24- The Romans had a proverb for it in the Latin: VIVERE EST COGITARE: to live is to think.
- 25- In the 17th Century, French philosopher Rene Descartes rephrased this thought to read: "I think, therefore I am," and it became known as the Cartesian Principle.
- 26- But Descartes promoted the development of scientific reason as the only pure approach to identifying truth. The Protestant Reformation rediscovered that Scripture was the only valid source for identifying truth and its principles must first be accepted by faith.
- 27- When the Pivot crossed the Atlantic its gene pool was a mixture of those wild, Teutonic barbarians who once roamed the European landscape.

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