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Welcome to the neo-Marxist 'Church of Holy Wokeness'

It's a church that places riots over revivals, conflict over unity



Illustration by Alexander Hunter/The Washington Times

By Everett Piper - - Friday, June 26, 2020

At a Black Lives Matter protest in Cary, North Carolina, a white woman takes to her megaphone. “We repent on behalf of, uh, Caucasian people,” she shouts, as she calls upon the crowd to kneel before two Black pastors seated before them on a park bench. Several audibly weep as they bow in obeisance.

At a church in Atlanta, Dan Cathy, CEO of Chick-fil-A, genuflects before a Black colleague while shining his shoes in a ritual atoning for the collective “shame” of being White.

In Washington, D.C., thousands kneel at the foot of a monument to Martin Luther King Jr. in penance for the sins presumed to be endemic to their race. On the streets of New York City, a Black man approaches numerous White women and demands that they bow and apologize for who they are. Dozens comply as he videotapes their confessions.

Democratic leaders, wearing the priestly garb of kente stoles, kneel in religious surrender at our nation’s capital.

Evangelical churches, too numerous to count, post “laments” on their websites mourning the “unjust fabric of society.” They call on “those who have light skin to confess their sin of willful obliviousness” and plead indulgence for the assumed immorality that comes with their class and color.

Theological seminary presidents issue decrees that talk of “confessing, systemic racism,” and the presumption of evil that is resident in various shades of melanin.

Welcome to the Church of Holy Wokeness.

Welcome to a church that preaches collective blame rather than individual repentance, a church of enablement rather than evangelism, a church of riots rather than revival.

Welcome to a church of “collective guilt” rather than one that preaches personal sin.

Welcome to a neo-Marxist church that talks more about class conflict than the good news of salvation, a church of division rather than unity, one of us versus them, of the 99% versus the one, a church of the proletariat versus the bourgeoisie, of balkanization rather than the B-attitudes. Welcome to a church that has more in common with the Cultural Revolution than it does with the Cross of Christ.

Welcome to a church of racists pretending to stand against racism, a church that marches for “love” while fomenting hate. Welcome to a church that is shamelessly intolerant while it pretends to be tolerant, a “non-judgmental” church that rushes to judgment.

Welcome to a church that categorizes people by the color of their skin rather than the content of their character.

Welcome to an “affirming” church, a church that tells you you’re “born that way” rather than you must be “born again.”

Welcome to a church that bows before men while standing against God.

Welcome to a church that worships what it sees in the mirror while denying what it reads in the Bible.

Welcome to a church that has exchanged the truth of God for a lie, a church that worships the created rather than the Creator; a church that has been given over to a debased mind and reprobate heart.

This is the church of intersectionality over the inerrancy. Pay attention to its high priests. Listen to their words. Hear their liturgy: the virtueless virtue signaling; the dog whistles; the shouts to redistribute power and property. Learn their doctrine: the elevation of the group over the individual; the belief in government more than God; the parroting of Marx, Lenin and Mao; the ignorance of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Jesus.

This is America’s church. It is the Church of Group Guilt. It is the cult of “Holy Wokeness.” It is nothing short of a new religion; one that demeans men, degrades women, sacrifices children, elevates revenge and encourages blame. This is a church whose leaders’ minds are dark with confusion. Their theology is an inch deep with compassion and a mile wide with compromise.

Welcome to the Great Awakening!

Bow in submission. Pay homage to your gods.

“In the last days, people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — having a form of godliness but denying its power. 2Timothy 3

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Michigan tackles compulsory microchip implants for employees with new bill

RFID implants for workers are not an issue now, but the state wants to get ahead on what could become a huge privacy problem in the future.

Charlie Osborne

By Charlie Osborne for Zero Day | June 29, 2020

The state of Michigan has introduced a bill designed to prevent employers from forcing their staff to accept microchip implants.

It might seem that the prospect of a company demanding that workers accept a tracking chip under the skin is something more suited to an episode of Black Mirror than our current reality, but the concern that this will become a common scenario in future workplaces is prevalent enough that the Michigan House is aiming to proactively stop such practices from gaining a foothold.

Known as biohacking, the merge of technology and human physiology for the sake of augmentation or improvement has grown as a movement in recent years.

While the term can apply to nothing more than safe ways to improve your physical or mental wellbeing, in more extreme scenarios, it can also be used to describe implants that monitor your vitals, chemical injections, advanced hearing aids, and bionic eye implants.

In relation to biohacks, Tesla founder Elon Musk has said in the past that the human race needs to become cyborgs in order to enhance our natural capabilities and remain relevant in the future world of AI.

However, on the worker's front, the adoption of RFID-based chips able to track and monitor employees -- and their productivity -- is a more present concern.

As reported by ABC News, the bill, accepted Wednesday and due to head to the State Senate to be considered and potentially passed into law, prevents employers from mandating that staff must accept a microchip implant.

These chips, roughly the size of a grain of rice, are based on radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology and once inserted in the skin between a thumb and forefinger, can replace mobile applications and services we commonly use today. In the workplace, this could apply to ID checks, timecards, security checks, payments, and building access control.

However, there is concern that moving these applications from device to skin could compromise individual rights to privacy -- in or out of the office.

The "Microchip Protection Act," registered as House Bill 5672, was sponsored by Rep. Bronna Kahle who says that it is important for "Michigan job providers [to] balance the interests of the company with their employees' expectations of privacy."

"Microchipping has been brought up in many conversations as companies across the country are exploring cost-effective ways to increase workplace efficiency," Kahle commented. "While these miniature devices are on the rise, so are the calls of workers to have their privacy protected."

The trend is not widespread yet, but according to Kahle, many companies may end up exploring the

possibilities of implants in the near future.

A business in Wisconsin, 32M, previously made the headlines for holding a "chip party" to implant roughly half of its workers with RFID chips for use in opening doors, purchasing food at the workplace cafeteria, and to log into computers.

The firm's microchipping party was voluntary. This does not mean, however, that consent would always be required by companies in the future unless legally enforced.

"Despite this type of technology not quite making its way into our state yet, I wouldn't be surprised if it becomes a standard business practice statewide within the next few years," Kahle commented. "We should absolutely take every step possible to get ahead of these devices."

Southern Baptist Leader, Ed Stetzer Marches in ANTIFA/Black Lives Matter Protest in Chicago

By JEFF MAPLES JUNE 5, 2020

Former Executive Director of the Southern Baptist Convention's LifeWay Research division who now enthrones the Billy Graham Distinguished Chair of Church, Mission, and Evangelism at Wheaton College and Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College joined the anti-police Black Lives Matter and ANTIFA protests in Chicago earlier this week at the behest of pastor of Progressive Baptist Church in Chicago, Charlie Dates.

According to the Biblical Recorder, Stetzer joined other Southern Baptist pastors and Jewish rabbis for "a peaceful march that stretched nearly 30 blocks, crying out for justice for George Floyd and an end to historical injustice against blacks."

Of course, sane people know that these "protests" were anything but peaceful — they are riots brought about by lawless anarchists.

"As a follower of Jesus, my fellow pastors asked me to come and engage with them in their pain and to stand with them in their plea. How could I not go?" Stetzer emailed Baptist Press according to the Biblical Recorder. "If one part of the body of Christ suffers, all do. We are never more like Jesus than when we stand beside those who are hurting."

Being that the Apostle Paul — who wrote most of the New Testament — told his followers to be "imitators" of him, one must ask the question: when in the New Testament can we ever find examples of Paul, the apostles, or even Jesus joining hands godless leftists and anarchists to demand justice from the Pagan system?

The answer is, we can't. While we should be able to petition our civil authorities through the proper, legal channels for justice, participating in what has largely turned out to be mass chaos and lawlessness against the civil government by rebellious anarchists — we should have nothing to do with as Christians. How Stetzer can justify this by twisting the Scriptures is beyond all reasonable logic.

Germany's Continuing Anti-Semitism Problem

by Judith Bergman July 4, 2020

The German government's new report flies in the face of major EU reports... German statistics on anti-Semitism have been the object of criticism for quite some time.

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Yet, despite problematic evidence and flawed statistics, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer is still claiming that virtually all anti-Semitism comes from the far-right. Why?

Despite all these measures, anti-Semitic crime in Germany is the highest it has been in the past two decades. This news alone should raise concerns in Germany that hate-speech laws such as the NetzDG, while severely limiting free speech, are not working. It should also concern other EU countries, such as France, that are looking to Germany as an example to follow.

Anti-Semitism keeps escalating in Germany, and despite problematic evidence and flawed statistics, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer is still claiming that virtually all anti-Semitism comes from the far-right.

Almost all anti-Semitic crimes in Germany in 2019 were committed by right-wing extremists, according to a recently published government report, "Politically Motivated Crime in 2019." In the report, "politically motivated crimes" are divided into right-wing crimes, left-wing crimes, crimes motivated by foreign ideology, crimes motivated by religious ideology and unassigned crimes.

According to the report, anti-Semitic crimes were 13% higher in 2019 than in 2018, with 2,032 anti-Semitic crimes committed in 2019, the highest number in Germany since 2001. According to the report, 93.4% of those crimes were committed by right-wing extremists.

"The biggest threat is still the threat from the right," Interior Minister Horst Seehofer said following the release of the crime report. "We must remain alert and tackle it. It is an order of magnitude that accompanies us with concern, with great concern."

The German government's new report flies in the face of major EU reports: In November 2018, the EU's Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) published a report, "Antisemitism - Overview of data available in the European Union 2007–2017," which quoted the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) as stating that in 2017:

"The main perpetrators of antisemitic incidents are 'Islamists' and radicalised young Muslims, including schoolchildren, as well as neo-Nazis and sympathisers of extreme-right and, in some cases, extreme-left groups".

Germany was among the countries surveyed.

In another major survey conducted by the FRA and published in December 2018, "Second survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jews in the EU", it was concluded that:

"With respect to the most serious incident of anti-Semitic harassment, on average, across the 12 Member States surveyed, the most frequently mentioned categories for perpetrators were: 'someone else I cannot describe' (31%); 'someone with an extremist Muslim view' (30%); 'someone with a left-wing political view' (21%); 'work or school/college colleague' (16%); 'teenager or group of teenagers' (15%); 'an acquaintance or friend' (15%); 'someone with a right-wing political view' (13%)".

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In 2017, the Interior Ministry of Germany published a report by the Independent Expert Group on Antisemitism -- a group constituted in September 2009 based on a decision of the German Bundestag -- about antisemitism in Germany. According to the report:

"[In] the survey conducted for the [Independent Expert Group on Antisemitism in] 2016 among Jews in Germany ... 'a Muslim person/group' is mentioned by far the most frequently regarding... verbal insult/harassment, physical attack... followed by 'a person unknown to me'... only then follow in equal numbers left-extremist and far-right persons/groups. For this difference between the classification of the recorded crimes in the PMK... [the annual report about politically motivated crime] and the perception on the part of the persons concerned, there is currently no plausible explanation."

In June 2019, Germany's domestic intelligence service, Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BfV), published a report on "Anti-Semitism in Islamism," the purpose of which was "to raise public awareness of Islamist anti-Semitism". The report states:

"The record of these events shows that anti-Semitic incidents with an Islamist background are not uncommon in Germany. For the period from January to December 2017 alone, more than 100 incidents were recorded, ranging from anti-Zionist sermons to anti-Semitic graffiti to verbal and physical attacks against individuals. Probably this is just the proverbial 'tip of the iceberg'".

Which surveys should be believed? Did all Islamist anti-Semitism just disappear overnight?

Presumably not. German statistics on anti-Semitism, however, have been the object of criticism for quite some time. Die Welt wrote in May 2019:

"The majority of [antisemitism] cases in Berlin are attributed to right-wing extremists -- without evidence... For a long time, experts have criticized the attribution of the majority of cases to far-right perpetrators... and that too little attention is paid to other groups of perpetrators, such as those from Islamist and other Muslim circles".

According to a May 2019 article in the German Jewish news outlet Jüdische Allgemeine:

"In surveys of Jews in Germany who were victims of anti-Semitic acts, 62 percent of [victims of verbal] insults and 81 percent of [victims of] physical attacks identified Muslims as suspected perpetrators. Nevertheless, 'Sieg Heil' calls at an anti-Semitic Al-Quds demonstration in Berlin in July 2014 were registered as a politically motivated crime with right-wing extremist motives in the police statistics."

The newspaper also quoted Felix Klein, the Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Anti-Semitism, as saying:

"I hear from the Jewish communities that the subjective perception of the threat posed by Muslim anti-Semitism is greater than is reflected in the crime statistics."

The Independent Expert Group on Antisemitism, mentioned above, also criticized Germany's statistics in

its 2017 report, "Anti-Semitism in Germany - current developments":

"In the police, the old concept of extremism continues to act as a guiding factor, which makes it more difficult to identify prejudice-motivated crimes that go beyond 'the classic pattern of far-right crime'. In particular, this concerns the attribution as 'right'-[wing] as soon as references to National Socialism can be seen. This does not take into account that while Nazi symbols are a general, anti-Jewish means, they are also generally defamatory... [and] used by perpetrators who are not far right-wing politically. Xenophobic and anti-Semitic crimes are basically always attributed to the... right when no further specifics are recognizable (e.g. only the words 'Jews out') and where no suspects are known. This may create... a distorted picture of the motivation behind the crime and the group of perpetrators."

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The rise in anti-Semitism to the highest level in nearly two decades also raises a different issue: Germany has some of the strictest hate speech laws in Europe. In October 2017, Germany adopted a new censorship law, the NetzDG law. It is a draconian measure that requires social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, to censor their users on behalf of the German state. Social media companies are obliged to delete or block any online "criminal offenses" such as libel, slander, defamation or incitement, within 24 hours of receipt of a user complaint. Social media companies are permitted seven days for more complicated cases. If they fail to do so, the German government can fine them up to 50 million euros for failing to comply. The law served as inspiration for France's recently passed Avia Law.

In addition, German law enforcement agencies have completed no fewer than five "Action Day against Hate Postings" specifically to crack down on internet "hate speech".

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That, however, is not happening. In January, Germany announced new crackdowns on free speech, ostensibly to fight antisemitism, as previously reported by Gatestone. In March, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance -- the human rights monitoring body of the Council of Europe -- published a report that found that Germany, despite its repressive laws, was still not doing enough about hate speech and that:

"... action is required in several areas to effectively prevent and combat hate speech. These encompass awareness-raising, prevention and counter speech, support to victims, self-regulation, the use of regulatory powers and, as a last resort, criminal investigation and punishment".

Germany seems unable to change course. In the meantime, anti-Semitism keeps escalating.