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Pagan Influences Abound

This collection of essays has some interesting information, especially on what started the West towards its current degraded state (i.e. Darwin's idea of evolution), the intellectual bankruptcy of Marxism and postmodernism, and Eastern mysticism's alarming growth (e.g. Hinduism and yoga).

Perhaps the most cogent and shocking chapter is on interfaith 'utopia', which is being driven by the Islamic iron block of the OIC, kowtowed to by the cowardly West.

<u>Preface</u> (pp. 9-13)

I) Utopia: Always a Dystopian Nightmare (pp. 15-51)

"Utopia" ("no place") is from Thomas More.

If the universe is hostile people conceive society as hostile.

Man without God has an insatiable desire for control.

Absolute autonomy leads to [undesirable] total anarchy, but instead society is turned into a collectivity.

Elite "Philosopher Kings" must be allowed to "organise" society.

Marx believed every man was alienated from himself and that nature itself must be liberated.

Jesuit Tielhard Chardin created the "Omega Point".

Pointing out moral deficiencies is now discrimination, and all people are "fragments of God".

"The renunciation of freedom becomes true freedom".

Posthuman believers realise the old eugenics movement was flawed and that *enhancement evolution* is the next step.

Total power means total surveillance and the elimination of privacy.

The most important strategy is to control the apparatus of education.

Man now needs a guru or Lama rather than a saviour.

Yoga, meditation and Eastern spiritualism pacify people and make then more liberal.

II) The Ecological Utopia (pp. 53-79)

The Kyoto Protocol (CP-17) saw Christian Figueres invoke the goddess of reason Ixchel!

An Earth Charter was first called for in 1987. It is kept in an "Ark of Hope" with the "Temenos Books" ("magic sacred circles").

Gorbachev and Maurice Strong were dedicated socialists.

δεμος means "masses".

Thomas Malthus published *An Essay on the Principle of Population in* 1798. Charles Darwin built on this in 1859. Darwin's cousin Francis Galton launched the eugenics movement in 1883, which Margaret Sanger industrialised from 1890 to the 1930s with Planned Parenthood.

John Dewey took over the education system from 1920-1950 which developed into the sexual revolution.

The first UN Earth Summit was held in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro.

Postmodern deconstructionism language conveys no meaning, it only projects power.

III) The Coming Geo-Political Multicultural and Interfaith Utopia (pp. 81-106)

The UN has 110,000 peacekeepers.

The International Criminal Court opened in the Hague in 2002. It guarantees no right to a speedy and public trial and allows hearsay as evidence.

The OIC is the second largest intergovernmental agency on earth. It is a 57-member permanent UN delegation representing the 1.5B *ummah*. Its goal is to stamp out free speech under the guise of "defamation of religion".

In 2010, Yale issued, "Loving God and Neighbour Together: A Christian Response to 'A Common Word Between Us and You'" pandering to Islam. Notable signatories were heretics Robert Schuller, Bill Hybels, and Rick Warren.

US Protestant adults are now in a minority at 48% of the population. Multiculturalists consider Islam compatible with their culture.

IV) Darwinian Evolution (pp. 107-129)

The author believes vaccination saved thousands from smallpox.

The US carried out sixty thousand forced sterilisations.

The Epicureans denied any creator.

Gnostics thought the world was created by the Demiurge who was "devoid of understanding".

V) Eastern Mystical Visions of Utopian Oneism (pp. 131-166)

Swami Vivekananda was a Kali devotee in whom she entered like an "electric shock".

The Hindu religion aims to evolve gods from men.

Vivekananda founded the Vedanta Society in New York in 1894.

In 1920, Paramahansa Yogananda popularised Kriya Yoga to lead to "self-realisation". "Babaji" is supposedly a 1,000-year old guru who used Kriya yoga to defeat death. The soul needs to be purified by awakening the Kundalini spirit. This causes tics, twitching, and spontaneous forcing of yogic postures.

In the 1950s, Maharashi Yogi brought Transcendental Meditation to the West. The Beatles visited his ashram in Bishikesh, India. He could supposedly levitate ("yogic flying").

In 1969, Swami Satchidananda gave an invocation at Woodstock for Hari and Ram (avatars of Vishnu).

There are over two hundred yoga asanas which embody nature, myths, legendary gurus, animal spirits, and deities.

The Anatarama is the "Inner Self".

In 2012, yoga teachings grossed USD10.8b.

Yoga comes from yuj, to yoke horses to the chariot of Indra god of thunder and war, later called Shiva (the patron deity of yoga).

The Rig Veda is the eldest of the four Vedas and the Vedanta are appendix materials.

Vedic sages are rishis.

Patanjai first codified yoga in 200BC and was considered the incarnation of a thousand-headed cobra deity Adisesa.

Mudras are occult hand gestures.

"Dr Oz" is a Sufi Muslim.

RuPaul does yoga and meditation.

VI) The Sexual Utopia (pp. 167-190)

Dr Mel White was a "gay Christian" activist, Fuller Seminary professor and ghost writer for Jerry Fallwell!

VII) A Twoist Model for Helping Your Utopian Neighbours (pp. 191-215)

VIII) The Coming Pagan Utopia (pp. 217-238)

Petronius, Roman courtier during Nero's reign (AD37-68) wrote historical plays detailing Roman debauchery of prostitution, sodomic and hermaphroditic trysts, and paedophilia.

64% of pastors and lay leaders are said to struggle with sexual addiction.

IX) God's Final Eu-Topia (pp. 239-259)