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*In order to understand the coming End Times religion of the Antichrist, we must first get a handle on the world's first and on-going attempt to establish a human-generated, human-centered religion. After all, Alice Bailey, prophetess of the New Age, clearly teaches that the coming of the New Age 'Christ' (Antichrist), will be followed by the "definite restoration of the Mysteries" that age-old religion founded near the dawn of civilization itself.<sup>1</sup> It's all related. Man's End Times rebellion has its roots in all those ancient forms of Satanic worship that have permeated societies from Egypt and Babylon to the present. If we understand its starting point we'll be better able to comprehend how it is operating today – and how it all relates – even to things like economics & revolution.*

#### FOUNDATIONS OF THE MYSTERIES

**“And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2Thess 2:11-12)**

The history of man made religion can be traced back to a man named Nimrod. He first shows up in Genesis 10:8-9, where we are told **“Cush was the father of Nimrod, who grew to be a mighty warrior on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD”**. We can actually trace it back even farther. Nimrod was the great grandson of Noah through Noah's grandson Ham.<sup>2</sup> He built several cities in Babylonia, (including Babylon), and also founded more cities in Assyria, including Nineveh. His existence is testified to by the fact that besides the Bible he shows up in the ancient literature of the Sumerians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and Hittites; being the central figure in the Epic of Gilgamesh. He is even written of by the Jewish-Roman historian, Flavius Josephus.<sup>3</sup>

Just who was this man? Now the word Nimrod, may not be a name at all but rather an appellation derived from his chief characteristic. The root word in the ancient Hebrew means “rebel”, and rebel he was. Extra-Biblical literature tells us that he was born of the mixed parentage of ‘the gods’ and men. Genesis 6 tells us of these unnatural unions that produced **“giants on the earth in those days, [before the flood] and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown”**. (Genesis 6:4) Many scholars believe that these “sons of God” refer to nothing less than the Fallen Angels who followed Lucifer when he rebelled against God. More on that later. In addition, get this, there is a Masonic connection. The Masons can trace their roots to the globe's first master builder. Mackey's *History of Freemasonry* names “Nimrod as one of the founders of Masonry”.<sup>4</sup>

Now Nimrod became the founder of empires, (Babylon & Nineveh), the builder of the tower of Babel, (an open act of rebellion against God), and the dictator of the known world. His was an empire that exercised both civil and religious control. He introduced the black arts including “astrology, occultism and devil worship”. He married a beautiful woman named Semiramis, and together they established a religion based on the worship of themselves, - and eventually their son. It was a religion full of mystery and ceremony and secret sacred knowledge. As a unifying centerpiece, he began to build a tower that was to house an astrological / astronomical observatory at its' peak. So when God scattered the people after their attempt to build the Tower of Babel, they took aspects of their Babylonian Mystery Religion with them to the far ends of the earth.<sup>5</sup> What they took with them was a strange amalgam of both the dimly remembered “revelations of God” as well as the Devil & Nimrod worshiping cultic ideas that originated in Babylon. This system is known as ‘The Babylonian Mystery Religion’.<sup>6</sup> As we will see later, this manifested itself in some very interesting ways.

Just for the record: While Semiramis was busy developing her following, Nimrod was gathering one of his own, - again transferring from culture to culture with only the name changing. In Israel and the surrounding nations such as Phoenicia, Syria and Caanan; - the Babylonian god named Bel became the more well known and Biblically condemned Baal. (It is from here that we get Satan's appellation Beelzebub, or Lord of the Flies.)<sup>7</sup>

You see, the people apparently bought into this whole notion of worshipping Nimrod, Semiramis and her son, Tammuz. Banking on the remembered promises of God later recorded in Genesis 3:15; - that salvation for the human race would come from 'the seed of the woman'; - she presented her son as the fulfillment of that prophecy. So Nimrod and Semiramis developed what you might call a 'shadow religion' or imitation of God's real plan, - as best they could. Tammuz would play the role of the world's savior. Semiramis, desired worship for herself and was presented as the 'mother of this savior'. She became the only way to God and the "Queen of Heaven".<sup>8 9</sup> Through their contacts with other cultures in the region, even the Hebrews picked up the worship of this "Queen of Heaven". Jeremiah 7:18 quotes God saying: **"The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger"**. Chapter 44 of Jeremiah details how the Israelites persisted in their rebellion by continuing this pagan worship. They subsequently lost the favor and protection of God for a season on account of this sin.

However it was not just the Israelites that were involved in this abomination. Statues began appearing all around the world depicting the likeness of the Queen of Heaven, all in the form of a mother holding an infant child. The worship of mother and child spread throughout the ancient world, taking on local names. In Egypt, mother and son were Isis and Horus or Osiris. In parts of India it was Devka and Krishna. The Greeks called the mother figure Ceres or Irene or Aphrodite and Eros. Rome gave us Venus. Even Germany and Scandinavia had their versions. The cult spread as far as Japan and China where the mother Shing Moo was portrayed holding her child with a halo of light around her.<sup>10</sup> *Now where have I seen that before?*

What's even more interesting is the whole look of the thing. This Mystery Religion introduced practices that while innovative at the time, were adapted successively by the various adopting cultures. One of the central feasts of this religious system was based on the 'resurrection' of Semiramis' son, Tammuz. The story goes that he was killed by a wild boar and after 40 days raised from the dead. Temple virgins would fast those 40 days each year, in mourning over the dead son. After the days of fasting came the feast of Ishtar, (from whence we get our name Easter), which is just another name for Semiramis. During that Feast of Ishtar, colored eggs serving as a sign of fertility became part of the celebration. Son and mother were both being honored: He as savior and she as Co-Mediatrix between God and man.<sup>11</sup>

Summarized below are some of the practices and characteristics of this Mystery Religion:

- The son, Tammuz was the 'savior of the world'.
- Semiramis was the "Queen of Heaven".
- Salvation came by following certain ceremonial rituals or sacraments.<sup>12</sup>
- A period of purging followed death, 'cleaning' one of his remaining sins. Instead of entering paradise, the dead person would at first reside in an intermediate place where they awaited the release of their soul.
- To release the soul from this bondage, prayers for the dead were instituted as well as a system that credited donations to the Babylonian priesthood to the account of the imprisoned dead person.<sup>13</sup>
- An order of virgins were dedicated to Semiramis alone. They wore long robes and lived in community.<sup>14</sup> These vestal virgins were known as "Daughters of Nimrod", and according to one source they got their name from the Chaldean word "NUN".<sup>15</sup>
- A black robed celibate priesthood was developed. They were marked by the 'clerical tonsure' or the shaving of the middle of the top of the head bald, leaving the edges to grow in a circle in honor of the Sun God. In the Old Testament this became a mark of the priesthood of Baal and was forbidden in Leviticus 19:27 & 21:5.<sup>16 17</sup>

In some form or another, this strange hybrid religion manifested itself throughout the ancient world. It was headed by a supreme High Priest who took the title Pontifex Maximus, (bridge maker), - and who served as the gate or bridge between life on earth and the afterlife. This Pontiff remained in Babylon, - a kind of head of the amalgamated pagan religions, - through the life of the Babylonian and Medo-Persian Empires when the seat of power moved to Pergamos, in present day

Turkey. It remained there officially until 133 BC when the leadership of this “Babylonian Priesthood” moved to Rome. Pergamos, however remained a hotbed of Satanic / pagan activity. Jesus Himself acknowledged this fact in his letter to the Church at Pergamos found in Revelation 2. In Revelation 2:13, He instructs John to write “**I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is**”, and later refers to the city as “**where Satan dwells**”.

By 63 BC the civil and religious power had merged once again, - just as in the days of Nimrod. It was in that year that Julius Caesar was made Supreme Pontiff of the Babylonian Order. From that point forward that religious office became the purview of the line of Roman Caesars until AD 376, when the Emperor Gratian refused it as an improper office to be held by a Christian. Two years later, Damasus, the Bishop of the Church at Rome was prevailed upon to accept the office. Thus in the words of Clarence Larkin, author of *Dispensational Truth*: “So in AD 378, the Head of the ‘Babylonian Order’ became the Ruler of the ‘Roman Church’”.<sup>18</sup> So was laid the foundation for the infiltration of the Church and the Great Apostasy of the Last Days.

So what’s does this have to do with Economics & Revolution? This is what makes the connection between the religious nature of the means with the end; - a New World Order / One World Government. By the fact that Masonry accurately claims the rites and purposes of the ancient Mystery Religious as its own, it announces to the world that this form of Pantheistic / Pagan / Secular Humanism is the coming religion of the Antichrist and the New World Order. This is where human religion began. And if Freemasonry has its way – it is where it is headed.

## **AN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

### **ECONOMICS & REVOLUTION – AN ADDENDUM**

*Recall that revolutions are driven by economic conditions. With that in mind we consult some of the ‘Boys Who Got It Right Before’ – [including Giordano Bruno & the LEAP 20/20 folks] - to try to understand just what lies over the horizon. And if they’re right: It ain’t pretty!*

### **THIS COULD BE THE START OF SOMETHING BIG**

It seems we have had our early summer holiday. A faux recovery may have just run its course – [just like this newsletter has warned in the past] – fueled and fed by stimulus dollars printed out of whole cloth and borrowed from future generations. Now that its supports are gone, housing is falling again, mortgage defaults rising, and real unemployment is hovering at about 20%.<sup>19</sup> With millions jobless for a full year, the administration has just acted to extend unemployment benefits again – without paying for it with spending cuts, however. In the calculations of Giordano Bruno, that is just a scheme to put off the day of reckoning to a more politically convenient time. Still, many in the Main Stream Media either fail to see the danger – or are complicit in hiding the truth. Thus many in our society are sailing blindly as we approach the ice bergs. Bruno explains it this way. “*The unfortunate reality is, when a society enjoys an extended period of affluence, they often become conditioned to take prosperity for granted. They become unable or unwilling to interpret warning signs of a collapse until the event is already near its end, and they have lost everything.*” How bad is what’s coming? Bruno refers to it all as, “The signs of the final phase collapse.”<sup>20</sup>

Our friends at the Euro think tank LEAP 20/20 chime in with a similar take. They tell us “the global systemic crisis has now entered the phase of global, geopolitical dislocation” – and use phrases like “historic upheavals” and “an acceleration in the process of strategic, financial, economic, and social convulsions.” [THAT sounds scary! And so it should.] LEAP has identified four areas of immediate concern.

- Western governments on all levels [municipal, regional and national] are in danger of default.
- Forced European austerity.
- China starting to export its inflation.
- Contraction of US economy – resulting in “imposed Federal austerity.”<sup>21</sup>

You can add to that massive inflationary pressure as the US struggles to borrow enough money to pay its debts. One headline tells us that 72 gold analysts peg the future price of the precious metal at between \$2,500 & \$15,000 per ounce. Even at the minimum that means that the price would more than double.<sup>22</sup> It’s trading for a little under \$1,200 right now.

What's that got to do with anything? The price of gold can be looked at as a true measure of the dollar's real worth. And as the dollar falls, its position as the global reserve currency comes more into question. It is that 'reserve' status that has provided the impetus for the rest of the world to keep purchasing dollars – and keeping afloat the American debt-driven lifestyle. That status could very well be nearing an end. Awhile back, Bruno predicted that the Chinese would “depeg the Yuan from the dollar”, and stop buying up US treasuries – which is where our government gets its money. The Chinese have already made serious moves in those directions. Now Bruno awaits fulfillment of his third prediction, the conversion of the Chinese currency into an alternative reserve vehicle.<sup>23</sup>

The situation threatens to only get worse. This year the government will spend \$1.47 trillion more than it takes in, borrowing 41% of its entire budget.<sup>24</sup> That strain is threatening to destroy an already pressured middle class. Our friends at LEAP 20/20 talk about a “collapse of the middle class into the disadvantaged class” as the country succumbs to the pressures on real estate, employment and state indebtedness. An article in Yahoo Finance detailed 22 stats that pointed to the shrinking of that demographic, highlighting such areas as; - the widening gap between rich and poor, the growing number of Americans living paycheck to paycheck, – the shrinking number and total of middle class retirement savings, – the slide in 'real', post-inflation income, and the move into lower-paying service jobs. Those are long-term trends that have been accelerated by the economic downturn.<sup>25</sup> And in the short run, even the coded language coming out of the administration and Fed Chairman Bernanke is hinting at some coming hard sledding.<sup>26</sup> Along with a growing number of economists, LEAP is looking for a major contraction to begin in the second half of this year. [That's now - it seems.] Unemployment will continue to remain high – and we can look for a crisis in municipal bonds. And as the hurting economy continues to make funds scarce for our cities, counties and states, services will be curtailed. In fact that's already happening. LEAP warns that with the stimulus funds running out, we are about to face mass austerity that will affect our way of life in some very real ways.<sup>27</sup>

Cutbacks in police services is one way that it is already starting to show. Oakland, California has already asked residents to report a list of crimes online rather than calling them in. They warn that after layoffs, the police force just does not have the resources to respond.<sup>28</sup> Ashtabula County, Ohio has cut its sheriff's deputies down to 49 from 112 and now have only one patrol vehicle. Illinois is set to lay off 460 troopers. Three-hundred-fifteen municipalities in New Jersey were planning officer lay offs. The town of Maywood, California laid off all 68 of its total workforce. They contract out police services.<sup>29</sup> Some towns are going so far as to rip and replace paved roads, replacing it with cheaper gravel.<sup>30</sup> That's at the local level. As for the states, they are facing crisis of their own as more than half will be forced to borrow \$40 billion to pay unemployment benefits, with California, New York, Illinois and New Jersey needing the most.<sup>31</sup> According to a Bloomberg article, 46 states are facing critical deficits.<sup>32</sup> There is no relief on the horizon. The fact is, the world economy has been depending on irresistible and inevitable growth in the American economy since at least the end of World War II. In most recent decades that growth has been based on debt alone. We have borrowed our way in to a 'prosperity' whose costs have been shifted to future generations. As the myth of the invincible American dollar and the US economy becomes exposed, we are likely to see a shifting of forces on the international front.<sup>33</sup> The truth is that such sea changes as this are rarely ever seen or expected by the majority. As unlikely as it always seems at the time; Rome fell and Great Britain gave way. I do not know if this is our 'end of the line'. But we do know that revolutions are driven by economics. And we're coming to see – if the past is any guide – that they are hardly ever just random events.

## **ONE YADA**

**AN ULTIMATUM** - Georgia's Augusta State University has demanded that graduate student Jennifer Keaton alter her stance on homosexuality or be expelled. Keaton, a Christian, holds that homosexuality is a behavioral choice and not a “state of being”. Because Miss Keaton holds such views the school is demanding that she go through a remediation program that includes sensitivity training, additional study of gay-promoting literature, and a requirement that she attend and report on a gay pride parade. Keaton has filed a lawsuit with the help of the Alliance Defense Fund.<sup>34</sup>

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