

AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

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In today's lesson we learn that without God, Government is a fearful master.

I. HISTORY HAS PROVEN THAT GOVERNMENT WITHOUT GOD IS TRAGIC

A. Joseph Stalin the Russian Dictator

1. Stalin became an atheist after reading Darwin.
2. He approved the genocide of seven million Ukrainians
 - a. Genocide is intentional action to destroy a people.
 - b. The killing is usually of a national, racial or religious group in whole or part.
3. Historian Robert Conquest has stated about Stalin's dictatorship;
 - a. "Soviet cruelty included a sentence of ten years prison time to a man who was first to stop clapping for Comrade Stalin after he spoke."
 - b. An unfortunate tailor received a sentence of ten years because when he laid aside his needle, he stuck it into a newspaper on the wall so it wouldn't get lost and happened to stick it in the eye of a portrait of a member of the Soviet policy making party.
4. A Russian historian has stated that the loss of life during Stalin's regime is 21.5 million people.
5. Stalin stated; "It is enough that the people know there was an election. The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything."
6. Stalin was basically a mad man;
 - a. He ruled by terror.
 - b. He eliminated anyone who opposed him.
 - c. He expanded the powers of the secret police.

- d. He encouraged citizens to spy on one another.
- e. He sent millions to forced labor camps.
- f. He built a cult of personality around himself.
- g. He renamed cities in his honor
- h. Soviet history books were rewritten to give him a more prominent role.
- i. His name became part of the Soviet National Anthem

B. Adolf Hitler the German Dictator

1. Hitler tried to speed up evolution by eliminating inferior humans.
2. He was pitiless toward all so called inferior races.
3. Just before he invaded Poland in 1939 he told his troops that; "Our strength is in our quickness and our brutality"
4. Hitler quoted Genghis Khan (founder of Mongol Empire) "Genghis Khan had millions of women and children killed by his own will and with a gay heart. History sees in him only a great state builder. Thus, for the time being, I have sent to the East only my death's head units with orders to kill without pity or mercy all men, women, and children of Polish race or lineage."
5. By speaking of his belief in God Hitler would mobilize the German people with his rhetoric.
6. Many of his ideas were built on Darwinian blind chance and at the same time rejected the Creator God of Scripture.
7. He stated that "Christianity will disappear from Germany just as it has in Russia."
8. Some of Hitler's quotes are;
 - a. if you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed.
 - b. Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually they will believe it.

- c. He alone, who owns the youth, gains the future.
9. Hitler will stand before God as a mass murderer;
- a. Deaths took place in concentration and extermination camps, ghettos, and through mass executions.
 - b. Many victims of the Holocaust were gassed to death, while others died of starvation or disease or while working as slave laborers.
 - c. In addition to eliminating Jews, the Nazis planned to reduce the population of the conquered territories by 30 million people through starvation in an action called the Hunger Plan. Food supplies would be diverted to the German army and German civilians.
 - d. Hitler reportedly killed 12-14 million people
 - e. Hitler reportedly killed around 6 million Jews

II. THE HUMANIST MANIFESTO

- A. In 1933 a small group composed mostly of Unitarian clergymen issued their "Humanist Manifesto"
1. They announced that advances in science and economics had made it possible to reject God and traditional religions in favor of a new "religious humanism."
 2. They further stated that; "Man is at last becoming aware that he alone is responsible for the realization of the world of his dreams, that he has within himself the power for its achievement."
- B While these American humanists were joining in a chorus of praise to man's potential to relish his dreams without the help of God, Europe's two largest nations, were putting this nonsense into practice to their destruction.
- C. Today we can access the Humanist Manifest website and find on the front page of their site at the top of their page the following lies;
1. "American Humanist Association good without a God"

2. Advocating progressive values and equality for humanists, atheists, and freethinkers.

III. THE DIFFERENCE GOD MAKES IN A COUNTRY

- A. Our founders knew it was not the goodness of sinful man but the acknowledgement of a Holy God that causes a nation to prosper.
- B. They acknowledged the existence of God as Creator and affirmed it to be so four times in our Declaration of Independence.
- C. The Founders took seriously the Bible's claim that man is sinful, and they framed a government with checks against human depravity.

- D. James Madison stated the truth this way;

“ But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself. A dependence on the people is, no doubt, the primary control on the government; but experience has taught mankind the necessity of auxiliary precautions.”

- E. The testimony of both history and Scripture caused our forefather to reflect on human nature;
 1. They were skeptical of any claims for human goodness.
 2. They crafted a government filled with safeguards against human evil.
 3. They recognized then as we must now, that the Bible offers political wisdom and guidance.
 4. In an election day sermon in 1677 Pastor Mather stated; “It was love to God and to Jesus Christ which brought our fathers into this wilderness.”