



ALTHOUGH THE WORLD is much larger than the United States, the fact remains that this nation is the driving force of the world's economy and social mores. By God's design, America is the benchmark for what all nations strive to be, if not in practice, certainly in terms of their citizens' personal aspirations. American culture—its music, art, politics, entertainment, and social progress—is carefully monitored and copied to varying degrees by the world. And although the pagan hedonism of the West's past prior to the spread of the Gospel seems to first make its comeback in Western Europe and spread to the United States, once the U.S. embraces it, the entire world becomes infected by it. To a large extent that may be attributed to the influence of the mass communications media.

The influence of America's mass media touches virtually every nation on earth via satellite communications. Americans are largely ignorant of other nations' politics and culture, but American politics and culture are well-known to a large part of the world's population. Thus, America's history forms the basis for much of the world's history, and that's why we find ourselves focusing so much on the U.S. in this study on the History of Anti-Christ.

As much as America has been blessed by God, so, too, it has come under the attack of anti-Christ. If America ultimately gives way to the anti-Christ agenda, the entire world will be further lost than it presently is.

With that in mind we continue our series with an eye to the coming day when all history will culminate in the final plan of the ages administered at the behest of our Creator.

And so we look at one of the most critical times in the nation's history—the 1980s.

The social and political upheavals of the 1960s and 1970s were characterized by radical leftist and counter-cultural

movements. The Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, and the turmoil that bubbled up in the Middle East, among other things, had caused much uncertainty in the West, particularly in the United States. By the end of President Jimmy Carter's time in office, the country was plagued by a stagnant economy, inflation, rising crime and foreign policy turmoil. Carter has been characterized by many as a well-meaning but incompetent buffoon who was a better peanut farmer than politician. I believe that is an unfair assessment of his legacy. Perhaps he was just too much of a "nice guy" to be effective in the office of the most powerful man in the world. His liberal policies were based more on a misguided understanding of the responsibility of government in a constitutional republic than they were a malicious intent to undermine the fabric of our nation's governing institutions and laws. Even so, his administration led the U.S. into near economic and political disaster.

With that came an even greater discontent among the people, many who had just entered adulthood from growing up as the Second Lost Generation, given over to a psychedelic drug culture

When Ronald Reagan came on the scene with a message of hope and revitalization of the American Dream, the disillusioned public rallied to his cry, providing a landslide victory that saw 49 of the 50 states' electoral votes going to the Republican contender.

Yet as much as Reagan managed to lift the hopes for a better future for America's citizens, there remained then, as always, an ignorance of man's fallen nature that provides no lasting or sure solution to the ills of mankind. The cycles of economic and political turmoil may have swung upward, but the sins of mankind prevented them from avoiding much woe during the decade of the 1980s.

POLITICS

First Woman Justice

In 1981 the feminist movement received a boost when, on September 21, Sandra Day O'Connor was affirmed by the U.S. Senate to become the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1992, O'Connor would reaffirm *Roe v. Wade* in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*,



along with justices David Souter, Anthony Kennedy, Harry Blackmun, and John Paul Stevens. Thus anti-Christ's onslaught against the innocent unborn was unimpeded. It should be noted that Blackmun was nominated by Richard Nixon, Souter by George H.W. Bush, O'Connor and Kennedy by Ronald Reagan, and Stevens by Gerald Ford—all Republican presidents. In fact, the only justice not nominated by a Republican president was Byron White, a John F. Kennedy pick, who dissented on the case, proving that anti-Christ's tentacles reach far deeper and wider than realized.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Personal Computers

The year 1981 saw a huge surge in the proliferation of personal home computers with the entrance into that market by IBM. Intending to base its system on Gary Kildall's CP/M-80 operating system, IBM approached Kildall's company, Digital Research, for a version of CP/M that would drive IBM's home computers. Unable to negotiate an agreement with Digital Research, IBM turned to Bill Gates, who had already been providing the ROM BASIC interpreter for PCs. Gates offered 896-DOS, developed by Tim Paterson of Seattle Computer Products, which IBM rebranded as PC DOS. With the combined success of the Apple II and the IBM PC, the home computer would attain unprecedented acclaim when it was named *Person of the Year* for 1982 by *Time* magazine—the first time in history that this award was given to an inanimate object.

Time was somewhat perceptive, considering the tremendous degree of sophistication attained by computer developers approaching the threshold of artificial intelligence, promising more human-like characteristics for computers in the near future. Anti-Christ's onward trek toward a Brave New World under his leadership will without a doubt require such technology to implement his regional dominance.

Internet Domains

Not long after the explosion of the home computer market, the first Internet domain name was created on January 1, 1985, for Nordu.net, the first root server (nic.nordu.net). The first Internet domain name ever registered, Symbolics.com, was granted to XF Investments on March 15, 1985.

The creation of the Internet has proven both a blessing and a curse—perhaps more a curse than a blessing considering that the vast majority of its use has followed the same pattern as all of technology—a miniscule amount used for the glory of God; the vast majority used for the glory of man and/or Satan's kingdom.

The home computer combined with the Internet has allowed anti-Christ into the homes of untold millions (perhaps billions) of people, giving vent to man's philosophies and ungodly content. Pornography has become the largest reason for using home computers, resulting in corrupted youth as well as adults, broken marriages, and criminal activity related to sexual abuse of minors. *Huffpost* reported in May, 2013, that 30 percent of all data transferred across the Internet is pornography. Some porn sites stream as much as six times the bandwidth as Hulu, an American subscription video-on-demand service in a joint venture with the Walt Disney Company (through Disney-ABC Television Group).

The Internet has replaced the sleazy porn theaters that had previously dotted the American urban landscape, making access less expensive and much broader.

Anti-Christ has used this delivery method to corrupt many Christians including large numbers of pastors and other ministers. Few homes have not been touched by the Internet and its ungodly content.

World Wide Web (www)

Contrary to the claims of Al Gore, the World Wide Web (aka "the Web") was invented by English scientist Tim Berners-Lee in 1989. Berners-Lee wrote the first Web browser computer program a year later while employed at the European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN—Fr.: Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire) in Switzerland. With the invention of the World Wide Web the Information Age grew by leaps and bounds as billions of people began to interact on the Internet across the globe. It also gave greater access to information for computer users all over the world, giving anti-Christ even more access to the minds of men.

MEDICINE

AIDS

In June, 1981, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) published a report on five young homosexuals in Los Angeles who were suffering from fatal or life-threatening Pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP), virtually never seen in people with healthy immune systems. On July 4 of the same year the CDC reported that an unusual skin cancer—Kaposi's sarcoma

(KS)—was killing young, previously healthy men in New York City and California. In 1982 the CDC named this new disease acquired immune deficiency syndrome or AIDS. Scientists came to realize that AIDS is spread by an infection in contaminated blood. Because AIDS became known widely to infect homosexual men in particular, the first AIDS advocacy groups were formed by homosexuals and sympathizers.

By 1983, AIDS was becoming epidemic among homosexual men, but the CDC warned that it may also be spread by heterosexual sex and by mother-to-child transmission. The stigma of homosexuality is dampened by this announcement because it is not widely reported that the only way a heterosexual could contract AIDS is if they have had sex with someone who had previously engaged in homosexual behavior with an infected man, or if they received a transfusion of blood from an AIDS-infected person. This latter risk prompted the U.S. Public Health Service to request that “members of groups at increased risk for AIDS stop donating blood.”

Also in 1983, Pasteur Institute researchers discovered a virus in the swollen lymph gland of an AIDS patient. They called it lymphadenopathy-associated virus (LAV). At the University of California at San Francisco the virus was found and called antiretroviral (ARV)—AIDS-related virus. In 1986, the virus was formally named HIV: human immunodeficiency virus.

In spite of the undeniable connection between AIDS and homosexuality, public health officials, the media, and government in general refuse to address the underlying cause of the epidemic. Yet they work to engender sympathy for homosexuals as if homosexuals are innocent victims. In 1985, following the death from AIDS of her dear friend, actor Rock Hudson, actress Elizabeth Taylor became the founding international chairman of AmFAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research. That same year, the first International AIDS Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia. Larry Kramer’s largely autobiographical stage play about AIDS, *The Normal Heart*, shocked New York audiences, and prompted outspoken and strong demands for the government to fund AIDS research.

In 1986, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop urged parents to have a “frank and open conversation” about AIDS with their children and teens. At the same time, work on the AIDS Memorial Quilt began with the purpose of educating the masses about the threat of AIDS. The idea for the AIDS Memorial Quilt was conceived by AIDS activist Cleve Jones in memory of assassinated homosexual San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. The quilt is made of panels bearing the names of AIDS victims. Weighing some 54 tons, the quilt is today the largest piece of community folk art in the world.

In 1987, the year pianist Liberace died of AIDS, the U.S. government adopted an immigration policy barring people with HIV; it was reversed in 2010 by Barack Obama.

The first World AIDS Day was observed on December 1, 1988, following huge protests demanding and receiving a “fast-track” policy from the FDA to allow public access to drugs still in clinical trial—a policy seldom invoked by the FDA.

By 1992, AIDS was the leading cause of death in the U.S. among men aged 25-44, taking the lives of many entertainment celebrities. This continues to spur the anti-AIDS movement among big-name entertainers. When Los Angeles Lakers basketball star Magic Johnson announced in 1991 that he was HIV positive, he was proclaimed a “hero” in the media for his openness. Because Johnson denied having contracted the disease through homosexual acts, the stigma of homosexuality was lessened, and sympathy for the homosexual community increased.

In 1996-1997 the AIDS drug cocktail—highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART)—was developed, but it had serious side effects. Since then, newer, more powerful drugs have been approved. Yet the medical profession has not been able to remove HIV from the body. The best accepted treatments today mask the disease and extend life, but they do not cure AIDS. By 2002, AIDS had become the leading cause of death worldwide for people aged 15-59. As late as 2008, the CDC declared HIV in America worse than thought with 1.1 million infected—an 11% increase since 2003, while new HIV infection rates continue to soar among homosexuals. Even so, society continues to live in denial of this homosexual plague. Yet even as HIV continues to increase, deaths have declined due to treatment.

The decline in deaths due to AIDS has contributed to polls that show Americans no longer consider AIDS a major problem, even as new infections, particularly among homosexuals and bisexuals, continue to soar. Some 45% of new infections in the U.S. are among blacks, who constitute only 12% of the population.

Anti-Christ has scored a double victory through the AIDS epidemic, snuffing out the lives of millions of people on the one hand, and contributing to the sympathy for homosexuality and its anti-Christ agenda on the other.

ENTERTAINMENT

MTV

One need not say too much about the ungodliness and worldly-wise content of Music Television (MTV) which debuted on August 1, 1981. Its initial appeal was to young adults, but today its primary audience is teenagers and college-age youth. Its original focus on music videos has also given way largely to reality, comedy, and drama programming, much of it dealing with social activism. MTV’s content has always been unsuitable for Christians, but that doesn’t

prevent Christian youth from watching, further giving way to anti-Christ's corrupting influences.

E.T. – The Extraterrestrial



Moviegoers were enchanted in 1982 when the science-fiction/fantasy movie *E.T. – The Extraterrestrial* was released. Of all the science-fiction/fantasy films made before or since *E.T.*, none have portrayed the alien in such strong messianic terms. I recognized this when I reviewed the movie when it was first released. So I was not surprised to find that some movie critics found religious parallels between E.T. and Jesus, although that intent was denied by producer Stephen Spielberg.

Stanley Kauffmann, writing a pre-release piece for the July 5, 1979, *The New Republic*, called *E.T.* “The Gospel According to St. Steven” [Spielberg].

In the *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, Anton Karl Kozlovic included *E.T.* In his writing, “The Structural Characteristics of the Cinematic Christ-figure.”

Andrew Nigels described the story of *E.T.* as as “crucifixion by military science” and “resurrection by love and faith.”



Although Spielberg denied any intent to frame E.T. as a messianic figure, he admitted that this scene triggered speculation as to whether the film was a spiritual parable

It is reported in Wikipedia that, “According to Spielberg biographer Joseph McBride, Universal Pictures appealed directly to the Christian market, with a poster reminiscent of Michelangelo’s *The Creation of Adam* and a logo reading ‘Peace.’”

The messianic qualities of *E.T.*, coupled with mankind’s desire for a savior who comes without judgment, enamored this squat, million-year-old being to the hearts of even Christians. The obscene language and the use of the Lord’s name as an expletive in this film is overlooked by Christians for the sake of its entertainment value. Such films are among anti-Christ’s most subtle means to condition people’s hearts and minds to receive false messiahs in real life while neglecting to honor the name of the true Messiah they claim to revere.

PG-13 Movie Rating Created

As motion pictures increasingly incorporated obscene language and perverse content, by 1984 there arose a demand from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) which determines how movies should be rated. Prior to the PG-13 rating films were rated G for general audiences, with the next category being M for mature audiences but all ages admitted. The M category was eventually changed to PG for “parental guidance suggested.” In 1984, the MPAA added the PG-13 rating for films that “may be inappropriate for children under 13-years-old.” According to the MPAA, PG-13 films “may contain very strong language, nudity (non-explicit), strong, mildly bloody violence or mild drug content.” In essence, the MPAA determined that such content is suitable for 14-year-olds and older teens, but not for children under 14 unless a parent deems it appropriate. So today we have young children spouting language that would make a sailor blush, engaging in sexting on their smart phones, and becoming more violent at earlier ages.

Can this all be attributed to the PG-13 rating? No, but much of it can be. Parents are often more desirous of watching movies with their children even if it means overlooking the evils they contain.

We expect the world to go in that direction, but Christians are no less culpable. And they forget that some things are unsuited for any child of God regardless of age—even adults.

Oprah Winfrey

In 1983, a little-known TV anchor moved to Chicago to host WLS-TV’s half-hour morning talk-show, *AM Chicago*. Within months her show bested *Donahue* as the highest-rated talk show in the Windy City. Following her meteoric rise to fame after being nominated for Best Supporting Actress as Sofia in the 1985 movie *The Color Purple*, her TV show was renamed *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and expanded to a full hour, as a nationally-syndicated program.

Today, Oprah Winfrey is one of the most influential people in the world. Her TV show, books, and other enterprises have amassed billions of dollars in wealth. More important, she is considered a guru of sorts among millions of devotees, men and women, including millions of Christians. This in spite of the fact that she has openly denied Jesus as the Son of God, denigrates His sacrifice on the cross, and has thrown off virtually every biblical doctrine of salvation in favor of New Age philosophies.

As nice a person as she appears to be, Oprah Winfrey is one of anti-Christ's most influential spokespersons for his end-time agenda, albeit she is most likely unaware it.

TERRORISM

Anti-Christ's use of Islamic terrorism to kill Christians and instill fear in society with the aim of overtaking the world for Islam increased during the 1980s. Two of the more significant events that showcased Islamic terrorism were the 1985 hijacking of TWA Flight 847 while en route from Cairo to San Diego, and the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. It isn't necessary to go into details about these terrorist acts. Suffice it to say that they represent the essence of anti-Christ's "religion of peace."

RELIGION

National Gay Pentecostal Alliance

The sexual revolution that grew out of the 1960s and 70s had already infiltrated the churches by the time the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance (NGPA) was formed in 1980. The Alliance was formed after people who identified as "Gay Apostolic Pentecostals" split from mainline Apostolic churches that year in Schenectady, NY. The founder of the movement, William H. Carey, wanted to establish a network of Apostolic (Oneness) Pentecostal churches. However, because of the lack of "affirming" Trinitarian Pentecostal churches, the NGPA welcomed all affirming Pentecostals into their churches. Later, as Trinitarian Pentecostals began to form their own churches, NGPA reverted to incorporating only Oneness churches.

The NGPA opened the floodgates for homosexuality and lesbianism to inundate fundamentalist churches. Prior to the NGPA, liberality toward sexual perversion was largely confined to mainstream Protestantism. Now anti-Christ would have inroads into churches that would affirm both the fundamentalist doctrines of the faith and sexual perversion.

Sun Moon Stars

If the wedding of sexual perversion with fundamentalist Christianity seemed alarming, it should have come as no surprise. Fundamentalist Christianity had already flirted with ungodly associations of a religious nature, compromising with purveyors of unbiblical beliefs. That perversion came to a head when Unification Church founder Sun Myung Moon was indicted in 1981 on charges of tax fraud for having falsified tax return statements, and perjury. Rallying to his

defense were prominent fundamentalist and other religious leaders who were convinced by Moon's public relations team that he was a victim of religious persecution—the kind that might one day be foisted upon those other religious leaders.

Moon was convicted in May, 1982, but remained free until his appeal was refused a hearing by the U.S. Supreme Court in May, 1984. He entered prison on July 20, 1984, and served 11 months of his 18-month sentence.

When Moon was released from prison for "good behavior" his God and Freedom Committee spent over \$100,000 on a public relations gala held on August 20, 1985, at the Regency Ballroom of the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. There, a purported 1,700 religious leaders feasted before listening to several speakers praise Moon, and to Moon himself.

Earlier that day, some twenty religious leaders led by the Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell, held a press conference to call on President Reagan to pardon Moon. Later, in 1995, Falwell would receive a three-million-dollar bailout from financial difficulties from Moon to Falwell's Liberty University.

Among the speakers at the banquet were Dr. Milton Reid, pastor of Gideon Missionary Baptist Fellowship, Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. Cleon Skousen, Mormon and founder-director of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, and Dr. Donald N. Sills, Baptist minister and then-president of the Coalition for Religious Freedom. All these Christian leaders lauded Moon from the podium.

Dr. Sills appeared on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) on March 11, 1985, to rally support from viewers and other religious leaders on behalf of Moon. When speaking with Sills, Hal Lindsay named the Coalition for Religious Freedom's board members as follows: Tim LaHaye, Paul Crouch, Van Armstrong, Robert Grant, Jimmy Swaggart, D. James Kennedy, Joseph Lowery, Don Wildmon, E.V. Hill, Rex Humbard, Marlin Maddoux, Everett Sileven, and James Robison. As it turned out, Dr. Kennedy had withdrawn his name from the board back in mid-1984. As for the others, we have not heard of any of them protesting Sills's support for Sun Myung Moon.

The invocation for Moon's banquet was given by Dr. Joseph Paige of Shaw Divinity School who prayed:

Father God, we are here tonight on this very special occasion, to welcome home one of Your sons. A person, Lord, who has slaved and worked hard, who has labored in the vineyard; who has had the courage to stand tall and to accept both criticism and rejection, and yet who has had the courage to still continue his labor, to continue his mission. Lord, we ask you to bless this occasion; likewise those who had the courage to come here tonight and witness Your Presence among men. Bless those, Lord, who have labored, prayed, and

made sacrifices, and talked, and preached, and have been ridiculed for supporting this great man that we honor here tonight. Lord, we ask You to give him more vision; to give him, Lord, the strength he needs to continue this great mission of uniting world Christianity.

When Moon ascended to the podium he was greeted by a prolonged standing ovation. He disseminated his theology and religious philosophy as his audience read his statements from handouts given them to follow along.

After Moon's speech, Dr. Sills said, "The Word of God says, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' Before I take time to criticize Rev. Moon and his theology, I must be willing to pay the price that he has paid in prayer."

To understand the victory that anti-Christ achieved through this event and others that followed where evangelical Christian leaders continued to praise Moon, I must offer a brief synopsis of Moon's aberrant beliefs and practices summed up in his *Divine Principle*.

Essentially, Moon taught that Adam and Eve were meant to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth by having sinless children. They were not to have sexual relations until they themselves were perfected. After Satan seduced Eve, and she in turn seduced Adam, Eve's sexual encounter with Satan produced Cain. After Adam's "unlawful" intercourse with Eve, Abel was born.

Moon also taught that, until Jesus, no one obeyed God perfectly, although Buddha, Confucius, and Socrates prepared His way with their teachings.

According to Moon, it was God's plan for Jesus to find a perfect mate and produce sinless children, which would bring about the world's physical and spiritual salvation. But Jesus failed because He couldn't get the Jews to accept Him as Messiah. His crucifixion was a "mistake" that thwarted God's plans. And (because Moon denies Jesus' resurrection) this made it necessary for a new messiah to come. This new "messiah," called "Lord of the Advent" by Moon, was born in Korea in 1920 (which coincidentally is the place and time of Moon's birth). Although vague in his personal claim to be that messiah, Moon did nothing to dissuade his followers from proclaiming him such.

Moon claimed that the new messiah would be revealed in the year 2000. But he didn't want people to think of the Second Coming in terms of a literal interpretation of Scripture. Rather, Moon insisted that the second messiah would be a Korean man born in the flesh, and those who did not receive him would face God's wrath.

Accordingly, everyone must be born again by new parents in order to fulfill God's original plan of redemption. That meant acceptance of Moon and his wife as spiritual parents in order to be saved. Thus, Moon and his wife were regarded as "True Parents" by his followers.

According to Moon, "This ultimate culmination is prophesied in the book of Revelation as the marriage supper of the Lamb. And the Lord of the Second Advent is that Lamb, that perfect Adam. The Lord is coming as perfected Adam, and he will restore perfected Eve. Then they will be lifted up and become the first True Parents of mankind. At last, God's joy will be complete."

Moon has also stated:

He [God] is living in me and I am the incarnation of Himself. The whole world is in my hand, and I will conquer and subjugate the world.

God is now throwing Christianity away and is now establishing a new religion, and this new religion is the Unification Church.

All the Christians in the world are destined to be absorbed by our movement.

There have been saints, prophets, many religious leaders...in past human history...Master here [Moon] is more than any of those people and greater than Jesus himself.

This is the man that several of the evangelical leaders called "brother" and who caused them to swoon in reverential admiration at his courage for suffering "injustice" at the hands of the federal government. This is the man whose work they prayed would be blessed by God. This is the man to whom Jerry Falwell looked for financial salvation.

At the heart of this travesty was the fear of these religious leaders that their tax-exempt status for their organizations might someday be in jeopardy if they didn't support Moon. By their actions they consigned all they received from that time onward as filthy lucre, no matter from where it came.

And now that Moon has died without fulfilling his "prophecies," as the new messiah, nor has any other Korean born in 1920 come to the forefront, we see how anti-Christ can delude so many who continue to promote the Unification Church's goal of world domination.

Charismania

The 1980s also saw a significant rise in aberrant charismania with the popularity of the Kansas City Fellowship (1982) and their false prophets, John Wimber's Vineyard Movement (1983) with its aberrant psychology-laced healing methodologies, and Rick Joyner (1985), an alleged "apostle" and "prophet" who would become a central figure in the New Apostolic Reformation.

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