## Satanic roots of Gnostic Church exposed by Italian magazine

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In its February 1990 issue, the Italian Catholic magazine 30 Giorni, which is published in several languages, carried an article entitled "The Return of Gnosticism." That article offered substantial proof that the Gnostic Church and its guru, Samael Aún Weor, are a key element of a mass satanic movement. The article's author, Massimo Introvigne, describes the modus operandi and black history of the Gnostic Church, and reveals the source and nature of the power of satanism.

The activities of the Gnostic Church crudely demonstrate that satanism's objective is the destruction of Christian civilization, and in particular, the principle that man has been created in the living image and likeness of God—imago viva Dei. The recruitment method of the Gnostics, designed by the satanic Ordo Templi Orientis (OTO) sect, lies in the destruction of human dignity and in the annihilation of the individual personality, which is why the author of the 30 Giorni article compares it to the communist movement, described as the "gnostic movement of the masses par excellence."

In 1984, when leaders of the Universal Christian Gnostic Church (of Colombia) coordinated the kidnaping in Bogota of Patricia Paredes de Londoño, leader of the National Anti-Drug Coalition of that country, *EIR* documented for the first time the perverse activities of the Gnostic Church in Ibero-America. *EIR* exposed, among other things, gnosticism's links to narco-terrorism, its Nazi genealogy and, above all, the perverse sexual rituals with which it recruits and controls its victims. In May 1985, *EIR* elaborated on that material in a special report entitled "Narco-terrorism in Ibero-America."

30 Giorni author Introvigne asserts that the Gnostic Church, "due to its system of sexual magic, has tens of thousands of followers," and in 1984, aroused the concern of CELAM (the Latin American Bishops' Conference, head-quartered in Bogota.) As far as is currently known, Colombia, Mexico, and Venezuela are the countries where the Universal Christian Gnostic Church has the majority of its followers and where it has most penetrated into political circles. In Venezuela, for example, one of its founders and leaders, Walter Márquez, is a congressman for the Movement to Socialism (MAS) party. In 1989 he was on the verge of winning the governor's race in the important state of Táchira. Márquez lost his bid only when various concerned circles came together to denounce the perversions of Márquez's satanic

so-called "church."

Gnostics have also penetrated narco-terrorist circles, as demonstrated by Jaime Bateman, the late leader of Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group. Bateman told a Peruvian interviewer in 1983 that his mother was a gnostic, that the gnostics protected the M-19 "with a mental chain," and that gnostic leaders sent the M-19 "congratulations from time to time."

## Samael Aún Weor, an OTO creation

The 30 Giorni article offers a great deal of evidence about the origin and satanic nature of Aún Weor's Gnostic Church. For example, the article notes that the Aún Weor church emerges in a direct line from the gnostic movement created by German physician Theodore Reuss (1855-1923), who introduced "forms of sexual and ceremonial magic" into the hierarchy of the Gnostic Church. Reuss's ideas were brought to South America by his disciple Arnold Krumm Heller. Krumm Heller's direct successor, says the article, is Samael Aún Weor, founder of the Gnostic movement with headquarters in Mexico and followers throughout Latin America, Canada, the United States, and Italy.

In Germany, Reuss founded a chapter of the Ordo Templi Orientis, one of the most famous satanic cults, created by British satanist Aleister Crowley. Crowley is believed to have also been an agent of the British intelligence services. Crowley's networks, along with the CIA's MK-Ultra project, created a counterculture movement in the early 1970s based on rock, sexual libertinism, and drugs. This movement later produced heavy metal music, which specializes in the open worship of Satan and incitement to ritual human sacrifice, while reducing sexuality to mere orgiastic impulses. Research has revealed that "heavy metal" produces effects in its victims similar to those experienced by participants in satanic initiation rites.

Another feature of the Gnostic Church which makes it the twin of more openly satanic movements, is its rituals of self-degradation. In an article published in *EIR*'s Jan. 20, 1989, issue, Lyndon H. LaRouche posed the issue in these terms: "Imagine a criminal mind which has undergone a curious transformation. Perhaps, formerly, this fellow was an habitual thief, even of that sort of twisted mind which delighted . . . to exert the power of life or death over some

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chance victim on the scene of his crime. Yet, up to that point, robbery or kindred results were always the prompting of his criminal activity.

"Now, he has changed. Crime is no longer motivated by the impulse to employ cruel means for personal gain. Instead, the pleasure of the sense of power realized in employing viciously cruel means, becomes an end in itself. This form of criminal pleasure becomes a blend of rage and sexuality. Jaded appetites create the mental state in that man, that he must do something more monstrous than he has done before, to realize the desired level of orgiastic pleasure from the evil deed. Evil for the purpose of doing evil, has become for him a goal in and of itself. This man has become a beast, a virtual satanist. This is the state of mind which satanism seeks to develop in its initiates. . . . Satanic cults organize that degraded process of self-degeneration."

From this perspective, take a look at Crowley's manuals on satanic practice, or at Aún Weor's books, which offer the individual a "religious" ritual which opens unlimited possibilities of orgiastic self-degradation. This is precisely how the movements that preceded contemporary gnosticism, such as Arianism, the Albigensian heresy in France, Nazism, and more recently, the hordes of the ecology movement, were created.

The process by which the individual goes about destroying that which is divine within him or herself is dubbed "annihilation of the ego" by the Gnostic Church itself. Samael Aún Weor says that "the individual is transformed, if he is not concerned with the dissolution of the I." As we will see, gnosticism's shared identity with the ideology and practice of both communism and Nazism lies in this brainwashing process.

## 'Mount Truth,' a club of Nazi-communists

A prominent figure in the New Age variant of contemporary satanism, was the Swiss psychoanalyst Carl Jung. According to the Gnostic Church, Jung's hallucinations are the all-powerful cement of a "revolutionary ethic, based on a revolutionary psychology."

The 30 Giorni article identifies a place where Gnostics, Communists, and Nazis came together: Mount Truth, a place frequented by Aún Weor's predecessor Reuss. The article says that Jung also "frequented Mount Truth, the main sanctuary of modern gnosis. It was a retirement center and vacation resort in the vicinity of Ascona, Switzerland, and was founded as a utopian and naturalist colony where theosophists, neo-gnostics, artists, radical politicians, intellectuals, and occultists of all sorts could congregate."

In 1917, the article continues, "Reuss organized a peace congress there: Among the participants were Lenin, Trotsky, and a group of Arianologists who had transformed the gnostic doctrine into a racist gnosis which exercised a certain influence (sometimes exaggerated) over the Nazi movement." Author Introvigne asks: "What did Theodore Reuss, Jung,

Lenin and the pre-Nazis have in common? All felt the need for a gnostic scheme to interpret the world. . . . At Mount Truth, political gnosis and occultist neo-gnosticism found each other."

And it is true. From an early age, Adolf Hitler was inculcated with the gnostic concept that Judaism and Christianity—which share the fundamental idea that man is created in the image of God—are religions of the stupid masses. The SS monstrosity created by Hitler practiced horrible sexual and occultist ceremonies. Carl Jung himself wrote in his 1938 essay "Wotan," that Hitler was an instrument of the collective unconscious of the German people. Hitler "is not a politician, but a magician," wrote Jung, who then celebrated the Nazi tyranny as "the dawn of the Age of Aquarius," also known as the New Age.

It should come as no surprise that the circles which followed President Theodore Roosevelt, who wanted to extirpate Catholicism from Ibero-America, supported both the Bolsheviks and the Nazis at the same time. Why? Because the racist Roosevelt and his political cohorts—organized around the American Euthanasia Society and the American Museum of Natural History in New York—believed that through the Bolshevik Revolution, communism would be able to destroy Judeo-Christian culture and impose a romantic New Age philosophy in its place.

As LaRouche notes in his "Theory of the Satanist Personality" (published in the recently issued *EIR* Special Report "Satanism: crime wave of the '90s") the romantics "are the gateway from existentialist irrationalism into satanism," of which composer Richard Wagner "is among the best examples. . . . Wagner was introduced to satanism as young Karl Marx was, as a recruit into the orbit of Giuseppe Mazzini's 'Young Europe.'

a Mazzinian bomb-thrower, in the circle of fellow-satanist and Mazzinian bomb-thrower Nikolai Bakunin. Bakunin later became an enthusiastic apologist for Wagner's musical standpoint, as one committed to destroy, especially, the Ludwig van Beethoven whom Wagner hated."

Samael Aún Weor boasts of being more communist than the Soviets: "Social equality, the classless society to which the fanatics of the U.S.S.R. aspire, is impossible as long as the psychological 'I' exists. Classless society was first preached by the early fathers of the primitive Christian gnostic church and only the saints could truly have a classless society. Saints are those who have dissolved the psychological 'I.' No human being could be a saint until that which we call my family, my name, my nobility, my royalty, my nation, my money is dissolved,!"

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The 30 Giorni article concludes: "In 1990, the fragmented Universal Christian Gnostic Church celebrates its centennial. Communism, the gnostic movement of the masses, is drained of its historic impulse, but it does not appear that the neo-gnostic residue is ready to retire."

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