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The Profane Covenant

If the author (John Darby — Early Dispensationalist Leader) would write in plain English his readers would probably discover that there is nothing very valuable in his remarks.

— Charles Spurgeon, *Commenting and Commentaries*, 84

Thankfully, at least according to the Mayan Calendar, this will all be over by December 21, 2012. The end of the world, or the end of the world as we know and have known it? There could be a big difference.

The end of the world as we have known it, really just takes both European leaders and Washington Federal politicians to continue kicking the financial debt can down the road. The major problem, as we continue to point out, is that the twenty-first century solutions to globalism's reliance on itsy-bitsy no risk pieces of the action, on all the world's financial transactions, has failed to sustain anything but more debt.

Today we will look at what we have defined as the Profane Covenant as the reason behind this failure. We would like to say that a few twists and turns and a few courageous acts by political

or financial leadership and the debt Titanic will miss the end of the world iceberg, but that just kicks the can back to the Mayan prophesy.

I don't think I have ever quoted Pat Buchanan in all my years of doing these writings, but this week his pusillanimous comments about American Christians pretty much illustrates the timidity that is behind the current dominance of the Profane Covenant in not only this country, but also the whole of western culture.

The Bible describes three covenants; the oldest being the Profane, even though you probably have never heard it described in that way. The other two are the Abrahamic Covenant, also known as the Covenant of Grace and the Mosaic Covenant or the Covenant of God's Law.



One way to describe the Profane Covenant, for it traces its roots back to the Garden of Eden, is the devil made me do it. All of historic orthodox Christianity, especially Protestant Christianity, traces our profane source back to St. Augustine and total depravity, which literally we perform quite well all by ourselves.

The Abrahamic Covenant, is first mentioned in the context of God's grace in that Eden scene also, but becomes codified later in Genesis 12. Since we are currently seeking a Republican candidate for president, the Latter Day Saints interpretation, of this totally God centered act, is man centered and the responsibility of faith dwells totally within Abraham's personality.

So while we are at it, in context similar to Buchanan's article, much of American evangelicalism, while not outwardly adopting Mormon views, are in their lack of any systematic theology, in reality Antinomian Mormons.

Perhaps the best direct Biblical example of the Abrahamic-Grace Covenant comes from the author of Hebrews 1:1-4:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (ESV)

To fit their theology, Mormons would modify the interpretation of this reading also.

This brings us to the actual law given to Moses by God on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-24). As we pointed out last week, the Mosaic Covenant is just the codified written common grace law of conscience, written on the hearts of all mankind as morals.

When God selected the nation of Israel to be the chosen people to bring about the natural environment for the coming messiah, God gave Moses these written laws, so that the people would be without

excuse, when, not if, they decided to adopt their own profane religion. That took less than forty days for the first failure, as a golden calf of the Egyptian religion, just appeared out of the fire while Moses brother Aaron was overseeing the desert revival.

The Profane Covenant is really all about man and either has nothing to do with God or more precisely is anti-God. The devil may have been the ultimate source for human total depravity, but, just as that garden serpent said, we like to know the difference between good and evil, so that we can choose the evil.

Skipping forward several thousand years, we can see through the rise of western civilization, a general but slow enlightenment of human potential out of the mysticism and myths of all Godly religions. We emerged from the Dark Ages with the Renaissance, which was followed by the Reformation. Then slowly out of the Protestant Reformation we saw this gradual change become somewhat codified into a formal Enlightenment. Where we are at the present, is that Enlightenment formality has reached the zenith of its understanding of complexity.

The essence of the Profane Covenant is that if we dumb everything down to a common denominator, which we humans can then understand, reality will be miraculously transformed into that likeness.

Let's choose just ten items out of this profane universe in no particular order: evolution, the Euro, tax cuts are cause and effect for economic growth, tax hikes are cause and effect of economic growth, human actions will counter climate change, the elites should manage the proletariat, there are no limits to (economic) growth, money is our god, religion is just a primitive myth, mankind can create heaven on earth.

When you truly get serious, there is just one profane variation of a theme from no matter where you come at the solutions to the current problems. That answer is: We need to do more!

Barack Obama says we need to do more of his agenda to again bring about prosperity.

The field of Republican presidential candidates say, we need to do more of my agenda to make this country great again.

Financial elites say we need to adopt austerity measures so that we can eventually borrow more money to by things.

The TEA Party says we are taxed enough already.

The Occupy Protestors say the one percent have it all, take from them and give me mine.

What is missing from all of this list and the hundred of similar causes and desires is the reality that this is a limited world and we have created a closed zero some game to manage it. One-way to describe this is: Profane human enlightenment, another is stupidity, another is just designed random noise.

Noise is really a definition of entropy. We have noise everywhere, all of the time. The noise wants our money and us, yet they really don't care that much about us. The noise wants to give us money, if we will pay it back with interest. The noise wants us to buy stuff we cannot afford, so that this bankrupt model will continue to function. The noise truly doesn't want us to look at the mess the Profane Covenant has created, because if we drop out we will have to look at the reality of God as God.

Ultimately the Profane Covenant fails because all it can offer real people is the wonderful opportunity to be both the producing and consumptive engines of a totally material world. The problem with the Euro is the Greeks never bought into that worldview. The same can be said for the Spanish, the Portuguese, the Irish and the Italians; the Americans out beyond Washington DC and Wall Street; and we're also not too sure about the French, and the Brits outside the City of London.

The Profane Covenant however does offer some the possibility to become a god in their own eyes, determining right and wrong for yourself. If you are capable and simplistic enough you can also become a mini-god elitist leader of others.

The Abrahamic and the Mosaic Covenants however offer problems with that — I can become (a-the) god worldview. They both hold, in their biblical form, there is an Almighty, Complex and

Timeless Personality and you are just a created being. Furthermore this God thing doesn't work out too well within a totally evolving materialistic worldview.

I read a headline just before Christmas that many of the Ivy league graduates are now opting not to go to Wall Street to seek their fortunes but to become teachers. If that is not a picture of the demise of the Profane Covenant, I don't know what is?

So we were traveling along the historic Enlightenment road and jumped directly to the profane materialism of today. What has happened along this time trail to the Abrahamic and the Mosaic Covenants?

The Spurgeon quote from the beginning of the article refers to John Darby, one of the founding leaders of Dispensational Premillennialism. When you put Christianity and Judaism in context with the Profane Covent you see with the ascension of the Profane, not so much the demise of Godliness but the varied accommodations with this new religion.

In the United States from the early nineteenth century we had the Second Great Awakening. This began in New England, the colonial home of pietistic nonconformist Calvinists and Unitarians. From this sterile religious ground and during a short period of time we see the birth and growth of the Latter Day Saints, Christian Science, Transcendentalism, the Millerites that became the Adventist movement, and Charles Finney's (Presbyterian?) methods revivalism.

These led to accommodations with evolution, for in order to become or stay relevant, Christianity had to evolve with the times and the profane science. It wasn't too long within revivalism the best way to get converts was appeal to the soon coming Dispensational Rapture so that you would not be left behind. This forged a revivalist union between Baptists and Methodists, which sort of just evolved into the pentecostal-charismatic-evangelical forms we see in most of American Christianity today.

Left behind were the more mainline denominations that evolved more liberally, not in the classic liberal political sense, but in the current progressive social justice political model. This meant that the messiah of the world had to evolve from the savior of mankind, into a gospel of good works as a means to heaven. This is not all that different from what the Roman

Catholics proclaimed at the Council of Trent (1543-1563) after the Reformation; but they reached that consensus by design not through evolution, that would come later.

So what does this mean for our future in the still early stages of the twenty-first century?

Nothing works all that well. In the United States we lead the world by a wide margin in consumerism, some 70 plus percent of our GDP, yet most people no longer make enough money to follow that model to the extreme required to produce the well paying jobs to make the system work.

Neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have even thought that deeply about our broken system. For them it is either reduce taxes or raise taxes and spend government money, when in reality it is the profane consumer debt driven worldview that is broken and government is neither the enemy nor the savior. Government is supposedly the mechanism by which cultural political consensus is forged, thereby creating common human civilization.

There is a God and we are not gods, we are human's created in the image of God. That creation is too interrelated and complex for our currently profane simplistic minds to comprehend, therefore we need to observe that reality and live within creation's intricate precepts and not try to manage something beyond our abilities.

That will mean some profound changes that will occur as we approach the Mayan end of the world and move beyond. Christianity will again become about the gospel's saving work of Jesus Christ and the pusillanimous church will disappear.

With that transcendent reality will develop an economic system based upon natural markets, sound money, individual worth and responsibility, as well has a broader sense of community.

That does not mean that the Profane Covenant will just be raptured out of existence, it will in short order just become irrelevant, much like the demise of the former Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, or soon will happen in Iraq.

Along that line, less we forget, is the future of the Eurozone and the Euro, which is an attempt to merge sovereign nations, all hundreds, if not a thousand years in existence, into the grand Babylonian collective model.

All these institutions deny or denied unique human diversity as the foundational universal paradigm, which ultimately will not serve the elite, but in reality sanctifies the individual and gives meaning to our lives.

In early 2013 a new president will take office in the United States, one way or the other he will have to begin to embrace these coming changes. As of this writing, I personally don't think any of those who are seeking this office, comprehend the true reality they think they can manage, because the God of both the biblical Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants will not be hampered to do his will by the shallow precepts of our political systems.

As best as we can foretell, we are not faced with the true end of the world, for that rests totally within the scope of the Almighty, but rather we will be forced to cope with changes well beyond what we have become accustomed to want to believe. Sadly those changes are going to become more stupendous before we reach a more level stasis of normality.