

The Attackers: Ptolemy's Geocentric Solar System Proved Incorrect by Copernicus's Heliocentric Solar System; Distortions of the Copernican Principle Provide Inspiration for the Long March: Twenty Principles; Disordered Souls Devolve into Abnormality: William Butler Yates's "The Second Coming"; the Choplogic of Progressive Ideology

81. Absent the presence of an essential Creator they take the poor, innocent Nicolaus Copernicus's expression of the obvious and distort it into a campaign against Judaism and Christianity.
82. I contend this is true when viewed through the prism of the angelic conflict. The truth of Copernicus's discovery is not the problem but rather the satanically inspired conclusions that followed it. The development of the Copernican Principle has resulted in a paradigm shift of thought that has gained momentum in our country's academic community and by gradual osmosis into the souls of an increasing number of its citizens.
83. Up until 1543 with the publication of Copernicus's *On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres*, the understanding of the solar system was based on the writings of Egyptian astronomer Ptolemy \tä'l'-ah-mē\ (2d century A.D.):

Ptolemy's astronomical work was enshrined in his great book "The Mathematical Collection," which eventually became known as "The Great Astronomer." During the 9th century, however, Arab astronomers used the Greek superlative *Megístē* to refer to the book. When the definite article *al* was prefixed to the term, its title then became known as the *Almagest* \al'-ma-jest\, the name still used today.

Almagest ... is a synthesis of the results obtained by Greek astronomy; it is also the major source of knowledge about the work of Hipparchus \ha-pär'-kas\.¹

¹ "Hipparchus. fl. 146–127 B.C. Greek astronomer. Discovered precession of the equinoxes; compiled first catalogue of stars; developed trigonometry; devised method of locating geographical positions on the earth by giving their latitude and longitude" (*Merriam-Webster's Biographical Dictionary*, rev. ed. [Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Publishers, 1995], 493).

On the motions of the Sun, Moon, and planets, Ptolemy ... extended the observations and conclusions of Hipparchus ... to formulate his geocentric theory, which is popularly known as the Ptolemaic system. In the first book of the *Almagest*, Ptolemy describes his geocentric system and gives various arguments to prove that, in its position at the centre of the universe, the Earth must be immovable. As a result of such arguments, the geocentric system became dogmatically asserted in Western Christendom until the 15th century, by which time detailed observations had made the system so complex that its validity had to be seriously questioned. In 1543 the geocentric system was supplanted by the heliocentric (Sun-centered) system of Nicolaus Copernicus.²

84. The Copernican Principle is the catalyst behind the Long March's spirited advance over the course of the twentieth century up to the present day. Here are some of the conclusions that have been drawn from the discovery of our heliocentric solar system:
- (1) The earth is not in a central, specially favored position in the universe.
 - (2) Human beings are not privileged observers of the universe.
 - (3) This led to the development of the "mediocrity principle," the notion there is nothing unusual about the evolution of the solar system, the Earth, any one nation, or humans.
 - (4) Since life evolved on Earth from matter in the habitable zone of its host star (the Sun), then these very same conditions surely exist on other planets in their host stars' habitable zones.
 - (5) Darwinists use the "heuristic method" to argue that if man evolved, then he did so from a common ancestor, most likely the chimpanzee, some six-million years ago.

² Colin Alister Ronan, "Ptolemy," in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia*, 15th ed. (Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1979), 15:179.

- (6) These assumptions expunge supernaturalism from the origins of the universe and mankind and instead assert that the former emerged from nothing while the latter evolved over billions of years.
- (7) If God is not the designer of each then the existence of the universe and Homo sapiens must be credited to the action of continuous and uniform processes over long periods of time.
- (8) The conclusion that is reached is that there is no superior intellect Who imputes standards of order to the universe or standards of behavior to mankind.
- (9) The universe is said to be self-governed by means of mathematical formulas that are indigenous to the system.
- (10) Man is self-governing but, due to the mediocrity principle, each person is free to determine the standards by which he lives and no one's standards are inherently superior to those of others.
- (11) This idea of mediocrity is expanded to include the cultures of disparate groups both historically and currently and therefore no nation or culture can assert that it is exceptional as compared to other nations and cultures.
- (12) This why the Progressives are tolerant of belief systems and cultures that are in opposition to the traditional worldview of the United States.
- (13) This tolerance is expressed by the benign acceptance of Qur'an and Sharia Law and the refusal to classify many of their applications as terrorism, cruelty, and degenerate.

- (14) This tolerance is also expressed in the Long March against the divine institutions: (1) the verbicide of the words “marriage” and “family” to include same-sex unions, extended families, divided families, or live-in families, and (2) the mediocrity principle applied to deviations from traditional standards in economics, government, academia, art, literature, and cinema.
- (15) The blurring of standards of thought and behavior leads to the elimination of all standards of thought and behavior.
- (16) The loss of traditional thought leads to the development of irrational thought that is based on the principles we have been noting: the Copernican Principle which states that our solar system, planet, and people are not unique in the universe, and the mediocrity principle that concludes that there is nothing special about one culture, nation, or nationality.
- (17) The direction this kind of thought will take is to worship the origin of all things, i.e., the material universe beginning with earth worship and the idolatrous practices that will become identified with it.
- (18) The ideologies that will promote this decline include (1) environmentalism: the earth must be protected and preserved from abuses put upon it by Homo sapiens, (2) animal rights: since man evolved from animals, then they must be protected from abuse by humans (certain diets, such as the Vegans, exclude meat and there are over 30 vegetarian organizations), and (3) Malthusianism which considers overpopulation a justification for government-control of population.

- (19) Last spring, the Swiss took bold steps forward by ruling that plants have “dignity” in what was described as “a broader, progressive effort to protect the sanctity of living things.”
- (20) Ecuador has recently passed a constitutional amendment that states, “Natural communities and ecosystems possess the unalienable right to exist, flourish and evolve within Ecuador. Those rights shall be self-executing, and it shall be the duty and right of all Ecuadorian governments, communities, and individuals to enforce those rights.”

- 85. When resources provided by God for the sustenance of the human race are made off-limits, it violates establishment principles that will result in unintended consequences and general disorder.
- 86. Disordered souls devolve into abnormality and the individual resorts to the base instinct of survival of the fittest, every man’s hand against every other man’s. Government interference in the free-flowing of goods and services results in economic downtrends.
- 87. Almost a century ago, Irish poet William Butler Yeats wrote about the pattern of civilized people disintegrating into chaos. In 1919, Ireland voted to form a republic and separate from England. At that time the Brits were dealing with the high unemployment of soldiers back from World War I. England used its Irish police force, the Royal Irish Constabulary, to hire the veterans and instructed them to suppress the revolution. These men were not trained in street fighting and when confronted by Irish guerrillas they resorted to inhuman treatment of Irish civilians. The backlash for this still exists in the ongoing struggle between the British and the Irish. Yeats records his view of the conflict in his poem, “The Second Coming”:

Written during the Black and Tan War in Ireland in 1919, when the British were attempting ruthlessly to put down incipient rebellion, this poem is Yeats's prophecy of an even more dreadful time to come, not only for Ireland but for the world. The second coming of Christ, foretold in Matthew 24, is here converted into the advent of the new monster-god, the antithesis of Christ's image, like the beast foretold by St. John in Revelation. The image of the Antichrist is made particularly frightful by the poet's vision that it will be born in Bethlehem, a place associated by Christianity with passive infancy and maternal love.

The Second Coming

Turning and turning in the widening gyre³
 The falcon⁴ cannot hear the falconer;
 Things fall apart; the centre [Pivot] cannot hold;
 Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
 The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
 The ceremony of innocence⁵ is drowned;
 The best lack all conviction, while the worse
 Are full of passionate intensity.

Surely some revelation is at hand;
 Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
 The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
 When a vast image out of *Spiritus Mundi*⁶
 Troubles my sight: somewhere in sands of the desert
 A shape⁷ with lion body and the head of a man,
 A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
 Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
 Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.
 The darkness drops again; but now I know
 That twenty centuries⁸ of stony sleep
 Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
 And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
 Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?⁹

³ **widening gyre:** (1) our age, which is whirling toward its extreme development before the next cycle begins, and (2) the circular flight of a falcon.

⁴ **The falcon:** Man, now separated from his falconer, that is, from every ideal of conduct that has enabled him until now to control his life.

⁵ **The ceremony of innocence:** the rite of baptism is itself drowned by the blood-dimmed, undistinguishing tide of war. All patterns are disintegrating.

⁶ ***Spiritus Mundi*:** a term used by Yates to mean something like inspiration; more precisely, it is the storehouse of images from which the poet draws such visionary pictures as this one. Yates emphasizes that he has not just thought up this poem, that it has been forced into his consciousness.

⁷ **a shape:** presumably the Egyptian male sphinx, but Yeats's failure to name it precisely makes it even more horrible.

⁸ **twenty centuries:** the Christian era. The beast has slept through this era, but now the pendulum swings and rouses him to lead a new, anti-Christian age.

⁹ William Butler Yeats, "The Second Coming," in *Masters of British Literature* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1958), 2:664–65.

88. Yates's line, "The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity," indicates a national loss of thought. When a people are unable to think rationally they react emotionally.
89. There is abundant evidence of the loss of thought in our country and the propaganda in academia regarding the mediocrity of mankind has been made possible by failure to teach logic.
90. Consequently, while mankind is degenerating toward brute beasts, the brute beasts are being treated as if they were equal with man.
91. This entire amalgam of illogical ideas is the spawn of Progressive ideology and classified in the dictionary as *choplogic*: "Involved and often specious argumentation" (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition).
92. J. N. Hook elaborates further on the subject:

Choplogic is involved, superficial, and illogical argumentation. Formally it also meant a person who argues persistently but illogically. As an adjective *choplogic* means inclined to argue in an absurd fashion.¹⁰

¹⁰ J. N. Hook, *The Grand Panjandrum: And 2,699 Other Rare, Useful, and Delightful Words and Expressions*, rev. ed. (New York: Macmillan Publishing Co., 1991), 71.