

## Summary of Vlach's Research: A Challenge to Christian Youth; Lucifer's Conspiracy & Gramsci's "Long March"; Henry's "Clanking Chains"

Dr. Vlach's recommendations for solving the problem of biblical illiteracy comport with the approach that I have taken in teaching the Bible to this congregation for the past 24 years. I have pointed out the lack of biblical knowledge among believers and the failure of mainline Protestant churches to do anything about it.

My efforts are no big deal. They are exactly the duty put to pastors by the Word of God; anything less is shirking that divine appointment. The situation that concerns me most is that by doing my job many have been put off by the message.

Many young people have grown up in this church yet as soon as they were old enough to escape parental authority they either abandon Bible study altogether or were lured by the prestige of large denominational churches that talk Bible but do very little teaching of it. Such churches swap serious Bible study for programs that turn the church into an entertainment center where emotion replaces learning.

Dr. Gary Burge made the observation that the "spiritual life has become less a matter of learning than it is a matter of experiencing." According to Dr. Vlach, the cause of biblical illiteracy is the "tremendous influence unbiblical philosophies and worldviews are having on churchgoers."

The end result is that doctrinal churches are rejected because the sermons are considered too hard, too long, and too boring. I can tell you that Bible study is not hard. If you are a believer, in fellowship, and interested in what God's got to say, then you have a God-given system to understand it and the power to use it. The Holy Spirit, according to the Lord "will teach you all things" (John 14:26). But most children live in an encapsulated environment which amounts to prosperity: they don't have any responsibilities for their logistics. Food, clothing, and shelter are taken care of by loving parents.

If you are under 18, ask yourself this question: "If circumstances required me to provide for myself without any outside assistance, would I be able to survive?" If you are a believer, yes; if an unbeliever, probably. With the same ease and tranquility you now enjoy? No.

When all needs are supplied and most desires are met, a young person sees little need for divine guidance, assistance, or provision. But family is God's invention. Parents are required to care for their children, provide for them, and teach them. They have taken on the obligation of provider and the child is the taker.

This current segment of our study has taken ten hours to develop. We've noted how the Bible fully documents the existence of angels, that they function in two categories—elect and fallen, that Lucifer is the ruler of this world, that he does it by both demon possession and demon influence, that his major tactics are deception and duplicity, and that his intent is to cause unbelievers to reject salvation by grace and to influence believers to be disinterested in the message of God to man. To comprehend why our nation is in its current crisis requires the full development of concepts by which it can be explained from a biblical worldview.

There are no significant human conspiracies but biblically ignorant people participate, usually unknowingly, in a Luciferian conspiracy that is a major component of the Invisible War. The objective of this conspiracy is nicely summed up by Italian Communist Antonio Gramsci's "long march through the institutions":

*A long march through an institution means the unhappy segment of society would choose to seize power from within the system. Once power is assumed, existing lines of authority ... would be utilized to advance ... illegitimate aims. Typically, this march through an institution would take place from the bottom up. Patience is needed to silently weave the seditious ideals and philosophies needed to allow a proper anchor to set within the masses. Those masses will soon be set to attacking and branding the non-duped conservative elements as hopelessly behind the times and harmful to the goal of attracting young people to the cause or, finally and even worse, a traitor. Opponents of the coup should be labeled as isolationists who are misguided and dangerous individuals unable to move into the future and accept the wonderful changes the future will bring. (p. 76)*

*Gramsci needed to alter the Christian mind and turn it around completely to an anti-Christian position. The best way to do this was to get individuals, regardless of their station in society, to think of the problems and issues facing them without reference to the Christian God or laws of the Christian God.<sup>1</sup> (p. 77)*

Through this approach the Catholic Church was infiltrated where "existing lines of authority" were utilized to advance "illegitimate aims," namely "Liberation Theology." This heretical theology was amplified into an even greater evil by those who developed Black Liberation Theology.

This same system was also utilized by proponents of Progressive ideology to infiltrate America's schools where the long march has been advancing apace for half a century. The impending administration will shift it into high gear.

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<sup>1</sup> Joseph Crosson, "Antonio Gramsci: How the Legacy of an Italian Communist Is Wrecking the Catholic Church Today," *The Barnes Review*, May/June 2004, 76-77.

These subjects have been developed systematically over the course of *Clanking Chains*, a study designed to explain in detail how this country has been transformed from a traditional society functioning on basic biblical standards of virtue, morality, and ethics toward a Progressive society where these standards are rejected or redefined.

In 1775, it became more and more apparent that the British were making preparation for war against the American colonies. Aware of this possibility the members of the Virginia House of Burgesses met in convention at Richmond in March 1775 and the major issue for debate was whether or not to muster troops in support of New England patriots, the apparent targets of initial British aggression. Patrick Henry's support in the affirmative became the most famous oration of the pre-war period and is known as his "liberty or death" speech. His rationales for taking up arms against England were clearly and dramatically presented and led to a summation that included this line:

"Our chains are forged, their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston!"<sup>2</sup>

We hear the distinct clanging of chains today from Capitol Hill; they have rung for the past forty years and have become deafening of late. The strategy and tactics of Satan are evident within our government, among our people, and have found refuge in our churches and Grace Doctrine Church does not enjoy the comfort of being an exception.

It is in this vein that we must address the principle of Sun-Tzu, "Know the enemy," and the enemy, to quote Hal Lindsay, is "alive and well on planet earth."<sup>3</sup>

Paul takes the time in Ephesians to not only identify the enemy but to give us a breakdown of its demonic table of organization. To fully understand and then appreciate this requires us to note previous passages in Ephesians that address these subjects.

We will approach this by briefly analyzing three passages that introduce us to the unseen world of angels and how these creatures directly influence the lives of both believers and unbelievers alike.

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<sup>2</sup> Robert Lecky, Jr., *The Proceedings of the Virginia Convention in the Town of Richmond on the 23rd of March 1775* (Richmond: St. John's Church, 1938), 13.

<sup>3</sup> Hal Lindsey, *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972).