

DARWINISM OR GREED?

An article published in the **Firm Foundation** (Vol.105:4, March 28, 1988) written by H. Daniel Denham and titled "*Darwin, Nazism and Genocide*" gave a brief and apparently accurate account of the rise of the SS squad, overseen by Adolph Hitler. Brother Denham outlines for us how contributions from the various philosophies of Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, Hegel and Wagner, coupled with the acceptance of Social Darwinism and power of the German Nazi Party led to the evil onslaught against the Jews and other perceived "inferior races" in the vain attempt to purge the "weak" and increase the strength of the Aryan/Nordic German race. If today's humanist oriented sociologists were truly consistent, they would have to give their vote of approval to what Nazi Germany tried. Thank God that in the 1940's, America had not yet succumbed to the false religion of Humanism. Truly, the "weakness" of Germany in the 30's and 40's was in her morality and refusal to acknowledge the God of Heaven and His acceptance of "he that feareth Him in every nation" (Acts 10:34,35).

Brother Denham gives a correct and timely warning in the last paragraph of his article. America had better wake up and be careful not to fall into the same disposition which produced the atrocities of Germany a generation ago (Romans 2:1-3). After citing a number of ungodly traits and movements within our beloved country, brother Denham says, "The basic underlying philosophy driving these movements is Humanism, whose tap-root is Atheism and stalk is organic evolution." With this assessment I agree, for the most part. But there is more.

Though significant inroads have been made into our society, government, and educational systems by Humanism, we hasten to point out that neither Humanism nor Social Darwinism are the real perpetrators of evil in our world. Nor was it in the 1930's and 1940's. The **real** evil is now, and was then, what Heinrich Himmler advocated: "world mastery" (as quoted by Heinz Hoehne in his book, "The Order of the Death's Head", p.300,301). World mastery is but another name for **greed!** This has been the bane of mankind since the garden.

Though we believe pride was the devil's major failing, we also point out that likely **greed** accompanied it (Jude 6). What was one of the temptations thrust before the pure eyes of our Lord while fasting in the desert? "All the kingdoms of the world" (Matthew 4:8). To what was the devil trying to appeal? Greed. What is one of the three categories into which all sin can be filed? "Lust of the eyes" (1 John 2:16).

The lustful desire for more and more is the only sin ever catalogued with the God-denying sin of idolatry: "covetousness...is idolatry; a covetous man...is an idolater" (Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:5). Yes, the false religion of Humanism is sinful, but the underlying root of even this sin is very basic: greed! Let us all pray to refrain from covetousness and greed, "for the love of money (or mastery in any form, rh) is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10).

Sermon Notes:
“The Impact of Words”

- What we say affects our _____ and _____.
- Words to avoid:
 - _____: part of a deadly progression!
- Be swift to _____; slow to _____.
- More words to avoid:
 - _____: to examine and conclude (critique) is a good thing.
To _____ only stirs up strife.
- Words to cultivate:
 - _____: this is our goal.
- More words to cultivate:
 - _____: these help to build us and our brethren up.
- Best words:
 - _____ of _____ & _____.
- We all have a job to be careful what we _____ and _____.
- Words have _____ power!

God draws us by words of truth, the Gospel.

Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday's Wisdom:

“There are many forbidden “fruits.” The “jams” people get into is the result of people “eating” them!” Richard Bates

Fellowship Meal and men's business meeting today. Please stay and partake of both.

Pray for our members and their children who have been ill this past week...and those you may still know of.

Sermon Preview:

- Words mean something!
- Words have an impact that affect us.
- There are words to avoid...
- And words to cultivate.
- God uses words to draw and save.
- Be careful of your words!