

WAR OF THE WORLDVIEWS: SECULAR HUMANISM

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- **Assumption: Atheism**

Humanism says humans are highest beings; truth known by reason & science

- **Reality: Naturalism**

Nature (matter) is all that exists; there is no supernatural

- **Ethics: Moral Relativism**

Man determines standards in situations

- **Answers**

1. Origin: Humans evolved
2. Purpose: No ultimate meaning (proximate meaning)
3. Destiny: Global Government

- **Biblical kingdoms**

1. Egyptian
2. Assyrian
3. Babylonian
4. Medo-Persian
5. Greek
6. Roman

- **Daniel's dream (Da 7:1-14)**

1. In Belshazzar's first year (553 BC)--last Babylonian king (1)
2. Of four beasts from sea--nations or kingdoms (2-8; Is 17:12; Re 17:15)
 - Lion--Medo-Persian (4)
 - Bear--Greek (5)
 - Leopard--Roman (6)
 - Beast (7-8)
3. Of king's court (9-14)
 - Ancient of Days enthroned--God the Father (9)
 - Court & books opened--Judgement Day (10; Re 20:1-15)
 - Son of Man worshiped--God the Son (13-14)

- **Daniel's dream explained (Da 7:15-18)**

Four kingdoms will rise on earth; God's kingdom will last forever (17-18)

- **Daniel's dream of fourth beast explained (Da 7:19-28)**

1. Different--spiritual? (7, 19, 23)
2. Conquers whole earth (7, 19, 23)
3. Has 10 horns--10 kings (7, 20, 24)
 - 10 horns=10 kings (Re 17:12-14)
 - Ruling for 1 hour--short time (Re 17:12)
 - Ruling with one purpose--oppose Christ (Re 17:13-14)
4. Has little horn with eyes & boastful mouth--Antichrist (8, 20, 24)
 - Uproots 3 earlier horns--subdues 3 kings (8, 20, 24)
 - Has boastful mouth--speaks against God (8, 20, 25)
 - Wages war against saints--persecutes Christians (21, 25)
5. Thrown in fire--sent to hell (11, 22, 26; Re 19:20)

- **Daniel's dream applied**

10 - 3 $\Rightarrow$ 1 (10 "kings" take power; 3 are removed; the 1 that "subdues" them is the Antichrist)

- **A Conflict of Visions by Thomas Sowell**

1. Political disagreements born from disagreement about human nature
2. Constrained—humans are imperfect & self-centered
 - Social ills (poverty, crime, inequality...) managed, not solved
3. Unconstrained—humans are malleable & perfectible
 - Social ills overcome through collective action—policies, money, etc.

- **Fabian Society (1884)**

Socialist group desiring to reshape the world

- **World Peace Organization (1912)**

1. International parliament
2. World laws & judicial system
3. Global military force

- **Club of Rome's Mankind at the Turning Point (1974)**

World is divided into 10 regions with 1 leader over each region

- **Parliament of World Religions (1988)**
- **Toward a Global Ethic (1993)—Commitment to a culture of**
 1. Non-violence and respect for life
 2. Solidarity and a just economic order
 3. Tolerance and a life of truthfulness
 4. Equal rights and partnership between men and women
 5. Sustainability and care for the Earth

- *"An irrevocable, unconditional norm for all areas of life, for families & communities, for races, nations, & religions"*
- **RIO+5 document "A Guide for Regional Consultations" (1997)**
World is divided into 10 geographic regions based on "economic & cultural commonalities"
- **Earth Charter (2000) & Ark of Hope**
"Bill of Rights" for mankind (Environmental emphasis; economics, hunger, disease, peace...)
- **United Religions Initiative (2000)**
- **Russian President Medvedev (2009)**
United Future World Currency at G8 Summit
- **Pope Benedict XVI (2011)**
Calls for "world political authority" to manage Earth (*Caritas In Veritate*)
- **World Federalist Movement (2012)**
 1. Integrate regions
 2. Unite democracies
 3. Create world constitution
 4. Transform UN (most popular)

- *Proposed UN Parliamentary Association (UNPA)—governing body of elected representatives*
- **Manifesto for Global Democracy (2012)**
"The existing national-state organizations have to be part of a wider and much better coordinated structure, which involves democratic regional institutions on all the continents, the reform of the International Court of Justice, a fairer and more balanced International Criminal Court and a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly as the embryo of a future World Parliament."
- **Building Global Democracy program (2017)**
10 eminent persons from 10 different regions of the world to help form core objectives for global governance
- **Anne Marie Slaughter (President Obama's State Department office of policy and planning)**
Global governance meant nations would cede sovereign authority to supranational institutions in cases requiring global solutions to global problems. Thus, she maintained, transnational networks "can perform many of the functions of a world government—legislation, administration, and adjudication—without the form," thereby creating global rule of law.
- **Princeton University G. John Ikenberry**
How do nation-states "reconcile the international liberal vision of increasing authority lodged above the nation-state—where there is a sharing and pooling of sovereignty—with domestic liberal democracy built on popular sovereignty." He admits, "This is the unresolved problem in the liberal international project."
- **Implications**
 1. Failure to recognize humanity's sinful nature
 - *What motivates? "a faith in the perfectibility of man...the quest for community...the authority of experts... and the need for an all-powerful state to coordinate society at the national or global level."*¹
 - *C. S. Lewis: "Let us not be deceived by phrases about 'Man taking charge of his own destiny'. All that can really happen is that some men will take charge of the destiny of the others. They will be simply men; none perfect; some greedy, cruel and dishonest. The more completely we are planned the more powerful they will be. Have we discovered some new reason why, this time, power should not corrupt as it has done before?"*²
 2. Loss of sovereignty, representation, & freedom
 - *Austin Ruse (president of The Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute): Laws derived from United Nations' treaties are being used "to establish norms that are being forced upon governments and upon people. These new norms have never been voted on. They are being perpetrated by the same people who call themselves transnational progressives. They do not believe in the democratic process; they believe in their own superiority."*³
 - *American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Anthony Romero: "Our goal is no less than to forge a new era of social justice where the principles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights are recognized and enforced in the United States."*⁴
 3. Rise of Antichrist from 10 kings of Daniel 7, Revelation 17

¹ Jonah Goldberg, *Liberal Fascism* (New York, NY: Doubleday, 2007) p. 14-15.

² C. S. Lewis, "Willing Slaves of the Welfare State," Available online at <http://cslewisjrtrtolkien.classicalautographs.com/>

³ Austin Ruse, "The Hard Left Is on the Move," *Citizen*, October 2010, p 18.

⁴ Alan Sears and Craig Osten, *The ACLU vs. America* (Nashville, TN: B & H Publishing Group, 2005), p. 174.