

Endtime Pagan Maturity

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Did modern humans evolve from Neanderthal Man over millions of years?

This theory contradicts literal Biblical interpretation and instead is highly imaginative and speculative.

- There simply isn't any proof for the theory of evolution. It remains a religion of the pagans.

What is a pagan?

Someone who does not know God and lives apart from His truth. Paganism is characterized by a mind that is futile, darkened in understanding, alienated from the life of God, and in a state of ignorance and blindness due to sin.

- Pagans suppress the truth of God and often distort the knowledge of God revealed in creation.

What biblical terms are synonymous with pagans?

- Unbelievers
- Heathen
- Gentiles (contrasted with Jews in Old Testament)
- Nations (Greek: ethnos used in New Testament)

How might the development of pagan beliefs be an indicator of our times?

Per the Parable of the Wheat & Tares:

Matthew 13:30 – *Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest*

We should expect to see a maturing of the pagans that reveal their true nature.

The Bible has a lot to say about the characteristics of pagans; which stand out as indicators of our times?

1. Selfish-Interest
2. Worry about material things

3. Concern about tomorrow
4. Self-Indulgence and debauchery
5. Ultra-Competitiveness

What reveals that pagans operate purely from self-interest?

Matthew 5:46-47 – *If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?*

The actions of pagans are motivated by their own wants and pleasures: the personal pursuit of happiness and comfort. They only love those that love them, and revile those that likewise repudiate them.

How has the pursuit of self-interest matured today?

Today, some 2,000 years later, this pagan characteristic of self-interest has greatly evolved and is now held up as the very force that is leading the world to betterment, continued progress and prosperity.

- It is a foundational tenant of market-based capitalism, the term used for today's type of commerce.

How is today's form of "market-based capitalism" distinguished from capitalism in its original sense?

Today's form of capitalism is characterized by the significant role of government intervention. This is contrasted with the original concept of capitalism that depended on the free market to determine winners and losers with minimal government regulation.

- Crony capitalism versus free market capitalism

What was the result of today's form of capitalism?

The entire world has become deeply commercialized.

- Increasingly today, the prime reason for existence is commerce itself.
- Whole societies that have given themselves over to the rule of economics and mammon.

How can excessive commercialization be idolatry?

Excessive commercialization can become idolatry when it takes the place of God in a person's heart and life. When economic gain leads to prioritizing wealth, material gain, or financial success over a genuine relationship with God, it becomes a form of idolatry.

Matthew 6:24 – *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches).*

What are some biblical examples of pagan societies given over to excessive commercialization?

- Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon was a commercial civilization. Virtually all of the documents that have survived from this culture are business documents.
- Another prime example is the history of Tyre, the extreme commercialization of which the Bible itself provides clear documentation of.

What indications are there that extreme commercialization is satanic?

Ezekiel 28 addresses the fall of Satan referring to him as the “prince of Tyre with this admonition:

Ezekiel 28:16 – *By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God*

The abundance of trading refers to commercial activity and it appears as though this became corrupted and sinful.

How might Jericho have been and even earlier example of excessive commercialization?

Jericho was one of the most prosperous cities of the ancient world. It was the city selected by God to be the first conquered by the Hebrews as they entered Canaan.

- In fact, this city was the only one that was miraculously destroyed and the only Canaan conquest that was completely annihilated—women, children, livestock and all.

Why would God want Jericho completely destroyed?

Could it have been due to the generations of idolatrous commercialism? God didn't want any of Jericho's culture to rub off on Israel.

- Joshua prophesied that whoever would attempt to resurrect this city of Jericho would suffer the loss of his oldest and youngest sons (Joshua 6:26).
- Exactly as prophesied, this occurred six hundred years later during the reign of Omri, when Hiel of Bethel did so (1 Kings 16:34).

What sort of things do pagans worry about?

Pagans are totally consumed with material things...

Matthew 6:31-32 – *So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*

Scripture refers here to only two items—food and clothing. In the society of that day, both things defined lifestyle as well as the necessities of life.

- It would be pagan to only preoccupy oneself with the pursuit of possessions and lifestyle.

How have lifestyles matured in our modern times?

In the modern age, lifestyle is defined by more things than just food and clothes. Today, lifestyles are defined by such things as expensive Swiss watches, luxury cars, the latest gadgets, spacious, palatial homes, and much else.

- To have them all is the epitome of the successful life, the trappings of elite existence.
- “*Running after these things*” is today part of a highly sophisticated culture of branding, consumer surveys, advertising, and psychological research.

How has modern lifestyles revealed the maturing of end-time pagan man?

Viewing the massively endemic commercialization of America and other nations, it is hard to imagine how much more materialism could yet lie ahead.

What other things do pagans worry about?

Societies that do not put their faith in God, must worry about the uncertainties of tomorrow.

Matthew 6:33-34 – *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

In context, those verses are connected to the two verses before, which speak of pagan practices.

How have worries about the uncertainties of tomorrow contributed to commercialization?

These worries have driven a monumental amount of economic and financial evolution adding to the intensity of the commercialization of human life.

- Insurance services are based on mathematical theorems that seek to overcome the uncertainties and unknowns of tomorrow.
- Today, no one would think of not having life, home, or auto insurance.
- Most would agree that it is unwise to not have an IRA or a pension plan to protect against the uncertainties of retirement.

Chronic worry about the future, leading to increased commercialization and idolatry, is clearly pagan. This intensification of “worries over tomorrow” is therefore an identifier of Modern Pagan Man.

What characteristic of pagans did Peter address here?

1 Peter 4:3-4 – *For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you*

People who live a life of dissipation and indulgence are being pagan in character.

- Reveling, debauchery, bacchanalian feasts, and wild sensuality were part of the worship exercises of the pagans.

How have revelry, debauchery and indulgence matured in our day?

These aspects of paganism are highly promoted today because it is good for business ... good for economic growth. Morality is not the relevant issue.

- these pagan “lifestyle” activities are part of a sophisticated economic culture: mindless entertainment, drugs, pornography, and more.
- The Modern Pagan Man guiltlessly consumes and indulges.

How do pagans run after what they want?

Matt 6:32 – *For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*

The Bible pictures pagans as being ultra-competitive. This is in direct contrast to how Jesus indicates we should get ahead...

Matthew 20:26-28 – *Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*

Apparently, He said this while in Jericho—the rebuilt city from the ruins of ancient Jericho.

What is wrong with competition?

Isn't this how a true free market works?

The issue with competition is the motivation behind it.

- The healthy form of competition is to produce something people need and be fairly compensated for it... that is a win-win mentality.
- Unhealthy competition has a win-lose mentality... the idea that you can not win unless someone else loses... one person's success can only come at the price of another person's misfortune

Which kind of competition is becoming more apparent today?

We are seeing more instances of fraud, the buyer beware, and the jungle rule of “survival of the fittest.”

- It is a type of competition that is devoid of charity or love for others.
- Customer service is increasingly seen as a thing of the past.
- This form of competitiveness is deeply imbedded in pagan society—our society.

What is the end-time trend for the maturing of pagan characteristics?

- “[Ethnos] will rise up against [ethnos]” (Mark 13:8). ...there will be much unrest, warring, and competition, as pagans will rise up against pagans.
- The “ethnos” will be holding Israel in bondage during the latter days and will be judged (Acts 7:7), ...Jesus referred to the “times of the Gentiles” (the times of the “ethnos,” Luke 21:24).
- The pagans will set up vain systems that conspire against God. *“Why do the nations (ethnos) conspire and the peoples plot in vain?”* (Psalm 2:1).

What is the prophetic significance of the maturing of pagan characteristics?

The descriptions of the “ethnos” in the last days surely already align with what we see unfolding in the world today. It is clearly a civilization that is marked by extreme consumption, endless wants, materialistic idolatry, and a fixation with wealth.

- The evolution of today’s “pagan” is truly advanced.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- The end-time pagan culture is strong and growing... don't be compromising with it.
- The maturing of the pagan tares reveal we are in the season of the harvest.