

CONSPIRACY

In his well known political novel *Coningsby*, Benjamin Disraeli said of world government:

All great events have been distorted, most of the important causes concealed, some of the principal characters never appear, and all who figure are so misunderstood and misrepresented that the result is a complete mystification.

Serious supporters of the conspiracy theory of history can expect to be relegated without compunction to the lunatic fringe by professional historians, of all people in a position to know better. Even in the public mind, sensitivity to conspiracy is dangerously close to paranoia. The very word conspiracy has become synonymous with plotting. Our dictionary bears this out, where the primary definition is given as “an evil, unlawful, treacherous or surreptitious plan formulated in secret by two or more persons; plot.”

Aha! This conjures up a familiar scenario of sinister bushy-browed characters with high I.Q.’s and aquiline noses, hunched around a table in the dark of night (in a dank basement or a luxurious hideaway as the case may be) masterminding a world takeover. Operating as the head of an octopus with tentacles conveying secret directives to subsidiary plotters in every corner of the globe, they are able to manipulate public opinion, pulverize opposition, create crises. Anyone capable of furthering their nefarious plans may find himself catapulted overnight into a position of influence.

Such a view of conspiracy is indeed ridiculous. Although to some extent such machinations have been concocted here and there throughout history, an operation manifesting the cosmic intensity, historical continuity, extension, coordination and intelligence of the one deploying in our day defies human explanation. Probably the readiest clue to what is taking place lies in the original meaning of the word conspiracy, easily found in any Latin dictionary. There *conspiratio* is defined as “unison, harmony, agreement, union,” derived from the word’s basic meaning, which is simply “breathing together.”

Although Cicero attributed malevolent conspiracy to Catiline, and Julius Caesar to certain military antagonists, the word itself was far from pejorative. Mostly it conveyed a happy consensus of “*omnium bonorum*” on the part of gaggles of like-minded buddies. Alas, this benign definition now figures last in the English dictionary, which does allow that the old “breathing together” might possibly mean no more than a “combination in bringing about a given result,” but presents such a meaning as unusual. History has given conspiracy a very bad name.

Good or bad, however, conspiracy is inseparable from God’s creation. Whoever doesn’t believe that conspiracy is an active ingredient of history quite simply does not believe in the existence of the devil. Worse still, perhaps he doubts the existence of God, who revealed to us in both the Old and the New Testaments that mankind’s otherwise inexplicable ills are the work of the author of evil: “An enemy has done this!” (*Matt. 13:28*). As we might expect, first among those deriding the notion of a malevolent conspiracy are the devil himself and his fellow conspirators, laboring as they do to persuade us they don’t exist, so as to conspire more efficiently.

The less the plotters know about the source of their inspiration the better. Multitudes of human beings whom sin has enslaved to Satan do his work thinking it is their own idea. They are no less conspirators, however, for they “breathe together” the common impious breath which animates them as a single body to further the infernal cause. Wittingly or unwittingly, harnessed individually by their particular vices and appetites, they act as one to promote that cause. When the conspiracy first crested visibly in the eighteenth century, Voltaire reduced all their strivings to two words, “*Ecrasez l’infâme!*” “Crush the unspeakable thing!” which is, of course, none other than the Mystical Body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

So far only one modern historian has dealt with the devil as an integral part of history, unmasking him as the source of the plot. That historian is the Mother of God, divinely appointed destroyer of all heresies, who at Fatima in 1917 and later, pointed out to Sr. Lucy the true drift of events. She had already done so to Mélanie Calvat at La Salette in 1846, following on her revelations to St. Catherine Labouré a generation previously. Two centuries before these, in the autobiography she dictated to the Spanish nun Venerable Maria de Agreda, she had described in several places the great councils

called by Satan in hell to plan the strategy best suited to destroy the eternal kingdom visibly begun by God on earth.

Whoever thinks history “just happens,” needs to read *The Mystical City of God* for proper perspective: Called on for their opinions after the Crucifixion, the higher ranking demons agreed that it would be impossible to reverse the Redemption now accomplished by Christ, but they could labor to prevent the application of its fruits. They advised that, “In accordance with the new order of assistance and favor established by God for the salvation of men, they should seek new ways of hindering and preventing the work of God by deceits and temptations so much the greater.”

To this end the demons “spent nearly a full year after the death of Christ in conferring and considering among themselves the state of the world.” Redistributing their spheres of work, “they resolved to continue to propagate idolatry in the world,” and “Wherever idolatry would fail, they concluded to establish sects and heresies, for which they would select the most perverse and depraved of the human race as leaders and teachers of error.” Our Lady tells us that Lucifer approved this counsel, whose effects are so evident in the world today. Anyone still unconvinced of the reality of the satanic conspiracy through all the evil he sees around him, should be convinced, says she, “by the vast and powerful remedies and helps which the Savior thought it necessary to leave behind in His Church. For He would not have provided such antidotes if our ailment and danger of eternal death were not so great and formidable!”

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In his fury against the infant Church Satan sought particularly the cooperation of:

... the scribes and Pharisees and all of the Jews, whom he perceived still clinging to their obstinate perfidy. He betook himself to them and by many suggestions filled them with envy and hatred against the Apostles and the faithful of the Church; thus, through the unbelievers he roused persecution, which he could not begin himself.

Saul of Tarsus had been the conspiracy's first ready instrument among the Jews, and after his conversion, according to Agreda, hell decided to continue using unreconstructed Judaism as their spearhead of choice in the work of destruction so effectively begun: "Let us raise a general persecution against the faithful, for we have at our service the whole of Judaism!"

By virtue of its obsessive craving for a temporal messianic kingdom of its own in this world, Judaism throughout history has proved only too easy to harness. Gougenot des Mousseaux, a French Catholic scholar highly esteemed by Pope Pius IX, wrote over a hundred years ago in *Le Juif*:

Anti-religious forces, especially the anti-Christian ones which characterize this day and age, exhibit a concentration and universality bearing the seal of the Jew. He is the supreme promoter of the unification of peoples because he is cosmopolitan par excellence; by giving license to freethinking, he prepares the way for what he calls messianic times, in other words, for the days of his universal triumph. He attributes their imminent realization to the principles circulated by the 18th century philosophers, men who were both unbelievers and kabbalists, who laid the groundwork for the judaization of the world.

In view of what St. Paul first perpetrated against the Christians in his misguided zeal, and what he eventually suffered as a consequence of hell's policy, no one was better qualified than he to formulate the Church's first formal recognition of the conspiracy theory. He wrote to the Ephesians from prison in Rome, "Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and powers, and against the rulers of this world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places" (*Eph. 6:12*). To reject the conspiracy theory of history out of hand in the face of such testimonials would appear to be temerarious at the very least.

Long before St. Paul, God told the prophet Jeremias, "A conspiracy is found among the men of Juda, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (*Jer.11:9*). Both scripture and tradition tell us that, beginning with Adam and Eve in Eden, a fallen angelic intelligence working through human agents is orchestrating a plan to displace God in His own creation. All the while lending

indispensable support, mere human beings on their own could never have conceived so monstrous a rebellion flying in the very face of reality, let alone have provided the necessary force and continuity to implement it. Sinful men's lives are too short, their wills too weak, their thinking too limited. Bound to bodies shackled by recurring hunger and fatigue, they are incapable of an effort which must be sustained at white heat literally through centuries.

Henry Ford said history is bunk. Napoleon called it "a collection of lies statesmen have agreed upon." With the sophisticated technology now set in place, the father of lies can and does rewrite history to suit his own purposes. After all, he invented "disinformation" in Eden and has had centuries to perfect the technique. Written history by now is little more than a highly developed form of fiction, lately sharing the world scene with that other fiction known as "scientific truth." Neither is concerned with substantial reality, but only with what proves useful for the moment. For generations already, history is what happens in the history books. Education rests on texts revised with every shift in public policy. Earthshaking events having little or no basis in fact can now be media-manufactured almost out of whole cloth.

As seemingly unrelated happenings unwind themselves in the daily papers and on TV, only faith discerns the dim outlines of the mortal battle between good and evil that is going on among nations as among individuals. Far from being a mindless dialectic of conflicting interests, history is the record of an apocalyptic struggle between those two primordial kingdoms - that of God and that of the devil. Our Lord warned His disciples that they would be subject to the same kind of attack as He. Regarding their antagonists, He makes it clear that, "If I had not come, and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin" (*John 15:22*). Try as it will to ignore Him, human society does so at its peril.

After Christ entered history and assumed His throne at the right hand of the Father, history was endowed with a completely new dimension. In Him, divinity and humanity had been wed forever in an indissoluble union. History which does not take into account its new metaphysical dynamism is indeed bunk, where incoherent "facts" lend themselves to any kind of interpretation. Faith alone assesses them properly. As Donoso Cortes so aptly put it, "Theology is the light of history." This is why, to deal with

conspiracy, St. Paul didn't tell the Ephesians to perfect their espionage. He told them to "take up the shield of faith," and to "put on the armor of God, that you may be able to withstand the deceits of the devil" (*Eph. 6:6,11*), who has given conspiracy the bad name it now labors under.

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Conspiracy was not the devil's invention. It is true an occult, highly organized force for evil does exist, mounted by him with deadly effectiveness, but had there not been another conspiracy which predated his, he could never have thought of it. The devil is not "original." Like everyone else, he was created. Whatever he does he copies. His conspiracy is therefore more properly called an anti-conspiracy, mirror image of a real one. God is the author of conspiracy. Rooted like everything else in natural law, it ultimately derives from that ineffable cooperation of divine persons in the Most Holy Trinity, where the Father and the Son act as one in the bond of the Holy Ghost.

Through the mediation of the Son made man, the trinitarian cooperations have been projected into, nay, actually joined with those of mankind. A mystical transubstantiation of human society, as it were, not only became possible, but actually began. Human society would be changed, not in its form, which remains the same, but in its substance. This plan of heaven's to take over the world by supernaturalizing its inhabitants may properly be called the Holy Ghost's Conspiracy. Like the devil's, it is something only faith can explain. Unlike the devil's, however, it will succeed, and it will have no end.

It began with natural creation, when as yet "the earth was void and empty, and darkness was upon the face of the deep," when "the spirit of God moved over the waters." (*Gen. 1:2*). This life giving breath of the Father and the Son, which produced everything that exists, has never ceased its divine action and is at work even now. The first natural creation in the beginning was merely a foundation for the transcendent supernatural creation which was to follow and is still in progress. The Psalmist, foreseeing the "mighty wind coming" which would reach a climax with the birth of the Church at the first Pentecost, uttered in prophecy the verse she would pray ever after, all over the world, for the commemoration of this feast:

Emitte Spiritum tuum et creabuntur, et renovabis faciem terrae! “Send forth thy spirit, and they shall be created: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth!” (*Ps. 103:30*).

Scripture tells us the promised renewal began in Jerusalem, only ten days after our Lord’s Ascension, when the sound of a gale blowing from heaven “filled the whole house.” Dispatching this mighty gust to the earth was our Lord’s first official exercise of the royal power He assumed when He mounted His throne in heaven. The Vulgate calls it a *spiritus vehemens*, a spiration so violent and fiery, that all who breathed it began prophesying on the spot, being “filled with the Holy Ghost.” And with that the Christian Conspiracy was underway.

Under the headship of St. Peter, God’s one, holy, universal and apostolically stable world government was inaugurated on earth. It is indefectible and will continue eternally, for it is the Church. The satanic forces have every reason to tremble before its advance, for the business of the Church is not confined to piety in the private sector. Nor is it exclusively spiritual. It threatens the principedom of this world with dissolution down to its roots, materially, visibly, really, politically. As Soloviev so happily pointed out in *The Universal Church*:

The Church is not only the perfect union of mankind with God in Christ, but it is also the social order established by the Divine Will in which and through which this union of the divine and the human may be accomplished...

Man’s social existence upon earth cannot be excluded from the new union of the human and the divine which is accomplished in Christ. If the elements even of our material life are transformed and sanctified in the sacraments, how can the social and political order, which is an essential form of human existence, be left a prey to the warfare of selfish ambitions, the clash of murderous passions and the conflict of erroneous opinions? Since man is essentially a social being, the ultimate aim of the working of God in mankind is the creation of a perfect universal society.

From the outset those chosen to inaugurate this renovation exhibited some characteristics commonly associated with conspiracy. Gathered secretly “all together in one place,” they were

few in number to begin with, in this case hardly 120. In other words, they were the proverbial dedicated “active minority” it always takes to initiate any significant change in the world. (It’s notorious that majorities can rarely be depended on for starting anything constructive.) Articulate and persuasive, they baptized 3000 listeners on their first day of operation. Fluent in “divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak,” for them the punishment of Babel was suspended. The language they spoke, anyone could understand. (*Acts 1-2 passim*).

As in all conspiracies, the overall strategy is developed at the summit and need never concern the rank and file. Theirs would come from the highest possible source, for they had been promised that “The Holy Ghost... will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind” (*John 14:26*) relevant to whatever duties the conspirators might be called upon to discharge. The divine leader makes his directives known through a communications system impenetrable to the enemy, who for all his spiritual powers, has no access to the supernatural. He “perceiveth not these things that are of the Spirit of God, for it is foolishness to him and he cannot understand” (*1Cor. 2:14*).

Our Lord told the Christian confederacy they would be furthermore “endued with power from on high” (*Luke 24:49*). Once committed to the cause, they need only exercise their diverse talents in the very same Spirit who conferred them in order to achieve their objectives: “Now there are diversities of graces, but the same Spirit; And there are diversities of ministries, but the same Lord; And there are diversities of operations, but the same God, who worketh all in all” (*1 Cor. 12:4-6*). Being the bond of Christians as He is the Bond of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit inspires the entire Conspiracy as proper protagonist and mastermind. He is its very Breath, their *Esprit de corps*. Him the conspirators truly “breathe together,” conspiring with the trinitarian Persons towards the common goal under the guaranteed headship of Peter.

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Knowing that “whosoever are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (*Rom. 8:14*), the devil likewise seeks adoptive progeny among those allowing themselves to be led by his inspirations into conspiring with his breath. Today the Holy Ghost’s

Conspiracy seems actually to be withering under his assaults, some of its key positions occupied by hell's henchmen. Obviously the trouble cannot lie with the high command in heaven and must be looked for in the lower echelons. There, as with all conspiracies, the causes of recreance are pretty much always the same: breakdowns in communication, relaxation of discipline, supply failures or outright insubordination and defection. Supernaturally, these translate easily enough into insufficient prayer and mortification, neglect of Mass and the Sacraments, and flouting the commandments and counsels of God or His Church.

Deficiencies in any of these areas are sufficient to explain corporate loss of morale, social failures ultimately resting as they do on those of individuals. There can be no conversion of society where men do not conform their wills to God's. The Mother of God told Mary of Agreda:

Innumerable are the souls I have saved from the infernal dragon because of their devotion to me, even though they recited only one Ave, or said only one word in my honor and invocation... But sinners and reprobates do no such thing; because the wounds of sin, not being of the body, do not distress them, and the oftener they are committed, the less regret or sorrow do they cause. The second sin is already like wounding a dead body which knows neither fear, nor defense, nor sensation.

Last to blame is the devil. Laboring in the infernal councils to perfect his anti-conspiracy modeled on God's, he is forced to attempt a universal government of his own. For our sins, he began dismantling Christendom by inspiring the creation of man-made democracies politically independent of the Church and all supernatural order. These were followed by socialist regimes built on atheism as principle. Now it would seem that by preaching freedom to the victim peoples, he is beginning to realign them into the global kingdom of this world foretold by St. John in the Apocalypse.

When the luciferian conspiracy reaches its culmination, says the Apostle, Satan will command adoration of the beast "whose wound to death was healed" - believed by most exegetes to be resurrected paganism. In what appears to be a parody of the action

of the Holy Ghost, the devil will even be allowed “to give life to the image of the beast, and that the image of the beast should speak” (*Apo. 13:15*). What is merely natural will be made to appear supernatural, and the deception will draw multitudes into its toils.

At best the conspiracy theory of history shows us what is really going on “through a glass, in a dark manner” (*1 Cor. 13:12*), for real history, like biography, must begin at the end, and the universal judgment is not yet. As Fr. Arminjon put it in *The End of the Present World* - a work highly esteemed by the Little Flower and her family:

In the brightness of God's light will be seen clearly and in detail all crimes public and secret which were perpetrated in every place and at all times. The life of each human subject will be completely unfolded. No circumstance will be omitted; there will be not one action, one word, not one desire which will not be made known... The judgment will untangle and pull out all the twisting threads of those cleverly woven intrigues.

It will show in their true light those base retractions and cowardly connivances which men invested with public power sought to justify, either by invoking the specious excuse of reasons of state or by covering them with the mask of piety or disinterest.

Individual casualties may be very heavy, with all their chaotic consequences, but as they say in India, one tree falling makes more noise than a forest growing. Failures serve only to clear the way for the living wood. Amid the din of crashes, the Holy Ghost's Christian Conspiracy pursues its eternal work. Without Him who established the very heavens “by the breath of his mouth” (*Ps.32:6*), no organized endeavor comes to fruition. With Him, no endeavor can fail.

Propelled by that gentle zephyr with hurricane force we call the Spirit of God, the Conspiracy spread over the earth like wildfire as soon as it was loosed among men. Beginning with the Roman Empire, it effected exactly what conspiracies are supposed to effect: a world takeover. Transforming every obstacle in its path, it eventually left Byzantium to its errors and established in the west upon the Rock of Peter that incomparable new world order known as Christendom. As an empire it was not perfect, but it disseminated

the seeds of the divine Conspiracy everywhere, even discovering on its way another whole hemisphere in America for future operations.

At that first Pentecost “the multitude of believers had but one heart and one soul” (*Acts. 4:32*), who drew the divine breath in common, and despite all appearances to the contrary, they still do. Inevitably the universal kingdom under Christ the King for which their conspiracy was forged will succeed. They can be certain of this, for God promised it to His Mother. Before the King was born she was told: “He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord God shall give him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end” (*Luke 1:32-3*).

All the devil has is time, and time is not eternal. It’s only a matter of time before the Holy City delineated in the Apocalypse becomes a reality: “Having the light of God,” this divine utopia:

*...hath no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it. For the glory of God hath enlightened it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates thereof shall not be shut by day, for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. There shall not enter into it any thing defiled, or that worketh abomination or maketh a lie, but they that are written in the book of life of the Lamb” (*Apo.21:11,23-27*).*

Satan, poor devil, gets all the others.