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Issue 32 of *The Runestone* is online! Due to cyberproblems, however, we had to temporarily put it on the regular AFA site. You can find it at <http://www.runestone.org/RS32/index.htm> .

Thank you, Yngona, for your excellent work on this issue!

ADL Versus Thor's Hammer

The Anti-Defamation League, never one to give anyone or anything European a break, has listed Thor's hammer as a "symbol of hate." You can find the details at http://www.adl.org/hate_symbols/ThorsHammer.html . The ADL is careful to state that not all who wear the hammer are racists - but why mention it at all? Sure, a few hammer-wearers will fit their stereotype...just as members of the Jewish Defense League may well wear the star of David, and a handful of haters of the Christian variety will wear the cross. Funny, those symbols don't seem to have made the list!

There are two factors that make Asatruar targets, while exempting mainstream religions. Most obviously, we only have a small sales kiosk in the religious marketplace, while our competitors have supermarkets. The ADL and others will pick on us because we are relatively powerless.

But there is another reason, and it has to do with the cultural war which has raged for decades in the Unites States and the other nations of the West.

Hammers, the ADL, and the Bigger Picture

This is an expanded version of a post I made to the "Our Meadhall" Yahoo group:

We need to look at the bigger issues involved in the matter of the "ADL vs. the Hammer."

In the first half of the twentieth century, some Marxist theoreticians were beginning to realize that the classic Marxist-Leninist model was not effective against modern Western democracies. The proletariat simply were not having any of it. Capitalism was working too well to produce revolutionaries. Instead of identifying with class, the workers stubbornly gave their loyalty to their respective countries.

The solution offered by Antonio Gramsci and his fellow Communists at the Institute for Social Research - usually known as the Frankfurt School - was to recast Marxist analysis in terms of culture rather than economics. In practice, this meant "deconstructing" Western Civilization and the religion that supposedly gave it life, namely Christianity. If the culture is subverted, Gramsci figured, control of the political system would have to follow.

As Pat Buchanan and many other paleo-conservatives have pointed out, this program has been successful. The cultural transformation of America since the 1960's represents the rise of the "cultural Marxists." What was once strictly a fringe phenomenon has become the mainstream. Buchanan, as a good Catholic, calls for a restoration of Christianity to its "rightful" place in the center of American/Western life to combat this cultural insurrection.

This situation presents Asatruar with an opportunity and a challenge. The spat over the Hammer is an aspect of this bigger picture.

The Marxists have gambled that Christianity will be replaced by an atheistic, materialistic, universalist, and collectivist ideology.

But what if, instead, the void left by Christianity was filled by an anti-totalitarian, Folk-based, ethnocentric, and profoundly spiritual worldview - like that of Asatru?

Rather than defending Christianity as Buchanan would have us do, our task is to stimulate a return to indigenous European religion - of which Asatru is currently the leading proponent. By so doing, we defeat the Marxists and bring Western Civilization back to its pre-Christian roots. We defeat globalism and preserve human biodiversity (ie, preserve our people and others), not to mention keep our political liberty, at the same time. Everyone comes out ahead, except of course for the Marxists!

The left must attack indigenous European religion because its spirit is anathema to the Brave New World they envision. Thus, the argument is not really about getting the ADL to act "fairly" or to see the errors of their ways; the argument runs deeper than that. We represent a threat to them and to all for which they stand. While we should contest the ADL on this issue as a matter of principle, we should also realize their deep investment in smothering a Euro-ethnic spiritual revival and adjust our expectations accordingly. For the left, it's not about "fairness" - it's about power...and it always has been!

Asatruar are on the cutting edge of a cultural counter-revolution. Our growth, maturation, and continued advancement are extremely important in the big picture. Each one of us has a part to play in this drama, so take heart, and fight on!

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