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Is The Latin Church Disbanded? Is Liberal Civilization Extinct?

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Well, if The Latin Church isn't disbanded, it is going quickly to it.

It looks to me as though it already is disbanded. In fact, I would date its disbanding to Vatican II and the accession of James Cone to a chair at The Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

This puts the disbanding of The Latin Church during the decade of the 1960s in Italy and The United States.

The central fact is that The Latin Church disbanded itself. It self-destructed.

Now why would The Latin Church do that? Why indeed?

And who would do that? Always the question, "Who?"

And in disbanding, has The Latin Church ceased to exist?

If so, will it be again? Where? When? How? Why? Through whom?

It is a puzzlement. Perhaps even a mystery.

(A puzzlement is no longer so once seen. A mystery remains a mystery, and mysterious, even after seen.)

I do not know.

I do not see.

I do not hear.

It is a puzzlement!

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Well, There is, perhaps, an observation.

The attack against The Latin Church, which is the attack against liberal civilization, aims at extirpating structure: family, law, morality, government, religion, education, economics, medicine, industry, private and public association, privacy, independence, personality, heritage, deservedness, courage, honesty, thrift, compassion ... you name, it, droogies such as Gnostics, Manicheans, New Agers, racialists, classists, religionists,

statists, nominalists, scientific/ positivistic humanists, journalists, fight it.

They hate structure. They want reality to comprise exactly what they want it to comprise and nothing more nor less. They want power to determine what is and what is not.

To do that, they must attack the very notion and reality of structure. **They must deny its being.**

The Protestant churches have been especially assiduous

in this regard, virtually identifying themselves with structure-less-ness or, what is the same thing, serial faddism.

Now a reaction has set in against this pretentious nonsense. Structure is being sought is every way imaginable.

In religion people seek Mohammedanism and Roman Catholicism even though the structure of Mohammedanism is artificial whereas the structure of Roman Catholicism, for the most part, is real.

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In government people seek the structure of limitation and truthfulness.

In science people seek the structure of unconditioned and unattenuated inquiry.

In education people seek the structure of love and learning rather than the chaos of exploitation and examination.

In industry people seek the structure of regularity, invention, skill and wisdom.

In medicine people seek the structure of personality, theirs and their doctor's.

And so it goes throughout the fields of human, civilizational endeavour.

Against the wishes of deconstructionists, people are fed up with their tripe, their efforts to deny reality, and are looking for reliables, which is to say, for structures.

The ontological search is on, and none to soon.

This search appears to be underway across generations. It is rejecting the antinomianism of academe as well as the contrived legalism of the several representatives of legalism in the name of religion.

This means, by the way, that Mohammedanism is being rejected.

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