

6 Ways Leftism Acts Like A Religion

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Conservative commentators have been mocked for years for describing leftism as a new religion of sorts. Since 2016, it has become clear that the modern left was determined to prove us right.

What we have witnessed unfold in this country over the last few years, and have seen increase exponentially as the 2020 election comes near, especially with regard to the Black Lives Matter movement, is an expression of religious zealotry so widespread, unforgiving, and **violent** that it might have made the Puritan governors of 17th-century Massachusetts worry they were being outdone.

Leftism is not a political ideology anymore. It is a full-fledged religion complete with tithing, penance, forced confessions, **iconoclasm**, internet inquisitions, public rituals, excommunication, heavily policed virtues, sacred texts, seminaries, and online auto-de-fes. The proof is too plentiful to ignore. Here are the signs that we're truly confronting a theocracy of totalitarian religious extremists.

1. Conformity, Strictly Enforced Virtues, and Excommunication

Throughout history, religious nonconformists and dissenters of theocracies like the one we're now confronting have been denied political and civil rights. Those who fail to express their undying loyalty to the Church of Leftism and participate in its public rituals are marked as heathens and "**canceled**" faster than you can say "due process." Those who dissent publicly from their established doctrine are routinely **censored**, **humiliated**, **shunned** from certain schools or organizations, and even **deprived** of their livelihoods.

In this religious system, heretics and apostates are ruthlessly **suppressed and denied** the full benefits of participation in the body politic. Even if you're silent, the media choir will call it violence and demand you be **shamed and unfollowed**. If that's not enough puritan madness, the choir will also instruct you on how to be sufficiently woke. The New York Times recently ran a piece suggesting you must demand your family and friends donate to left-wing causes or threaten them with **excommunication**.

2. Inquisition

To ensure the aforementioned conformity, the Church of Leftism has established a Tribunal of the Woke Office of the Inquisition. They police speech; launch vicious pressure campaigns against celebrities, **schools**, and corporations; and work to ruin the lives of those who dare dissent from established orthodoxy. Even those who commit only the most venial of sins face the wrath of the woke.

Just ask **J.K. Rowling**, who is as woke as they come. Rowling even retroactively declared one of her book characters to be gay, but she committed the terrible sin of asserting that only biological women are real women. For that sin, she was met with a backlash so swift and vitriolic you'd think she'd written a new book called "Hitler Potter and the Prisoners of Auschwitz."

Silence will not save you. If you don't make sufficient and timely proclamations on social media displaying your deep belief in the church, the inquisition will come for you too. Just look at the people who didn't put a black square on Instagram during #BlackoutTuesday. Even George Washington can't escape the inquisition or the **destruction** that follows it.

3. Sins

Speaking of sins, the Church of Leftism has a lot of them. Groupthink is required, or else dissidents will be smeared with an -ism, -ist, or -phobia. Once the church attaches those labels to you, you might lose your job and get a public shaming. Homophobe, racist, bigot, xenophobe — these accusations used to carry meaning, but the left has misused and misapplied them for so long, they have lost almost all weight outside the pseudo religion.

I know I'm not a transphobe just because I don't think the state should be able to force left-wing gender studies on my **kindergartener**. The left doesn't see it that way, though. In their theology, protecting children from politicized sex ed is evidence of transphobia or bigotry, which must be driven out of polite society.

Unlike Christian sins, which are clearly explained and rooted in the pursuit of godliness and moral order, the sins in the leftist bible are ever-changing and ill-defined. Things that were completely kosher one day — showing pride in one's country, for example — are suddenly haram the next. It's downright exhausting. You had just better hope your boss isn't a faithful follower of their doctrine.

4. Penance

If you do find that you've committed a sin after the woke inquisitors have their way with you, you shall be forced to commit a **humiliating public act of penance**. Grown men have been forced to beg on their knees or **prostrate** themselves. Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey did it willingly only to find that no amount of **groveling or virtue signaling** could ever satiate the most extreme members of the church.

One sin, however, is considered so grievous and unforgivable that no act of shameless self-flagellation can wash away its stain. That's the sin of being an actual conservative. If you outwardly counter leftist doctrine, the pseudo church teaches that **shunning**, eternal damnation, and excommunication should be your fate.

Oh, did I say that happens once they find you've sinned? My mistake. Even deceased abolitionist Matthias Baldwin, who fought slavery 30 years before it ended and built schools for black children, is now **paying the price** with his statue being destroyed in Philadelphia in the name of stopping racism.

5. Public Ritual

Some leftist church members are perfectly happy to humiliate themselves without coercion. Its political priestly class, for example, is incredibly fond of gaudy vestments, their favorite fabric choices being **white** and **Kente**. Lay members choose more **lively rituals** or **synchronized chants**.

They even have holy wars. Look no further than the riots waged in large part by the far left and remember the phrase they've been using during the riots: "By all means necessary." In their jihad, the only possible redemption for infidels like you or me is to come on bended knee, groveling and ready to convert wholesale to their liturgy of insanity. Even that might not be enough to save you.

6. Evangelization

The missionary zeal of the Church of Leftism is enough to make the Latter Day Saints envious. Its evangelists are everywhere, their efforts permeating all aspects of life: television shows, websites, social media, consumer bank landing pages, corporate advertising. Barely a single product, app, or promotion these days comes without a free leftist sermon.

I was trying to find a Lego movie recently and instead found the LGBT section right next to the kids' section of the TV guide, asking me to watch a show about trans kids. The Church of

Leftism knows the most effective indoctrination starts early, and has established a veritable army of **missionary-teachers** to **convert** children to its radical faith before they develop the mental capacity to question its dogma. That's why George Soros-funded Color of Change recently ran a campaign in partnership with **Nickelodeon** that aired between children's shows.

This religion even includes saints for the kids to worship. St. Greta Thunberg is so great at converting new followers to the cult that they made her a giant **mural** watching over San Francisco.

The Church of Leftism Dominates

Leftism has transformed from an obscure cult into a dominant religion in our country. The slow pace of conversion enabled many people to ignore what was happening, until they couldn't anymore because it was moving too fast to stop it.

The progressive promised land is here now. This is our preview. It's a hedonistic, puritan-fusion theocracy where you must be okay with the homeless shooting up or defecating on your street and be firmly committed to threatening people's careers if they think all women are born with a vagina.

I don't know what their city on a hill will look like once they're finished building it. If the People's Republic of CHAZ or CHOP in Seattle is any indication, it certainly won't be shining, and there might be **naked men running around babbling about abusing kids**.

I do know, however, that I'm proud to be considered a heretic in their eyes. In November, we'll all get to decide if these religious extremists should receive more power. I hope you choose wisely and refuse this far-left theocracy. I know I will.

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