

THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY
“Sneak Peek of Volume IV”
with author, Linda Lacour Hobar

SESSION I: “GOOD SEED – BAD SEED”

I. The Great Awakening (1734-1760)

- A. Jonathan Edwards
- B. George Whitefield
- C. Spiritual union of the colonies

II. Voltaire and the Enlightenment (1750-1778)

- A. *philosophes* (FILL uh sofs) - a sophisticated term for “students of society”
- B. *Deists* - someone who believes that God created the universe; abandoned it; and is waiting to return for the Last Judgment. A deist does *not* believe that God is still involved with man or that man can have a personal relationship with Him.
- C. *Candide*
- D. “Pronounce that name (Voltaire) in the presence of a clergyman, and you will find that you have made a declaration of war. . . And yet Voltaire was the greatest man of his century, and did more to free the human race than any other of the sons of men.” (Stangroom. *The Great Philosophers*, p. 65. Parentheses mine.)

III. The French Revolution (1789-99)

- A. Louis XVI calls into session the Estates General (the French Parlement)

Estates General	First Estate	Clergy (church officials)	Exempt from paying taxes
	Second Estate	Nobility (king, queen, lords, and wealthy landowners)	Paid only a little tax
	Third Estate	Middle Class (or <i>bourgeoisie</i> – businessmen and merchants) and the poor (peasants and serfs)	Paid almost 50% of their income to taxes

B. National Assembly

C. Marie Antoinette

D. Robespierre and The Reign of Terror

IV. Karl Marx and *The Communist Manifesto* (1848)

A. Breakdown of Karl Marx's plan to achieve communism

1. Marx believed that all conflict was rooted in an economic class struggle between the poor proletariat and the rich bourgeoisie.
2. To settle conflict *between* the classes, Marx wished to abolish one of the classes - the bourgeoisie or the system of capitalism.
3. To abolish capitalism, Marx sought to deprive the bourgeoisie of private property.
4. To take away private property, Marx encouraged the proletariat to revolt (He called this the "dictatorship of the proletariat.")
5. According to Marx, once the proletariat achieved revolt, it would need a transitional government in the form of socialism (which is government owned property and industry.)
6. Last, it was believed by Marx that once socialism balanced out the haves with the have-nots (by the redistribution of wealth), then classless, stateless, pure communism would be achieved and mankind would exist in a freely developed "association."

B. In *The Communist Manifesto*, Marx put his main idea this way, ". . . the theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property." (Marx, p. 68)

C. Failure of communism: According to the Bible, man can not reconcile his sin. He can not overcome it on his own nor by his works. (See Rom 3:23 and Eph 2:8-9.) For that reason, God sent Jesus Christ as a perfect sacrifice to atone for man's sin. (Rom 5:6-8)

D. Communism kills: Marx wrote, "The idea of God is the keynote of a perverted civilization. It must be destroyed." (Richard Wurmbrand *Marx and Satan*, cited in *Grave Influences* p. 241.)

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SESSION II: “STRONG FAITH - NO FAITH”

I. Hudson Taylor and the Taiping Rebellion (March 1854)

- A. “Then go for me to China.” (Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, *Hudson Taylor’s Spiritual Secret*, p. 23)
- B. Opium Wars
- C. Taiping Rebellion (1850) - Hong Xiuquan
- D. China Inland Mission
- E. Boxer Rebellion (1900)

II. Charles Darwin and the Theory of Evolution (1859)

- A. The *H.M.S.* Beagle
- B. “Disbelief crept over me at a very slow rate but was at last complete. The rate was so slow that I felt no distress.” (*World’s Great Letters*, p. 364.)
- C. Darwin’s Theory of Evolution
 - 1. “survival of the fittest.”
 - 2. “natural selection”
- D. The Shortcomings of Evolution
 - 1. Definition of Species. “. . . varieties cannot be distinguished from species - except, first, by the discovery of intermediate linking forms.” (Darwin, *On the Origin of Species*, p. 85)
 - 2. Missing Links. Darwin wrote, “Hence all the intermediate forms between the earlier and later states, . . . as well as the original parent-species, will generally tend to become extinct.” (Ibid, p. 155).
 - 3. The Fossil Record. According to Randall Niles, an attorney and former atheist, “Our museums now contain hundreds of millions of fossil specimens (40 million alone are contained in the Smithsonian Natural History Museum). If Darwin’s theory were true, we should see at least tens of millions of unquestionable transitional forms. We see none.” (<http://www.allaboutthejourney.org/fossil-record.htm>)
 - 4. Faulty research of embryos (Ernst Haeckel, pronounced HECK el)
 - 5. Lack of evidence in bacteria. University of Bristol bacteriologist Alan H. Linton, “. . . throughout 150 years of the science of bacteriology, there is no

evidence that one species of bacteria has changed into another. . . . Since there is no evidence for species changes between the simplest forms of unicellular life, it is not surprising that there is no evidence for evolution.” (Wells, p. 59)

6. The benevolence of mankind. Darwin wrote, “. . . those communities, which included the greatest numbers of the most sympathetic members, would flourish best, and rear the greatest number of offspring.” (Darwin, *The Descent of Man*, p. 130)

7. Galapagos Islands.

8. Eugenics. Darwin wrote, “Do the races or species of men, whichever term may be applied, encroach on and replace one another, so that some finally become extinct? We shall see that all these questions. . . must be answered in the affirmative, in the same manner as with the lower animals.” (Darwin, *The Descent of Man*, p. 22)

9. DNA.

III. Alternate Theories

A. The Theory of Intelligent Design

1. DNA is *irreducibly complex*.

2. Antony Flew

3. Michael Behe

4. Stephen Meyer, *Signature in the Cell* (2009)

B. The Theory of Creation

1. Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

2. Genesis 1:26 “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness . . . So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

3. Darwin asked this question in the *Origin of Species*: “Do they [Creationists] really believe that . . . certain elemental atoms have been commanded suddenly to flash into living tissues? (Darwin, *On the Origin of Species*, p. 640.) My answer to Darwin is - yes.

4. Darwin wrote, “We cannot suppose that all the breeds were suddenly produced as perfect and as useful as we now see them.” (Ibid, p. 50) According to Genesis, all of God’s creation was “good”, “very good” and “perfect.” (See Genesis 1:10, 12, 18,21, 25, 31 and Deut 32:4)

5. Darwin concluded, “If numerous species, belonging to the same genera or families, have really started into life at once, the fact would be fatal to the theory of evolution through natural selection.” (Darwin, *On the Origin of Species*, p. 432)

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SESSION III : “BAD BOYS OF THE 20TH CENTURY”

I. Vladimir Lenin Forms the U.S.S.R. (1922)

- A. Siberia
- B. Bolshevik Revolution
- C. Forming the USSR (1922)

II. Benito Mussolini and the Rise of Fascism (1922)

- A. Autonomous Fascists
- B. Influence of Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) who claimed “God is dead.”
- C. Mussolini Marches on Rome
- D. Il Duce
- E. Pact of Steel (with Hitler)
- F. Brutal execution (April 28, 1945)

III. Joseph Stalin (1924)

- A. General Secretary
- B. Five Year Plan
- C. Gulag system begins in 1929
- D. The Purge (1935-36) and the Great Terror (1937-38)
- E. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (soul-sheh-NEET-zin) wins Nobel prize in 1970 for writing *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*
- F. The Big Three – Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin
- G. Richard Wurmbrand – “Voice of the Martyrs”

IV. Adolf Hitler and the Holocaust (1933-45)

A. The Rise of Hitler

1. “In this period my eyes were opened to two menaces of which I had previously scarcely known the names . . . Marxism and Jewry.” (Hitler, *Mein Kampf* p. 21)
2. National Socialist Party (*National-sozialistische Partei*) or “Nazi”
3. *Mein Kampf* (“My Struggle”)
4. Schutzstaffel (the “SS”), the Swastika and the Gestapo
5. Chancellor, President, Fuhrer

B. The Holocaust

1. Out of 11-17 million:
 - 6 million of these people were Jews (this was by far the largest group targeted for destruction);
 - 2-3 million were Soviet prisoners-of-war;
 - 2 million were Poles (Polish);
 - half a million were Romani (Gypsies);
 - a quarter million or more were disabled Germans;
 - 80,000 were Freemasons;
 - 25,000 were Slavs;
 - 15,000 were homosexuals;
 - 5,000 were Jehovah’s Witnesses;
 - and untold numbers were Communists, members of the Confessing Church, or other enemies of the Nazi party.
2. Dachau (DAHW cow) built in 1933. Grew to 1500 camps.
3. Extermination Camps (1942): Auschwitz II, Chelmno, Belzec, Majdanek, Sobibór, and Treblinka.
4. Thule (TOO-lee *or* THOO-lee) Society, founded in 1918 based on ideas of Madame Blavatsky, a Russian spiritualist influenced by eastern religions.
5. Dietrich Eckart called Hitler the “German messiah”, the “Great One”, and the “Anti-Christ.”
6. Others believing Hitler was demonically influenced include Satanist Alice Bailey, Hitler’s friend August Kubizek, his biographer Allan Bullock, and author Erwin Lutzer. (*Grave Influences*, p. 64-65)
7. German Youth Movement

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