

Liberals and Their Presuppositional Errors

First, liberals believe in the inherent goodness and perfectibility of man. Earlier I said that we are born as sinners, but liberals don't believe this. They believe that we are born into a sinful, or at least evil, world. But they don't believe that the world is sinful on the grounds that people are necessarily sinful. In fact, they believe the opposite. There is evil in the world, and it may have originated quite unintentionally, and this evil is what corrupts people. This evil resides in humanly made structures like the family, private property, businesses, the church, and even government. If the chief evil is not that people are necessarily evil, but that they have become evil, we can change people by changing these structures — man's environment or culture. Then we can get man back to the way he is supposed to be. He is born without sin, but he is corrupted by the evil in society: capitalism, racism, homophobia, patriarchy, xenophobia, and environmental plunder. Therefore, if we can change the evil in society, man can get back to his original, unspoiled condition.

We must understand this key point: liberals want to change society because in changing society, they can change man. Man will become what he should be if society becomes what it should be. If society redistributes its wealth, no one will be greedy anymore. If we... clean up the slums and low-cost housing, there'll be no reason for destructive gangs. If we can undermine men's leadership in the family, women and children will feel less oppressed. If we provide jobs for young Islamist terrorists, they'll quit crucifying Christians and burying children alive. These folks don't have evil hearts. They're corrupted by evil structures that surround them. Our job is to change the evil structures. Men and women can change — and can be changed — by changing their cultural environment.

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