

Prince Philip's 'cat's-paw' Al Gore, Jr. would usher in a New Dark Age

by Scott Thompson

In an article in *EIR* of Jan. 15, "To Defeat Impeachment, You Must Defeat the New Confederacy," Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. described Vice President Al Gore, Jr. as the "cat's-paw" of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and Royal Consort, in the effort of the London-steered financier oligarchy to spread four "poisons" worldwide: destruction of the sovereign nation-state, fascist environmentalism, Malthusian population-reduction, and slave-labor policies (see box).

In the interview which follows here, Martin Palmer, the "spiritual adviser on ecology" to the Duke of Edinburgh, relates how Gore met with Prince Philip in 1991 and has been in correspondence with him for a decade, on how to destroy the last vestiges of republicanism, through a combination of pagan religion and eco-fascism. This process began with a conference in Assisi, Italy, in 1986, sponsored by Prince Philip, who was then the international president of the World Wide Fund for Nature (World Wildlife Fund). It has especially targetted Christianity, stripping from it the concept that man is created in the living image of God, *imago viva Dei*, and can therefore discover validatable scientific principles of natural law, which have as one of their effects an increase in the relative potential population density of the Earth.

The Lambeth Palace process

As *EIR* documented in its Aug. 21, 1998 issue ("Prince Philip's Assault on Religion" and "High Priest of Evil: Martin Palmer"), there have been tectonic shifts already caused by the Sept. 22-29, 1986 Assisi meeting, at which Palmer, through the World Wildlife Fund, launched a discussion of what these pagan kooks call the "Gaia" hypothesis, in reference to the Earth Mother Goddess hypothesis. Palmer recounts how this came to the attention of then-Senator Al Gore, Jr., who then took up correspondence with the Duke of Edinburgh. A Network on Religion and Conservation was launched, which was managed by Palmer on Prince Philip's behalf, and has subsequently become known as the Alliance of Religion and Conservation (ARC). It joins Christianity into a pagan, syncretic cult that includes elements of the Bahais; Buddhists (including representatives of Tibetan Buddhism, which was a core part of the belief system of Hitler's *Allgemeine SS*); Hindus; Jains; Jews; Muslims; Sikhs; and, Taoists.

All these religions, under the Duke of Edinburgh's pagan ministrations in ARC, have agreed to give up whatever notion of scientific progress they may have once held, in order to adopt a neo-feudalist, "New Dark Age" conception based upon "ecologically sustainable development," "man's stewardship over nature," "small is beautiful," and, a Hitlerian conception that extols poverty and austerity, rather than seeking to produce physical wealth to better mankind's lot. This is in sharp contrast to the outlook of Genesis 1:26, that man's destiny is to "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it"—an outlook amplified by Lyndon LaRouche's scientific understanding of physical economy.

Even before the founding of ARC, Prince Philip brought his New Dark Age religion and conservation show to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., where, in May 1990, according to Palmer, the Duke of Edinburgh had his first meeting with Gore. Prince Philip, who has upon more than one occasion stated that he wished to be "reincarnated as a deadly virus" in order to solve the problem of "human overpopulation," injected his "deadly virus" of eco-fascism into the mainstream of U.S. religions, creating a U.S.-based offshoot of ARC.

This process was taken one step further on Feb. 17-19, 1998, when leaders from the various religions gathered, first at Buckingham Palace, where Prince Philip gave a keynote speech, then at Lambeth Palace, where World Bank president Sir James Wolfensohn and the Archbishop of Canterbury inaugurated the "Lambeth Palace process," to use religion and eco-fascism to "change the culture" of the World Bank, as Palmer puts it, from any promotion of large projects such as dams and irrigation systems to feed a hungry world and stop life-destroying floods, toward adoption of "ecologically sustainable development," employing primitive "appropriate technologies."

The World Bank is a key collaborator with Al Gore, in a Jan. 14-15, 1999 conference on "Reinventing Government," which seeks to destroy the sovereign nation-state by downsizing governments and injecting the poison of eco-fascism into policy-planning. Palmer confirmed that ARC's religious leaders have also adopted the policies of Prince Philip's Transparency International, toward fighting so-called "crony

capitalism,” as being essential to maintain “ecologically sustainable development.” After the Reinventing Government conference in January, Gore is going to host another conference, involving dozens of nations, to accelerate the International Monetary Fund/World Bank approach of putting a gun to the head of “uppity” leaders of sovereign nations by claiming that they are steeped in “corruption.”

The ‘greening’ of America’s churches

In the introduction to his 1992 book, *Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit*, Al Gore gives thanks for assistance in preparing the book to the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City. A spokesman for the Cathedral confirmed that Gore was aided by the Very Reverend James P. Morton, dean of the Cathedral Church, who is in semi-retirement, though very active in the field of

religion and ecology, through such vehicles as Lindesfarne, a kooky pseudo-medieval village in New York State; and, by Paul Gorman, the founder of the U.S. equivalent of Prince Philip’s ARC, which was launched soon after Prince Philip’s May 1990 visit to the Washington National Cathedral. Housed at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, it is known as the National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE). According to the Cathedral spokesman, Gorman, who is its executive director, maintains a close working relationship with Gore to this day.

Gathered under the umbrella of the NRPE are the U.S. Catholic Conference, the National Council of Churches of Christ, the Evangelical Environmental Network, and the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life.

In January 1991, Gorman and the NRPE had 32 Nobel laureates and other scientists write an “Open Letter to the Religious Community,” warning of dire ecological catastrophes, from global warming to the outbreak of pandemic disease, destruction of “biodiversity,” and the ecologically motivated outbreak of thermonuclear war. The signators included several friends of Al Gore, Jr.’s father, Sen. Al Gore, Sr. (see profile in *EIR*, Dec. 18, 1998, p. 73). These so-called scientists were pulled from the networks of the Pugwash Conference, which had been created by the connivance of Lord Bertrand Russell and Soviet General Secretary Nikita Khrushchov, and Dr. Leo “Strangelove” Szilard’s Council for a Livable World. (The Council had contributed heavily to Sen. Al Gore, Sr.’s political campaigns before he became its president from 1970-72.) Bertrand Russell’s aim was to use the threat of thermonuclear holocaust to destroy the sovereign nation-state, as LaRouche has detailed the case (e.g., “How Bertrand Russell Became an Evil Man,” *Fidelio*, Fall 1994; “The Wells of Doom,” *EIR*, Dec. 19, 1997).

This “Open Letter” was then sent to religious leaders, 271 of whom then also signed, including “37 heads of national religious bodies such as the General Secretaries of the World Muslim League and the World Council of Churches, and the Vice President of the World Jewish Congress, the Catholicos of All Armenians, Metropolitan Pitrim of the U.S.S.R., the Grand Muftis of Syria and Yugoslavia, the Presiding Bishops of all the Christian churches of China, and the Episcopal, Lutheran, and Mennonite churches in the U.S.A.; also, 51 cardinals, lamas, archbishops, head rabbis, patriarchs, mullahs, and bishops of jurisdictions in major cities signed it; 55 professors of theology, seminary presidents, cathedral deans, and heads of religious orders worldwide signed it; and, 17 indigenous religious leaders from 5 continents signed it.” There was a very significant overlap between the religious leaders who signed this letter and the representatives of nine major religions represented in ARC.

Then, on Feb. 5, 1997, the NRPE presented Vice President Gore with a statement by representatives of the four major component religious and ecological bodies, entitled “Care for God’s Earth Requires Justice for the Poor,” which said that

LaRouche on Al Gore and the House of Windsor

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. describes the conflict between the republican idea of scientific progress and the “New Dark Age” eco-fascism of Al Gore, Jr., in “To Defeat Impeachment, You Must Defeat the New Confederacy,” EIR, Jan. 15:

... This persisting conflict, with its recurring mortal expressions, is, at bottom, an irrepressible conflict between two axiomatically irreconcilable differences between the Christian and pagan-oligarchical conceptions of man and nature; the British monarchy’s Duke of Edinburgh is today’s most shameless exponent of the anti-Christian, paganist view. . . .

In principle, today’s global financial crisis could be solved *politically* by returning to precisely those traditional American System policies which the British monarchy has always hated, and which Armand Hammer-created Al “Ozymandias” Gore, like Armand Hammer’s ideological cronies, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales, is determined to eliminate from this planet’s agenda, once and for all. . . .

In such times, that oligarchy has repeatedly reached into Hell to call up the relevant equivalent of an Adolf Hitler, or the impeachment process now ongoing against not only the President of the United States, but the continued existence of that United States itself. The evil Duke of Edinburgh, is the obvious exemplar of the forces behind the prospective Hitlers or their like today. . . .

there was a moral issue that the poor were excluded from environmentally sound, sustainable development. The NRPE presented Vice President Gore with 35 projects to undertake, while making a pledge to closely monitor the ecological projects of the Clinton administration and the Congress, so that there would be “environmental justice.”

Sounding a bit like Martin Palmer himself, Gorman has said: “Ancient faith traditions are engaging a new world historical challenge here, in a way in which is both strengthening the cause of environmental sustainability and justice and renewing religious life itself.” The NRPE uses the following quote from Sen. Al Gore, Jr. on its web site: “Solving our global ecological crisis begins with each one of us understanding that while we are given dominion over the earth, we are required to be good stewards of the earth. That’s what my Bible tells me. The work of congregations across the nation to achieve this principle is important and necessary, and will make a crucial difference in determining whether we are successful in confronting the extraordinary environmental crisis we now face.” As for Reverend Morton, who, along with Gorman, assisted Gore in writing his book, he has said: “The challenge before the religious community in America is to make every congregation—every church synagogue and mosque—truly ‘green’—a center of environmental study and action. That is their religious duty.”

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Interview: Martin Palmer

The Gore connection to Prince Philip

This interview with Prince Philip’s spiritual adviser on ecology was conducted by Scott Thompson on Jan. 6. Thompson began by asking about Al Gore’s meeting with Prince Philip at the Washington National Cathedral in 1990.

Palmer: Right. But I know there had been a fair amount of correspondence before that, because Mr. Gore was very interested in the work that Prince Philip had initiated with the world religions in Assisi in 1986, where Prince Philip invited the heads of (initially) five major religions—the Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, and Muslims—to Assisi to create an alliance between religion and conservation to bring in the moral, ethical, and spiritual teachings of religion and to fuse that with the sort of environmental knowledge of the scientific community, and that led to tens of thousands of religiously based environmental projects around the world. And, there are now nine religions involved in that network. And, Mr. Gore was very interested in that work—

Q: That work is now with the World Bank isn’t it?

Palmer: . . . We’re doing it at two levels. There’s now a continuing program in which WWF—(what you call the World Wildlife Fund and we call the World Wide Fund for Nature, of which Prince Philip was the international president). They have sustained and developed this program with us. We act as their religious advisers. . . . It’s in that capacity I’m religious adviser to Prince Philip on ecology. We have a whole program that’s running worldwide on ecology, but we now have a parallel program which is being done with the World Bank, which brings the same nine religions—the Bahais, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, and Taoists—together for working on development issues, in which, of course, ecology plays a major part. But, it is a slightly different program. Prince Philip has also been enormously supportive of that program.

Q: You say that Vice President Gore, even before he met Prince Philip, had been in correspondence with him.

Palmer: Right, he’d expressed interest in this alliance between religion and conservation. In his book, he has a section in which he talks about the importance of the spiritual, religious, ethical, and moral dimensions . . . that religion has.

Q: He seems to be very concerned about the Platonic Judeo-