By Cliff Kincaid

Until I read The Devil and Bella Dodd, I thought the greatest defector from communism was Whittaker Chambers, who fingered Alger Hiss as a communist spy for Soviet Russia and identified a communist network in the highest levels of the U.S. Government. But former high-ranking communist Bella Dodd, a teacher, lawyer, and union activist, exposed communist clergymen in the Roman Catholic Church and identified Lucifer, the fallen angel in the Bible (Isaiah 14:12-17), as being the agent of destruction.

The concept of “Lucifer” is considered by Christians to be the devil or Satan.

The implications of Bella Dodd’s statement is that a church representing more than 1.2 billion Catholics has been dangerously compromised by evil.

Yet, there are reportedly several exorcisms being conducted in the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington at the current time. The church doesn’t speak publicly about them.

An exorcism in Mount Rainier, Maryland, in the Washington, D.C. area, inspired the book by William Peter Blatty and the film, “The Exorcist.” Blatty also wrote Legion, a book about demons based on Satan’s proclamation, “My name is Legion, for we are many,” in answer to Jesus’ question, “What is your name?”

The complete title, The Devil and Bella Dodd: The Story of One Woman’s Struggle Against Communism and Her Redemption, documents the problem and the solution in personal terms. We know individuals can be redeemed. But as we contemplate the impact of this important book, published by TAN Books, we wonder if whole nations – indeed, the world -- can be saved.

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In regard to Russia, as I document in our book, *Back from the Dead: The Return of the Evil Empire* the Roman Catholic view holds that the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared in a series of apparitions known as Our Lady of Fátima on May 13, 1917, the same year which saw the establishment of Soviet communism. The Virgin Mary reportedly requested the “consecration” of Russia, a sacred act that was intended to make sure Russia was converted to Christ.

But Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, under orders from former KGB colonel Vladimir Putin, demonstrates that “Christian Russia” has not yet materialized. At the same time, Christian America is fading from public memory, as secular-humanism dominates U.S. institutions, religious freedom is suppressed, and abortion and homosexuality are celebrated.

**Communists in the Vatican**

Bella Dodd, who wrote her own book, *School of Darkness*, isn’t just an ordinary communist who testified before congressional committees about communism’s influence in American society, especially the educational system, as important as that is. She described communist infiltration of the Roman Catholic Church and identified their ultimate goal as world government.

Her story helps explain, in a dramatic way, why this powerful church based in Rome continues to experience scandals that have enormously damaged its credibility as a religious institution and driven many away from the church.

**In the latest chapter of this scandal, involving a criminal conspiracy in the highest levels of the U.S. Catholic Church, Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh filed a motion to release the office’s 463-page report of its investigation of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore. The motion cites “sexual abuse and physical torture” committed against some of the victims. Baltimore Archbishop William Lori say he does not oppose the public release of this report.**

However, Baltimore Circuit Court Judge Anthony Vittoria subsequently ordered that all court proceedings, communications and filings should remain confidential. His bio includes this information: “Member, Catholic Community of South Baltimore, 1997-…”
The Capitalists Behind Communism

There are many revelations in this important book, including how she told a close friend by the name of Frank Savile that as she rose in the ranks of the Communist Party USA, she realized that the communists were agents of a higher power, not only Lucifer, which she identifies by name, but elites with power and money. She names them as the representatives of the Rockefellers, the Lehmans, and the Harrimans – capitalists and politicians who made possible the rise of the Soviet state into a terrible fact of life that still haunts the world to this day. They financed the rise of communism, including the Soviet Union and Communist China.

In this context, to cite a few examples, Professor Ronald J. Rychlak and Ion Mihai Pacepa, the highest-ranking defector from the former Soviet bloc, have explained how the Russians launched a disinformation campaign to obscure the Russian and Cuban roles in the murder of JFK. (They wrote Disinformation: Former Spy Chief Reveals Secret Strategies for Undermining Freedom, Attacking Religion, and Promoting Terrorism.)

Of special concern to Catholics, there is evidence that the Soviets were behind the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in May 1981. The Paul Kengor book, A Pope and a President: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Extraordinary Untold Story of the 20th Century, says Reagan’s CIA director Bill Casey confirmed the Soviet role, in the face of official CIA resistance to the finding.

I have written extensively on the Russian use of Novichok, a poison weapon, against dissidents and even our own troops during the Gulf War. On September 1, 1983, the Soviet Union shot down the civilian airliner KAL-007, killing 269 people, including Congressman Larry McDonald of Georgia.

Referring to the charge that capitalists and politicians were behind Soviet Russia, the co-authors, Mary Nicholas and Paul Kengor, note, “These money-people were the mansion Marxists, the champagne socialists, the limousine leftists.”


The communists, Bella Dodd said, were part of a larger conspiracy. They report that W. Cleon Skousen, a former FBI special agent, attorney, and researcher, interviewed Bella Dodd several times in the 1960s and asked her the question “Who is trying to take over the world?” She replied, “I think the communist conspiracy is merely a branch of a much bigger conspiracy!”

“She was driven by the need and the zeal to unmask this atheistic criminal conspiracy,” report Nicholas and Kengor. When she was asked if she could name and unmask the leader, she did not hesitate to identify that person as “Lucifer.”
In today’s terms, in my view, one level of the conspiracy involves the “high-ranking figures from tech, business and entertainment,” as described by Inside Philanthropy, who are backing Barack Hussein Obama’s control of the Democratic Party and the building of a temple in Chicago in his honor.

As we document in our three books on the former president, Obama is the founding father of a Marxist America. We have noted the evidence that former President Obama was mentored by a communist sex pervert by the name of Frank Marshall Davis, who served as a father figure. Davis, who died in 1987, was a heavy drinker and marijuana user who wrote a pornographic novel, Sex Rebel, disclosing that he had sex with children, including a 13-year-old girl. In a poem, Obama wrote about “Pop,” with strange lines about stains and smells on shorts, that Obama biographer David Maraniss confirmed was Davis. Writer Jack Cashill noted the poem has definite “sexual overtones.”

Catholic writer Vic Biorseth of Catholic American Thinker coined the term “Crony Catholicism” to describe how the American branch of the Roman Catholic Church was working hand-in-glove with the Obama administration during the national debates over health care and immigration. The Roman Catholic Church had a role -- and still has a major role -- in facilitating the foreign invasion of the U.S. Indeed, in the face of declining membership, new immigrants arriving in the United States, including many Catholics from Latin America, provide new members and priests. Catholic Charities is among the NGO's which facilitate the migration of illegal aliens into the interior of the country.

Bible prophecy experts think Obama, who played a major role in the 2022 elections, could be the Little Horn of Daniel 8, in preparation for the Anti-Christ.

For example, Gerald Flurry, the pastor general of the Philadelphia Church of God and the Editor in Chief of The Trumpet magazine, claims that Obama is a modern-day Antiochus Epiphanes whose purpose is “to crush the faith of spiritual Israel -- God’s Church.” In the book, America Under Attack, Flurry writes about Obama’s background, saying, “When someone has that kind of childhood, Satan can exploit that. The fruits strongly suggest that in the case of a young Barack Obama, he exploited it in a profound way.” Noting his drug use, he adds, “Such drug use weakens the mind and makes a person more susceptible to damaging spiritual forces. Did these activities open this door within the life of the man who would become America’s president?”

He insists, “Obama is Satan’s number one disciple. That is where this man gets his power.”
As if to confirm this theory, Obama in November 2017 rushed over to Beijing to clink glasses with Chinese dictator Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China. The Chinese media hailed the reunion as a meeting of “veteran cadre,” an extraordinary term that means the former U.S. President has been operating as a communist agent or operative.

Our book *The Sword of Revolution and the Communist Apocalypse* explains how the dangerous and sinister communist philosophy known as Marxist dialectics has been used by such figures as Barack Hussein Obama and confuses people about the nature and goals of communism.

**The Bella Dodd Cover-Up**

Bella Dodd’s friend, Frank Savile, gave his explosive interview about the capitalists behind communism to the late conservative commentator Stan Monteith, a radio host who wrote *Brotherhood of Darkness*. We both spoke at a “The Signs of the Times” conference years ago sponsored by Compass International. My topic was the role of the United Nations in world events.

There is a Pulitzer Prize waiting for the reporter who can figure out why the leader of the worldwide Catholic Church, considered by Catholics the personal representative of Jesus Christ, has emerged as an advocate of one of the most corrupt and non-Christian organizations on the face of the earth -- the United Nations.

The U.N. has been rocked by scandals involving U.N. “peacekeepers” who sexually abuse women and children, the failure to protect populations in danger of genocide, and financial corruption. It is an anti-American institution founded by a Soviet spy, Alger Hiss, and once headed by a Communist Catholic Priest, U.N. General Assembly President Miguel D’Escoto, who gave a speech at a U.N. financial conference on the need to protect “Mother Earth.”

One powerful New Age group working through the U.N. is World Goodwill, a project of the Lucis Trust, an occult Theosophist group in charge of the United Nations’ Meditation Room. Theosophy teaches that man can become God through mystical experiences, and can even perform miracles. Its original publishing house was named Lucifer Publishing and was changed in 1924 to “Lucis Publishing.” I visited the headquarters of World Goodwill, noting books on the shelves that included several by Russian mystic Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (1831–1891), Mikhail Gorbachev, and the influential *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ* by Matthew Fox. A United Nations flag greeted visitors.

Constance Cumbey, author of *The Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow: The New Age Movement and Our Coming Age of Barbarism*, says the New Age Movement is a growing group of people in America who have broken with the Judeo-Christian tradition to instead endorse the notion of God as a mystical force inhabiting humans, the earth, or spiritual “masters.” Cumbey says the “toolbox” of the New Age Movement is mysticism,” or “altered states of consciousness,” sometimes through the use of drugs, which are said to draw people into a relationship with spiritual forces in the world that are part of a “New World Order” to be headed by an anticipated “messianic figure” of some kind.
The New Age Movement incorporates mysticism, socialism, and the advent of a new Messiah. It has millions of followers in the United States, many active in the Democratic Party.

Whether we are talking about Islam’s “struggle,” Hitler’s “My Struggle,” the Marxist dialectic of “struggle,” or the New Age movement, the purpose is to overthrow Christian civilization, creating a post-Christian and socialist world. Marilyn Ferguson’s “Aquarian Conspiracy” describes another powerful network of anti-Christian organizations and personalities working to bring about radical cultural and social change in the United States and the world through the “expansion of consciousness.” It is based on the theosophy of Russian mystic Helena Blavatsky.

The New Age Movement is very real, but except for the Jim Jones cult, whose followers committed mass suicide in Guyana, and Scientology, we get very little attention or coverage of it. The Jim Jones cult, also known as the Peoples Temple, was a communist group. Reed Irvine’s AIM Report noted in 1978: “The evidence that Jim Jones was a Marxist communist does not derive solely from the fact that he established a communist settlement in the Marxist state of Guyana. Jones made no bones about the fact that he was a Marxist. His wife, Marceline, in an interview given to the New York Times in 1977, said that when Jones was 18 years old, his idol was Mao Tse-tung. She said his goal was social change through Marxism…” Jones left his estate to the Communist Party USA.

Jones' personal physician and strong supporter was Dr. Carlton Goodlett, who had a long record of involvement in communist causes, including membership on the presidium of the World Peace Council, a Kremlin front.

America’s Survival released Goodlett’s FBI file. Goodlett, a Lenin Peace Prize winner and Soviet agent of influence, was a central figure in the Democratic Party in San Francisco. Incredibly, there is a street in San Francisco, Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, named after this communist, where City Hall is located. House Speaker Pelosi praised Goodlett after his death as a civil rights leader.

In another revelation, Savile says that Dodd’s book on the communists, School of Darkness, was apparently edited before publication to withhold some of her most explosive charges. The book instead focused on “pieces” of her testimony, he said, and her reconversion to the Catholic faith.

Although the Nicholas and Kengor book goes into some detail about these additional
charges, confirmed in general terms by Bishop Fulton Sheen, there are no names of the communist clergymen she had knowledge of. For certain reasons not yet entirely clear, Sheen advised her not to name names in public. It is possible these names were provided in confidence to top Catholic officials and covered-up.

At the same time, the book quotes Sheen, who helped in Bella Dodd’s reconversion to the Catholic faith, as saying at a church in Rome that communists had in fact infiltrated the church and he was apparently aware of one, a Jesuit priest by the name of Father Alighiero Tondi, who had been a communist mole in the Vatican.

**The FBI Cover-Up**

What’s also significant is that a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the FBI about Bella Dodd produced a massive file that the Bureau seemed reluctant to divulge and waited decades to disclose. It was as if the secrets that Bella Dodd had possessed were too terrible even for the FBI to reveal. Co-author Paul Kengor, who requested her FBI records, reported “unusual delays” in getting the information, adding, “I had begun filing FOIA requests on Bella Dodd’s FBI file years prior through my colleague Bill Marshall of Judicial Watch. Bill and I had never seen an FBI file classified for so long and with so many obstacles. The secrecy was quite striking.”

Marshall commented, “The only thing I can think is that she revealed shocking information about communist infiltration that could impact very important, still living people, or people who are somehow iconic figures (probably on the left) in American life.”

**The Other Scandal**

Bella Dodd’s allegation that she recruited more than a thousand communists to infiltrate the seminaries is shocking enough. But could this scandal be related to the admission by a top Catholic official about the homosexual nature of the sex abuse scandals in the church? And has a combination of both scandals effectively destroyed the church’s credibility, leading to the period some Christians regard as the “End Times” and Christ’s return?

The Boston Globe won a 2003 Pulitzer Prize for covering the Catholic Church’s decades-long cover-up of priests who sexually abused children.

Strangely, as a prosecutor and Attorney General in California, Vice-President Kamala Harris refused to take on sexual abuse by priests. I interviewed a victim of such abuse, noting that Harris appeared to have a two-faced approach to the Catholic Church – one of scorn toward ordinary Catholics who follow traditional church teachings, such as opposition to abortion and homosexuality, and the other of deference to officials of the hierarchy who get caught in cover-ups of sexual abuse of children.

This becomes a matter of extreme relevance since Archbishop Timothy Broglio, who oversees Catholic ministries to the U.S. Armed Forces, is the new president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Staying true to Catholic teaching, he’s against gay marriage, including the Respect for Marriage Act, and special rights for homosexual behavior, labeled a disorder by Catholic teaching.

He has also argued that “there is no question that the crisis of sexual abuse by priests in the USA is directly related to homosexuality. [Ninety percent] of those abused were boys aged 12 and over. That is no longer pedophilia.”
Perhaps demonstrating a new direction for this church rocked by so many scandals, Bishop Robert E. Barron, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, recently issued a statement denouncing the “misnamed” pro-homosexual Respect for Marriage Act and calling for its rejection.

The Catholic Bishops may be preparing to purge the homosexuals in their midst.

If true, a good place to start is researching the influence of Harry Hay, a Communist Party member who started the modern gay rights movement in America. He divorced his wife, after contracting a venereal disease, became a “radical fairy” with an interest in the occult, and marched for the cause of adults having sex with children. My group, America’s Survival, released his FBI file to the public.

Interestingly, he is described in some reports as a “disaffected” or “former” Roman Catholic who later “poked fun at the power of the Catholic Church.”

If this purge does not happen, the job may fall on Catholic Lay Associations such as the Knights of Columbus to insist on a house-cleaning. The Knights have pressed the Catholic Bishops to be more aggressive in terms of protecting the right to life, such as by sponsoring ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers so women can understand and actually see pictures of their unborn babies. This is their “Faith in Action” program.

A group operating under the name Complicitclergy.com says, “Bishops can no longer be trusted to police themselves. As Bishop Fulton Sheen prophetically stated in 1972, it will be up to the laity to help save the Church.” Sheen said, “Who’s going to save our Church? It’s not our bishops, it’s not our priests and it is not the religious. It is up to you, the people. You have the minds, the eyes and the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that the priests act like priests, your bishops act like bishops, and the religious act like religious.”

Significantly, the Archbishop of Washington, Wilton Gregory, has decided that Democratic Party President Joe Biden is a Catholic in good standing and deserves Holy communion. The Democratic National Convention of 2016 actually featured a woman boasting of her abortion. The crowd cheered. It is a sickness, reminiscent of a form of child sacrifice common during the pagan era of Moloch worship.

However, to its credit, a document issued by the Vatican department overseeing Catholic education features a biblical quote in bold letters, “MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM,” while Pope Francis said in 2014, “Gender ideology is demonic.”

All hope is not lost.

In regard to communism itself, the Catholic Church must also purge subversive influences.
The Bella Dodd book brings the sordid story of corruption in the church up to date by citing a 2019 article titled “The Catholic Case for Communism” in a Jesuit publication, written by a so-called Catholic Communist.

Nicholas and Kengor write, “Socialism and communism have somehow managed to find supporters in a Church that once condemned these ideologies as ‘wicked theories.’”

This comment leaves open the question of what is to be done about these “wicked theories,” which have not only influenced religious institutions but have been officially adopted by the Democratic Party and mimicked by some Republicans.

**Marxists in the Church**

The Jesuit article about Catholic Communism is a starting point for naming the names. The author quotes extensively from the writings of Dorothy Day, a Marxist Catholic being promoted for sainthood by American Catholic Cardinal Timothy Dolan, considered by some a “conservative” clergyman.

Carol Byrne, author of *The Catholic Worker Movement (1933-1980): A Critical Analysis*, confirmed that Day “supported the policies of hostile foreign powers operating from Moscow, Havana, Peking and Hanoi against her own country, the USA. She also wrote favorably about such socialist dictators as Lenin, Castro, Mao and Ho Chi Minh, even though they had all violently persecuted the Church in their respective countries. Nor could she in principle bring herself to condemn the social and economic ideals of Marxism.”

Indeed, it started to dawn on many in and out of the church many years ago that Pope Francis had come down on the side of the “progressive,” and even Marxist, forces in the world today. Francis welcomed advocates of Liberation Theology -- a doctrine manufactured by the old KGB to dupe Christians into supporting Marxism -- directly into the Vatican.

Pope Francis’s encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, was described by anti-communist Professor Renato Cristin as representing the theological-political adaptation of the chilling Marxian motto “Proletarians of the world unite.” The encyclical on “fraternity and friendship” attacked the greatest economic system the world has ever known – capitalism.

**The Bella Dodd book gives more context to this diabolical plot, which some believe in modern times was orchestrated by a “gay Mafia” in the church eager to evict Pope Benedict from the Vatican. He was, of course, replaced by Francis, the first Jesuit pope.**

In this regard, Theodore McCarrick has been identified as the highest-ranking U.S. Catholic leader ever to be removed for sexually abusing children and seminarians. He was a leading “progressive” in the church who supported homosexual civil unions, a form of marriage, as far back as 2006.
In a sermon, a Catholic priest in Washington, D.C. referred to the Powers of Darkness in Rome that were protecting McCarrick, once the Archbishop of Washington, a cover-up that led many away from the church and resulted in financial settlements for the victims, bankrupting several dioceses.

In a particularly notorious case of sexual abuse, a 10-count indictment charged a priest in the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio, Father Michael Zacharias, with human trafficking and coercion. Court documents reveal that “from approximately 1999 to July of 2020, the defendant is accused of engaging in the activity of sex trafficking of a minor victim and using force, fraud, or coercion to sexually traffic other minors and adults.” That’s a period of 21 years. Recent reports indicate that Zacharias remains on administrative leave and is still an ordained priest. His targets were boys from Catholic schools in Toledo.

In yet another case, a Catholic priest by the name of Alfred Kruz was found with his throat slit in his Roman Catholic church in Dane, Wisconsin, back in 1998. He was reportedly investigating child sex abuse scandals in the church. His murder was never solved.

The 2017 Netflix documentary “The Keepers” delved into allegations that Father A. Joseph Maskell, a chaplain and counselor at the now-shuttered Archbishop Keough school, raped and tortured and sexually trafficked girls who were referred to him for counseling. The documentary examines whether Maskell might have been involved in the 1969 unsolved murder of nun Catherine Cesnik, who taught English and drama at the all-girls Roman Catholic high school in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Still, despite these scandals, Americans are coming back to the Catholic Church because of the promise of Catholic education and the corruption in public education. People are beginning to discover there was a time when education “was considered mainly a family or local responsibility, not a responsibility of the state,” as noted by the shrine associated with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. “Schooling was conducted in the home or in small, one-room school houses. The curriculum centered on reading, writing, and arithmetic along with moral and religious training. One purpose of learning to read was to be able to read the Bible for oneself.”

I had the opportunity of once interviewing the late Vatican insider Malachi Martin, who wrote penetrating books about the Catholic Church entitled The Jesuits and The Keys of This Blood.
He believed that Mikhail Gorbachev, who presided over the “restructuring” of the old Soviet Union, never gave up on Marxism-Leninism but adopted the viewpoint of the Italian communist Antonio Gramsci that a worldwide communist state could only be achieved gradually. It was to be a “revolution by infiltration.” He said, “Liberation Theology was a perfectly faithful exercise of Gramsci’s principles.” Martin wrote that “The most powerful religious orders of the Roman Church—Jesuits, Dominicans, Franciscans, Maryknollers -- all committed themselves to Liberation Theology.”

The book *The Devil and Bella Dodd* provides crucial details about how this came about.

Americans should hope and pray that Archbishop Timothy Broglio, who clearly understands the nature of the church’s homosexual scandal, reads the Bella Dodd book and names and purges the communists and secret homosexuals and pedophiles around him. The fate of the world may depend on his ability to make the necessary changes and therefore bring the church back to Christ before it’s too late.

Otherwise, according to some Biblical scholars, the anti-Christ takes power and Christian persecution on a massive scale begins.

In terms of national and even global issues, the message behind abortion, which has taken more than 60 million lives in America, is that children are an obstacle to women’s achievement. In an essay on Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American to be canonized as a saint, Carrie Gress writes, “Contrary to the belief today that children hinder a woman’s success, Elizabeth never saw her children as an obstacle. Her remarkable work was largely motivated by the necessity of caring for them. Her children were what drove her efforts, not what stymied them.”

Ex-communist Whittaker Chambers recognized how communism was behind abortion, saying, “If the points on the long course of my break with Communism could be retraced, that is probably one of them—not at the level of the conscious mind, but at the level of unconscious life.” He was talking about his wife’s pregnancy. Chambers’ awareness and human emotion began the process of unraveling the communist philosophy of atheistic materialism.

In addition to stopping abortion, the other hope is reversing government control of education. In this fight for the future, the Catholic Church has to show it stands for something. Instead, however, Cardinal Peter Turkson -- a close adviser to Pope Francis -- told the show “Axios on HBO” the Catholic Church “plans to be increasingly active on climate, refugees and racial equity.” After these comments, the Vatican dismissed Fr. Frank Pavone, one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world, from the priesthood.
More than 100,000 citizens of communist East Germany tried to escape between 1961 and 1988. More than 600 of them were shot and killed by East German border guards or died in other ways during their escape attempt. The white crosses symbolize some of the victims. (Photo of the Berlin Wall by Cliff Kincaid).