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## The battle to save our civilization

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In these apocalyptic times, we must remember the old Renaissance, which lifted Europe out of the depths of the 14th century's New Dark Age. We must refresh our commitment to the effective resolutions taken at the Council of Florence in 1439. We must render intelligible the principle which made those resolutions successful, despite all the opposition and setbacks of the forces assembled at that conference.

Today, we live in a world which is again plunging toward the brink of a New Dark Age. In the U.S.A., and in Western Europe, not only are the economies of these nations collapsing, as a result of policies—economic policies, cultural policies, strategic policies—taken over the past 20-odd years; but the Soviet Empire is crumbling within; and there's a danger of the most powerful military force on earth being impelled into an adventurous flight forward. Mainland China is crumbling internally, again, largely as a result of structural and other economic problems. We can expect perhaps a hundred million deaths in China from hunger and related causes over the coming period, unless there is a very fundamental change in the world situation. The developing sector, largely because of the usurious and related policies of the United States and others, in supporting IMF conditionalities, is being pushed into a holocaust of death, a hecatomb beyond the imagination—worse, far worse than anything imposed on any part of the world by the Hitler regime.

There are dangers, far greater than a war. The contest today, as in most of the history of the Earth, is between the tradition of Lycurgus's slave society, Sparta, and the image of republican society of the Athens of Solon. We have today the danger of malthusianism, which represents Sparta. Malthusianism is two things: It is mass murder; it is also the doctrine and dogma of gnosticism, which is determined to exterminate the effective principle of Western Christian civilization. As people such as the Comintern official Georg Lukacs, back in the early 1920s, was determined to do in the so-called cultural paradigm shift—eliminate the immunological factor against Bolshevism from Western European Christian civilization. And as the Institute for Social Research, the so-called Frankfurt School of Adorno and company, deter-

mined to do in their time. And as the United States and the British in their occupation of Germany used Adorno's Satanic cultural paradigm shift doctrine under the name of the authoritarian personality doctrine, not only for Germany, but as a way of destroying the United States and Western Europe from within, with this new kind of liberalism, this Satanic form of liberalism, spawned by Lukacs and others through the vehicle of the Frankfurt Institute.

Throughout the world today, especially during the past two years, there has been overt Satanism, so that human sacrifice, the sacrifice of children by Satanists, as part of the Aleister Crowley and related rituals, has become one of the major, immediate dangers to life in Western Europe and in the United States, for example. The horror of Matamoros is not exceptional. Human sacrifice and similar evils are on the rise, and Satanism is protected, and even legalized, by federal judges in the United States, as an authentic religion; and are given the rights of religion, such that it is legal today, in the United States, to preach Satanism in the schools, but not Christianity.

### We must change the U.S.

In the condition of the United States—which is crucial because of the United States' power, its keystone relationship to the fate of Western civilization, and thus the world—we should turn our attention, again and again, to the discussions at another recent conference in Rome, the American Bishops Conference, and I would pay particular attention to the observations of Cardinal Ratzinger and Cardinal O'Connor at the conference, on the subject of the United States. They have described summarily, and in limited degree, but nonetheless precisely and accurately, the crucial moral crisis of the United States. This is what we must change inside the United States, and we must change it very quickly, if mankind is to survive. And as I believe that Providence has ordained that mankind *shall* survive, positive means are at hand if we can but recognize those means.

We must discover ourselves as man as the instrument of divine will, of Providence. We must discover the joy of understanding the principles embedded and reflected in the Council of Florence 550 years ago. We must understand, above all, the principle of reason, which encompasses love of God, love of mankind for the sake of Christ, love of truth, and love of beauty. We must commit our lives and our nations to those principles, with understanding, with intelligibility, and see clearly what our mission is. To say again, we can change this; the means lie somewhere within our reach; it could not be otherwise. We have but to find those means. The memory, and study of the 1439 Council of Florence, the understanding of the New Dark Age, from which it was a relief, and the understanding of what has been contributed to our civilization, which otherwise would not have occurred without that conference: These are the things of utmost importance to every nation in the world today, and to us assembled here, some physically, some as I am, by letter.