

# Ecologists set pagan gathering in Brazil

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Much publicity is being given to the June 1992 "Earth Summit" in Brazil, the U.N.-sponsored environmentalist extravaganza that is supposed to be seminal in building what George Bush and the British call the "new world order." Less attention has been drawn to another event scheduled for São Paulo, Brazil in March-April 1992, that may have even greater ramifications. This is the so-called "World Religions Conference," being coordinated by the ecologist mafias associated with Britain's Prince Philip and his World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Their aim is to re-cast the major world faiths into syncretic belief-systems opposed to scientific and technological progress, and favorable instead to back-to-nature and "Mother Earth" worship of the kind that became rampant in the Roman Empire. Ironically, and lawfully, these cults destroyed the Roman Empire from within, as St. Augustine so eloquently described in his *City of God*.

On Aug. 8-10 in Geneva, a preparatory meeting for the World Religions Conference is to be held at the headquarters of the World Council of Churches. Other co-sponsors include the WWF, the International Coalition on Religion and Ecology (ICRE), and a Geneva-based entity called the World Conference on Religion and Peace. According to one Geneva source, participants will include representatives of Christianity ("the Christian Protestant churches and some Catholics, we hope"), Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, the Baha'is, and others.

In Brazil, preparations are being handled by the Baha'is, a peculiar one-world-federalist cult nurtured since the 19th century by the British, and most recently by Prince Philip. Out of Baha'i headquarters in Brazil, a "permanent forum of spiritual traditions on the environment" is now operating, which is planning a seminar on "Environment and Religion" in Brazil some time during 1991. The Baha'is' activities in Brazil have received special attention in the *New Road*, the magazine of the WWF Network on Religion and Conservation.

Much of the international coordination for the São Paulo event is being done by ICRE, which is a recently formed amalgam of the North American Conference on Religion and Ecology (NACRE) and corresponding groups in South America and Asia. NACRE sponsored the May 1990 conference in Washington which Prince Philip keynoted, where he told the press that he preferred paganism to the monotheistic religions on "ecological" grounds. That event focused on redefining the United States into various ecologically defined "bio-regions."

## A gnostic measure of economy

NACRE held a followup conference in New York at the Chautauqua Institution on April 23-25, 1991, to discuss "ethics, economics, and global change," or, as one NACRE source put it, "the three E's: ecology, economy, and ecumenicism." The April meeting discussed "preparations for the Earth Charter" to be put forward at the June 1992 "Earth Summit." One of NACRE's projects is to come up with a new measure for the economy as an alternative to Gross National Product. Their alternative would be to input various "socio-economic and environmentally sensitive indicators," so as to come up with measures for "human development and environmental sustainability."

Their concept of "ecumenicism" places religion at the service of environmentalism. Their projects place groups associated with the British Royal Family in confrontation with *EIR* Contributing Editor Lyndon LaRouche, who promotes an ecumenical conception of "Christian economy" which establishes the coherence of religious faith and the process of human creativity which sparks scientific and technological progress. Prince Philip and his coterie are fully aware of the more fundamental issues involved.

An ICRE source credited Prince Philip personally with having set the past years' process of re-thinking the relation between "religion and ecology" in motion. "He initiated this back in Assisi, Italy in September 1986, with the World Wildlife Fund's 25th anniversary conference there and the founding of the WWF Network of Religion and Conservation that grew out of that."

As *EIR* documented, the aim of Prince Philip et al. was to overturn the "industrialization matrix of philosophy and thought" which has evolved since the 15th-century Golden Renaissance and the 18th-century American Revolution, and to challenge the Judeo-Christian notion that "humanity is the end purpose of creation." The "enemy-image" of the Assisi meeting was Leonardo da Vinci, who used his art and scientific work to elevate man and portray him as "the paradigm of the universe." This would have to be replaced with the totem worship of the "nature faiths," the WWF insisted (see "Prince Philip To Set New 'Satanist Covenant' in Assisi," *EIR*, Sept. 5, 1986).

Now comes the next phase of their crusade. *EIR* has learned that the same organizations planning the World Religions Conference are also attacking the celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the "discovery of America" by Columbus. What angers them is that Columbus's voyage was a culmination of decades of scientific, geometric, artistic, cartographic, and other discoveries, which had as their point of inception the Council of Florence of 1439 and the Renaissance, the work largely of Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa. It is Cusa's tradition that LaRouche today advances. Should the Cusa-LaRouche view of man prevail, the next millennium could be a new "age of discovery" rather than the pagan New Dark Age sought by Prince Philip.