
The True Horror Story of the Gnostics

On July 26, 1984, Patricia Paredes de Londoño, leader of the Colombian National Anti-Drug Coalition, was kidnapped on the streets of Bogota by agents of the drug mafia. Paredes de Londoño disappeared after suffering harassment and intimidation, including death threats, telephone taps, robberies, and druggings, throughout the previous year. The threats and dirty operations were intended to intimidate Maximiliano Londoño, the victim's husband and vice-president of the National Anti-Drug Coalition, and Fausto Charris, its president, and were designed to paralyze the investigative, organizational and cultural activities of the group.

Thanks to an intensive international information campaign, Patricia Paredes de Londoño was released after seven days of captivity, in which she had been drugged and submitted to Patty Hearst-style brainwashing, in conformity with the Gnos-

tic methods of brainwashing detailed in the book of Gnostic guru Samael Aun Weor, *Keys to Mental Dynamics*.¹

But long before Paredes de Londoño recovered from her painful experience and was able to leave the psychiatric ward of the Departmental Hospital of the University of Valle, the National Anti-Drug Coalition and *EIR* investigators had been able to put together a detailed picture of the links between the Gnostics, the Colombian mafia, the Bulgarian connection of narco-terrorism and arms smuggling, and those "citizens above suspicion," such as former Colombian president Alfonso López Michelsen, who gave legal status to the Universal Christian Gnostic Church of Colombia in 1974—the same year the Colombian drug bonanza took off.

In carrying out the kidnapping, the godfathers of the Colombian mob exposed the structure behind an international narco-terrorist conspiracy. On the fifth day of Mrs. Londoño's captivity, *EIR* had already placed in the hands of influential individuals around the world a dossier on the connection between the Bulgarians, Gnostics and López Michelsen.²

EIR discovered, in addition, that the dirty Bulgarian operations not only were intended to "destroy the West," but have the specific purpose of imposing the anti-Christian ideals of the pagan Gnostic sect, which through the present time is the actual religion of the state of Bulgaria.³

The cultural paradigm known as Gnosticism goes back centuries. It appeared in ancient Rome, reappeared as the ideology of Adolf Hitler⁴ and currently is disseminated around the world by those international oligarchic circles who seek to substitute the Western Judeo-Christian tradition for the satanic assassin cults which worship the "Great Mother."

Since the days of Saint Augustine, the oligarchy has drawn on the Gnostic belief structure, with its deep hostility to the Western moral values of technological progress and the sacred worth of the individual, to do battle with the Christian faith whose teaching that man can share in the divinity of God by continuing his creative work is anathema to the oligarchy.

Just as Saint Augustine fought the moral degeneration personified in these irrational sects, so those who would fight the

international drug trade today must recognize in the proliferation of these refurbished sects, the transmission belt of moral corruption so indispensable to the drug culture.

The Universal Christian Gnostic Church

Those who kidnapped, drugged, and tried to brainwash Patricia Paredes de Londoño, are members of the Universal Christian Gnostic Church of Colombia. Arturo Cortés Cadena, who presented himself as the "lawyer" of Patricia Paredes while she was still in captivity, and protected her kidnappers from police intervention, is an active member of the Universal Christian Gnostic Church, according to his own admission.

Cortés Cadena implicated one José Vicente Márquez, bishop of the Gnostic Church, in the Londoño kidnapping, when he stated that Márquez "will get me out of here" in case the police arrested him while Patricia de Londoño was still being held. The infamous Gnostic brainwashing manual, *Keys to Mental Dynamics*, by the master Samael Aun Weor (Víctor Manuel Gómez), which details the step-by-step process for "annihilating the ego," is dedicated among others to José Vicente Márquez.

Márquez was later to become famous as the "cleverest and most influential" partner of Julio Medina Vizcaíno, leader of the Universal Christian Gnostic Church unmasked in the October 9, 1984 edition of the mass circulation Colombian magazine *Cromos*, under the headline "A rapist, forger. . . ."

The trail of the Gnostics led to the doorstep of such personalities as the now deceased head of the M-19 terrorist movement Jaime Bateman, and the notorious terrorist "La Chiqui," who played a scandalous role during the M-19 occupation of the Dominican Embassy in Bogota. Both were "believers," heavily indoctrinated by the Gnostic Church.

More important than the evidence brought to light by this investigation of key individuals in the narco-terrorist conspiracy is that an awesome weapon of cultural warfare was uncovered. Belief in the essentially bestial nature of man, in

astrology and in black magic, the consumption of hallucinogenic drugs and hatred of the creative capacities of man, all define the world of the drug culture shared equally by the victims and raw recruits of the new paganism, as well as by those "respectable" individuals who use the Church as a center of narco-terrorist deployment. Such beliefs have been the secret weapon of the oligarchy for centuries. It is for this reason that we find such strange and repugnant coincidence in the world views of Sendero Luminoso, M-19 terrorist leader Jaime Bateman, drug-trafficker Carlos Lehder, and Adolf Hitler, as well of those anthropologists and bankers who have controlled them.

The Gnostic sect, which claims to have more than 20,000 adherents in Colombia alone, is committed to "world revolution." Through the perverse sexual rites and annihilation of the individual personality, people are brainwashed to accept and participate in the disintegration of their own societies. Preliminary investigation has shown that wherever the Gnostic sect has gained ground, it is there you will also find the principal sites of drug production or trafficking.

Jaime Bateman, the deceased head of the M-19, described the Gnostic support for his gang of terrorists in an interview published on November 28, 1983 by the Peruvian magazine *Caretas*:

Look, I basically believe in my mother. . . . My mother is Gnostic. My mother was responsible for the organization of Gnosis in Santa Marta, and every Saturday they make a chain to protect us, the organization. . . . The executive committee, or whatever you call them, regularly send us congratulations.

In another interview published after his death, in the book *Listen Brother*, Bateman explained the "idealist" basis for his alliance with the mafia:

Those who produce coca are not oligarchs; they are the popular sectors. Thus to carry out a repressive action against the trade, these are the sectors directly affected, without ever

enriching themselves. They produce it like any other product, because there is more profit in sowing coca than yuca. . . .

In December of 1984, M-19 leader Iván Marino Ospina repeated the ideas of his dead commander. Endorsing the threat of mafia chieftains like Carlos Lehder to "kill five North Americans for every Colombian extradited," Marino Ospina continued, "The drug trade has acquired special characteristics in my country, because many Colombians live and are benefitted by that activity."

Jaime Michelsen Uribe, founder of the Grancolombiano financial consortium and first cousin of former president Alfonso López Michelsen, couldn't agree more. Of all Colombians, Michelsen Uribe has most benefitted from such activities. Michelsen supported the marijuana legalization campaign of Ernesto Samper Pizano, friend of the Gnostics and director of López Michelsen's 1982 presidential campaign.

Samper admitted having accepted 20 million Colombian pesos for that campaign from Carlos Lehder and his friends, a contribution that, according to the mafia itself, constituted a first downpayment for the legalization of drugs and dirty money. Michelsen Uribe told *El Tiempo* in May 1981 that Samper Pizano's proposals were "eminently respectable . . . perhaps a solution to the problem." The hot money accumulated by the illegal drug trade "has been useful for the country, it has been channeled toward poles of development . . . and has offered solutions to people who would otherwise not find any."⁵

The novelist Gabriel García Márquez, Nobel Prize winner, ideologue of the pessimist movement in Colombia, a Gnostic by belief structure, and intimate of both the M-19 and Fidel Castro, also shares this view. He also campaigned actively for López Michelsen during his 1982 presidential bid.

In an interview in the *Village Voice*, published in August 1984, García Márquez called the drug trade "part of Colombians' self-defense. . . . Some write, some make movies, some are presidents of the republic, but no one lets himself die of hunger. . . . Who knows where our country would be without

drugs? Who knows what levels of common crime we would have if it weren't for the breathing space afforded by the drug trade?"

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) couldn't agree more. The Jamaican model, in which the profits from "ganja" are applied to debt payment, is the IMF's "free enterprise" model for the world.

In 1976, according to well-informed diplomatic sources, the IMF and its affiliate, the Royal Bank of Canada, directly ordered the government of Guyana to sow marijuana in order to earn foreign exchange. Within the year, Guyana had become a marijuana supplier to the United States, and was paying its debts to the IMF. One of the "discrete" conditions that the IMF imposed on Guyana was that the government host the People's Temple of the "Reverend" Jim Jones, the fanatical Gnostic who murdered hundreds of his followers with cyanide. Jones was presented as a friend of the family of President Jimmy Carter.

Milton Friedman, the monetarist economist who designed Chile's current economic model, also agrees. All drugs, says Friedman, including heroin, should be legalized in the name of "free enterprise." The Unification Church of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a right-wing sect which bases itself on Gnostic beliefs, also favors legalization of heroin.

Where left and right meet, where the Communists and the fanatics of "free enterprise" come together, there we find the trail of narco-terrorism. Just like the National Latin Civic Movement of Carlos Lehder, which calls itself anti-imperialist, non-aligned, a people's leader, indigenist, pro-Green Party, and a fervent admirer of Adolf Hitler, the coherence of all these claims can be found in the doctrines of the Gnostic church.

Notes: Part VI

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1. The following are extracts from the book *Keys to Mental Dynamics*, a review of brainwashing techniques, written in the third person as dictated by the "Master Samael Aun Weor."

We will give you the key for you to rapidly destroy the ego using the marvelous force of sexual energy. Says Master Samael: "Most Gnostic couples act in the following way: when they are at the moment of their maximum union in the practice of the Great Arcane, the man is annihilating a defect; he is thinking of annihilating the defect of envy (for example). Meanwhile, his wife, his priestess, is working on the defect of rage (for example). . . .

"Positive force works alone, the negative force or negative pole works alone, and the third force also acts independently.

"He who desires final liberation must achieve the destruction of egos or psychic aggregates of past existences, because otherwise he will not have total triumph. . . . On the road to gnosis, man feminizes, he acquires the feminine force; and woman masculinizes. Great men are put before women of strong temperaments, and the man who wants to triumph must subdue his pride. If all men who wish to realize themselves along the road I have shown you subdue the I of their pride and do not rebel against their women, logically they will achieve christification. As a man, one has to come to prostration before a woman."

2. On the afternoon of August 21, 1984, the Colombian news media was inundated with the complaints of Alfonso López Michelsen, scarcely a month after he had presented to the population the "amnesty" proposal demanded by the Colombian drug traffickers. The text of López's protest is as follows:

In Panama, New York, Copenhagen, and presumably all over the world, an Intelligence Executive Review (sic) story is being circulated, according to which I have been in the service of the drug mafia, threatening Your Excellency, and sponsoring the so-called

kidnapping of Mrs. Paredes de Londoño, who is supposedly married to the president of the Andean Party and the Anti-Drug Coalition and who has emerged to explain her absence as a dispute with her husband. They add information that, being the cousin of Jaime Michelsen, I sponsored legislation favoring him during my government.

I think that I—as an ex-president of Colombia and friend of your Excellency, whom I informed about every step related to the Panama meeting, and, according to the book by Hernán Echeverría I proceeded rigorously within the law in the Grancolombiano case—have the right for my honor not to be so damaged universally and in newspapers such as ABC of Madrid, in the face of the indifference or silence of the agents of the Colombian government, whatever their political affiliation might be.

3. That Gnosticism is flourishing in Bulgaria today is demonstrated by the career of Lyudmila Zhivkova (1942-1981), daughter of Todor Zhivkov, current president of Bulgaria and first secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party. Zhivkova, member of the Politburo since 1979, presided over a transformation of official cultural policy in the direction of Gnosticism. As director of the government's Committee on Art and Culture in the 1970s, she glorified the pre-Christian death cults of Thrace (where Bulgaria is now), revived Bulgarian herbal folk medicine, built monuments to historical figures from the Gnosticism-shaped Bulgarian Orthodox Church, and preached a classically Gnostic doctrine of "the path to light and truth."

The speech that she gave before a group of children in Sofia is one of the most insane flights into Gnostic rhetoric:

Clad in the fire of the indestructible. . . May consciousness embrace the infinity of the Cosmos. There will glow the vibration of electrons filling the vast expanse of iridescent spheres with their harmony and rhythm. . . . May the happiness of being eternally new as you create be . . . the most magnificent garment sparkling on you in the vibration of the seven-modal harmony of Eternity!

After her death in 1981, the Lyudmila Zhivkova International Foundation (LZIF) was established to continue her work.

4. Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party is the paramount case in the West of a Gnostic movement come to power. Hitler's world conception was specifically Gnostic. As a child, Hitler attended the Lambach Abbey School in Lambach-am-Tram in upper Austria. Since at least 20 years

before Hitler's birth, Lambach had been a center of Gnostic practice. Its abbot, Father Theodore Hagen, was adept in astrology and in the fundamentals of the Gnostic heresy, with particular affinity for thirteenth-century Catharism and Islamic Sufism. This Benedictine monk caused a swastika to be engraved over the entrance to the abbey school.

When Hitler went to the abbey in 1899, there was also a young Cistercian monk, Adolf Joseph Lanz, who was later to lead Hitler through the racist cult networks of Vienna. In 1900, Lanz threw aside his habit, went to Vienna and founded the Order of the New Temple, inspired by the Knights Templar. In 1905, using the name of Georg Lanz von Liebenfels, he began to publish the racist cult journal *Ostara*, dedicated to propagandizing in favor of the war between the "Sons of Light" and the "Sons of Darkness"; that is, the war between the blonde, blue-eyed Aryan and the dark scheming Jew.

In Munich, Hitler was routed into Gnostic circles revolving around the Thule Society, named after the mythical "Ultima Thule" homeland of the Aryans in the north, and made up of South German, Swiss and British oligarchs dedicated to creating a mass-based party to indoctrinate defeated Germany with Gnostic ideas. Hitler became its chosen spokesman.

Hitler's mission was to destroy Christianity and Judaism in favor of the ancient pagan religion. When the war was lost, Germany being invaded on every front, catastrophe looming, Hitler's lieutenants clustered around him to know what the Fuehrer would do. Hitler told them that, whatever the outcome of the war, the greater war had been won. One hundred years after his death, he predicted, Christianity would no longer exist as a significant force in the world. That was victory, he said. To destroy Christianity, Hitler reasoned, one must first destroy its "agent," the "bacillus the Jew"; that "nation of priests," as Nietzsche had angrily called them. The Holocaust was planned to do just that.

5. Jaime Michelsen Uribe is currently a fugitive from Colombian justice, and is hiding with his family and closest collaborators in Miami, Florida. Michelsen fled Colombia on New Year's Eve 1984, following a "discussion" with President Betancur in which he was presented with the evidence of his massive financial frauds. The banker was asked to resign his post as president of the Grancolombiano flagship bank, Banco de Colombia, in order to avoid prosecution. Michelsen instead chose "exile in luxury" in Miami, but runs the risk of being extradited to Colombia to answer for his multi-million dollar crimes.

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