

“Satan” After School Clubs: Atheistic Humanism Re-Clothed

Satan clubs are totally unnecessary; Humanism already permeates public education.

The following information will shed light on the clever strategy used by After School Satan Club (ASSC) proponents, who, repeatedly, deny belief in the supernatural. Consider this: If they don't believe in anything supernatural, they do not believe in an actual Satan or God or Creator or angels – good or bad. Therefore, they are atheists, who more accurately may be called “humanists.” The following statements solidify that point:

“Humanism is the denial of God, and the total affirmation of man.”

– Karl Marx

“We are convinced that the time has passed for theism, deism, modernism, and the several varieties of ‘new thought.’

– Humanist Manifesto I, American Humanist Association, 1933

“Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful. They distract humans from present concerns, from self-actualization, and from rectifying social injustices. Modern science discredits such historic concepts as the ‘ghost in the machine’ and the ‘separable soul.’ Rather, science affirms that the human species is an emergence from natural evolutionary forces.”

– Humanist Manifesto II, 1973

Considering those statements, public schools don't need SASC. Atheistic humanism filled the educational vacuum when Christianity was kicked out. Think about the following:

“Humanism dominates philosophy of education”

– Georgia Tech Technique Headline October 17, 1975

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– Fred Mephisto, Satanic Temple Atlanta Chapter

“Satanic Temple co-founder Doug Mesner, known professionally as Lucien Greaves, says ‘Satan’ is just a ‘metaphorical construct’ intended to represent the rejection of all forms of tyranny over the human mind. We prefer to give children an appreciation of the natural wonders surrounding them, not a fear of an everlasting other-worldly horror.”

– “Satan group seeks new kind of after-school club,” by Tim Darnell, *The Washington Post*, August 1, 2016

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– Luciern Greaves, Co-Founder, The Satanic Temple

A clever ruse: The activist group that advocates for the separation of church and state has vowed to leverage religious freedom laws and court rulings that have opened the door to faith-based clubs in order to also offer the After School Satan Club.

The group came up with that doozie of a name when they decided to combat Good News Clubs in public elementary schools. The Satan moniker elicits instant publicity and reactions that accurate terms – atheist after school clubs, humanist after school clubs – would never receive, but, reportedly, that's what they are.

Satan Club Goal: Push Out Good News Clubs

Important Note #1: *“All of the districts we’ve approached are nearby to local chapters of The Satanic Temple, and each school district has hosted, or is now hosting, Good News Clubs in their schools....*

Absolutely, we don’t believe in Satan. We’re definitely a nontheistic religion. We believe Satan is a literary symbol and device. And we’re a secular imperials-based curriculum as an alternative to religious-based after school program.”

– Fred Mephisto, Satanic Temple Atlanta Chapter, August 2016

Important Note #2: *“The people running new Satan Clubs to compete with Christian after-school clubs don’t actually believe in Satan. They just want to be jerks to people who do.”*

– Jordan Lorence, Alliance Defending Freedom, August 4, 2016

A June 11, 2001 U.S. Supreme Court decision upheld the constitutional right of a Christian organization – Child Evangelism Fellowship – to establish Good News Clubs in public schools, which they continue to do. To counteract Christian clubs, atheists now want to place After School Satan Clubs (ASSC) in nine urban locations – Atlanta; Los Angeles; Pensacola, Florida; Portland, Oregon; Salt Lake City; Seattle; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.

Georgia. On August 3rd in Atlanta, WABE 90.1 reported: “A political group called The Satanic Temple [founded in 2014] is looking to add what it calls an ‘After School Satan Club’ at Still Elementary School in Powder Springs. ‘This is not a devil-worshipping club, these are atheists trying to scare parents with pitchforks and devil horns,’ said Moises Esteves of Child Evangelism Fellowship, the home organization of Good News Clubs.”

Since ASSC proponents threatened Still Elementary School with a lawsuit if the application is denied, the Cobb County School District Communication Director sent this response to Fred Mephisto on August 26th: “This email is intended to confirm receipt of your letter to Superintendent Ragsdale dated August 1, 2016.” Further action on the issue is unavailable.

Washington State. The Satanic Temple of Seattle asked the Mount Vernon School District to start an ASSC in Centennial Elementary School, as the first of its kind in Washington State. An attorney for the district advised officials to allow the club or face losing in costly litigation.

The issue: Jordan Lorence, Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel, explained the legal situation as follows: “If Satanic Temple leaders say gay-straight alliances can continue to meet in public schools *because they are not religious*, but the Good News Clubs and student Bible studies must go *because they are religious*, then they are urging the government to discriminate against private student groups because of the content of their speech. That is unconstitutional, because the government does not endorse the views of private speakers it accommodates.

“Equal access means the government treats all private groups the same, regardless of their viewpoint. ... So, After-School Satan Clubs have the right to meet in public schools, but only on the same terms and conditions as everyone else. Also, its leaders should abandon their condescending attitudes toward fellow citizens with religious beliefs, and join with us to protect the dignity of all people to exercise their freedom of speech.”

Statement from Mat Staver Liberty Counsel Founder/Chairman: “I would definitely oppose after-school Satanic clubs, but they have a First Amendment right to meet. I suspect, in this particular case, I can’t imagine there’s going to be a lot of students participating in this. It’s probably dust they’re kicking up and is likely to fade away in the near future for lack of interest.”

The Conservative Case for Trump

“Her legacy will live on every time some underdog, outmatched and outgunned, defies the odds and delivers a win for the people. ...[She’s] looking down on us right now, and I’m sure that she’s telling us to keep up the fight. We will never, ever let you down. A movement has lost its hero. And believe me, Phyllis was there for me when it was not at all fashionable. Trust me.”

– Donald Trump, Phyllis Schlafly’s Funeral, September 5, 2016

During her lifetime Phyllis Schlafly was author or editor of twenty books. Her last, *The Conservative Case for Trump*, was released September 6th, the day after her death at age 92.

Phyllis Schlafly founded and led a national conservative political movement of volunteers for decades, and became known as the “sweetheart of the Silent Majority.” Over 50 years ago she coined the term “Kingmakers,” for those then-known-as the “Establishment,” those who control the Republican Party and “have picked our last bunch of losers” for the presidency.

Why did Phyllis endorse Trump? Trump’s America First platform on the critical issues of immigration and trade sets him up as the true enemy of the Establishment – or Kingmakers – and, as such, he is the only candidate who cannot be co-opted by them. “I don’t think he’ll make inroads with the Kingmaker types – that is – the big business [types], because he’s not doing what he’s told. They like people to do what they’re told.” The interviewer asked, “And you think all of the other candidates will just do what they’re told?” Phyllis answered, “I do.”

In that January 2016 article, she said “immigration is the most pressing issue facing the country today and that’s why Trump is doing so well... It’s just destroying our schools. All of these kids, who can’t read in any language, are coming in and expecting to be taught by our English-speaking teachers. And it’s not going to work. And yet we have to babysit them all day.

“If we don’t stop ... this torrent of immigrants coming in we’re not going to be America anymore because most of the people coming in have no experience with limited government. They don’t know what [limited government] is. They look to the government to solve all of their problems, and as soon as we have a high majority of people who think that, it’s going to be a different country.

“We have thousands of young people, who are first time entry into the job market and they need a job – they need an entry level job – and they are frozen out by these immigrants coming in. And there’s nothing un-American about saying, ‘No;’ we said no to everybody [during the mid-20th century] ... we paused in taking anybody in and we had every right to do that.”

Phyllis, do you think it’s time for another pause? “I certainly do. I think we ought to have a total pause until we catch up – and, in indelicate words, as Trump said, ‘until we know what the hell we’re doing.’ I think all the polls show that the country is with Donald Trump on that issue... It is certainly not our duty to let in everybody who wants to come to this country. Probably the whole world wants to come into this country. There’s more freedom, more good things, more plenty, and more welfare handouts than any other country.

“We’re a sovereign country and if we don’t want to let anybody in, we don’t have to let anybody in. We closed our doors during the [mid-20th Century]... and those are the years when we became a great country. We don’t need to open our doors for anybody. Except for the obvious financial interests of the big corporations who want the cheap labor, I can’t think of any other reason that even makes any sense.

In a Nutshell: *Conservative Case for Trump*

- **Trump will appoint conservatives to the U.S. Supreme Court.**
- **Trump could actually fix the nation's immigration mess.**
- **Trump's economic plan could spark economic revival like the 1980s Reagan boom.**
- **Trump will defend First Amendment, guaranteeing freedom of speech and religion.**
- **Trump's plan for defense and foreign policy could send terrorism into rapid retreat.**

Guess Who Else Endorses Trump!

ICE Officers. On September 26th, Donald Trump was endorsed by the 5,000-member official union of the National Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. He was their first-ever endorsement of any candidate for any elected office. ICE officials explained:

“Our 5,000 officers, underfunded and undermanned, are responsible for enforcing immigration laws in a nation of 320 million people. ...The unconstitutional executive orders of President Obama, embraced by Hillary Clinton, have forced our officers to violate their oaths to uphold the law ... Our officers are prevented from enforcing the most basic immigration laws ... against illegal work, illegal entry, illegal overstay and also the public charge law.”

National Police Union of over 250,000 officers endorsed Donald Trump on September 16th.

Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police, with a membership of 14,500 officers, joined the National Police Union endorsement of Donald Trump on September 16th.

National Border Patrol Council endorsed Donald Trump in May.

New England Police Benevolent Association endorsed Donald Trump in December.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona endorsed Donald Trump in January, when he hosted and provided muscle for a Trump rally. The 83-year-old Arpaio said, “Right now my mission is to get Trump elected.”

Quotes from Christians Endorsing Donald Trump

Marjorie Dannenfelser, Susan B. Anthony List: “It’s frankly irresponsible to stay on the sidelines right now, given where the republic is heading.”

Former presidential candidate Gary Bauer: “I endorsed Cruz during the campaign; that obviously didn’t work. I don’t really have that much hesitation about Donald Trump. I think he’s a populist conservative.”

Penny Nance, Concerned Women for America: “It became clearer to me, sooner than some other folks, that we can’t just stand by and allow Hillary Clinton to be our next president.”

Ralph Reed, Faith and Freedom Coalition: “In our voter guides, voter mail, digital ad campaigns, phone calls, our door knocking, we’ll be sharing with voters of faith ... where Trump stands on life, marriage, the Iran nuclear deal, on judges, on religious freedom.”

Tony Perkins, Family Research Council: “Look, he’s clearly different; he doesn’t fit within our mold. But what I found is, he’s open, he’s receptive, he puts the right people around him. ...I want him to be successful, because if he’s successful, America survives. That’s the bottom line.”

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