

**YEARS OF 50  
EUROPEAN  
MANICHAEISM**

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**What European politicians and statesmen, intellectuals and philosophers have until now ceaselessly tried to exorcise with the most ardent fervor is exactly what they have inherently and immutably been so far: Manichaeism!**

**Europe experienced in the past  
various forms of union;**

**- Roman Empire,**

**- Western Roman Empire,**

**- Eastern Roman Empire,**

**- Holy Roman Empire of the  
German Nation, ...**

...

- Ottoman Empire (*at its zenith it included territories belonging to no less than 20 European states of today*),

- Empire of All the Russias,

- Napoleonic France, ...

...

- **Austrian Empire (and its offspring, Austria – Hungary),**
- **Hitler's Third Reich, and**
- **Soviet Union.**

**None of them attempted a peaceful expansion, nor was this possible; all of them were multi-national, multi-linguistic, multi-ethnic, multicultural, and multi-religious unions ...**



**... whereby only  
one culture,  
one religion and  
one language were supposed to be  
the unifying link;  
because of this, one at a time  
culture, religion, and language  
had to prevail detrimentally over  
all the rest.**

The European Union comes as the last effort, and contrarily to the previous ones, it is supposed to be a peaceful union of countries that accept a certain democratic political system, ...

... involving Human Rights,  
protection of the Minorities,  
the rule of Law, and  
an extremely biased and utterly  
disproportionate  
liberal economic model  
(Copenhagen criteria).

**The European lawmakers and  
statesmen underscore every now  
and then**

**the transparency of their policies,  
the commitment of their political  
parties and groups to Humanism,**

**...**

**... and their adhesion to diverse intellectual and ideological movements that emanate from the Renaissance world.**

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**Knowledge,  
Truth,  
Search for Truth,  
Science,  
Exploration,  
Discovery,  
Moral Values accepted as  
Universal, ....**

.... and other Renaissance world categories are often said to prevail across today's Europe.

**For this reason, any mendacious,  
duplicitous and irrational  
policies are rejected and refuted  
as ...**

***Manichaeian;***



...the use of this adjectival term *pertains to the form* - and not the contents - of the Manichaeian Cosmogony that evolved around *two supreme powers*, allowing considerations of an authentic *Dualism*.

*The Manichaean  
Doctrine and  
Expansion*

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Based on sources encompassing more than 10 different languages (from *Latin* to *Syriac* to *Sogdian* without excluding *Coptic*, *Arabic* and *Chinese*), we are able today to reconstitute ...

... what proved to be by far the most elaborate and the most sophisticated system of Cosmogony in the World History, i.e. that of *Mani*.

According to the basics of Manichaeian doctrine, before the existence of Heaven and Earth, there were *two Principles*, the *Good* and the *Evil*.

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**The Good Principle dwells in the  
*realm of Light*, being therefore  
called *the Father of Majesty* ...**

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*... (Megethos in Greek, Abba  
D'rabbutha in Syriac – a late form  
of Aramaic language and major  
vehicle of Christian Patristic  
Literature), ...*

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... or

*the Father with the Four Persons*  
(*Tetraprosopon* in Greek - as  
opposed to Tetragrammaton of  
the Hebrew God), ...

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... probably because

\* *Time,*

\* *Light,*

\* *Force, and*

\* *Goodness*

were regarded as its essential  
manifestations.

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Opposed to *the Father of Majesty*  
is *the King of Darkness*.

He is actually never called God,  
but otherwise, **he and his kingdom**  
**'down'** are exactly parallel and  
symmetrical to the ruler and the  
realm of the Light above.

**Manichaeism did not survive down to our times; although it expanded tremendously from NW Africa and NW Europe to China, in various parts of the world, ...**

... it was superseded  
respectively by

*1. Roman Catholicism and*

*2. Eastern Roman Orthodoxy*  
(across the Mediterranean and  
Europe), ...

*3. Monophysitic Christianity*  
**(in Eastern Anatolia / Turkey,  
Syria-Palestine, and Northern  
Mesopotamia), ...**

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4. *Nestorian Christianity*  
(Southern Mesopotamia, Persia,  
and India),
  5. *Parsism* (Persia and India),
  6. *Buddhism* (Tibet and China), ...
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... and

## *7. Islam*

**(North Africa, Egypt,  
Syria-Palestine, Mesopotamia,  
Persia and Central Asia).**

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**The last Manichaean temple was  
still functioning before 150  
years in the eastern coastland of  
China!**

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**With the aforementioned in mind and after exercising considerable reflection with respect to the existing similarities between many elements of the Manichaeian dogma and numerous points of the doctrines of the different superseding religions ...**

.... (e.g. the different denominations of Christianity, Islam and Buddhism), one can easily understand to what extent ...

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... Manichaeism has been at the  
same time

*extensively copied,*

*deliberately misinterpreted,*

**and**

*viciously deprecated.*

**Already the sophisticated  
attitude of**

**a - purposefully accepting a  
theoretical element belonging to  
another religion,**

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**b – successfully attributing to it another meaning quite different from what this theoretical element denoted within the earlier, original, religious environment (or system) where it first belonged,**

**and then**

**c – systematically denigrating the  
earlier religious system  
altogether ...**

**... bears witness of a genuine,  
formidable duplicity.**

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**You do not need to be  
Manichaeian in order to be  
duplicitous,  
and no one can demonstrate that  
the Manichaeian priests, scholars  
and magistrates were  
duplicitous.**

**However, when duplicity becomes  
the prevailing mindset among a  
nation,**

**the overwhelming attitude among  
the elite of a country, and**

**the fundamental trait of the  
cultural and socio-behavioral  
system within a realm, ...**



**... then there are strong chances that the system in question leans to a latent or concealed dualism.**

**Of course, there is no need to identify every dualism with Manichaeism, but structural dualism is explicitly dualistic of nature.**

The

*Manichaeian Origins*

of

Europe



**In his Ten Commandments,  
Mani forbade idolatry,  
mendacity, avarice, murder (i.e.  
every type of killing),  
fornication, theft, seduction to  
deceit, magic, hypocrisy (secret  
infidelity to Manichæism), and  
religious indifference  
(agnosticism or atheism).**

**Prayer was obligatory four  
times a day:**

**at noon,**

**late in the afternoon,**

**after sunset, and**

**three hours later.**

Prayer, accompanied by twelve prostrations, was made facing the sun or, in the night, the moon; it was preceded by a ceremonial purification with water, therefore clearly pre-modeling Islamic practices.

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**Manicheans fasted on the first day of the week (Sunday) in honor of the sun, and kept the fast during two days after every new moon.**

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In addition, a monthly fast occurred *on the eighth day of each month*, and it was observed *from sunrise to sunset.*

**Manicheans practiced**

*Baptism,*

*Eucharist, and*

**"*Consolation*", an imposition of hands by one of the Manichaeian High Priests ('perfects').**



**On March 20, 242 CE**

**(beginning of Sassanid Era in  
Iran),**

*Mani*

*proclaimed himself*

*the Paraclete promised by Jesus;*

he rejected the Old Testament in its entirety,

but adopted three Christian books later considered by the Official Roman Church as Apocrypha, namely ...

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*the Gospel of Thomas,  
the Teaching of Addas, and  
the Shepherd of Hermas.*

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*Jesus Christ*  
was to Mani  
an *Aeon*

or

*the persistent personification  
of Light in the world;*

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*Jesus, as narrated by the  
Christian sources, was indeed a  
historical figure for Mani,*

**but**

*he was entirely and adamantly  
repudiated by Mani;*

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that *material Jesus*

**was**

*"the son of a poor widow",*

*"the Jewish Messiah whom the  
Jews crucified", ...*

... *"a devil*  
**who was justly punished**  
**for interfering**  
**in the work of**  
*the Aeon Jesus".*

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**Mani used the term "*Evangel*"  
(*Gospel*) for his message.**

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In no country  
did Manichæism  
enter  
more insidiously  
into Christian life  
than in *Egypt*.

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One of the governors of  
Alexandria under Constantine  
was a Manichæan,  
whereas St. Athanasius says that  
Anthony the Hermit had  
forbidden all intercourse with  
"Manichæans and other heretics".

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**In the Eastern Roman Empire,  
Manichaeism came to a zenith  
around 400 CE, but then  
rapidly declined.**

**Around 150 years later, it once  
more rose into prominence.**

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**The Emperor Justinian himself  
disputed with them;**

**Barsymes the Nestorian prefect  
of Theodora, was an avowed  
Manichæan too.**

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*After a certain decline at the moment of the rise of Islam, Manichaeism flooded the Eastern Roman Empire again, this time under the name of Paulicians, or Bogomiles (8th – 10th centuries).*

In the Western Roman Empire,  
the real headquarters of  
Manichaeism were located in  
*Proconsular Africa*,  
where Adimantus had risen to  
theoretical and spiritual  
prominence.

**After the edict of Diocletian  
against the Manichaeans,  
we hear no more of them until  
the days of St. Augustine.**

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**It is well known  
how St. Augustine (383)  
found a home at Rome  
in the Manichaean community,  
which must have been  
considerable.**

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*The Father of the Catholic Church  
was Manichaeian  
before adopting Christianity,  
but we have not yet got a  
Manichaeian account  
of the extent to which St.  
Augustine's 'Christian' theology  
was of Manichaeian nature and  
background.*

**After he became Christian,  
St. Augustine complained that,  
although the Manichæans  
pretended to be Christians,  
their feast of the death of Mani  
exceeded in solemnity that  
of the Death and Resurrection of  
Christ.**

**This - in and by itself - is quite telling!**

St. Augustine engaged in many debates against Manichaeans, but *this testifies basically to the Manichaean impact on the - under formation - Christian theology and religion.*

**Around 420, Ursus,  
the imperial prefect,  
arrested  
some Manichæans  
in Carthage and  
made them renounce their faith.**

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**When the Vandals conquered Africa, the Manichæans thought of gaining the Arian Christian clergy by secretly entering their ranks, but Huneric (477-484), King of the Vandals, who accepted Arianism as the correct Christianity, burnt, murdered, and finally dispersed them.**

Despite all that, at the end of the 6th century, *Africa was rightly considered as the hotbed of Manichaeism.*

The same warning was repeated by Gregory II (701) and, after the Islamic expansion, by Nicholas II (1061).

The spread of Manichaeism in *Spain* and *Gaul* is covered by obscurity, on account of the uncertainty concerning the real teaching of *Priscillian*.



**In the years 384-388,  
a special sect of Manichaeans  
appeared in Rome;  
they were called *Martari*, or  
Mat-squatters.**

Supported by a rich man called  
Constantius,

they tried to start a sort of

*monastic life for the Elect*

in contravention of Mani's  
command that ...

... the Elect should *wander*  
*about the world*, preaching the  
Manichæan Gospel.

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**Around the middle of the 6th century,**

**Manichæism seemed to have died out in Western Europe,**

**but in reality it survived through a number of secret societies**

**down to the times of the**

***Paulicians and Bogomili.***

When the latter were driven out by the Eastern Roman emperors, they met with groups in the *North of Italy and the South of France* whereby the quintessence of Manichaeian teachings had survived, ...

... and they merged with them,  
giving successively birth to  
the formidable Cathars,  
the Knights Templar,  
the Rosicrucian Order, and  
the Freemasons.

The

*Manichaeian Nature*

of

today's Europe

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**Two diametrically opposed groups of power supported for opposite reasons the rise of the European Union, and each of them tried to pull the institutions under formation close to their own ideals and ultimate targets.**

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**We have attested these two  
groups**

**in frontal battles about ideas and  
concepts,**

**but not in the form of clashing  
followers and warring armies.**

**Not thus far!**

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**The Catholic pledge for a  
Christian Europe**

**is in direct conflict with**

**the Freemasonic concept of a  
Secular (or Laic) Europe;**

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Associations fight against or in favor of *abortion*, whereas issues like *Euthanasia* have risen to points of major discord.

*Homosexual marriages and homo-parental legislation* have become subjects of fundamental political determination.

**Sooner or later,  
Europe - united or not -  
will have to choose between  
two diametrically opposed groups  
that have shaped its History,  
leading Europeans to endless  
battlefields and death.**

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In parallel with this ideological  
confrontation between the  
*Catholic Church*

and

*the descendants of European  
Manichaeism,*

another issue should draw more  
attention;

even if eliminated at the religious level, *Manichaeism*, as structure of thought, as mindset, and as mental mechanism, reigns in the sphere of socio-political life, mentality, language, attitude, and behaviour.

Suffice it that we refer to the highly symbolic *Berlin Declaration*, which is expected to be signed in guise of a *50-year European panegyric*, and we are met with an abundance of duplicitous statements ...

... that are made to conceal  
troublesome realities and to unveil  
imaginative considerations and  
fictional evaluations.

**This is deeply, genuinely and  
irreversibly Manichaeian.**



The first chapter of the *Berlin Declaration* is expected to make a tribute to the success stories of EU integration, citing as "*central achievements of European unification*" the following: *peace, stability, and prosperity*;

**... all three central achievements  
are attributed  
to the internal market and  
to the single currency - which is  
an aberration.**

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Peace and prosperity were truly met in

*Bosnia,*

*Croatia, and*

*Kosovo in the 1990s.*

The *bombardments of Belgrade* were geared precisely for this purpose!

**In another excerpt, it is noted that "accession of new member states helped unite the continent and consolidate democracy and the rule of law in Europe".**

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Probably, it is for this very reason  
that

*Kosovo,*

*Transnistria* and

*the Turkish Republic of Northern  
Cyprus*

have not yet been recognized as  
states!

**In another point, the text reads as follows:**

**"The division of the continent could not have been overcome if the people in Central and Eastern European had not so yearned for freedom".**

This is certainly the reason so  
great respect has been shown  
by the *European Union*  
*bureaucrats* for the passionate  
desire of ...

**... the Basques,  
the Scots,  
the Catalans,  
the Corsicans,  
the Occitans,  
the Britons,  
the South Ossetians, and  
the Abkhazians for Freedom.**



The second chapter of the Berlin Declaration focuses on

*"Features of European unification / cooperation"*

and singles out

*"democracy and the rule of law as the foundations of EU membership";*

Furthermore,

*"equal rights and duties for all member states, as well as transparency and subsidiarity"* are described as the

*"foundations of the EU"*.

The aforementioned empty words are referred to as the *"Community method"*!

**What is then the reason which prohibits the Brussels bureaucrats from entering into discussions concerning EU membership extension to Ukraine, Albania, and Bosnia where free elections have already been held?**

**The declaration states that**

*"the focus is on the human person whose dignity is inviolable, freedom and responsibility".*

Solidarity is then characterized as a "*crucial element of the European way of life*",

whereas

diversity is viewed as "*the hallmark of Europe making tolerance and respect essential*".

**That is why 'diversities' like  
the Macedonian minority in  
Bulgaria and  
the Turkish minority in Greece  
(*comically and shamelessly called  
'Muslim minority'*)  
have been so highly evaluated in**

...

... Brussels – the Manichaeian capital that tolerates both, *the anti-Macedonian discriminations perpetrated by the successive governments of Bulgaria and the anti-Turkish, anti-Albanian and anti-Macedonian racist propaganda of Greece.*

In the fourth part of the fanciful  
and irrelevant document,  
*EU's external and internal  
priorities* are highlighted, and ...



... energy policy and climate protection top the list as the *"two components of a strategy to counter the global threats together"*

whereas EU is asked to play in this regard a

*"pioneering role"*.

Ending

the atrocious genocides carried out

in *Sudan's Darfur* and

in *Ethiopia's Ogaden and Oromia*

could have never been a priority

for the Human Rights

pseudo-Champion Europe;

Obviously not!

Brussels proved to be

a mere extension of

*the French and the English  
colonialism,*

which is the reason of all

troubles currently attested across

Africa.

Finally,

a brief excerpt about

*"securing elementary human and civil rights for all"* across Europe bears witness to

**the viciousness of the European bureaucrats.**

When it comes to justice and  
home affairs policies,

*the mercilessly persecuted  
inhabitants of Paris suburbs  
constitute*

an excellent example of  
European duplicity, ...

... and demonstrate to all  
that there lies  
the Achilles' heel  
of the ailing  
European Manichaeism.

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