

The Prophetic Nation



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Introduction

This small course is an introduction into what it means to be a member of the Japhetic Nation. It is designed to impart understanding of the collective identity of the community and how and why we are distinct from the other nations of the world. The course's objective should be to create a cohesive identity whereby members become part of a community larger than themselves, understand their rights and duties in relation to each other, and mutually cooperate to aid, strengthen, and defend each other's interests, as a group, and contribute to the advancement of each and every member of the community, from the strongest to the weakest, the most affluent to the most mired in poverty. This course is designed to allow members to understand how they belong to a larger, extended family, whereby we are all, in some remote manner, related and descended from common ancestors. United we will stand, divided we will fall.

Lesson 1 : What is a Nation?

The terms 'Nation' and 'Country' or 'State' are sometimes used interchangeably. This, however, is not accurate. 'Nation' refers to a natural unit (like a family) that is held together by innate non-political ties such as a common ancestry, common views and aspirations, historical traditions, natural sympathies, racial characteristics and antipathies, a just and reasonable national pride, a common language or similar customs. A 'Nation' is identifiably distinct from other 'nations' or groups of peoples, whether they inhabit the same country or political unit with them or not.



A polity, such as a 'Country' or a 'State' is not a natural unit, but a political unit. A 'Nation' that secures or maintains its natural right of independent self-government may become a 'Country' or a 'State', but the terms would still remain distinct. On the other hand, groups of 'nations' as a result of treaty or conquest, or some other artificial arrangement, just or unjust, may be united together into a single political whole. Such a 'country' or 'state' would then comprise several 'nations'.

A 'Nation' also may, depending on the circumstances in which it finds

itself, be partitioned up and scattered among several different countries or states. The natural 'national' identity, in such a case, would still remain, even though the 'nation' had no politically sovereign 'state'



presently in existence in the world. The 'nation' in such a case, would have thereby lost it's voice and liberty and right of self-determination in the world. We see an example of this in the Jewish diaspora after the Bar Kokhba revolt of 133 AD. Though dispossessed of a 'country' or a polity of their own for well over 1800 years, the natural Jewish 'Nation' still retained the natural ties that bound them together across several different politically distinct 'states'. Another example is WWII Poland, in

which the Polish Nation was conquered, divided, and amalgamated into the German and Soviet Empires. In both instances, the 'Country' was destroyed but the natural unit, the 'Nation' continued to exist, and, in both instances, was eventually able to regain their sovereignty and become reconstituted into a political 'State' at a later point in time. Incidentally, a nation may also be effectually broken up, disintegrated, and enslaved as a result of economic peaceful penetration. In such instances, the end result is not dissimilar to the destruction experienced as a result of military conquest.

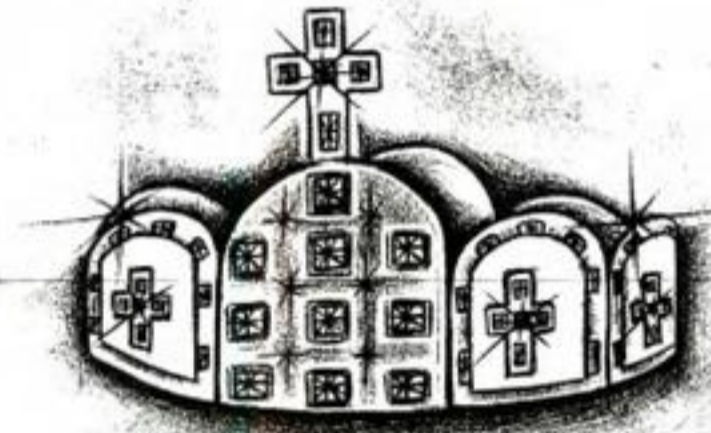
Natural Law is a reflection of Divine Law. Written on the hearts of a humanity created 'in the image of God' is a natural parental affection and filial love for one's parents. "Honor thy father and mother" (Exodus 20:12) was an instinctual natural law of God practiced long before it was made explicit by a supernaturally revealed divine commandment given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. St. Paul also expressed an extended instinctual Patriotic love for the people of his 'nation', while residing within the political empire of the Romans. "...For I wished myself to be anathema from Christ for my brethren, who are my kinsmen according to the flesh." (Romans 9:3).

St. Paul, here speaking to Gentile converts residing in the same artificial polity of the Roman Empire, was not referring to his 'countrymen', but to those who were naturally bound to him, 'nationally' "according to the flesh". Nor was he referring to people whom he geographically resided amongst, for he was from Cilicia in Asia Minor (Acts 21:31), and

was moreover a Roman citizen. (Acts 22:25-28).

Humankind is born with an instinctive love for the nation it belongs to. This natural love includes not only the material places they inhabit, but still more the persons associated with these, the civic institutions that they have erected, the language and traditions with which their early years have been familiarized, and which must have played some part in shaping their character and tastes. This instinctive love, like all other natural tendencies, comes from the Author of nature, who is God, and so must in itself be good and useful to the human race.

The nation, which may or may not be an organized state, with a legitimate government of its own, means the individuals and the families composing it, as they exist in the concrete, namely, with the national characteristics that differentiate them from all others, and the natural ties that bind them together and make them one moral whole.



The word 'nation' as used in the phrase "The Japhetic Nation" does not refer to or signify a government or a ruling body, but simply a people distinct from other peoples. The word 'nation' simply denotes a natural identity regardless of the fact that the referred to nation possesses political power or not. A nation can exist within or without a state, and consequently, is susceptible to destruction whether gathered into a single political unit or scattered amongst several distinct political units. A 'Nation' is simply a people.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

- Define "Nation".
- Define "State".
- What is the difference between a 'nation' and a 'state'?