

Chapter 21 — Germany a Menace to the World’s Religion and Morals

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Sources for Chapter 21, in the order in which they appear

- (1) **Anonymous1**, “Prussian Poison”

Note: This article appeared in various newspapers, including *The Chicago Tribune* (Chicago, Ill., Oct. 4, 1917)

- (2) William Roscoe **Thayer**, Introduction to *Out of Their Own Mouths*, Edited by Munroe Smith, LL.D. (New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1917)

- (3) **Anonymous2**, “Alsations-Lorrainians Forever French”

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Key

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XXI: GERMANY A MENACE TO THE WORLD’S RELIGION AND MORALS

21:0.1 IT IS not enough to say that the morals of Germany are unchristian; they are decidedly inhuman. And, if the ethics of the Germany of today are to prevail—if German Kultur is to dominate the world—then I think it may truly be said that the Prussianized German Empire jeopardizes the religions and morals of the whole world.

HEINE’S GHASTLY PROPHECY

“PRUSSIAN POISON” (Anonymous)

21:1.1 Long before this war began, in writing of the moral metamorphosis taking place in Germany,

[contd] We will keep meeting the sort of man who exclaims, “How different this modern Germany from the Germany of Heine’s time!”—as if Heine himself had not written,

Heine said:

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Heine was right (A1).

[Heinrich Heine, her own poet, says that Germany appreciates architecture so little that it is only a question of time when "with his giant hammer Thor will at last spring up again and shatter to bits all Gothic cathedrals." This gifted Hebrew had the vision that **literally** saw the German pounding to pieces the Cathedral at Louvain and Ypres, in Arras, in Bapaume, in St. Quentin, and Rheims (Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight **Hillis**, "Dr. Hillis in France III ('The Agony of France')").]

[See 10:6.4.]

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Then Thor, with his giant's hammer, will at last spring up and shatter to bits the Gothic cathedrals."

21:1.2 How true was Heine's prophecy,

how **literally** true, as regards the Gothic cathedrals.

The Teuton of the twentieth century is truly reverting, in his religious ideals, back to the barbarous viewpoint and the brutal level of his strong, but wicked, ancestors of a former age.

The Kaiser has gone back in his theology and ethical ideals to the days of Joshua—three thousand years ago—he has created a Tribal German God to bless his armies and curse his enemies.

21:1.3 How even non-Christians look upon Germany's moral decadence was beautifully illustrated not long ago, when a patient of mine, a Jew, in discussing the base morals of Germany, said: "In religion, I am not a Christian, I am a Jew. But I would fight at the drop of the hat to defend the Christian Cross and what it stands for, against the Germanic Iron Cross and what it stands for."

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**G E R M A N M O R A L
D E C A D E N C E**

I: INTRODUCTION (Thayer, in *Out of Their Own Mouths* xi)

21:2.1 It is not merely that the Germans have repudiated international law and abandoned all attempts at civilized warfare, but it is indicative of a decadence of morals—of a positive religious decline—that this supposedly civilized race could embark upon such a protracted campaign of

We were forced to realize that the slaying of innocent civilians,

killing innocent civilians,

the ravishing of women,

ravishing women,

the burning of towns, the bombarding of libraries and cathedrals,

bombarding cathedrals, burning towns,

the wholesale massacres,

annihilating children,

[See 21:2.2, below.]

poisoning wells,

the starving, enslaving and exile of entire populations

enslaving and exiling captives,

were not due to such outbursts of bloody passions as some times blacken warfare in civilized countries, but were deliberately ordered and carried out with all the boasted thoroughness of the German General Staff (T xii-xiii).

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“ALSATIANS-LORRAINIANS FOREVER FRENCH” (Anonymous2)

We had learned some time since that the Germans were recruiting the young girls of Alsace-Lorraine by force in order to employ them in works upon the Alsace front (A2).

Energetic protests having been addressed to [the German government] by a deputy of Alsace-Lorraine and by the bishop of Strassburg,—a German by birth—it replied by an official communication, published by the Strassburger Post, in its number of Nov. 3.

It is stated in this communication that arrangements have been made in order to ensure “for the young girls requisitioned in Alsace-Lorraine and at present employed in works at the front, the benefits of a moral and religious supervision” (A2).

[contd] The communication adds that “8 per cent only of these girls are less than seventeen years of age, and that hardly half of them were subjected to the works of the front in a coercive manner” (A2).

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and, last but not least, in their retreats

taking away droves of young French girls to administer to the base passions of the German soldier.

And be it remembered that

this latter event (taking young girls to the front) has been officially admitted by the German authorities,

admitting, at least in one case, that **eight and one-half** per cent of the girls were under seventeen years of age,

and promising to send these very young women back from the army front,

where they were supposed to be employed in some sort of military activity.

The Germans are spiritually color-blind and morally cross-eyed.

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I: INTRODUCTION (Thayer, in *Out of Their Own Mouths* xi)

There is a beast in every man.

21:2.2 The Apostle Paul taught that man had a dual nature, spiritual and animal,

and in his letter to the Romans he speaks of the ever-present struggle between the two.¹

It has been the business of the Christian religion—of all non-pagan religions—to subdue this beast, to chain him, to civilize him, in every way possible to hold him in leash, and thus to permit the higher moral, intellectual and spiritual powers of the individual and of the race to develop and gain the ascendancy over the grosser and baser elements and tendencies. This is the mission of education, civilization, and of Christianization.

But the Prussian policy is diametrically opposed to this.

Prussian war experts long ago made it their duty to unchain this beast

The Prussians have made it their business to unchain this beast

which lurks in the breast of every man,

and to give it free play during war.

to give it unlicensed range of action in times of war.

They discovered how to excite its fury, and how to train that fury so that it could be damnably efficient.

They have studied how to develop its barbarous fury.

They have deliberately capitalized the latent brutality that lurks in the human breast as a part of their program of frightfulness which should scare the world into speedy submission to Germanic domination.

SOURCE

How well they have succeeded

Belgium can tell, and Serbia and Poland and Armenia, whose two million and a half of dead were victims of massacre arranged by Prussians and carried out by Turks.

The sinking of the *Lusitania*, and of hundreds of other merchant ships—not enemy ships only but also neutral ships—

the execution of Edith Cavell and of Captain Fryatt,

the slaughter of hostages, the outrages on women and girls of all ages, the deportations, the starving of foreign civilians in prison pens, the sinking of hospital ships, the poisoning of wells, the shooting of Red Cross ambulance drivers—these are all deliberate manifestations of the Satanic system of Cruelty which the Prussians long ago adopted as the guiding principle of their war-making (T xvi).

“PRUSSIAN POISON” (Anonymous I)

Trietschke professor and historian, followed Nietzsche, and argued thus:

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And how easily, how well they have succeeded,

Belgium, Poland, Servia, Roumania, and Armenia all bear mute testimony,

not to recall the slaughter of hostages, outrages upon girls of all ages,

and, finally, the sinking of the *Lusitania*

and the almost unbelievable execution of Nurse Cavell.

21:2.3 That the Germans have long been restive under the restraints of civilized sentiment and the moral standards of Christianity, and have longed to break away from the influence of these teachings, is further shown by the following extract from

one of their most highly respected teachers:

SOURCE

“It will always redound to the glory of Machiavelli that he has placed the state on a solid foundation and freed it and its morality from the moral precepts taught by the church.”

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Germany, while preparing for a world empire, must also prepare to create a world religion. It may be described as the religion of Valor.”—Trietschke.

1. I repeat, man is compounded of matter and of spirit, and since his creation there has been a perpetual conflict between the two. For ages together matter seems to dominate; and then spirit breaks through, frees itself and re-generates the world. Under the guise of the Superman matter has waged its latest war for empire, and it has been beaten (William Roscoe Thayer, “The Collapse of the Superman Myth,” in *The Saturday Evening Post*, Nov. 10, 1917, p. 61).