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The Devil's Attack: Marxism

The Foundations of Social Order

The Divine Institutions

Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

“[Marxists’] end can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.”

**~ *The Communist Manifesto*
(TCM)**

The Divine Institutions

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So what is Zionism? And is anti-Zionism anti-Semitic?

“Zionism is nothing less than the dream and ideal of the Jewish people returning to live in their own land. The Jewish people, the Scriptures tell us, once enjoyed a flourishing Commonwealth in the Holy Land. From this they were expelled by the Roman tyrant, the same Romans who cruelly murdered Our Lord. Driven from their homeland, their nation in ashes, forced to wander the globe, the Jewish people time and again suffered the lash of whichever tyrant happened to rule over them ...”

“ . . . You declare, my friend, that you do not hate the Jews, you are merely ‘anti-Zionist.’ And I say, let the truth ring forth from the high mountain tops, let it echo through the valleys of God’s green earth: When people criticize Zionism, they mean Jews—this is God’s own truth.

“Anti-Semitism, the hatred of the Jewish people, has been and remains a blot on the soul of mankind. In this we are in full agreement. So know also this: anti-Zionist is inherently anti-Semitic, and ever will be so.”

**“The Negro people, my friend, know what it is to suffer the torment of tyranny under rulers not of our choosing. Our brothers in Africa have begged, pleaded, requested—
DEMANDED the recognition and realization of our inborn right to live in peace under our own sovereignty in our own country.**

“How easy it should be, for anyone who holds dear this inalienable right of all mankind, to understand and support the right of the Jewish People to live in their ancient Land of Israel. All men of good will exult in the fulfilment of God’s promise, that his People should return in joy to rebuild their plundered land.

“This is Zionism, nothing more, nothing less.”

“And what is anti-Zionist? It is the denial to the Jewish people of a fundamental right that we justly claim for the people of Africa and freely accord all other nations of the globe. It is discrimination against Jews, my friend, because they are Jews. In short, it is anti-Semitism.

“The anti-Semite rejoices at any opportunity to vent his malice. The times have made it unpopular, in the West, to proclaim openly a hatred of the Jews. This being the case, the anti-Semite must constantly seek new forms and forums for his poison. How he must revel in the new masquerade! He does not hate the Jews, he is just ‘anti-Zionist’!”

“My friend, I do not accuse you of deliberate anti-Semitism. I know you feel, as I do, a deep love of truth and justice and a revulsion for racism, prejudice, and discrimination. But I know you have been misled—as others have been—into thinking you can be ‘anti-Zionist’ and yet remain true to these heartfelt principles that you and I share.

“Let my words echo in the depths of your soul: When people criticize Zionism, they mean Jews—make no mistake about it.”

From M.L. King Jr., “Letter to an Anti-Zionist Friend,” *Saturday Review* XLVII (Aug. 1967), 76.

Reprinted in M.L. King Jr., *This I Believe: Selections from the Writings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



- **Who was Karl Marx?**
- **What was his influence?**
- **Marxist worldview vs. Judeo-Christian worldview**
- **Marxism and the Divine Institutions**
- **Manifestations of Marxism today**

Who Was He?

Paul Johnson, *Intellectuals: From Marx and Tolstoy to Sartre and Chomsky*, Karl Marx, “Howling Gigantic Curses”, chapter 3

Various videos on PragerU

Manning Johnson, *Color, Communism, and Common Sense* [you can also watch some of his videos, such as his Farewell Address]

Gary North, *Marx's Religion of Revolution: Regeneration Through Chaos*

Paul Kengor, *The Devil and Karl Marx ...*

- **Born 5 May, 1818 in Trier, Germany**
- **Ancestors on both sides were noted Rabbis, scholars, sages.**
- **Father converted to Lutheranism in 1816.**
- **6 children baptized in 1824.**
- **1848 *The Communist Manifesto***
- **1878 *Das Kapital***

An iceberg floating in the ocean, with only the tip visible above the water. The background is a blue sky and sea. The text is overlaid on the image, with the top section above the water and the bottom section below the water.

Political/National or Individual Decisions

Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?

Epistemology: Knowledge
How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

Metaphysics: Ultimate reality,
i.e., God, matter, energy, “the universe,” nothing

Foundation of *all* thought

Marxism

Root problem: Economic

Because the problem is diagnosed simply as economic, there is no focus on the tethering of justice to anything other than an economic system—no justification of why justice matters.

“to purge the human race of all greed and oppression”

Marxism

Root problem: Economic

“Communism sets out to free the human condition from the greed that so entangles us and that ultimately facilitates our own enslavement. Communism is most ambitious in its diagnosis of the human condition (greed, oppression) and in its prescription for redeeming the human condition (the abolition of all private property, and the dissolution of every societal force promulgated by the existence of capital). In communism, morality (albeit entirely redefined) is legislated to the utmost.”

~Chris Cone, *Applied Biblical Worldview: Essays on Christian Ethics*

Marxism

(1) primitive and communal,

(2) slave,

(3) feudal, and

(4) capitalist.

(5) a socialist and communist utopia epoch

Marxism

Means:

Total destruction of the present systems.

“formation of the proletariat into a class, overthrow of the bourgeois supremacy, conquest of political power by the proletariat.” ~TCM, 95

EVALUATION CRITERIA

CHRISTIANITY

MARXISM

GOD

**Personal-Infinite
+R/J Love**

**No God, Naturalism,
Matter is Eternal**

MAN

**Created,
Image of God**

**Accident,
Another animal**

PROBLEM

Sinful, Corrupt

**Basically good
Economics**

SOLUTION

**Redemption of
Christ**

**Thesis, Antithesis
Synthesis**

HISTORY

**Linear
Kingdom**

**Linear
Workers' Paradise**

CAUSATION

**Divine
Providence**

Dialectic

“A being only considers himself independent when he stands on his own feet; and he only stands on his feet when he owes his existence to himself.”

~Karl Marx (1818–1883)

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“Ethics were based on what promoted the interests of the proletariat [oppressed class] and hastened the revolution. Meaning and purpose were derived from working to hasten the revolution ... Marx was an economic determinist. Everything about human life was built round economic classes and the implications of the movement of history toward his utopia.”

~Glenn S. Sunshine’s book, *Why You Think the Way You Do: The Story of Western Worldviews from Rome to Home*

**“... the middle class owner of property
... must be swept out of the way, and
made impossible.” ~TCM**

Marxism “abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis.

“The Communist revolution is the most radical rupture with traditional property relations: no wonder that its development involves the most radical rupture with traditional ideas. ” ~TCM

“rescue education from the influence of the ruling class.”

This is done through

“an openly legalized community of women,” thus doing away “with the status of women as mere instruments of production.”

Ten characteristics of the ideal society:

- 1. abolition of land for public purposes,**
- 2. a heavy progressive or graduated income tax,**
- 3. abolition of right of inheritance,**
- 4. confiscation of property of emigrants and rebels,**
- 5. centralization of credit via national bank,**
- 6. centralization of communication and transport,**
- 7. factories as controlled and regulated by the state,**
- 8. equal liability of all to labor,**
- 9. combination of agriculture and manufacture (to the end that town and country no more be distinct), and**
- 10. free education for all children in public schools**

~TCM 104-105

“Nothing is easier than to give Christian asceticism a Socialist tinge. Has not Christianity declaimed against private property, against marriage, against the State? Has it not preached that in place of these, charity and poverty, celibacy and mortification of the flesh, monastic life and Mother Church? Socialism is but the holy water with which the priest consecrates the heart-burnings of the aristocrat.”

~TCM

“In the work among the Negroes, special attention should be paid to the role played by the churches and preachers who are acting on behalf of American imperialism. The Party must conduct a continuous and carefully worked out campaign among the Negro masses, sharpened primarily against the preachers and the churchmen, who are the agents of the oppressors of the Negro race.”

**~Political Secretariat Communist
International, Moscow, USSR Resolution on
the Negro Question in the US**

“The new Marxist emphasis in sermons was ‘Jesus, the carpenter,’ was a worker like the Communists. He was against the ‘money changers,’ the ‘capitalists,’ the ‘exploiters’ of that day. This is why he drove them from the temple. The Communists are the modern-day fighters against the capitalists or money changers. If Jesus were living today, he would be persecuted like the Communists who seek to do good for the common people.”

~Manning Johnson, *Color, Communism, and Common Sense*

Black Lives Matter

- **Marxist; secular; atheist**
- **Adopted cultural Marxism views**
- **Adopted identity politics views**
- **Adopted Social Justice ethic (which is not based on any absolute)**

Methodology: Whatever works

Ethics: Rejection of all 6 Divine Institutions

**100 Years of Communism –
100 Million Dead**

~The Wall Street Journal, 2017

COMMUNISM



100 YEARS KILLING THE PEOPLE
TO SAVE THE PEOPLE!
