

# Marxism

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## **For Discussion: Marxism Was Directly Founded Upon The Anti-God Teachings Of Darwinism**

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Marxism is fast becoming a dominant ideology in the West, even among many professing Christians (whether they understand that or not). And Marxism has its roots in the teachings of Charles Darwin (itself founded upon the unbiblical secular timeline of supposed “millions of years” of earth history), which of course, many in the church have adopted.

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### **What is Marxism?**

Marxism is a political philosophy developed by Prussian (German) philosopher Karl Marx that focuses on class struggle and various ways to ensure equality of outcome for all people.

- Marxism is based on the idea that the ruling class in any nation has historically oppressed the lower classes, and thus social revolution is needed to create a classless, homogeneous society.

### **How is Marxism rooted in Darwinism?**

Karl Marx’s ideology emanates from a naturalistic, atheistic understanding of life, which requires some form of evolution to account for our existence.

### **What results when you remove the Creator from your worldview?**

Marxism only espouses ‘natural law’, thus removing any kind of created order and absolute moral law. This allows for (among other things) destruction of family, family hierarchy, and gender norms and either silently condones or actively encourages sexual deviancy, abortion, euthanasia, pedophilia, and eugenics.

### **How does the evolutionary worldview serve Marxism?**

The evolutionary worldview fosters a “survival of the fittest” mentality in a society, within which totalitarian governmental systems easily operate and thrive (as they control all of the major resources and are the “fittest” among us).

- As H. Enoch, former President of the Union of Evangelical Students of India and Vice Presidents of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students stated: *“Darwinism consistently applied would measure goodness in terms of survival value. This is the law of the jungle where “might is right” and the fittest survive. Whether cunning or cruelty, cowardice or deceit, whatever will enable the individual to survive is good and right for that individual or that society.”*

### **How is the Marxist worldview a religion?**

Marx preached what he considered the secret of perfecting the human condition, the political arena became an outworking of his secular religion, where he believed he was doing what was best for humanity.

- Salvation in this system would be brought about when the entire world embraced communism and humans evolved beyond any kind of class struggle.

### **What characterizes a Marxist economy?**

Marxism teaches that the best system of government is one in which wealth is distributed equally, there is no private property (ownership of productive entities is shared by everyone), and every citizen gives selflessly to the collective.

- The purported goal of Marxism is a government-run utopia in which the needs of each individual are always provided for.

### **What is the vision of the Marxist ideal?**

Ideally, the strong work hard, the inventive create technological marvels, the doctors heal, the artists delight the community with beauty, and anyone who is weak or poor or in need can draw on society’s combined resources as their needs demand.

### **What other terms are euphemisms for Marxism?**

When the Marxist idealistic model is attempted in the real world, it is called “socialism,” “communism,” “statism,” “liberalism,” or “progressivism,” depending on the degree to which the model is explored and implemented.

## How popular is Marxism?

Well-known political figures like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Bernie Sanders (who call themselves democratic socialists), are gaining massive support from the public, particularly among the younger demographics who have been steeped in secular teaching since their arrival in state-run schools at a very young age.

- About 55 percent of people in the United States see socialism negatively (per a recent Forum Research poll of 1,733 voters); 58 percent of Canadian voters interviewed said they view socialism positively!

## Why is Marxism so attractive to so many?

Capitalism is not perfect though it has proven to work way better than Marxism due to humanity's natural selfishness.

- Capitalism does not necessarily include biblical principles like charity, feeding the poor and providing for orphans and widows.
- Depending on personal generosity doesn't always work in the favor of prosperity and progress for all.
- We don't actually have a free market with big corporations colluding with government to regulate away their competition.
- The rich get richer and the poor poorer.
- Free stuff is always appealing.

## What kind of track record does Marxism have?

Thus far, Marxism has never worked in real life—and yet people keep thinking they are smarter (more evolved) than those who have gone before them so they keep trying it.

- The fathers of all of the murderous communist regimes (Lenin, Stalin, Marx, Pol Pot, etc.) were fanatical Darwinists that justified some of the worst atrocities the world has ever seen by adopting his naturalistic, evolutionary thinking and taking it to its ultimate conclusions.

## How does Christianity fare under Marxism?

In the places where Marxism has been the governmental model, Christians have been persecuted. That's because there's a foundational difference between Marxism and Christianity, a deep divide that cannot be bridged.

## Why is the Marxist philosophy at odds with the Christian faith?

Marxism is, at heart, an atheistic philosophy with no room for belief in God. Karl Marx himself was clear on this point: *"The first requisite of the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion"* ("A Criticism of the Hegelian Philosophy of Right," 1844).

- In the Marxist model, the state becomes the provider, sustainer, protector, and lawgiver for every citizen; in short, the state is viewed as God.

Christians always appeal to a higher authority—the God of the universe—and Marxist governments don't like the idea of there being any authority higher than themselves.

## How is the abolition of private property anti-God?

One of the basic tenets of Marxism is that the idea of private property must be abolished. Where Marxism has taken root, land owners see their property confiscated by the state, and private ownership of just about anything is outlawed.

- The Bible assumes the existence of private property and issues commands to respect it: injunctions such as *"You shall not steal"* (Deuteronomy 5:19) are meaningless without private property.
- The Bible honors work and teaches that individuals must support themselves: *"The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat"* (2 Thessalonians 3:10).
- The redistribution of wealth mandated by Marxism destroys accountability and the biblical work ethic.
- The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30) clearly teaches our responsibility to serve God with our private resources.

## How are the material priorities of Marxism in conflict with Christianity?

Frederick Engels, a close associate of Karl Marx, said that Marx's greatest insight was that *"men must first of all eat, drink, have shelter and clothing before they can pursue politics, science, art, religion and the like"* ("Speech at the Grave of Karl Marx," Highgate Cemetery, London. March 17, 1883, transcribed by Mike Lepore).

- Marxism seeks to meet the physical needs of man and until those needs are met, man is incapable of any aspirations higher than an animal-like existence.

Jesus taught, *"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? . . . Seek first [God's] kingdom and his righteousness"* (Matthew 6:26, 33).

- Marx taught, *"Seek first man's kingdom and the stuff of this world."* Jesus' words are the antithesis of communism and Marxism, and it's one reason why Karl Marx reviled Christianity.

## How does the utopian vision of Marxism clash with Christianity?

The utopia that Marxism seeks to develop is earthly and man-made; Christians look to the Lord Jesus to establish a heavenly, perfect kingdom some day.

- Believers understand that, given man's sinful nature, there is no perfect system in this world.
- Greed and abuse of power and selfishness and laziness will taint even the purest motives.

## Why does Marxism seek to change the family structure?

**Genesis 1:27–28 KJV** – *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”*

The family is a God-ordained building block of society. But the family unit is antithetical to Marxist beliefs.

- Marx viewed the family structure as perpetuating the belief that hierarchy and inequality were normal.
- Children also would provide a “reason” to keep working hard.
- The family was as a promoter of consumption through competition with the neighbors

If family structure simply evolves with the times, then anything goes (polygamy, homosexual “marriage,” divorce, adultery, etc.). And you can construct a “family” however you wish.

- So, for Marx, abolishing the family (the bourgeois) was important to abolishing a capitalistic society.

## How does Marxism view freedom?

Freedom does not really exist in a Marxist society. Individuals must be subservient to the collective as determined by the ruling elite. Totalitarian rule is the norm for Marxist societies because it simply will not work otherwise. Personal freedom is a quintessential Christian concept... *if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed* (John 8:36).

## Can Christianity be combined with Marxism?

Such attempts may be well-meaning, but they are impractical. The Puritans in the New World tried communal living for a while. When the Plymouth Colony was founded, there was no private property, and all food was distributed equally amongst all, regardless of one’s job (or work ethic).

- But that system, lacking any incentive to hard work, was soon abandoned as a complete failure. See “Of Plymouth Plantation” by Plymouth Colony Governor William Bradford for the full story.

Attempting to combine Christianity with Marxism also ignores their widely divergent views on sin, God, equality, responsibility, and the value of human life.

## Didn’t the early church advocate communism?

*Acts 2:44-45* – *Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*

This passage, as with much of Acts, is descriptive, not prescriptive; that is, this passage contains no command for the church to function this way; it is simply a description of what the early church in Jerusalem did to meet some unique and urgent needs.

- There is no indication that such extensive sharing was ever copied by other New Testament churches.
- Also, the communal arrangements in Acts were completely voluntary and motivated by the love of Christ. Any attempt to apply this to involuntary, secular (godless) communism really makes no sense.

When Frederick Engels heard that some Christians were using Acts 2 to promote socialism, he wrote against melding his philosophy with Christianity:

*“These good people are not the best Christians, although they style themselves so; because if they were, they would know the bible better, and find that, if some few passages of the bible may be favorable to Communism, the general spirit of its doctrines is, nevertheless, totally opposed to it”* (“Progress of Social Reform on the Continent,” in *The New Moral World*, 3rd Series, Nos. 19, Nov. 4, 1843, transcribed by Andy Blunden).

Per Engles, the Bible and Marxism are “totally opposed.”

## Why are the differences between Marxism and Christianity irreconcilable?

The Bible promotes freedom & personal responsibility, and neither of those concepts lasts long under Marxism.

- That’s why, in Marxist states such as Communist China and Vietnam and the old Soviet Union, Christians are always persecuted—the ideas espoused by Marxism are antithetical to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

## What is the prophetic significance of the growing interest in Marxism?

WEF: *“You will own nothing and be happy.”*

*Daniel 11:24* – *he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches*

The Antichrist will spread the wealth around which indicates a socialist economy...

*Daniel 8:25* – *he shall destroy many in their prosperity*

There will be no economic freedom under the Antichrist...

*Revelation 13:17* – *no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark*

## What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Marxism was a direct result of Darwinism.
- Marxism is totally incompatible with Christianity.
- The rise of Marxism is a sign of the times.