

# Marxism: America's Most Powerful False Religion

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### Marx's Misunderstanding of Hegel

Marx misunderstood Hegel's panentheism:

1. Hegel believed there was nothing beyond nature, since the world was a "pole" that God was drawing into Himself.

God ← ----- Man ← ----- World  
Spirit                      Spirit/Material                      Material

2. Marx believed there was only nature (material world).

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### America's New False Religion

#### Old Marxism

- Utopian
- Hegelian dialectic
- Goodness of man
- **Materialistic/Atheistic**

#### New Marxism

- Utopian
- Hegelian dialectic
- Goodness of man
- **Spiritual/Pantheistic**

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### The Emerging Church

- Enables Marxists to be "spiritual" again!

#### **Emergent Engine:**

1. **E**pistemology (Hegel denied non-contradiction!)
2. **E**schatology (Heading towards utopia!)
3. **E**mergence theory (God is enfolded in the creation)

1. You can't know God objectively. (Mysticism)
2. No judgment, no cross necessary. (Progressive)
3. Prayer is out – meditation is in! (Panentheism)

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### Government Is God

- Marxism's Dialectic: **Utopia**

Thesis  
Bourgeoisie  
(haves)

Antithesis  
Proletariat  
(have-nots)

Synthesis

Utopia

Government

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### Government Is God

"There was no question in our minds that in the struggle for justice, **God sides with the poor and oppressed against the strong and the powerful**. For the first time, these students understood liberation theology, and they supported it-if by 'liberation theology' we mean the declaration that in the struggle to end injustice God sides with the poor and oppressed against their oppressors" (Campolo, *Letters to a Young Evangelical*, pg. 265).

Exodus 23:2-3 You shall not follow the masses in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after a multitude in order to pervert justice; **nor shall you be partial to a poor man** in his dispute.

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### Government Is God

"*The Prince* was written by Machiavelli for **the Haves** on how to hold power. *Rules for Radicals* is written for **the Have-Nots** on how to take it away." (Alinsky, RFR, pg. 3)

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### Government Is God

- (Babylon) Genesis 11:4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and **a tower whose top will reach into heaven**, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."
- Genesis 11:5-6 **The LORD came down** to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them."

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## God's Scattering Was Merciful

- **Genesis 11:7-9** Come, let Us go down and there **confuse** their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from **there over the face of the whole earth**; and they **stopped building the city**. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there **the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth**.

Confuse = n..b..l      Bricks (vs.3) = l..b..n

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## The Return to Government as God

- **Revelation 13:1, 3-4** And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up **out of the sea**, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. **And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast**; they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

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## God's Role vs. Marxism's Role for Govt.

### God's Intention for Government

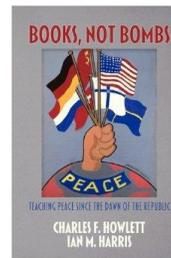
- **Genesis 9:6** Whoever sheds man's blood, **By man his blood shall be shed**, For in the image of God He made man.
- **Romans 13:4** ...for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; **for it does not bear the sword for nothing**; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

**God's Intention: Restrain Evil**

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## God's Role vs. Marxism's Role for Govt.



Marxism: **Restraining** evil is evil!

Marxism's role of Government: **Redistribute** wealth!

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## God's Role vs. Marxism's Role for Govt.

- Biblical View: Mankind is uniquely created in God's image. Man's soul is everlasting, not the state!
  1. Materialistic Marxism: Man is a cosmic accident.
  2. Spiritual Marxism: God is in everything, therefore mankind is not distinct.
- Exodus 20:15 You shall not steal.
- Biblical: Individuals have property rights.
- Marxist: No property rights.

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## Marxism's Appeal to the Masses

- Colossians 3:5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and **covetousness**, which is idolatry.
- "...normally it refers to the sin of acquisitiveness, the insatiable desire to lay hands on material things. The word group appears only occasionally in the LXX, occurring chiefly in the denunciations and warnings of the prophets about dishonest gain and enrichment of the politically powerful by means of violence." (Obrien, WBC, 182)

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## Marxism's Appeal to the Masses

- *Five Economic Reforms Millennials Should Be Fighting For* (Rolling Stone Magazine – Jan. 3, 2014)
  1. Guaranteed Work for Everybody
  2. Social Security for All
  3. Take Back the Land
  4. Make Everything Owned by Everybody
  5. A Public Bank in Every State

"In any case, we have to stop letting rich people pretend they privately own what nature provided everyone."

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## A Religion of Self Exaltation

- Daniel 11:36-37 Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself **above every god** and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. "He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; **for he will magnify himself above them all.**"

"We are the ones we've been waiting for" (Obama, Feb. 5, 2008)

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## The True Origins of Marxism

- **Truth:** Salvation comes from God (Grace)
- **The Lie:** Salvation comes from man (Works)
- Deuteronomy 32:8-9 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. But the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.

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## The True Origins of Marxism

- Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- "Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgement to the very first radical: from all or legends, mythology and history, (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins – or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom – Lucifer" (Saul Alinsky).

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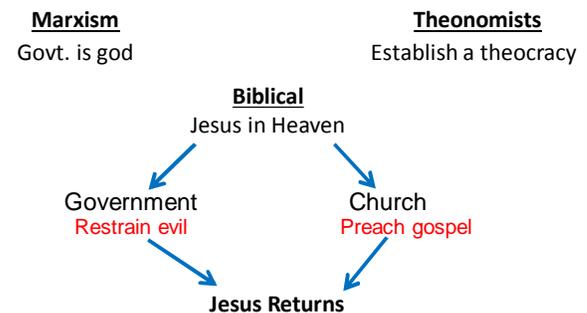
## What to Do?

- Revelation 17:14, 17 These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful...**For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose** by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.
1. God is in control and wins
  2. Call Marxism what it is – false religion!
  3. Great Commission

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## The Biblical Worldview



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