

## MARXISM vs. CHRISTIANITY

THE BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF A NATION by Larry Spargimino, Ph.D.

For the last hundred years or so Marxism, and its many descendants, has infiltrated many countries and regions with disastrous effects. Marxism is systemically anti-God and has led to the persecution of Christians, national upheavals and violent revolutions. Predictably, in its efforts to set the oppressed free, Marxism has led to censorship, the destruction of free speech and the formation of the police state. Surveillance technology and the ability of the Marxist state to track all who oppose it is quickly making Earth a “prison planet.” Why is such a hideous beast attracting so many new supporters?

### IS HUMANITY REALLY GOOD?

In his insightful book, *The Eclipse of God*, Dr. Erwin Lutzer writes: “Rousseau, who preceded Marx, taught that human beings were basically good; it was society that corrupts them. Marx, building on this thesis, taught that man is indeed good, but capitalism corrupts him. Human nature could be changed if society changed; if people owned nothing but still had their needs met, they would live in harmony.”

In this scheme, man is not the problem. Capitalism is. This is another example of blame shifting. “The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat” (Gen. 3:12).

Capitalism has become the scapegoat for those who refuse to blame themselves for their problems, and for the problems that plague humanity. It is very attractive, but this kind of thinking is the juicy worm that covers the barbed hook. Once impaled, escape is difficult if not impossible.

### THE BECKONING CALL OF CULTURAL MARXISM

At the end of the Cold War (1947-1991), with the passing of the influence of men like Nikita Khrushchev, large numbers of Americans who were tired of conflicts and wars believed that they must avoid “conspiracy theories” at all costs. They erroneously concluded that Communism had been defeated

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and that anyone who had a different view, was a conspiracy theorist who needed to be ignored and then vilified if he or she persisted. Disguising their goals under the claim of “social justice,” cultural Marxists continue to dismantle the American Republic and turn many Americans against the very nation that

has blessed them in so many wonderful ways.

The fact that this is a true assessment can easily be discovered. The Apostle Paul's words that rebels against God seek to hold back, suppress, bury the truth in unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18) readily explain the Marxist mindset. Marxism satisfies the needs of those who are part of a growing number who subscribe to a “me-first-no-matter-who-suffers” worldview. It gives a reason to take wealth away from those who are supposedly enjoying “white privilege” because capitalism is, allegedly, oppressive and operates through greed.

### MARXISM'S DISDAIN FOR THE FAMILY

It does not take a very astute observer to realize that the family is under attack. Those seeking sexual pleasure have found a number of perverse ways to have what they seek without the responsibilities, and blessings, of the family. To put it plainly, their thrills come from sexual perversion. They have even invented new forms of perversion and curse those who even speak of “sexual perversion.”

Marx believed that the traditional family was a threat to the implementation of his socialist agenda. Families tend to pass along their wealth to their children, thereby perpetuating what Marx considered “inequality.” Moreover, families and family obligations, are associated with the Judeo-Christian religion. The command against adultery and the demands of a monogamous relationship do not fit into the Marxist idea of a happy people. Is it therefore strange that those who delight in “casual sex” would feel very comfortable in a Marxist world?



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For Marx, the family was one of the main instruments of oppression. Lutzer writes, “Men oppressed their wives, parents oppressed their children, and took them to church, and God was the ultimate oppressor” (p. 49). For Christians the Bible is a revelation of the perfect will of God. “Thus saith the Lord” indicates the final word which cannot be altered, repealed or ignored. For Marx, this was oppression at its worst.

And, since we are thinking about oppression, I certainly do not want to give the idea that we somehow favor oppression. The Bible is against it (Ps. 62:10; Prov. 22:16; Isa. 10:2; 54:14; Micah 6:8—and many others). I am against it. Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, wrote, “We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.” We must not let the Marxists achieve the moral high ground when they have absolutely none!

### **MARXISM, PROTESTS, REVOLUTION AND CRISES**

Marx saw a definite place for protests against the current social order and the necessity of revolution. If the graduation ceremony for your child was delayed and your drive to work was obstructed by confused people waving the Palestinian flag and shouting “Death to America!” you can thank Marx! In the Communist Manifesto, an 1848 political pamphlet written by Marx, we read that revolution would:

...sweep away by force old conditions of production, then it will, along with these conditions, have swept away the conditions for the existence of class antagonisms, and of classes generally, and will thereby have established its own supremacy as a class. In the place of the old bourgeois society, with its classes and class antagonisms, we shall have an association, in which the free development of each is the condition for the free development of all.

Revolutions produce crises, and crises are destabilizing and demoralizing. Most Americans have had personal experiences with this, especially when some of our cities were burning and blue mayors did nothing but restrain the police.

In his book, *Socialism: The Real History from Plato to the Present*, William Federer explains “how the deep state capitalizes on crises to consolidate control.” When people are afraid—such as in a pandemic, a natural disaster or an imminent threat of war, they will take orders from the top. America’s shadow government is cleverly operating on the principles of Marx to destroy this Republic.

### **THE LAST CALL FOR AMERICA TO WAKE UP!**

I wonder how many of our readers have family members who are going to vote for Marxists in our next presidential election? Some people just don’t get it—even professing Christians. Many of America’s churches have fallen so far off the track that congregations are drawn to socialism because they think it is good for a life of peace and tranquility. These are the ones who think Drag Queen Story Hour in the local library is cute and think that gender dysphoria in 5-year-olds can be fixed by puberty blockers and mutilation. They feel sorry for Ol’ Joe and think that MAGA supporters are troublemakers. It’s time to take a lesson from Daniel’s three friends.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were surely aware of the king’s building project. A monstrosity was being built in honor of the king. These young men had already made up their minds they were going to be faithful to their God. Christians in America are facing a very challenging future. Realistically, just as Jesus and Paul spoke about persecution (John 15:19; 2 Tim. 3:12), we could be facing persecution—loss of property, retirement and even our lives. Our answer to the Marxists should be the same as that trio: “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up” (Dan. 3:17-18).

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# CRACKS WIDENING

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CHURCH APOSTASY SPREADS IN  
DOCTRINE, SERVICES, ACTIVITIES

The apostate church's unstable foundation is cracking and crumbling, just as God warned in His prophetic Word. How much longer can this house that is built upon the sand stand?

Paul prophesied in his second letter to Timothy, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

Recent happenings reveal that this world is marching step-by-step toward the biblical end-times scenario. The stage is being set for the Great Tribulation. The church must be awake and alert as a bride ready to meet her groom when the trumpet sounds the rapture call.

How is the church turning away from truth in today's world? Consider some recent events that back up this claim.

## Is the Pope Christian?

"Is the pope Catholic?" This popular idiom rhetorically answers a question that deserves an obvious, "Yes." If someone asked football Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning if he likes football, he could answer, "Is the pope Catholic?" Obviously, yes, Peyton Manning likes football. Obviously, yes, the pope is Catholic. However, after Pope Francis' September remarks in Singapore, one wonders if he is a Christian.

Pope Francis spoke largely off the cuff to a group of students at a Catholic junior college in Singapore. "If you start to fight, 'My religion is more important than yours, mine is true and yours isn't', where will that lead us?" he asked. "There's only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some are Sikh, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, and they are different paths [to God]," reported Crux Catholic Media.

LifeSiteNews reported that Pope Francis later doubled down on his statements and said, "Diversity of religious identities is a gift of God," in a Sept. 17, 2024, video.

In 2022, Pope Francis made similar remarks in Kazakhstan. This reveals he hasn't changed his mind on this theological belief nor are his recent remarks a mere slip of the tongue.

Jesus clearly stated, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"

(John 14:6). If there are multiple ways to God, as Pope Francis claims, then why did Jesus go to the cross? His death and resurrection are meaningless if people can get to God in many ways.

Pope Francis committed a logical error when he compared different languages to different religions. While the word for "cup," for example, differs across languages, it is still a description of the same item no matter what language is spoken. However, different spiritual beliefs and religions vary widely on who God is. It is like calling a cup a wrench or a computer. It is not those things. It is a cup.

Some religions say there are thousands of gods. Some say there is no God. Christianity is the only worldview that says Jesus is God. Calling a cup a wrench or a computer is simply wrong. Either Jesus is God or He is not. That is common sense logic. For the record, in my book, *Fake Jesus*, I make the case that Jesus is the God He claimed to be. He is the way, the truth and the life!

Pope Francis undercut the Gospel with his recent comments. How many people will be deceived into thinking, "If Pope Francis says there are many paths to God, then he must be right"? His dangerous theology could deceive millions, including a large percentage of the young people he is attempting to reach with these comments.

Further, one wonders about the state of his soul since he continues to deny the Gospel.





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## Inclusive Sunday Collectives

The end-times globalist religion will emphasize self over God, spirituality over religion, feelings over faith and works over belief. USA TODAY shared a story on Sept. 2, 2024, that revealed the growing spirit of the age is precisely what the Bible predicted.

Some former church buildings, originally built to share God's truth with their communities, are now spiritual centers for people of any faith or no faith to gather as a community. The article highlights how several inclusive Sunday collectives are springing up across America.

These groups are typically made up of people who walked away from the Christian faith but still want to belong to a community of friends. Their anything-goes Sunday gatherings might consist of reading a religious text from any faith, reading self-help psychology books, practicing yoga, breathing exercises or just talking to each other.

The longing for community and attempts to meet spiritual needs reveal that they understand there is more to this world than the physical realm. The image of God created within them cries out for belonging and spiritual connection. They try to connect with any spirituality they can. Sadly, they are connecting with spirits who are not the Holy Spirit and thus, are turning away from their Creator who placed that longing in their hearts. Their spiritual hunger will never be satisfied until they turn to the way, truth and life.

Like Pope Francis, they consider beliefs (doctrines) a spiritual hindrance. However, absolute truth is central to spirituality. What people believe informs who or what they worship. If the self is the ultimate authority, it becomes the object of worship and the definer of values and beliefs. These inclusive Sunday collectives are not ultimately rejecting a system of doctrines. They reject God's authority over their lives and make the individual the ultimate object of worship.

A former Baptist pastor who now leads one of these collectives commented, "This is the future of spirituality in our country—communities finding creative ways

of leaving behind stodgy practices that no longer serve a society moving into a better place," USA TODAY reports.

The "stodgy practices" he mentions are references to Christian doctrine based upon the truth and authority of God's Word. They are worshipping the creature instead of the Creator, just as Romans 1:18-32 reveals.

The former pastor's statement is right on one account: This is the future of spirituality, but only after the church is raptured and the Great Tribulation begins. Thousands of years ago, the Bible prophesied this would be the end-times spiritual deception. The stage is being set across the world.

## Further Evidence of Apostasy

There are too many sad stories to comment on in this brief article. The (London) Telegraph reported in August that the Church of England preferred the name "community" over "church" to describe some of the new gatherings it is starting. British Christian journalist Alan Franklin wrote an article about the sad state of churches in the U.K. for Prophecy in the News magazine, issue 23.

Hardly a week passes without news of a pastor being arrested or having to step down from ministry because of sin. The Dallas metroplex has been hit hard this year, with several well-known pastors resigning from ministry due to moral failings. Heartbreaking!

The church must pay close attention to Paul's exhortation to Timothy immediately before he warned him about future apostasy:

*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2 Tim. 4:1-2).*

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