

Two book covers are displayed against a blue background. The left cover is purple and white, titled "FUNDAMENTALS FOR AMERICAN CHRISTIANS VOLUME ONE GUIDE BOOK" by the PLYMOUTH ROCK FOUNDATION. The right cover is blue and white, titled "FACS! Fundamentals For American Christians" by RUS WALTON. Below the covers, the text "Foundations of a Biblical Worldview Lesson Nine – What is Man?" is written in white.

## A Review of Biblical Presuppositions in FACS

- Section One: The Bible is our ultimate standard:
  - Darkness cannot conquer where light prevails
  - We are dual citizens – of heaven *and* earth (civil government)
  - The culture is a reflection of God's people
- Section Two: The Source and Quality of Govt
  - The flow of government begins in the heart (the source of its quality)
  - Christ's Law of Liberty is both law and gospel
- Section Three: The Sovereignty of God
  - Christ is both Savior and King (Lord, Sovereign)
  - Humanism (man as god) moves between anarchy and tyranny

## What is Man? (Psalm 8:1-5)

- *O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth, who have set your Glory above the heavens!*
- *Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of your enemies, that you may silence the enemy and the avenger.*
- *When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,*
- *What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?*
- *For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor*

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## The Key Question: Who is Man?

- God's destiny for youth – to silence the avenger through the continuity of the generations – manifesting His kingdom!
- As great as God's creation is – from astronomy to plants, animals and matter all around us – man is unique!
- Why does God visit men and women in such a unique way unlike anything else that He has created?
- Its because of his place in God's creation – a little lower than angels yet crowned with glory and honor – destined to judge angels and rule with Christ over creation... as a steward!

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## Who am I? Why am I here?



- *Any study of man that fails to start with the recognition of God as the Creator and the Governor of the universe must fail to consider man's true origin and purpose. Such studies lead to erroneous assumptions and disastrous conclusions. The theories, policies, philosophies and programs based on such conclusions produce the hopelessness of humanism and the terrors of tyranny. – Rus Walton*

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## Creation of Man; unique among all that God made!



- God created everything after *its* kind
  - Plants / animals were after *their* kinds...
  - But... in Genesis 2:7...
- *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (soul).*
  - Dust of ground – body – earth conscious
  - A living being – soul – self conscious
  - Breath of God – spirit – God conscious
- But the enemy sowed seeds of doubt in the soil of the flesh (and sin)

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## How are we “in God’s image”?

### The Attributes of God

- Creative
- Sovereign
- Omniscient
- Omnipotent
- Immutable
- Just
- Loving
- Merciful
- Holy

### The attributes of Man

- Creative
- Leadership, utilizing authority
- Intelligent, even brilliant
- Strength, mental/physical endurance
- Consistent, continuity, longevity
- A sense of justice, equity
- Loving, compassionate, affectionate
- Kind, merciful, forgiving
- Morality, goodness, righteousness

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## When God breathed into Adam’s body...

- *His brain began to function, sending thousands of messages each second from its 10 billion neurons... to every organ*
- *His heart began to pump, sending 10 and a half pints of blood to 60 trillion cells... through 60,000 miles of arteries*
- *His lungs, with 375 million tiny air sacs, began expanding and contracting, taking in oxygen, giving carbon dioxide*
- *His digestive system began to function; some 700 enzymes took on the task of converting food to energy...*

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## So does it matter who Man really is?

### Individualism

#### Evolution

- An accident of chance
- Little higher than apes
- A result of adapting to the environment
  
- Self-esteem – too high  
a veneration of self

### Individuality

#### Creation

- A Creation of God
- Lower than angels
- Destined to share dominion with God
  
- Christ-esteem – a high veneration for Christ

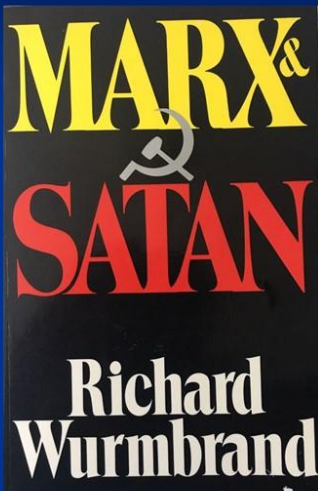
### Collectivism

#### Statism (Marxism)

- A creation of the State
- Less than the group
- An economic digit for the good of the State
  
- State-esteem – too high a veneration of the State

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## Marxism is not just an economic theory (1849)



- It is spiritual, as the book *Marx and Satan*, by Richard Wurmbrand, the founder of *Voice of the Martyrs* exposed
- Karl Marx was raised as a Christian, but after high school graduation, he changed...
- An anti-god vengeance and anger arose
- He wrote *Invocation of One in Despair...*
- Then he was initiated in the *Satanist church*

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## The Soviet Art of Brainwashing (pre-1936)

- *Obtained by a former Communist, it was published before 1936 and used in underground schools*
- *The text is from the Communist Manual of Instructions of Psycho-political Warfare and was used in America for the training of Communist cadre....*
- *Psycho-politics defined – “the art and science of asserting and maintaining dominion over the thoughts and loyalties of individuals, officers, bureaus, and masses, and the effecting of the conquest of enemy nations through ‘mental healing.’”*

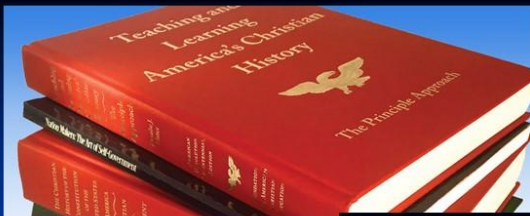
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- *Basically, Man is an animal. He is an animal which has been given a civilized veneer. Man is a collective animal grouped together for his protection before the threat of the environment.*
- *Man is already a colonial aggregation of cells, and to consider him an individual would be an error... Sickness could be considered to be a disloyalty to the remaining organisms on the part of one organism.*
- *The masses must... believe that only excessive taxation of the rich can relieve them of the “burdensome leisure class”*
- *Goals of the State should be formulated by the State for the obedience and concurrence of the individuals within the State.*
- *Obedience is the result of force... On the subject of obedience itself, the most optimum obedience is unthinking obedience...*

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- *...having no will of his own, Man is easily handled by stimulus-response mechanisms.... (Pavlovian non-thinking response)*
- *Nations which have high ethical tone are difficult to conquer*
- *(Man) must be degraded from a spiritual being to... animalistic... Man must be consistently demonstrated to be a mechanism without individuality...*
- *Then after the Atomic Bomb 1945 - Communism has already spread across one-sixth of the inhabited world. Marxist Doctrines have already penetrated the remainder.*
- *The end thoroughly justifies the means. The degradation of populaces is less inhuman than their destruction by atomic fission, for to an animal who lives only once, any life is sweeter than death. The end of war is the control of a conquered people.*

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## The Pagan View of Man and Government

Richard Frothingham's *Rise of the  
Republic of the United States*

- *The individual was regarded as of value only as he formed a part of the political fabric, and was able to contribute to its uses, as though it were the end of his being to aggrandize the State. This was the pagan idea of man. The wisest philosophers of antiquity could not rise above it.... The State regarded as of paramount importance, not the man, but the citizen whose physical and intellectual forces it absorbed.... Christianity then appeared...*

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## But God says we are the Temple of the Spirit!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20 - *Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's...*
- *Progressive education is politically oriented to produce both the philosophy and character of socialism (Rosalie Slater, T&L)*
- Remember Richard Frothingham's analysis? – *Christianity's central doctrine, that man was created in the Divine image... in the eye of God, all men are equal. This asserted for the individual an independent value. It occasioned the great inference, that man is superior to the State...*

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## Eternal Life – *our original destiny*

- Man was destined to live forever with God – eternal life
- Sin brought both spiritual and natural death into the world
  - *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...*
  - *...much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many... (Romans 5:12,15)*
- Again, man is unique – *able to communicate, have fellowship with God, a body distinct from animals, and a sense of morality – right and wrong!*

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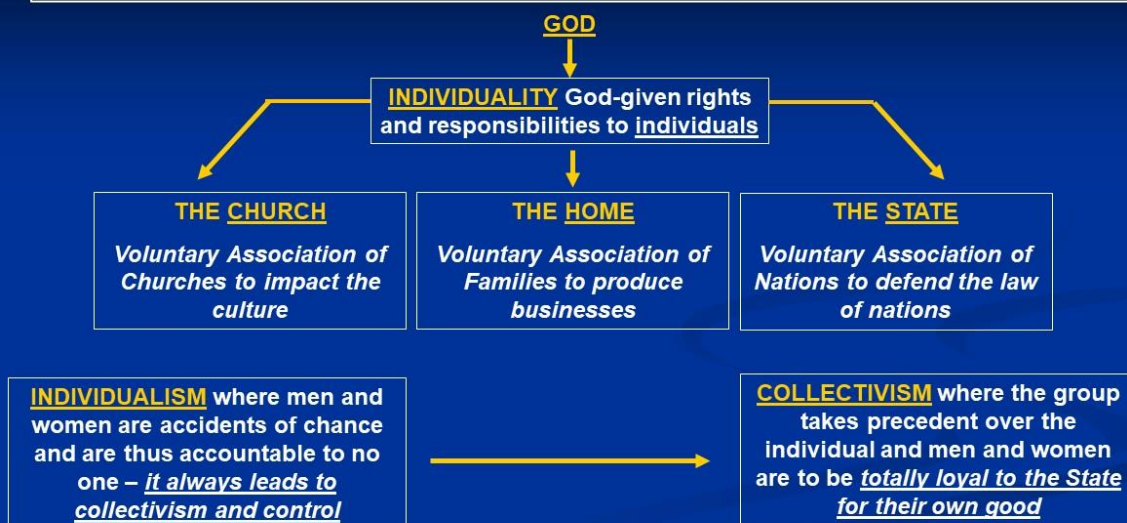


## In Conclusion... Richard Frothingham (1890)

*This is the American theory, expressed 'in words the memory of which can never die.' It includes far more than it expresses; for by recognizing human equality and brotherhood, and the individual as the unit in society, it accepts the Christian idea of man as the basis for political institutions: and by proclaiming the right to alter them to meet the progress of society, it provided for results of a tendency to look, not to the past, but to the future, for the type of perfection that was brought into the world by Christianity. To maintain such a theory were fought the battles of the revolution. To build on it a worthy superstructure of government and law, was the work entered upon by heroes and sages, and bequeathed to posterity.*

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## God's Kingdom and the Dangers of Extremes



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## What can *you* do now?

- Press into the Lord to walk closely with Him as never before
- Discern the premises of the ideas being thrown around
  - Understand the definition of terms.... for two reasons...
  - First, so you can communicate clearly and be received...
  - Second, so you can clearly define Biblical ideas...
- Discuss these ideas with others – family and neighbors
- Determine to love, unify and serve others with kindness
- Ask God for a deeper heart of repentance toward Him

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## Suggested reading from Lesson 9...

- Get the *FACS notebook or paperback and booklet of articles!*



- Read Lesson 9 of the notebook; Chapter 11 of the paperback
- Read the PRF newsletter *Individuality* by Rus Walton
- Ponder the PowerPoint slides and/or review the recording

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