

Marxism: Its Origins and Methodology

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The Creation of Men / Women

Unique among all that God made!

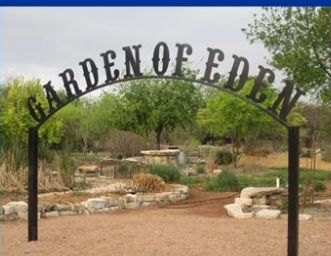


- God created everything after *its* kind
 - Plants / animals were after *their* kinds...
 - But... in Genesis 2:7...
- *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (soul).*
 - Each individual is created *after God's kind*
 - Though now marred by sin, each one has a destiny to fulfill in God!
- But *how* the enemy sowed seeds of doubt in the soil of the flesh is critical to know

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Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but (one) – Genesis 2:16-17a



The Pattern of Temptation

- “Thesis” - God gave freedom to choose to obey His commands
- “Anti-thesis” - the devil sowed doubt and discontent – God is oppressing you
- “Synthesis” - “you shall not surely die” - deny the consequences of the transgression
- Adam and Eve were to have *internal self-control to maintain their external liberty*
- By choosing to disobey they lost their internal liberty and had more external control and were kicked out of the garden

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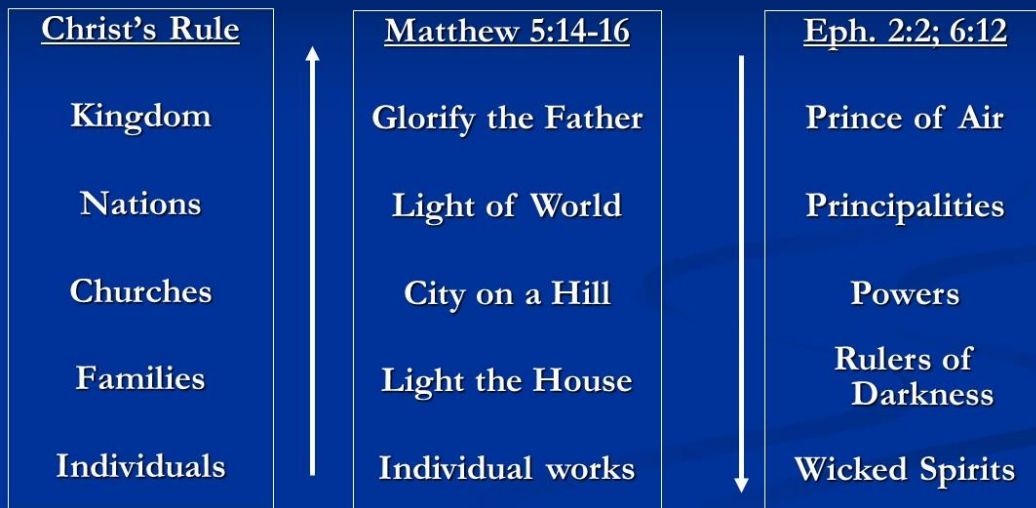


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- *Union with Christ could give an inner elevation, comfort in sorrow, calm trust, and a heart susceptible to human love, to everything noble and great, not for the sake of ambition and glory, but only for the sake of Christ. – Karl Marx at 17*
- *Isaiah 14:12-14 - For you (Lucifer) have said in your heart; I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will be like the Most High*
- *“I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above.” – Karl Marx at 18*

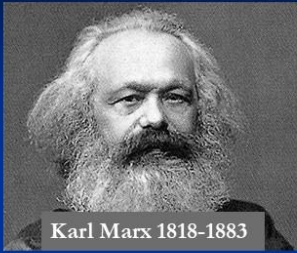
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The Structure of Christ's and the Devil's Kingdom

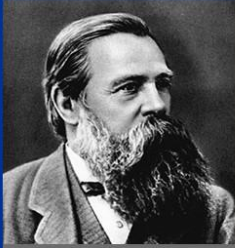


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Karl Marx and Frederick Engels



Karl Marx 1818-1883



Frederick Engels
1820-1895

- Soon after 18 Marx “joined” the Satanist church
- He and his wife Jenny (Johanna) had 7 children
 - Three died of malnutrition / living in poverty
 - Two daughters and a son-in-law committed suicide
- He joined with Frederick Engels in 1844
 - He was also raised as a Christian
 - Called Marx “the monster possessed by ten thousand devils”; both were angry against God
 - They wrote “*Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality...*”

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Marxism defined...

- The removal of all authoritarian obstacles so that metamorphic change can bring humanity into greater harmony and utopia
- *The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles. Freeman and slave, patrician and plebeian, lord and serf, guild-master and journeyman, in a word, oppressor and oppressed, stood in constant opposition to one another, carried on an uninterrupted, now hidden, now open fight, a fight that each time ended, either in a revolutionary reconstitution of society at large, or in the common ruin of the contending classes.... Society as a whole is more and more splitting up into two great hostile camps, into two great classes directly facing each other — Bourgeoisie and Proletariat. — Communist Manifesto of 1849*

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The Dialectic – the method of Marxism

■ Thesis

- Premise
- Prosperity for all
- Worker; child; wage earner oppressed
- Identify oppression
- Ethics are needed
- God created all

■ Anti-thesis

- Anti-premise
- Profit motive evil
- Revolt / overthrow the oppressor
- Foment revolution
- No absolutes
- Science of evolution

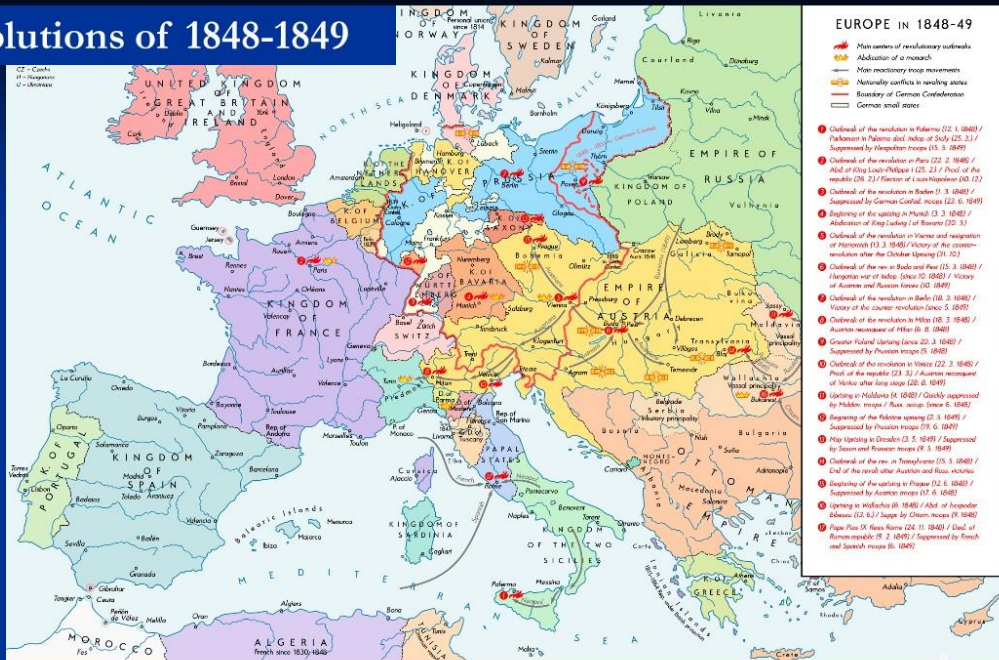
■ Synthesis

- Merge opp. ideas
- Control of labor
- State Control of equilibrium
- Greater control
- Situational ethics
- Theistic evolution

The Revolutions of 1848-1849

At least 17 revolutions “suddenly appeared” in Europe within a few months of each other (fomented by Marxists)

They were all suppressed by national armies





The Revolutions
of 1848
February 23rd -
painted by
Horace Vernet

Symbols
- barricade of
authorities
- Pantheon of
government
building

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The Ten Planks (goals) of Communism (1849)

- 1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.
- 2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
- 3. Abolition of all rights of inheritance.
- 4. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.
- 5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the state, by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly.
- 6. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the State.

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The Ten Planks (goals) of Communism (1849)

- 7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the State... (cultivation, waste-lands, soil) in accordance with a common plan.
- 8. Equal liability of all to work. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.
- 9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of all the distinction between town and country (equable distribution of the populace).
- 10. Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labor (industrial production)

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The Stages of Marxist Ideology

- Classic Socialism / Marxism / Communism – 19th century
 - Revolt against authority
 - Overthrow the established authorities
 - The State would control the outcome – control prices / wages
- Gramsci Marxism – “cultural Marxism” – 20th century
 - Influence media, political parties and leaders to adopt the goal
 - Promise to liberate people from perceived injustice – *political correctness, white privilege, systemic racism, etc.*
 - Frankfurt School – influence the upcoming generations through education – especially government run education

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The Soviet Art of Brainwashing (pre-1936)

- *Obtained by a former Communist... manual of instructions*
- *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.’”*
- *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.*
- *The masses must... believe that only excessive taxation of the rich can relieve them of the “burdensome leisure class”*

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- *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.*
- *Goals of the State should be formulated by the State for the obedience and concurrence of the individuals within the State.*
- *...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...*
- *The end thoroughly justifies the means....*

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This Ancient View of Man and Government was called Pagan but transformed by Christ!

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...

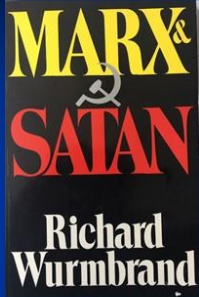
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In Conclusion... Richard Frothingham (1890)

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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What should believers and Churches Do?



(Richard Wurmbrand is founder of the *Voice of the Martyrs*)
Crossway Books,
1986 – available on-line

- Spiritual Warfare – our battle not against flesh / blood
 - *Prayer and spiritual warfare under the authority of the Lord*
- Strategic Unity – guard our unity and work together
 - *Guarding unity of the spirit among churches and leaders*
 - *Families to discern how they will train their children*
- Serve others – serve neighborhoods and towns in love
 - *Serve the surrounding community and its leaders*
- Stand your Ground – when, where and how to stand
 - *Discerning areas ahead of time where we must take a stand*
 - *Agreeing on the attitude and terminology to be used*