



Christianity and Socialism – Part 5 Cultural Marxism in America - Everywhere We Look by Tom Watson

Karl Marx did not distinguish between communism and socialism, but his Marxist ideology took two different paths. Classical Marxism (Lenin) is where the working class is used to overthrow capitalism and usher in socialism, as happened in Russia in 1917 and in many countries since. Cultural Marxism (Gramsci) brings the same results, not by outright revolution but through cultural change and social transformation.

Cultural Marxism is the ideology of Italian Marxist Antonio Gramsci. He was the head of the Italian Communist Party and died in prison in 1937. However, his ideology penned in his *Prison Notebooks* lives on. It became the core teaching of the Institute for Research, better known as the Frankfurt School in Germany. They combined Gramscian thought with Freudian psychoanalysis with the idea of causing people to see themselves as victims of capitalism.

The Frankfurt School moved to New York City in 1935 and joined with Columbia University, and from there, Cultural Marxism spread across America. The goal to overtake America became known as “a long walk through the institutions,” specifically beginning in higher education. With 36% of millennials approving of communism and 70% saying they are likely to vote for a socialist proves the success of Cultural Marxism.

Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev told U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson in 1959 that, “We cannot expect Americans to jump from capitalism to communism, but we can assist their leaders in giving America small doses of socialism until they suddenly awake to find they have communism.” Sixty years later, the results of small doses of socialism (Cultural Marxism) are everywhere, from the sexual revolution to the legalization of abortion, to moral decadence, to the eroding of religious liberty, to the culture of victimization, to the defunding of the police --**everywhere we look!**

In his book, *The Naked Communist* (1958), American conservative author Cleon Skousen, lists 45 goals showing how socialism will take over America. It has been almost 60 years since the goals were read into the U.S. Congressional Record in 1963. Many of those goals have already been accomplished, and others remain a work in progress.

Take, for example, **goal #28**. Eliminate prayer or any place for religious expression in the schools on the grounds that it violates the principle of separation of church and state. Accomplished! (U.S. Supreme Court, *Engle v. Vitale*, 1962)

Goal #38 - Transfer some of the power of arrest from the police to social agencies Marx said socialism would produce a utopia with no need for police. In his “April Thesis” of 1917, Lenin was the first to demand the abolition of the police. Just one month after Lenin’s socialist takeover, the new government established the first secret police known as the CHEKA. The new police were not for the protection of the citizenry but to protect the controlling elite from the citizens.

The same thing happened with the rise of German National Socialism and the Third Reich. They did not abolish the police force but created a socialist alternative (Brown Shirts) not to protect law and order but to organize riots, arson and intimidation of opponents. The same took place among Mussolini’s Italian Socialists (Black Shirts) and, of course, in Mao’s China.

This year the Minneapolis City Council, bowing to pressure from Black Lives Matter, promised to work toward ending the Police Department and create a social alternative. As a result, an abnormally large number of police officers left the department, and a wave of violent crime, including 74 homicides, has occurred to date. So, was the council’s action to protect the citizenry or to protect their politically correct agenda? Many other cities in America have the same plan. The Black Lives Matter Foundation (BLMF) website states that “prisons, police and all other institutions that inflict violence on black people must be abolished ...” A recent Gallup Poll (September) reports that 81% of black respondents want police presence to remain the same or increase.

Related to this is **Goal #42** - To create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition: that students and special interest groups should rise up and make a united force to solve economic, political or social problems. In 2020, progressive governors, mayors and city officials legitimized violent protests by special interest groups (Antifa, Black Lives Matter, the LGBTQ campaigners) by taking no action except calling off the police. U.S. Attorney General William Barr said, “This is the first time in my memory that leaders of one of our great two political parties, the Democrat party, are not coming out and condemning mob violence and the attack on federal courts.” Related to this is **Goal #15** - Capture one or both political parties in the U.S. which we will discuss at a future date.

Goal #31 - Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the grounds that it is only a minor part of the big picture. When socialism took over Russia, the heroes of their past were vilified, just like here in the U.S. in 2020. Socialism is built upon lies, so there is no problem in changing history. A Russian history teacher once asked me, “Why did Truman bomb Japan after they had surrendered?” I asked him where he got that idea, and he told me, “That is what we have always been taught.” I also learned that they have been taught that Russia took credit for the invention of the steam engine, the electric light, the radio, the discovery of penicillin and led the way in the development of aviation. All lies.

“A People’s History of the United States” (1980) and “A Young People’s History of the United States (2007) are history textbooks used across the U.S. from middle school through the University. Author Howard Zinn distorts the actual, true historical record. He paints America as irredeemably oppressive, racist and unjust in order to goad impressionable students to anger, despair and hopelessness about their own country.

The State Board of Education in California plans to adopt “critical ethnic studies” beginning next year. Opponents say these studies are “vulgar Marxism, identity politics and victimology.” They teach that white privilege and capitalism prevent advancement and success among minority groups like African Americans, Native Americans, Asians and Latinos. How then do they explain the extraordinary success, so many of these people have accomplished? How do they explain that minority groups in America are far better off than minority groups found in any other place in the world?

The newly published New York Times "1619 Project" makes slavery, rather than freedom, the defining part of the American experience. It argues that slavery is the foundation of capitalism and the American Revolution was not for liberty but because our founding fathers believed the British were going to end slavery. Lead writer Nikole Hannah-Jones was confronted about her untruthfulness (lies), but she proceeded anyway and won the liberal Pulitzer Prize for Journalism. To date, at least three major Metropolitan school districts have adopted the "1619 Project," and some 3,500 classrooms are planning to use it to teach American history and that is just the beginning.

Goal #24 - Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" in violation of free speech and the free press. **Goal #25** - Breakdown cultural standards by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and T.V. **Goal #26** - Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as normal, natural, and healthy. When a candidate for the president of the United States, Joe Biden, tells a young mother it is alright for her children to be transgender by saying, "The idea of an 8-year-old child or a 10-year-old child decides, you know, 'I decided to be transgender. That's what I think I'd like to be. It would make my life easier.' There should be zero discrimination." Then all I can say is, "accomplished!" And may I add, "**Lord, help us!**"

But let us face reality here. Let us look at this truthfully and not through some socialist lie, but through the lens of Scripture. Such cultural Marxism, politically correct reasoning may get you some votes, and apparently, it did, but it also gets you a reservation for "the judgment of the great day" and "the punishment of eternal fire" (Jude 6 – 7). Since God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 18:23), neither should we. **First Timothy 2: 1-4 should be a consistent part of our prayer life.**

As students of the Bible, we should know that the victimization/blame-shifting that prevails today did not begin with man. Satan (Genesis 3:1-5) lied and deceived Eve, convincing her that she was a victim and ONE of "privilege" was holding her back. The Marxist ideology of today would say it was God's "systemic" nature that made Him the abuser and Eve the abused. We see the same thing with Cain in the next chapter. Victimology has been around for a long time.

Fellow believers, there is much more to what is going on in America and across the world than politics and social issues **We are in a spiritual war!** For prophecy to be fulfilled, God, in his timing, must allow Satan to prepare the world for the rise of the Man of Sin, the Antichrist. Is now the time?

Therefore:

Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up, the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

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We are now in the last month of 2020. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express our appreciation and thankfulness for your prayers and support this year. For 17 years, the Lord has graciously provided for this ministry, and we give praise to Him and thanks to you.

This is the first time in 30 plus years that I have not traveled to the Navajo Reservation. They were hit hard by COVID-19, and at last report 22 church leaders had died along with some members of the churches we work with. Those churches remain closed, and the Reservation continues with lockdowns and curfews. The virus also brought about a quarantine in Tuva (Russia), which remains in place at least until the first of the year.

We have been able to provide encouragement in both Siberia and on the Reservation by letters, email and texts. We were able to financially help Navajo churches and their pastors - Bethel Navajo Baptist (Matthew Noble), Mariano Lake Bible (Delroy Yazzie), Red Lake Bible Church (Trujillo Esplain) and Sanders Bible Church (Jerry Yonnie).

In Siberia, we have provided financial support for the children's ministry in Susch (Nadya Saaja), the new church plant in Kyzyl (Anatoly Kidiekov), and our church plant of 2005 in Baj-Xaak (Kostya Yanov). Nadya writes, "In Tuva, assistance from Moscow with tents and medical equipment was also organized because there were not enough places for patients. People were constantly afraid." For now, our financial support for the Susch children's ministry is not only for Bibles and food but for medicine and medical needs, as well.

This year has allowed time to research, study and write on the subject of Christianity and Socialism. Having made 30 trips to Russia, spending time with those who lived under communism, along with the rise of socialism right here, has made me very concerned about the direction our country is going especially when it comes to our Christian freedom and the future of our children and grandchildren. It is not all that easy to convince people that this is an ungodly, immoral, corrupt, evil and wicked world, even though the Scriptures bear out that fact. We are living in a "present evil age" and "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." Therefore, "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

We pray the Lord will bless and watch over all of you. Whether home alone or with family, may you have a Joyful Christmas knowing that Christ came, He died, and He rose again for you.

In Christ our Lord,
Tom

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