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Marxism: Darwinism Lived Out by Calvin Smith on February 1, 2021 Answers in Genesis

Marxism is fast becoming a dominant ideology in the West, even among many professing Christians (whether they understand that or not). And Marxism has its roots in the teachings of Charles Darwin (itself founded upon the unbiblical secular timeline of supposed “millions of years” of earth history), which of course, many in the church have adopted.

Our Western Society and Marxism

Karl Marx’s ideology emanates from a naturalistic, atheistic understanding of life, which requires some form of evolution to account for our existence. And of course, because it only espouses ‘natural law’, removing the Creator does away with any kind of created order and absolute moral law. This allows for (among other things) destruction of family, family hier-

archy, and gender norms and either silently condones or actively encourages sexual deviancy, abortion, euthanasia, pedophilia, and eugenics.

Ultimately, it creates a “survival of the fittest” mentality in a society, within which totalitarian governmental systems easily operate and thrive (as they control all of the major resources and are the “fittest” among us). As H. Enoch, former President of the Union of Evangelical Students of India and Vice Presidents of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students stated: *Darwinism consistently applied would measure goodness in terms of survival value. This is the law of the jungle where “might is right” and the fittest survive. Whether cunning or cruelty, cowardice or deceit, whatever will enable the individual to survive is good and right for that individual or that society.*¹

And all of these ideas are prominent and evident in western culture today. How did this come to be in societies where, in the past, indeed the very fabric of these societies were once built upon biblical foundations and interwoven with scriptural norms? It’s actually quite easily done—simply teach Darwinism to generations of students.

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A Victim or a Victor? Your Spiritual Journey

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In this life, we are all on a journey. In fact, the Word of God frequently uses the term “walk” or “path” to denote a personal and spiritual trajectory from one point to the next. As Christians, we should relish the opportunity to testify of God’s grace and goodness, sharing our own journey with others whom God allows to cross our path. And yet, it seems that the majority of those who take the time and effort to write books about their own spiritual and personal journeys tend to gloat in their walk *away* from a background that was formerly rooted in a firm foundation of biblical truth and certainty to a belief system that embraces the “broad path” of human effort and the applause of the religious and even secular establishments around them.

I love reading memoirs. While this may sound strange, I specifically enjoy reading the memoirs of those who fit the above-mentioned description—people who have jettisoned the faith of their past (whether their own faith or that of their parents or childhood church); books such as *Crazy for God*, *Girl at the End of the World*, *I Fired God*, and *Jesus*

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Looking back at 2020

Editor's Desk

by Tod Brainard

The things that happened in 2020 are nowhere near how bad things were during the time of Jeremiah. Jeremiah is pictured in the book of Lamentations as weeping over the ruins and wreckage of Jerusalem. It was all so unnecessary. If only the people of Judah had listened to God and repented of their wickedness and turned back to the good ways, wherein was righteousness. The result of not repenting brought the horrendous consequences unfolding like a tsunami in the Five Funeral Dirges of Lamentations. The leaders of the city were hung (5:12), children were starving (4:4), the people were eating dung in the streets (4:5), the children and the young people were conscripted into slavery and hard labor (5:13), and the women were raped (5:11). I do not think we in America have reached that kind of horror.

Reading Lamentations 3:31-41 is a good reminder of what God will do for His people even though He judges and chastises them. In response, we are reminded that the need of God's people is to "search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD" (Lam. 3:40).

I wrote in the last issue of some of the things that I have learned during the pandemic. I want to share with you seven things that I have learned personally during the year, 2020. I shared these with our local church, and I trust they may be of some help to you as a reader.

I have learned or have been reminded of the following in 2020:

1. That God's Word is so very precious and important that He preserved it from when it was first penned until now. This has become my constant source of rejoicing as I imbibe the vibrant, life-giving Word of God in a dry and thirsty wilderness called Earth.

2. I have learned in a very real way that no matter how often I read or hear a passage from God's Word, *I still do not know a whole lot about it.* There are many folks who think there is nothing else in a verse of Scripture for them to learn. Are we so proud to think that, in our finite minds, we can plumb the depths of the mind of God through reading a text a few times a year? It would be stupid for me to tell my wife that because we have had meat loaf several times over the years that I am not eating meat loaf again because I know all there is to know about meat loaf.

3. I have learned this year how quickly my plans can change without my input.

4. I have learned how fragile life on this planet really is.

5. I have learned how vitally important my prayer life is to my spiritual health.

6. I have learned how fear can cripple and cause folks to trust things that cannot help.

7. I have learned that I have three basic choices when facing uncertainty or difficulty:

I can let difficulty and trials define me

I can let difficulty and trials destroy me

Or I can let difficulty and trials strengthen me.

Every believer should take the time to reflect on lessons learned during each period of life. 2020 may have had its challenges, but we as a nation have not seen anything yet. However, we have much to be thankful for in Jesus Christ our Lord despite the challenges we face.

Like Jeremiah, we may be called upon to weep over our land when judgment comes, yet we like Jeremiah can declare, "the Lord will not cast us off forever: But though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies" (Lam. 3:31-32). Ω



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Popularity of Socialism, Communism and Marxist Ideology Today

In the United States, well-known political figures like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Bernie Sanders (who call themselves democratic socialists), are both raising eyebrows among some conservative types, and yet gaining massive support from the public, particularly among the younger demographics who have been steeped in secular teaching since their arrival in state-run schools at a very young age.

And lest we think of ourselves as being that different than our US counterparts, Canadians need to understand that we are actually much further down the road of socialism than they are. In many cases have willingly adopted policies that would have never even been considered half a century ago. While approximately 55 percent of people in the United States see socialism negatively, according to a recent Forum Research poll (from a poll of 1,733 voters), 58 percent of Canadian voters interviewed said they view socialism positively!²

Beware What You Wish For

Even though Marxism or Communism has never worked to bring about any form of societal utopia in *any country* it has ever been implemented in formerly, many people believe it should still be implemented in Western society today, perhaps in a new format that will “fix” any previous improprieties that took place in the past.

Consider outspoken humanist and American political writer Kurt Vonnegut’s response to George

Santayana’s famous “*Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it*” quote: *I’ve got news for Mr. Santayana: we’re doomed to repeat the past no matter what. That’s what it is to be alive.*

And perhaps even more poignant (especially to those of us watching our culture speeding towards cultural collapse at break-neck speed) is the controversial American anarchist author, poet, and pedophilia advocate Peter Lamborn Wilson’s ironic quote:

Those who understand history are condemned to watch other idiots repeat it.

What Is Marxism Anyway?

Simply put, Marxism is a redefined form of communism, an economic and political theory developed by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in which the workers in a society own the means of production, distribution, and the exchange of goods to make money. Its goal is to resolve the problems resulting from abuse in capitalistic societies, including the exploitation of laborers and the widening gap between the largely poor masses and the very few rich. According to the Socialism 101 website:

Marxism focuses on class relations and societal conflict, and uses a materialistic interpretation of historical development, and a dialectical view of social transformation. Marxist methodology uses economic and socio-political inquiry and applies that to the critique and analysis of the development of capitalism and the role of class struggle in systemic economic change.

Whilst socialism and communism existed before Marx, he and Engels were the ones who turned the utopian dream of a perfect society

*into a practical science. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels are alone responsible for popularising socialism and communism throughout the world, and it is safe to say that socialism would have remained an impractical, utopian, near impossible-to-implement ideology without Marxist analyses.*³

The Attraction of Socialism vs. Capitalism?

Capitalism has been commonly described as a socioeconomic system in which private ownership for profit controls the trade industry and the market, and it has been dominant in most Western countries. It incorporates biblical principles like private ownership (based on the Eighth Commandment), personal responsibility, and hard work (such as the warnings against sloth in the book of Proverbs and the principle of “those who don’t work don’t eat,” reiterated in 2 Thessalonians 3:10).

For the Christian, the system incorporates the commonly called “Puritan work ethic,” the idea that God has provided man with a bountiful creation with many resources. Given a free society and opportunity, if individuals work hard, they can get ahead economically. And the ability to make more capital should motivate them to continue working hard and provide for their families and for others less fortunate than themselves as an outflow of that bounty. Ω

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for the ministry of
The Projector.*

Proverb Practicals

by Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 25:24, **It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.**

God's Word reveals "better things" for us as believers and He has given us many "better than" proverbs to guide us. When in the market for a car we should be careful to find the better car. We kick the tires, we look at the odometer, we open the hood and check out the engine, even though we may know little about engines. When at the grocery store, don't you pick up the tomatoes to find the better tomato? You look at the consistency of color, the softness, the hardness. What does the watermelon say to you when you sound it for ripeness? Does it sound like the tapping of the forehead, or the chest or the stomach?

Given alternatives, the wise should always wish to know what is better. God has made us to compare things endeavoring to discover what is better. God is good to us because He reveals this in the proverbs. He knows our leaning toward our own understandings, but He always shows us the better way.

The man of this proverb, as we say in the south, has certainly gotten himself in a fix! Choice Number One: A brawling woman in a wide house. Choice Number Two: Dwelling in the corner of the housetop. God tells us which one is better but who would want either choice? It is the same as choosing between a broken arm or a broken leg. It is the lesser of two

evils kind of choice. Who wants to be around a brawling woman? Who wants to be present with a woman who quarrels without regard to those who may hear? Who wants to be around a woman who has no sense of propriety and decorum?

A man does not want to be around such a woman, and he would rather be on top of the house in the farthest corner of the rooftop than to be near her. A man who is in such a position would easily choose the inconvenience of the wind, the rain, the snow, and the lighting. He chooses life on the rooftop that he may not hear the continual dropping of a contentious wife. He takes this drastic action to keep from hearing the endless noise from her mouth. On the roof, there will at least be some comfortable weather days and it will be relatively quiet. Living below will be constant torment. However, this is the choice: A brawling woman in a wide house or dwelling in the corner of the housetop.

But why is he faced with this choice? Because this man took this woman to be his wife. Perhaps he got his wife from an unwise father who looked for financial gain for his daughter and his family. Perhaps the man saw a pretty face and did not examine her ways. Perhaps his lust burned within him, distorting his thinking, thus refusing to see

the real woman he was marrying. Perhaps he cared little for spiritual things and took no thought in waiting on God to find His choice for him. So, the wife came not from God but from the world.

God never intended for the man to be alone and He provided the most wonderful remedy for man, a life partner through marriage. Like all things, the Father expects His children to seek His face in the matter.

What does a man expect when he enters a union without God's direction? He settles for a wife who becomes as bone cancer.

We are to wait on the Lord in this business of marriage. Dear reader, wait for His choice unless you are willing to face the good possibility of having to choose the lesser of two evils: that of living on the roof out of earshot of the brawling woman. God is gracious by giving us that help if we so find yourself in that predicament. Lesson: the child of God has no reason to find himself in this situation if he has faith to wait on God in the choice of a mate. Ω

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Land are a few that come to mind. During the past decade, I have read dozens of books written by those who have grown up in professing fundamentalist or evangelical households (although many were actually in the charismatic or Pentecostal wing of evangelicalism, which, in reality, is neither “fundamental” nor “evangelical”), only to have abandoned such a position and theology for various reasons. They have penned hundreds of pages highlighting their baggage and burdens from the repressive religious systems of their youth and their “enlightenment” that they have discovered in adulthood—from “bondage” to “freedom.”

In addition to the catalogue of books and memoirs that relay the authors’ “escapes” from fundamentalism or evangelicalism to theological liberalism and unbelief, numerous articles cross my desk every week from newspapers or online religious news services that feature headlines such as: “My Journey from Being a Young-Earth Creationist, Dispensationalist Republican to Seeing My Neighbor as Worthy of My Vote”; “From Fundamentalist to Faithist”; “My Fundamentalist Childhood: Less Like a Temple, More Like a Cage.” These books and articles are only compounded by the newspaper exposés that disclose the sickening and systemic injustices that *have* occurred in fundamentalist and evangelical churches, replete with testimonies from the victims of perverse religious leaders—victims who now want nothing to do with even *true* biblical Christianity.

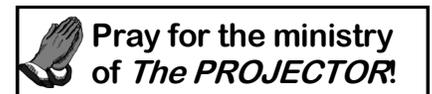
To be honest, I can appreciate the plight of some of these “anti-fundamentalists.” I am keenly aware of the prevalent legalism, the depraved predators, and the unquestioning loyalty demanded by many who lead churches or other Christian ministries claiming the label of “fundamentalist” or “evangelical.” I am also cognizant of their misuse and abuse of vitally important doctrines such as biblical separation or complementarianism and of the misapplication of dispensational theology by many preachers and teachers who have errantly read into global headlines and “sensationalized” Bible prophecy.

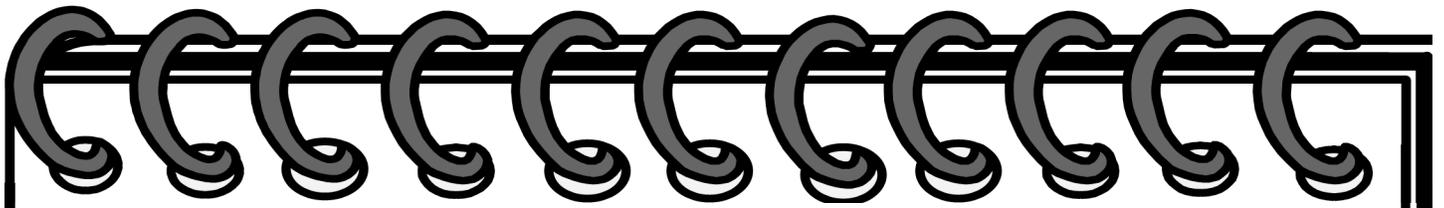
Yet, while I understand where some of these defectors from the faith are coming from, nevertheless I have little sympathy for their decisions as adults. Sadly, many of these memoirs boil down to: “My parents neglected me for the ministry” or “The Christians whom I admired turned out to be hypocrites.” The neglect or the hypocrisy by others serves as their justification for turning away from the faith. However, in most if not all of these cases, the churches in which they grew up were never truly God-honoring fundamentalist or evangelical churches in the first place—yet they portray these institutions as indicative of what “fundamentalism” actually entails. Additionally, these individuals neither “owned” their faith from the beginning, nor did they keep their eyes on the Living and Written Word (if they even did have a relationship with Him in the first place). I certainly feel for what these men and women endured in their past, and I bristle

at the legalism and hypocrisy of those who hurt them and led them astray. However, I cringe at the writers’ inability to divorce fact from fiction or to discern truth from treason.

It is clear to me that many (though not all) of these writers revel in their status as “victims” and fail to be the true and honest intellectuals they think they now are. What do I mean by this? First, they deride biblical fundamentalists for being evangelistic, and yet these authors are just as “evangelistic” for their own cause *against* fundamentalism. With a vengeance they despise the truth and those who proclaim it, yet they disseminate their hatred for such and share their newfound “spirituality” with evangelistic fervency. Second, they come across just as narcissistic and arrogant as the many pastors, Bible teachers, or parents they despise. Their view is right simply because ... well ... it is *their* view! They have become the judge and jury of truth. Third, they are just as “certain” of uncertainty as are their fundamentalist or evangelical enemies who are “certain” that right is right, wrong is wrong, and one can be sure of a relationship with God. They are just as “certain” that God’s Word is deficient, that God is whatever they make Him (or her) to be, and that those who believe otherwise are close-minded simpletons. Ω

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Teaching Tips

by Doris Peppard

Lessons of History

A famous quote – (often a famous misquote) has a simple truth we need to remember when teaching history. “Those who don’t know history are destined to repeat it,” is attributed to Edmund Burke. George Santayana is credited with these words, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it,” and Winston Churchill wrote, “Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” Regardless who first stated this, the meaning is nearly the same.

Teachers are often so caught up in the teaching of historical facts, that we fail to teach the lessons to be learned from historical events. A few ideas to remedy this are:

- 1) Add another section to the student’s history notebook - **Lessons from the Past**. Point out important lessons to be learned from the day’s materials.
- 2) Have a bulletin board or poster board titled **Lessons from the Past** and add sentence strips with lessons learned as they are covered in class. Your class could add at least 1 life lesson each month. By the end of the year you’ll have taught students at least 9 or 10 lessons they can be applied to their lives so they do not repeat mistakes.
- 3) Make a class notebook with lessons learned from history. Students write a paragraph about the historical event and the lessons to be learned.

A few ideas of lessons to be learned on the positive side are: industry, effort, self-control, dependability, dedication, ingenuity, dedication, truthfulness, enthusiastic, trustworthy, organized, reliable, determined, brave, responsible, loyal, respectful, motivated, leadership, humility, and consistency.

It is also important to point out the lessons learned from those who were not honorable so that our students can learn from their mistakes (without repeating them)! Sorry to say, but some of the biggest lessons we learn comes from our failure to follow proper character traits. Pointing out an historical figure’s failure is necessary as their actions are part of the history we must learn! A few ideas from the negative side are: dishonesty, being a quitter, telling lies, backstabbing someone, stealing, jealousy, being evil, disrespect, malicious, and name-calling.

Also, there are many persons and events in our Bible lessons that illustrate either good or evil characteristics. God has given us many examples to learn important lessons. It is in lesson gained from the story that we grow as a Christian. Many of us can testify that we are glad we did not have to repeat some of those “hard” lessons we learned as a child - these lessons have helped us become the people God can use for His honor and glory.



Stars
of the Morning

THE COST OF A BIBLE

(Condensed)
by "Aunt Carolyn"



"Hurry up, Buffy! You'll make me late, and I can't miss the Bible reading! Shoo!" Mary hustled the last chicken into the hen house and walked barefoot with Mother on the dark mountain path two miles to the chapel. At only eight years old, Mary loved the Lord Jesus and His Word. She lived with her parents in a small cottage in Wales. Her parents were weavers and very poor. Their sparse cottage had only a dirt floor, their weaving looms, a table, chairs, a bed and Mary's straw mat in the loft, but Mary was happy. She wanted no new frock or coat. She only wanted a Bible in her own Welsh language!

After the meeting, Mary told Father all about the Scripture she had memorized. "It was wonderful!" she exclaimed. "I do wish I had a Bible! Then we could have it with our prayers every night!" But what good would it do them? Her parents could not read. There was no school where Mary could learn to read, so what good would a Bible be? Yet Mary didn't give up!

In a year or so, a school opened nearby, and Mary did learn to read! She walked two miles every Saturday to the home of Mrs. Evans, who had promised Mary if ever she learned to read, she could come to study her Bible. Bibles were scarce in Wales and very expensive, but Mary persisted! "I *must* have a Bible. I will work and earn until I can buy one of my very own!"

No job was too large. She earned a half-penny for picking up firewood and another for doing washing and ironing. She was rewarded a silver sixpence for returning a lost purse, and so on until a year passed.

When Mary opened her money box to count, there were only eleven pence and three farthings – not nearly enough for a Bible, so Mary worked on earning money by taking in sewing and mending, selling eggs, and helping with children. All this was in addition to her home chores, so her parents so could keep on weaving.

Slowly, *six* years passed! Again Mary opened her money box. At last, there was enough for her Bible! "But now, *where* can I get it?" Bibles were rare! There were none in their district, but the Rev. Charles in Bala might have some.

"Bala!" exclaimed Mother. "That is twenty-five miles! How can she go to Bala?"

"I shall walk! Perhaps I can go in one day and come home the next."

"It is a long, dangerous journey! And she will be all alone!"

"No, I shan't be alone, Mother. The Lord will be with me."

"Oh, let her go, Mother," Father intervened. "She will be safe, and how else can she get her Bible?"

Up early, Mary began the long journey. The path was rough, strange sounds stirred fears, and her feet were sore, but at dusk she reached the home of Pastor Edwards. His wife gave her supper and a cot for the night. Early next morning, Pastor Edwards took her to Rev. Charles' home. Mary listened anxiously as he told the story of her saving for *six years*

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