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ELECTION 2020 - DEMOCRACY VERSUS SOCIALISM/COMMUNISM

We are going to do something we've never done before. As election day approaches, we are going to send out our Newsletter *every week* for the next four weeks. First, let's make something clear – I'm not doing this to raise more money for our Ministry. You'll notice, we have not enclosed a return envelope.

But I feel a need to address what I believe is the most fundamental issue at stake in the Presidential Election of 2020, namely *Democracy versus Socialism/Communism*. We're going to use four famous sayings of the father of communism, Karl Marx. Most speak for themselves. But I'll do my best to expand on each one.

FOUR FAMOUS MARXIST MAXIMS

- ECONOMICS: "*The theory of communism may be summed up in the sentence: the abolition of private property.*"
- PRODUCTIVITY: "*From each according to his ability; to each according to his need*"
- HISTORY/EDUCATION: "*History does nothing. It has no immense value.*" "*The State is to educate the child.*"
- RELIGION: "*Religion is the opium of the people*"

THE ABOLITION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

History can be interpreted in many ways. One can explain history from a Political perspective. Who governed what? One can explain history thru power. Who conquered who? One can even interpret history spiritually. Who believed what? Marx interpreted and explained all *History thru Economics*. Mankind was mainly motivated by economics and he believed greed was the driving force behind all economics, and therefore all *History*.

Marx was very forthright in his writings. There was to be no such thing as private property. The State owned everything. The philosophy of socialism/communism completely eradicates the importance of the individual. Personal individuality is not important; it is not recognized. Human beings exist only for the State, which does not acknowledge individual rights.

REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH

When socialism/communism was instituted, there would be a total redistribution of wealth. *Sound familiar???* Everyone would receive (not own) the same amount of material goods. The State would provide for all your basic material needs like a home, food, clothes, etc. The individual would, in turn, work for the State (we'll talk about that next week).

Marx loathed Capitalism and a Free Market Economy believing it was 100% evil, motivated solely by greed and a system to control and oppress the masses by keeping them poor. How would this new order be enacted? Thru force, if needed.

FINAL WORD

The Bible does NOT teach socialism/communism. We were created in the image and likeness of God. Every person is an individual and is important to God. The Bible teaches us that men and women enjoy certain, shall we say, inalienable rights. One of those rights is to work hard, earn an honest living, to enjoy – *and own* – the fruit of our labor.

Today we hear the term "*Redistribution of Wealth*" thrown out by some politicians. Like so many tenets of socialism, this may sound good to some people. Don't be deceived. Know where this buzzword came from – Karl Marx himself. It is a subtle attempt for more Government control over our life by stripping us of the right to own property and accumulate a certain amount of wealth. When voting on November 3rd, remember its origin and eventual consequences.

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ECONMICS: THE ABOLITION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

Karl Marx said very overtly that “the theory of Communism can be stated in one simple sentence: the abolition of private property.” He interpreted the entire History of man as based on one thing and one thing only: money. History was all about the greed of a few people to acquire money by exploiting the masses.

His answer was that this new Government would expropriate (steal) ALL private property and ALL personal assets. There would then be a total *redistribution of wealth*; every person receiving an equal share. The individual would not be allowed to own anything or to accumulate wealth. Big Brother, in turn, would take care of all human needs. This would include, to name a few, food, housing, clothes, education and *health care!!!!!!!*

PRODUCTIVITY/EMPLOYMENT

And how were the people going to respond to this wonderfully benevolent government? This leads into a second famous statement by Marx that is a foundational principle to his new theory. “*From each according to his ability; to each according to his need.*”

Here’s where Marx’s unrealistic, utopian views again come forth. The people would respond by *happily* going to work every day, *happily* doing their very best and *happily* sharing equally the rewards. (Oh really?) This would prove to the world that Communism was the most productive and best form of government ever devised and produce the ‘good life.’

Let’s use an example. Suppose you have a talent as a carpenter. The state *assigns* you the job of making chairs - you don’t get to choose. You’re a hard worker, industrious and conscientious. You produce 20 chairs a week. Across from you, is a fellow worker who is lazy, careless, & has a secret drinking problem. He produces 5 chairs a week. In Marx’s unreal world, both receive the same salary because, after all, you are doing your best and he is doing his best. NONSENSE!

RESULTS OF THIS NEW ECONOMY

The economy of socialism/communism has never worked and will never work simply because it doesn’t work because no one will work! It discourages production because there is no incentive to do better. Marx is blind to human nature, even though he believed everyone and everything was evil. Even with the threat & use of intimidation and force, it’s impossible to supervise millions and millions of workers and *make* them work harder when there is no built-in incentive.

Socialism/communism will always result in *scarcity*. History has borne this out. There will *always* be empty shelves in stores. People will live in crude housing for generations, usually sharing the limited quarters with other family members. Manufactured goods will always be of poor quality. Food shortages are the norm. One reason for the lack of food is when harvest time comes, there aren’t enough workers willing to bring in the crops because of no personal gain.

The end result is always a meager existence & general poverty. This delusional form of government which presumes to be the answer for everyone’s financial problems is a colossal failure. *Its advocates & policies deserves no place in America.*

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HISTORY/EDUCATION

Marx hated many things. He hated History. One of his famous quotes was: *"History does nothing; it possesses no immense wealth; it wages no battles."* We're linking history with education because of their natural connection.

Marx had no use for History, but he understood the power of History over a people. He knew that to install the new, he had to do away with the old. He had to divorce people from their roots, yet he realized, in one sense, you could never do that. One of his solutions: *rewrite history*. His chosen target group: children. He also postulated:

"Keep history from their people and they are easily controlled."

"The education of all children from the moment they can get along without a Mother's care shall be in State Institutions."

EDUCATION IN AMERICA TODAY

I started school in the first grade at age seven. In my day, few children attended Kindergarten. In time, Kindergarten became mandatory. Children then started school at age six. Today we have pre-school which can start as early as age three. Also many children are placed in Day Care even at an even earlier age.

Please do not think all this *just happened*. This is a result of liberal educators heavily influenced by the philosophy of socialism/communism. These educators have a Messiah complex. They have the deep conviction that they know more than the parents therefore they know what's best for our children. In agreement with Marx, they want to take children from their parents at the earliest possible age allowing the state to do the educating (or brainwashing).

Understand the mentality of these educators. Their goal is not only to teach the rudiments of learning but also to teach *values*. You may ask: 'Whose values?' Their values! Not the values of the parents, but theirs. Couple this with the fact that God has been expelled from the public school system since 1962 and you birth a godless, secular generation.

Then there are our Colleges and Universities. Many receive large grants from local, state and Federal governments. Our taxes help fund these hot beds for socialism, anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism. Most professors of Media, Psychology, Philosophy, Political Science, Government, Law & HISTORY are leftists, dominated by Marxist ideology.

COMMENTARY

I believe this discussion is very relevant to what's happening in America today. Receiving their financing and instructions from a core group of condescending, contemptuous and rich elitists, radicals are destroying our treasured monuments in an effort to separate us from our History; educators are trying to re-write our History. This is called *Revisionism*.

These people hate America and our Democratic way of life. They re-write history claiming America was bad from the beginning, that our Founding Fathers were bad, that Capitalism is bad, that our laws are bad, that all policemen are bad and that our society is so bad that there needs to be "a fundamental transformation." President John Kennedy stated: *"Things don't just happen. They are made to happen."* When voting in a few weeks, discern what's happening. Soundly refute Marx's claim that *"Communism is the riddle of History solved, and it knows itself to be the solution."*

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Today concludes our series of four Newsletters. We are addressing what I believe is the fundamental issue at stake in the Presidential Election of 2020, namely *Democracy versus Socialism/Communism*. As our backdrop, we are using well-known sayings of the father of communism, Karl Marx. We've covered the following:

PRIVATE PROPERTY: "The theory of communism may be summed up in the sentence: abolition of private property."

PRODUCTION/EMPLOYMENT: "From each according to his ability; to each according to his need."

HISTORY & EDUCATION: "History does nothing; it possesses no immense wealth." "The education of all children from the moment they can get along without a Mother's care shall be in State Institutions."

ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM

Marx loathed Capitalism; he loathed History. To him, all history was a class struggle between the 'haves' and 'have nots.' But in my opinion, he loathed religion more than anything else. He wrote the famous, or more correctly, infamous words: "*religion is the opium of the people.*" Communism is 100%, hardcore atheistic. They believe in no God.

Socialists may grant the possibility of a 'higher power' but if such a one exists, he has no connection with our world. Both communists and socialists believe man is the center of the universe and man – without God – is the measure of all things. They dismiss all objective morality like the Ten Commandments and are controlled by moral relativism and situational ethics. Consequently any human behavior can be right or wrong depending on *their* judgments which can change any time.

Marxism outlawed God and the Bible. Pastors were imprisoned. Churches closed. Meetings in homes were raided; with those in attendance placed on a watch-list. The result: Communism is responsible for more mass murders than any form of government ever. Communism sanctioned the outright eradication of dissidents, perpetrated mass starvation to resistant people groups and started innumerable wars. Its death toll reaches into the hundreds of millions.

HOW THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY DIVORCED GOD

At this point, I refer you to an article in *Charisma Magazine* (10/9/20) written by Eddie Hyatt. We simply do not have enough space to fully discuss this topic. In his article "*How the Democratic Party Divorced God and the America of 1776,*" Mr. Hyatt outlines the development of the now godless platform of the Democratic National Party. Several key dates:

2012 – At the 2012 Convention, delegates booted when leaders decided to leave a reference to God in their official platform.

2019 – The DNC unanimously passed a resolution affirming atheism, declaring no religion was needed to be a good patriot.

2020 – The DNC passed a resolution praising the 'religiously unaffiliated' reaffirming atheism; backed by Secular Groups.

Hyatt points out how this differs so greatly from the thinking of our Founding Fathers. These great Americans were convinced that religion was absolutely necessary for good government and a healthy populace. He mentions the landmark Supreme Court decision in 1892 which affirms that "this is a Christian nation." He continues: "If Democrats gain power in November, they will continue to seek the removal of every vestige of God from the public life of this nation. Christians will be persecuted, and the America of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and King will be a thing of the past."

FINAL WORD

I believe the Democratic Party, at the national level, is under the control of satan. Philosophically, Democrats are pushing for Socialism and excessive government control thus jeopardizing our 1st & 2nd Amendments' freedoms. Morally, the Democrats believe in abortion, same sex marriage and transgenderism. No true Christian should vote for such candidates.