

UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM #18

The Atheistic Nature of Socialism

Part One

I. Introduction

A. What's Really Going On?

1. We are witnessing an all-out assault on Christianity in America, led by those who call themselves Democratic Socialists. And there is a method to the madness.

Larry Alex Taunton

“There’s an evil logic behind the riots, flag burning and statue-toppling, and it’s not just America that’s under attack—it’s the Christian faith that’s under assault.”

2. Consider these recent events:

a. **On July 17th**, vandals entered the courtyard of a Catholic Church in Kendale Lakes, Florida and beheaded this statue of Jesus the Good Shepherd. The same thing happened in a Miami Church.

b. Last week **Breitbart News reported:**

- Ocala, FL-A young man tried to burn down a church
- Chattanooga, NYC and Boston: Statues of Mary beheaded
- Chantilly, VA-A young man tried stabbed a Pastor while he was leading a Bible study. Thankfully, a policeman attending the study prevented the stabbing from being fatal.

3. Socialism today has reinvented itself as cultural Marxism. **Hate groups like “Black Lives Matter” hide behind the mask of social justice; but their real agenda is cancelling Christianity.**

a. Listen to the words of BLM leader...

Shaun King

“All murals and stained glass windows of white Jesus, and his European mother and their white friends should also come down. They are a gross form

of white supremacy, created as tools of oppression. Racist propaganda. They should all come down.”

a. The strategy is to link Christianity with racism:

Shaun King

“Yes, I think the statues of the White European they claim is Jesus should also come down. They are a form of white supremacy and always have been. Tear them down.”

b. King speaks for a Marxist movement that is dedicated to the overthrow of America as founded. And yet...

- I have seen some Christian churches have placed large Black Lives Matter banners at their front door.
- I so looked forward to Opening Day for Major League Baseball-and what did I see?

PLAYERS KNEELING AND PITCHING MOUNDS MODIFIED TO SHOW SUPPORT OF BLACK LIVES MATTER AT MLB OPENER

4. Meanwhile, while ballplayer’s play politics, many of our major cities are being held hostage by movement they’re kneeling to and the socialist led local governments do nothing. How can all this be?

Larry Alex Taunton

“There’s a reason why some state and local governments are clearing the way for Black Lives Matter protesters while simultaneously putting severe restrictions on churches and synagogues. They hate God.”

6. For the next few weeks I want to wake us up to the fact that...

Theme

Socialism is atheism masquerading as political philosophy.

7. Not every socialist is an atheist; but socialism is atheistic to the core! It may appear to be benevolent; but make no mistake, all socialist systems will eventually turn against the Christian Church.

a. Socialism sounds friendly; but it is the mortal enemy of the Christian faith; as one very evil socialist once said...

Adolf Hitler

“National socialism and religion cannot exist together.”

8. This is what’s at stake in the coming election; it’s not about worldly politics; it’s a clash of 2 kingdoms; those who believe in God and those who don’t.

9. Let me digress to build a background for you on...

II. The Atheistic Nature of Socialism

A. Some Beatle’s Theology

1. I became a Christian in 1971; the same year John Lennon of the Beatles wrote the hit song “Imagine”; the song itself is what might be called an “Anthem for Atheism”.

John Lennon

“Imagine”

“Imagine there’s no heaven, it’s easy if you try. No hell below us, above us only sky.

Imagine there’s no countries, it isn’t hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too.

The next lines are an “An Anthem for Socialism and Communism”.

Imagine no possessions. I wonder if you can. No need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man.

Imagine all the people sharing all the world.

The song ends recruiting us to support a new one-world government.

You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one. Maybe one day you’ll join us, and the world will be as one.”

2. John Lennon was ‘imagining’ an age-old dream of “Utopia”...

Utopia

A term coined by Sir Thomas More in 1516 describing a fictional society in the South Atlantic off the coast of South America
An imagined community or society that possesses nearly perfect qualities for its citizens.

3. The problem with Lennon's "Utopia" and all Utopian dreams is that it imagines a heaven on earth...without God!

4. This is not a new idea! The origin of all socialistic systems goes all the way back 4200 years; to a time after the Flood but before the birth of Abraham. The Bible story is found in Genesis 11; the story of the building of...

B. Babylon: Man's First Grasp For Utopia

1. Only a few generations after Adam's sin corrupted the human race, we see the first seeds of socialism in the construction of the Tower of Babel. Way back in...

Gen 11:1-4 (Excerpt)

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech...and they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly. Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

- a. One language-one speech=like a one-world government.
- b. "Let us build ourselves a city": this was a political thing.
- c. It was a spiritual thing: "A tower whose top is in the heavens"-
- d. "Let us make a name for ourselves lest we be scattered": they imagined a great new society dedicated to the glory of Man, not the glory of God.

Albert Barnes

"And let us make us a name. A name indicates distinction and pre-eminence. This is the language of pride in man, who wishes to know nothing above himself, and to rise beyond the reach of an over-ruling Providence; the desire to be independent of God in their thirst for absolute power."

Adam Clarke

"The ancient books tell us that the tower was for idolatrous worship; and that they intended to place an image on the top of the tower with a sword in its hand as a talisman against their enemies. Whatever their design might have been, it is certain that this temple or tower was devoted to idolatrous purposes."

2. These idolaters imagined to build a Utopian political culture that never mentions the name of God!

Genesis 11:5-7

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, “And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them.”

a. Here we have all the signs of socialism: self-identified idolaters who require unity around one language;

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These builders required that the individual must be sacrificed to the outward grandeur of the State. This is the genius of all Babel-building, to make the city supreme, and to sink the individual. All must be sacrificed to one idea: the nation –the State.

3. But now notice that those who want to build a Babylon will draw down God’s judgment:

Genesis 11:8-9

So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

a. To this day we refer to confusing speech as ‘babble’!

4. Socialism seeks a one-world government; but God will never allow it!

Matthew Henry

Note, God has various and effectual means to baffle and defeat the projects of proud men that set themselves against him, and particularly to divide them among themselves, either by dividing their spirits (Judges 9:23), or by dividing their tongues, as David prays, (Psalm 55:9).

a. Here’s a hint for us; this is a powerful way to pray!

Psalm 55:9 NASB

Lord, confuse the wicked, confound their words, for I see violence and strife in the city.

b. Is it a coincidence that the socialist's Presidential candidate can't get 10 words out without a gaffe? Or that the liberal news media keep making fools on-air fools of themselves? Aren't they just 'babbling'?

c. Some say, 'They seem so united'; but God is against them!

Matthew Henry

Though they were as firmly in league with one another as could be, yet the Lord scattered them; for no man can keep together what God will put asunder. Thus God justly took vengeance on them for their oneness in that presumptuous attempt to build their tower. Shameful dispersions are the just punishment of sinful unions.

5. God has set Himself against the Socialists because of the atheistic nature of their imaginations. Because...

II. Socialists Systems Require Atheistic Foundations

A. Historical Examples

1. Sinful man has continued to try to build Babylon over and over through history. And a study of history reveals its atheistic Consider the history of nations like Russia.

Larry Alex Taunton

“Russian socialists did more than imagine John Lennon’s godless world—they built it. With what result? Seven decades of unremitting turmoil, bloodshed, famine, theft, murder, gulags, backwardness, incompetence and promises of a coming Utopia.”

2. Listen to the words of German philosopher Karl Marx, one of the fathers of modern socialism and communism...

Karl Marx

“My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism.”

3. The great Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky was a contemporary of Marx, converted to Christianity as Marx was rising to power. He immediately recognized the evil nature of Marxism.

Larry Alex Taunton

“Socialism is much more than an economic or political question. It is a spiritual question, if only because it denies the very existence of the spiritual. That is why upon his conversion to Christianity Dostoevsky renounced socialism, because it was, in his view, atheism masquerading as political philosophy.”

a. Dostoevsky quickly realized that socialism could not exist without atheism and that atheism would always manifest politically as socialism.

Fyodor Dostoevsky

“Atheism is inconceivable without socialism, and socialism is inconceivable without atheism.”

b. His warning to his people is a warning to America today...

Larry Alex Taunton

“Dostoevsky predicted that if Russia’s socialists ever gained control of the levers of power, it would lead to the expulsion of Christianity from public life, and with it, the annihilation of morality, the rise of totalitarianism and the proliferation of state-sponsored genocide. He would prove prophetic.”

4. This is what we face today in our own country. A growing hatred for Christian faith due to the atheistic nature of socialism.

B. Why They Hate Christianity

1. Socialism is a Babylonian idea that seeks to create a Utopia independent of God.

Francis Schaeffer

“Socialists exalt the state in the place of God. And by making the state the means and the end, violates the very first commandments, ‘You shall have no other gods before me’. It then proceeds to violate the other nine with wild abandon.”

2. This explains the lack of law and order; the endorsement of perversion; the lack of respect for authority that is abounding in our culture. The old rules don't apply because...

Fyodor Dostoevsky

“If there is no God everything is permitted.”

a. Now you know why socialism supports abortion, homosexuality and same sex marriage!

R. J. Rushdoony

(1965 pamphlet *The Religion of Revolution*)

“If there is no God and no divinely ordained law, then not only does perversion have equal rights with morality, but actually truer rights, because Christian morality is seen as an imposition on and a dehumanization of man, whereas perversion is an act of liberty and autonomy for this school of thought.”

3. Socialism seats itself above God and His Law and why the socialists see the Church as its enemy.

Larry Alex Taunton

“Christianity is subversive to socialism insofar as it teaches that there is a God whose laws supersede those of man—any man.”

4. Now you know why every nation that has sunken into socialism persecutes the Christian church.

Francis Schaeffer

“No totalitarian or authoritarian state can tolerate a people who say that they have an absolute universal standard by which all men and governments are judged. Socialists and fascist regimes well understand that Christians do not recognize the state as the final arbiter of truth.”

a. In one of his last books, Schaeffer warned the American Church that she might one day discover that the totalitarian state has pushed her to the place where civil disobedience might be required.

Francis Schaeffer

When temporal law and eternal law are in conflict, the Christian may in good conscience violate the former while clinging to the latter. That is, after all, how America was founded.”

5. **This week the United States Supreme Court** denied an appeal by a Nevada church to allow additional worshippers to join in-person services beyond the 50 person limit imposed by the State, regardless of the size of the building. But casinos and other businesses such as restaurants and movie theaters were allowed to grant access to hundreds of patrons at a time.

a. In writing the dissenting opinion, a conservative justice wrote...

Justice Neil Gorsuch

“This is a simple case. Under the Governor’s edict, a 10 screen multiplex may host 500 moviegoers at a time. In Nevada, it seems it is better to be in entertainment rather than religion.”

6. Socialism is an all-out assault on Christianity because...

**SOCIALISM IS ATHEISM
MASQUERADING AS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

7. The manifestations of the atheistic nature of socialism are all around us. What will it take for the church wakes up?

Mario Murillo

“Before there can be a Great Awakening there must be a Rude Awakening.”

Mario Murillo

“They are coming after your freedom. They will force feed your children the antichrist agenda. That is, unless we wake up to our purpose and destiny.”

Mario Murillo

III. Conclusion

A. A Time of Monsters

1. The godfather of the socialist system at play today in America is Antonio Gramsci, an Italian fascist who prophesied where we are today: our old world Christianity is fading and the new world socialism is on the rise.

Antonio Gramsci

“The old world is dying, and the new world is struggling to be born; now is the time of monsters.”

2. Gramsci preached a gradual displacement of the Christian religion with socialism:

Gary North

“Gramsci believed that the only way to achieve a proletarian revolution would be to break the faith of the masses of Western voters in Christianity and the moral system derived from Christianity.”

3. Make no mistake; atheism produces socialism and socialism is a religion.

Antonio Gramsci

“Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity. In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches, and the media.”

3. The socialists are well on their way to taking over; but even Gramsci knew it cannot happen unless we allow it.

Antonio Gramsci

“What comes to pass does so not so much because a few people want it to happen, as because the mass of citizens abdicate their responsibility and let things be.”

B. And the Good News Is...

1. The same God who scattered the builders of Babel is still on the throne!

Psalm 2:1-6 KJV

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, ‘Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.’ He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Psalm 33:10-11 NLT

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. 11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

LET THE CHURCH ARISE AND CLAIM THESE PROMISES!

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