

Fighting the Culture with Truth - Part 1

Social Justice

[1 Timothy 3:15 ESVi] if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

[John 17:17 ESVi] your word is truth.

[Ephesians 1:13 ESVi] the word of truth.

[Titus 1:2 ESVi] God, who never lies.

[John 8:32 ESVi] and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

[John 14:6 ESVi] Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

[John 1:9 ESVi] The true light.

[John 6:32 ESVi] the true bread from heaven.

[John 15:1 ESVi] “I am the true vine.

[John 18:37 ESVi] I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice

[Colossians 3:16 ESVi] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

[Colossians 2:6–8 ESVi] **2:6** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, **2:7** rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. **2:8** See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

2:4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments

[1 John 3:8 ESVi] Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

[2 Corinthians 11:3 ESV] But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

[Acts 5:3 ESV] But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?"

[John 8:44 ESV] You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

How Social Justice is rooted in Marxism:

"through love of Christ, we turn our hearts at the same time toward our brethren who are inwardly bound to us and for whom he gave himself in sacrifice."

So a god has snatched from me my all, In the curse and rack of destiny
All his worlds are gone beyond recall. Nothing but revenge is left to me.
I shall build my throne high overhead, Cold, tremendous shall its summit be.

Then I will be able to walk triumphantly,
Like a god, through the ruins of their kingdom. Every word of mine is fire and action.
Oh, I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above. My breast is equal to that of the Creator."

"the hellish vapors rise in fill the brain till I go mad, and my heart is utterly changed. See this world, the Prince of Darkness sold it to me."

"A curtain has fallen father, my Holy of Holies was rent asunder and new gods had to be installed."

"The idea of God is the key note of a perverted civilization. It must be destroyed."

"surely Marx will chase God from heaven and even sue him."

"all of this so-called world history is nothing other than the creation of man through human work."

"Let us drive the capitalists from the earth and let us drive God from heaven."

Karl Marx believed there was a God, but he needed to be dethroned.

- Mankind is the maker of man.
- Mankind is the sustainer of man,
- mankind is the savior of man and
- God must be radically overthrown if man will take his rightful throne.

[Proverbs 1:7 ESVi] The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

[Job 28:28 ESVi] Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

Karl Marx’s answer to solving the problems of the world was simple: overthrow of the status quo of power, and in its place install the benevolent dictatorship of fellowmen.

- Take some people's money and giving it to others,
- Give government more power.

A communitarian is one that holds that individual freedoms and liberties must always be subject and subordinate to the good of the society at large.

Marxism couldn’t get any traction in the West.

John Locke: “those who govern do not have the right to take away the rights that are given to individuals by God.”

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Walter Rauschenbusch: “A Theology for the Social Gospel”

The Frankfurt School: A new approach to Marxism, **Critical Theory.**

Instead of pitting economic class against economic class, the idea was then to pit:

- Identity group against identity.
- Ethnic group against ethnic group,
- Minority groups against majority groups,
- Perceived victim groups called oppressed, against perceived oppressors.

Threefold approach of Social Justice:

1. Social justice assumes individuals are supposedly owed something by society:

2. Social Justice presupposes that privilege should not be had by any:

3. Social Justice demands:
 - a. **A coerced redistribution of wealth**, in which a transfer of money and property is made from one strata of society as a whole to individuals. Coerced redistribution of wealth includes things like, but it's not necessarily limited to:
 - taxing a more successful group of people to give it to a less successful group of people, either directly through cash, or
 - through government grants or programs, or
 - through the creation of the pointless job's, or
 - providing goods and services to one group at the expense of a different group of people.

 - b. **A coerced redistribution of opportunities**, in which prospects are taken away from some people who have worked hard and those same prospects are given to people, precisely because they haven't worked for it.

 - c. **A coerced redistribution of privilege**, in which privilege is stripped and given to others to make everyone equal.
 - Quotas for employment - whereby a certain percentage of government jobs, political positions, and school vacancies must be reserved for members of a certain group of people.
 - Or employee promotions based on this quota.

The Antisocial and injustice of Social Justice

- a. **Social Justice undermines Biblical Equality:** [Genesis 1:27 ESVi] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

[Acts 10:34 ESVi] So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, that means we preach the Word to everyone and avoid dividing people into:

- The oppressed vs the oppressors.
- The proletariat vs the bourgeoisie,

- The labor class from the white-collar class.
- The commoner vs aristocracy

[Luke 12:15 ESV] And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

b. Social Justice denies God’s Sovereignty:

[1 Samuel 2:7 ESV] The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.

[Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV] You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth,

[1 Kings 14:7 ESV] Go, tell Jeroboam, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: “Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over my people Israel

[1 Chronicles 29:12 ESV] Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

[Job 1:21 ESV] And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

[Psalm 75:7 ESV] but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

[Proverbs 24:33–34 ESV] 24:33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, 24:34 and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

[Matthew 26:11 ESVi] For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.

[Deuteronomy 15:11 ESVi] For there will never cease to be poor in the land.

c. Social Justice is Thievery:

[Exodus 20:15 ESV] “You shall not steal.

[Ephesians 4:28 ESV] Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

[Exodus 20:17 ESV] “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

[Galatians 5:14 ESV] For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

[Matthew 22:37–39 ESV] **22:37** And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **22:38** This is the great and first commandment. **22:39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Then it is a fair and logical deduction to say that Social Justice is hating your neighbor.

Two Social Justice Warriors:

[John 12:1–8 ESVi] **12:1** Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **12:2** So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. **12:3** Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. **12:4** But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, **12:5** “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” **12:6** He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. **12:7** Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. **12:8** For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

[Genesis 3:1–6 ESVi] **3:1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” **3:2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3:3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” **3:4** But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **3:5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.