



Karl Marx's Struggle with God: the Destruction of Christianity

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Abstract: *The Marxist view used historical materialism to claim that Capitalism has created a system of oppression against the working-class, but such system is embedded in a cultural sphere based upon Christianity. Marx adopted Atheism into the theoretical framework of Marxism and Communism to challenge and eventually destroy Christianity and Capitalism.*

The author makes a distinction between Scientific Atheism and Humanistic Atheism, and how Marx used the latter for solidifying his theory of Communism. The paper tries to understand the reasons for the adoption of Atheism, and if Marx was indeed an atheist or only used Atheism for his revolutionary movement. The paper argues that only then, Communist framework could finally be better understood in a philosophical and theological perspective and how the characteristics of Communism are deeply intertwined as a strong anti-thesis to Biblical scriptures and God's will that might be rooted in Ancient Babylon.

The Catholic Church's reaction is analyzed towards the rise of this Godless ideology, their early opinions and claims that Communism was intertwined with Fraternal Organizations that sought to destroy and overthrow God. The establishment of the Soviet Union attested Church's warnings as truthful and how perverse and merciless that Regime demeanor was, Lastly, the Paper argues that our contemporary world is still haunted by Communism, disguised as Social Justice Movements rooted in the Frankfurt School and Postmodernism that intends to discredit and distance people from Christianity to fulfill Karl Marx's bargain in this planet, not only a human and physical struggle but a spiritual warfare against God that started in Heaven.

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1. BACKGROUND

2. KARL MARX UPBRINGINGS:

Karl Marx was one of the most influential people that has ever lived. Marx was not only a philosopher, but an economist, political theorist, journalist and sociologist that tried to understand history and the human development across time. He theorized that human societies develop through class struggle and conflict inhering Hegel's dialectic to understand human history and progress based upon historical materialism. His work was even crucial for Jewish revolutionaries that compared his work to the Bible (Stern, 2018), and helped Jewish scholars developing insights into messianic theories and adopted materialism to understand Jewish history (Stern, 2018).

For the vast majority an interesting unknown fact, Karl Marx was a professed Christian. Karl Marx was born into a Jewish Family with several Rabbis, but later his father converted to Christianity, and by age six Marx became a Lutheran (Stern, 2018). In his early years, Marx who was also a writer had his first work published called "The Union of the Faithful with Christ" where he acknowledged that Christ sacrificed himself for humanity and his love his inwardly bound to the very human existence (Marx, 1835).

Marx dramatically changed his views regarding Christianity and God, where he once claimed that Christ was our Savior (1835), for years later claiming that Religion and Christianity is the "opium of the people" and the "heart of a heartless world" (Marx, 1844). Some researchers argued that Marx's atheism was a matter of circumstances in his life almost by accident (Reding, 1958), or an atheism based upon dogmatism (Lobkowitz, 1964), however he was surely influenced by Ludwig Feuerbach, Bruno Bauer and Moses Hess, the latter known as the "Communist Rabbi" who was also influential in the development of Zionism (Stern, 2018)

3. KARL MARX'S COMMUNISM AND ATHEISM

In this chapter we intend to understand how Atheism is interconnected and fundamental for Karl Marx's

view for humanity, the establishment of a Communist society. Nevertheless, I argue that Karl Marx was not a dogmatic atheist, nor by accident, but not a real atheist by the pure sense of the word, but adopted Atheism to his philosophical framework.

Atheism refers to the absence of belief in the existence of God, other deities and spiritual beings. It is important to emphasize that Atheism was not created by Karl Marx nor Engels, but was popularized by them through the Communist Manifesto. Scientific atheism, around Marx's time was the main branch and explanation for Atheists worldwide where they focused that only Science could explain events and produce knowledge. Darwinism or theory of Evolution was undoubtedly influential for the rise of Atheism in the 19th century, with the publication in 1859 of *The Origins of Species*, since they claimed that religion was an antithesis of science and would always be an obstacle for scientific, social and humanitarian progress. Charles Darwin theorized the evolution of humanity was based upon a natural selection and evolution, contrasting to the religious explanation that God created mankind.

Around the same time, Humanistic Atheism started to emerge as a consequence of the Enlightenment era, where those thinkers had a more anthropological approach (Berman, 1988) that sought to criticize the lack of rationality behind religious beliefs that demonstrated that religion and mainly Christianity was a symptom of alienation and oppression (Marx, 1844) focusing on historical materialism. Marx's position regarding religion was consonant with Humanistic Atheism, since he believed that social problems and suffering were a consequence of a broader problem, the belief in God (Lobkowitz, 1964). So, if people would distance themselves from religion and God, most of the social problems and sufferings would naturally disappear. Thus, Marx argued that Marxism intended to set-free human beings from their chains and alienation towards Religion, and only then would be possible to elevate mankind to a higher standard of social progress by elevating Man himself, since he is the only being that could elevate himself (Marx, 1844).

Marx elaborated that human history could only be understood by having Man as the central focus instead of God or a divine creator, since Man used human-labor to survive on this planet, and did not have the help of a divine being or God (Myers, 1981) to minimize death nor injustices. Conceptually speaking Atheism was connected and fundamental to the revolutionary movement that Marx intended for humanity: Communism, the rejection of God as the explanation for the world misfortunes and fortunes. Instead, focusing on economic and materialistic conditions that Man use to exploit others and write human history. All in all, Marx defended that social rationality and mass consciousness could only be achieved after the dissolution of religious consciousness and dogmas from the population that made Men alienated across human history (Meyers, 1981). And if so, Man can also change history for its own advantage by reshaping and destroying the current social order.

However, in Marx's opinion changing the current social order was a difficult task that could only be achieved through a revolutionary movement by forcible overthrow of all social conditions (Marx, 1848), since Communism in his own words sought to destroy the present state (or order) of things (Marx, 1848). Thus, the establishment of Communism could never be achieved through a peaceful revolution, since Man and humanity was too attached to the social order and the cultural values, and so, a specter was haunting Europe – the specter of Communism (Marx and Engels, 1848) a specter which is still haunting contemporary politics and social movements as it will be shown later in this paper.

3.1. Was marx really an atheist?

This chapter tries to answer the question if Marx was in fact an Atheist or not, or if he used Atheism to solidify his work and goal for humanity. After answering this question, I argue that Marxist and Communist framework would be better understood in a philosophical and theological sense.

Marx who used to be a devote Christian revoked his faith somewhere after his high-school years. Marx intended to abolish all social conditions through a forcible overthrow of the social order (Marx, 1848): "Of course, in the beginning, this cannot be effected except by means of despotic inroads." showing that a possible bloodbath to achieve his ends would be necessary.

Atheism is defined as a belief of the non-existence of God and other spiritual beings, and by that definition might be hard to label and characterize Karl Marx as an Atheist, even though Communism and Communist parties advocate for Atheism as an essential part of their framework. Marx revoked Christianity and suddenly a new Marx emerged according with his writings and poems where he showed

a strong wish to avenge against God: "I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above" (Marx, 1837).

This statement, as well as others that we shall read, are fundamental to understand if Karl Marx was indeed an Atheist or not. An Atheist rejects the idea that God exists but is merely a human creation and dogma, thus, Marx's statement contradicts the definition of what an Atheist is, since he is acknowledging God's existence, otherwise he would not wish to avenge against Him. His acknowledgment of God is more extensive, when he stated his life's goal is not only to destroy Capitalism, but to dethrone God himself (Marx, 1848) and to build his own throne higher than God's (1837). It has already been shown that we cannot define Marx as an Atheist, since is acknowledging God's existence, so for what reason did he use Atheism as a central part for a Communist society?

The answer might be speculative, but Marx's intention to build a throne above God resembles Lucifer's wish (Isaiah 14:12-14), where he launched a spiritual warfare against God as described in Biblical Scriptures:

"You said in your heart,

I will ascend to the heavens;

I will raise my throne

Above the stars of God (...)"

In the same year, in November 1837, Marx writes to his father that a curtain has fallen, and his belief that new Gods have to be installed (Marx, 1837), concerned his dad who was a Christian and until that time saw Marx as a professed Christian also. In upcoming poems and writings Marx started to exhibit the belief in the Devil, mainly in his poem called "The Pale Maiden", where he directly states that his soul that belonged to God, as chosen hell, and thus, the Devil:

"Thus, heaven I've forfeited,

I know it full well.

My soul, once true to God,

Is chosen for hell."

His dad showed a natural concern regarding Marx's sudden theological transformation beliefs, and he emphasized his wishes that his son would build a legacy and reputation, but hopes that his heart and soul remains pure, distant from the alienation of demons (Marx, 1837). Only later in Marx's life he met Moses Hess that had an important role in Marx's decision to embrace Socialism and eventually theorizing Communism, not only to destroy Capitalism but mainly Christianity. Thus, Karl Marx used Atheism in his framework not because he was an Atheist and does not acknowledge a Supreme Being, since he does believe in one. But he used it, to deceive and entice supporters to his cause, the distancing of mankind with God, and the best approach would be to bait the most prominent social class: The Proletariat/the worker.

The promotion of Atheism or the refuse to acknowledge God, for those who supported Communism has even deeper layers. When someone refuses to believe in a Higher Being, they tend to be more open to disregard and preach absolutes and morality as later emphasized by the Neo Marxist philosophers, where truth, morality and reason are merely human constructs (Nobre, 2013) and there is no absolute truth in the world (Hicks, 2011). Thus, if morality is not based upon a universal absolute meaning and commandments by a Creator, it means individuals would be more easily open to commit atrocities and historical bloodbath, as later experienced in the Communist experiences: The Soviet Union and Red China, where casualties might exceed 100 million (Walters, 2013).

Bakunin who was one of Karl Marx's closest friends wrote that Marx had to be worshipped in order to be loved by him, or he had to be feared to be tolerated by Marx (Bakunin, 1924), showing that Marx's character might be distant from being humanitarian, holy or pure. Bakunin who alongside Marx formed the First International also shared similar opinions to Marx regarding theology since he believed, just like many Socialists and Communists, Satan was the eternal rebel and revolutionary who intended to emancipate the world (Bakunin, 1970), just like the Socialists and Communists intended through

forcible overthrow and destruction (Gul, 1936) if necessary.

Bakunin who was a revolutionary Anarchist, was also a Socialist, who admits that other prominent Communist thinkers shared the belief that there is a Supreme and Divine Being: "(...) every step forward is a victory in which we overcome the Divine" (Proudhon, 1847). Proudhon also stated that God's nature is against humanity and preaches tyranny, poverty and oppression (Proudhon, 1847) since there was so much inequality in the world. It seems that not only Marx but other Socialist and Communists did not embrace Atheism in their private lives, since they believed not only in God, but the existence of other spiritual forces, they did not challenge the existence, but His supremacy (Wurmbrand, 1990). However, Atheism was used to bait the vast and numerous social class, the Proletariat by deception since according with Biblical scriptures, the Devil was the father of deception and lies (John 8:44), and the redistribution of capital, goods and other Communist goals are hiding and concealing the ultimate goal of Communism, distancing Man from God (Wurmbrand, 1990), destroying Christianity and Religion as was shown in: Soviet Union, Red China, North Korea and others.

4. COMMUNIST GOALS AND BIBLICAL SCRIPTURES

In this chapter I analyze the main Communist goals layout by Karl Marx and Engels and how those goals are connected with major Biblical Scriptures and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Communist Manifesto book opens up with an important statement, that a specter was starting to haunt Europe, this specter being Communism. For an opening statement both Marx and Engels had to carefully choose what message they desired to send to the public, and choosing "specter" as a word shows that they were aware that Communism would cause fear. The definition of "specter" also refers to a spirit of a dead person, which implies that hardly could be something positive to the population. An interesting choice to start their infamous book, for two individuals who claimed and are well known for their lack of belief in Spiritual beings, since they adopted Atheism to the Communist framework.

In fact, the choice of the word "specter" was no accident, the wish to install fear into the population, since according with the Communist Manifesto the theory of Communism may be summed in the Abolition of Private Property (Marx and Engels, 1848). Hardly any human being or society would willingly denounce their private property, less likely this could happen in an entire country where every citizen would willingly do so. Thus, the abolition of Private Property would have to be through force, as latter admitted in the book: "You are horrified at our intending to do away with private property (...) precisely so; that is just what we intend." (Marx and Engels, 1848).

John Locke formulated that the creation of civil society or the abandon from the state of nature to establish a government should be, for the preservation of property (Moulds, 1964). In fact, private property crystalizes that mankind was given by God natural and inalienable rights inherent to the human condition and existence. One's property represents that Man has liberty and someone who has liberty can enjoy his Life as they see fit (Locke, 1801). Is paramount to emphasize it, since our civil society is based upon the inalienable rights that we possess, and being deprived of Private Property is a direct attack to one's liberty and Life. The Communist Manifesto outlines that in a Communist society the existence of Private Property will be prohibited, that means is a direct attack to one's inalienable and human rights, and could only be achieved by also taking away one's liberty, since no individual would willingly give away their Private Property and abdicate of their freedom.

Biblical scriptures states and commands that stealing is a sin (Deuteronomy 5:19-21) and goes against morality and ethics. In fact, taking away one's property as the Communists demand, could be called as stealing. This command implies that individual ownership and private property is recognized and desired, but also implies that is condemned by God and goes against morals and ethics the person who tries to take that property from someone else. The Communists not only desired to abolish Private Property, but to collect all production from the farmers and proletariat and such demand is also an antithesis to Biblical Scriptures (Corinthians 9:9-11), since human beings are entitled to collect the rewards for their labor and work.

Communist Manifesto also sought to abolish of all right of inheritance. However, Karl Marx during a considerable part of his adult life was living through the financial help of his collaborator Engels that inherited a large fortune from his family (Kengor, 2017), a financial help that is estimated to be around 6 million French francs according with Marx Institute (Wurmbrand, 1990), which shows either moral

hypocrisy or the reason to be outlined as a Communist central point is connected to dismantle God's will. The desire to abolish the right of inheritance is once again a direct antithesis to Biblical teachings (Deuteronomy 21:16), mainly in Proverbs 19:14, where the passage preaches that all wealth is inherited from parents, and Proverbs 13:22. Both abolition of Private Property and right of Inheritance would never be accepted by people's own will, and the Bolsheviks in the Soviet Union to achieve Marx's goal had to slaughter millions of innocent people.

The abolition right of Inheritance was also an attack against the family, since Marx intended to dismantle it according with his own words: "Abolition of the family! Even the most radical flare up at this infamous proposal of the Communists." (Marx, 1848). The reasons for this attack against family might be numerous, however the constitution of the family by a Male and Female (Gen 1:27) are a creation of God, in his image, with the goal of procreation and offspring, and children are a reward and blessing from Him (Psalms 127:3). Thus, the intention of Karl Marx and Communism to abolish Inheritance and the Family are direct attacks to Christianity and Biblical Scriptures, since the Family that is constituted by male and female are created in God's image, and since Marx had a spiritual struggle with God, he intended to destroy His own creation. Over a century later and the rise of Neo Marxist philosophers from the Frankfurt School and Postmodernists the attacks towards the family have risen considerably, since they formulated and deconstructed that both Male and Female are social and human construction concepts (Rachn, 1996), that have no empirical truth and they are not absolute concepts (Dansky, 2021), but are embedded in the oppressive cultural system of the Western Culture and Christianity. In their view, individuals can choose their own gender, despite they have been born biologically the opposite gender, since they deny there is no absolute truths in the world, not even concepts as right and wrong, good and evil, male and female, but only subjective opinions. In the last chapter we shall understand how the New Marxist philosophers from the Frankfurt School and Postmodernism further developed strategies to dismantle and abolish the nuclear Family as desired by Karl Marx in the first place, mainly with the rise of the Sexual Revolution and other contemporary social movements.

Another central focus of Karl Marx and Communism ideology was the implementation of an Internationalist super-state, to reach Marx's goal of "All Workers of the World Unite". For that being feasible, patriotism, nationalism, national governments and their sovereignty had to be dismantled and delegate that sovereignty to a centralized government that would rule the whole planet and establish a World Socialist Republic (Marx, 1850): "It is our interest and our task to make the revolution permanent (...) until the proletariat has conquered state power (...) not only in one country but in all the leading countries in the world"

In fact, centuries ago the Earth witnessed the establishment of a worldwide system of governance with the Tower of Babel. The Bible and the Old Testament exposes this story (Genesis 11: 1-9) by being full of degeneracy and wickedness (Genesis 6:5), a Tower that wanted to reach heaven in a possible symbology to challenge God's place (Deferrari, 1953) that represents perverseness and sinfulness according to many experts (Low, 1970). In the Bible there are two great cities who have a fundamental importance for the understanding of the past, present and future of our civilization and mankind. Jerusalem was considered the Holy City, whereas Babylon was considered the city of Sin, wickedness and perverseness, both with two splendid and magnanimous leaders, Jesus Christ and God in Jerusalem, and the anti-Christ and Satan in Babylon (Genesis 10:8, Genesis 11:1-9), that some have ascribed the human leader or the first anti-Christ to be King Nimrod (Lerner, 2018).

According with Biblical scriptures, as Jesus Christ represented God in human flesh, the anti-Christ represents Satan also in human flesh, The Great city of Babylon not only wanted to build a Tower that would reach the Heavens, but wanted that Tower to be the headquarters of centralization of power and governance upon the whole nations of the World. This intention and will from this Great City leaders was defying God's will and the scriptures, since God never intended mankind to gather in one place, but to spread across the Earth (Genesis 11:1). This infamous city was also characterized by the worship of several Gods, where some individuals sacrificed their own children to many different Gods or fallen angels, mainly Moloch (Leviticus 18:21), and such actions infuriated God, making God confuse all people in the Great City by creating several different tongues and languages, in order to make it impossible to communicate amongst themselves (Genesis 11; 5-7), and continue to build the city and Tower of Babel (Genesis 11: 8-9).

The division of humanity into different countries and nations flourished across the centuries and fulfilled God's will of reaching every corner of the planet (Genesis 28:14) after he confused the people of Babylon. This Great City of Sin, focused on establishing a single (world) government, whereas God and Christ intended the existence of several nations, all with their own sovereign government with different cultures, tongues and languages. Karl Marx being a very knowledgeable philosopher who had a Christian upbringing and a Christian father would surely know the Biblical Scriptures in great depth, and how God did not desire the unification of all the workers in a World Soviet Republic. However, and as described previously, Communism was an anti-thesis of Biblical values that also intended to establish Internationalism (or multiculturalism in recent times) and destroying national sovereignty, governments and Patriotism in a great resemblance to Babylon times where all types of wickedness and Sin were being practiced.

Jesus Christ described that the Earth would live in separate nations until the Day of Judgement, where a system of World Government would be established by destroying all types of national government, but using deceptive statements as uniting all nations together for peace purposes, in order to create willingness from within, the people, thus respecting Natural Law and Free-will give by God: "7. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." (Revelation 13: 7 KJV). Not only Marx, Lenin also intensely advocated to establish a system of government as described in the Bible several times "Our victory will be a lasting victory only when our undertaking will conquer the whole world, because we had launched it exclusively counting on the world revolution." (Kengor, 2020).

4.1. Catholic Church Reaction to Communism

The Catholic Church has always declared their disdain towards the Communist ideology and around a century after the release of the Communist Manifesto, in 1949, the Church issued a document that would excommunicate any individual from the Christian faith if they promoted this doctrine.

The Church awareness regarding the potential dangers of this ideology started from the very beginning, in 1849, just a year after the publication of Karl Marx and Engel's book, the Catholic Church released an encyclical denouncing Socialism and Communism doctrines as abdominal ideologies, based upon deceiving the poor and the people to separate mankind from God (Pius IX, 1849). The same Pope condemned and associated Socialism with Carbonarism and Freemasonry as not only the Church enemy, but the Devil (Chaigne, H and Corbin, M, 1965), that seeks to destroy Christianity and God. In fact, also many historians and researchers have claimed the French Revolution and Jacobinism were conducted by Freemasonry (Thomson, 1976), a movement that was anti-clerical and sought to destroy the Church, and thus the Monarchy, which naturally was seen as a great threat by the Catholic Church that issued an edict banning on this fraternal organization with Pope Clement XII.

Some other encyclicals followed, in 1864, once more the Pope criticized Socialism and Communism and allegedly stated that Communism was merged and connected with secret societies and fraternal organizations (Chaigne, H and Corbin, M, 1965), mainly Freemasonry. The Pope Leo XIII warned society that a wicked confederacy intended to overthrow all civil society, as desired by Marx, a confederacy that are under various different names but have the ultimate goal to defy God and Biblical scriptures. In the past this confederacy expanded through secret meetings and secret societies, but changed their modus operandi, and now publicly call themselves as Socialists or Communists (Leo XIII, 1878).

In 1891 another encyclical was published, here the Church tried to warn people towards this doctrine that sought to destroy Private Property, freedom, human rights, and God. The Church and several Popes argued for the dangerous of this doctrine beyond the promotion of Atheism and his intentions to destroy Christianity, the doctrine itself has a convoluted notion of equality. In Communism the concept of equality is distorted proposedly, and goes against the premises of what a fair society is based upon, not only in the Christian perspective, in fair society wealth inequalities are a direct consequence of people's different abilities, talents, effort and commitment (Pope Leo XIII, 1878). The propaganda towards "Equality" in Communism goes against justice and natural law, since the only equality granted to mankind is their human dignity, the moral laws and inalienable rights (Krason, 2020).

The establishment of the Soviet Union allowed for the first Communist experience in the world and understandably raised concern around the Church and Christians. Pope Pius XI acknowledged that

Communism was immensely dangerous, since they desire to spread this doctrine internationally, what he labeled as: International Communism (Coppa, 1998). This Pope condemned the Communist USSR for promoting atheism, blasphemies against the Church but a doctrine with “pseudo-ideal of equality, fraternity and justice”, ideals that were promoted by the Communists as deceiving slogans to gather more people to the International Communist cause for Worldwide Revolution and Government (Pius XI, 1937), and being Socialist is incompatible to Catholicism: “No one can at the same time be a sincere Catholic and a true socialist.” (Pius XI, 1931). John Paul II that lived under Communism exposed the spiritual void that people possessed, as the rejection of concepts as truth and transcendent truth since those regimes demanded that citizens would see the Communist Government and State as the only truth (Krason, 2020).

In July 1949, the Pope Pius XII released a decree condemning Stalin's ambitions to implement Communism not only in Eastern Europe but in the whole world, thus any Catholic who would participate in this gigantic task would no longer have a place inside the Church. This reaction was an expected one, since Lenin and afterwards with Stalin, the Bolsheviks were haunting all members of the Church within the USSR, and many were not only exiled and arrested but killed (Zatko, 1965), also in Ukraine (Dunn, 1973). This behavior extended beyond the Russian territory, the Soviets have always sought to conquer all nations and destroy their national sovereignty for the World Soviet Republic, and thus the occupation of other countries naturally happened. Communist Internationalism was incompatible with any Nationalist feelings, meaning the leading Bolsheviks were against any sort of Patriotism, including towards Russia. Meanwhile the Bolshevik Revolution took place and the implementation of the USSR was established, many stated the Bolsheviks could not care less for Russia or any other country, since they are Internationalists and seek a worldwide revolution, as the American Ambassador for Russia clearly stated (Francis, 1921). The Bolsheviks also occupied the Baltic States and those states were under the Soviet Law, meaning that all Catholic practices or religious practices were prohibited, church property was confiscated and nationalized to the hands of the State (Dunn, 1973) and indoctrination in the education system was fundamental by promoting Atheism and Marxism beliefs.

All in all, numerous Priests, Christians, Catholics and even Popes labeled Communism as the greatest evil that mankind has ever faced, a doctrine that imposes a spiritual fight and warfare towards God: “The evil we must combat is at its origin primarily an evil of the spiritual order. From this polluted source the monstrous emanations of the communistic system flow with satanic logic.” (Pius XI, 1937), but as the Biblical Scriptures tells us, the struggle against Communism is beyond the physical realm, not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of evil and wickedness in the metaphysical and spiritual realms (Ephesians 6:12), who want to dethrone God as Karl Marx desired and how Satan aspires (Isaiah 14:12-14):

“How you have fallen from heaven,

Morning star, son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,

You who once laid low the nations!

13 You said in your heart,

“I will ascend to the heavens;

I will raise my throne

Above the stars of God;

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,

on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.

14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High”

5. The Soviet Union experiences

Many characterized the Soviet Union as a worldwide threat to the reincarnation of evil in contemporary

times, as the Catholic Church warned the population, or as President Reagan stated several times (Clines, 1983). The former Republican politician argued that Soviet Communism was a dangerous ideology that intends to distance people from God, and would rather see his children perish but still believing in God, than see his children grow up and embrace Communist ideology (Clines, 1983).

The horrors of Soviet atrocities proved that many Christians, Conservatives and others were correct that Communism was one of the greatest threats of our time (Churchill, 1920) that intends to destroy all social norms and order. From the very beginning, members of the Bolshevik Party in the Soviet Union advocated for horrors that the human mind has trouble to conceive as ethical or even based on any morality. Zinoviev desired to kill without mercy the Communist enemies, and wished their enemies would drown in their own blood;

“We will turn our hearts into steel (...) and the blood of fighters for freedom. We will make our hearts cruel, hard, and immovable, so that no mercy will enter them, and so that they will not quiver at the sight of a sea of enemy blood. (...) Without mercy, without sparing, we will kill our enemies in scores of hundreds. Let them be thousands; let them drown themselves in their own blood. Let there be floods of blood of the bourgeois- more blood! As much as possible.” (Zinoviev, 1918)

The Communist objective was to achieve Marx's goals at any cost, even if that would imply to commit the greatest and most unimaginable atrocities known to Man in the path to establish Communism through the Dictatorship of the Proletariat (Marx, 1848). Alexander Yakovlev who was a Communist politician in the Soviet Union admitted in his book that the Soviet Union and Stalin killed millions of their own citizens, a number that could reach 70 million people (Yakovlev, 2002). The Bolsheviks in the Soviet Union followed Marx's "Dictatorship of the Proletariat" until society would be ready to fulfill the core of the Communist ideology, the historical bloodbath was not an accident, but necessary, according to Marx a Holocaust of the Slavs would be needed to achieve the Communist utopia (Marx, 1856). The enemies of the State were to be haunted, persecuted and forced to concentration/work camps, famously known as Gulags, but many of those enemies did not have that luxury and were directly assassinated by the Bolsheviks.

The Soviets implemented another Marx's goals, the collectivization of production, mainly in Agriculture, since there was no Private Property in the Communist Soviet Union. The Soviet regime nationalized all industry and land from the hands of the Capitalists, increasing the number of farms substantially from before the Revolution, 15 million to 25 million only 10 years later (Statistical Handbook of the USSR, 1928), following Lenin's policies and the promulgation of the New Economic Policy (NEP) (Ladejinsky, 1934). The Soviet Union and the Bolsheviks rushed into applying Marx's goals for a Communist society within the USSR, the Land Decree of November 7th, 1917 was clear, the land-owners would lose their property without any compensation, inheriting Marx's goal of abolishing all private property:

“The right of private property in land is to be abolished for all time. The land shall not be bought, sold, leased or otherwise alienated. All lands, whether belonging to the State, the former imperial family, the ex-Tsar, the monasteries, or the church, whether copyhold, entailed, private, public or peasant, shall be taken over without compensation, turned into the property of the entire people, and placed at the disposal of all who till them for use.” (Ladejinsky, 1934)

The abolition of Private Property gave way to a huge Nationalization of industries and land to the Soviet State. The policies were quite clear, the forced collectivization of production led to many peasants to appropriate “illegally” their own production (Bacci, 1993). This behavior from the farmers, peasants and citizens in general was a direct consequent of the implementation of Marxist and Leninist policies in the USSR. The New Economic Policy from Lenin had noticeable failures, and in 1929, to fight the negative outcomes from NEP, a plan of rapid industrialization was created (Bacci, 1993) and both plans led to the famous Famine, mainly in Ukraine, both also in Russia Soviet Republic, called Holodomor (Conquest, 1986).

The application of both plans by the Soviet State, alongside the increasing procurement quotas for 1932 led to a widespread hunger in Ukraine, in the fall of the same year, in spite of Soviet Union's rapid economic development (Dalrymple, 1964). Ukraine was heavily affected by those plans, since the procurement quotas of harvest were higher than normal, and reached 45 percent in 1932 (Conquest, 1986), whereas 2 years prior was 32 percent (Bacci, 1993). The increasing hunger and famine was

becoming a reality in Ukraine, and despite those facts the Bolsheviks still insisted in achieving those quotas, ignoring the rising death toll and the thousands of people in severe hunger (Conquest, 1986). According with many, Stalin deliberately chose “non-Russian” areas, since those areas registered a higher level of peasant’s opposition feelings towards collectivization of production (Graziosi, 2004) The Soviet Ambassador to Bulgaria, Raskol’nikov in a letter to Stalin warned him that sooner or later the people in the USSR would consider him a traitor and their enemy if they would acknowledge Stalin organized the famine deliberately (Raskol’nikov, 1939), a secret that was held within the Soviet and Bolshevik Elite inner-circle (Graziosi, 2004). The Soviet Union endorsed a great endeavor to conceal the Famine to the international community, by implementing stricter restrictions of travelling and foreign reporters inside the Soviet Union (Bacci, 1993; Dalrymple, 1965). However, some foreign journalists and reporters had the courage to expose such atrocities, like Gareth Jones who blamed Walter Duranty from the New York Times of withholding information deliberately and being a Soviet agent. Many other reporters documented the Famine such as: William Henry Chamberlin who argues the historicity of the famine is unquestionable (Chamberlin, 1935), or Malcom Muggeridge that also included Russians in the Famine situation and starvation (Muggeridge, 1933) that led to at least 5 million deaths to 15 million in such a short time span,

The Holodomor is a word rooted in the Ukrainian language that means “execute by starvation” (Serbyn, 2013), a word that refers to the Famine engineered by Stalin, an event also commonly known as “The Great Ukrainian Famine” or “man-made famine”. The latter definition better represents the reality, since this Famine was not made by Nature but by Man, since the Soviets registered a worldwide surplus of wheat in 1933 (Gamache, 2020), making many critics to call this event as a planned Genocide (Lemkin, 1953), going along with the Bolshevik Litvinov’s words: “Food is a weapon” (Fisher, 1927). The historicity of this event is extremely important, this man-made Famine was a direct consequence adopting Marxist principles in the Soviet Union, but perhaps not an unexpected one according with many Bolshevik leaders themselves who deliberately engineered this atrocity that also led to cases of Cannibalism.

Furthermore, Karl Marx also clearly stated that Communism had to dismantle the nuclear family structure and few years after the establishment of Communism in the Soviet Union, we witnessed USSR as the forefront leaders regarding both family planning and abortion (Popov, 2022). Family planning in the Soviet Union was not as evident for the international research community and the general public, as in Communist China, where the families could only have 1 child per household following Deng Xiaoping’s policy (Potts, 2006), a measure that lasted for more than 35 years and caused tremendous harm for Chinese families (Feng, Gu and Cai, 2016).

The data available about this topic in the Soviet Union is hardly fully accurate (Popov, 2022), but it gives a solid view regarding USSR’s policies regarding the topic. Just like in China, the Soviet Union looked at family planning and abortion to solve Governmental economic problems (Popov, 2022), since a growing population would imply a countless number of problems. The number of induced abortion per 1000 women, aged 15-49 years old in the Soviet Union shows clearly the trend of abortion as a method to not only contain the population growth, and consequently further economic problems, but a method that was being used for Family Planning to dismantle the family structure that disregards God’s will and His greatest gift to mankind, the offspring (Psalms 127:3-4):

“Children are a heritage from the Lord,

Offspring a reward from him.

4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior

are children born in one’s youth”

In 1925, the USSR had around 30 induced abortions per 1000 women, but this number dramatically increased across the years, and around 1950 this number surpassed 100, so more than 10%. In fact, 1957 witness a phenomenon that might have never been seen in human history, since the number abortions was higher than living births (Popov, 1991), a number that would reach more than 8 million and a half in 1965 (Avdeev, Blum & Troitskaya, 1995).

According with United Nations data, the Soviet Union had a higher number of induced abortions per 100 births from 1970 to 1985, a number that had no parallel when compared to other countries such as

Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Great Britain and others. However, regional differences were observed regarding the levels of induced abortions within the Soviet Union. The Russian Socialist Republic had always the highest number of induced abortions per 1000 women (aged 15-49), followed by Ukrainian Socialist Republic, Kazakhstan, Latvia and Estonia (Goskomstat, 1988 and USSR Ministry of Public Health), despite the regional differences the trend was unquestionable, the use of induced abortion was a popular method to contain the population growth and following Karl Marx's goal of dismantling and attack the Family in the whole Soviet Union.

6. CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Across all human history, God's will and teachings have been under attack, beginning with the Fallen Angels, to the temptation of Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1) to more contemporary events. In more recent times, God's Word and teaching have suffered blatant inerrancy and infallibility in secret and more openly and widespread with the rise of Marxism. The Frankfurt School was a Marxist Research Institute that applied Freud and Marx's teachings to understand and dismantle Western society through socio-cultural means. Whereas Marx himself, and the Soviet Union sought to conquer the World through a forcible overthrow, mainly by physical force and conflict, the Marxists from the Frankfurt School developed a sneakier method, the brainwashing and confusing people's perception of reality through the manipulation of socio-cultural information and values.

Those intellectuals replaced Marx's dialectic and dichotomy, and extended it to englobe all social and cultural values and identities, what today is called Identity Politics. The Frankfurt School philosophers created a new dialectic to understand all human history by elaborating that the oppressor group has some socio-cultural values that defines him or her as an individual, and those values were the reasons for the world's misfortunes and the suffering of another homogenous group (the oppressed). Needless to say, the group that was considered as the oppressors throughout human history were the Christians and Catholic people, but also the White race, the Male and the heterosexual through the application of Critical Theory and with Postmodernism: Critical Race Theory. For the Neo Marxist advocates the commit of Sin is not by violating God's law and teachings from Biblical Scriptures, or personal deeds, but by the individual possessing certain personal characteristics that identifies him as part of a specific group or groups that have historically oppressed others according with this ideology. The goal being to install a perpetual Group Guilt in the individual and carry the supposedly Sins that his ancestors or contemporary have done, ignoring the individual but inserting him as part of a Social Group that need to inherit Guilt to achieve Social Justice (American Council of Christian Churches, 2019).

The Biblical Scriptures and God's Word are clear, He will judge all the individuals according with their individual deeds and behaviors (Romans 2:6), and the concept of Group Guilt and ignoring the individual by accusing him of evil deeds for being inserted in a social and homogenous group goes against the Scriptures and God's teachings, and thus Christianity. In some sense, we could argue the Neo Marxists are preaching false gospels and promoting that individual Salvation is only possible through the acknowledgment and awareness that his group has received privilege and perpetuated a system of injustice, and people should be "Woke" (thus the term Woke Culture) and aware of that fact, otherwise they will be labeled not only as the oppressors but as the evil reincarnated.

The Neo-Marxists from the Frankfurt School conceptualized the reasons for Marx's unsuccessful social and world Revolution was based beyond the economic reasons, but the culture itself. Marx in his writings, as demonstrated previously, was consciously aware that socio-cultural values ought to be destroyed, but the Neo-Marxists realized it would be more feasible to achieve their utopian and totalitarian goal through subversion and infiltration, not an armed revolution but a silent one. In the Communist Manifesto, Marx and Engels openly stated a specter was haunting Europe – the specter of Communism. This specter, in current times, is not only haunting Europe but the whole world but disguised as Social Justice Movements (SJM) and Critical Theory that aim, in a first phase, to deconstruct and eventually destroy the Western cultural values who are intertwined with God's Word: the individual, the family, the nation/country, the Church, etc., and then replace them with Marxist principles (Baucham, 2021).

Critical Theory and its subsets like Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Critical Social Justice (CSJ) argue that the Western culture is systemically racist, that privileges White individuals (UCLA School Public Affairs, 2021). Under the umbrella of Critical Theory, a term emerged, "Intersectionality", where the

system of oppression is intertwined, more precisely not only the White individual is historically privileged, as well as, the Male, heterosexual and Christian. This Marxist doctrine propagandizes if an individual is a Male, he has received throughout his whole life Privilege (Male Privilege), and if he is also from the White race, he received double-privileged (Intersectionality) and thus, he needs to admit that his success and achievements in life are connected with his own identity, an invisible system of tyranny, disregarding his own deeds and effort.

The recent incident and death of George Floyd has been a catalyst for the rise of Social Justice Warriors (SJW) and movements that blame the Western Culture as the tyrants. SJWs argue the existence of systemic or institutionalized Racism, and the Police is clear evidence this system is incorporated within the Western society due to its culture, that favors White individuals and marginalizes Blacks. CRT activists and SJW claim that Police uses their power to commit and perpetuate Racism through shootings and brutality (Tennies, 2021) is a symptom of the extension of Capitalism and Christianity (Pluckrose and Lindsay, 2021). CRT and SJW disregard that Meritocracy and those individuals should be rewarded by their deeds, as the Bible preaches, they believe all structures of society and people's success are inherently intertwined to an oppressive system that favors one's identity and its core-values, which created a victimhood culture in groups considered oppressed (Blacks, Females, Homosexuals, non-Christians, etc.) that reduces tremendously personal accountability and work-ethic (Pluckrose and Lindsay, 2021). These Social Justice movements explain the wealth and positions power inequalities as the fruit of cultural hegemony, as the Neo Marxist Gramsci coined the term, and neglect any other possible explanations such as a higher percentage of divorced people (20, 48%), high school dropouts (USAFacts, 2020), single parenthood with 64% (Kids Count Data Center, 2019) or higher percentage of criminality within the Black community.

The movement Black Lives Matter (BLM) gained worldwide highlights after Floyd's death, a movement that claims to support Black Lives and fights for equality. Regardless, BLM has publicly stated in their own website the goal of destruction the Western nuclear family structure that resembles Neo Marxist and Marx's goal. This goal could merely be a coincidence; however, the Black community suffers from higher percentages of single house-parenthood and divorced people which ultimately shows that the underlined reasons for some Black individuals to be in lower positions in society is not based upon their skin-color, but their own deeds in their personal life. Also, the higher percentages of single house-parenthood and divorced people goes in-line with BLM's goals of disrupting and destroying the Western nuclear family structure. In fact, the co-founder of this movement, Cullors, publicly admitted they have an ideological frame, since they consider themselves Marxists (Steinbuch, 2020), which is not a surprised if people fully understand the philosophical framework of Neo-Marxism and Marxism and their beliefs.

The Marxist thinker, George Lukasz advocated and implemented a revolutionary Sexual program in Hungary, in the Communist regime of Bela Kun's government. The program revolves around the promotion of certain that values that would dismantle and destroy the Family structure, mainly due to the promoting of promiscuity, polygamous ideas and blaming Christianity and the Bible for oppressing society with their dogmas and taboos (Lind, 2004). However, Critical Theory developed a sophisticated way to dismantle the nuclear Family structure by using the new Marxist dichotomy. The strategy focused in claiming that Men hold all positions of power and use that power to constantly oppress Women, and the only solution to fight against that system is by a full Women's liberation, and thus the 3rd Wave of Feminism emerged. However, the most famous Feminists like Linda Gordon, Andrea Dworkin and Robin Morgan have all clearly stated their goal is destroying marriage and the break-up of the family (Brown, 2017), and are well-known Marxists.

Postmodernism rejects metanarratives and thus, complete rejects Christianity and the Bible (Adams, 1997), at the same time that believes that identity and culture are merely a social construct, mainly propagandized by Michel Foucault and Derrida. Their rejection to metanarratives includes Reason and Science, which is fundamental for the extension and "applied Postmodernism" in Identity Politics and their newly Marxist dichotomy of groups (Pluckrose and Lindsay, 2021). The Postmodernists and Critical Theory interdisciplinary collaborative processes amongst all Social Science gave light to new fields, including: Gender Studies or Queer Theory. Gender was considered a socially constructed phenomenon (Foucault, 1976), that was not linked with science nor Biology, since CTs and Postmodernists reject all metanarratives, thus if Gender was only a social construct, it could be

constructed in the way someone sees fit, since there are no absolutes (Pluckrose and Lindsay, 2021).

This Neo Marxist movement gave birth to Gender Studies, and the latter has launched a cultural revolution against Christianity and people who identify themselves as religious since it ignores not only Science, but defends that people can transition from one Gender to the other, ignoring God's creation. Moreover, Gender Studies and Postmodernism believe that mankind is not merely composed of Male and Female as the Bible preaches (Genesis 1:27), but there are many Genders, at least 15, as defended by PhD professor and psychologist Tracy Marsh (Marsh, 2018), and the creating of Gender Pronouns emerged (Baron, 2020). In their view, Genitalia does not equal a specific Gender, thus, we can infer that SJWs and Postmodernists believe that facts and science cannot determine reality, and we should prioritize people's feelings to scientific, biological facts (Pluckrose and Lindsay, 2021).

These SJM who are Marxist in their philosophical nature, use wordings as Liberation, Progressive as their main vehicles and strategy for people's acceptance and endorsement. A counter-culture movement has emerged as a natural response to Postmodernist theories, mainly in the Theology field. Robert Goizueta who is a Theology Professor in Boston College states emphatically the deconstruction philosophy of Postmodernism and Critical Theory makes impossible for any normative statement (Goizueta, 2021), and thus creating a chaotic society. Likewise, the Western world has seen people distance from God, making some Postmodernist Theologians like Mark Taylor stating the death of God is a reality in the western civilization (Taylor, 1987). Taylor's statement for God's death is a sociological approach, where he further elaborates than "atheistic humanism" has been a reality in the Western World, since individuals have replaced God as their sovereign, but people are their own sovereign and the only one being they have to answer to or explain their deeds (Macquarrie, 2001). Unsurprisingly, the United States registered the sharpest decline in the importance of God and Atheists in the Western World, being in 11th place (Inglehart, 2020), as a natural result of Neo-Marxist propaganda in all spheres of society. The highest percentage of Atheists naturally is led by China, since is a Communist country, whereas the former Communist countries registered a drop in Atheism after the dissolution of the USSR (Inglehart, 2020), and since those countries have not been exposed to Marxism or Neo-Marxist doctrines.

The Western culture is deeply connected to socio-cultural values that are transcendental, such as: logic, reason, morals and ethics that are connected to the Scriptures and Natural Law. Immanuel Kant developed those concepts as timeless and transcendental, since those are not restricted or conditioned by any socio-cultural norms or ideologies, but are a universal truth that every human being inherited (Kant, 1785), regardless of their upbringings, which he called: Categorical Imperative. Ethics and morals are crucial and a center part for a theological construction (Adams, 1997), since those concepts are inherited by every individual, since every human being is made in God's image (Genesis 1:27), thus, possessing a transcendental moral code. Doctrines and ideologies emerge from morals and ethics, rather than the opposite, and Marxism and Neo-Marxism doctrines developed their own ethical concepts, where ethics and morals are not universal but merely subjective concepts (Adams, 1997).

In fact, this doctrine that is based on complete relativity and subjectivity inherits Kabbalistic teachings, where mankind and Man are the ones who determine "Good and Evil" (Lieberman, 1876). The Kabbalah englobes a series of mystic, esoteric and occult teachings regarding the spiritual world by offering occult knowledge to individuals who master the craft. Albert Pike who is arguably the most influential Freemason of all time wrote in his book that Masonry is derived from the ancient Kabbalah (Pike, 1871). The Kabbalistic teachings are connected to King Solomon's seal (Leonora, 1999), its power and his knowledge to contain and control spiritual beings, in his kingdom in Ancient Babylon. According to several experts, the Seal and Solomon's knowledge about the metaphysical and the spiritual world allowed an extensive occult knowledge in those areas that intrigued many Freemasons such as: William Woodman, William Wescott and Samuel Mathers that founded the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn in 1887. However, one of the most famous members of the organization was Aleister Crowley who worshipped and used mystical, occult and satanic teachings (Rahmadina and Ritonga, 2022). The other influential member, Arthur E. Waite who joined this organization and a fellow Freemason wrote extensively on the role of the Kabbalah to Freemasonry (Waite, 1921), divination, alchemy, ceremonial magic (Waite, 1913), black magic (Waite, 1898), astrology, tarot readings (Waite, 1911), and more themes regarding the occult. Such knowledge and practices was commonly practiced in the Great City of Sin, Babylon, and such activities infuriated God (Deuteronomy 18: 10-11):

“Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, 11 or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead”

The Catholic Church has always been aware of a spiritual warfare amongst the forces of Evil that use occult practices and teachings to expand their craft and goals. For those reasons several Popes have denounced Communism, but firstly they prohibited and banned Freemasonry with Pope Clement XIII, in the 18th century, as shown previously. They understood such fraternal organizations intended to destroy the Catholic Church, Christianity and God himself. Pope Pius IX warned Christians and humanity several times, and published encyclical “*Humanum genus*”, in 1884, where he stated mankind was facing a spiritual warfare and struggle between forces of Good and Evil, where the kingdom of Satan was being widespread by the Freemasons: “(...) separated into two diverse and opposite parts (...) The one is the kingdom of God on earth, namely, the true Church Jesus Christ... The other is the kingdom of Satan (...) led on or assisted by that strongly organized and widespread association called the Freemasons.” (Pius IX, 1884). Besides, Albert Pike, Manly P. Hall has been famously known as one of the most knowledgeable Freemasons, who acquired vast expertise and mastered the Craft, as well as the occult world. Manly Hall admitted what many Christians and Popes believed, in his book “*The Lost Keys of Freemasonry*”, the Doctrine and the Masonry Craft is the worship of the adversary of God, Lucifer:

“When the Mason learns that the key to the warrior on the block is “the proper application of the dynamo of living power, he has learned the mystery of his Craft. The seething energies of Lucifer are in his hands and before he may step onward and upward, he must prove his ability to properly apply energy. He must follow in the footsteps of his forefather, Tubai-Cain (...)” (Hall, 1923)

According with Marx's writings, his disdain to God, his will do dethrone him and destroy Christianity are undisputable and undeniable. His sudden change from a Christian believer to an adversary of God are clear, but his reasons might go beyond the influence of his professors Bruno Bauer, Ludwig Feuerbach and Hess. His several writings suggest that Marx made a pact with Lucifer (Marx, 1837), and his admiration towards him even concerned his own father. According with Biblical Scriptures and Theology experts, Lucifer was the top angel that God created, but the exercise of his free-will give by God made him create a rebellion against God and took a third of the other angels with him (Revelation 12:4, 9), since he wished to overthrow God (Isaiah 14). After falling to Earth, he started by deceiving Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3) and he is the master of lies and deception (John 8:44) that seeks to distance people from God (Ice, 2009), just like Marx and Neo-Marxists by attacking God's creations and Scriptures, with deceptive and perverse doctrines:

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44)

In recent times we have been witnessing several influential people praising wickedness and perversion with not only increasing sexual abuse cases, but the public worship of Satan or satanic symbols. The famous rapper Lil Nas X created “*Satan Shoes*”, featuring an inverted Cross (of Christ) and with human blood (Holland, 2021) with a limited edition of 666 pairs, as described in Biblical scriptures the number of Satan (Revelation 13:18). In those shoes there is also a reference to another Scripture, Luke 10:18, where is mentioned Satan's fall from Heaven down on Earth. Another marking moment was the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022, the opening ceremony showed us the worshipping of Satanic symbolism, where Moloch or Baal was the center focus of this ceremony, the same creature the Bible exposes to be used for child sacrifice (Leviticus 18:21) and made God expel the people from Babylon (Acts 7:41-43). The beginning of the ceremony shows the fall of lightning from the sky, resembling Luke 10:18 and Isaiah 14:12-14, where Satan, the lightning star fell down from the Sky to Earth. Then, the Harlot or a Woman was riding the Beast or Moloch, in another resemblance to other Biblical Scriptures, mainly Revelation 17:4-6, where the Scripture tells us the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, just like in the Commonwealth Games Ceremony. The ceremony also included the presence of a Towel Babel's replica before the arrival of Moloch, in a much clear ceremony of worshipping Babylon, the Beast with tons of symbolism and occult meanings that majority of people are unaware, mainly those who are distance from God and Biblical scriptures.

Furthermore, the famous Travis Scott hold a concert in Astroworld Festival 2021, where many have dissected the several satanic symbols used in this concert. The concert gathered the representation of several symbols, inverted Crosses (of Jesus), the All-Seeing Eye (Lucifer's eye) and others (Rahmadina and Ritonga, 2022), where 8 people lost their lives after mysteriously fainted at the same time, giving birth to some "conspiracy theories" about the concert could be a form/ritual of human sacrifice (Rahmadina and Ritonga, 2022). All in all, the Western World has seen the gradually destruction of Christianity, the distancing from people to God and the increasing number of Atheists or non-believers (Inglehart, 2020), and the promotion of Satanic symbols or occult teachings.

7. CONCLUSION

For reference, the paper distinguishes between Scientific and Humanistic Atheism, and how Karl Marx used the latter for his ideology. Then, the paper extrapolates that Marx used Atheism for his revolutionary movement, without fully being one. The reasons are self-evident, firstly, Marx have always acknowledged God's existence which clearly contraries the definition of Atheist. Moreover, according with Marx's writings and exchange letter with his Father, we understand that Marx used Atheism for his movement, since he stated to worship God's rival, Satan himself.

Across the paper, several Biblical passages from the Scriptures are displayed to contrast the antagonistic beliefs from Christianity and Communism, and how the latter is a complete anti-thesis to Christian values and God's writings. The paper shows that Marx wished to overthrow God, just like Satan or Lucifer tried in Heaven, Marx intended to overthrow God by distancing people from God on Earth. The Catholic Church reaction to Communism was unequivocal, they proclaimed that Communism was the biggest enemy of the Church, alongside Freemasonry. Several Popes issued encyclicals denouncing how dangerous those doctrines are for mankind, and eventually banned those same doctrines to be practiced amongst Christians, since those doctrines intend to destroy God and Christianity. The rise of the Soviet Union and their merciless and demonic demeanor proved the Church's concerns, with the mass-murdering of millions of Christians without a shred of human remorse.

However, the haunting of Communism has not disappeared with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the rise of Neo-Marxism ideology replaced the forcible overthrow of Orthodox Marxism preached by Marx with a more cunning method. The goals remained intact, not only the destruction of Western/Christian values: neglecting the individual for inserting him in a social group (Identity Politics), destroying the family structure and marriage (by promoting promiscuity), destroying Religion and Patriotism for embracing Internationalism with the abolition of nation-states for a World Soviet Government, just like Ancient Babylon times as shown in the Biblical Scriptures. All in all, Marx intends to fulfill Satan's eternal goal as repeatedly shown in the Biblical Scriptures, the overthrow of God and all His creations or teachings, in this eternal Spiritual Warfare.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12)

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