

# "Go, Set a Watchman" re Invaders (Satanic/Godless/Socialist Revolutionaries)

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Feodor Dostoevsky: "[If] God and immortality did not exist he [Aloysia in *Brothers Karamazov*] would at once have become an atheist and a socialist. For socialism is not merely the labor question, it is before all things the atheistic question, the question of the form taken by atheism today, the question of the tower of Babel built without God, not to mount to Heaven from earth but to set up Heaven on earth." Long before the actual "successes" of socialist revolutions in Russia and China, Germany and Cuba, Dostoevsky discerned the underlying currents which truly constitute socialist ideology: the denial of God and His authority in our world. His 19th century insight were validated by courageous Russian writers such as Pasternak and Solzhenitsyn a century later. One of the 20th century's premier mathematicians, Igor Shafarevich, a professor at Moscow University, wrote a powerful study entitled *The Socialist Phenomenon*. He began his study thusly: "This book is inspired by the conviction that the cataclysms which humanity has experienced in the twentieth century are only the beginning of a much more profound crisis—of a radical shift in the course of history." It rivals the transition period separating the Medieval from the Modern epochs, and at its heart one finds burning the powerful passion for socialism. It's a radical cry for change, rooted in scathing critiques of "injustice, inequality, and slavery" wherever they're found. Paradoxically, the very patterns pilloried in evil capitalist societies reappear as admirable goals in socialists' utopian writings, portraying a "perfect" world of formerly "disobedient citizens" obediently working "in paramilitary detachments and under close supervision," asking permission to move about, reduced to an equalitarian non-distinct drabness. Capitalistic "slavery," strangely enough, gives way to a harsher (but supposedly liberating) socialistic slavery! Generally speaking, Shafarevich says that socialism, wherever it appears, always advocates four things: 1) the abolition of private property—the state owns the land and controls all significant resources; 2) the abolition of the family—the state takes control of education, child care, and subtly encourages the dissolution of marital bonds; 3) the abolition of religion—the state officially denies the reality or importance of God, destroying the Church or at least limiting her influence; and 4) the abolition of all social hierarchies—the state mandates the equality of the sexes, the abolition of stratified economic classes, the elimination of any voluntary associations which might divert peoples' loyalties.

## I. PAST PERSPECTIVE: CENTURIES of REVOLUTIONS

- A. Sequence: French (Jacobins), 1789; 1848 upheavals & *Communist Manifesto*; Parisian Communards, 1871; Russian (Bolsheviks), 1917; Chinese (Maoists), 1949; Cuba (Castroites), 1959; Cambodia (Pol Pot), 1976
- B. Commonalities
  - 1. Ideological: virtually all rooted in Rousseau & Marx (cf. Kolakowski: *Main Currents of Marxism*)
    - a. **Nihilism**: "Everything that exists deserves to perish" (Goethe's Mephistopheles, quoted by Marx); Igor Shafarevich stresses death-fixation of socialism in *The Socialist Phenomenon*
    - b. **Anarchism**: abolish law & order in order to clear way for *de nova* utopia—Rousseau's "noble savage" & return to primitive, socialist collectivism; violence encouraged, youngsters unleashed to vent fury
    - c. **Utopianism**: humanly perfected world shaping perfected human beings—G.B. Shaw: "I hear you say 'Why?' Always 'Why?' You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say 'Why not?'" {Serpent speaking in 1921 play, *Back to Methuselah*, later quoted by JFK!}
    - d. **Demonic Dimensions**—Dostoevsky's *The Possessed* (or *The Devils*); Richard Wurmbrand's *Marx and Satan*; Paul Kengor's *The Devil and Karl Marx: Communism's Long March of Death, Deception, and Infiltration*; Saul Alinsky dedicates *Rules for Radicals* to Lucifer & he influenced both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama
  - 2. Actual: Abolition/Destruction of traditions—Marx: "We make war against all prevailing ideas of religion, of the state, of country, of patriotism. The idea of God is the keynote of a perverted civilization. It must be destroyed." Michael Knowles: "Socialism strives to tear down traditional society." Primary targets: Civilization/Culture; Church; Capitalism; cf. Shafarevich's *The Socialist Phenomenon*
    - a. **Private Property**: confiscate lands, businesses, savings accounts,
    - b. **Family**: (Friedrich Engels' *Origin of the Family* formative, widely embraced by radical feminists)—easy divorce, early child care, communes; encourage betrayals; prosecute spouses & parents
    - c. **Religion** (the "opium of the people"); cf.; Marx: "Communism begins where atheism begins." Marx: "The criticism of religion is the beginning of all criticism." N.B. influence of Bruno Bauer's "higher criticism" of Bible and Ludwig Feuerbach's atheism; Solzhenitsyn: "Within the philosophical

- system of Marx and Lenin . . . hatred of God is the principal driving force" (*Gulag*). Inevitably, revolutionaries appropriate churches, confiscating their wealth, abolish parochial schools, kill clergy; idolatrous deification of Leaders (Stalin; Mao)
- d. **Hierarchies**: level or abolish social, intellectual, artistic, traditional distinctions
  - e. **History**: tear down monuments, criticize forebears, re-write past
  - f. **Education**: mandate only state, secular schools; prescribe materialistic curriculum
  - g. **Law**: abolish Natural Law, canon law, traditional police & courts & jurisprudence
  - h. **Ethics**: disregard 10 Commandments & all religious standards
  - i. **Philosophy**: study not what is but propose what should be, seek not to understand but to **change**
3. Spontaneous Generation==Totalitarian Transformation, featuring "Coercive Utopias"
- a. **Persons**—"new man" severed from past, pliable, perfectible
  - b. **Customs/Traditions**—calendar, speech ("Citizen", "Comrade"), "Political Correctness" (Trotsky phrase), dress; N.B.: "Whoever would overthrow the liberty of the nation, must begin by subduing the freedom of speech" ("Cato" 18th century essayists)
  - c. **Buildings**—mass housing projects; severely utilitarian;
  - d. **Art & music**—singularly serve proletarian cause
  - e. **Ethics**—"situation ethics," "new morality," follow Party line, prescriptions
  - f. **Law**—"social justice" focus on outcomes rather than intrinsic truth of case
- C. Herbert Hoover, reflecting on the changes wrought by FDR & New Deal: "The world is in the grip of a death struggle between the philosophy of Christ and that of Hegel and Marx."

## II. CURRENT CURRENTS

- A. Intellectual: Cultural Marxism—shift from workers to intellectuals (schools, arts, media), from economics to culture; widespread academic celebration of "Critical Theory and Social Justice"
- 1. Architects: Antonio Gramsci; Frankfurt School (esp Herbert Marcuse in U.S.); Kate Millet's *Sexual Politics*
  - 2. Intellectual Infiltration:
    - a. **Critical Theory**: law schools; universities; bureaucracies
    - b. **Identity Politics**: tribalism, victimhood (sexual; racial)
    - c. **Revisionist History**: assail positive achievements, condemn heroic, Christian leaders; focus on victims, marginalized, poor (cf. Orwell's 1984; Howard Zinn's *A Peoples History of the United States*; N.Y. Times' "1619 Project")
    - d. **Anti-Americanism** (amply documented in Paul Hollander's *Anti-Americanism*)
    - e. **Liberation Theology**: James Cone, Gustavo Gutierrez, Mary Daly & Rosemary Reuther
    - f. **Modernism** (condemned by Pius IX & successive popes, now triumphant in Francis I)
    - f. **"Dupes" & "Fellow Travelers" & deceptive "Common Front" organizations & Infiltrators** (priests & preachers & unions & racial organizations)
      - a. Harry F. Ward & Methodist Federation for Social Action—Ward also pivotal in ACLU
      - b. Manning Johnson re infiltrating African-American organizations & churches
      - c. Ronald Nash's *Why the Left is Not Right* re "evangelicals"—Jim Wallis (*Sojourners* featured Berrigan brothers & constantly condemned U.S., celebrating Socialist systems); Ron Sider (*Rich Christians in a Hungry World* critiqued capitalism); Tony Campollo (critiqued corporations)
- B. Sociopolitical Consequences, following 1968 upheavals, revolutions, transformations in:
- 1. **Political parties** (1972 McGovern & personnel, 2008 Obama impact—cf. Stanley Kurtz, *Radical-in-Chief*); Bernie Sanders' rise to prominence;
  - 2. **Schools** (e.g. Bill Ayers & Bernadette Dorn) now reeducation camps;
  - 3. **Media** (cf Tim Groseclose: *Left-Turn Left turn : How liberal media bias distorts the American mind*)
  - 4. **Churches** (modernism/liberalism triumphant); immanence replaces transcendence; recent "White Privilege" confession recited by R.C. priest!
  - 5. **Family**—patriarchy banished; procreation postponed; child-rearing shift from character-formation to socialistic egalitarian structures
  - 6. **Judicial system**—abolish capital punishment; reduce sentencing;
  - 7. **Sexual standards**—out-of-wedlock pregnancies; abortion; gay rights
  - 8. **Art & music**—ugliness, profanity, pornographic, celebrated; Picasso: "An artist must discover the way to convince his public of the full truth of his lies." Picasso: "I came to communism as one comes to a fountain. . . . My adherence to communism is the logical consequence of my entire life and work."

## Horowitz, David. *Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America*

"Since its birth in the fires of the French Revolution, the political left has been at war with religion, and with the Christian religion in particular. In a symbolic revolutionary act, the Jacobin leaders of the French Revolution changed the name of the Cathedral of Notre Dame to the "Temple of Reason." Then, in the name of "reason," they proceeded to massacre the inhabitants of the Vendée region of west central France because its citizens were Catholics." (Kindle, p. 10)

"In Russia, Marx's disciples removed religious teaching from the schools, outlawed criticism of atheists and agnostics, and burned 100,000 churches. When priests demanded freedom of religion, they were sentenced to death. Between 1917 and 1935, 130,000 Russian Orthodox priests were arrested, 95,000 of whom were executed by firing squad." (Ibid)

"So why do Richard Dawkins and his fellow New Atheists demonstrate such hatred and loathing toward religious people? It's because they have a faith of their own." (p. 15)

"Here is Pascal's word on the subject: 'Men never commit evil so fully and joyfully as when they do it for religious convictions.'" (p. 25)

"In America, the war against Christians is not merely a war against an embattled religion. It is a war against an imperiled nation—a war against this nation and its founding principles: the equality of individuals and individual freedom. For these principles are indisputably Christian in origin. They are under siege because they are insurmountable obstacles to radicals' totalitarian ambition to create a new world in their image." (p. 28)

"When Soviet Communism collapsed in 1991, progressives didn't give up their illusions. Instead they changed the name of their utopian dream. Today they no longer call their earthly redemption "Communism." They call it "social justice." Like Communism, social justice is an impossible future in which the inequalities and oppressions that have afflicted human beings for millennia will miraculously vanish and social harmony will rule." (p. 29)

"Betty's murder confronted me with a brutal reality: injustice is not caused by an abstraction called "society," as we on the left had maintained. Nor was injustice caused by oppressive races and genders, or solely by our political enemies. Injustice is the result of human selfishness, deceitfulness, malice, envy, greed, and lust. Injustice is the inevitable consequence of our free will as human beings. "Society" is not the cause of injustice. Society is merely a reflection of who we are." (p. 31)

"My first encounter with this idea was a passage in *The Gulag Archipelago* by the great Soviet dissident and Christian, Alexander Solzhenitsyn: "The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either, but right through every human heart, and through all human hearts." (p. 32)

"These opposing visions are the root cause of the war that is the subject of this book. The social redeemers view the Christian concern for the salvation of individual souls as counterrevolutionary, a cause of social oppression. To them, religious believers are obstacles on the path to the future—and must be removed. That is why progressives have declared war on religious liberty, which is America's founding principle. And that is why they seek to silence and suppress its defenders." (p. 32)

"THE U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR Center opened on December 2, 2008, to serve as a museum and information center for visitors to the nation's capital. The \$621 million center is less a monument to the nation's founding and institutions than it is to the antireligious left's vision for America. When it opened, all references to God and faith had been carefully, deliberately edited out of its photos and historical displays. One panel in particular claimed that the national motto of the United States is E Pluribus Unum ("Out of Many, One"). In fact, the national motto, as established by an act of Congress in 1956, is "In God We Trust." (p. 33)

"The framers of the Constitution wrote the First Amendment to prevent the suppression of religious freedom that is now epidemic in American schools." (p. 40)

"In one despotic decision after another, the Supreme Court inflated the Establishment Clause while letting all the air out of the Free Exercise protection."

"In case after case—religious expression in schools, contraception, abortion—the Supreme Court handed down a string of earthshaking decisions founded on the flimsiest and even bogus constitutional reasoning. The unintended consequence of these decisions was to place the Supreme Court on the front lines of an epic culture war. It was not merely a war between right and left, but between secularism and religion, especially the Christian religion. The secular left had discovered an all-powerful instrument—the Supreme Court—with which it could impose its radical, anti-Christian agenda on an unwilling nation. When Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980, he was supported by a newly energized religious right. Reagan was determined to nominate Supreme Court justices who shared his anti-Roe views. "I feel very strongly about those social issues," he said, "but I also place my confidence in the fact that the one thing that I do seek are judges that will interpret the law and not write the law. We've had too many examples in recent years of courts and judges legislating." (p. 68)