

"LIVE NOT by LIES"

(Because CHRIST JESUS IS THE TRUTH)

Jn 8:39-47

I. THE "FATHER OF LIES" INCUBATES LIES

- A. Evil=*deprivation*, loss of, lack of good, i.e. blindness
- B. Satan's lies designed to destroy the good, thus Marx: "everything that exists deserves to perish"
- C. Serpent's "did God say?" & Original Sin, doubting God's truthfulness

II. MARXISM'S LIES REVEALED

- A. Paul Kengor: *The Devil and Karl Marx: Communism's Long March of Death, Deception, and Infiltration*
- B. Fulton J. Sheen: *Communism and the Conscience of the West*
- C. Liz Wheeler: *Hide Your Children: Exposing the Marxists Behind the Attack on America's Kids*
- D. Alexandr Solzhenitsyn's life & works—"live not by lies"

III. LIE #1: ATHEISM (there is no God)—"communism begins where atheism begins" (Marx)

- A. Marx and most socialists militantly deny God's existence
 1. Marx's path (influenced by Bruno Bauer, biblical critic, & Ludwig Feuerbach) led to contempt for God and any religion ("opium of the people")
 2. Marxists everywhere make atheism part of school curricula and persecute believers—USSR, China, North Korea, Cuba, Nicaragua
 3. Impact on U.S. (N.B. 2012 struggle in Democratic National Convention)
 - a. Infiltrate churches—hundreds of Catholic seminarians; Methodist theologian's subverting denomination's lobbying agency; Tom Oden's personal journey, from Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals* to Church Fathers; George Soros funds groups such as Sojourners
 - b. Redesign education—e.g. Linda Darling Hammond & Randi Weingarten influence
 - c. Court challenges—prayers in schools, posting 10 Commandments, use of public buildings
- B. The Truth's Response: live not by lies, tell the Truth
 1. Jesus Christ incessantly talked with and about His Father, whose existence is a given—as God's Son He Is "the express image" of God & most fully informs us as to Who He IS
 2. Christ's Body, the Church, carefully articulated good reasons for belief in God's Existence
 - a. Thomas Aquinas' five ways to reason: 1) motion; 2) efficient cause; 3) contingency & necessary being; 4) degrees & perfection; 5) intelligent design
 - b. Edward Feser & William Lane Craig current illustrations of sound support.

IV. LIE #2: MATERIALISM (only matter exists, nothing created, no designing Mind)

- A. "Dialectical Materialism" basic to Marx & Socialism
 1. Universe nothing but matter-in-motion
 2. Life accidentally began & flourished—Darwinian natural selection embraced wholeheartedly by Marx
 3. Species (man induced) constantly evolving, no real differences in kind, so humans can be molded into socialist "new man" serving the state, ultimately establishing utopia—"from each according to his ability, to each according to his need"
- B. The Truth's response: Spirit & spirits really matter
 1. Christ said: "man does not live by bread alone," and performed miracles showing creative power of God
 2. Christ's Body sustains supremacy of Spirit
 - a. Drawing upon philosophical insights of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle *et al.*
 - b. Current expositions—Michael Egnor: *The Immortal Mind*; David Klinghoffer: *Plato's Revenge*

V. LIE #3: ANTINOMIANISM (nothing's right or wrong, all's relative)

- A. Marx (deeply rooted in Epicurus & Lucretius) revived ancient Sophists' position: "man is the measure," "might makes right," no absolutes governing behavior
 1. Lying to advance socialist cause—e.g. Stalin & assorted dictators
 2. Killing to accomplish revolutionary objectives—*Black Book of Communism* estimates 100 million
- B. The Truth's response: do good, confident you know what it is
 1. Christ: "If you love me, do my commandments," often reinforces OT commands
 2. Christ's Body, the Church, carefully formulated ethical systems
 - a. Natural Law, fully expounded by Thomas Aquinas, Robert George
 - b. Divine Command, synthesizing biblical injunctions