

## “Mama Bear Apologetics”

### Chapter 13

- XIV. Chapter 13 - Communism Failed Because Nobody Did It Right  
Marxism: (Includes Socialism and Communism) “. . .it is essentially a religion, one that touches on every facet of life from church to family to morality.”  
Marxism: Essentially takes the story of sin and redemption and turns it into capitalism and socialism. It isn’t just a political idea; it permeates all facets of life.
- A. Marxism: “Marx was very open about how Christianity and his philosophy could not coexist.”
    - 1. Goal: To dissolve all hierarchies. (family unit, religion, morality)
    - 2. Can never succeed: It ignores both original sin and human nature.
    - 3. America is bad: CAPITALISM
    - 4. Communism vs Capitalism = Sin vs Redemption
  
  - B. Socialism: The State (Centralized Government)
    - 1. Controls all production and distribution of goods and commerce.
    - 2. “. . .can coexist with freedom of religion but it generally promotes secularism - a radical separation of church and state. . .”
  
  - C. Communism: “. . .is unapologetically atheist.”  
“The idea of equality is great, until you remember that it doesn’t guarantee equality of motivation.”
  
  - D. RECOGNIZE the Message: (pgs 223-225)
    - 1. Rejecting innate sin: “. . .capitalism is synonymous with oppression.” Capitalism is the enemy.
    - 2. Recognizing oppression: The “oppressed” don’t know they’re oppressed. Marxist will identify oppressors (Identity Politics) (Traditional Family, Religion, Capitalism)
    - 3. Demonizing the wealthy: They are the problem exploiting the little people. Only the working class can create change.
    - 4. Emphasizing “justice” and “equality”: “Differences - even valid ones - are injustice, and we should fight to remove them.” Justice means equality of outcome not equal access, equal opportunity, or equal treatment.
    - 5. Obscuring the goals: “Measurable goals are bad because they can be met. . .the objective is to bring large-scale change that helps to establish communism, which, according to Marx, must be preceded by revolution.”

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- E. OFFER Discernment: Marxist Rhetoric disguised as Social Justice is difficult to see the evil underbelly. (pgs 225-230)
1. Lie #1: To Love a Person, You Must Love Their Beliefs:  
A person and their ideas cannot be separated.
  2. Lie #2: Differences Are More Important Than Similarities
  3. Lie #3: People Can Be Generalized
  4. Lie #4: A Person’s Background Can negate His or Her Opinion
  5. Lie #5: Mankind Can Fix the Problems of Society
  6. Lie #6: Hierarchy Is Unjust: Goal is to destroy the nuclear family, organized religion and business. (Oppressive)
  7. Lie #7: Fostering Resentment Is a Great Foundation for Change:  
Creates angry chaos to overthrow assumed oppressors.
- F. ARGUE for a Healthier Approach: “Our agenda is not to prove ourselves right. It is to love like Christ loved, and that includes knowing when to speak and when to be silent.”
1. Recognize true injustice
  2. Reject anything that ignores sin as the real problem or lumps people into a single group
  3. Unity over differences
- “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. Colossians 2:8
- G. REINFORCE Through Discussion, Discipleship, and Prayer
1. Young Children: “The Image of God” Game
  2. Middle School & High School: Stay Alert for Buzzwords  
The Parable of the Talents: Matthew 25:14-30
  3. Identify the use of power for good or evil.
  4. “Reinforce that disagreement doesn’t equal hate.” (pg 232)