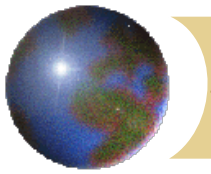


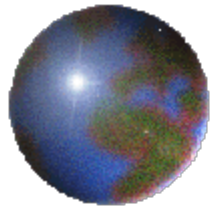
Seven Men Who Rule the World from the Grave

A Study Based on the Book by David Breese

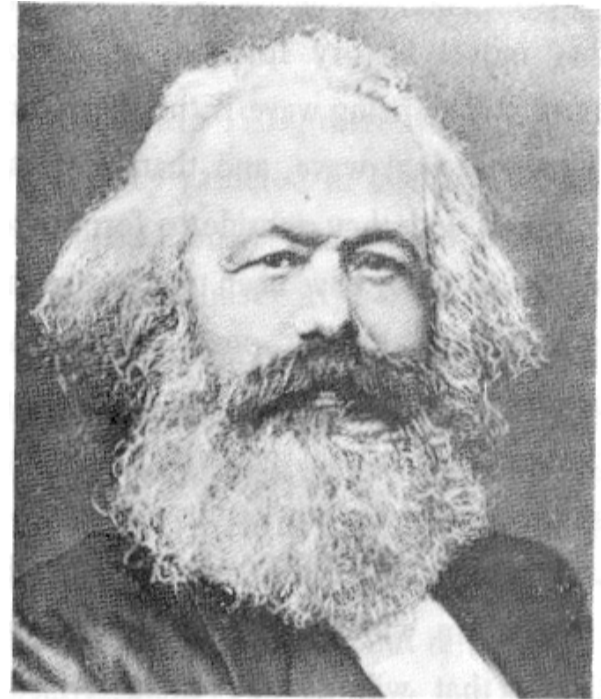


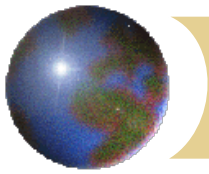
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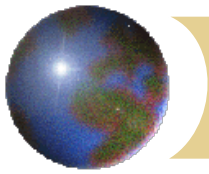


Karl Marx
1818-1883



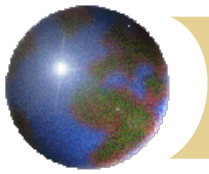


What Darwin was to the field of **science**, Marx was to the field of **economics**. In fact Marx viewed the history of the world as being **evolutionary** in character. He subscribed to the “**historic optimism**” of Darwin.

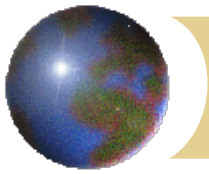


Biographical

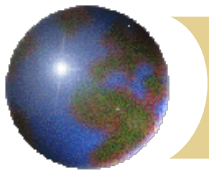
- ✚ Born May 5, 1818 at Trier, Rhenish Prussia
- ✚ Son of a Jewish lawyer, both parents were descendants of a long line of rabbis.
- ✚ Barred from practicing law as a Jew, Karl's father converted to Lutheranism about 1817.
- ✚ Karl was baptized into the Lutheran Church in 1824.
- ✚ Attended Bonn University in 1835 where accomplished little "but roistering and drinking." He accumulated heavy debts.



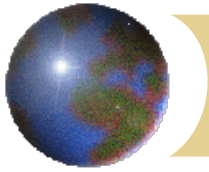
- ✚ He moved to the University of Berlin where he was heavily influenced by a group known as the Young Hegelians, whose purpose was to study and debate the philosophy of G.W.F. Hegel.
- ✚ Graduated in 1841 with a Ph.D.
- ✚ Had considerable language skills being fluent in German, French, and Latin. He later learned Greek, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Scandinavian, Russian, and English.
- ✚ Barred from teaching by the Prussian government, Marx entered the field of journalism.



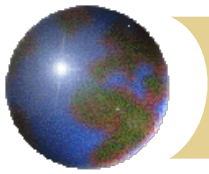
- ✚ His journalism career was short as his views on economic issues caused continuous reaction first from the Prussian government, then the French, and the Belgians.
- ✚ In his radicalism he renounced his Prussian citizenship which his government refused to restore. He died essentially without a country though living in London.
- ✚ In Paris he developed a life long friendship with Friedrich Engels (1820-1895). Together they wrote the the Communist Manifesto in 1848.



- ✚ The Engels family were wealthy industrialists. It is interesting that it was money from the hated “bourgeoisie” that sustained Marx while he organized, wrote, and plotted the downfall of the system of capitalism.
- ✚ Marx and Engels worked tirelessly to organize and further communism throughout Europe.
- ✚ Marx wrote incessantly, much of his work was not published until the next century. The first volume of his monumental three volume work *Das Capital* was published in 1867. It was after his death that the remaining volumes were published by Engels.

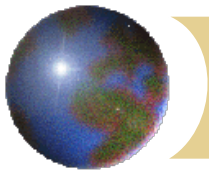


- ✚ The last two decades of his life were consumed with ill health in part due to heavy smoking, drinking, and poor eating habits. In the last twelve years of his life he could “do no sustained intellectual work.”
- ✚ Marx died March 14, 1883 just two months before his sixty-fifth birthday.



Engels Eulogy of Marx

“Marx was before all else a revolutionist. His real mission in life was to contribute, in one way or another, to the overthrow of capitalist society and of the state institutions which it had brought into being.”



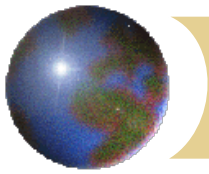
Marxist Philosophy

Atheism

Marx not only rejected the faith of his ancestors, the Jews, he also rejected the faith of the Lutheran Church he had joined as a boy.

“Religion is the opium of the people.”

- Karl Marx

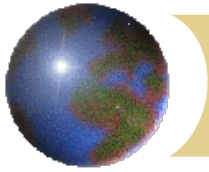


Materialism

The only reality is the material world.

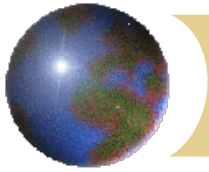
Marx taught a “dialectical materialism.”

“All of reality, and especially all historical processes, moved in a dialectical fashion.” Dave Breese

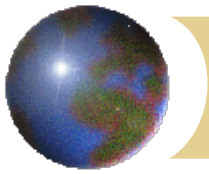


Economic Determinism

This is the foundation of modern communism. Since according to Marx economics determines the direction of history, a collective possession of material goods will eliminate all the evils of society and produce a good society.

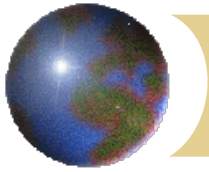


Marxism advocates “an economic **revolution** that removed all possessions from the hands of the **individual** and placed them into the hands of the **state.**”

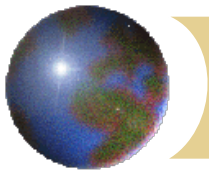


Communist Manifesto

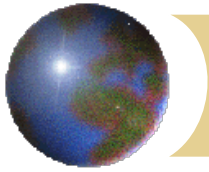
- ⊕ Abolition of property in land and application of all rent of land to public purposes.
- ⊕ A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
- ⊕ Abolition of all right of inheritance.
- ⊕ Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.
- ⊕ Centralization of credit in the hands of the state by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly.



- ⊕ Centralization of the means of communication and the means of transport in the hands of the state.
- ⊕ Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state; the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.

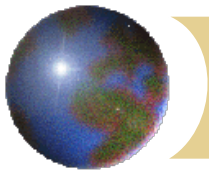


- ⊕ Equal liability of all to labor. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.
- ⊕ Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country, by a more equitable distribution of population over the country.
- ⊕ Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial productions, etc.



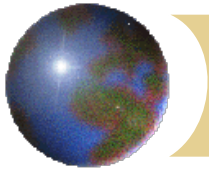
The Errors of Marxism

- ✚ Poor Economics – The system does not work!
- ✚ Poor Psychology – Does not understand the nature of man.
- ✚ Bad Futurism – Forecasts of good results have miserably failed.
- ✚ Pitiful Theology – Without God there is no “first cause” and no basis for moral judgment.

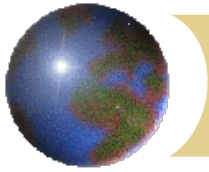


The Impact of Marxism

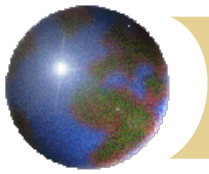
- ⊕ Socialism – Welfare mindset, transfer of wealth through taxation, disastrous economic policy, suppression of dissent.
- ⊕ Subversion of Education – “Ann Rosenhaft, Socialist Party, USA secretary, says there are 10,000 Marxists teaching on American university campuses.” (Calvary Contender, Nov. 1, 1992)



- ⊕ Business Loss – Unions have for decades been greatly influenced by Marxist philosophy. An anti-business attitude results in economic decline.
- ⊕ Political Shifts – For many years American politics have been heavily influenced by Marxist-Socialistic thinking. Big government, bloated bureaucracies, social programs, increased control, loss of freedom.



- ✚ Global Instability – Liberation Theology is Marxist philosophy lifted to religious status. As Asia is attempting to climb out of the result of decades of communism, other third world countries are in the throes of political, social, and economic upheaval because of Marxist influence. The greatest purveyor of Liberation Theology around the world is the Roman Catholic Church.



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