

## The 200th Anniversary of Karl Marx's Birth - Karl Marx and the Providence of Evil

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The end of the Cold War unfortunately did not end the influence of Marxism, at least not in Western Europe. The 200th anniversary of Karl Marx's birth and the 170th anniversary of the publication of his *Communist Manifesto* evoke bad memories. UPF chapters in several countries will hold public lectures in the near future to analyze the role of Marx in regard to the providence.

Victory over Communism, especially as CAUSA, tackled the task of countering Marxist theory and preventing a Communist takeover in many parts of the world. It was a vast job well done. Recently, though, we perceive a renaissance of Marxism; therefore analyzing the man and his work once more is merited.

### Communism in our view of history

What is the relationship between Christianity, Marxism and the Divine Principle? First, let us reconsider why the Unification Church had to struggle against Communism. How did this situation develop? After the resurrection of Jesus, Christianity was continuously to grow spiritually and at the zenith of its growth was to receive the returning Lord. The actual development, however, took a different course. Due to severe persecution during the first centuries, Christianity gained a high spiritual standard. Unfortunately, during the Middle Ages, the Church lost its moral foundation and had to pass through three stages of reformation. Since Christianity failed to substantiate Jesus' command,

"Love your neighbor as yourself," during the four-hundred-year preparation period for the Second Coming, Satan invaded once more.

### Who was Karl Marx?

Almost exactly a hundred years before the new messiah arrived, a central figure of the dark side came on the scene. On May 5, 1818, Karl Marx was born in the German city of Trier. His parents were Jews who converted to Protestantism in 1824. His father, Heinrich Marx, was a lawyer who abandoned the faith of his fathers in order to further his career. Son Karl was six years old when he underwent baptism; since his parents became Christians out of opportunism, it is fair to assume that he did not become a true believer.

As a student of law, Karl Marx came to know Satanism, which was fashionable in intellectual circles then. He wrote the horrifying drama *Oulanem* and in his poems he used phrases like, "I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above." He belonged to a relatively well-to-do family and had a comfortable childhood. What produced his vicious hatred against God? No personal motive is known. In a letter dated March 2, 1837, he confessed to his alarmed father, "My holy of holies was rent asunder and new gods had to be installed." Father and son exchanged many letters. The father knew that his son was a genius but also worried about some foibles. Karl had often suffered sleepless nights and showed signs of mental disorder. "There were times when Marx seemed to be possessed by demons," writes a modern biographer, Robert Payne. "He had the devil's view of the world, and the devil's malignity. Sometimes he seemed to know that he was accomplishing works of evil."

## Immersion in evil influences

What was the source of his malignancy? When Marx moved to Paris in 1843, he associated with people involved in occultism. In the aftermath of the French Revolution, many intellectuals inclined toward diabolic cynicism and rebellious confrontation. The poet Charles Baudelaire wrote the epos, "The Flowers of Evil," which includes a hymn to Satan. The Socialist thinker Pierre-Joseph Proudhon became a friend of Marx, though only for a limited time. Proudhon propagated anarchism and in his writings scorned God in language that makes one shudder. Another close associate was the Russian anarchist Mikhail Bakunin, who wrote, "...here steps in Satan, the eternal rebel, the first freethinker and the emancipator of the world." Bakunin hoped "...to awaken the devil in the people, to stir up the basest passions." They and others created an oppressive atmosphere, which definitely made a deep impression on Marx.



*Karl Marx with his daughter, the first of his children to live into adulthood, Jenny Marx Longuet*

## Providence of evil

At this point, it is necessary to explain the expression "providence of evil." All Unificationists are used to the term "providence of restoration," but hardly think that the Devil also has plans. This is a huge mistake. God's providence and Satan's providence work in parallel but in opposing directions. As soon as a chosen people or chosen nation fails, Satan is free to advance his providence. We find vivid examples in the Divine Principle chapter on the world wars. The mission of the Messiah is to fulfill the three blessings on earth while Satan tries to establish a pseudo-version of the blessings. He cannot invent other principles, so he distorts the divine plans. He replaces the absolute truth with a pseudo-form of truth that becomes the central ideology. In most cases, Satan takes a partial aspect of the divine truth and blows it up, or he changes the key parts. Devilish illusions deceive man to believe that the pseudo-version is the original one! No sane

person wishes to follow Satan, so he conceals his strategy meticulously. For that reason, Marxist Communism became such an effective tool used with an evil intent. Marxism is a creed complete with a prophet, sacred texts and the promise of a so-called worker's paradise.

What were Karl Marx's "accomplishments"? He seized on the resentment of the exploited working class, gave it a moral justification and added an ideological base. Primarily, Marx fostered prejudice against the Spirit. He degraded man to the status of a higher animal. It should come as no surprise that he congratulated the excited Charles Darwin on the publication of *On the Origin of Species*. It provided Marx with the "missing link" that destroyed the "myth" of the Creation.

Secondly, by teaching that humanity had split into two irreconcilable classes, he also destroyed the foundation of substance. As a result, people in Cain's position became unable to love Abel figures; they grew unwilling to receive salvation through Abel as a mediator, or to submit to Abel. Furthermore, they rejected reception of God's will through Abel. Moreover, Karl Marx brandished the principle of materialistic economic self-interest as an absolute principle, something that one cannot overcome. Marxism presupposes that fallen nature is original and one cannot change it. Consequently, denying man's ethical freedom and responsibility.

Additionally, in his writings, Marx inaugurated the Communist tradition of mercilessly deriding anyone with "incorrect opinions." He argued cuttingly, never shrinking from using biting satire to insult others; his expressions often were rude and cruel. The endless and heavy-handed insults tended to make others doubt Marx himself, since he relied so heavily on vituperation instead of reasoned argument. He himself bemoaned the fact that he was sometimes mistrustful and unjust even to his best friend and fellow campaigner Friedrich Engels. Despite an ancestry replete with famous rabbis and accomplished scholars of the Talmud, Marx abhorred his Jewish roots and used anti-Semitic phrases. His followers to this day exhibit the same character traits -- self-righteous anger, violent rhetoric, demonization of big business, division of the world into exploiters and victims, contempt for piecemeal reform, zeal for activism, impatience with democracy, suspicion of compromise and an eager resort to actual violence.

## Marx's legacy of destruction

That Marx led a bourgeois family life is worth mentioning. He married the aristocratic Jenny of Westphalen. The couple had six children but partly owing to the poor conditions in which they lived, only

three survived to adulthood. Two daughters committed suicide and one son died as a child. Marx also fathered a son out of wedlock by his housekeeper; his friend Friedrich Engels adopted the boy. When Marx died in London in 1883, he was buried in a cemetery reserved for agnostics and atheists. Fewer than a dozen mourners were present at his funeral.

Despite his sad end, his work became a huge success for the providence of evil. His book *Das Kapital* (*Capital*) follows only the Bible as the world's most influential book. Friedrich Engels called it the "Bible of the working class." Marxism became the vehicle of Communism, which created the foundation for the Antichrist in the person of Josef Stalin. Communism twisted the innermost essence of Christianity and distorted Jesus Christ's two commandments into their exact opposites. We do not know for sure if Karl Marx himself was aware of the historic role he played, but he started a wave that became a tsunami of destruction and suffering unprecedented in history.

Most left-wing intellectuals say that we cannot accuse Karl Marx of having fathered the evils of Communism, but their apologetic opinion defies reality. Konrad Loew, a lawyer and Political Science expert is the most renowned critic of Marxism in Germany. He will talk at an UPF event in Munich scheduled for early May.

Professor Loew, who has analyzed thoroughly all forty-six volumes of Marx and Engels' collected works, says, "One can hardly develop friendly feelings for Marx based on his texts." In his opinion, the multitude of supporters all over the world has barely studied the works of Communism's spiritual father. Most people who praise Marx as a great thinker have never read even his most famous book, *Capital*, from the first page to the last. To destroy the myth about Marx being a humane man, Loew published a two-hundred-page book of illuminative quotes. Perhaps best known are "Religion... is the opium of the people," "The meaning of peace is the absence of opposition to socialism," "The first requisite for the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion," and "History repeats itself, first as a tragedy, second as farce" to name a few. By the way, quotations of Marx one finds on the internet are generally of a more harmless nature.

### **Marx's influence in modern times**

Early in March, a fourteen-foot (4.27-meter) tall bronze statue of Marx that the Chinese government had given as a gift arrived in Marx's hometown. Marx spent just the first seventeen years of his life in the ancient town of Trier in western Germany. The statue will stand close to their famous Roman gate, Porta Nigra. Since the gift came from a Communist country that tramples on human rights, considerable debate arose over whether to accept it. What is alarming is that not a single city council member from the Christian Democratic Union voted against the monument. Chancellor Angela Merkel has moved her conservative party considerably to the left. What is more, Trier receives up to 150,000 Chinese tourists a year (which is more than the number of Trier inhabitants) and the tourist business hopes to attract more of them with the statue in town. "Many who talk about Karl Marx today didn't experience the Cold War themselves and know the Berlin Wall only from history books," says the journalist Michael Schmitz, who writes for a local daily, "Only two decades ago, the statues of Marx, Lenin and Stalin were removed."

Why do so many people still believe in Marxist Communism or are unaware of the delusion? According to the philosopher Herbert Giller, an accomplished expert of Marxism living in Vienna, it is "because this ideology is the best developed half-truth that has appeared in the world. The Russian philosopher Nikolaj Berdyaev said that Communism is a very dangerous mixture of truth and lies. It is a lie that looks like a truth -- it is impossible to top that." In the mid-seventies, Giller wrote the book *What comes after Communism?* and other literature that was useful for our VOC activities. He has said, "A Communist will only see the reality and therefore not listen to another opinion. There is no way to win over Marxists by disproving their theory. So the best possibility to change their opinion is to build the kingdom of heaven on earth at least in one country. When they see it, they can change, because it will be better than what they ever dreamed of." Herbert Giller spoke on Monday March 26 at the UPF event "Who Is the Real Karl Marx?" highlighting some dark and little known aspects of that icon of Communism and destroying some popular myths about the man.

Without doubt, Karl Marx played a central role in sabotaging the providential course of restoration, though he may not have seen the devil in the background. In the past, VOC and CAUSA taught that those with a destructive or revengeful attitude cannot overcome Communism. Only people in Abel's position who follow Jacob's course can extinguish the flames of class struggle. Thanks to True Parents' lives and work, we have a bright perception of how we can save all humankind and resolve struggles of any kind. The chief target of Communism concerns the third blessing. Concurrently with the Second Coming of the Lord, many new inventions emerged in the fields of science, technology and industry. They provide humanity the possibility to produce abundant wealth of material goods so that nobody has any lack of necessities.