

WAR OF THE WORLDVIEWS #24

“God Versus Socialism”

Part 2

Introduction

One of the deadliest enemies of the Christian biblical worldview is *socialism*; a political philosophy that strikes at the very heart of the Lordship of Christ and the principles established by the Law of God.

2. Socialism is the mortal enemy of biblical Christianity: and yet so many of God’s people don’t really know what it is, or what it looks like, or why God is against it!

3. So here’s part 2...

I. What is It?

“socialism”

The economic and political philosophy that wealth should be fairly distributed through a society.

Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary

A. Politics and Economics

1. Socialism is a philosophy of life, a “worldview”.
 - a. It deals with economics (money) and politics (government)
 - b. In short, socialism seeks to redistribute wealth, goods and services through the power of government;

“The arguments of socialism resound through America like never before, and Christians must discern their persuasive but devious rhetoric and stand firm with a biblical answer. The answers to socialism are ‘the king is not God’ and ‘thou shalt not steal’.”

Joel McDurmon, God Versus Socialism

c. Socialism exalts government above God; a socialist sees the State as the “Savior”; socialistic seeks to advance “statism”.

“Statism”

The concentration of economic controls and planning in the hands of a highly centralized government often extending to government ownership of industry.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary

B. Socialism Masquerades as Christianity

1. Socialism often masquerades as Christianity, claiming to do what it does based on Christian principles of compassion and charity.

2. **Some Christian pastors preach that Jesus Himself was a socialist!**
Because He fed the hungry and was compassionate toward the poor.

3. Some Christians quote the Acts 2 comment about the Christian community of the early church proves that Christianity is communistic...

**And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every
man had need.**

Acts 2:44-45 KJV

4. There are multitudes of Christians who lean toward socialism because the Karl Marx credo sounds so biblical...

“From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.”

Karl Marx

5. Socialism sometimes sounds scriptural; but it is a wolf in sheep’s clothing! Socialism substitutes salvation by God for salvation by government.

- Jesus fed the hungry and was compassionate to the poor; but He never commanded the government to take over the job
- The early church in Jerusalem was composed of thousands of strangers in the city who had come for the feast of Pentecost and had remained or been detained there; the hometown believers opened their homes to them and met their needs; but God never intended their private practice of charity to ecome

a model for a socialistic government that would confiscate all things for equal redistribution!

“Helping one’s fellow man by reaching into one’s own pockets is laudable and praiseworthy. Helping one’s fellow man through coercion and reaching into another’s pockets is evil and worthy of condemnation.”

Walter Williams

American Economist and Author

a. Most of us know the great Davy Crockett was “born on a mountain top in Tennessee” and died defending the Alamo. But many forget that he was elected to Congress in 1827 and spoke out against the power of big government 200 years ago...

“We have the right as individuals to give away as much of our money as we please in charity; but as members of Congress we have no right to appropriate a dollar of the public money.”

Davy Crockett

Elected to Congress in 1827

6. We hear very few current congressmen talk like that! It’s replaced by socialism on both sides of the aisle...Republicans as well as Democrats.

“Conservatives and liberals are kindred spirits as far as government spending is concerned. Since government has no resources of its own, and since there is no Tooth Fairy handing Congress the funds for the programs it enacts, we are forced to recognize that government spending is nothing less than the confiscation of one person’s property to give to another to whom it does not belong—in effect, legalized theft.”

Walter Williams

7. Those seeking a biblical worldview must answer the question, “Where do these political ideas come from?” Well, in our lifetime, from the godfather of the so-called “Social Democrats”, Saul Alinsky.

II. Saul Alinsky: Who He Was and Why He Matters

A. Who He Was

1. Most of you have never heard of Saul Alinsky; but every one of you has been affected by his philosophy and the politics of his disciples!

**Saul Alinsky
(1909-1972)**

- **Neo-Marxist/Socialist**
- **Outspoken critic of American capitalism**
- **Formulator of a systematic approach to seizing political power through galvanization of communities**

2. Alinsky trained his disciples to become “community organizers”, skilled in turning the despair and discontent in poverty stricken urban areas into political radicalism.

“The despair is there; now it’s up to us to go in and rub raw the sores of discontent, and galvanize them for radical social change.”

Saul Alinsky

3. Alinsky was an atheist and shunned affiliation with any particular political party. In an interview with Playboy magazine:

1972 Interview with Playboy magazine

ALINSKY: ... if there is an afterlife, and I have anything to say about it, I will unreservedly choose to go to hell.

PLAYBOY: Why?

ALINSKY: Hell would be heaven for me. All my life I've been with the have-nots. Over here, if you're a have-not, you're short of dough. If you're a have-not in hell, you're short of virtue. Once I get into hell, I'll start organizing the have-nots over there.

PLAYBOY: Why them?

ALINSKY: They're my kind of people.

4. One year before he died in 1972, Alinsky published a textbook that set forth his socialistic philosophy. The book was called “Rules for Radicals”; a book he dedicated to the Devil...

Dedication Page of “Rules for Radicals”

“Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history... the first radical known

to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom — Lucifer.”

5. Make no mistake-Alinsky’s vision was nothing less than to completely remake America into a socialist nation through the power of government:

“What follows is for those who want to change the world from what it is to what they believe it should be. *The Prince* was written by Machiavelli for the Haves on how to hold power. *Rules for Radicals* is written for the Have-Nots on how to take that power away.”

Saul Alinsky

6. Alinsky’s book is atheistic, socialistic, and anti-American; it was written for radicals who dislike America and want to remake it into something else. He died 40 years ago. So why does he matter? He wouldn’t if it weren’t for 2 of his disciples who carry on his legacy. Political pundit Richard Poe wrote this in 2008:

“Most Americans never heard of Saul Alinsky. Yet his shadow darkens our coming election. Democrat frontrunners Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama both worship at the altar of Alinskyism.”

B. Why He Matters: The Politics of Hillary Clinton

1. In 1969, 6 years before she married Bill Clinton, Wellesley College coed Hillary Rodham met Saul Alinsky while she was working on a thesis inspired by the controversial theories of community organizing set forth in Alinsky’s 1946 handbook, “Reveille for Radicals”:

“Fan the hostilities of low-income inner city residents. Search out controversy and issues rather than avoid them.”

Saul Alinsky

a. Socialists seek out suffering people groups and polarize them as pathway to power.

2. Young Hillary Rodham became an Alinskyite, and sent him a now famous postcard in 1971...

“Dear Saul, when is that new book coming out — or has it come and I somehow missed the fulfillment of Revelation? I have just had my one-

thousandth conversation about (your previous book) and need some new material to throw at people.”

Hillary Clinton letter to Sol Alinsky, 1971

3. Alinsky obliged; his next book, “Rules for Radicals”, became a “bible” for socialist activism. Create political division among the disgruntled.

“Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it.”

Saul Alinsky in “Rules for Radicals”

4. “Rules for Radicals”, (subtitled “A Primer for Realistic Radicals”, outlines 8 levels of control that must be achieved before you can create a socialist state:

8 Levels of Control To Create a Socialist State

1-Health care (the most important)

2-Poverty

3-Debt

4-Gun Control

5-Welfare

6-Education

7-Religion

8-Class warfare

5. Socialism is a worldview that works by creating political division and polarization. Which is why America has never been more divided.

C. Why Alinsky Matters: The Politics of Barack Obama

“Barack Obama is also an Alinskyite. Trained by Alinsky’s Industrial Area Foundation, he spent years teaching workshops in the Alinsky method.”

Richard Poe

1. President Obama followed Alinsky’s guidance to a “T”...

“True revolutionaries do not flaunt their radicalism. They cut their hair, put on suits, and infiltrate the system from within. Do whatever it takes to gain power.”

Saul Alinsky

2. Socialists gain power by promising what they know they can't deliver: free health care, free college education, and guaranteed income: and ignorant people vote for them. Why?

“When people want the impossible, only liars will satisfy them.”

Dr. Thomas Sowell

3. Americans continue to vote for those who promise them the most and then complain when they don't deliver.

“If you have been voting for politicians who promise to give you goodies at someone else's expense, then you have no right to complain when they take your money and give it to someone else, including themselves.”

Dr. Thomas Sowell

4. Socialistic economics simply don't work!

“If socialists understood economics, they wouldn't be socialists.”

Friedrich Von Hayek

a. Socialism is a worldview that fails at every level, not just on economics...

“Socialism in general has a record of failure so blatant that only an intellectual could ignore or evade it.”

Dr. Thomas Sowell

5. So why does the socialistic worldview continue to drive the American economy with ever increasing entitlements and a \$20 trillion dollar national debt? Because we still haven't learned the meaning of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's famous comment...

“The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money.”

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

a. An earlier great British leader tells us why it never works...

“Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy.”

Sir Winston Churchill

b. An even earlier British leader, the great preacher Charles Spurgeon pleaded with his congregation 150 years ago...

“I would not have you exchange the gold of individual Christianity for the base metal of Christian Socialism.”

Charles Spurgeon

6. And yet Great Britain today is largely socialistic. America is not far behind. Why? Because so many in the Christian community continue to vote it in.

“A monkey is a better voter than a socialist. Statistically speaking, given two options to choose from, the monkey is wrong 50% of the time. Socialists, however, are always wrong.”

Janusz Korwin Mikke

7. Socialism today takes many forms: Whether it's called socialism, communism, liberalism, progressivism or those who call themselves “Social Democrats”, God will oppose it. Why?

“Socialism places man, and ultimately the State, in the place of God. Man becomes owned by other men, instead of by his Maker. Socialism is an entirely humanistic, God-denying, God-usurping belief.”

Dr. Joel McDurmon, God Versus Socialism

8. Socialism is a subtle deception with the power to enslave those who think they are free.

“None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.”

Von Goethe

III. Conclusion

A. We are in a War of Worldviews

1. Our real enemy is not flesh and blood; not the politicians I mentioned tonight; not the Republicans or Democrats.

2. We are in a war of worldviews. The next generation hangs in the balance. Communist leader Leon Trotsky said...

“We must approach the youth with the propaganda of atheism and socialism, for only this defines the place of man in the universe and draws out for him a circle of conscious activity here on earth.”

Leon Trotsky

3. The battlefield is before us. What will we do? Last word...

“If Christians refuse to apply biblical principles to government, law and economics, then we will move closer to the socialist’s vision of society. We will have more of Marx than Moses, more of Trotsky than Christ.”

Dr. Joel McDurmon, God Versus Socialism