

Is Paul Responsible for Marxism?!

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Introduction

The idea of Paul being responsible for the existence of Marxism and the incalculable destruction, suffering and death that communism has brought on the world is something that never occurs to Christians. Most people see Paul as the ultimate man of God and Karl Marx as the ultimate atheist at the opposite end of the spectrum. How could one have anything to do with the other? Christians who embrace Paul are certainly not inclined to consider the possibility that their man is responsible for creating the father of many of the world's worst monsters. Yet it is true! The evidence is in, and beyond reasonable doubt.

There are two facts concerning Paul and Karl Marx that need to be understood before it is possible to put the pieces of this puzzle together. Occasionally, some will become aware of one or the other of these facts, but it is only when both are clearly understood that the truth jumps out and the gravity of what has occurred is fully comprehended.

The First Fact: Paul's words are not infallible!

When it comes to Paul, all of Christianity embraces him as a true apostle of Yeshua. Most see him as the greatest apostle who ever lived, especially in light of the fact that he authored nearly half the books of the New Testament. But those who are familiar with my work know that I have taken up the prosecution of Paul where his contemporaries left off and have written much to dispute his claim of apostleship and his supposed authority to teach the things he did. I have shown that Paul, even though he had a genuine conversion experience on the road to Damascus, was never called to be an apostle by Yeshua. He never walked with Yeshua ...a prerequisite for being one of only 12. He was an imposter who presumptuously took the title of apostle to himself. I have also shown that Paul was the very *false* apostle Yeshua commended the Ephesians for rejecting as a liar in Revelation 2:2. But it is not within the scope of this article to expound on these points concerning Paul. Those who have not yet come to see the truth about Paul might find themselves wanting to know more after they see what his words have done to create a monster like Karl Marx. Paul's words are far from infallible. Most significantly, Paul taught some of the most terrible lies concerning God and His character! This is the first of the two facts that must to be understood. For those who would like to know more, I would recommend reading: ***"20 Facts that Prove Paul was a False Apostle."*** It may be accessed on my home page at judaismvschristianity.com. All of my work on Paul may be accessed there as well.

Second Fact: Karl Marx was far from being an atheist!

If a survey were to be taken, one would undoubtedly find that the vast majority of people would say they believed Karl Marx was an atheist. Vladimir Lenin, who fully embraced Marxism, said:

“Atheism is a natural and inseparable part of Marxism, of the theory and practice of scientific socialism. Our program necessarily includes the propaganda of atheism.”

Marx certainly desired for everyone to be atheist, but few know that Karl Marx himself was anything but an atheist! The closeted truth is that Karl Marx wasn't any more an atheist than the Devil is an atheist! It is only through the works of people like Richard Wurmbrand (a Christian preacher who was imprisoned and tortured for 14 years in a communist country) that this truth has been forced out of the closet. Before I had read Wurmbrand's book *“Marx and Satan”* I was one of those who assumed Karl Marx was an atheist. Wurmbrand's book is available at Amazon in Kindle format and can also be found in PDF format free online. I highly recommend reading it.

Wurmbrand documents the fact that not only was Marx **not** an atheist, but that he actually allied himself with the Devil against God! The takeaway from Wurmbrand's book is that Marx was not at all an atheist, but someone who had determined he would cause as much destruction to God's creation as he possibly could out of revenge for some perceived injustice done to him!

Wurmbrand begins by documenting that in his early life, Karl Marx was a professing Christian. Marx was born in Germany in 1818, and was baptized into the Lutheran church in 1825. He was thoroughly schooled in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church. When he finished high school, his instructors issued him written commendations for his “religious knowledge” with his graduation certificate.

Wurmbrand notes that:

In his early youth, Karl Marx professed to be and lived as a Christian. His first written work is called ***The Union of the Faithful with Christ***. In it he writes:

“Through love of Christ we turn our hearts at the same time toward our brethren who are inwardly bound to us and for whom He gave Himself in sacrifice.”

“Union with Christ could give an inner elevation, comfort in sorrow, calm trust, and a heart susceptible to human love, to everything noble and great, not for the sake of ambition and glory, but only for the sake of Christ.”

“Religion itself teaches us that the Ideal toward which all strive sacrificed Himself for humanity, and who shall dare contradict such claims? If we have chosen the position in which we can accomplish the most for Him,

then we can never be crushed by burdens, because they are only sacrifices made for the sake of all."

It is hard to imagine that Marx ever spoke so fondly of Yeshua.

Wurmbrand continues:

Shortly after Marx received this certificate, something mysterious happened in his life: he became profoundly and passionately antireligious. A new Marx began to emerge. He writes in a poem, **"I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above."** So he was convinced that there is One above who rules, but was quarreling with Him. Yet, the One above had done him no wrong. Marx belonged to a relatively well-to-do family. He had not faced hunger in his childhood. He was much better off than many fellow students. **What produced such a terrible hatred for God?** No personal motive is known. Was Karl Marx in this declaration only someone else's mouthpiece? We don't know.

I would beg to differ with Wurmbrand here when he contends that we don't know what happened to Marx. Wurmbrand noted that Marx had turned on God. Then he had the presence of mind to ask the obvious question of what could have caused this change in him, but he fails to see the answer to his question glaring him in the face in the very next words of his book! Wurmbrand presents a poem by Marx called **"Invocation of One in Despair"**. This title alone speaks volumes. In it we see that Marx is about to make a solemn pronouncement because he has lost all hope. That poem is presented below along with excerpts from other poems and dramas written by Marx. These compositions give us a window into the soul of Karl Marx. But it's the very first verse of **"Invocation of One in Despair"** that says it all. Every word is revealing.

***So a god has snatched from me my all,
In the curse and rack of destiny.
All his worlds are gone beyond recall.
Nothing but revenge is left to me.***

***I shall build my throne high overhead,
Cold, tremendous shall its summit be.
For its bulwark-superstitious dread.
For its marshal-blackest agony.***

***Who looks on it with a healthy eye,
Shall turn back, deathly pale and dumb,
Clutched by blind and chill mortality,
May his happiness prepare its tomb."***

In another poem Marx writes:

***Then I will be able to walk triumphantly,
Like a god, through the ruins of their kingdom.
Every word of mine is fire and action.
My breast is equal to that of the Creator.***

In another poem:

***The hellish vapors rise and fill the brain,
Till I go mad and my heart is utterly changed.
See this sword?
The prince of darkness
Sold it to me.
For me he beats the time and gives the signs.
Ever more boldly I play the dance of death.***

From the drama *Oulanem* Marx writes:

***And they are also Oulanem, Oulanem.
The name rings forth like death, rings forth
Until it dies away in a wretched crawl.
Stop, I've got it now! It rises from my soul
As clear as air, as strong as my bones.***

***Yet I have power within my youthful arms
To clench and crush you [personified humanity] with tempestuous force,
While for us both the abyss yawns in darkness.
You will sink down and I shall follow laughing,
Whispering in your ears, "Descend, come with me friend."***

Later in the drama we find these words:

***Ruined, ruined, My time has clean run out.
The clock has stopped, the pygmy house has crumbled.
Soon I shall embrace eternity to my breast, and soon
I shall howl gigantic curses on mankind.***

Now listen to what he says at the end of the drama:

***If there is a Something which devours,
I'll leap within it, though I bring the world to ruins—
The world which bulks between me and the abyss
I will smash to pieces with my enduring curses.***

***I'll throw my arms around its harsh reality,
Embracing me, the world will dumbly pass away,
And then sink down to utter nothingness,
Perished, with no existence—that would be really living.***

Wurmbrand then makes the following observation:

“In *Oulanem* Marx does what the Devil does: he consigns the entire human race to damnation.” ... “*Oulanem* is probably the only drama in the world in which all the characters are aware of their own corruption, and flaunt it and celebrate it with conviction. In this drama there is no black and white. There exist no Claudius and Ophelia, Iago and Desdemona. Here all are servants of darkness, all reveal aspects of Mephistopheles. All are Satanic, corrupt, doomed.”

So what was it that caused Marx to turn so dark and hateful toward God and all of mankind? I would contend that Wurmbrand couldn't see the answer to his question because, as a Paul-embracing Christian, he couldn't afford to see it! The glaring truth lies in the very first verse of ***“Invocation of One in Despair”***. Let's take a closer look at it line by line:

“So a god has snatched from me my all,”

Marx has come to the conclusion that God (whom he intentionally demeans with the use of the indefinite article “a” and small “g”) has robbed him of all potential for good. His posture and tone are that of one above God looking down on Him because he has found fault with Him. In other words, Marx is condescendingly seeing himself as more righteous than this *mere* “god”.

“In the curse and rack of destiny.”

He expounds on the injustice eluded to in the first line and states that God's crime is in predestinating him to the cursed lot of the damned.

“All his worlds are gone beyond recall.”

He laments that everything God has created is destined to take the course He has laid out for it from the beginning, and it cannot be changed.

“Nothing but revenge is left to me.”

He no longer has any hope. In total despair he comes to the conclusion that the only thing he can do is try to get even with God for this great injustice.

Marx had somehow come to believe he was one of those who was from the beginning of creation predestined by God for destruction in hell and there was nothing he could do to change it. I challenge anyone to give a more accurate assessment of Marx's frame of mind as expressed in these words. So the question is: How could he have come to believe this damnable lie that God would ever do such an unrighteous thing? There is one and only one possible answer to that question. Paul.

In Romans chapter 9, Paul lays out his case for a God who has predetermined every person's destiny to either glory in heaven or destruction in hell long before they are ever born, and there is absolutely nothing anyone can do or say to change it. Here is Paul's lie in all its hideous glory:

*"And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, ***"The older shall serve the younger."*** As it is written, ***"Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."*** What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses ***"I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."*** So then it is not of him who wills, or of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. For the Scripture say to Pharaoh, ***"Even for this same purpose I have raised you up, that I might show My power in you, and that My name might be declared in all the earth."*** Therefore, He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. **You will say to me then "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory?"***

Romans 9:10-23 NKJV

There is no doubt that Karl Marx would have been very familiar with these words. Being raised and taught in the Lutheran church meant that Paul and his epistles (especially the book of Romans) would have been presented front and center stage to young Karl. Furthermore, he almost certainly would have been exposed to Martin Luther's own commentary on Paul's words. Here is what Luther said about Romans 9:

*"In chapters 9, 10, and 11, St. Paul teaches us about the eternal providence of God. **It [God's providence] is the original source which determines who would believe and who wouldn't, who can be set free from sin and who cannot. Such matters have been taken out of our hands and are put into God's***

hands so that we might become virtuous. It is absolutely necessary that it be so, for we are so weak and unsure of ourselves that, if it depended on us, no human being would be saved. The devil would overpower all of us. **But God is steadfast; His providence will not fail, and no one can prevent its realization.** Therefore, we have hope against sin.

But here we must shut the mouths of those sacrilegious and arrogant spirits who, mere beginners that they are, bring their reason to bear on this matter and commence, from their exalted position, to probe **the abyss' of divine providence and uselessly trouble themselves about whether they are predestined or not. These people must surely plunge to their ruin since they will either despair or abandon themselves to a life of chance.**

Luther apparently never considered what total despair can cause in some people like Karl Marx. They can turn on God and seek revenge for the *perceived* injustice by allying themselves with the Devil and doing everything in their power to destroy mankind!

So now, take a long look at the fruit of Paul's tree and the monsters of history his lies have created! Karl Marx and the communist tyrants who followed his lead may be the worst of Paul's offspring, but there are also many people who do not react with vengeance when they fall into despair over coming to believe that God has predestined them to hell. Some have nervous breakdowns and go mad. Others resort to alcohol and drugs to escape. The human mind must deal with it one way or another. Ironically, these people can't afford to commit suicide because that would hasten what they believe to be their eternal doom. Imagine what kind of hellacious existence that must be. **All of this mental suffering, along with the suffering the world has endured under Marxist tyrants, has its origins in Paul.**

Now let's compare the beliefs and subsequent fruits of two well-known founding fathers of two very different governmental systems, Karl Marx and Thomas Jefferson. Karl Marx is the father of communism. Communism enslaves people. I should not have to list all the evils that communism has brought on the world. Indeed, space would not permit it. You probably wouldn't be reading this article if you didn't already have a good idea. Here is the thing to remember about Karl Marx. Karl Marx **believed Paul** and took his words to heart!

Thomas Jefferson is one of the founding fathers of the greatest and freest nation to ever have existed. More good has come to the world from the governmental system that Thomas Jefferson had a hand in founding than can be listed here. Space would not permit for that either! Here is the thing to remember about Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson **rejected Paul**! That's right. He said:

"Paul was the great Coryphaeus, and first corrupter of the doctrines of Jesus."

-Thomas Jefferson, From a letter to W. Short published in The Great Thoughts by George Sildes (Ballantine Books, New York, 1985, p.208).

Thomas Jefferson also had no time for Calvinism. The doctrines of the Calvinist are directly founded on Paul's words in Romans 9. Without Romans 9, Calvinism is nothing. In the following statement of Thomas Jefferson, his attack on Calvinism is a direct attack on Paul's words in Romans 9 and the unrighteous, blasphemous picture of God that Paul paints there. We already know what Jefferson thinks of Paul, so when reading the statement below, realize that one could justifiably replace the name "*Calvin*" with that of "Paul", and the words "*his five points*" with "Romans 9". Jefferson said:

"I can never join **Calvin** in addressing *his God*. He was indeed an atheist, which I can never be; or rather his religion was demonism. If ever a man worshiped a false God, he did. The being described in **his five points**, is not the God whom you and I acknowledge and adore, the Creator and benevolent governor of the world, but a demon of malignant spirit. It would be more pardonable to believe in no God at all, than to blaspheme Him by the atrocious attributes of **Calvin**."

Thomas Jefferson —To J. Adams, 1823 *

Marx and Calvin both believed Paul's lies about God in Romans 9. The difference between them is that one believed he was predestined by God for heaven, and the other believed he was predestined by God for hell. That difference will certainly make for two very different people.

Here is the point: Marx believed Paul's lies and subsequently enslaved men. Jefferson rejected Paul and subsequently freed men! What a difference! Two trees, and two very different kinds of fruit ...all due to either believing or refusing to believe Paul!

If you come from a Christian perspective and are finding yourself wanting to defend Paul, thinking that maybe I have misunderstood him, I would encourage you to read chapter 6 of my online book, *Yeshua and The Law vs Paul the False Apostle*. Chapter 6 specifically concerns Paul's doctrine in Romans 9. In this chapter, I document well the fact that Paul either misquoted Scripture or took Scriptures completely out of context, giving them meanings that were never intended for the purpose of painting this damnable picture that assassinates God's righteous character. Here's a link to that chapter: <https://www.judaismvschristianity.com/chapter-6-paul-and-romans-9/>

And don't forget to check out: "**20 Facts That Prove Paul was a False Apostle**" at: <https://www.judaismvschristianity.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/20-Facts-That-Prove-Paul-Was-a.pdf>

ⁱ The term "the abyss" is not a common term, yet Marx used it twice in the compositions quoted above! Could this be evidence that Marx was more familiar with these words of Luther than we might have imagined? Were these words of Luther continually echoing in Marx's head and part of what drove him to madness and despair?