

Where Do We Go from Here?, Lesson 1

- ☑ Socialist Venezuela is spiraling into anarchy inflation is over 1 Million percent and from the period of 2015 to 2019 their money inflated 54 million percent!
- ☑ Why should it matter to us? Because these same socialist policies are invading the United States and are infiltrating the thinking and practices of our leadership and people.
- ☑ Socialism has failed 100% of the time and will continue to fail because it is based on a false narrative.

1. It has 4 different names: socialism, communism, Marxism, and cultural Marxism.

- ✓ Poll in 2020 showed that 40% of Americans had a favorable view of socialism.
 - ✓ 2019 poll found that 60% of Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 have a positive view of socialism.
 - ✓ When Jesus was describing how the earth would be in the days before His return, He said this: **Matthew 24:37-39**. What were those days like? **Genesis 6:5**.
 - ✓ The people of Noah's day ignored his warnings even though he preached and built the ark for 120 years.
 - ✓ The ignorance of the truth of Noah's day will be duplicated in the last days of our world's history.
 - ✓ It will be days when ideologies of destruction can sneak in unnoticed because the people will not care about what's coming but only what makes them feel good for that day.
 - ✓ Will this system be Socialism?
 - ✓ Socialism is tailor made for a situation and regime like that of the antichrist: it creates a global situation of stress and trouble; demanding a one world system of Government which the Bible says will be necessary for the end to come about.
 - ✓ Socialism has always needed a pretext and an emergency to rise to power; global warming; pandemics; economic crises are great avenues for the gospel of socialism to be preached and implemented.
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2. We have bought into a false narrative of globalism which requires a socialistic form of existence.

- ✓ We are being led to believe that the dissolving of our borders and nationalism is what is best for all, but it isn't true.
 - ✓ **Genesis 11**, Why would God not want us together? Why would He be against us whatever came from our socialism? Because we are evil and the inclination of the collective of our evil hearts would become greater than the sum of its parts and move us exponentially toward cataclysm.
 - ✓ **Revelation 13:3; 7-8** This will be a one world system, globalistic in nature and exponentially evil.
 - ✓ We have gotten multiple lessons in the past 100 years of how free living and thinking people can be brought under such control and power of central figures and lose their nations and freedoms in a very short period of time.
 - ✓ Russia and the Bolshevik revolution, China, Korea, Cuba, Venezuela, multiple African and southeast Asian countries, all experienced freedom, and free thinking before the fell to this false narrative.
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3. What is Socialism? It sounds so benign!

- ✓ Socialist believe that the world's means of production and infrastructure like farms, factories, energy, natural resources, medical help, property, banking, etc. should be under the control of **"The People."**
 - ✓ The belief is that Society as a whole should own all the raw materials and systems that produce wealth, we each should have an equal share and ownership of it all.
 - ✓ Sounds very nice and appealing, but, in practice, it is far from that.
 - ✓ In a free market system, these things are controlled by companies or individuals, but in socialist countries they are nationalized and are said to be "owned by the people."
 - ✓ How would you have a board meeting and make decision when everybody owns everything?
 - ✓ When it's owned by everybody, in practice, its owned by nobody except those in charge!
 - ✓ So, under socialism the government becomes the sole authority and controller of these things and the means of production
 - ✓ This works great as long as the people in charge have no selfish tendencies and only seek to serve.
 - ✓ Whenever those in charge of everything want to do something different, it is impossible to get "The People" together to change or stop them.
 - ✓ This gives opportunity for those who seek out power and are ruthless enough to keep it in order to rise to the top and when they do, they become unstoppable.
 - ✓ As more power flows to the government, the handful at the top become dictatorial because it is impossible to hold them accountable.
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4. To understand socialism, we need to understand the originator of modern socialism, Karl Marx.

- ✓ When we understand who he was and what he believed, we will be able to trace down a lot of what is going on and why it's going on in our world today.
 - ✓ Karl didn't just hate God he was a cheerleader for the devil; his own family thought he was possessed by a demon.
 - ✓ A biographer described him: "He had the devil's view of the world, and the devil's malignity. Sometimes he seemed to know that he was accomplishing the works of evil."
 - ✓ On one occasion, Karl's own son sent him a letter and addressed it to "My Dear Devil".
 - ✓ Karl's partner, Frederick Engels, declared that "10,000 devils had Karl by the hair."
 - ✓ Karl hated Christianity; he was a tyrant, a racist, a radical who hated God and wanted to see the world burn.
 - ✓ In his 1837 poem, "The Pale Maiden", he composed these words: "Thus Heaven I have forfeited, I know it full well, my soul, once true to God, has been chosen for Hell." He knew that he was evil.
 - ✓ In 1849, one year after publishing "The Communist Manifesto" the document upon which all socialism is established and gets its direction, Karl was evicted by his landlord who was fed up with his filthiness.
 - ✓ Karl drank and smoked too much, he never exercised or washed, and he suffered from warts and boils because of his gross uncleanness. He literally stunk.
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- ✓ His apartment was completely untended, everything was broken and spilled and unusable, nothing was in its place, and nothing was picked up or cleaned.
 - ✓ He never really had a job and borrowed from everyone who would give him the time of day
 - ✓ His wife, Genny, was so miserable in their marriage that she wanted to die and pondered it daily, two of his daughters committed suicide, one with her husband in a death pact.
 - ✓ On March 14, 1883, Karl died in despair, just before his death, he wrote to his friend Engels: "How pointless and empty is life and yet how desirable".
 - ✓ He was buried in the High Gate Cemetery, considered the cemetery for Satanists and witches of the day in London.
 - ✓ This is the roots of socialism and Marxism and the leader of what will supposedly save the world!
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5. The so-called answer to the world's problems was founded by a hideous person, and what he was, socialism became.

Today, Karl Marx is ruling the world from his grave! The Tenants of his ideology:

- 1) Marxism is anti-God**, Karl saw Christianity as a source of oppression, and the version he saw was: Roman Catholicism of Europe had been all that he wanted socialism to be, corrupt, despotic, evil, controlling of people.
 - ✓ "Religion is the opiate of the peoples". For communism to succeed, loyalty to the church had to be replaced with loyalty to the state.
 - ✓ Socialism is incompatible with the free expression of religion; it has never been anything but.
 - ✓ It is not atheistic at its core, but Marx very much believed in God, he just hated Him.
 - ✓ The famous saying of Marxist, **"We will rid the world of capitalists and rid heaven of God."**
 - ✓ Right in line with what God predicted would be the conditions of the end: **Psalm 2:1-3.**
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2) Marxism is characterized by totalitarianism! "The Rule of the People" quickly degenerates into: "Everything within the state, nothing outside the state, and nothing against the state."

- ✓ Totalitarianism aspires to nothing less than defining and controlling reality. Daniel described the last government to rule the world as one that would do that very thing: **Daniel 7:23-25.**
 - ✓ This final government will not be like the previous in that they were not God haters in the strict sense, they submitted to false Gods, but the final regime will seek to dethrone God and control reality.
 - ✓ Truth is whatever the rulers decide it to be.
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3) Marxism thrives on division, classic Marxism is one where division is promoted among classes of people, the Oppressors against the oppressed, the bosses against the workers, rich against the poor, landowners against those who don't any.

- ✓ Hugo Chavez went out of his way to ensure that the poor people hated the wealthy.
 - ✓ In the cultural Marxism of our country, they exploit the divide between income levels and race, all for the sake of exploiting division.
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4) Marxism is the deadliest system that has graced our planet! In 1999, the Black Book of Communism tabulated a Marxist death toll for the 20th century, it revealed the most colossal case of political carnage in history of mankind.

- Total Deaths in the 20th Century under Socialism:
 - Latin America: 150 thousand
 - Eastern Europe: 1 million
 - Vietnam: 1 million
 - Africa: 1.7 million
 - Cambodia: 2 million
 - North Korea: 2 million
 - USSR: 20 million
 - China: 65 million
- ✓ WWI and WWII would have to be combined and doubled to get near to communism's butcher bill!
- ✓ Wherever you see communism, you see death, it's all from the heart of its creator who hated God and hated people.
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Why are we learning this? Because this trend is heading our country to some very bad conclusions.

Trends:

- 1) The destruction of our monuments. The removal of these that are considered offensive, but what it boils down to is the removal of anything that had to do with our history.
 - ✓ When you see this, you aren't just seeing a bunch of mad young people tearing down statues for a thrill, you are seeing a concerted effort to erase the past.
 - ✓ The pattern of Marxism is the erase the past, the books, the culture, the history and then have someone write new books claiming a new culture so that the nation will forget what it is and what it was.
 - 2) Cancel Culture. Anyone who does not kneel at the altar of prevailing political agendas is canceled.
 - ✓ This is cultural Marxism. No room for dissenting opinions.
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- 3) Dismantling of the Family. In Cuba, we were told that the children were taken away from their parents at young age for the sake of their "education".
 - ✓ Marxism wants to raise your children because it is true that whoever rocks the cradle rules the world.
 - ✓ That is what's going on in our schools today, craziness and false information as well as fomenting rebellion towards parents.
 - ✓ Socialists know that as long as the family remains strong, socialism cannot flourish.
 - ✓ Mark it carefully, there is, and will be, an ongoing attempt to subjugate the home to the government.
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- 4) The redistribution of wealth. This ideology teaches that all human assets should be claimed by the government.

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- ✓ Supposedly, the government can be trusted to redistribute these things in an equitable way.
 - ✓ This will, supposedly, rid the world of poverty but it has never worked out that way.
 - ✓ Wherever this principle has been implemented, the poor have gotten poorer and the few elitists who are in charge of wealth redistribution have become wealthy beyond all imagination.
 - ✓ In all the history of socialism, there is not one single successful story of helping the masses or the "The People".
- 5) The removal of Authority, Defunding of the police, villanization of the police is the first step, then defund.
- ✓ Each area that has given into this craziness has seen a dramatic increase in anarchy, socialism's best friend.
 - ✓ The goal is to let the local governments fail so that our cities and states can be federalized so that control can be centralized.
 - ✓ Almost everything you watch today is about nationalizing things: elections, schools, if you nationalize it, you can control it with just a few people.
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Where do we go from here?

- 1) Review what the Bible says: dignity of work; those who refuse should not eat; affirms private property; condemns theft and covetousness; socialism contradicts all these and more.
 - 2) Refuse to live by lies! The day is coming where good will be called evil and evil will be called good, call it what is!
 - ✓ **Proverbs 29:12** – "If a ruler pays attention to falsehood, all his ministers *become* wicked."
 - ✓ To even listen to what is false is a mistake, when we fill our mind with the garbage of these network media/propagandists we are contributing to their propagation.
 - 3) Resolve to be a follower of Jesus and not just an admirer of Him!
 - ✓ Our world does not need another Christian; it needs those who are surrendered to Christ, His will and plan so that His power can work through them.
 - ✓ A believer who does not live for Christ lives for themselves and the world does not need one more of those.
 - 4) Rethink small groups, we need to not be standing by ourselves; if all we do is attend large meetings, we are not involved in each other's lives and not supported when tough times come.
 - ✓ The primary power of the enemy is isolation, a sheep by itself is a dead sheep, the body of Christ requires involvement of lives not isolation
 - ✓ Venezuela today, a social and economic wasteland, 96% of its citizens live below the poverty level
 - ✓ Most earn less than one dollar per day.
 - ✓ A roll of toilet paper costs 2.6 million bolivars!
 - ✓ The nation is barren of essential medicines and medical services.
 - ✓ A little over 1/6 of its population has fled the country, many of which are crossing our southern borders.
 - ✓ Marxism caused it. Never let this happen to us.
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