

Rationally Speaking, Only Redemption in Jesus Christ Can Bring Heaven to Earth

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." – Jesus (Matthew 6:10)

I take no pleasure in advancing the logic that the realities posed by the two previous articles¹ are thrusting upon us. I had, prior to Memorial Day evening of 2021, naively assumed that secularists were satisfied to co-exist in good-faith with those who embrace Judeo-Christian values. That illusion was exposed and quickly shattered that evening when well-deserved protests over the murder of George Floyd in particular, mutated into emotion-charged protests over the larger demand for equal rights under the law for all peoples (so far, well-and-good). Yet these protests hindered prospects of coming together in good-faith by, to the contrary, igniting rioting of a degree that led to both the decimation of family dwellings and businesses across multiplied blocks over scores of American cities, and the wanton terrorization and murdering of innocent, defenseless citizens. The three-month night-after-night summer stretch following that evening exposed a secularistic rejection of allegiance to either the U.S. Constitution² or the morality which kindled the principles of the former which gave birth to our freedoms as a nation. That vision is being repudiated with accelerating speed by a denial of our national history, our national vision for the future,³ traditional morality,⁴ and indeed of rationality itself.⁵

In the previous posting I highlighted rational reasons why secularism fails to offer efficient social resources that could conceivably create a trajectory leading to a free and just society. For that reason, any belief that the utopia they herald to an ideally-naïve expectant public rests on sheer fantasy. Such an outcome would demand magical (as opposed to miraculous) forces in order to bring its vision to fruition. Consequently, the prospect of secularism issuing in the society I describe above is utterly worse than an expectation that theism (belief in God) can bring about the same for the reason that a miracle has its source in God while magic entails no existence of a sufficient cause.

The solitary arrow in the quiver of Socialism has been exposed as pointless, and consequently worthless for three reasons: 1) Karl Marx *naively* (it seems) predicted that the laws of “evolutionary progress” would prevail over the economic strife that would conceivably ensue,⁶ 2) Materialism is demonstrably utterly impotent to have been the cause and existence of the natural order,⁷ and 3) the fact of both the murder of 100 million of its captives in the 20th century alone, and the decimation of every single communistic economy with the exception of China.⁸ In other words, even though I am a Christian, I am not making the argument that Socialism will fail for the reason that God opposes it,⁹ but instead that socialism is intellectually impotent to fulfill its utopian promises.

The laws of nature are not arbitrary but harmonize with reality as a whole.¹⁰ For similar reasons, non-Christians do not differ in essence from Christians,¹¹ since they too are made in the image of God,¹² and so share the same aspirations for security, sustenance, and fulfillment as do the latter.

¹ See my two papers, “The Inescapable Connection Between Socialism and the Murder of 100 Million Captives” and “Humanistic Ethics Cannot Possible Create a Free and Just Society,” at my website, www.christianityontheoffense.com/articles

² See my paper, “Flawed Liberators? Or Clueless Thugs? Perfectionism as the Enemy of Rational Choice.” Ibid.

³ See my paper, “The Intellectual Death Toward Which Secularism is Taking our Society.” Ibid.

⁴ “Humanist Ethics...” Op.cit. (1).

⁵ See my papers, “Don’t Swallow Leftist Pseudo-Scientific Demands,” and “Leftist’s Claims to Be Champions of Science, is a Gigantic Fraud.” Op.cit. (1).

⁶ Saul Alinsky. *Rules for Radicals*. (Vintage, 1971), pp. XXII. Quoted in Mark Levin. *American Marxism*. (Simon and Schuster, 2021), pp. 212,3.

⁷ See my two papers, “God’s Prints are Everywhere,” and “Was the Big Bang the Big Beginning? (Or Merely the Latest Chapter)?” Op.cit. (1).

⁸ Op.cit. (1). “The Inescapable Connection...”

⁹ Psalm 2, Psalm 127:2.

¹⁰ Granville Sewell (Prof. of Mathematics, UTEP). *In the Beginning*. (Discovery Institute, 2010).

¹¹ “You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in you.” Augustine.

¹² Genesis 1:27.

Consequently, those on the Left bear the same dreadful stakes which follow from a Socialistic/Marist society as do those who are self-described conservatives.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ not only has the facts of science, history, and human experience in its favor.¹³ It also aligns with a sober assessment of human nature as both our having fallen out of relationship with God our creator, and consequently out of harmony with His will; and also being in bondage to our lusts and self-centeredness. This biblical position contrasts with the naïve secularistic view that sets people into the role of chronically judging others while exempting oneself from the obligations to keep the same standards they impose (1:1f). It is vital to note here that seeing ourselves as at the center of our social experience stands in utter contradiction to the fundamental societal requirement that every person live under the same set of purposes and moral values. The view I here describe is entirely consistent with both orchestra musicians all playing the same piece while under the direction of the same Conductor, and football players stepping from their huddle up to the line to carry out the play that the quarterback was just called. Departures from such goals can only lead to chaos.

It is of course human nature in our fallen state to err from the design's I just described (Romans 3:23). Perfection can never be achieved in our present state. On the other hand, the reality of our fallenness must not turn away us from the possibilities which remain within the context of grace. The demand for perfection must never become the enemy of the good.

This is where the "Gospel of Redemption" I described in my title above offers five utterly vital necessities for "*bring[ing] heaven to earth.*" 1) That the God of Scripture declares Himself to be holy supplies society with a moral compass that is revealed most explicitly in the Ten Commandments, 2) it consequently highlights the reality of our sinfulness, the insights of which urge us to confess our sins to both God and each other. This dark aspect of our nature led to our U. S. Constitutional demand for the three branches of our government. This fact also serves as a rationale for resisting tyranny at all costs. 3) The reality of God's redemption for all who will receive it, breaks the cycle of demanding perfection of either our neighbors or ourselves. 4) Trusting His daily presence is a source of empowerment for individual strength to live in confidence for the future, as opposed to the moment. 5) His promise of future judgement, on the other hand, urges us to bear our own responsibility for moral choices and actions.

The choices between either Socialism or a Constitutional Republic such as we inherited from our founders in 1787 push one in opposite directions. The former vision must, by its very nature, lead on the one hand to "promises" of "security" which will, as the record of history testifies, to one's loss of freedom and self-destiny. The latter vision, on the one hand, while demanding moral and intellectual discipline, while also securing what is required to ensure safety and freedom and justice for all.

We currently stand at a such crisis as Moses witnessed when he announced to Israel just before they entered the promised land where he declared, "*Behold, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil... Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live*" (Deuteronomy 30:15, 19).

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¹³ Op.cit. (7).