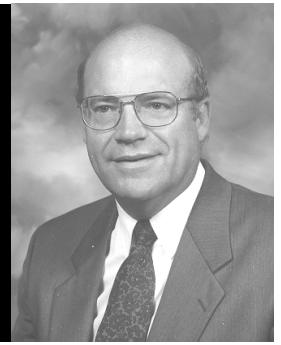




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by Roger Scruton

May Day used to be a great holiday in the Soviet Union, with parades and demonstrations honoring the workers and the Marxist revolution that supposedly saved them. The Soviet Union is no more. And Marx?

If the truth be known, he has become part of our culture. The theory of history and society put forward by Marx has proved wrong in all its predictions. The attempt to apply it as a system of government has led to social and economic chaos, as well as the deaths of millions. The theory of "class struggle" has as much relevance to modern societies as the idea of reincarnation, and almost every conception in the Marxist register—from the labor theory of value to the attack on private property—seems to belong to the dusty theology of a dead religion. Yet Marxism survives—not in its original form, defined by those sacred and unfinished texts by a baffled prophet, but in the form of Marxoid sects, each with some new version of the old agenda.

For it was the agenda, rather than the theory, that appealed. Marx's theory was to be a tool in the hands of the intellectuals, which would justify their seizure of power. People have often wondered why it is that intellectuals are for the most part on the left and often committed to some kind of egalitarian revolution. Surely people who are conscious of their intellectual powers, and who despise the myths whereby ordinary people live, ought to recognize the deep inequality of human fate? Such people ought, in the nature of things, to be elitest, committed to a social order in which talent can work its way to the top and exert its rightful dominion. Yet by and large this has not been so. Intellectuals have an obsession with equality and with the condition of the underdog. This obsession goes hand in hand with the conviction that theories and thinking provide the solution to our social problems, and that the intellectual is entitled to his "leading role" on those grounds alone.

Unbelieving Priests

In fact there is nothing surprising in this. Modern intellectuals are unbelieving priests. They have the vocation of the priesthood without the faith. As such they sense their social exclusion: Conscious of their spiritual superiority and yet unable to find any social endorsement for it, their prime need is for a congregation, a group on whose behalf they can act as savior and redeemer. They need victims, just as they need usurpers and oppressors against whom they are pitted in a trial of strength. The underdog is final proof of the intellectual's entitlement—the proof that the forms of government which naturally emerge in human society, and from which intellectuals tend to be excluded, are a mistake.

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And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead expose them. Ephesians 5:11

Dwell on the past and you'll lose an eye; forget the past and you'll lose both eyes." Old Russian Proverb

The Heart, Mind and Soul of Communism

by Dr. Fred Schwarz
the last in a continuing series

WHAT CAN I DO?

Always there arises the question, "What can I do? I would like very much to help in this great battle, but I seem so inadequate. The issues are beyond me. When the problem defies the masterminds of state, college, and church, what hope have I of making any significant contribution?" There is something everyone can do and it consists of four things: knowledge, courage, faith, and consecration.

KNOWLEDGE

Whenever the medical profession endeavors to combat a serious disease, the first essential is a vast program of research into the nature of the disease, its causes, the laws of its development, the conditions favorable to its spread, and wherein its weakness — its "heel of Achilles"—lies, so that it may be attacked and defeated. Understanding is the irreducible minimum of effective counteraction. Ignorant opposition is frequently valuable assistance to the Communist cause. The quality of ignorance and misunderstanding, at all levels of intellect and education, of the nature and mind of Communism is startling. I could amplify this article with illustration after illustration of the most pitiable ignorance revealed to me personally by high military officers, university professors and ministers of religion. Such statements as the following we hear every day, and they reveal total incomprehension of the nature of Communism. The first statement is, "We must acknowledge the good in Communism and realize it is primarily a reaction to the evils of Capitalistic Society." The good in Communism is like the "good" in tuberculosis, unappreciated by the victim. Again we hear "It is possible to preserve peace with Communism" when the Communists' very thought processes define the existing state as class war. Or yet again we hear, "We must eliminate social abuses so that Communism may not flourish." Cancer was never cured by improving the general health. Knowledge is the first weapon in our arsenal of defense. The basic Communist texts are available and these should be studied so that we have an understanding of the Communist laws of thought and their blueprint of conquest. Knowledge is power.

COURAGE

What we discover when we investigate Communism is terrifying. The vastness of the danger oppresses us. We may react in one of two ways. The knowledge may be a "savor of death unto death or life unto life." We may become oppressed and throw in the towel, or we may gird ourselves for the battle, realizing how terrible it will be. Many individuals have to face situations of this nature. They visit their physician to be told they have the dread disease of cancer. They may react in one of two ways,— a defeat or a challenge. Some say, "All is finished, life is over," and in despair throw themselves under a train. Others say, "This is grim news, but I will do my best to overcome it," and they make the decisions required courageously, rearrange their life routine, submit to the drastic surgery necessary, pay the heavy cost, and come through triumphantly. Courage transforms the dread knowledge into a challenge, a matchless sacrifice, a heroic endeavor and a glorious triumph.

FAITH

The Communists say, "There is no God." We know, "In the beginning, God." God has not abdicated from the throne of the universe. He is an active agent in history and makes even the wrath of man praise Him. We have His promises. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood; then will the Spirit of the Lord lift up a standard against him." If we will pray, live righteously, and trust in Him, He will not fail in our hour of need: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

CONSECRATION

Communism has been able to mobilize the loyalty, discipline, and willingness to sacrifice even unto death of countless millions. In the final analysis faith can only be matched by faith, devotion by devotion, and consecration by consecration. Are we who name the name of Christ prepared to make equal sacrifices, to serve with equal unselfishness, to manifest like loyalty and devotion as those who name the name of Lenin?

Rise up, O Men of God,
Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
Unto the king of Kings
Rise up, O Men of God!

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Marxism appeals because it undermines the legitimacy of all forms of social power, other than the power of the intellectual. Contemporary Marxoid sects are likewise devoted to undermining things: in particular those things that create the normality of the surrounding social order. This is why feminism has adopted so many of the Marxian concepts. In place of the bourgeois (property-owning) class we have men; in place of the proletariat, women; instead of bourgeois ideology we have patriarchy and its insidious fashioning of the social world; in place of the class struggle we have the “struggle” of women to affirm their identity. And so on. Any number of other identity movements follow this model, seeking to “liberate” racial minorities, homosexuals, conquered peoples, even animals, from the “oppression” of some ruling group that supposedly marginalizes and mistreats them. The aim is always to deconstruct the old culture, the old institutions, to be in the vanguard of the struggle on behalf of the oppressed.

The survival of the Marxian agenda goes with a virulent hostility toward all conservative, “right-wing” or reactionary thinkers. Guilt by association is the fate of any artist or thinker who has not displayed his left-wing credentials on his sleeve; recent victims include Joseph Conrad, T.S. Eliot, W.B. Yeats, Ernst Junger, even Igor Stravinsky. A vast academic industry is devoted to showing that these cultural figures are tainted by the brush of imperialism, reaction or, notably, “fascism.” The crimes of Hitler are often laid at the door of Richard Wagner. Even though Marxism is transparently untenable; even though the whole revolutionary project has been a disaster and the source of untold misery and crime, you must not criticize the agenda. To do so is to betray the sacred mission of the priesthood.

No parallel treatment awaits the intellectual of the left, and even those who have justified terrible atrocities—Sartre, for example, or the poet Louis Aragon, or Bertolt Brecht—are forgiven by their intellectual judges. What matters is not truth or beauty but the shared agenda.

Hence crime, on however large a scale, arouses little or no revulsion among leftwing intellectuals, provided that the goal is social equality—the pulling down of those on top, or the raising up of those below. The Peterloo Massacre, for example, in which a handful of trade-unionists were killed near Manchester in 1819, stands far higher in the list of recognized crimes than Katyn, where the Soviets murdered many thousands of Polish officers in cold blood, and certainly higher than the mass murders of priests by the Spanish Republicans or the more recent murders of industrialists by the German Red Army Faction. Wealthy, successful and

powerful people do not enjoy the sympathy of the left-wing intellectual, since it is assumed they do not deserve, and could never deserve, to be where they are.

Murderous Rhetoric

The asymmetry of blame extends also to the “paper deeds” of the intellectuals themselves. To stir up hatred in the name of equality is never a crime: Murderous rhetoric of the kind put about by Marx, Sartre and Michel Foucault, the French philosopher, is regarded with warm approval, because the target is the one on top—the capitalist, the bourgeois, the one with power. The same dispensation is accorded to identity-politics polemicists, like the feminists Andrea Dworkin and Catherine MacKinnon, whose hate-filled prose is regarded with smiling complicity by so many academics in America. For once again the target is the one on top, and the goal is to rescue the one beneath him.

The effect of all this is most easily observed in the universities, where ordinary decencies are driven from the curriculum. Henceforth, until the habit of reading has been destroyed, students will be taught not only to sneer at their cultural and moral inheritance but also to look with compassion on those who have committed the worst crimes against it. Marx is not responsible for this: He merely provided the tools of the trade. Later thinkers refined the tools: Foucault generalized the theory of ideology so that all forms of social power, other than the power of the critic, lose their legitimacy. Jacques Derrida invented a special gobbledygook with which to “deconstruct” the old authorities by smothering their words with nonsense. And the feminists, gay activists and assorted provocateurs are now hard at work on the new curriculum, which will show how everything is permitted to the excluded and nothing to the culture that excludes.

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An Old Cold Warrior

by Arnold Beichman

Twice last week I was chided about behaving like an “Old Cold Warrior,” (or OCW). One of my critics was not particularly political, the other was a left liberal.

It struck me as peculiar that nobody ever calls anybody who writes articles or books about the Holocaust an “old hot warrior” or an “Old Anti-Fascist.” Without minimizing the horrors of the Holocaust, let us recognize that Lenin, Stalin & Co were guilty of the deaths of scores of millions of their own peoples. Had Josef Stalin, who died in 1953, lived just another year, most Soviet Jews, if they were lucky, would have been exiled into a Siberian wasteland.

Even more peculiar about this OCW bit is that while Western governments still hunt down Nazi concentration camp commandants and even lowly guards for trial, revocation of citizenship and deportation, not a single Soviet Gulag officer, let alone KGB torturer, has been put on trial for any of his past crimes, in some cases unspeakable crimes, against his fellow-Russians. Even though the Cold War ended with dramatically fewer deaths than World War II, you would think that OCWs like Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Vladimir Bukovsky, Robert Conquest, Richard Pipes, let alone President Reagan, would be honored for having won a war against a dangerous totalitarian aggressor with almost no loss of life or treasure. The great U.S.-Soviet tank “battle” of the Cold War occurred at Checkpoint Charlie in 1962 after the Berlin Wall went up and where after a few hours of sitting around, everybody went home for chow.

The once-secret Soviet archives, some of which have been opened, have documented the infamies of Soviet totalitarianism. To write about these events or to go into the treasonable behavior of some American government officials is being an OCW, especially among academicians.

The reason I was being criticized for behaving like an OCW is that I have said rather loudly that the recently shown Ted Turner CNN television documentary on the Cold War is pseudo-history. Ted Turner wants his film and the accompanying textbook to be used by high school students so as to create a “moral equivalence” consciousness. In the film’s view, both sides, the Free World, led by the United States, and the Soviet Union were equally guilty in starting and continuing the Cold War, an unnecessary conflict. You know, they had Stalin and we had Joe McCarthy, they had the Gulag and we had Kent State. It’s the old left-liberal trick of making the episodic morally equivalent to the systemic. To disagree with Ted Turner is in the eyes of left liberalism to be acting like an OCW.

More than a half-century later, books are still being writ-

ten and published about the horrors of Nazism, about Adolf Hitler and his henchmen, about the Holocaust. When it comes to Hitler and Nazism, nobody is saying, “Oh, come on, let bygones be bygones.” How many books have you seen published about the Gulag, about the horrors of Marxism-Leninism or Stalinism? Few and getting fewer. The story of a Nazi police battalion involved in the Holocaust published two years ago became a controversial international best seller. When was the last best seller on Stalinism? Surely communism was as bad as fascism, no? In the eyes of the liberal-left, no, communism was not as bad as fascism.

“Schindler’s List” was a great movie about what Hitler did to the Jews of Europe. But no Hollywood producer has announced plans to do an epic about the Gulag or about intrigue in the Kremlin. Or about that fantastic night 10 years ago come Nov. 9 when the Berlin Wall came down, foreshadowing the fall of the Soviet empire a few years later. Charlie Chaplin made a great movie about Hitler and Mussolini in “The Great Dictator.” Wouldn’t a film about Lenin and Stalin also make a great movie? But it won’t be made because to do so would mean you were an “Old Cold Warrior.” We condemn Holocaust-deniers but Gulag-deniers prosper in the academy. Gulag-affirmers are—right—Old Cold Warriors.

When World War II ended, the Nazi Party ended. Today in Germany as in the rest of Eastern Europe trying to organize a Nazi Party would be a crime. Skinheads, like their avatar Adolf Hitler, are regarded as disreputable relics of a horrible past. But not the well-funded Communist Parties in Russia and in Eastern Europe whose crimes in their pre-1991 heyday exceeded that of the Nazis simply because communism lasted for so many more decades than did Nazism.

In the New Criterion magazine (October 1996), Anne Applebaum wrote:

“Most educated people know that Stalin killed, by means of mass murder and concentration camps, at least twice as many innocent people as Hitler. And yet almost no one in the West feels their crimes to have been evil in the same, visceral way that they feel Hitler’s crimes to have been evil.”

To sum up, to lump Stalin with Hitler is to be an Old Cold Warrior. So be it.

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