



SOCIALISTS PLAY GOD

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Socialists tend to "do" things to "get" things.

Socialism is a populist economic, religious and political system based on group public ownership of the means of advancing "world-peace." Those means include the use of methodologies of the church, family, the workplace, and politics — usually, if not always, the decisions are made by the government. It is certain that this is the reason for socialists pushing for government control over religious, economic, and social justice. The system as a whole is based on "human rights." Communism and socialism are umbrella terms referring to the people of these beliefs; each opposing capitalism. Socialists are strong advocates for self-government, self-management, self-interpretation, and self-as-god. Their ideologies existed long before the "Communist Manifesto" propagated by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. Actually, it is a system of self-rule established by God's enemy - Satan.

At a younger age, I noticed that people were drawn to me for help, even though I was in a nasty habit of playing-god to do much of my ministering. Honestly, I must admit, I was teaching others to adhere to a socialist platform. I knew without question that I needed to embrace the rhyme and reason as to why I put a focus on "Christians" functioning like us hippies. It didn't matter if the person was in the middle of a divorce, struggling with sins, anger or other fleshly modalities — my only goal was to help them become more communal in their beliefs while accepting our

depraved ideologies of problems being the consequences of capitalism. Little did I realize at the time, I was teaching others to refute the monarchy system, role & position of Christ.

Yes. I was a full-blown hippy.

As I began to mature a bit in my role as a minister, I realized that most people-helpers practice the same nasty habit. What was this social-driven pastor to do? After God revealed this method of madness as an act of a thief, I found my starting place. I immediately began studying the Word of God in light of the human bent toward stealing Christ's responsibilities and destroying His system of monarchy.

Before we get started with our Revelation series, we need to remember the original sin. Contrary to popular Christian belief, it was not Adam and Eve eating from the Tree of Knowledge. The original sin was committed by Lucifer attempting to steal the throne seat of the Living God. He wanted to convert the system of government from monarchy to that of socialism (dictatorship). Satan knew that it would be impossible to control Heaven, and later the earth, without converting the system of rule. This explains his drive to empower his demons, and later humans, to "think" each has self-power to manage their own lives and environment. Remembering, he didn't want to be like God, he wanted to BE God. Since socialism advocates "being your own god," this became his primary deception hidden behind his failed impeachment of God. As irony would have it, God allowed Satan's method of madness to play out.

Playing God has devastating ramifications.

Even though there are more and more humans attempting to BE god, the vast majority function under the modality of being LIKE God. It is my belief that those who stake a claim as God are an immediate threat to Satan. Since this is his primary goal, I believe he will deal with them accordingly. But...those who work to be LIKE God are not only a non-threat to Satan, he implores it. It works seamlessly within a communist-style governing system.

Playing god is simply mankind functioning as a replica of God. It is an ideology people use to maintain self-control of self, politics, others, and yes - even God.

The root definition of "man functioning as a replicator of God" is nothing short of a believer walking AFTER their own flesh. If not save, IN their flesh. At first, they covertly believe their flesh is their guiding force/god. Many times after they mature in this ideation, they oftentimes shift into believing consciously that they ARE their flesh. Thus, they are like God. I call this paralleling the Godhead. Meaning, since they are the god of their own destiny, they might as well control all of life as a god. This act is what birthed the most dangerous sin throughout all eternity - the original sin. This is that horrid act of attempting to steal the role & position of God while functioning under the lie that they are changing God's method of governance. Satan may be a liar, but he's not stupid. He knows if he can get mankind to remain trapped by his original sin, their consequences would be the same as his. And...he's right. Each will go straight to Hell with him. For those who have had a "born-again" experience, Satan uses the flesh to maintain disobedience to God by way of resisting the indwelling Holy Spirit, who never defies the system of monarchy, with the hope of the believer renouncing the Spirit as God. Believe it or not, this

happens every day, and in every country all day long. The Word calls it the Great Apostacy (falling away). Yes. Irrevocably, I believe we are in the period of the Great Apostacy.

One of the greatest ironies regarding the flesh, it can be deceptively pleasant, what I call "pretty flesh." Flesh that is "pretty," or "ugly," is a self-imposed reaction to submitting to the indwelling Life of Christ. If the person is unsaved, their war is in repenting, confessing that Jesus IS God, and receiving the Holy Spirit, with a willingness to function under His system of monarchy. Intuitively, they know that the "old-nature," God replicator, must be put to death & made powerless before Christ takes his position as God within their innermost being. Consequently, this is an act that only a faithful few are willing to do – particularly in our pluralistic society.

Speaking of "pretty-flesh," those of us that practice this deceptive act of Christianity work diligently to practice the Truths of Christ in us while continuing to walk after the flesh without knowing the error of doing so. In my mind, this is the most deceptive place Satan can shift a believer to live. Always learning but never able to come to the full knowledge of Truth.

Since the majority of the Body of Christ has no clue what the "flesh" is, they are ignorant about how to combat it. This is the exact reason why I make use of the term "playing-god." It is an easy concept to help people understand the "law of the flesh." With that, we can reveal the importance of Christ walking out His own system of governance (Law of the Spirit) through us by releasing the Holy Spirit to do the doing.

What is the true and honest motive in converting monarchy to socialism?

If God was to be God of our life, culture, and nation, then we need to know what He says about Christ's renewal of the mind. His goal has never been to change society or a world. His goal has been predestined to change the people. Simply put, we need to learn the root meaning of transforming others through Him (Col.3:17). Most of the Lord's workers in our post-truth culture devote their lives to sharing the "gospel" to gain a paycheck. This erroneous belief of ministerial outreach is nothing short of lukewarm. If we ministers have expectations of a return outside of God receiving the blessing, we suffer the modality of lukewarm faith. Worst yet, it becomes a covert confession of using the Gospel (Jesus) to prosper. Both socialist and capitalist are guilty of this. Socialists do-to-get, capitalist, do to prosper, while monarchist do to advance a king. This one single factor is what separates an external helper from that of internal. Obviously, a monarchy system is the most self-less. "Whatever you do, do as unto the Lord."

Question.

Can you think of anything that can breed more self-life comfort outside of having control over your own destiny? Those who covertly, or overtly, believe they have self-governed control are under the worst kind of deception. Overt "control freaks" are usually the ones blamed for this demise, but the reality is, even "pretty-flesh" sedated believers are guilty of this illusion. Without question, and in my professional view, I believe silence is the greatest form of control. This is obviously the meaning behind Jesus saying, "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no';

anything beyond these is of evil (Matthew 5:37)." People that live and dwell in the zone of indecisive complacency as a church, culture or nation are simply playing with evil – playing god. The most elementary leaders know that people of the "yes" are easy to manage and people of the "no" are easy to discipline. They further understand that people who are not quick to give a "yes" or "no" are completely unmanageable and destructive to the overall goals of the leader. This might be the best way to describe our culture today.

Whichever the case, when any of us play-god, we are attempting to fix the fix that God has fixed on us to stop fixing ourselves and others. "Fast fixes" are NOT the solution. It only breeds more problems and conflicts, which results in a wider gap of separation with the indwelling Life. Working to make our environment, church, or nation to be more comfortable in order to live a self-focused life is not only erroneous, but it also borders on a system of socialism.

I remember the day when I woke up to the reality that I was covertly converting others to socialism by methods practiced in the church, I was beyond embarrassed. I became enraged. This single revelation shifting my placid mission of helping others to that of being a Christ-as-Life Worldview teacher. No more playing-god. That day not only shifted my paradigm, but it also infected and affected my view of many of the things stated in the book of Revelation.

As long as the flesh remains in my mortal body, I will have this false socialistic god rising up against the Spirit that lives within me. Play-god is not only evil, but it is also the one thing that reminds me of the beast, who feasts off my socialistic "self-life."

One of the more sobering revelations I have had to date is...

"For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled." (Revelation 17:17)