NORTHERN LIGHTS-KINGDOM NOTES
Marxism and Atheism

In Alexander Solzhenitsyn's booklet "Letter to the Soviet Leaders" the following footnote appears: "Sergei Bulgakov showed in "Karl Marx as a Religious Type" (1906) that atheism is the chief inspirational and emotional hub of Marxism and that all the rest of the doctrine has simply been tacked on. Ferocious hostility to religion is Marxism's most persistent feature."

Often today one hears that various church and political leaders and movements are not communist but Marxist. To be a Marxist is more acceptable by and large than to be a communist particularly in Roman Catholic and liberal Protestant circles. Liberation Theology is said to be Christian Marxist in orientation in Brazil, Central America and in the U.S. By Marx's own writings it is impossible for there to be such a thing as a Christian or a Catholic-Marxist.

As the world is witnessing the death throes of traditional communism in Russia and its satellites there is evidenced the failure of a system which never succeeded even in its years of brutal genocidal suppression in the Stalin years. Malcolm Muggeridge in his writings details the abysmal failures of that time when he and other liberal journalists observed the Soviet Union and the great lie first hand to their personal disillusionment.

In Canadian and American Medicine we do not have a communist or a Marxist overt presence in our hospitals and institutions. We do however possess their most constant attribute-atheism. One is reminded that in analytical chemistry the chemist checks by means of various tests to determine if certain elements are present in a substance. The analysis of medical care in most institutions in the "West" reveals the constant element of atheism. The young physician is actually taught to keep religion out of his practice and out of his professional life. Karl Marx is alive and well in many of our institutions having to do with health care, education and surprisingly religion!

Solzhenitsyn in his "Letter to the Soviet Leaders" (1973) makes the following comment: "I myself see Christianity today as the only living spiritual force capable of undertaking the spiritual healing of Russia." Could it be that what is happening in Russia is actually a turning of the eastern bloc of nations back to Christ and away from Marx? Is this not what the average Canadian and American desires in his heart also? It is time for the political, religious and educational leadership of our nations to abandon their "ferocious hostility to religion" and to turn to Christ who indeed is and always has been our only hope. Western society oriented to Jesus Christ has produced productive, uniquely blessed and progressive nations in contrast to the total failure of communism. Why should our leadership have one further thought in the direction of Marxist failureism? Let us in Christian medicine and nursing lead the way - be the vanguard of the return of our nations to vital belief in Jesus Christ. We ourselves and our patients would become the mutual recipients of the benefits of such an edifying reorientation of our lives.

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