



Socialism or Christianity? By Karen Sue Nyquist



Socialism and Christianity both believe in helping those who are less fortunate, those who are in poverty, or are powerless. The Bible says, “To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,” (Psalm 10:18) (Some Christians mistakenly think that the early Christians were socialists. (Acts 2:44-45) The early church only tried this once and it was never mentioned again in the Bible. If you are a socialist or have been considering socialism, please compare Socialism with Christianity. They both want equal justice for all, but their ideologies are contrary to each other.

Their Basic Foundations

1. Socialism and Communism are based on the theoretical framework of Marxism.

Christianity is based on the values and beliefs of the Bible.

2. Socialism is atheistic, Christianity believes in a personal, involved, loving God.

“The common thread that unites the social engineers and implementers who followed (*Marxism*) is atheism.” (1) **The Bible says**, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,” (Ephesians 2:4)

Their Views of People

3. Socialism rejects God’s view of people - It believes that people are basically good and cooperative. They believe that this basic nature hasn’t yet emerged in full because capitalism or feudalism has forced people to be competitive. (2) **The Bible says** that we have a sinful nature and that without a relationship with God, Who helps us improve, we are unrighteous.

Their Different Moral Values

4. Pure socialism attempts to get rid of government and authority - examples: overthrowing governments, defunding the police. **Christianity believes God established governments.** “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” (Romans 13:1) Christians only rise up against government when it takes away their freedoms that come from God. In the United States, these are written into our Constitution’s Amendments.

5. Socialism promises redistribution of wealth. It requires seizure and control of businesses and wealth production. It starts out by raising taxes. People are encouraged to covet other’s wealth, the government is allowed to steal private property. **The Bible says**, “You shall not steal... You shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor’s.” (Exodus 20:15, 17)

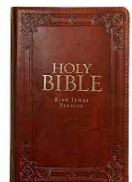
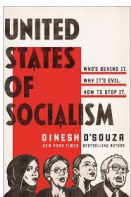
6. Socialism forces collective property, eliminating most private possessions, profits, personal wealth, house ownership, etc. It violates **God-given rights over private property.** “They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.” (Isaiah 65:21-22)

7. Socialism discourages productivity and encourages non-productivity; the Bible praises productive workers. (Proverbs 31:10-31) When we take from productive workers, it discourages them, they give up, and society’s productivity goes down. “It breaks the human spirit as their dignity is stripped away.” (3) “Then Judah said, ‘The strength of the laborers, is failing,’” (Nehemiah 4:10) The Bible insists that the able-bodied must work, support our families, then help others. (2 Thessalonians 3:10, 1 Timothy 5:8, Ephesians 4:28)

8. Socialism increases dependence on the government; the Bible teaches to trust in God’s help to supply your needs. “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who goes you power to get wealth,..” (Deuteronomy 8:18) “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matt.6:3)

9. Socialism forces its standards, values, and behaviors on others.

Everyone has to follow them even if it violates their own personal sense of morality. It focuses on groups and ignores the rights of individuals. Everyone has to think and say the same thing: there is little individual freedom.



“Today we see repeated assaults on traditional American liberties, as groupthink and political correctness are taking a toll on critical thinking.” (3) - This violates the following inalienable **God-given rights - freedom of: speech, the press, assembly, to have and bear arms, exercise of religion, petition the government, etc.**

10. Socialism forces children to attend public schools, not allowing school choice. This is limiting **God-given rights for parents to choose the best school for their children and to teach their values to them.** It believes that children belong to the state not their parents. The Bible says, “Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

11. Socialism promotes abortion. “... Russia became the first country in history to sanction atheism and abortion as government imperative. All the Soviet socialist countries followed suit, as did China under Mao...The state-supported practice that has become socialism’s identifying mark is abortion.” (1) **The Bible shows God is against abortion,** even when accidental (Exodus 21:22-25) **and He is against the intentional murder of a baby at birth.** (Exodus 1:16-21)



12. Socialism’s cries of racism are used to promote its agenda. “Racism is a critical element of the socialist agenda -- focus on group identity provides the only supposed moral justification for redistribution of wealth.” (4) **The Bible teaches that we were all created by God and each individual has value.** “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27)

13. Socialism believes that the end justifies the means. Violence, arson, destruction, looting, assault, and murder, in the name of social justice, are all acceptable.



The Bible tells us that these are wrong. “yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.” (Jonah 3:8)

Conclusion: Because socialism is 1)based on an erroneous foundation, and 2) has false views, and 3) is morally contrary to God’s standards, socialism always fails. People from all over the world, leave their oppressive, socialist, and communist countries to come to America for our freedom and opportunities.

Suggested Prayer: Do you want to become a Christian? If so, you may pray . . .

“Dear Jesus, please teach me Your truths in the Bible and help me believe them. Help me change my socialist ideas and others that are not true. Forgive me for all my sins and cleanse me from all my sinful ways. I repent and ask You to be my Lord. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Jesus, I open my heart and receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. AMEN!” Name _____ Date _____

Now that you have asked Jesus into your heart, He will start revealing Himself to you. Spend time with Him, talk (pray) to Him. Read His book, the Bible, where He reveals Himself and His standards. Ask Him to become involved in your life, and request His advice, direction, even correction. Ask Him your purpose is. Obey Him when He reveals His will to you. It will feel so right! Spend time with others who love God too. Go to a good church where you feel God’s presence, they preach the Bible, and you can fellowship with other Christians.

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