

## ATHEISM AND LEFT WING POLITICS

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This essay is not written to offend anyone or to make a judgment. Nor is it an attempt to persuade people to our way of thinking but it is written to inform and encourage people to make up their own minds. It may be possible that some of the information set out here is not generally known. It has been said that the three subjects never to be debated are sex, religion and politics. Nor is this an evangelical appeal for anyone to become a Christian.

Karl Marx was the father of both socialism, communism and what is known as left wing politics. He was an atheist and said that the existence of God had no meaning of any kind and that religion was the opium of the people.

By atheism, in the context in which we are using the term, means that the God of the Bible, the Bible itself and Jesus Christ is mere fiction and not true.

With Marx was Friedrich Engels, another atheist although some say he was an agnostic.

Atheists claim to be free thinkers and yet they fight for more and more control of every aspect of our lives and therefore there is no freedom for us.

It is true that most atheists are left wing in their politics. They are the political parties that hate God as do Communists and Nazis with their National Socialism. However, it must be said that the Nazis were fascists in that they were racist and anti-Semitic hating the Jews and, therefore, the God of the Jews.

To evidence that very many left wing political figures are atheists here is a list of some of them:

- Clement Attlee (1883-1967)
- James Callaghan (1912-2005)
- Alistair Campbell (1957- )
- Charles Clarke (1950- )
- Nick Clegg (1964- )
- Robin Cook (1946-2005)
- Donald Dewar (1937-2000)
- Frank Dobson (1940- )
- Michael Foot (1913-2010)
- George Galloway (1954- )
- Roy Hattersley (1932- )
- Neil Kinnock (1942- )
- Ken Livingstone (1945- )
- David Milliband (1965- )
- Ed Milliband (1969- )
- Mo Mowlam (1949-2005)
- Clare Short (1946- )
- Denis Skinner (1932- )
- Peter Tatchell (1952- )
- Harold Wilson (1916-1995)

As we know from Soviet Russia, Communism is atheist. This is shown in their leaders such as Lenin (1870 -1924), Stalin (1878- 1953) Khrushchev (1894- 1971) and Gorbachev (1931-. The Communists physically tortured, mutilated and killed Christians on a large scale.

In the UK, one of the most notorious of atheists is Arthur Scargill who joined the Young Communist

League in 1957 and the Labour Party in 1975. In 1984 and 1985, he led the revolt against Margaret Thatcher in the Miners Strike. He was both a bully and a thug. More about this later.

Left wing politics say that they accept and support equality and the disadvantaged. This is the claim of both the Labour Party and socialism itself which says that they are against oppression, subservience to the ruling class and also against capitalism advocating nationalisation by which the state owns all production and industry. As we have seen from the list of atheists, the Labour Party and Communism are anti-clerical and therefore want to eradicate Christianity.

In simple terms, left wingers want to be supreme and not have a higher power such as God.

Communism wants social ownership of industry and all production as taught by Marx and Engels. Marx said that the role of a capitalism society must end which will precede the take over by Communism.

It has been said that Socialism is a lower form of Communism or the stepping stone to it. Communism is a revolutionary socialist movement and seeks ultimate power. It is atheistic. Marx saw Socialism and Communism as a tool to control the masses and to dismiss and destroy Christianity. Communism and Socialism denounces any higher power such as God. It demands that atheism is established so that their own political ideals are maintained.

Christians can be selfish and there are some who are hypocrites and frauds. No organisation is faultless. There are Christians, or nominal Christians, in the Conservative Party and, generally speaking, they seem to accept the morality of Christian teaching, although this is now in decline.

It is certainly not true to say that religion is the cause of all the wars in the world. The most disastrous wars were caused by greed and the quest for power; but it is true to say that in the Muslim world now there are groups at war with each other yet most Muslims are peace-loving people.

The Irish conflict was not primarily a religious war but a desire to unite Ireland, and for Southern Ireland to have a share in the wealth of Ulster with its one time successful industry. The appellation religious to this conflict is due to the fact that Northern Ireland is mainly Protestant and southern Ireland is Catholic. In my view, no Christian would engage in terrorism.

What is true is that the Labour Prime minister Tony Blair took the UK into three wars which were none of our business namely Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. He lied to the country and along with the appalling loss of life put the UK into the financial mess it is now in.

People have a right to be atheists and people have a right to be Christians but when one group want to take over everybody else, that is wrong.

Richard Dawkins is an atheist and, of course, he has every right to be, but his writings are illogical as it is with many atheists. He writes, "I am attacking God." and then says, "God does not exist!"

He was converted to atheism after reading Darwin. Darwin blamed God for the death of his daughter whereas she died of neglect albeit unintentional. Darwin no longer believed in God in that he generally rejected Divine creation. Dawkins states that the Bible and Christianity are all lies and that only science is the truth, that humanity descended from bacteria and we are all animals. We are robots, mere machines and slaves to our genes. There is therefore no right and wrong for the human race and if there is right and wrong we are not responsible for what we do. The lion kills a gazelle for food. The lion has no morals. We are exactly the same in all that we do. God (who, incidentally does not exist) has no morals. Dawkins states the God is both an appalling role model and an evil monster and so is everyone who believes in Christianity. The Ten Commandments and the Bible's moral teaching is obnoxious. Everyone who believes in the God of the Bible, its teaching and believes in Jesus Christ is ignorant, stupid and wicked as all we atheists know.

Whatever one thinks, the moral code of the Bible has been upheld by the majority including those who are not believers.

Michael Foot said that you cannot be a member of the Labour Party or a Socialist and be a Christian as the two are incompatible.

It will be said that because people are atheists they are not necessarily bad people. Atheists have their own set of morals, no doubt. Of the above list, which is mainly of Labour politicians, it can be claimed that some have given excellent service to the country. It has been said that some Labour politicians are Christians or are nominal Christians.

Another assertion that is made is that Christians think that they are always right and superior. This is a ridiculous and false assertion. The one time Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins, did not believe in the resurrection; there are many Catholic priests who abuse boys and others who are drunks and blasphemers; Jehovah Witnesses say that they are Christians but deny basic principles such as the Trinity and it is said that on their database they have a substantial list of members who are paedophiles. Mormons do not follow the Bible but have the Book of Mormon; the Pentecostal and charismatic groups have false teaching and many such groups have a policy of anything goes; there are more con artists and frauds in these Pentecostal and charismatic churches than most others; some spiritualist churches have an open Bible in their places of worship but claim that they can communicate with the dead which is diametrically opposed to Christian teaching.

There are many classical musicians who are atheists including:

- Larry Adler
- Bela Bartok
- Hector Berlioz
- Georges Bizet
- Pierre Boulez
- Geoffrey Burgon
- Ferruccio Busoni
- Frederick Delius
- Percy Grainger
- Peter Maxwell Davies
- Sergei Prokofiev
- Rimsky-Korsakov
- Maurice Ravel
- Ned Rorem
- Michael Tippett
- Edgar Varese
- Iannis Xenakis

If you study both lists you will find that a percentage of those atheists which we have mentioned are homosexual. Of course, that is their business but one wonders whether they are atheists because the Bible condemns homosexuality.

In the pop world and the world of non-classical music there are countless atheists such as Bjork, Richard Rodgers, Bob Geldorf, Barry Manilow, Shirley Manson, Motorhead, Pink Floyd, Mick Jagger, Jimi Hendrix, John Lennon and it is universally accepted that Simon Cowell, who is rude and insulting as well as being arrogant, always makes fun of people who have a religious faith. There are pop groups who write and perform songs that are offensive; the Sex Pistols are an obvious example. There are other groups who blatantly recommend the use of hard drugs and, therefore, do not consider the moral dilemmas which can result. But it certainly must not be taken that all pop musicians are atheists or drug pushers.

For the funeral of Margaret Thatcher, two politicians objected to it stating that it would cancel out Prime Ministers Question Time. The two who objected were left wingers namely George Galloway and Dennis Skinner well-known for their irrational hatred of Thatcher.

It is said that Thatcher closed coal mines. In reality, they were closed by the National Coal Board. This was because they were unproductive and making a loss. The mines were owned by the taxpayers due to previous Socialist policies and so we were paying to keep them open. At the same time the miners wanted pay rises of up to 30% and their strike action was literally cutting off the essential flow of fuel damaging the UK economy. The miners has taken industrial action before and held the country to ransom and brought the country to a standstill. That could not be allowed to continue. Militant left wing trade unionism had to be dealt with for the sake of the country.

Fresh in some peoples minds was the Aberfan disaster of October 1966 when 116 children and 28 adults were killed by the collapse of an over high tip of coal cascading into the village. The National Coal Board and its workers were responsible for this and the behaviour of the Labour government under Wilson was deeply deplorable and insensitive. For those who had lost their homes and everything else in this disaster, Prime Minister Harold Wilson provided caravans for them and charged the sorrowing people rent!

People will object to what is said here and claim that the writers of this article are Conservatives. We are not. Nor are we extreme Christians or fundamentalists or wishing to convert anyone.

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