

LEFT WING POLITICS AND ATHEISM

Everybody has the right to believe what they wish. They can be Christians, Buddhists, atheists, agnostics and support any political party or any organisation or ideology of their choice. I have friends who believe that aliens populated the earth and can change our DNA and that everyone goes to heaven including Hitler. One physicist states that the Queen drinks children's blood for breakfast and that Ted Heath abused little boys and killed them!

Left wing politics are said to support social equality and to help those who are socially disadvantaged. They believe in the welfare state, nationalisation and industrial democracy.

This is called socialism.

Marxists advocate this socialism and the inevitability of proletarian revolution.

The proletariat is a word that describes wage earners particularly in industry who claim that their only power is the power of their labour. This is identified in Marxism to denote those who work but do not have the ownership of any industry. Left wing politics is opposed to capitalism and, as a result, they have invented the class system contrasting the capitalists with the workers. Hence the proletariat's expression of the class struggle. And, if there is a dispute, the workers can go on strike.

Marx had a negative attitude to religion particularly Christianity which he called the opium of the people and this attitude has been used by the proletariat and therefore created their dismissal of both Christianity and religion. Marxists and other left wingers basically reject Christianity although this may not be true in every case.

Lenin was, of course, another left winger and wrote in his book *Religion* that atheism is natural and an inseparable part of Marxism.

In the book, *The ABC of Communism*, Bukharin and Preobrazhensky wrote, Communism is incompatible with religious faith.

The Soviet Union was an atheistic state. Christians were severely persecuted, tortured and murdered, as were the Jews. Even today, many left wing politicians hate the Jews as does George Galloway who says that he does not recognise Israel and detests the Jews. He also admits that he is an atheist and, while he is entitled to his views, he is severe on Christians to the point of obsessional irrationality as some of his supporters have apparently said. Many left wingers believe the same and they not only despise the Jews but support the Arabs and particularly the Palestinians who some claim are totally innocent.

What is not realised is that the Jews were in Palestine long before the Palestinian Arabs, possibly the mid 1800s, but they did not object to Palestinians coming in after they had cleared and cultivated the land. The Jews gave the Palestinians land to which they had no title namely the West Bank, the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip and a treaty was signed. It was the Palestinians who broke the treaty and, with other Arab countries, started wars against the Jews, all such wars the Israelis won.

That the Jews are encroaching on Palestinian land is unacceptable as are the claims that they are not letting their essential supplies in is deplorable. What must also be remembered is that Palestinians believe in the death penalty for homosexuals, as do many Arab nations, and so many gays have been granted homes in Israel who have welcomed them.

Communist China was anti-Christian and also against other religions as was Kampuchea who hated Buddhists, as well as Christians.

The Communist party of Britain is both Marxist and Leninist and many support the Labour Party.

Several articles on various websites agree that atheists are overwhelmingly left wingers. Michael Foot is on record as saying, "You cannot be a socialist or a member of the Labour Party and be a Christian". Others have said the same thing.

There are many in the Labour Party who are left wingers

Ed Milliband, who admits he is an atheist

Ed Balls

Len McCluskey

Harriet Harman

Yvette Cooper

Alex Salmond

Owen Jones

Marc Steers

Andy Burnham

Chicka Umunno

Margaret Hodge

Rachel Reeves

Stella Creasy

Michael Dugher

Douglas Alexander

Alistair Darling

Jim Murphy

Polly Toynbee

Lord Wood

Sadiq Khan

Frances O'Grady

Jon Cruddas

Bob Roberts

Ian McNichol

Paul Kenny

Tom Watson

Carwyn Jones

Lord Adonis

Caroline Flint

Mary Creagh

Tim Livesey

David Prentis

Keith Vaz

Angela Eagle

Kevin McGuire

Caitlin Moran

Nick Pearce

Gavin Kelly

Diane Abbott

Rosie Winterton

Lord Sainsbury

Martin Eagle

Caroline Lucas

Owen Smith

Laura Bates

This does not mean that they are all Labour supporters are atheists or are against all religion.

Other Labour politicians who are, or were, atheists include

Clement Attlee
James Callaghan
Charles Clarke
Frank Dobson
Dennis Skinner
Michael Foot
Roy Hattersley
Neil Kinnock
Ken Livingston
Mo Mowlam
Claire Short
Peter Tatchell
Alistair Campbell
Tony Benn

The leader of the Liberal Democrats, Nick Clegg is an atheist.

It follows that trade unions are basically left wing as they support the working class.

There are other well-known people who are atheists such as Woody Allen, Ian McEwan, Stephen Hawkins, Richard Dawkins, Lance Armstrong, Richard Branson, Darren Brown, Bob Geldof. Ian McKellan, Mick Jagger, Elton John, Billy Connolly, Kiera Knightley and Jodie Foster.

Dan Brown, the author of The Da Vinci Code, abandoned his Christian faith and has, consequently written books that are anti-Christian which some have called blasphemous.

But to return to politicians.

Harriet Harman and her equality bill relegates religious belief below the rights of all other groups. A woman at an airport was told she could not wear a crucifix, two gay men went to a hotel in Cornwall knowing it was a Christian hotel and demanded a room with a double bed. The owners of the hotel were polite and asked them to leave but the outcome was that the owners were prosecuted and both fined and their business suffered. Lillian Ladale lost her job at Islington Town Hall for refusing to officiate at a gay wedding.

I have read many accounts of those who blame God for certain things and yet these writers say that they are atheists and do not believe in God. How can you blame someone who does not exist?

Ken Livingstone is known as Red Ken and is on the hard left of the Labour Party. He is intolerant of religion and an atheist and a severe critic of the Conservative Party and was evil in his speaking of Margaret Thatcher even when she was dead as was another Labour politician, Glenda Jackson. He could be said to be anti-establishment wanting Ireland to be united. He is anti-Semitic and has been accused of cronyism.

Cronyism is partiality to friends of the same persuasion and elevating them into positions where they have no qualifications or competence.

Tony Benn was a radical left winger and he supported the miners strike and his friend Arthur Scargill although it may have been only vocal support. Benn was anti-racist and anti-war but hated other

political parties and was also cruel about Margaret Thatcher calling her a brute, brutal and a barbarian even after she had died. He also said that Tony Blair was a war criminal with which many will confer.

Thatcher was blamed for closing coal mines yet it was the owners, the National Coal Board who made these proposals, and they were to be closed because they were not producing much coal and some mines had or were about to dry up. Why pay men a wage when, through no fault of their own, they were not mining coal?

The miners' strike of 1984-5 was a disgrace and we witnessed the most appalling violence seen in the UK which lasted about a year. Miners who were eventually made redundant received £26 billion in redundancy payments. It cost us, as taxpayers, £6 billion to deal with the strike.

This strike was anti-democratic and deliberately set to bring down a legally elected government.

The miners having brought down the Tory party under Ted Heath in 1974, led to Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Union of Miners, wanting to bring down the Conservative party under the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. The NUM did not cast a ballot for its members whereas their regulations state that this was essential and Thatcher brought this up. Therefore some miners in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire carried on working and were called scabs and by their own people.

Scargill perpetrated a myth that the Conservatives had for a long time wanted to destroy the mining industry for which there is absolutely no evidence whatsoever.

The violence of the miners and their pickets was horrific and degrading. A taxi driver, David Wilkie, was killed when two miners deliberately dropped a concrete post on his car. Scargill attacked a policeman and, because of this strike, three children died scavenging coal to take home to provide heating. Miners who wanted to work, as they had wives and children to feed, were beaten up by pickets who built barricades to the entrance roads to the mines often of fierce fires. They attacked the police with missiles including bricks, ball bearings and petrol bombs and, as the film footage shows, this provocation led to the police wearing helmets, carrying shields and eventually having to use their truncheons. For every miner hurt there were about twenty policemen hurt. Two pickets died in the strike. The miners refused ambulances in to attend to the injured, including some of their own people. They prevented safety officers in to some pits to carry out essential safety inspection and repairs.

When the NUM funds ran out, Scargill appealed to Moscow for financial support. He was still claiming his salary and expenses.

Scargill and the misled miners lost their case and the strike was defeated and the Government won.

Whatever merits Tony Benn had, as he supported this strike, which he did, he was in serious error.

You cannot condone violence, civil disobedience and anarchy.

It is said that Conservatives and right wingers believe in inequality whereas the truth is probably that left wingers object to capitalism that is to say people having money. Yet, if a left winger won thousands or millions of pounds on the lottery they would keep it and be content to be a capitalist. Right wingers believe in the value of tradition and that if people acquire money legally and fairly and are self-sufficient that cannot be wrong. Right wingers are opposed to the cruelty of Marxism and Communism and believe in religious freedom which many left wingers both condemn and ridicule. People should not be penalised for any religious faith.

By definition, a conservative is someone who is disposed to existing good and traditional values, one

who is cautiously moderate and therefore not extreme. They uphold traditional principles and morals and are not showy.

Of course, we do not admit that all Conservatives politicians and supporters are like this.

On visits to several Labour Groups throughout the country, each of these groups said that they hated Jews because they were God's people and that they hated Christians for the same reason. They also said that they opposed all and every other authority as it conflicted with their beliefs and that they wanted to be the only unassailable power. They also said that they were not primarily interested in morals.

As we said at the beginning, everyone has the right to choice what they believe and what ideology they follow, and, in turn, we have the right to give facts about groups rather than launch into a prejudiced demolition job on such ideologies. What is wrong is to blast people for their Christian or other religious faith ridiculing them and verbally abusing them. As we have seen, left wingers persecute Christians and, in the Soviet Union in particular, they have tortured and murdered many. Violence and abuse is unacceptable.

In common parlance, should we not live and let live and only deal with proven facts as we have tried to do here?

All the detail quoted here are direct from books and articles supporting left wing politics and which give a proven account and no personal comments affect the facts.

This article is certainly not written to offend anyone or to recommend any political party whatever interpretation is put on this essay, and, of course, we readily accept that other political parties have made mistakes and have unfair policies. We also accept the fact that there are so-called Christian organisations and denominations who are severely lacking and in many cases proven facts reveal their falsehoods.

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