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A BIBLICAL ANALYSIS OF RELIGIOUS & SECULAR MEDIA

## IS BARACK OBAMA A MARXIST?

### NO CHANGE; NO HOPE

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THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE have spoken. By a narrow margin of the popular vote that yet translated into a landslide electoral victory in the 2012 election, Barack Obama retained residency in the White House for another four years. In spite of that narrow popular vote, Obama looked at his election as a mandate from Americans to continue with his

failed "Hope and Change" strategy for the nation. But an electoral landslide hardly equates to a mandate, particularly when about one-third of eligible voters failed to cast any ballots. If anything, Obama had, at most, merely one-third of the electorate on board with his policies. Two-thirds either voted against him, or disagreed sufficiently by not voting at all.

What is significant is not which policies gained enough votes to carry the election, but the divide that exists among the American people.

During his election-night victory celebration, Obama promised to seek compromise and a common ground with his Republican detractors. Within a few days he began to take an imperial stance of "My way or the highway" regarding how, if at all, the Bush-era tax cuts would continue. This portends a hard-nosed

attitude that will see even more division among Americans on not only this issue but many that will no doubt touch on the spiritual nature of the battle for men's minds.

Congress is a mixed bag but, generally, Democrats lean to the left of the political spectrum and Republicans lean mostly to the middle-right. The left includes liberals, socialists, Marxists and communists. The middle-right includes those who are somewhat more committed to constitutionalism, but are willing to compromise some values in the interest of security and fiscal solvency. They reject the more right-leaning values of the Tea Party. But where along the political spectrum does Obama reside?

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The "M" word is *verboten* among the leftist media who do not wish their true nature revealed. They prefer the words "liberal" or "progressive" to describe their ideology. But they are neither liberal nor progressive in the true sense of those words. They are

Marxists—communists even, although not all of them are cardcarrying members of the Communist Party USA. What makes a person a communist is not his paid-up membership in the party; it is his political, economic and philosophic ideology. Granted, many communists eschew the militaristic and genocidal characteristics of the old Soviet Union. But apart from that, they still

> desire a strong collectivist government with atheistic underpinnings. And in light of many conservatives accusing him of being a Marxist, that is where we must focus our attention.



Whenever someone on the far left is identified as having associations with known Marxists and communists, that person's supporters cry "foul!" and accuse his detractors of smearing the person through "guilt by association." But it is not mere guilt by association if it can be demonstrated that the person does, indeed, associate on the basis of a shared ideology.

A person is rightfully judged by those with whom he associates, not in casual friendship but in ideological identity. The following few (there are many more) ideological associations

of Barack Obama are no secret; they are merely ignored by the leftist media and not mentioned by Obama or his handlers. in some cases they are denied through subterfuge and downright lies.

#### The New Party

The New Party was founded in 1992 by Daniel Cantor and Joel Rogers who stated that through the use of a tactic known as "fusion" they would elect people on the far left by "fusing" the votes garnered by the New Party with the Democrat Party in order to drive the Democrat Party further to the left.

One of the more successful chapters of the New Party was in Chicago where its main base of support was the community organizing group Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). A hotbed of socialists and communists, the New Party was disbanded in 1998 after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that fusion is not a method of electing public officials guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Prior to that, however, in



January, 1996, Barack Obama joined the New Party and signed the "Candidate Contract" that promised he would promote New Party principles if elected. One of those principles is the Cloward/Piven Strategy designed to create economic crises in capitalist economies. Named after Columbia University husband and wife team, sociologists Richard Andrew Cloward and Frances Fox Piven, the strategy is to overthrow America's economy by overwhelming the government with entitlement demands in order to bring about radical change and the eventual destruction of free market capitalism. This is the motivation behind the multi-trillion dollar bailouts that have put a tremendous strain on the American economy, as well as Obama's insistence on absolute power to increase the national debt without Congressional oversight.

In spite of documented evidence of his signing the contract with the New Party, Barack Obama has denied that he ever had anything to do with that organization, and his campaign called the charges of his membership "a crack-pot smear." No one in the mainstream media would touch the story.

Overburdening the government with entitlements was also the tactic used by ACORN, another Marxist organization for which Obama worked.

#### **ACORN**

ACORN was founded in 1970 by Wade Rathke, a worker within the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO) which worked to flood welfare offices in major cities with so many applicants that, he hoped, it would cause a crisis that would alter America's "unjust" capitalist economy. As a result, the number of single-parent households on welfare skyrocketed from 4.3 million to 10.8 million from 1965 to 1974. The outcome was not what NWRO's founder, George Wiley expected. Instead of destroying capitalism, his efforts further destroyed poor, inner-city families, particularly among minorities. Crime, illegitimate births, drug abuse, illiteracy, school dropouts and poverty increased dramatically. That was the legacy that Rathke took from the NWRO to found ACORN. One of ACORN's objectives was to flood voter ranks with the poor, welfare recipients, and social misfits in order to drive elections to the far left.

In July, 2007, ACORN settled the largest case of voter fraud in the history of Washington State after submitting fake voter registrations. ACORN's subversive tactics eventually resulted in loss of funding by government and private donors.

In 1991, Barack Obama took time off from his law practice to work with a voter-registration drive for Project Vote, a partner organization of ACORN. Because of his success he became a trainer at ACORN conferences in Chicago. In his 1996 bid for the Illinois Senate, Obama listed ACORN at the top of the list of key supporters for his campaign.

When the scandals broke about ACORN's dishonest voter practices and other improprieties Obama vehemently denied that he ever had any association with ACORN. That, too, was a lie which was exposed when the leftist *New York Times*, of all organizations, uncovered information about him being an ACORN trainer. When a leftist publication reveals such indicting information about someone who shares their political

ideology, it's usually because that someone is too far to the left even for that publication.

#### **Socialist Scholars Conference**

The 1981 Socialist Scholars Conference (SSC) was founded by Bogdan Denitch, Stanley Aronowitz and others from out of the 1960s SSC.

The Socialist Scholars Conference is an annual gathering of movers and shakers in the Marxist world. This includes Frances Fox Piven (of the Cloward/Piven Strategy); Leo Panitch, coeditor of *The Socialist Register*, and author of *Renewinig Socialism: Democracy*, *Strategy and Imagination*; and Robin Blackburn, co-editor of *New Left Review*.

In his book, Radical-in-Chief: Barack Obama and the Untold Story of American Socialism, veteran journalist Stanley Kurtz reveals Obama's socialist roots:

Late on the afternoon of April 1, 1983, a twenty-one-year-old Barack Obama made his way into the historic Great Hall of Manhattan's Cooper Union to attend a "Socialist Scholars Conference." Within twenty-four hours, his life had transformed. There at that conference Obama discovered his vocation as a community organizer, as well as a political program to guide him throughout his adult life.

The secret, well understood by leading organizers (Barack Obama included), yet still unknown to the vast majority of Americans, is that contemporary community organizing is largely a socialist enterprise—a novel adaptation of Marxist principles and practices to modern American realities. Marx himself was a great organizer, and America's leading community organizers are Marxists.

Kurtz did not set out to prove Obama a Marxist, but wanted to find out exactly where he stood along the political spectrum. He was stunned to find out the degree to the left to which Obama leans.

#### Frank Marshall Davis

Not having a father present in his life, Obama in his teenage years looked for someone to fill that role. In his memoirs, *Dreams from My Father*, Obama describes a man he calls only "Frank," to whom he looked as his mentor. The *London Daily Telegraph* confirmed that "Frank" is Frank Marshall Davis, a hard-core member of the Communist Party and sometimes writer of pornography. Davis, whose motto was, "Never trust white people," had a profound effect on the young Obama's views on race and politics, which would lead Obama to a twenty-year relationship with another mentor, the racist and America-hater, Jeremiah Wright.

Just as the media have ignored or obfuscated all the other Marxist associations of Barack Obama, it has never seriously addressed his close relationship with Frank Marshall Davis.

#### William Ayers

One of the most telling of Obama's associations is that with former Weatherman Underground bomber William Ayers, who is now a professor of education at the University of IllinoisChicago. Obama and his 2008 campaign dismissed claims that he had had any relationship with Ayers. Obama's spokesman at the time stated:

Senator Obama strongly condemns the violent actions of the Weathermen group, as he does all acts of violence. But he was an eight-year-old child when Ayers and the Weathermen were active, and any attempt to connect Obama with events of almost forty years ago is ridiculous.

This was obviously an obfuscation. Obama condemned the violent acts, not the Weathermen. No one attempted "to connect Obama with events of almost forty years ago." They were connecting Obama to Ayers, not to the bombings Ayers committed. That is how liars address the truth. They switch the subject.

Even recently, in relation to his past violence Ayers has said he wished he had done more.

No one has said that Obama was "heavily" associated with Ayers. But that isn't the point. The point is that the association they had reveals that they hold to the same political and philosophical ideology—Marxism. Else why would Ayers have contributed \$200 to Obama's campaign for the Illinois State Senate and host a meet-the-candidate gathering in his home for Obama during his campaign? Someone as committed to an ideology as is Ayers doesn't contribute to those whose ideology is either opposed or unknown to them.

When Obama was asked about his association with Ayers during an April 2008 Democrat debate, he stated:

This is a guy who lives in my neighborhood, who's a professor of English in Chicago, who I know and who I have not received some official endorsement from. He's not somebody who I exchange ideas with on a regular basis. And the notion that somehow as a consequence of me knowing somebody who engaged in detestable acts 40 years ago when I was 8 years old, somehow reflects on me and my values, doesn't make much sense.

This is more obfuscation. It doesn't matter whether or not the exchange is on a regular basis. To exchange ideas isn't the same as debating or disagreeing; it is a means to gain from someone their ideas that can help solidify one's own ideas. It doesn't mean the two will agree on everything, but it does mean they have an affinity for one another's ideas.

Obama and Ayers served together for three years on the board of the Woods Fund of Chicago, an anti-poverty organization. They also appeared together on academic panel discussions, one of which was organized by Michelle Obama.

In spite of all these facts, and more, the mainstream media have never taken Obama's Marxist connections seriously. Even Hillary Rodham Clinton couldn't get the message out, though she tried when she ran against Obama for the Democrat Party nomination for president.

Space doesn't permit all that could be said about Obama's Marxist ideology. Suffice it to say that no Marxist can be a true believer in Jesus. Even Karl Marx would attest to that. Marxism by its very nature is anti-Christ. Its atheism is the foundation

for fomenting class warfare and division within many areas: black vs. white; rich vs. poor; workers vs. employers; atheism vs. religion (particularly Christianity), and many others.

And here is the reality: America as a whole is so badly fragmented spiritually that finding agreement on anything of great importance is impossible.

#### **AMERICA'S DEMISE**

Jesus said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand" (Luke 11:17). For over 200 years America was united in its purpose and direction. A sense of national unity provided strength and made the United States of America the envy of the world in virtually every aspect of national life, including economically, militarily, socially and spiritually. For most of its existence, in spite of many shortcomings and failings on the part of its government and its people at large, America was the foremost disseminator of the Gospel throughout the world.

But something changed. Overcome with the love for material advantages over spiritual blessings, Americans began to turn away from their spiritual foundation. From the beginning of the 20th century, America began to let down its guard in spiritual matters. With the advent of radio and motion pictures, Americans' exposure to anti-Christ philosophies started a trend in thinking counter to the biblical ethic that held the heart of the nation's citizens. Humanistic psychology coupled with fascination with a burgeoning entertainment industry opened people's minds to hedonism. At first engaged in with blushing embarrassment, that hedonism soon broke the bonds of the small colony of entertainers and began to enter into the everyday life of mainstream America. With it came a political philosophy based on an individualism that has gone far beyond the freedoms envisioned by the founders of the nation.

Whereas those founders had in mind freedom to live and grow in faith and industriousness, that freedom was turned into license which allows to flourish any vain and evil thought of man's imagination. It didn't take long for America to devolve into a cesspool of deviancy that today is celebrated and promoted by the nation's prominent leadership. But that leadership is there only by virtue of the American electorate. The people have decided that they want leaders who pander to the filthy expressions of sexual deviancy; who equate sodomy and lesbianism with God's institution of marriage; who fight hard to defend a woman's right to choose to kill her unborn child.

There can be no middle ground on the issue of abortion. Either one favors killing babies, or one doesn't favor killing babies. The only possible compromise might be on which babies to kill and which to spare. But the left is so intractable that it wants women to be free to choose the termination of their babies' lives under all circumstances.

The argument surrounding "rape or incest" as viable alternatives is merely a smokescreen put up by the left. The percentage of babies conceived through rape or incest is so infinitesimal that it shouldn't even be part of the equation. The truth is that the vast majority of abortions are performed electively on babies conceived in fornication or marriage. The baby-killing mill is a

multi-billion dollar industry that has the president and his party firmly in its back pocket.

So, too, does the LGBT community. No prior occupant of the White House has been so anti-Christ as Barack Obama. His cabinet appointees reflect his anti-Christ, Marxist mindset.

I don't say these things lightly; they are statements of fact borne out by his words and actions. And the man's philosophy must be pointed out to believers in Jesus so that we not be taken in by his glib façade that misleads the masses into thinking he is a man of character who can be trusted with the fate of the nation.

Barring a miracle from our heavenly Father, America has no hope. We are past top-dead-center. It takes a lot of energy to move an object from bottom-dead-center to top-dead-center. But once it begins to move past top-dead-center its decline accelerates exponentially; it picks up speed until it reaches its nadir. Once America reaches that nadir, it will not be able to regain ascendency.

There was a time when America had sufficient spiritual character to overcome any adversity that threatened its social and moral fibre. A foundation of faith in Jesus Christ kept hope alive even in the midst of terrible circumstances. Self-sufficiency was not so much defined as faith in oneself to overcome adversity, but faith in the true God to help one overcome adversity.

The nation had its spiritual problems; man's sin nature cannot be abrogated through anything less than the Spirit of God taking control of individuals' lives. But the moral foundation built upon a biblical ethic can go a long way in strengthening people even as their faith is imperfect.

That biblical ethic—the inherent knowledge that God is real and His Word offers strength in times of trouble—is what got the nation through many wars, the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl tragedy, and other natural and man-made devastation. Since the nation has largely abandoned the biblical ethic and has given itself to self-pride, murder, fornication, sodomy, abortion, divorce, drunken and drug-induced stupor and other evils that are a stench in the nostrils of our holy God, it has lost its spiritual character and devolved into a nation of self-centered whiners who want everything given to them on a silver platter.

It is the nation's lack of spiritual character that has led to our current fall from God's grace. And the nation's lack of spiritual character is reflected in its choices for leadership.

Barack Obama's lack of spiritual character has been in strong evidence since the beginning of his rise to prominence. His assertion that "America is no longer a Christian nation" was stated with obvious delight; his praise of Islam and his love for Islamic prayer was likewise stated with obvious delight; his refusal to join Christians in the traditional prayer breakfast while hosting Muslims in the White House further revealed his lack of spiritual character. But that lack reached a yet lower plane in his September 18 speech to the U.N. after the attack on the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi.

In that speech Obama stated that "The future must not belong to those who target Coptic Christians in Egypt." This was an acknowledgment that Muslims in Egypt have been persecuting to death many Christians of the Coptic faith (thanks to Obama's policy of promoting "democracy" in the Middle East, which is leading to takeovers by militant jihadists).

But he also stated, "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam." With that he equated disrespect for Muhammad to that of killing Christians.

What should be done to those who murder innocent people for their religious beliefs? Justice demands they be punished by the state. There truly must not be any future for them.

To equate "slander" with murder in the same context is essentially saying that those who slander Islam's prophet should face the same fate as those who murder Christians.

And while Obama decries "slander" against Islam's "prophet," he continues to hobnob with Hollywood celebrities who consistently blaspheme Jesus Christ and demean Christianity in their productions. The leftist media who give him a pass on every gaff and ungodly thing he says and does, have demonstrated many times their hatred of the true God and Jesus Christ; yet he continues to pander to their allegiance.

Believers in Jesus who understand the spiritual nature of the battle in which we are engaged, know that behind every government there are demonic spiritual entities vying for power. But there are lesser demons behind every individual, goading them toward opposition to God's Word. Barack Obama is being so goaded. And without the Holy Spirit he cannot resist the demonic influences of this world system. As long as he continues to resist God's grace for salvation and sanctification, he is bound by his unregenerate heart to act contrary to God's Word.

Truly Obama is an unwitting pawn of the Evil One. Without Christ he is not only without hope; he is without help. There is no future for him and his ilk. But we do not fear what he may do.

Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity, because they will soon be cut down like the grass and wither like the green herb....For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon YHWH, they shall inherit the earth. (Psalms 37:1-9)

We will not inherit the earth during this age; we wait for the age to come when the Lord Jesus will return to establish His dominion over the nations which He will rule with a rod of iron.

At that time all who have made themselves great in this world will be cut off. They will quake in fear and call on the rocks and mountains to hide them from the wrath of the Lamb, which wrath will fall on them with total destruction.

In the meantime, let us seek the Lord's strength through His Holy Spirit to keep our souls with patience. Let us fear for these men's souls, and not be envious of the the gain they have in this corrupt world. It is our responsibility to pray that they will see the truth of God's Word sufficiently to turn from their evil ways and escape His wrath.

Let us not forget Barack Obama in those prayers. As a professed Christian, the man is as pitiful as any sinner who hasn't understood the whole truth about the person he claims to represent.

Unless he changes, he has no hope. ❖