

Christians Marching With Marx

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In our modern age of political correctness it is not uncommon to find various Christians, including many noted ministers and evangelists, snuggling up to the detractors of the South. In Mississippi during the fight to keep the Confederate flag emblem on its State flag, Mississippians heard “leading” ministers of various denominations condemn the hated symbol. In Georgia the same scenario was played out, only this time the preacher was in the Governor’s chair and did all within his power to destroy any effort to protect the real flag of Georgia. In churches across the South the Fourth of July will be celebrated with the shameful sounds of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” but God protect anyone who requests the playing of “Dixie” in church. Political correctness has descended upon the South with a near fatal impact and all too often it is Christian leaders who are leading the assault.

Warning the people of England about the lethal results of embracing Christian Socialism, Charles Spurgeon stated: “I would not have you exchange the gold of individual Christianity for the base metal of Christian Socialism.” When one understands that virtually every radical socialist and communist in the United States at the time of the War for Southern Independence joined in the struggle against the South, the words of Spurgeon, a London Baptist minister, begin to have real meaning.

The South had barely begun its struggle for independence when radical socialists, communists and even Karl Marx, began a war of words and of deeds against the cause of Southern independence. In an article written for *Die Presse*, a Vienna newspaper, Marx asserted that (1) the South was fighting to promote slavery, (2) the Confederate Constitution was a pro-slavery document, (3) Jefferson Davis was a Southern dictator, and (4) the United States Supreme Court was a willing tool of Southern slaveholders. The founders of modern day communism, Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels, both served as Lincoln’s unofficial European propaganda ministers during the War. Simply put, modern day anti-South political correctness is an out growth of 19th century Marxist propaganda.

In an article written in late 2008, David Barton of Wall Builders fame and noted Evangelical Christian activist wrote an article excoriating and otherwise condemning the South for (1) defending slavery, (2) adopting a Constitution that defended slavery, and (3) having leaders and a constitution that compelled states to accept slavery. While each of these charges can be easily debunked, what is so upsetting is to see a good Christian and defender of what he calls Constitutional government, embrace Marxist philosophy. And just for lagniappe, this Louisiana writer would like to know why is Barton attacking Southern heritage when he is the leader of an organization charged with defending Christian virtue and rights? According to more than one recent poll, it is and has been for a long time the South that accords religion and the Bible with the highest respect of all Americans. Why insult the people who are most likely to embrace the work of Wall Builders?

In 1894 Robert Ingersoll, a former Captain in the Illinois Cavalry, a radical Republican and a free thinker (the 19th century equivalent of today’s secular humanists)

gave an address in which he defended Lincoln's legacy as a free thinker. Ingersoll made a telling statement about why the so-called Civil War was fought: "The great stumbling-block the great obstruction in Lincoln's way and in the way of thousands, was the old doctrine of State's Rights." Removing this "stumbling block" to the growth of big government was the very reason that none other than Adolph Hitler heaped praise upon Lincoln. Hitler also had to remove the last vestiges of what he called "Statal Rights" before he could establish his "perpetual and supreme" Reich. Marx's philosophical twin, Fredrick Engels, told Joseph Weydemeyer, a fellow communist, future leader in the Republican Party, and future Union General, that by forging one large and "indivisible" republic instead of many small republics, they would establish the ground work for the communist movement.

With the death of real State's Rights every thing that the advocates of big government desired became not only possible but also inevitable. Today nationalized banking is a reality; abortion on demand in any State is a reality; the removal of the Ten Commandments from a State building by Federal authorities is a reality. All of this happened because real State's Rights was destroyed by Lincoln's war—a war fought not to end slavery but to end REAL State's Rights. This is reality in modern America. A reality that was praised by Hitler and made possible by Lincoln, Marx, Engels and a host of other free thinkers. Marching with Lincoln and Marx is tantamount to exchanging the gold of Constitutionally limited government for the base metal of Federal empire.