
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN MARXISM AND CHRISTIANITY?

Marxism takes its name from Karl Marx. Christianity takes its name from Jesus Christ. In Marxism there is no god; man has no soul; he is the property and the slave of a totalitarian state. In Christianity the one true and living God is recognized. Man is reconciled to that God and given eternal life. He is responsible to that God for himself, his property, his time, his all. To fulfill these responsibilities He must be free to serve his Lord as the Spirit of God directs him, according to the Word of God.

In the two systems there is no overlapping, no corresponding, and they cannot possibly be equated. They are diametrically opposed to each other. The use of Marxist phraseology and Christian concepts to maintain that Marxism and Christianity, though through different methods, seek the same social goals is a fraud.

The famous Marxian thesis contained in the Communist Manifesto of 1848, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need," has no parallel in the Christian religion. The state takes from each according to his ability; the state gives back to each according to his need. Man is a slave. Moreover, the state determines what a man must produce, according to his ability, and the state determines what man will receive, according to his needs.

The Christian concept is summarized in Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his