

christian apologetics

PE 420/PE 620

Worldviews 1:

SECULARISM: Secular Humanism & Marxism

"The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles." - Karl Marx.

"The empires of the future will be empires of the mind (i.e. ideas)." - Winston Churchill

lecture overview

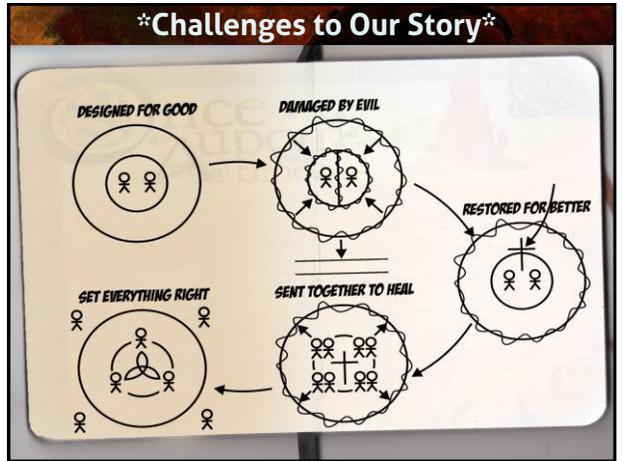
Challenges to Our Story/Discussion

"Uncommon Good" ... Religion in the Public Sphere

Responding to Communism & Marxism

The Fourth 'R': Arguing for Religion in "Secular" Schools

FORUM 10: Respond to one of the following statements: (a) "The public square, including neutral institutions like secular education, is no place for the imposition of some people's religious perspectives upon all"; or (b) "Christianity has been unjustly privileged in the west for far too long. Equality demands affirmative action, silencing this powerful voice to let minority perspectives be truly heard."



Uncommon Good

peaceable dialogue for partisan times

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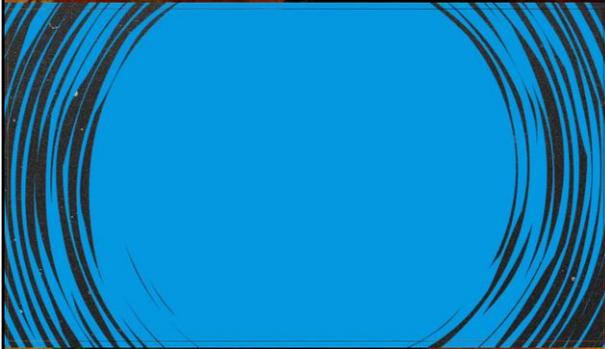
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responding to marxism

"It is absurd to blame Marx for the horrors of Stalinism. Yet it is equally absurd not to recognize that lurking in Marx's own mixed dialectical discourse—at once Utopian and humanist, scientific and quasireligious, critical and closed, modern and postmodern—lurk all the frightening possibilities in the history of empowered Marxist systems in our century."

David Tracy, *Analogical Imagination* (1982), p350.

religion in the public sphere



What's right and wrong about their approach?

religion in secular schools



Compose a 30 second sound bite response

for next (open) week

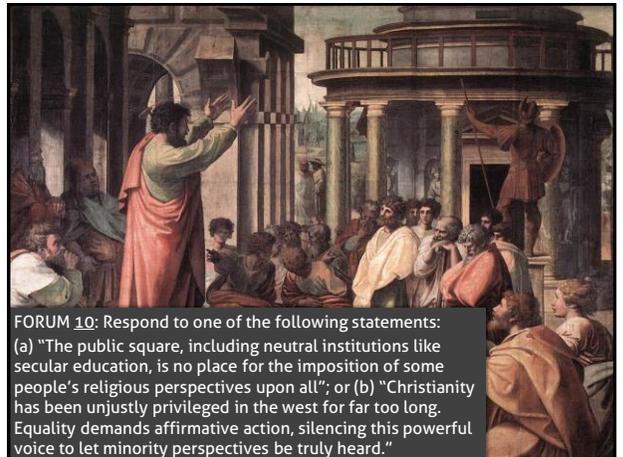
PRE-READING + FORUM

-**question**—something you don't get, or want to clarify

-**challenge**—something you disagree with, or want to nuance

-**implication**—"so what" for your apologetic approach

-**application**—something useful right now in your context



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