

When Ignorance Rules

The following was posted on Facebook by someone who will remain nameless:

I think man wants to believe in god because believing in our ourselves would require taking responsibility for the horrible things we have done, it's much easier to lay the blame for that on our "nature" and pray to an imagined construct for salvation than to take responsibility for ourselves.

Christianity, why are you so fallacious?

sigh

Either it is ignorance of history, particularly recent (last 200 years or so) history, or the individual posting this just wanted to say something, anything to strike back. The reason I state that is because of the unmitigated slaughter which has taken place in the last 200 years by governments and organizations which, as a tenet of their philosophy, expressly deny the existence of God.

Let's look at the numbers ((<http://www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/20TH.HTM>)):

TABLE 1.2
20th Century Democide

| REGIMES | YEARS | DEMOCID (OOO)[1] | | | ANNUAL RATE % [2] |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | | TOTAL | DOMESTIC | GENOCIDE | |
| MEGAMURDERERS | 1900-87 | 151,491 | 116,380 | 33,476 | [4] |
| DEKA-MEGAMURDERERS | 1900-87 | 128,168 | 100,842 | 26,690 | 0.18 [4] |
| U.S.S.R. | 1917-87 | 61,911 | 54,769 | 10,000 | 0.42 |
| China (PRC) | 1949-87 | 35,236 | 35,236 | 375 | 0.12 |
| Germany | 1933-45 | 20,946 | 762 | 16,315 | 0.09 |
| China (KMT) | 1928-49 | 10,075 | 10,075 | Nil | 0.07 [5] |
| LESSER MEGAMURDERS | 1900-87 | 19,178 | 12,237 | 6,184 | 1.63 [4] |
| Japan | 1936-45 | 5,964 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| China (Mao Soviets) [3] | 1923-49 | 3,466 | 3,466 | Nil | 0.05 [5] |
| Cambodia | 1975-79 | 2,035 | 2,000 | 541 | 8.16 |
| Turkey | 1909-18 | 1,883 | 1,752 | 1,883 | 0.96 |
| Vietnam | 1945-87 | 1,670 | 944 | Nil | 0.10 |
| Poland | 1945-48 | 1,585 | 1,585 | 1,585 | 1.99 |
| Pakistan | 1958-87 | 1,503 | 1,503 | 1,500 | 0.06 |
| Yugoslavia (Tito) | 1944-87 | 1,072 | 987 | 675 | 0.12 |
| SUSPECTED MEGAMURDERERS | 1900-87 | 4,145 | 3,301 | 602 | 0.24 [4] |
| North Korea | 1948-87 | 1,663 | 1,293 | Nil | 0.25 |
| Mexico | 1900-20 | 1,417 | 1,417 | 100 | 0.45 |
| Russia | 1900-17 | 1,066 | 591 | 502 | 0.02 |
| CENTI-KILOMURDERERS | 1900-87 | 14,918 | 10,812 | 4,071 | 0.26 [4] |
| TOP 5 | 1900-87 | 4,074 | 2,192 | 1,078 | 0.89 [4] |
| China (Warlords) | 1917-49 | 910 | 910 | Nil | 0.02 |
| Turkey (Atatürk) | 1919-23 | 878 | 703 | 878 | 2.64 |
| United Kingdom | 1900-87 | 816 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Portugal (Dictatorship) | 1926-82 | 741 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Indonesia | 1965-87 | 729 | 579 | 200 | 0.02 |
| LESSER MURDERERS | 1900-87 | 2,792 | 2,355 | 1,019 | .1 [4] |
| WORLD TOTAL | 1900-87 | 169,202 | 129,547 | 38,566 | .1 [6] |

1. Includes genocide, politicide, and mass murder; excludes war-dead. These are most probable mid-estimates in low to high ranges. Figures may not sum due to round off.
2. The percent of a population killed in democide per year of the regime
3. Guerrilla period. 4. Average.
5. The rate is the average of that for three successive periods.
6. The world annual rate is calculated for the 1944 global population

20th Century democide

And the numbers of dead are from those humanists who (according to the poster on Facebook) have no problem taking responsibility for what they have done. Of course, that is a lie as the regimes attempted to hide what they were doing as long as they could. Moreover, to the victims of such regimes, I really don't think it makes any difference – dead is still

dead. We must also remember that the God-rejecting communists did all this in the name of making man "better," of creating the "new communist man" devoid of any "superstition." ((ibid))

In the following chart (also taken from the Democide site), the numbers above are narrowed to include only communist regimes:

Communist Democide 1900-1987

| STATE/QUASI-STATE/GROUP | START YEAR | END YEAR | TOTAL DEMOCIDE (000) | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | LOW | MID | HIGH |
| Afghanistan | 1978 | 1987 | 62 | 228 | 703 |
| Albania | 1944 | 1987 | 25 | 100 | 150 |
| Angola | 1975 | 1987 | 100 | 125 | 200 |
| Bulgaria (Communist) | 1944 | 1987 | 172 | 222 | 322 |
| Cambodia (Khmer Rouge) | 1975 | 1979 | 635 | 2,035 | 3,035 |
| Cambodia (KR guerr.) | 1968 | 1987 | 222 | 362 | 462 |
| Cambodia (Samrin) | 1979 | 1987 | 68 | 230 | 383 |
| China (Communists) [19] | 1923 | 1949 | 1,838 | 3,466 | 11,692 |
| China (PRC) | 1949 | 1987 | 5,999 | 35,236 | 102,671 |
| Cuba (Castro) | 1959 | 1987 | 35 | 73 | 141 |
| Cuba (Rebels) | 1952 | 1959 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Czechoslovakia (Communist) | 1948 | 1968 | 24 | 65 | 181 |
| El Salv (Guerrillas) | 1979 | 1987 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ethiopia (Communist) | 1974 | 1987 | 236 | 725 | 1,285 |
| Ethiopia (Eritrea) | 1974 | 1987 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Ethiopia (Rebels) [23] | 1976 | 1977 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Germany (East) | 1948 | 1987 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| Greece (ELAS) | 1946 | 1949 | 14 | 20 | 25 |
| Grenada (Coup) | 1983 | 1983 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guatemala (Guerrillas) | 1954 | 1987 | 8 | 14 | 23 |
| Hungary (Communist) | 1948 | 1987 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Indonesia (Communists) | 1948 | 1948 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Korea, North | 1948 | 1987 | 710 | 1,663 | 3,549 |
| Laos (Pathet Lao) | 1960 | 1975 | 33 | 38 | 55 |
| Laos (PDR) | 1975 | 1987 | 46 | 56 | 70 |
| Malayan (Communists) | 1946 | 1951 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Mongolia | 1926 | 1987 | 35 | 100 | 200 |
| Mozambique | 1975 | 1987 | 153 | 198 | 350 |
| Mozambique (Frelimo) | 1964 | 1975 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Nicaragua (Sandinistas) | 1979 | 1987 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| Peru (Shining Path) | 1980 | 1987 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Philippines (Communists) | 1972 | 1986 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Poland (Communist) | 1948 | 1987 | 10 | 22 | 54 |
| Rumania (Communism) | 1948 | 1987 | 245 | 435 | 920 |
| USSR [27] | 1917 | 1987 | 28,326 | 61,911 | 126,891 |
| Vietnam [28] | 1945 | 1987 | 721 | 1,670 | 3,664 |
| Yemen, South | 1967 | 1987 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Yugoslavia (Partisans) | 1941 | 1944 | 50 | 100 | 150 |
| Yugoslavia (Tito) | 1944 | 1987 | 585 | 1,072 | 2,130 |
| TOTAL = | | | 40,472 | 110,286 | 259,432 |

It is the 259,432,000 persons that is utterly staggering to consider. At this time (10/2013) there are approximately 300,000,000 individuals in the United States. If the number of

dead, killed by the humanist-driven communists, were to be subtracted from our present population, the United States would be left with barely over 40,000,000 individuals. That is just a tad over 86.4 percent of the population of the United States.

The following is from the page "[HOW MANY DID COMMUNIST REGIMES MURDER?](#)" By R.J. Rummel, in which he explains the motivation of the communists:

How can we understand all this killing by communists? It is the marriage of an absolutist ideology with the absolute power. Communists believed that they knew the truth, absolutely. They believed that they knew through Marxism what would bring about the greatest human welfare and happiness. And they believed that power, the dictatorship of the proletariat, must be used to tear down the old feudal or capitalist order and rebuild society and culture to realize this utopia. Nothing must stand in the way of its achievement. Government—the Communist Party—was thus above any law. All institutions, cultural norms, traditions, and sentiments were expendable. And the people were as though lumber and bricks, to be used in building the new world.

Constructing this utopia was seen as though a war on poverty, exploitation, imperialism, and inequality. And for the greater good, as in a real war, people are killed. And thus this war for the communist utopia had its necessary enemy casualties, the clergy, bourgeoisie, capitalists, wreckers, counterrevolutionaries, rightists, tyrants, rich, landlords, and noncombatants that unfortunately got caught in the battle. In a war millions may die, but the cause may be well justified, as in the defeat of Hitler and an utterly racist Nazism. And to many communists, the cause of a communist utopia was such as to justify all the deaths. The irony of this is that communism in practice, even after decades of total control, did not improve the lot of the average person, but usually made their living conditions worse than before

the revolution. It is not by chance that the greatest famines have occurred within the Soviet Union (about 5,000,000 dead during 1921-23 and 7,000,000 from 1932-3) and communist China (about 27,000,000 dead from 1959-61). In total almost 55,000,000 people died in various communist famines and associated diseases, a little over 10,000,000 of them from democidal famine. This is as though the total population of Turkey, Iran, or Thailand had been completely wiped out. And that something like 35,000,000 people fled communist countries as refugees, as though the countries of Argentina or Columbia had been totally emptied of all their people, was an unparalleled vote against the utopian pretensions of Marxism-Leninism.

But communists could not be wrong. After all, their knowledge was scientific, based on historical materialism, an understanding of the dialectical process in nature and human society, and a materialist (and thus realistic) view of nature. Marx has shown empirically where society has been and why, and he and his interpreters proved that it was destined for a communist end. No one could prevent this, but only stand in the way and delay it at the cost of more human misery. Those who disagreed with this world view and even with some of the proper interpretations of Marx and Lenin were, without a scintilla of doubt, wrong. After all, did not Marx or Lenin or Stalin or Mao say that. . . . In other words, communism was like a fanatical religion. It had its revealed text and chief interpreters. It had its priests and their ritualistic prose with all the answers. It had a heaven, and the proper behavior to reach it. It had its appeal to faith. And it had its crusade against nonbelievers. (<http://www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/COM.ART.HTM>)

No, the poster on Facebook is quite incorrect. When the humanist considers in his heart that there is nothing he will have to pay for when he leaves this earth, then he is free to do whatever he wants when he is in power. Conversely, rather

than God being a crutch and excuse, one who is truly saved understands that they are accountable for every thought, every word, every action. Moreover, they understand that they are no better than their fellow man and that everyone is judged by the LORD, who uses the same standard for all.

The poster of the comment on Facebook also does not understand that one of the great shortcomings of communism is that it does not allow for a diversity of opinion. Not one single tenet of its doctrine allows for liberty of the conscience. In fact, this shortcoming is found in virtually every false system of belief. There are those who claim that Biblical Christianity doesn't either. But, I will submit to them that they never truly read the Scripture:

Of Liberty of the Conscience

I believe that liberty of the conscience, which is the liberty of the soul to freely choose what one will believe and accept, is essential for the individual to be accountable before God for the choices that are made and actions that are taken. I believe that the LORD God, in creating men and angels with a free will, bestowed upon us liberty of the conscience, and it is His desire that it be no other way. Howsoever, it is also the LORD's express will that all men be reconciled to Him through Christ Jesus so that the original design of man is fulfilled, in that man is able to freely fellowship with the LORD God, which is not possible in man's unregenerate state. In making the capacity to freely choose possible, the LORD God has provided in His word both the commandments He has given as our Creator, and explanation of the consequences of the choices we, as individuals, may make.

As such, it is not proper or permissible that anyone coerce, force, or attempt to force another to believe anything. This is particularly true concerning the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. A person must freely choose, being fully persuaded in their heart and soul, to repent and believe the Gospel. This freedom to choose holds true in all service to the LORD. One

must freely choose to serve the LORD, just as one must freely choose to bring tithes and offerings. Anything less than this free choice will not be, and is not accepted of the LORD, as it comes of a heart improperly motivated. Thus, it is required in all a person may do pertaining to the LORD, from salvation and throughout all service, that it be done of a genuine and sincere love for the LORD God for it to be accepted.

In all cases, the individual must and will bear the express consequences for the choices made, as all choices the individual may make are solely the responsibility of that person, even if it appears the choice were made under duress.

Scripture References

Isaiah 1:18; Proverbs 3:31-32; Leviticus 1:1-3; II Corinthians 9:7; Genesis 4:6-7; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Joshua 24:15; Romans 4:16-21; II Kings 17:13-15; Proverbs 1:20-30; Jeremiah 6:16; Ezekiel 33:10-11; II Peter 3:9; Ezekiel 18:1-4; Ezekiel 18:20; Matthew 23:37-38; Acts 7:51-53; Hebrews 9:27; Galatians 5:13-14; I Peter 5:5-7; Isaiah 56:1-7; Revelation 22:12-17.

Hence, I could ask: Humanist, why are you in denial of the truth about man? Do you not know that makes you full of fallacy and doomed to fail?