

The Worldviews of Christianity and Communism Contrasted

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Christianity	Communism
View of God The source of sovereign authority is found in God alone. The God of the Bible is sovereign over all areas of life, including politics and civil government. He created men and nations for His own glory and good purposes	"Man makes religion, religion doesn't make man. Religion is the self-consciousness and self-esteem of man who has either not yet found himself or has already lost himself again." (Karl Marx, The Communist Manifesto)
View of Man God created man, sustains him, offers Him the free gift of life by salvation through Christ. Man is of infinite value and is destined for immortality.	The human being is in the most literal sense a <i>political animal</i> not merely a gregarious animal, but an animal which can individuate itself only in the midst of society. Marx, The Grundrisse (1857)
View of Government The purpose of civil government is explicitly stated by God as punishment of evildoers and the rewarding of those who do good. As such it is limited in its scope.	Political power, properly so called, is merely the organised power of one class for oppressing another." (Karl Marx, The Communist Manifesto) The practical outworking of communist theory has been the establishment of a dictatorship as the form of government.
View of Property God, the creator and Owner of all things, created man in his image; all that was made-visible and invisible-is God's property. God commanded man to be fruitful, multiply and subdue the earth and thus man has been given the duty and responsibility of dominion over and stewardship of God's creation. Private ownership of property is essential to man's freedom and well being.	The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property. (Karl Marx, The Communist Manifesto)