

# *Catholic Candle*

☛ March 2021 ☛ catholiccandle.org ☛ catholiccandle@gmail.com

---

## **Why Did God Create Me? Why Now, During a Church Crisis?**

God created you to be happy with Him in Heaven and at this time, because He wants you to be soldiers of Christ the King for His greater glory and your greater merit. When the Faith is under attack, as now, the soldiers must study the Faith and practice it openly, uncompromised. You certainly will get the necessary graces to fulfill your duties as a soldier of Christ.

As stated above, God created you for Heaven and will help you toward that goal every day in so many ways. Yes, those crosses He sends you are blessings that always help you on that heavenly journey. God knows just what you need. He can read your heart in order to send you crosses that are helpful and goal-oriented. So, thank God for those helpful crosses. You'll understand just how helpful they are years after you receive them.

God made you for Heaven and is not trying to confuse you. He is constantly helping you and the crosses He sends are for your good. He helps in more ways than you can understand or realize. For your part, you must cooperate completely in every way possible.

It is possible God will be harsh with a sinner to wake him up in order to “jolt” him into leaving his life of sin. He always acts in the best interests of His friends. In general, the crosses He sends you are to put you on a better track toward heaven. Also, God strengthens your will to resist evil because the devil wants you in hell and will not stop tempting you as long as you live.

To get to heaven we must become saints. Just “ordinary” saints, not even extraordinary saints like St. Francis, who started a religious order that spread worldwide. God chose St. Francis to do His will and become an extraordinary saint in his century. God also will guide you to do His special work now, and in the future to fight against the many evils of Vatican II. These evils are promoted by Pope Francis and the conciliar church, causing a crisis in the Roman Catholic Church. Your response to this crisis must be to become a saint by faithfully fulfilling the daily obligations of your state of life.

It is no secret that complete submission to God's Will will bring you happiness now and also in the hereafter, in Heaven.

This knowledge should relieve you from stress or fear in your everyday life. God has a plan (His Will) for your whole life. All you have to do is to be receptive, pray, and live accordingly. Talk with Him daily, heart-to-heart. He will be there with all the answers to your questions. He is very willing to help you reach your goal of Heaven.

Don't forget God can read your heart, which is a real blessing. So, you don't have to fear that He may not realize just how much you love Him, based on you not always living up to your desire to serve Him well and pray devoutly.

Don't forget God made you for Heaven, and everything He does for you is to help you fulfill that goal, and absolutely nothing He does will interfere with that.

**Catholic Candle note:** If a person sincerely wants to receive Holy Communion but is truly unable to, Our Lord will see to it that he still receives the beneficial fruit of the Sacrament. Below, Our Lord assures us of our reward from a Spiritual Communion, when we cannot receive Sacramental Communion.

## ***Words to Live by – from Catholic Tradition***

*The Voice of Christ:*

When he is indeed unable to come, he will always have a good will and pious intention to communicate and thus he will not lose the fruit of the Sacrament.

*The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas à Kempis, Book IV, ch. 10 (emphasis added).

## **Thoughts on Death: to Die to Oneself**

***Objective truth series – Reflection #20 -- dying to oneself and preparing for death at the same time.***

In our last reflection we considered how we have to work out our salvation in fear and trembling. This work must be unto death. We cannot stop working with fear and trembling until we have drawn our last breath, knowing that Jesus Christ in His Human Nature will meet us Himself to judge us.

At death the soul seems to recede out of the body—the limbs become colder and as in fainting or being anesthetized, everything [all one's surroundings] seem to be going farther and farther away. This is known from people who have been resuscitated and have told what they experienced. We also know of this type of thing from the lives of the

saints— those who were miraculously raised from the dead, and from apparitions of souls from purgatory. Thus, the soul seems to distance itself from the body and then, of course, the substantial change of the soul actually leaving the body is one horribly painful moment.

This is a very sobering thing to reflect upon. We must die to ourselves and distance our souls from our bodies *now*. We show true love for ourselves and our bodies by thinking of the eternal happiness for our souls and bodies, particularly, by the practice of penance here in this life. The soul will show love of the body by treating the body *distantly*, namely, trying to distance one's will from his material body. When the soul becomes detached from the body in this manner, it consequently will be detached from other material things. By thinking of the reality that at death our souls must *really* leave our bodies, it makes the thought of doing penance more acceptable to our wills. In other words, this gives us an additional incentive and desire to do the penance that Our Lord says is necessary for our salvation. Let's face it, even though Our Lord tells us authoritatively that we will perish if we do not do penance, we are not frightened *enough* to do what is necessary for our souls.

Yet we know that the denial of ourselves is necessary for our salvation by just reading the following quotes from Our Lord Himself:

- “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, itself remaineth alone. But if it dies it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it and he that hateth his life in this world keepeth it unto life eternal.” (St. John 12:24-25)
- “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (St. Luke 9:23)
- “No, I say to you: but unless you shall do penance, you shall all likewise perish.” (St. Luke 13:3) and a little farther on He says, “No, I say to you: but except you do penance, you shall all likewise perish.”
- “But he that shall persevere to the end, he shall be saved.” (St. Matt. 24:13)
- “And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent bear it away.” (St. Matt. 11:12).

These words inspire awe and sobriety indeed! Likewise, Our Lady in her apparitions at La Salette, Lourdes, and Fatima, insists that we Catholics pray and sacrifice for the salvation of our souls and for the conversion of sinners.

Holy Mother Church, the Mystical Bride of Christ, has taught throughout the ages, the importance of doing penance for the reparation of our sins. We have the season of Lent

which is always penitential and had always provided the faithful with the obligation of doing penance. (Unfortunately, the Conciliar Church, has done away with almost all obligatory penance.)

Yet the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent and the Ember Days are not all the penance that is needed. Our Lord, Our Lady, and the many saints have all exhorted us to undertake a life of penance in order to discipline our passions and curb/root out our vices.

Furthermore, we all need to make reparation for all of our sins and this is reason alone to do penance, but our motive for doing penance must be higher than this. We must certainly consider how doing penance and dying to ourselves have many wonderful consequences such as the following:

- 1) Shows Our Lord that we love Him;
- 2) Shows Our Lord that we want to be His true friends and disciples;
- 3) Makes reparation for our past sins and the sins of the world;
- 4) Makes our souls more Christ-like, precisely because penance disciplines the soul and purges out vices and imperfections;
- 5) Prepares our souls for a holy death by strengthening the soul and detaching ourselves from the world;
- 6) Makes us more selfless; and
- 7) Gives us more of a longing to be with Our Lord.

Our Lord suffered from the moment of His conception to His last breath on the Cross. We should desire to imitate Him. In other words, we should be willing to suffer out of love for Him. We certainly want our love for Christ to grow.

In order to imitate Christ, He tells us to follow His examples of selflessness. He Himself said that the Son of Man has no place to lay His Head. The Gospels are full of details to ponder on the countless ways in which we can imitate Our Lord.

Basically, by dying to ourselves through doing penance to discipline ourselves, we imitate Christ and thus increase our love for Our Lord. However, we mustn't forget that by dying to ourselves in our daily lives, it ***is actually*** preparing ourselves for death. What a wonderful precept of Divine Wisdom to command something that has ***so many beautiful*** and ***efficacious consequences*** for our souls! How good God is!

In addition to His command to die to ourselves, God also gives us so many examples in the lives of the Saints showing us how to go about doing this internal death through

penance. The edifying examples of the saints give us much encouragement and inspiration for our lives. The Saints show us how doing penances and offering up our crosses **really does** lead to a holy life and hence, to a holy death.

One such beautiful example is dear St. Paul who encourages us to die to ourselves when saying, “But I chastise my body and bring it into subjection: lest perhaps, when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway.” (1 Corinth. 9:27)

We should thank God for His loving warnings, and for giving us so many encouraging examples of penance in the lives of Our Lord, Our Lady, and the Saints. Let us not forget to beg our dear Heavenly Mother, the Mother of Sorrows, and St. Joseph, the Patron of the Dying, to help us die to ourselves daily. With these means we will be preparing for death as we journey towards death and our hearts might express our tenderest feelings to Our Lord thus:

Oh dearest Lord thou hast us shown,  
How of our lives, too fond we've grown,  
We've been **too** attached to the earth,  
We've not noted, our souls' **full** worth.

Yet thou hast taught us by Thy Life,  
That ours with pleasures have been rife,  
Penance is the most needful cure,  
To die to self we must endure.

To prepare our souls for our death,  
We must work until our last breath,  
And kill the old man in our soul,  
Make ready for life's final goal.

And other motives, there are **too**,  
That make penance, crucial to do,  
To increase in hearts, love divine,  
To things of heaven, to incline.

A profound friendship 'twill inspire,  
And kindle our hearts with new fire  
Making repairs for our past wrongs,  
To Him to whom our debt belongs.

True penance is not just for pain,  
Hoping only, for us to gain,  
Some credit or to inspire awe,  
But, because our passions, are raw

We know that we need, them to train,  
Easier to keep them, in rein,  
While doing battle here below,  
With this can our love, for Christ grow.

Our Lady will help us not tire,  
To follow His Path with desire,  
And His Divine Precepts to keep,  
And be always a faithful sheep.

Beseech St. Joseph at our side,  
To a holy death he'll us guide,  
With heav'nly helpers we can be,  
Safe like them for eternity.

St. Paul says, "To die is to gain,"  
Our Lord says, to die like grain,  
If we die to ourselves in time,  
Then for us can death be sublime.

***Catholic Candle* note:** *Catholic Candle* normally examines particular issues thoroughly, at length, using the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas and the other Doctors of the Church. By contrast, our feature ***CC in brief***, gives an extremely short answer to a reader's question. We invite readers to submit their own questions.

## ***CC in brief***

**Q.** My husband says it was wrong for the Southern States of the U.S. to attempt to secede – that is, to revolt – from the Federal, national government, in the civil war of the 1860s. Is my husband correct?

**A.** There are many things to consider in assessing whether the Southern States were permitted to secede from the Union. For example, was it *prudent* to secede based on the chances of success? However, in this short *CC in Brief*, we leave such other considerations aside. Although it is true that ***revolution is always evil***,<sup>1</sup> nonetheless,

---

<sup>1</sup> Read the analysis of this issue here: <https://catholiccandle.org/2021/02/01/revolution-is-in-the-air/>

the question arises whether the Southern States' secession was revolution or was it the exercise of a right given by the Union's founding agreement.

The U.S. Constitution is the agreement between the states which governed their mutual relationship. That agreement is silent on this issue, unlike, *e.g.*, the European Union's charter which explicitly allowed for a country to exit the EU as Britain did.<sup>2</sup>

One could suppose that the fact that the original 13 American colonies revolted against Britain implies that the U.S. Constitution might implicitly allow secession of any states which chose to sever ties with the U.S. federal government, just as those colonies severed ties with England. Further, it certainly seems that there could be an element of hypocrisy in the successors of the American revolutionaries refusing to allow secession from their own Union, although they demanded this secession from England. Nonetheless, the Southern States' right to secede (or not) would "boil down" to whether secession was implicitly allowed (or implicitly forbidden) under the U.S. Constitution.

## **The program of *Black Lives Matter* is the same program as Satan and Marx**

The evils of the (so-called) "racial justice" movement have their origins in Satan, especially as Karl Marx interprets and applies Satan's program. In this article we examine the connection between the programs of Satan, Marx, and the so-called "racial justice" group, *Black Lives Matter*.

We start by examining key features of Satan's program.

### **Satan's Program**

What are the elements of Satan's program (war) against God? It:

1. Is anti-God (and anti-worship of God);
2. Is revolutionary and is anti-authority;
3. Seeks to divide people;
4. Promotes discontent, envy, and discord;

---

<sup>2</sup> Cf., Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union.

5. Promotes hatred;
6. Is result-oriented and self-interested; Satan neither acts according to immutable principles nor encourages his followers to do so;
7. Is full of lies; and
8. Is anti-Natural Law.

Below, we will examine each of these elements of Satan's program.

## Examining the key features of Satan's program

### 1. Satan's program is anti-God (and anti-worship of God).

A key characteristic of Satan's battle is that it is explicitly against God and the worship of God. We consider this aspect of Satan's plan obvious.

### 2. Satan's program is revolutionary and is anti-authority.

All authority comes from God.<sup>3</sup> Satan's first act was to declare revolution against the government of God, his King. Satan's battle cry was – and continues to be – “*Non serviam!*”

Satan is the original revolutionary and is the father of all revolutionaries.<sup>4</sup> Satan's purpose in his first encounter with a human, Eve, was to foment revolution in the human race. Satan tempted Eve to “go rogue” by disobeying God and by acting in this *eternally-serious* matter without seeking the guidance of her husband.

---

<sup>3</sup> *Romans*, ch.13, vv. 1-2 & 4-5; Pope Pius IX, *Qui Pluribus*, November 9, 1846, §22.

<sup>4</sup> Revolution is always wrong. Faithful and informed Catholics are not revolutionaries. For further explanation of this principle, read this article: <https://catholiccandle.org/2021/02/01/revolution-is-in-the-air/>



### **3. Satan's program seeks to foment division between persons, classes, and groups.**

Satan knows that *a house divided against itself will not stand*. *St. Mark's Gospel*, 3:25. Thus, Satan seeks division in order to weaken and to destroy human society, as he chose to divide the angels of heaven by opposing God and His good angels.

### **4. Satan seeks to achieve his goals by sowing discontent, envy, and discord.**

God promotes contentment and harmony.<sup>5</sup> He teaches us to bear our crosses joyfully out of love for Him. When soldiers came to St. John the Baptist seeking to learn what God wanted them to do, St. John did not sow discontent but rather told them to “be content with your pay”.<sup>6</sup>

Satan is the opposite: he promotes discontent wherever he can. Satan especially promotes discontent between persons – the deadly sin of envy. For example, Satan fomented Cain's envy of (and murder of) his brother, Abel. *Genesis*, 4:1-9.

As another example of Satan promoting discord between persons: he told Eve that God does not want her to eat of the forbidden tree because God does not want her to be like God and (Satan told her): “God doth know that in what day soever you shall eat thereof ... you shall be as Gods”. *Genesis*, 3:5.

---

<sup>5</sup> Here, *e.g.*, is one way in which Sacred Scripture praises and promotes harmony and unity among people:

With three things my spirit is pleased, which are approved before God and men: The concord of brethren, and the love of neighbors, and man and wife that agree well together.

Eccles. 25:1-2.

<sup>6</sup> Here is the longer quote of what St. John the Baptist taught the soldiers: And the soldiers also asked him [*viz.*, St. John the Baptist], saying: And what shall we do? And he said to them: Do violence to no man; neither calumniate any man; and **be content with your pay**.

*St. Luke's Gospel*, 3:14 (emphasis added; bracketed words added to show the context).

## **5. Satan seeks to achieve his goals by promoting hatred.**

As St. John writes, God is love.<sup>7</sup> Love is the great source of unity. Satan is full of hatred and he promotes hatred through all of his works. Satan strives to be the contrary of God, as hatred is the contrary of love.<sup>8</sup>

## **6. Satan's program is result-oriented and appeals to self-interest.**

Satan does not act according to immutable principles of the good and the reasonable, nor does he encourage others to do so.

Satan's program is founded upon selfishness. He does whatever helps him gain an advantage and also encourages his followers to do this.

## **7. Satan's program is full of lies. Lies are one of his main tools.**

Our Lord is the Truth and His disciples stand in the truth. Satan is the father of lies.<sup>9</sup> Like any liar, Satan says whatever he thinks will be to his advantage, lying whenever it suits him.

## **8. Satan's program is anti-Natural Law.**

The Natural Law comes from God. So, Satan has a particular desire to promote the breaking of the Natural Law whenever possible. Thus, Satan especially seeks people to commit sins which are *unnatural*.

---

<sup>7</sup> 1 *St. John*, 4:8.

<sup>8</sup> *Summa*, Ia IIae, Q.29, a.2, ad 2.

<sup>9</sup> Here are Our Lord's words:

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and he stood not in the truth; because truth is not in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: **for he is a liar, and the father thereof.**

St. John 's Gospel, 8:44 (emphasis added).

## Karl Marx's Program

Karl Marx adopted the key features of Satan's program. Let us examine how Marx promoted and applied Satan's program.

### 1. Like Satan, Marx was fundamentally anti-God and anti-worship of God.

Karl Marx was anti-God. Marx made a pact with Satan, declaring "with Satan I have struck my deal."<sup>10</sup>

Not only did Marx choose Satan instead of God, but Marx also opposed and had contempt for religion. He declared that:

- "religion ... is the opium of the people".<sup>11</sup>

---

<sup>10</sup> Here is the longer quote from Marx's poem, *The Fiddler*:

How so! I plunge, plunge without fail  
My blood-black sabre into your soul.  
That art God neither wants nor wists,  
It leaps to the brain from Hell's black mists.

Till heart's bewitched, till senses reel:  
**With Satan I have struck my deal.**  
**He chalks the signs, beats time for me,**  
**I play the death march fast and free.**

Emphasis added. Quoted from Volume I of Marx's collected works, p. 23 as quoted here:  
<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/a-little-known-side-of-karl-marx-his-poetry-and-his-diabolism>

<sup>11</sup> Here is the longer quote from Marx:

*Religious* suffering is, at one and the same time, the *expression* of real suffering and a *protest* against real suffering. **Religion** is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It **is the opium of the people**.

The abolition of religion as the *illusory* happiness of the people is the demand for their *real* happiness. To call on them to give up their illusions about their condition is to call on them to *give up a condition that requires illusions*. The criticism of religion is, therefore, *in embryo, the criticism of that vale of tears* of which religion is the *halo*.

Quoted from *A Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right*, by Karl Marx (emphasis added).

- “Communism abolishes ... all religion.”<sup>12</sup>
- Religion is merely a class tool which the rich use to oppress other people.<sup>13</sup>

Because Marx was so fundamentally anti-God and pro-Satan, it is fitting that Marx used, and Marxists continue to use, the clenched-fist salute – which is clenching their fists and lifting them high. When a person displays a clenched fist at another person, it is an act indicating defiance. Thus, Marxists ***raise their clenched fists heavenward***.<sup>14</sup>

## 2. Like Satan, Marx was fundamentally a revolutionary and was anti-authority.

Like Satan, Marx was fundamentally a revolutionary. Like Satan, Marx was filled with revolutionary defiance against God. In one poetic way in which Marx phrased his own “*non serviam*” (in imitation of Satan), he declared that if God should bring down Marx’s own throne and bring Marx’s “walls and towers down”, he will nonetheless continue forever his defiant struggle against God, to raise them up again.<sup>15</sup>

---

<sup>12</sup> Here is the longer quote from Marx:

“There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, Justice, etc., that are common to all states of society. But ***Communism abolishes*** eternal truths, it abolishes ***all religion***, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience.”

*Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II (emphasis added).

<sup>13</sup> Here is one way Marx taught this doctrine:

In the condition of the proletariat, those of old society at large are already virtually swamped. The proletarian is without property; his relation to his wife and children has no longer anything in common with the bourgeois family relations; modern industry labour, modern subjection to capital, the same in England as in France, in America as in Germany, has stripped him of every trace of national character. Law, morality, **religion**, are to him so many **bourgeois prejudices, behind which lurk in ambush** just as many bourgeois interests.

*Communist Manifesto*, Chapter I (emphasis added).

<sup>14</sup> There are some photos of the Marxist clenched fist salute here:  
<https://abcnews.go.com/News/history-clenched-fist/story?id=39006994>

<sup>15</sup> Here is the longer quote from Marx:

Marx strongly promoted not only revolution against God but also against all civil governments and all authority. Here is one way Marx declared support for *every* revolution.

Communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things. ... The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the *forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions*.<sup>16</sup>

### **3. Like Satan, Marx fundamentally sought to divide people and set one group in opposition to another.**

Because Marx was fundamentally revolutionary, he sought to divide nations, peoples, groups, and classes because he knew – as Satan also knows – that “if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.” *St. Mark’s Gospel*, 3:24. Thus, Marx, like Satan, sought division in order to weaken, destroy, and foment revolution.

Here is one way Marx explained his seeking to set the worker class against the owner class:

---

So a god has snatched from me my all  
In the curse and rack of destiny.  
All his worlds are gone beyond recall!  
Nothing but revenge is left to me! [...]

***I shall build my throne high overhead,***  
Cold, tremendous shall its summit be.  
For its bulwark—superstitious dread,  
For its Marshall—blackest agony. [...]

And the **Almighty’s** lightning shall rebound  
From that massive iron giant.  
***If he bring my walls and towers down,***  
**Eternity shall raise them up, defiant.**

Volume one of Marx’s collected works, pp. 563–64, as quoted here:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/a-little-known-side-of-karl-marx-his-poetry-and-his-diabolism>  
(emphasis added).

Karl Marx also declared: “I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above.” Quoted here: [https://www.azquotes.com/author/9564-Karl\\_Marx?p=2](https://www.azquotes.com/author/9564-Karl_Marx?p=2)

<sup>16</sup> *The Communist Manifesto*, by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, published in 1848 (emphasis added).

The immediate aim of the Communists is the same as that of all other proletarian parties: formation of the proletariat into a class, overthrow of the bourgeois supremacy, conquest of political power by the proletariat.<sup>17</sup>

Pope Pius XI warned that the “preachers of Communism are proficient in exploiting racial antagonisms, political divisions, and oppositions.”<sup>18</sup> In a different place, Pope Pius XI warns that “Communism teaches and seeks ... unrelenting class warfare”.<sup>19</sup>

This Communist teaching and goal are exactly the opposite of what good men would do. Pope Pius XI teaches the truth that good men should strive to abolish class conflict and produce harmony and cooperation between men, a goal directly the opposite of communism’s goal.<sup>20</sup>

Pope Pius XI adds in another place, that not only do Communists seek to increase hostility between the classes of society, but they attack and seek to annihilate anyone who seeks harmony between classes.<sup>21</sup>

---

<sup>17</sup> *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II.

<sup>18</sup> *Divini Redemptoris – On Atheistic Communism*, by Pope Pius XI, 1937, paragraph 15. Note, as quoted here, we remove the word “also” before the word “proficient”, because the other exploitations to which the pope refers are not part of the quote we give here.

<sup>19</sup> Here is the longer quote from the pope:

One section of Socialism has undergone almost the same change that the capitalistic economic system, as We have explained above, has undergone. It has sunk into Communism. Communism teaches and seeks two objectives: unrelenting class warfare and absolute extermination of private ownership.

*Quadragesimo Anno*, by Pope Pius XI, 1931, paragraph 112.

<sup>20</sup> Here is the pope’s longer teaching:

First and foremost, the State and every good citizen ought to look to and strive toward this end: that the conflict between the hostile classes be abolished and harmonious cooperation of the Industries and Professions be encouraged and promoted.

*Quadragesimo Anno*, by Pope Pius XI, 1931, paragraph 81.

<sup>21</sup> Here is the pope’s longer teaching:

Insisting on the dialectical aspect of their materialism, the Communists claim that the conflict which carries the world towards its final synthesis can be accelerated by man. Hence, they endeavor to sharpen the antagonisms which arise between the various classes

#### 4. Like Satan, Marx promoted discontent, envy, and discord.

Marx sought to stir up dissatisfaction with everything, by promoting (as he put it) a “ruthless criticism of all that exists”.<sup>22</sup>

Marx sought to mobilize workers to battle against the rich. He declared: “Workers of the world unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains.”<sup>23</sup> Marx promoted the workers’ violent destruction of property to express their anger with the rich for (supposedly) “exploiting” them.<sup>24</sup>

---

of society. Thus, the class struggle with its consequent violent hate and destruction takes on the aspects of a crusade for the progress of humanity. On the other hand, all other forces whatever, as long as they resist such systematic violence, must be annihilated as hostile to the human race.

*Divini Redemptoris – On Atheistic Communism*, by Pope Pius XI, 1937, paragraph 9.

<sup>22</sup> Here is the longer quote from Marx:

Now philosophy has become mundane, and the most striking proof of this is that philosophical consciousness itself has been drawn into the torment of the struggle, not only externally but also internally. But, if constructing the future and settling everything for all times are not our affair, it is all the more clear what we have to accomplish at present: I am referring to **ruthless criticism of all that exists**, ruthless both in the sense of not being afraid of the results it arrives at and in the sense of being just as little afraid of conflict with the powers that be.

Letter of Marx to Arnold Ruge, Kreuznach, September 1843, found here: [https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1843/letters/43\\_09.htm](https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1843/letters/43_09.htm)

<sup>23</sup> Quote from Karl Marx which is found here: [https://www.azquotes.com/author/9564-Karl\\_Marx?p=2](https://www.azquotes.com/author/9564-Karl_Marx?p=2) The end of the Communist Manifesto contains these words: “Working Men of All Countries, Unite!” In an editor’s footnote, Marxist.org explains that the more popularized version of the motto is the longer one quoted in the body of this article.

<sup>24</sup> Here is the longer quote from Marx:

The proletariat goes through various stages of development. With its birth begins its struggle with the bourgeoisie. At first the contest is carried on by individual labourers, then by the workpeople of a factory, then by the operative of one trade, in one locality, against the individual bourgeois who directly exploits them. They direct their attacks not against the bourgeois conditions of production, but against the instruments of production themselves; they destroy imported wares that compete with their labour, they smash to pieces machinery, they set factories ablaze, they seek to restore by force the vanished status of the workman of the Middle Ages.

## 5. Like Satan, Marx promoted hatred.

Marx wanted to be well-known for something and, since (as he explained) he could not be the Creator, he chose to be a destroyer and to “destroy worlds”.<sup>25</sup>

Love is contrary to hatred. A person seeks union with what he loves and he seeks separation from, or destruction of, what he hates.<sup>26</sup> Marx was full of hate and sought to “destroy worlds”.

Further, Marx hated the rich and sought to overthrow them.<sup>27</sup> Marx despised various ethnic groups.<sup>28</sup>

---

*Communist Manifesto*, Chapter I.

<sup>25</sup> Here is a poem written by Marx, in which he expresses this desire and his rage:

**I am caught in endless strife,**  
**Endless ferment**, endless dream;  
I cannot conform to life,  
Will not travel with the stream.

Heaven I would comprehend,  
I would draw the world to me;  
Loving, hating, **I intend**  
**That my star shine brilliantly.** [...]

**Worlds I would destroy forever,**  
**Since I can create no world,**  
Since my call they notice never,  
Coursing dumb in magic whirl. [...]

So the spirits go their way  
Till they are consumed outright,  
Till their lords and masters they  
Totally annihilate.

Poem by Marx, from pp. 525–26 of Volume one of Marx’s collected works, as quoted here:  
<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/a-little-known-side-of-karl-marx-his-poetry-and-his-diabolism>

<sup>26</sup> *Summa*, Ia IIae, Q.29, a.2, ad 2.

<sup>27</sup> *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II.

<sup>28</sup> [https://www.theepochtimes.com/are-todays-leftists-truly-marxists\\_3457687.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/are-todays-leftists-truly-marxists_3457687.html)



Marx not only hated and sought the destruction of those groups he opposed, but he also urged others to hate and destroy those groups too.<sup>29</sup> Like Satan's program, Marx's teaching and movement was built on hatred.<sup>30</sup>

Pope Pius XI warned that Marxism fundamentally involves "violent hate and destruction".<sup>31</sup>

**6. Like Satan, Marx was result-oriented and unprincipled because Marx neither acted according to immutable principles nor encouraged his followers to do so.**

Marx declared that he was not bound by objective, eternal morality. Marx did not simply establish new principles of morality but declared that he abolished morality. Here is one way Marx explained his teaching:

"There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, Justice, etc., that are common to all states of society. But **Communism abolishes** eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and **all morality**, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience."<sup>32</sup>

---

<sup>29</sup> *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II.

<sup>30</sup> Karl Marx called himself "the **greatest hater** of the so-called positive." <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/56204> (emphasis added).

Lenin, who was a disciple of Marx, declared: "**We must teach our children to hate. Hatred is the basis of communism.**". Lenin admitted that hatred was "the basis of every socialist and Communist movement." Lenin's speech to the Soviet Commissars of Education and his tract, *Left-Wing Communism*, as quoted in <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/56204>

<sup>31</sup> Here is the pope's longer teaching:

Insisting on the dialectical aspect of their materialism, the Communists claim that the conflict which carries the world towards its final synthesis can be accelerated by man. Hence, they endeavor to sharpen the antagonisms which arise between the various classes of society. Thus, the class struggle with its consequent violent hate and destruction takes on the aspects of a crusade for the progress of humanity. On the other hand, all other forces whatever, as long as they resist such systematic violence, must be annihilated as hostile to the human race.

*Divini Redemptoris – On Atheistic Communism*, by Pope Pius XI, 1937, paragraph 9.

<sup>32</sup> *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II (emphasis added).

Instead of moral principles, Marx taught that ***anything that advanced the class struggle was good and anything that impeded the class struggle was bad.***<sup>33</sup>

## **7. Like Satan, Marx used lies and promoted lies and deception.**

Just as Satan is the *Father of Lies* and he lies when expedient, Marx also rejected the moral principle that lying is wrong and he lied to achieve his goals. Marx declared that **“Communism abolishes eternal truths”**<sup>34</sup>

Marx not only approved of lying to achieve his political goals, but he also lied in his family life. For example, Marx had a deceitful affair with the family’s housekeeper and lied about it.<sup>35</sup> To cover up his infidelity, Marx persuaded Engels (co-author of the

---

<sup>33</sup> Vladimir Lenin, a faithful student of Marxist thought, explained this moral expediency this way, in a speech he gave to the Young Communist League:

But is there such a thing as communist ethics? Is there such a thing as communist morality? Of course, there is. It is often suggested that we have no ethics of our own; very often the bourgeoisie accuse us Communists of rejecting all morality. This is a method of confusing the issue, of throwing dust in the eyes of the workers and peasants.

In what sense do we reject ethics, reject morality?

In the sense given to it by the bourgeoisie, who based ethics on God's commandments. On this point we, of course, say that we do not believe in God, and that we know perfectly well that the clergy, the landowners and the bourgeoisie invoked the name of God so as to further their own interests as exploiters. Or, instead of basing ethics on the commandments of morality, on the commandments of God, they based it on idealist or semi-idealist phrases, which always amounted to something very similar to God's commandments.

We reject any morality based on extra-human and extra-class concepts. We say that this is deception, dupery, stultification of the workers and peasants in the interests of the landowners and capitalists.

**We say that our morality is entirely subordinated to the interests of the proletariat's class struggle. Our morality stems from the interests of the class struggle of the proletariat.**

Vladimir Lenin’s Speech Delivered October 2, 1920, at the Third All-Russia Congress of The Russian Young Communist League, available at this link:  
<https://www.marxists.org/archive/lenin/works/1920/oct/02.htm>

<sup>34</sup> *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II (emphasis added).

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/1983/03/14/opinion/what-marx-hid.html>

*Communist Manifesto*) and others to lie and to help him cover up the affair. *Id.*

## 8. Like Satan, Marx was anti-Natural Law.

With Marx in league with Satan and seeking to “destroy worlds” and to defy God (see the above quotes), Marx also sought to destroy the Natural Law,<sup>36</sup> which is a key aspect of God’s creation. For example:

---

<sup>36</sup> The Natural Law is what we know we must do by the light of the natural reason God gave us. One example of the Natural Law is that we must never tell a lie. We naturally know this because we know that the purpose of speech is to convey the truth and so we naturally know that telling a lie is abusing the purpose of speech.

Here is how St. Thomas explains what the Natural Law is:

[L]aw, being a rule and measure, can be in a person in two ways: in one way, as in him that rules and measures; in another way, as in that which is ruled and measured, since a thing is ruled and measured, in so far as it partakes of the rule or measure. Wherefore, since all things subject to Divine providence are ruled and measured by the eternal law, as was stated above [in *Summa*, Ia IIae, Q.91, a.1]; it is evident that all things partake somewhat of the eternal law, in so far as, namely, from its being imprinted on them, they derive their respective inclinations to their proper acts and ends. Now among all others, the rational creature is subject to Divine providence in the most excellent way, in so far as it partakes of a share of providence, by being provident both for itself and for others. Wherefore it has a share of the Eternal Reason, whereby it has a natural inclination to its proper act and end: and this participation of the eternal law in the rational creature is called the natural law. Hence the Psalmist after saying (Psalm 4:6): "Offer up the sacrifice of justice," as though someone asked what the works of justice are, adds: "Many say, Who showeth us good things?" in answer to which question he says: "The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us": thus implying that the light of natural reason, whereby we discern what is good and what is evil, which is the function of the natural law, is nothing else than an imprint on us of the Divine light. It is therefore evident that the natural law is nothing else than the rational creature's participation of the eternal law.

*Summa*, Ia IIae, Q.91, a.2, *respondeo*.

- ❖ Marx sought to abolish private property<sup>37</sup> even though private property is part of the Natural Law<sup>38</sup> and is willed by God.<sup>39</sup>
- ❖ Marx sought to abolish marriage and the family<sup>40</sup> even though those institutions are part of the Natural Law<sup>41</sup>.
- ❖ Marx sought to abolish virtue and morality (as shown in the quotes above), even though they are part of the Natural Law.
- ❖ Marx sought to abolish countries, patriotism, and love of one's own country<sup>42</sup> even though patriotism is a virtue and is part of the Natural Law.<sup>43</sup>

**Summary of this section:** Marx closely imitated Satan and followed Satan's evil program.

### **Before connecting Marx's program (in the section above) to the present situation in the world, let's call to mind a little background.**

We know that Marxist Russia is currently spreading its errors, since Russia has not been consecrated to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, as God commanded. In 1917, Our Lady of Fatima warned that, when she came in the future (*viz.*, in 1929) to ask for this consecration, if the pope delayed the consecration, his delay would cause ***great harm throughout the world***. Here are Our Lady's words:

---

<sup>37</sup> Marx declared: "[T]he theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property." *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II.

<sup>38</sup> Encyclical, *Quod Apostolici muneris*, Pope Leo XIII, Dec. 28, 1878, quoted at Denz. §1851.

<sup>39</sup> *Summa*, IIa IIae, Q.32, a.5, ad 2.

<sup>40</sup> *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II.

<sup>41</sup> *Summa Supp.*, Q.41, a.1.

<sup>42</sup> Here is one way Marx declared his position:

The Communists are further reproached with desiring to abolish countries and nationality. The working men have no country.

*Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II.

<sup>43</sup> *Summa*, IIa IIae, Q.101, a.1.

I shall come [*viz.*, in 1929] to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, by the Holy Father and all the bishops of the world. If my request is heeded, **Russia** will be converted and there will be peace. **If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecution against the Church.**<sup>44</sup>

We know that, since Our Lady's request, no pope has consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart. Thus, before even looking at our present situation, we know that ***Marxist Russia is indeed spreading its errors.***

When we look around us, we see powerful proof that Russia is spreading its Marxists errors everywhere. Below, we take one example: the so-called "racial justice" movement of *Black Lives Matter* ("BLM").

Let us compare the program of Satan and Marx to the program of BLM and what its founders or leaders disclose about themselves and/or BLM.

### **The Program of *Black Lives Matter* – as promoted by its leaders**

Two of the founders of the *Black Lives Matter* ("BLM") movement claim they are "trained

---

<sup>44</sup> This is a portion of Our Lady's message during the Third Apparition of Fatima, July 13, 1917 (emphasis added; bracketed words added to clarify the timeline), quoted from *The Whole Truth About Fatima*, Frère Michel de la Sainte Trinité, translator John Collorafi, vol. II, Immaculate Heart Publications, Buffalo, NY, © 1989 for English translation, pp.281-282.

Marxists”.<sup>45</sup> BLM activists call each other “comrade”<sup>46</sup> and use the clenched-fist salute, like the Marxists do.<sup>47</sup>

Let’s examine more ways in which the program of BLM and/or what is promoted by its founders or leaders track the program of Marx and Satan.

### 1. Like Satan and Marx, BLM is inherently anti-God.

Catholics can see this in the words of a BLM founder that she and her comrades practice paganism and are guided by “spirits” that Catholics would recognize as satanic.

Patrisse Cullors, one of the BLM founders, states that they have spirits “work through” them “to get the work that we need to get done”. Cullors added that she “started to feel personally connected and responsible and accountable to them, both from a deeply political place, but also from a deeply spiritual place.” Cullors added that they pray to the spirits and pour libations to them. She stated that at its core, BLM is a spiritual movement.<sup>48</sup>

Our Catholic Faith tells us that these “libations” are not poured to God but to Satan. Pagan gods are devils. *Psalm*, 95:5.

---

<sup>45</sup> Listen to the words of one of the BLM founders here: <https://twitter.com/davereaboi/status/1274336621702373377>

<sup>46</sup> For example, in its *credo*, “What we believe”, BLM declares:  
Every day, we recommit to healing ourselves and each other, and to co-creating alongside **comrades**, allies, and family a culture where each person feels seen, heard, and supported.

(Bold emphasis added.) This BLM *credo* used to be found on the BLM website here: <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> However, beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. Conservatives began quoting the BLM *credo* to warn the public and to show the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations.

In approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. However, here is an archive copy of BLM’s Marxist *credo*. <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>47</sup> Here are many photos of BLM using the Marxist clenched fist salute: <https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/black-lives-matter>

<sup>48</sup> All of the quotes in this paragraph are found here: <https://thenewamerican.com/hail-satan-after-terrorizing-churches-blm-witchcraft-exposed/>

BLM founder Cullors also stated how she practices the African pagan religion of Ifá, and sets up altars to the spirits in her office.<sup>49</sup>

We should not be surprised by the connection between Satan and the Marxists. Like Marx himself, his disciples hate the notion of an infinite, all-knowing, all-powerful and all-good God. These Divine attributes are the opposite of their materialist, gnostic and egalitarian doctrine.

Since Marxist doctrine condemns all superiority, it considers an almighty and loving God to be an oppressor, as is shown in Marx's own writings.<sup>50</sup> Instead, Marxists

---

<sup>49</sup> The Cullors interview is found here: <https://thepolitic.org/activist-friend-comrade-interview-with-patrisse-cullors-co-founder-of-black-lives-matter/>

Here is a fuller extract from this interview:

Q. In the same vein of formative experiences, religion has played a large role in your life. I was wondering if you could tell us about how you started to bring Ifá into your life and how you made the decision to bring its rituals to your rallies?

A. I actually started to study Ifá, maybe...in my early twenties? And I felt really connected to the tradition. One, because it comes from Nigeria—from the Yoruba people in particular—and I felt incredibly connected to West Africa. I think the other part was that it was really practical. I come from a Jehovah's Witness background, which is an incredibly conservative religion, and an incredibly conservative experience. I needed a tradition that was more generous to people and to humanity. I needed a tradition that was rooted in African traditions, and so I just naturally started. It's something to know about me: I try to bring my whole self into every experience I have.

So I started to make little ancestor altars in my office when I worked at the Strategy Center, to create a little space of ancestors with little pictures. I thought it was really important to note that we stand on the shoulders of giants in our movement, other civil rights leaders who either were assassinated or died. I think when we started to do chants across the country—that we must love each other, support each other, we have nothing to lose but our chains—I would naturally end it with “Ase,” which is like Amen, but in Yoruba. I'm not the one that coined “Ase”; it's from the old language. But it became really popularized in our movement to be present and to be spiritual, and showing that unapologetically.

<sup>50</sup> Here are examples of Marx's words about God the (so-called) “oppressor”:

So a god has snatched from me my all  
In the curse and rack of destiny.  
All his worlds are gone beyond recall!  
Nothing but revenge is left to me! [...]

***I shall build my throne high overhead,***  
Cold, tremendous shall its summit be.

identify with Satan, who is an inferior, created being, a damned angel, and the (supposed) “victim” of the Creator’s eternal justice and thus one who is “oppressed,” “disenfranchised,” “discriminated against”, and “marginalized to the peripheries”.

## 2. Like Satan and Marx, BLM is inherently revolutionary and anti-authority.

One of the three BLM founders, Alicia Garza, describes her larger goal as “dismantling the organizing principle of this society”.<sup>51</sup> This is like Marx’s call for the forcible overthrow of “*all existing social conditions*.”<sup>52</sup>

Patrisse Cullors, another one of the BLM co-founders, is particularly fond of using the Marxist chant that “we have nothing to lose but our chains”.<sup>53</sup> (This is part of the popularized Marxist chant: “Workers of the world unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains.”)<sup>54</sup>

---

For its bulwark—superstitious dread,  
For its Marshall—blackest agony. [...]

And the **Almighty**’s lightning shall rebound  
From that massive iron giant.  
***If he bring my walls and towers down,***  
**Eternity shall raise them up, defiant.**

Volume one of Marx’s collected works, pp. 563–64, as quoted here:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/a-little-known-side-of-karl-marx-his-poetry-and-his-diabolism>  
(emphasis added).

Karl Marx also declared: “I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above.” Quoted here: [https://www.azquotes.com/author/9564-Karl\\_Marx?p=2](https://www.azquotes.com/author/9564-Karl_Marx?p=2)

<sup>51</sup> <https://mainebeacon.com/black-lives-matter-co-founder-maine-can-be-a-leader-in-dismantling-white-nationalism/>

<sup>52</sup> *The Communist Manifesto*, by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, published in 1848 (emphasis added).

<sup>53</sup> See, e.g., <https://thepolitic.org/activist-friend-comrade-interview-with-patrisse-cullors-co-founder-of-black-lives-matter/>

<sup>54</sup> Quote from Karl Marx which is found here: [https://www.azquotes.com/author/9564-Karl\\_Marx?p=2](https://www.azquotes.com/author/9564-Karl_Marx?p=2) The end of the Communist Manifesto contains these words: “Working Men of All Countries, Unite!” In an editor’s footnote, Marxist.org explains that the more popularized version of the motto is the longer one quoted in the body of this letter.



BLM uses the customary Marxist language of characterizing blacks as waging a liberation struggle.<sup>55</sup>

Following some August 2020 riots in Chicago, BLM organizer, Ariel Atkins, refused to condemn anything the protesters did, saying:

“There’s no such thing as a bad protester”.<sup>56</sup>

This echoes Marx (quoted above) promoting the “proletariat destroying imported wares that compete with their labour, they smash to pieces machinery, they set factories ablaze ....”<sup>57</sup>

BLM’s Atkins added that there should be no police to stop the riots. Here are Atkins’s words:

Also, (we’re) demanding that police be defunded. Police should not be here. They should not exist ....<sup>58</sup>

---

<sup>55</sup> Here is how the BLM *credo* stated this in 2020:

The Black Lives Matter Global Network is as powerful as it is because of our membership, our partners, our supporters, our staff, and you. Our continued **commitment to liberation for all Black people** means we are continuing the work of our ancestors and fighting for our collective freedom because it is our duty.

Quoted from <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> accessed on June 4, 2020.

Beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. They began quoting it to warn the public about the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations. Sometime, in approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. Here is an archive copy of BLM’s Marxist *credo* we quote here. <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>56</sup> Quoted in the Chicago Tribune and available at this link: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-chicago-downtown-looting-black-lives-matter-protest-20200811-lvejnsexhbgjfixcgioih7dn4-story.html>

<sup>57</sup> *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter I (quoted here with an “ing” added to the word “destroy” for grammatical smoothness.)

<sup>58</sup> Parenthetical word in the original. Quoted in the Chicago Tribune and available at this link: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-chicago-downtown-looting-black-lives-matter-protest-20200811-lvejnsexhbgjfixcgioih7dn4-story.html>

BLM's Atkins added that the goal was "eventually getting rid of all funding [for police] and using that money for education, jobs, housing, health care and more".<sup>59</sup> Atkins, like others promoting Marxism, seeks to change the way society responds to bad conduct. Instead of treating rioting and theft as a law enforcement matter, BLM pushes society to respond by instead offering more "social services".

In this way, BLM shows that it seeks to fulfill Communist Goal #38 (of 45 total goals) as read into the U.S. Congressional Record in 1963:

38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand [or treat].<sup>60</sup>

In June 2020, *BLM Chicago* declared that it sought to end all policing and prisons as well as all authority of fathers in their families. Here is how BLM phrased its revolutionary goals:

Stay in the streets! The system is throwing every diversionary and de-mobilizing tactic at us.

We are fighting to end policing and prisons as a system which nececiates [sic] fighting white supremacist capitalist heteropatriarchial [sic] imperialism.<sup>61</sup>

This BLM opposition to "heteropatriarchial imperialism" is opposition to the authority of a father over his family. This Marxist goal is a rejection both of the Natural Law and the teaching of the Catholic Church, *e.g.*, where St. Paul commands: "Wives, be subject to your husbands". *Colossians*, 3:18.

*Black Lives Matters* not only encourages protesting but encourages looting too, as shown during the 2020 riots. *Black Lives Matter Chicago* organized a demonstration on Aug 10, 2020 in which protesters held a banner that read, "Our futures have been looted from

---

<sup>59</sup> Parenthetical word in the original. Bracketed words added to show the context. Quoted in the Chicago Tribune and available at this link: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-chicago-downtown-looting-black-lives-matter-protest-20200811-lveinsexhbgjtfixcgioih7dn4-story.html>

<sup>60</sup> Quoted from the Congressional Record – Appendix, pp. A34-A35, *Current Communist Goals*, Extension of Remarks of Hon. A. S. Herlong, Jr. of Florida in the House of Representatives, Thursday, January 10, 1963.

<sup>61</sup> BLMChicago @BLMChi 11:09 AM · Jun 16, 2020, found here: <https://twitter.com/BLMChi/status/1272924202182610945>

us ... loot back.”<sup>62</sup> This BLM demonstration was held to show support for the looters arrested by the police earlier that day.<sup>63</sup>

Here, BLM shows that it seeks to fulfill Communist Goal #42 (of 45 total goals) as read into the U.S. Congressional Record in 1963:

42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use “united force” to solve economic, political or social problems.<sup>64</sup>

### 3. Like Satan and Marx, BLM seeks to divide people and classes.

BLM seeks to divide people into antagonistic classes, setting supposed “victims” against supposed “oppressors”, each hostile to the other. For example:

- **Pitting women against men:** BLM declares: “We build a space that affirms Black women and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.”<sup>65</sup>
- **Pitting wives against husbands:** BLM declares: “We dismantle the patriarchal practice that requires mothers to work “double shifts” so that they can mother in private even as they participate in public justice work.”<sup>66</sup>

---

<sup>62</sup> Quoted from <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-chicago-downtown-looting-black-lives-matter-protest-20200811-lvejnsexhbgjtfixcgioih7dn4-story.html>

<sup>63</sup> <https://www.liberationnews.org/chicagoans-rally-to-support-arrested-after-police-shoot-young-black-man/>

<sup>64</sup> Quoted from the Congressional Record – Appendix, pp. A34-A35, *Current Communist Goals*, Extension of Remarks of Hon. A. S. Herlong, Jr. of Florida in the House of Representatives, Thursday, January 10, 1963.

<sup>65</sup> Quoted from <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> accessed on June 4, 2020.

Beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. They began quoting it to warn the public about the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations. Sometime, in approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. Here is an archive copy of BLM’s Marxist *credo* we quote, here: <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>66</sup> Quoted from <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> accessed on June 4, 2020.

- **Pitting blacks against whites:** BLM declares: “We are unapologetically Black in our positioning.<sup>67</sup> In affirming that Black Lives Matter, we need not qualify our position. To love and desire freedom and justice for ourselves is a prerequisite for wanting the same for others. We see ourselves as part of the global Black family.”<sup>68</sup>

BLM exemplifies what Pope Pius XI warned about, *viz.*, that the “preachers of Communism are proficient in exploiting racial antagonisms and political divisions and oppositions.”<sup>69</sup>

Through Marxism and BLM, social cohesion diminishes, and society’s mutual trust and goodwill are destroyed. Society increasingly moves towards a dangerous and more extreme political polarization.

---

Beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. They began quoting it to warn the public about the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations. Sometime, in approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. Here is an archive copy of BLM’s Marxist *credo* we quote, here: <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>67</sup> It is interesting how “racial justice” leftists sometimes agree with persons whom the mainstream media calls “white supremacists”. For example, recently, Washington D.C.’s *Museum of African American History and Culture* (which is part of the taxpayer-funded Smithsonian Institute), posted the statement that “white culture” means things like “nuclear family,” “self-reliance,” “rigid time schedule” and “delayed gratification.” These quotations from the museum’s statements are as quoted here: [https://www.theepochtimes.com/anti-racist-racists\\_3458404.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/anti-racist-racists_3458404.html)

This museum’s characterization implies that good habits, virtue and success are foreign to blacks. Notice how the so-called “white supremacists” (who are abhorred by BLM) believe like BLM does, that blacks as a race are unable to rise above bad habits in order to excel.

*Catholic Candle* completely disagrees with this position. We hold that blacks, like everyone else, can live according to good habits, reason, and virtue.

<sup>68</sup> Quoted from <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> accessed on June 4, 2020.

Beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. They began quoting it to warn the public about the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations. Sometime, in approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. Here is an archive copy of BLM’s Marxist *credo* we quote, here: <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>69</sup> *Divini Redemptoris – On Atheistic Communism*, by Pope Pius XI, 1937, paragraph 15. Note, as quoted here, we remove the word “also” before the word “proficient”, because the other exploitations to which the pope refers are not part of the quote we give here.

#### **4. Like Satan and Marx, BLM promotes discontent, envy, and discord.**

BLM material is full of declarations of “victimhood” and being oppressed by the “privileged” enemies they are fighting. A few of those quotes are used in this article.

BLM leaders, such as founder Alicia Garza, focus on power and getting their way over their enemies who are steeped in power and “privilege”. For example, here are Garza’s words in a speech she gave in the state of Maine:

Power is very much about deciding who gets to make decisions and who doesn’t. Power is about shaping the story of who we are, and who we can be and who we’re not. Power is about deciding where resources go and where they don’t go, and why. But most of all, power is about making sure that there are consequences when people disappoint you.

I believe we all have work to do to keep dismantling the organizing principle of this society, which creates inequities for everyone, even white people.

Maine can be a leader for the rest of this country, on how to fight — obliterate, take it all the way out — white nationalism. Maine can be a leader in showing the rest of the country, how to really be a hero, a hero that is courageous enough to dismantle what is organizing the structures in our society to keep some people with, some people without, to keep some people together, and tear some families apart.<sup>70</sup>

#### **5. Like Satan and Marx, BLM promotes hatred.**

BLM fills its followers with the idea they are “victims” and should hate those who are supposedly doing evil to them. The government and the societal “system” which they fight are their enemy. BLM says this “system” kills them unjustly, throws them wrongfully into prison, lies about them, turns their friends against them, wrongfully extradites illegal aliens, bombs them, beats them, and inflicts pain sadistically on them. Here is one way BLM says this to stir up hatred and the desire for revenge:

What has the system done historically in response to Black liberation movements: assassinations, imprisonment, rumor spreading, creating enemies out of friends, exiling folks, bombings, beatings, torture.

We see this happening now.

---

<sup>70</sup> <https://mainebeacon.com/black-lives-matter-co-founder-maine-can-be-a-leader-in-dismantling-white-nationalism/>

This is the system fighting back.<sup>71</sup>

**6. Like Satan and Marx, BLM is result-oriented and self-interested. BLM neither acts according to immutable principles nor encourages its followers to do so.**

BLM is not devoted to the truth and to reality. For example, BLM says that the truth of a person's gender does not matter but only what gender the person "feels" like he is. Here is one way BLM states this:

All Black lives matter, regardless of actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, economic status, ability, disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location.<sup>72</sup>

Alicia Garza, a co-founder of *Black Lives Matter*, stated that BLM's focus should be on power and doing whatever is necessary to win, with no moral restraints. Here are her words: "the struggle right now is not a moral one, it is a struggle over power".<sup>73</sup>

BLM leader Ariel Atkins declared that principles (*i.e.*, morals) should not restrain people from doing whatever is expedient. Here are her words:

I think (the looting) is fine. People protest however they need to. People do whatever they need. ...

There's no such thing as a bad protester.<sup>74</sup>

---

<sup>71</sup> BLMChicago @BLMChi, date June 16, 2020, found here: <https://twitter.com/BLMChi/status/1272926656844435456>

<sup>72</sup> Note: the capitalization of the "A" at the beginning of this quote has been added. Quoted from <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> accessed on June 4, 2020.

Beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. They began quoting it to warn the public about the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations. Sometime, in approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. Here is an archive copy of BLM's Marxist *credo* we quote here. <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>73</sup> <https://mainebeacon.com/black-lives-matter-co-founder-maine-can-be-a-leader-in-dismantling-white-nationalism/>

<sup>74</sup> The words in parentheses are in the original. Quoted in the Chicago Tribune and available at this link: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-chicago-downtown-looting-black-lives-matter-protest-20200811-lvejnsexhbgjtfixcgioih7dn4-story.html>

BLM's Atkins called the looting "reparations".<sup>75</sup> According to one news report, this looting was planned ahead of time and involved U-hauls rented to carry away the stolen goods.<sup>76</sup>

Marxists hate the Church's moral law, which is based on the Natural Law, and both are objective societal principles which are true for all times, places, and peoples. By contrast, Marxists teach that morality is relative, as Marx declared that Communists "abolish" all morals.

### **7. Like Satan and Marx, BLM impliedly rejects any obligation to tell the truth.**

Alicia Garza, a co-founder of *Black Lives Matter*, stated that BLM's focus should be on gaining power and doing whatever is necessary to win, with no moral restraints. Here are her words: "the struggle right now is not a moral one, it is a struggle over power".<sup>77</sup> This impliedly shows that the BLM Marxists agree with Karl Marx that seeking power and revolution, they reject any moral obligation to tell the truth.<sup>78</sup>

### **8. Like Satan and Marx, BLM opposes the Natural Law.**

Like Satan and Marx, BLM fights the Natural Law. For example:

- **BLM is anti-private property.** For example, BLM leader Ariel Atkins declared: "I think (the looting) is fine. People protest however they need to."<sup>79</sup>
- **BLM is pro-abortion.** Here is one way BLM stated its position: "We deserve and thus we demand reproductive justice that gives us autonomy over our bodies".<sup>80</sup> This is typical leftist jargon for demanding abortion.

---

<sup>75</sup> <https://nypost.com/2020/08/11/black-lives-matter-organizer-calls-chicago-looting-reparation/>

<sup>76</sup> <https://news.yahoo.com/planned-attack-chicago-mayor-ori-165629555.html>

<sup>77</sup> <https://mainebeacon.com/black-lives-matter-co-founder-maine-can-be-a-leader-in-dismantling-white-nationalism/>

<sup>78</sup> *Communist Manifesto*, Chapter II (emphasis added).

<sup>79</sup> <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-chicago-downtown-looting-black-lives-matter-protest-20200811-lvejnsexhbgjtfixcgioih7dn4-story.html>

<sup>80</sup> <https://blacklivesmatter.com/responsestate-of-the-union/>

- **BLM promotes unnatural impurity and views natural purity as the enemy.** Here is one way BLM stated its position:

We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).<sup>81</sup>

- **BLM promotes the “transgender” delusion.** Here is one way BLM stated its position:

We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead.

We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender [meaning a person acknowledges his real gender] privilege and uplift Black trans folk [meaning a person claiming to be the other gender], especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence.<sup>82</sup>

Here, BLM shows that it seeks to fulfill Communist Goals #25 & #-26 (of 45 total goals) as read into the U.S. Congressional Record in 1963:

**25.** Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.

---

<sup>81</sup> Quoted from <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> accessed on June 4, 2020.

Beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. They began quoting it to warn the public about the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations. Sometime, in approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. Here is an archive copy of BLM's Marxist *credo* we quote, here: <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>82</sup> Quoted from <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> accessed on June 4, 2020.

Beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. They began quoting it to warn the public about the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations. Sometime, in approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. Here is an archive copy of BLM's Marxist *credo* we quote here. <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>



26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as normal, natural, and healthy.<sup>83</sup>

➤ **BLM is anti-family.** Here is one way BLM stated its position:

We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.<sup>84</sup>

Here, BLM shows that it seeks to fulfill Communist Goals #40 & #41 (of 45 total goals) as read into the U.S. Congressional Record in 1963:

40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.<sup>85</sup>

Marxists hate the Natural Law and Catholic concept of the family as society’s basic unit, founded on the sacrament of marriage (as the Church teaches) and transmitting morality, religion, tradition and property from one generation to the next. Marxists see the family as an oppressive institution that must be destroyed.

Marxists hate the institution of marriage defined as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others, open to children, and responsible for their education. Marxists hate marriage because it reinforces morality. Marxists favor “free love” and impurity.

---

<sup>83</sup> Quoted from the Congressional Record – Appendix, pp. A34-A35, *Current Communist Goals*, Extension of Remarks of Hon. A. S. Herlong, Jr. of Florida in the House of Representatives, Thursday, January 10, 1963.

<sup>84</sup> Quoted from <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/> accessed on June 4, 2020.

Beginning in about June 2020, conservatives noticed the BLM *credo* and its overt Marxism. They began quoting it to warn the public about the encroaching Marxism throughout western nations. Sometime, in approximately September 2020, BLM removed this *credo* and substituted a more generic one in its place. Here is an archive copy of BLM’s Marxist *credo* we quote here. <https://web.archive.org/web/20200917194804/https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>

<sup>85</sup> Quoted from the Congressional Record – Appendix, pp. A34-A35, *Current Communist Goals*, Extension of Remarks of Hon. A. S. Herlong, Jr. of Florida in the House of Representatives, Thursday, January 10, 1963.

## Conclusion

Like all Marxist groups, the BLM movement goes against all reason, morality, decency, and most importantly, the Catholic Faith.

We must defend the truth. Now, more than ever, it is obvious that God is testing our fidelity to truth and our precious Faith. We have to remind ourselves that God **is** in charge and is allowing these current events to happen for His greater honor and glory. He wants these events to be meritorious for us and the means for our sanctification.

## *Catholic Candle Corrigenda*

We are sorry that we made some mistakes in the 2021 *Catholic Candle* calendar. A corrected version of this calendar is at this link:

<https://catholiccandle.org/2021/03/05/2021-calendar/>

Alternatively, you could correct the original version by making these changes:

- On April 25, the feast of St. Mark takes precedence over the 3rd Sunday after Easter;
- The ember days don't fall on May 19, 21, and 22. Instead they fall during Pentecost Week, that is, May 26, 28, and 29;
- The Epiphany of Our Lord doesn't fall on April 9<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>;
- The feast of St. Stephen, the martyr, on Dec. 26, takes precedence over the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas;
- December 30 is not St. Martina's feast day. Instead, it is "Within the Octave of the Nativity"; and
- The feast of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, falls on April 28, not on April 29.

Instructions to make this calendar into a hanging calendar are available on our old website, here: <https://catholiccandle.neocities.org/#gsc.tab=0>

*Catholic Candle's* purpose is to promote and defend the Traditional Catholic Faith. Many of our Readers assist us in this task by spreading the word about *Catholic Candle* and by sharing email copies (or paper copies) of our monthly magazine. To those readers: thank you for your help promoting Traditional Catholic Faith and Practice! We encourage the rest of our readers to share *Catholic Candle* with whoever would be

interested. Anyone can subscribe to our free monthly magazine by emailing us this request or by subscribing on our website.