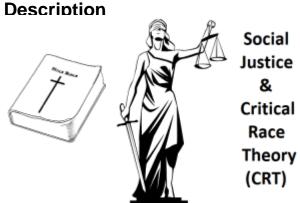


What are Social Justice and Critical Race Theory (CRT), and are they Biblical?



Social Justice and Critical Race Theory (CRT) are widely

discussed lately, and thus it's important for Christians to know if they are biblical.

Important: This article is in skeleton form, being basically a slightly flesh-out version of my notes. it's very long on quotes/data and very short on my analysis... yet it's near 7k words long. I did it this way because my usual style of teaching would be too long because there's so much to cover, and thus not many people would read it. Further, I've had no time lately and I needed to get this out because of the following:

I recently discovered that the roots of Social Justice and CRT are demonic in nature, having come from someone who idolized both Satan and one of Satan's primary strategies for destroying people/things.

The proof is below, and it's important.

But first, we'll look at what Biblical Justice, then we'll look at what Social Justice is, then what Critical Race Theory is and where it comes from. Finally, we'll do a little analysis of what we've learned.

A spoiler on the relationship between Social Justice and CRT before we begin:

- Social Justice says "This is how the word should be".
- Critical Race Theory says: "This is why the world doesn't conform to the principles of Social Justice, and here's how to achieve Social Justice.

"

What is Biblical Justice?

We'll look at the word definitions first.

Word definitions

The Hebrew word translated "justice" is "??????" (mishpat). The <u>Gesenius's Hebrew and Chaldee</u> Lexicon defines mishpat perfectly.

- (1) judgment
 - (a) used of the act of judging,
 - o (b) of the place of judgment
 - o (c) a forensic cause, Numb. 27:5. ?????? ??????? to set forth a cause,
 - o (d) sentence of a judge, judgments of the Lord,
- (2) right, that which is just, lawful, according to law.
 - o (a) a law, a statute (as a rule of judging),
 - o (b) used of that which is lawfully due to any one
 - o (c) a manner, custom.
 - o (d) fashion, kind, plan.

The Greek word translated "justice" (noun) is "????????" (dikaiosuné), and it means: (Thayer's Greek Lexicon)

- 1. in the broad sense, the state of him who is such as he ought to be, righteousness
- 2. in a closer sense, justice, or the virtue which gives each one his due

The Greek word translated "just" (adjective) is "??????" (dikaios), and it's the adjective form of dikaiosuné above.

- 1. in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God
- 2. In a narrower sense, rendering to each his due; and that in a judicial sense

All three Biblical words for justice relating to "giving each one his due". That is biblical justice, and it begs the obvious question:

What is someone due?

Here are some examples that are relevant to our discussion.

- Restorative justice Focuses on restoring what someone has been deprived of, if possible.
 - See Leviticus 6:1-5 = restore in full +20% for stealing/defrauding.
- Retributive justice Focuses on punishment for those who do wrong. (proverbs 11:21)
 - We don't take retribution, (Romans 12:17-20) because that's the government's job: (Romans 13:1-4)
 - Who is punished? = only the person who commits the crime/sin; see Ezekiel chapter 18, especially verses 19-20 and verse 25.
 - o Jesus/NT: "Repay each according to his deeds". Also 2 Cor 5:10 (good or bad)
- Contractual justice Focuses on abiding by our agreements Numbers 30:2
 - o Matthew 20:1-15, the parable of the worker's pay.
 - The pay = not "fair", however, Jesus says "I've done you no wrong."
 - Therefore, unfair doesn't mean wrong (and BTW, fair doesn't necessarily mean "right")
 - Fairness vs justice
 - God can't be unjust (Romans 9:14), but He is unfair:
 - It's not fair that Jesus suffered and died on the cross to deal with our sins.
 - It's not fair that we benefit from God's goodness
 - It's not fair that He promised to never leave us or forsake us when we constantly leave and forsake Him.
 - It's not fair that He gave spiritual gifts to us.
 - It's not fair that He leads and guides us even though we never listen as we should.
 - It's not fair that... well, you get the point.
 - Thus: Unfair does not mean unjust (unfairness is a good thing for us)
 - A desire for fairness can lead to sin
 - Matthew 20:13-14 Workers point out the unfairness, Jesus reminds them of the contract, which he fulfilled. Therefore, he hadn't done wrong because he fulfilled his contract. (*They could make a better/different deal if they didn't like it.*)
 - In Matthew 20:15, Jesus says their desire for fairness made their "eye evil" (
 literal translation) The Greek word for evil there means "evil" = "???????" (
 ponéros)
 - Justice is concerned with each one getting his due.
 - Fairness is concerned with everyone getting things equally.
 - They are <u>not</u> the same thing.
- Property Justice Focuses on the use of all types of private property
 - o Matthew 20:15 Each man may do what he likes with what belongs to him, provided he

doesn't violate another man's property rights or hurt someone.

That's Biblical Justice; each man getting his due, whether good or bad. **The Bible also says** something about how justice should be administered: impartially:

Leviticus 19:15

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall <u>not be partial</u> to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

(Remember, Justice = each man getting his due)

Deuteronomy 1:17a

'You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great <u>alike</u>. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God's.

Exodus 23:2-3

2 "You shall not follow the masses in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after a multitude in order to pervert *justice*:

3 nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his dispute.

God is impartial, judging each man according to his deeds; we should be the same.

What is Social Justice?

Here's the best definition I could find from dictionary.com:

<u>fair</u> treatment of all people in a society, including respect for the rights of minorities and <u>equitable</u> distribution of resources among members of a community.

Dictionary.com definition of Social Justice.

Social Justice has five pillars on which it stands.

There are five main principles of social justice that are paramount to understanding the concept better. Namely, these are: access to resources, equity, participation, diversity, and human rights.

Source. (corporate training on Social Justice)

All five pillars hinge on the second, equity. Here's the definition of "equity" according to Social Justice from Kent State University:

Equity

It's easy to confuse the terms 'equity' and 'equality,' but those things which are equitable are not always equal. The effort and resources required for two different people to achieve a common goal can vary widely. For example, in order to complete a college degree, some students may need more support and educational resources than their peers do. To achieve social justice and ensure equal opportunities for success, it is important to provide equitable resources that focus on the specific needs of communities and the individuals within them.

Advocating for justice could mean....Implementing policies for inclusive education and adding more educators for students, based on their needs, would be important first steps.

Source. (Kent edu)

From a corporate training program on Social Justice:

Equity refers to how individuals are given tools specific to their needs and socioeconomic status in order to move towards similar outcomes. It **contrasts** with equality, where everyone is offered the same tools to move towards the same outcome.

Source.

Therefore:

- Equal access to resources would be everyone getting the same thing; no one gets more or less
- **Equitable** access to resources would be everyone getting what each person needs to hit a certain target, whether financial, educational, etc.

For example:

- One student needs two hours of tutoring to get an A in a class
- · Another student needs four hours of tutoring to get an A in a class
- **Equality** is each student getting X number of hours; everyone gets the same amount and their grade is up to them.

• Equity is each student getting as many hours of tutoring as he needs to get an A.

Important: Social Justice focuses on: "equitable distribution of <u>resources</u> among members of a community." Equitable distribution, not equal distribution. The difference is very important.

Here are the five pillars again:

- 1. **Access to resources** this means equitable access to <u>all</u> resources; especially social, political, and cultural power (*more on that later*)
- 2. **Equity** 'nough said
- 3. **Participation** Quote from the corporate training link above: "Social **injustice** occurs when a small group of individuals makes decisions for a large group,"
- 4. Diversity (some don't include this one because it's really just a subset of #3,)
- 5. **Human Rights** means all people everywhere must have equitable access to rights, and that's equitable access; not equal access.

In Social Justice; Equity, Fairness, and Justice are the same thing:

Remember how they define equity, because it explains everything: (from the same corporate training)

Equity refers to how individuals are given tools specific to their needs and socioeconomic status in order to move towards <u>similar</u> outcomes. It contrasts with equality, where everyone is offered the same tools to move towards the <u>same outcome</u>.

Source.

According to Social justice, similar outcomes are equitable, which means fair and just. Even the definition makes justice, equity, and fairness the same thing:

[Social justice is] fair treatment of all people in a society, including respect for the rights of minorities and equitable distribution of resources among members of a community.

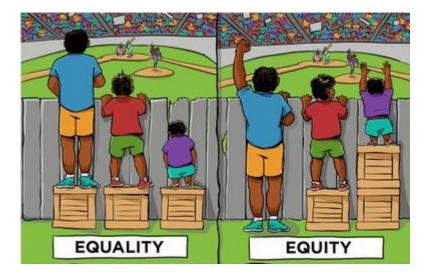
Dictionary.com definition of Social Justice

Here's another quote in the same vein:

Justice is the concept of fairness. <u>Social justice</u> is <u>fairness</u> as it manifests in society. That includes fairness in healthcare, employment, housing, and more......Now, social justice applies to all aspects of society, including race and gender, and it is closely tied to human rights.

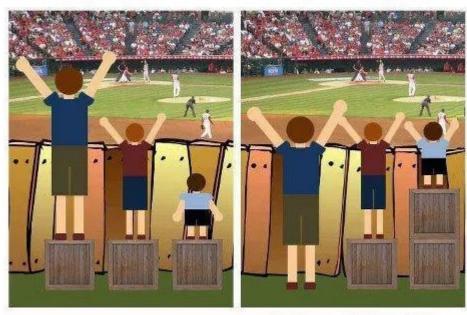
Source. (human rights website)

This is best shown at the grassroots level by a meme that's popular among Social Justice proponents. Notice that the meme's caption changes fluidly between equity, justice, and fair/fairness on the right hand side.



One of the earliest versions to go viral was the following one; again notice the right hand caption:

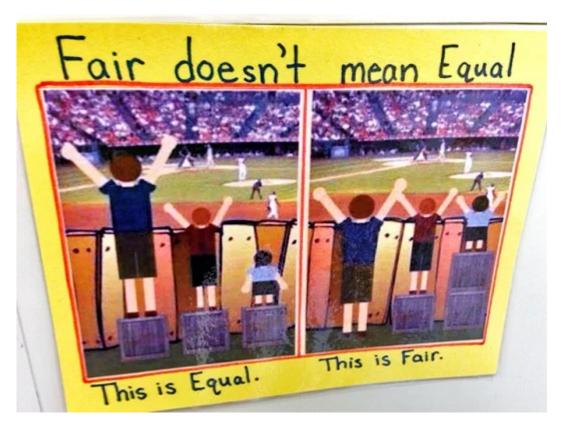
Equality is not always Justice



This is EQUALITY

This is JUSTICE

Another version of it appear on a poster, and a picture of said poster was sent to the original author. Notice that the right hand caption changes from picture to picture, which indicates that equity = justice = fairness in the mind of Social Justice proponents:



One use of the meme was in a presentation and flat out states that equity = fairness:



There are several variations of the meme all built around the same basic idea. One uses people reaching up to grab apples on trees. About that version, the meme's original author said this:

This version with apple trees.....appeared in a 2014 Saskatoon Health Region report to illustrate how equity/fairness can be useful in ensuring health and wellness for everyone.

This leads to the most important point:

The fundamental premise of Social Justice

Consider:

- If fairness = justice
- Then unfairness = injustice

And:

- If equity = justice
- Then inequity = injustice

This gives use the fundamental premise behind Social Justice; the core idea from which all its other ideas are built.

The premise of Social Justice is this:

"Unfairness is Injustice"

(You could also say "inequity is injustice")

This applies in many areas, Social Justice frames things like this:

- "income inequality" = some people have more money than others, which "is unfair", thus inequitable, thus unjust according to Social Justice. Consider the picture above and relate it to money: SJ says fairness / equity / justice is taking something from the rich (tall) man and giving it to the poor (short) man. (doesn't matter how they got the money either)
 - Between groups too; black especially. (The disparity is actually caused by the pursuit of "equity"; more on that later.)
 - Ignores self selection (Doctor example: women tend to go into nursing, pediatrics or family medicine, while men tend to take higher risk, higher paying career paths like brain/heart surgeons. The gender pay gap disappears if you account for men and women selfselecting for different career paths.)
- **Politicians and college grads** blacks make up ~13% of the US population, so SJ says that it's unfair (*and thus unjust*) if they don't make up ~13% of politicians and college grads.
- "Gay marriage" Social Justice says it's unfair that heterosexual couples can marry, but homosexual couples can't. Thus, unfair = inequitable = unjust. (and BTW, there's an article here on Berean Patriot on the topic of homosexuality.)
- **Transgenderism** Social Justice says it's unfair that some people aren't the gender they want to be, so they have to be able to change.
- **Abortion** Social Justice says it's unfair that men don't have to give birth but women do, so women should be able to kill their babies to correct the perceived imbalance.
- Social Standards Social Justice says it's that unfair / inequitable / unjust that straight, white, capitalist, patriarchal, Christian men used the social standards of the Bible when they started the country, so <u>all</u> those standards must go. Remember #3 above, participation: "Social injustice occurs when a small group of individuals makes decisions for a large group,". Thus Social Justice says the standards are unfair/unjust and so they must go That includes social standards like:
 - <u>Sexual Standards</u>: As we've already covered on this website, <u>the Bible clearly says that</u>
 sex outside of marriage is wrong, and since Social Justice says a small group can't enforce

- values on a larger group, those values must go. This is why they are a fan of any (consensual) sex; because it violates those values.
- <u>Art</u> = unfair that the founders had standards for art/beauty, which means some works of art are better than others = unfair again. It's also unfair that some artists are better than others; unfair = unjust = must destroy the standard to make everyone equal. (example of ugly art; a banana duct taped to a wall sold for over 100k)
- Drag queens / cross-dressers = can't wear the other gender's clothing = unfair standard = it must go
- And so on.
- Important: since God is just one "person", Him setting standards <u>at all</u> is inherently unfair, and therefore unjust in the eyes of Social Justice.

Further, notice the "group focus" as opposed to an individual focus:

Social justice is a political and philosophical theory which asserts that there are dimensions to the concept of justice beyond those embodied in the principles of civil or criminal law, economic supply and demand, or traditional moral frameworks. Social justice tends to focus more on just relations between **groups** within society as opposed to the justice of **individual conduct** or justice for **individuals**.

. . .

In modern practice, social justice revolves around favoring or punishing different **groups** of the population, **regardless of any given individual's choices or actions**, based on value judgements regarding historical events, current conditions, and group relations. In economic terms, this often means redistribution of wealth, income, and economic opportunities from groups whom social justice advocates consider to be **oppressors** to those whom they consider to be the **oppressed**. Social justice is often associated with identity politics, **socialism**, and **revolutionary communism**.

Investopedia definition of Social Justice.

The motto of Socialism/Communism/Marxism is:

From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs

That's equity in "Social Justice" to a "T". It's also collectivism, where group identity trumps individual identity.

How to achieve Social Justice:

From a United Nations paper entitled: "Social Justice in an Open World", which dovetails with what

other Social Justice advocates say. Notice that the quotes specify that <u>freedom isn't wanted or</u> desirable.

The opening up of the world economy has given more opportunities to countries in a position to seize them.....Many might wish to tame and regulate the forces making use of this openness, in part because freedom of movement for capital and other assets leads to a concentration of power and is one of the reasons for the widening of inequalities in income distribution

. . .

<u>State intervention</u> and extensive redistribution policies led to improvements in the distribution of income and access to public services.

. . .

Social justice is not possible without strong and coherent redistributive policies conceived and implemented by <u>public agencies</u>.

"Public agencies" = government.

Essentially, freedom must be limited because it leads to unfairness/inequity/injustice, and instead the government must take the various "resources" and redistribute them so everyone ends up equal, which is essentially Communism/Marxism/Socialism. Again, remember the meme(s) we looked at.

That's Social Justice.

What is Critical Race Theory?

This next sentence is critically important and a spoiler which I'll prove in a minute:

Spoiler:

Critical Race Theory (CRT) is what happens when you apply the principles of "Critical Theory" to race.

Thus, Critical Theory + Race = Critical Race Theory.

Here's the Encyclopedia Britannica definition of Critical Theory.

Critical theory, Marxist-inspired movement in social and political philosophy originally associated with the work of the **Frankfurt School**. Drawing particularly on the thought of **Karl Marx** and Sigmund Freud, critical theorists maintain that a primary goal of philosophy is to understand and to help overcome the social structures through which people are **dominated** and **oppressed**

.

Below, I have an excerpt from a <u>peer-reviewed article</u> on the history of the Frankfurt School and development of Critical Theory. I want to emphasize that the article – and thus the excerpt below – are <u>peer-reviewed</u>. (And the article's authors appear to be in favor of critical theory BTW.)

Marcuse, for instance, in the essay [Traditional and Critical Theory] (1937), defends the view that Critical Theory characterizes itself as being neither philosophy tout court nor pure science, as it claims to be instead an overly simplistic approach to Marxism.

Remember this, because it's important: "Critical Theory characterizes itself as.....an overly simplistic approach to Marxism."

From another article:

<u>Critical race theory is an offshoot of critical theory</u>, the brainchild of the <u>Frankfurt School</u>, a group of 20th-century Marxists associated with the Institute for Social Research. (Fun fact: the founder of the Institute for Social Research wanted it to be named the Institut fur Marxismus, which translates to the "<u>Institute for Marxism</u>." That name was scrapped for fear it would alienate the public.)

. . .

In 1937, <u>Max Horkheimer</u> of the <u>Frankfurt School</u> wrote a manifesto about "critical theory," in which he claimed that when examining society, people cannot reason objectively. In classic <u>Marxist</u> fashion, critical theory divides everyone in society into classes of oppressed and oppressors, but posits that the so-called oppressed stand in the way of revolution when they adhere to the societal belief systems and cultural norms of their so-called oppressors. Therefore, the cultural institutions that stand in the way of the Marxist revolution must be destroyed through relentless <u>criticism</u> (hence the name: critical theory).

Source.

The last sentence is so important I'm going to repeat it:

the cultural institutions that stand in the way of the Marxist revolution must be destroyed through relentless criticism (hence the name: critical theory)

Remember this, because it's very important. CRT is named because its core strategy to achieve its

end is criticism. That will be important soon. Continuing from the same article:

Since a worker-led revolution wasn't happening, they needed another "oppressed" class to serve their purpose. That purpose was to tear down Western institutions that stood in the way of revolt, and stage a **Marxist** revolution.

. . .

When <u>Horkheimer</u> and his fellow Marxists fled Germany to escape the Nazis, they found refuge at Columbia University. Horkheimer returned to Germany after the world defeated the Nazis, but left behind his associate, Herbert Marcuse. It was Marcuse who helped morph critical theory into critical race theory in the United States, by identifying a new "worker" for the revolution who could be re-educated to overthrow societal norms: racial minorities.

...In other words, the designers and adherents of critical theory admitted their true intent. Not equality under the law. Not civil rights. Not freedom, liberty and justice for all. **Not a better life for racial minorities**. Critical theorists admit their intent is to use racial minorities as the vanguard for a Marxist revolution.

Thus, critical race theory was born.

Source.

Note: the creators of Critical Race Theory considered racial minorities as <u>pawns</u>... and nothing else. They were merely a means to an end; they didn't care about helping them.

Essentially, CRT takes the Marxist idea that the rich (*privileged in CRT*) oppress everyone else. To tear down these supposed "system of oppression" the systems must be relentlessly and repeatedly criticized.

But there's more.

We've already talked about the other remedy in CRT, and even illustrated using the meme(s). Remember, the fair/just/equitable thing is to use the government to (*forcibly*) take "boxes" from one person and give them to another so things reach the state of "equity". CRT takes this even farther in their search for "equity" though.

The only remedy to racist discrimination is antiracist discrimination. The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination.

Source: "How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi,

This is why CRT advocates for passing laws which actively discriminate against the "oppressor" group: whites, and especially white males. This obviously violates the Bible's command to judge "the great and the small alike", which we've already seen.

That's CRT pursuing "Social justice".

The best explanation I've heard for Critical Race theory as it exists today was an interview that Mike Winger did with Neil Shenvi. The breakdown of modern Critical theory starts at timestamp 50:33. He lists the four main pillars of CRT starting at 59:05. You can watch that video here.

(BTW, Neil Shenvi is non-white, which is ideal for those who want to share the video with people who believe in CRT, because many CRT advocates won't listen to a word that a white person says; see #4 below.)

Those four pillars that he lists in the video are:

- 1. Racism is permanent, pervasive, and normal; racism oppression has not disappeared, it just evolved
- 2. Racism, sexist, classism, hetero-sexism, are all inextricably linked forms of oppression that must be fought simultaneously
- 3. Claims of "objectivity" and "neutrality" and "universality", and "meritocracy" and color-blindness... ...are mechanisms to disguise racism and oppression
- 4. The experiential knowledge the "lived experience" of people of color is critical to understanding racism

If anyone is arguing for any of these four tenants, they are espousing Critical Race Theory.

Again, Critical Race Theory comes from Critical Theory, which came out of the Frankfurt School, which was originally going to be named the "institute for Marxism". Obviously – and as we've already seen – that leads back to Karl Marx, meaning that CRT ultimately comes from Karl Marx.

Because of that, we'll take a closer look at Marx, and especially how he views Satan. Yes, I mean the devil; the accuser of the brothers, the Morning Star, Lucifer, the serpent who tempted Eve, etc.

Marx and Satan

From the book: "Marx and Satan" by Richard Wurmbrand, pages 49-50.

Volume 2 of The Works of Marx and Engels opens with Jesus' words to His disciples (John 6:63), as quoted by Marx in his book The Holy Family: "It is the spirit which gives life." Then we read:

<u>Criticism</u> [his criticism of all that exists] so loved the masses that it sent its only begotten son [i.e., Marx], that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have <u>a life of criticism</u>. <u>Criticism</u> became masses and lived among us, and we saw <u>its glory as the glory of the only-begotten Son of the Father. <u>Criticism</u> did not</u>

consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made itself of no reputation, taking the form of a bookbinder, and humbled itself up to nonsense – yes, critical nonsense in foreign languages."

Those knowledgeable in Scripture will recognize this as a parody of Biblical verses (John 3:16; 1:14; Philippians 2:6-8).

"Marx and Satan" by Richard Wurmbrand, pages 49-50

Notice how Marx had a heavy focus on criticism.

Again, Critical Race Theory also focuses on criticism; that how it aims to tear down all modern "racist" institutions and achieve the ideals of Social Justice/fairness. (and remember that in Matthew 20:1-15, a desire for fairness led into sin.)

Further, Marx idolized and imitated Satan, being of a similar mind to him.

Below are some excerpts from some of Marx's various poetic works. I strung them together this way because I think they are representative of his philosophy, but they do come from a few different works (*Mostly from "invocation of one in despair", Marx's play "Oulanem", and "Human pride*"). This is just an overview, there will be even more solid proof afterward.

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 wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above

. . .

"Yet I have power within my youthful arms
To clench and crush you (i.e., personified humanity)
with tempestuous force,
While for us both, the abyss yawns in darkness.
You will sink down and I shall follow laughing,
Whispering in your ears 'Descend,
come with me, friend'".

. . .

"With disdain I will throw my gauntlet full in the face of the world, and see the collapse of this pygmy giant whose fall will not stifle my ardour. Then will I wander godlike and victorious through the ruins of the world And, giving my words an active force, I will feel equal to the Creator.

. . .

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

. . .

Thus Heaven I've forfeited, I know it full well, My soul, once true to God, Is chosen for hell.

In the same vein:

Karl Marx's good friend, Frederick Engels wrote: "Karl Marx is a monster possessed by ten thousand devils."

In the Communist Manifesto, Karl Marx wrote, "Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion and all morality."

Marx quoted positively from Paris Communard, Flourens, who declared: "Our enemy is God. Hatred of God is the beginning of wisdom."

One of his daughters, Eleanor, married Edward Aveling, a Satanist known for his blasphemous lectures on *"The wickedness of God"*, and for his poem to satan.

Source.

Some quotes from an <u>Epoch Times article</u> on Marxism. The whole thing is worth reading, but here are some highlights:

In his early poem "Invocation of One in Despair," Marx wrote about his will to create a new system. He states: "So a god has snatched from me my all ... /Nothing but revenge is left to me!"

In his 1839 play "Oulanem," believed to be named for a backward pronunciation of "Emmanuel," an alternative biblical name for God, Marx begins with, "...Soon I shall embrace eternity to my breast, and soon I shall howl gigantic curses at mankind. ... If there is a Something which devours, I'll leap within it, though I bring the world to ruins—the world which bulks between me and the abyss, I will smash to pieces with my enduring curses."

In the book "The Making of Modern Economics," Mark Skousen writes that a pact with the devil is a central theme in "Oulanem,"

In his 1841 poem "The Player" (also translated as "The Fiddler"), Marx writes, "Look now, my blood-dark sword shall stab/Unerringly within thy soul./God neither knows nor honors art./The hellish vapors rise and fill the brain/Till I go mad and my heart is utterly changed." He continues, "See this sword—the Prince of Darkness sold it to me," and, "Ever more boldly I play the dance of death."

An analysis of the above poem from biographer Robert Payne.....states, "Marx is here celebrating a satanic mystery, for the player is clearly Lucifer or Mephistopheles [a Faustian devil], and what he is playing with such frenzy is the music which accompanies the end of the world."He continues, "Marx clearly enjoyed the horrors he depicted, and we shall find him enjoying in very much the same way the destruction of whole classes in the 'Communist Manifesto.' He was a man with a peculiar faculty for relishing disaster."

"There can be very little doubt that those interminable stories were autobiographical," wrote Payne. "[Marx] had the Devil's view of the world, and the Devil's malignity. Sometimes he seemed to know that he was accomplishing works of evil."

Just like his character Oulanem, Marx shows in his writings a desire to not only destroy himself, but to destroy humankind along with him.

One of Marx's partners....wrote, "The Evil One is the satanic revolt against divine authority, revolt in which we see the fecund germ of all human emancipations, the revolution. Socialists recognize each other by the words 'In the name of the one to whom a great wrong has been done,"

In case it's unclear, the "one to whom a great wrong has been done", is Satan in their opinion.

They believed that a Marxist revolution would bring equality/equity with their so-called oppressors. **It's the same lie as in the Garden of Eden**, which goes like this: "Rebel and you'll be equal to the one who's keeping you down". ("Like God knowing good an evil" vs. "like the oppressors, having much stuff") It's the same lie! (there's nothing new under the sun)

Like the original lie in the Garden of Eden, the true goal wasn't equality, but destruction.

From that same article:

"In this revolution we will have to awaken the Devil in the people, to stir up the basest passions.....Our mission is to destroy, not to edify."

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Michael Walsh, author of "The Devil's Pleasure Palace," noted in a phone interview that Marx's writings mirror the story of Lucifer in John Milton's "Paradise Lost," in which, realizing he can't defeat God, he comes up with an alternative plan for vengeance by destroying the creations of God.

The exact number depends on who you read, but <u>Communism/Socialism/Marxism killed 100+ million</u> people in the 20th century

. I've occasionally heard lower, but some estimates go up to 250+ million people. Sure sounds like Marx partially achieved his goal of destruction.

Also remember that: Marxism > Critical Theory > Critical Race Theory.

Marxism and thus CRT is Satanic/demonic in ideology, and possibly in origin.

Consider the quotes from Marx himself: "See this sword—the Prince of Darkness sold it to me," and "
The hellish vapors rise and fill the brain/Till I go mad and my heart is utterly changed", and his friend's quote "Karl Marx is a monster possessed by ten thousand devils."

Marx's perverse genius was "relentless criticism" – remember his Biblical parody about criticism which made criticism itself equal to God Himself. Marx loved and advocated for the unending slanderous accusations of all social structures. The Devil himself is called "The Accuser" and the Greek word "??????" ("diabolos") typically translated "devil" literally means "slanderer". Satan is the accusing slanderer of economic theories;

it's literally named for that!

Truth = verboten in CRT

Further, Jesus is "the way the truth and the life", and Marxism – and thus Social Justice / CRT – rejects the very notion of truth; they don't believe in objective truth.

From that same peer-reviewed article from earlier:

If one were to defend the view according to which scientific truths should pass the test of empirical confirmation, then one would commit oneself to the idea of an objective world. Knowledge would be simply a mirror of reality. This view is firmly rejected by critical theorists.

...the condition of truth and falsehood presupposes an objective structure of the world.

Horkheimer and his followers rejected the notion of *objectivity* in knowledge... ... Critical Theory aims thus to abandon naïve conceptions of knowledge-impartiality.

Further, from that UN paper on Social Justice linked to above:

Present-day believers in an absolute truth identified with virtue and justice are neither willing nor desirable companions for the defenders of social justice.

If you believe that truth exists, you aren't welcomed by "the defenders of Social Justice", which includes CRT.

Remember that: Marxism > Critical Theory > Critical Race Theory.

Intersectionality = division

Remember that Marxism divides the world into oppressor and oppressed groups. Originally rich and poor, CRT applies that to everything:, including but not limited to:

- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Wealth
- Social Class
- "Gender expression/identity" (trans)
- Sexual orientation
- "ability" (able-bodied or not)
- etc.

You can't ally with someone who isn't the same as you in all those dimensions, because either you are oppressing them or they are oppressing you. You can't unify with your oppressors, this it creates division based on many immutable traits. Since you can't change most of those, there's no repentance, no redemption, and no possibility of unification.

(The Interview with Mike Winger I linked to above does an especially good job of pointing this out, and I recommend you start from the earlier of the two times stamps I mentioned above.)

"Social Justice" always makes things worse

"If it says 'from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs,' suddenly nobody has any abilities and everybody has lots of needs. That's the flaw in the argument." – Michael Walsh

Thus it is with everything. Remember:

Whatever you incentivize, you get more of. Whatever you penalize, you get less of.

Marxist/"equitable" redistribution incentivizes the wrong things. Consider:

- **Money** (pay people not to work = they won't work = get poorer, and then they tax the working to give to those who don't = everyone in poverty)
- **Black poverty** is in large part because of government policies aimed at equity (<u>black fathers</u> matter)
- Affirmative Action actually hurts those it purports to help. (Affirmative Action Hurts Minorities)

And many more areas...

Also, CRT is literally Nazism repackaged

Nazi is sort for "National Socialist" (*in German*) and Socialism comes from Marx and share teh core tenents fo Marxism, just as CRT does. In fact, you could accurately say – based on their treatment of the Jews – that the world's first true Critical Race Theorists were the Nazi party. The Nazis said the Jew were privileged and oppressing regular Germans, which eventually led to the Holocaust. Modern American CRT makes white people the "scapegoat" instead of the Jews, but otherwise has the exact same same aims and is using the same methods to demonize white people. (and BTW; I obviously don't subscribe to the ba'hai teachings that the article talks about; the article merely had the clearest explanation I could find of how the Nazi party progressively demonized the Jews)

My Analysis: CRT takes someone's goodness and turns it against them

Essentially, CRT is designed to take a good person and turn their own goodness against them to warp them into a bad, hateful person, thus destroying their goodness. (*Isn't that what Satan is after; the corruption of man?*)

Remember that quote from earlier:

In this revolution we will have to awaken the Devil in the people, to stir up the basest passions.....Our mission is to destroy, not to edify."

The below is written from the perspective of the so-called "oppressed". If you replace the first person (<code>l/me</code>) with third person (<code>they/them</code>) and you'll get it from the perspective of the CRT supporters who belong to an "oppressor" class.

- 1. Step #1: Victimhood "Where I am isn't my fault because the oppressors put me here." Hence they cast blame and don't try to improve their lot because they think they can't improve their lot because they're oppressed. This is poison because the victim mindset traps people in their situation because "I can't fix it, so why try?"
- 2. **Step #2: Entitlement** "Because they oppress me, they owe me compensation." That is, restorative justice for the imagined wrongs of their situation. This is why they feel entitled to things, like special laws giving them advantages and the "oppressors" disadvantages.
- 3. **Step #3: Retribution** "Because they oppress me and won't compensate me or fix it, I must fight against their 'systems of oppression'... which means them." They believe they have the moral high ground, just as any resistance fighter would have against any tyrant. But since you can't fight a system only people they turn against the people and fight them instead (attacks on conservative "oppressors" are ignored or lauded) That leads to things like the infamous "Dear God, Help Me to Hate White People" prayer. (seriously, Google it; it's like the propaganda that Nazis wrote about Jews.)

Why Marxism, Social Justice, and CRT aren't biblical

Ultimately, they are built on three premises:

- Premise #1: Groups can be treated like individuals
- **Premise #2:** A difference in outcome between groups must be because of injustice (*oppression*)
- **Premise #3:** to rectify the perceived injustice/oppression, society should be re-balanced by a powerful central government so the <u>groups</u> have the same outcome, thus rectifying the perceived injustice.

The parable of Matthew 20 makes it clear, that Social Justice and CRT aren't biblical. Social Justice and CRT violate several fundamental premises of Biblical Justice:

- 1. Labeling of God as an unjust oppressor perhaps the <u>ultimate</u> oppressor because He sets standards
- 2. Denial of objective truth
- 3. Marxism/SJ/CRT are built on the premise that "unfairness is injustice". However, the Bible makes it clear that this isn't true. (and thank God, because the cross wasn't fair)
- 4. It violates the ideals of property justice in Matthew 20:15 to advocate for distributive "justice" ideals. Marxism/SJ/CRT say the government should take steal your property and give it to others to achieve equity, thus violating the Ten Commandments' prohibition against stealing.
- 5. It commands us to "speak evil" via relentless slandering criticism, violating James 4:11
- 6. It commands that you judge and be judged as a part of your "identity group", not as an individual, violating God's commands on justice. (*Ezekiel 18*)
- 7. Constant criticism violates Biblical commands to edify (literally "build up") one another.

As a follow-up to point #7, Consider James:

James 4:11

- **11** Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.
- **12** There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

The "Christian" CRT movement adds to/changes the Gospel

Further, many "Christians" make Social Justice a Gospel issue. That is, they say that Social Justice is an essential and/or central part of the Gospel. (Sometimes called "Liberation Theology") the Bible is very clear about God's opinion of adding to the Gospel. (And adding demonic/Satanic ideas seems even worse to me.)

Galatians 1:6-9

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;

7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

- **8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!
- **9** As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

Our response to Marxism, Social Justice, and CRT:

Consider:

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (ESV)

1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will <u>depart from the faith</u> by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and <u>teachings of demons</u>,

2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,

("seared" = "????????" (kautériazó); to quote from a lexicon: "2743 (kaut?riáz?) literally referred to branding a person with a red-hot iron which sears the flesh and deadens (numbs) the nerves. After this, the person no longer feels obvious impulses (pleasure or pain).

Those who follow Critical Race Theory are (*often unwittingly*) following the divisive teachings of demons . Again, the four pillars of CRT are:

- 1. Racism is permanent, pervasive, and normal; racism oppression has not disappeared, it just evolved
- 2. Racism, sexist, classism, hetero-sexism, are all inextricably linked forms of oppression that must be fought simultaneously
- 3. Claims of "objectivity" and "neutrality" and "universality", and "meritocracy" and color-blindness... ...are mechanisms to disquise racism and oppression
- 4. The experiential knowledge the "lived experience" of people of color is critical to understanding racism

Thus, anyone who argues that "Systemic Racism" exists or advocates for Social Justice is espousing these demonic ideas. If anyone is arguing for any of these things, they are espousing Critical Race Theory, which is a demonic/Satanic ideology that causes incredible division.

The Bible tells us what to do about that:

Romans 16:17-18 - ESV

17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

Protect the naive Christians!

And again it is written:

Titus 3:10-11 - ESV

10 As for a person who stirs up division, <u>after warning him once and then twice</u>, have nothing more to do with him

11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

Now, <u>make sure you warn him once and twice</u>. Again, some are deceived and being led astray by false teachers. Read the formula for Church discipline in Matthew 18. Talk and reason with those who are deceived by CRT, making sure to explain how its roots are demonic and lead only to destruction. (

And don't forget to mention that Marx's ideas killed 100+ million people in the 20th century.)

If he repents, wonderful! You've won your brother!?

If he doesn't, then obey God's command and "have nothing more to do with him".

Remember:

Galatians 5:7-10

- 7 You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?
- 8 This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you.
- **9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.
- **10** I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.

<u>False teachers are extremely destructive</u>, especially when they are teaching the doctrines of demons, and/or present demonic ideas as central to the Gospel. Practice Church discipline: go to them privately, then if they don't repent take witnesses. If they still don't repent, take it to the church and kick them out.

Just as a little yeast leavens (*rises*) the whole lump, so also a little demonic teaching can "raze" (*destroy*) a church. Be obedient to God and practice church discipline.

Conclusion

Social Justice and Critical Race Theory are extremely destructive, having descended from demonic philosophy and strategies. Avoid at all costs, and rescue those you can from it's grip. Those who won't repent should be warned once and then twice, and then "have nothing more to do with them". Practice church discipline and "remove the wicked man from among you." And don't forget to pray.