

## **Critical Theory: Un-Biblical, Divisive, and Anti-Liberty**

Critical Theory is a linguistic structure of destruction. It is a high-minded attack on the Word of God with the intent of getting innocent, well-meaning people to operate against the Word while thinking they are doing good.

Critical Theory is an artificial construct that reframes or distorts the world into a sad and hopeless place. It robs you of your dignity and trains you to focus on the negative at the expense of all things beautiful and true, including Liberty. It robs you of the ability to think from principle, follow a logic chain, or recognize truth from error.

Cultural Marxism is a form of Marxism that deceptively gets people to voluntarily embrace the ideas of Marxism into daily life by controlling their thought processes. Critical Theory (CT) is the academic term for the method of thinking on which Cultural Marxism is built. Critical Race Theory (CRT) is Critical Theory applied to racism. Black Lives Matter (BLM) embodies CRT.

The Frankfurt School grew out of the Institute for Social Research founded in 1923 in Frankfurt, Germany. When its Communist professor founders fled Nazi Germany in 1933, most of them, with the help of John Dewey, ended up at Columbia Teachers College. The Frankfurt School saw the patriarchal family as the enemy because it maintained established standards of sexual morality that the Frankfurt School believed had to be destroyed through education in order to bring about Cultural Marxism.

Critical Theory and all of its ideological children and grandchildren are hopeless ideas. Critical Theory has become systemic in all of our educational systems. So why have we been teaching this ideology, which has its origins primarily in the Frankfurt School, in our seminaries under the name of Higher Criticism? Rather than learning to know Yahweh and the Truth of His Word through relationship, future pastors are stripped of their belief in the infallibility of the Word of God and instead taught a hierarchical system of religious power and bondage based on the doctrines of men to keep the masses under control and dependent.

Critical Race Theory, while claiming to correct injustice, is dystrophic, destructive, and disadvantaged; it results in a meaningless dystopia that steals the future. **Who has Critical Race Theory ever helped?** An essential element

of Critical Theory is constant criticism. Always looking for what is wrong results in unforgiveness, negativity, and bitterness. Bitterness is contagious. It repels joy and blessing. Its followers are kept in a weakened state of victimhood by constantly begging others to do something for them.

Critical Theory openly states the remaking of the family, sexuality, and education as its primary area of focus. Put directly, this means destruction of the nuclear family, the normalization of deviancy, and education that only allows thoughts in agreement with the party line, all while tracking everyone's place on the continuum of acceptance of the New World Order group think.

When a minister proclaims his support of Black Lives Matter, he is affirming his support of their godless anti-Biblical agenda. He may only desire to share in the suffering of others, express empathy, or prove he is trying to understand. None of those are the real agenda of Black Lives Matter.

While we always assume a good motive, BLM and any organization knowingly or unwittingly promoting Cultural Marxism tell us by their own language where they stand. Many are led astray because they don't know the meaning of the words used by Social Engineers to implement Marxism without the awareness of the masses.

Jesus did not come to found another religion. He came to establish a Kingdom. That Kingdom is based on fixed principles that are the same for all peoples. It took generations to work out the perfect law of Liberty in the Scriptures and figure out how they applied practically to life. These principles were taught from the pulpit, engrained in the people, and lived out by Kingdom thinkers who saw Liberty as the way of showing the unconditional Love of Yahweh to the unsaved world. Yahweh's principles are not flawed even though the people who apply them are. It is the unredeemed nature to desire to oppress and enslave others, and there is no secular gospel that can change that, no matter how many laws, surveillances, or prisons they put in place.

Abolitionists were the people who brought slavery to an end in England and the United States. Almost 100% of the abolitionists arrived at their hatred for slavery as a result of their understanding of the Scriptures. They reasoned if Jesus came to set the captives free, it was impossible to be Biblical while enslaving them in the name of Jesus. The 2% of the population who were slave holders before the Civil War are being held up as the norm instead of the

Abolitionists who had the majority support of the general population across the South as well as the North. It was primarily Christians who taught the slaves to read and write and risked their lives to help them escape. The more anyone has a Biblical understanding of Liberty, the more they hate slavery, and thus, to accuse them of being complicit is slander.

James Cone's theories of systemic racism are erroneously accepted without question as authoritarian. To be systemic, it has to be incapable of being separated, and therefore, the whole system has to be destroyed to get rid of the disease. If this is the case, then our whole Constitutional system would have to be obliterated and replaced. With what?: Marxism (centralized redistribution of wealth and power throughout culture), Socialism (Hillary Clinton tells us it is just a nice word for Communism), Democratic Socialism (giving the people a chance to vote for their enslavement), Communism (the Party is god, thus the Party is always right and has a divine right to impose its will upon the people), or Anarchy (lawless chaos), which is always followed by Totalitarianism (total slavery).

In a pro-Critical Theory book by Stephen Eric Bronner, *Critical Theory: A Very Short Introduction*, this defender and promoter of Critical Theory states the following:

“Critical theory was conceived within the intellectual crucible of Marxism.” P. 2

“They were concerned less with what Marx called the economic ‘base’ than the political and cultural ‘superstructure’ of society.” P. 2

“Alienation and reification are the two ideas most commonly associated with critical theory. The former is usually identified with the psychological effects of exploitation and the division of labor, and the latter with how people are treated instrumentally, as ‘things,’ through concepts that have been ripped from their historical context.” P. 3-4

“European radicals applied its ideas to **reconfiguring the family, sexuality, and education.**” P. 5 (emphasis added)

“Critical theory was intended as a general theory of society fueled by the desire for liberation.” P. 21

“Critical theory would treat facts less as isolated depictions of reality than as crystallized historical products of social action.” P. 21. To ensure the reader understands the goal, it states the “intent upon transforming reality.” P. 21

“Critical theory sought to make good on the injunction of the young Marx and engage in a ‘ruthless critique of everything existing.’” P. 22

Yes, Critical Theory is a form of Marxism. Quit looking at the labels and look at the substance of the ideas promoters of Critical Theory proclaim. One cannot understand our times without realizing the basic operating premise of all Marxist, Leninist, Trotskyiteist, or Communist Revolutionaries: “The issue is never the issue. It is always about the Revolution.”

*“We must be ready to employ trickery, deceit, law-breaking, withholding and concealing truth... We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, and scorn toward those who disagree with us.”* (Vladimir Lenin) Communists use language and psychology as weapons. Their constant vilification is a form of psychological terror. It puts America and Americans on trial. The verdict is always *guilty*. Facts don’t matter because the Left does not want to resolve the problems they complain about. They use those problems to agitate and provoke, hoping conflict becomes unavoidable—thereby creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. Their hatred is *tactical*.” ~ James Simpson, January 12, 2016, "Reds Exploiting Blacks: The Roots of Black Lives Matter"

**What is the Revolution? To dethrone Yahweh and enthrone the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-encompassing State as god. Totalitarianism, bondage, tyranny — all just different names for slavery.**

It is understandable how a Saul Alinsky who dedicated his Rules for Radicals to Lucifer could so admire anyone who wants their own kingdom. It makes sense when unsaved, lawless (antinomian) rebels want to be liberated. It is tragic that pastors never pick up on this word in the context of Liberation Theology and ask: “Liberated from what?” What does a person who Jesus shed His blood for on the cross need to be liberated from?

Revolutionaries, by definition, are destructive. Anyone can destroy. Anyone can complain about the defects of the custom-built house and point out the failings of the architect and the builder. But could that person have designed

and built a better house? Driving a destructive machine that reduces the house to rubble in minutes doesn't make them a builder.

The Dialectic Process is a set of very well-crafted steps designed to move a person from a belief in absolute truth to a belief in relativism. Once the fixed reference points of a society are destroyed, then each generation has to be constantly indoctrinated and conditioned to the norms of a totalitarian all-seeing-eye State. No matter how much the State punishes, resistance continues because Yahweh wrote the natural desire for Liberty on the fleshy tablet of the hearts of all mankind.

Critical Race Theory focuses on the flesh. God says to focus on the heart. Critical Theory deals with the external circumstances, not the internal condition of the heart. Changing a person's circumstances does not solve the problem of sin. Redefining sin as thoughts that are politically incorrect doesn't heal the brokenhearted. When the political spirit and the religious spirit join forces, the hierarchical church easily becomes an ally for the totalitarian State.

The first step of the Dialectic Process is identifying areas of discontent. Grateful people don't focus on their circumstances. Gratefulness and appreciation are magnetic, and they attract favor and blessing. In order to get the people who have more Liberty than anywhere else in the world to be discontented, they must be told constantly how bad their life is. They must be fed a steady diet of victimhood, entitlement, and ungratefulness. They must learn to hate their Nation, resent the rich, hate their employers, resent opportunity, and demand unrealistic outcomes.

Their daily circumstances are not compared to reality — their less-than-ideal life is compared to an unrealistic, never attainable Utopia (which means it does not exist). Then a Utopian future must be promised with the same answer to every problem: less Liberty and more centralization. Big civil government is always the solution, and individual self-government, personal responsibility, and equal protection under the law are always the problem.

In the name of equality, inequality is promoted. In the name of freedom, more centralization and civil government controls are offered. In the name of economic prosperity, the system that has resulted in more death, poverty, and destruction than any system in history is promoted as the only “woke” possibility.

Social-psychologists, Critical Race Theorists, liberation theologians, and "trained Marxists" (as the leaders of Back Lives Matter define themselves) have now found their way even into the self-proclaimed "evangelical" pulpits of our land. A different gospel has come forward, and whether out of naiveté, pure ignorance, or agreement, we now have social justice messages being mainstreamed from the pulpit. The pulpit is a sacred office, and using it to teach a gospel that goes against Isaiah 61 and Luke 4 has grave consequences.

How do you know if the real Gospel is being preached? Look at the result. **If you get cultural liberty (which is irrefutably followed by prosperity), then you know the real Gospel is being preached.** If you have Marxism, Communism, totalitarianism, and any other euphemism for tyranny and slavery, then it is a different gospel.

Jesus said He came to set the captives free, heal the broken-hearted, and set at Liberty those who are bound. Marxism is a redistributive economic system that takes from the productive and gives to the unproductive. It is an immutable law of the universe that you get more of what you subsidize and less of what you penalize. When you subsidize poor character, resentment, bitterness, offense, and unforgiveness, you get more of it. When you penalize productivity, morality, and deferred gratification, you get less of it.

The immutable laws of the universe apply equally to everyone just like gravity. Critical Theory is based on false premises and results in unreality. Critical Theory (no matter how many ministers support it) is anti-Bible, anti-Christ, anti-Truth and anti-Liberty. All ideas have consequences. Critical Race Theory gets everyone talking about ideas that only lead to division and heartache.

Since it is an immutable law of the universe that you get more of what you talk about and become what you think about, all this talk about racism just creates more racism. If that is the focus of our thoughts, then that is what we become. But, if the haters of Liberty cannot take away our Freedom of Speech because of that pesky Constitution, then the next best tactic is to get us to self-censor. If we can be convinced we are internally flawed and therefore in need of external controls, then we will give up our God-given, inalienable liberties voluntarily.

Equalitarianism requires centralized enforcement of equal outcomes by force. Totalitarianism is the Communist all-encompassing arm of the State regulating and controlling every area of life. Equalitarianism is far worse than totalitarianism because totalitarianism is forced upon us from outside. We didn't agree to totalitarianism, and we maintain an inner strength to at least not go along with it in our hearts even if our bodies are enslaved. With equalitarianism, we not only agreed, we promoted it. We funded our own executioners, thus losing the moral authority to stand against it. We were willing participants, and the loss to our personal dignity becomes systemic. Loss of personal dignity is systemic in Communism, which is just a nice word for slavery.

"Obama's favorite Harvard professor Derrick Bell devised Critical Race Theory, which exemplifies Lenin's strategy as applied to race. According to Discover the Networks: 'Critical race theory contends that America is permanently racist to its core, and that consequently the nation's legal structures are, by definition, racist and invalid ... members of "oppressed" racial groups are entitled—in fact obligated—to determine for themselves which laws and traditions have merit and are worth observing...' ~ James Simpson, January 12, 2016, "Reds Exploiting Blacks: The Roots of Black Lives Matter"

If racism were systemic in our system, then it would be codified in our laws under which the people alive today have lived. The Critical Theorists, race baiters, and poverty pimps have told people that the things that happened to our ancestors have different meanings — they twist those meanings to get us to volunteer for our own loss of Liberty.

One of the first steps to Revolution is rewriting a nation's history. Today, people who have grown up in this Nation (whose system offers the most Liberty in the history of the world) are told how bad their lives are and how severely they have been oppressed. And who are their oppressors? The same people who are telling them how oppressed they are!

It is irrefutable that people with less centralization and government control are more prosperous. But how many people have researched this for themselves? Do you read only secular economists Paul Krugman and Keynes? Do you see God as causative of history, or man? Do you believe civil

governments can violate immutable laws of the universe even though individuals can't? Or do you also seek a perspective in alignment with proven economic principles by reading Walter Williams and Thomas Sowell? Do you read James Cone without also reading Anthony Bradley's *Liberating Black Theology*?

One of the methods of the Dialectic Process is using the same words to have different meanings while constantly changing the definitions of words. Political Correctness uses language to control culture. When you control a person's speech, you control their thoughts. When speech is limited, then ideas are censored.

A brief history of the Frankfurt School and a summary of the Consequences of Cultural Marxism are found in *Political Correctness: A Deceptive and Dangerous Worldview* edited by William S. Lind and Richard W. Hawkins. On page 48, it states: "The goal of Critical Theory was not truth, but praxis, or revolutionary action: bringing the current society and culture down through unremitting, destructive criticism." For complete disclosure, I have a chapter in the book.

If an idea is flawed in premise, it is flawed in result. Critical Theory lays out a false frame that is so distorted and anti-Biblical it should be seen for the fraud it is on its face. The sad frame through which they see the world shouldn't have any appeal to someone who has beheld the Glory. **One of the rules of Quantum Physics is you get more of what you are looking for.** Critical Race Theory, with its assumptions based in unreality, looks for injustice everywhere. Because they reject the I AM of the Scriptures, who has already determined reality, they end up in despair in their own unrealistic materialistic kingdom.

Without Liberty what will you do? Do you think you will come and go as you please? Do you think your church will be spared because you publicly supported Black Lives Matter? Do you think your congregation will continue to support a minister who eats his sheep instead of keeping them from being eaten? When the ministers who supported Hitler at the beginning woke up, they went to the concentration camps just the same. Their prior loyalties did not protect them. They had to live with the guilt for compromising their God and participate in the suffering of their fellowman.

The Constitution is written to restrict civil government, not to give people their rights. Since rights were considered inalienable — coming from a higher power than government, then civil government could not take away what it did not have the authority to give in the first place.

A preacher or church leader who promotes Black Lives Matter, which openly states its agenda as Marxist, anti-family, pro-abortion and anti-Christ, is promoting slavery and ensuring that any Constitutional protections are done away with by law. Black Lives Matter is not promoting equal protection under the law. They are promoting equal slavery under law, equal poverty, and equal misery. Liberty is not on their agenda.

Critical Race Theory is based in relativism. Since the Bible determines reality, then by definition, Critical Race Theory is anti-Biblical. The Dialectic Process is the way that Social Engineers use language to change and control culture. Yahweh created the world with words, and redefining the culture with words is one of the wiles of the devil that has not been taught from the pulpit. If the Church understood the Dialectic Process, Christians would recognize they are being deceived and manipulated. Then they would reject the lies they are being fed daily as truth instead of feeling powerless to resist the seemingly-inevitable tyranny.

Critical Theory is a linguistic structure of destruction. It has created a vocabulary around victimhood and redefined the rules of life. The problem is when unreality has a collision with reality, reality always wins. Equality can be labeled freedom, but the people in Cuba are still slaves — they have equal wages, fair housing, free healthcare, etc., but they are slaves, with travel outside their borders restricted. The ideology of Marxism got them there, and licensed religious leaders help to keep them there.

Liberty is the result of a principled language and method. Slavery is the result of a different language and method. You cannot speak the language of destruction and get anything but destruction. Destruction is systemic to Critical Theory. Some pastors are trying to adopt the language of Critical Race Theory and merge it with the Gospel. God hates mixture. The forbidden tree was the tree of mixture — the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Yes, there was good there, but the evil came along with it and could not be separated. The Tree of Life is like Proverbs 10:22: The blessing of the Lord it makes rich and He adds no sorrow to it.

The Politically Correct Police determine your alignment with them by how much of their language you speak. **The “It is written” of the Word is not politically correct. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty” (II Corinthians 3:17).** Why are we spending our time entertaining godless philosophies instead of taking every thought captive and making it obedient to Christ? If thoughts have to be taken captive and made obedient to Christ, that must mean we can have rebellious thoughts, and it is rebellious thoughts that need taken captive, not people.

Definitions are like mini-contracts that you enter into without even thinking about it. They are like mini-powers of attorney that empower others over you. Why does it matter to the politically correct police that you use their words? Because their words have specific meanings, and even if you don’t agree with their definitions, by using their words, you are agreeing to their frame of reference. You are agreeing to their worldview by method. Your ignorance of how the Dialectic Process works does not change your agreement any more than your ignorance of the meaning of a clause in a contract releases you from any obligations verified by your signature. Your use of Critical Race Theory words and their frame is like a signature of overt consent that they are setting the rules and you are in agreement.

Destruction is systemic in Critical Theory. Whatever wrongs/injustices Black Lives Matter or any other trained Marxists and community agitators claim to correct cannot be solved with hatred, deceit, and destruction.

Luke 4 says Jesus came to set the captives free, heal the broken-hearted, and set at Liberty those who are bound. Anyone who hates Jesus cannot set the captives free. If their ideas, no matter how lofty sounding, result in bondage, their ideas are not Biblical, no matter how many Scriptures they quote, how beautiful their vestments, or large their audiences. If, in the name of Jesus, a different gospel is preached — a gospel that results in bondage and not Liberty — it is not the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Liberty is indivisible. You do not get equality by promoting special privilege. Equal protection under the law is reflective of our equality at the foot of the cross. Marxist agitators know that they have to sow the seeds of discontent, hatred, and division in order to promote their brand of totalitarianism. In Acts 2, redistribution was temporary and voluntary. Money

laid at the feet of the apostles was by choice, not by coercion of civil government. Socialism is based on an un-Biblical idea of redistribution that, when convenient, distorts Acts 2 and uses it as a proof text for civil government confiscation of private property. Socialism may be Communism with a smiley face, but all forms of totalitarianism are really Slavery.

**The answer to all this conflict is in the Kingdom.** The current national unrest is evidence the Gospel, in recent generations, has not been and is not being preached from the pulpits of our land. **It is time for repentance and confession for distorting the Word of God.**

Liberty is indivisible. Principles that yield Liberty are the same everywhere in the world. They are not different for different races or countries. The principles of Liberty do not change just because we wish it were so.

The apostles, who lived in a world where slavery was normal, were accused of turning the world upside down. In reality, they were turning the world right side up. Ideas that lead to bondage and tyranny are not new. Critical Theory is just academic language for the original lie, "you can be as gods." It is a method of calling evil good and good evil.

The apostles were told to stop speaking in politically incorrect, unapproved, and disruptive ways. They answered that they fear God rather than man and faced the human consequences. Where are the people today who allow God to govern their thoughts and are willing to call evil evil and good good? Where are the preachers who still believe God's Word defines good and evil?

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled. Heb. 12:15

**The Gospel properly preached results in Liberty.** The gospel distorted results in bondage and tyranny. You don't get Liberty by breaching the immutable laws of Liberty. Either we will live in Liberty together or we will live in Slavery together.

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