

Dear Friend

Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your e-mail response. Certainly atrocities have been committed by adherents of virtually every ideology and religion in history. And no, we cannot blame the message itself if people's actions are based on misinterpretations of that message.

However, when you compare, or rather contrast, Islam with Christianity one has to notice that while Jesus Christ never murdered anyone, the so-called “*prophet*” of Islam, Muhammad, was involved in 47 battles, mostly raids on merchant caravans. While Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead, Muhammad had hundreds of defenseless people massacred, such as over 600 Jews in Medina beheaded for simply refusing to accept him as a prophet!

Similarly, while the Lord Jesus Christ commanded His followers to love their neighbours, and even to love their enemies, Muhammad instructed his followers to kidnap and hold for ransom, enslave, cripple by cutting off hands and feet, crucify and behead his enemies.

In the first three centuries after Christ, Christianity only spread peacefully by prayer, proclamation and persuasion. However in the first three centuries of Islam, the message of Muhammad was spread by the sword with countless atrocities, massacres and putting to the sword the entire population of whole cities.

Similarly, as we look at communism we need to recognise what the actual message is. The early slogan of the Soviet Union was: “*Let us drive out the capitalists from the earth and God from Heaven.*”

Vladimir Lenin declared: *“Atheism is the natural and inseparable part of communism.”*

Lenin also said: *“We must hate. Hatred is the basis of communism.”*

Karl Marx wrote: *“The hellish vapours rise and fill the brain, till I go mad and my heart is utterly changed. See this sword? The prince of darkness sold it to me.”*

“I wish to avenge myself against the one who rules above.” Said Karl Marx.

Che Guevez wrote: *“Hatred is an element of the struggle. A relentless hatred of the enemy...transforming him into an effective, violent and selective, cold-blooded killing machine. A people without hatred cannot vanquish a brutal enemy.”*

As one Marxist newspaper declared: *“We do not fight against believers and not even clergymen. **We fight against God** to snatch believers from Him.”*

So, not only have those who advocate communism committed the greatest atrocities, in terms of scope and intensity, accumulating over 160 million corpses just in the 20 th century alone, but it has been done in response to the central messages of communism, not in spite of them.

When a Christian murders the innocent, he proves himself not to be a Christian at all, and violates the express Commandments and example of Jesus Christ. However when a Muslim or a Marxist kill in the name of their ideology, then they are being consistent with both the teachings and examples of their founders.

Should you be interested in me sending you some copies of studies written on these matters, please do let me know your postal address.

May the Lord continue to lead you into all Truth.

Yours for Faith and Freedom

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