

# The Family Heritage Series

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## The Communist Manifesto

### LESSON IDEA

To expose the myths that surround the *Communist Manifesto* and to examine its major points and the motives behind its revolutionary dogma.

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“THE ORDER of the Illuminati,” wrote Adam Weishaupt, founder of the conspiratorial group, “abjured Christianity . . . In the lodges death was declared an eternal sleep; patriotism and loyalty were called narrow-minded prejudices incompatible with universal benevolence; further, they accounted all princes usurpers and tyrants, and all privileged orders as their abettors. They meant to abolish the laws which protected property accumulated by long-continued and successful industry; and to prevent for the future any such accumulation.

“They intended to establish universal liberty and equality . . . and as preparation for all this they intended to root out all religion and ordinary morality, and even to break the bonds of domestic life by destroying the veneration for marriage vows, and by taking the education of children out of the hands of the parents.”

Only a few years later, the cry of “liberty and equality” surfaced in France during the bloody revolution of 1789; and the revolutionary government issued this order concerning family life: “Parents were to be forbidden either to strike or to caress their children, and the children were to be dressed all alike in cotton, to live on ‘roots, vegetables, fruit, with bread and water,’ and to sleep

on mats upon the floor. Boys were to belong to their parents only till the age of five; after that they were to become the property of the State until their death.”

Revolutionaries and executioners mocked Christianity from the pulpits of French churches; a Feast of Reason was held in the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Crucifixes were cast into bonfires with shouts of: “Perish forever the memory of the priests! Perish forever Christian superstition! Long live the sublime religion of Nature!”

Maximilien Robespierre, a secret member of the *Illuminati*, presented himself to the people as a god while presiding over the execution of hundreds of thousands of French peasants and workers in the name of “equality and liberty.” Fortunately, the bloodbath of revolution, imposed on the nation by some of its most influential and powerful citizens, ended with the turn of the century.

But the ideas of Weishaupt’s *Illuminati* – abolition of property, inheritance, marriage, and all morality, patriotism, and religion – lived on like a yeast in men’s minds. In the 1880’s, one of the many revolutionary groups to serve up the old ideas on a new platter was the International Social Democratic Alliance.

“The Alliance,” wrote its Anarchist leader, Michael Bakunin, “professes Atheism. It aims at the abolition of religious services, the replacement of belief by knowledge and divine by human justice, the abolition of marriage as a political, religious and civic arrangement. Before all, it aims at the definite

and complete abolition of all classes and the political, economic, and social equality of the individual of either sex. The abolition of inheritance. All children to be brought up on a uniform system, so that artificial inequalities may disappear . . . . It aims directly at the triumph of the cause of labor over capital. It repudiates so-called patriotism and the rivalry of nations and desires the universal association of all local associations by means of freedom.

"The final aim of this society was 'to accelerate the universal revolution.'"

At the same time the Anarchists were trying to accelerate the universal revolution, other revolutionists were trying to unify its many factions and codify its principles. Do you remember, from last week's lesson, the name chosen for this proposed international revolutionary apparatus? [*Remind family members that the conspiratorial group known as the Federation of the Just, or League of Just Men, decided in 1847 to unite all of the socialist factions in Europe in an organization called the Communist League.*]

**K**ARL MARX was commissioned to write a "Manifesto to the World" that would serve as a standard of revolutionary principles for this new Communist League and draw all European radicals into the League's membership. The *Manifesto*, now hailed as a brilliant piece of original thinking by Karl Marx, was in reality nothing more than a rewording of the old Weishaupt theories. Its ten major points, all of which sound strangely familiar, were:

"1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.

"2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.

"3. Abolition of all right of inheritance.

"4. Confiscation of property of emigrants and rebels.

"5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national bank with State Capital and an exclusive monopoly.

"6. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the State.

"7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the State; the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of

the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.

"8. Equal liability of all to labor. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.

"9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country, by a more equitable distribution of population over the country.

"10. Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production, etc., etc."

Do you see similarities between the ideas of the Communists, the Anarchists, and the *Illuminati*? [*Encourage family discussion. Emphasize the parallel thinking on abolishing private property and the rights of inheritance, and on the education of children.*]

**B**UT WHAT OF marriage, morality, religion, and patriotism? Although these are not included in the *Manifesto's* ten major points, they are disposed of in the twisted web of logic that preceded the ten-point blueprint for revolution. The Communists had decided that these hallowed institutions would automatically die when private property was destroyed. "On what foundation is the present family, the bourgeois [*or middle-class*] family, based?" they asked. "On capital, on private gain," they reasoned. And it would vanish, they predicted, when these terrible evils were abolished by revolution.

The "clap-trap about the family and education, about the hallowed co-relation of parent and child" is "disgusting," said the *Manifesto*. Communism

#### FOR SERIOUS STUDENTS

The disease that is currently called Communism, which has plagued the civilized world for centuries, is most ably defined in the writings of Robert Welch. There are two which we would highly recommend: *The Blue Book Of The John Birch Society* (Section Two and Three), and a reprint of a speech entitled *More Stately Mansions*. Both *The Blue Book* (paperbound, \$1.00) and *More Stately Mansions* (pamphlet, 35¢ each) are available from most American Opinion Bookstores or from American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178.

