

Unit 3: Atheism

Lesson 6: Marxism

How does Secularism answer the 4 Big questions?

- **Creation:** molecules to man evolution; specifically punctuated equilibrium
- **Fall:** society has an economic problem; the rich/ property owners oppress the workers
- **Redemption:** The working class must rise up in revolution. Socialism is the answer with private property abolished and class distinctions eliminated
- **Eternity:** annihilation: there is nothing after physical death

Key definitions of Marxism

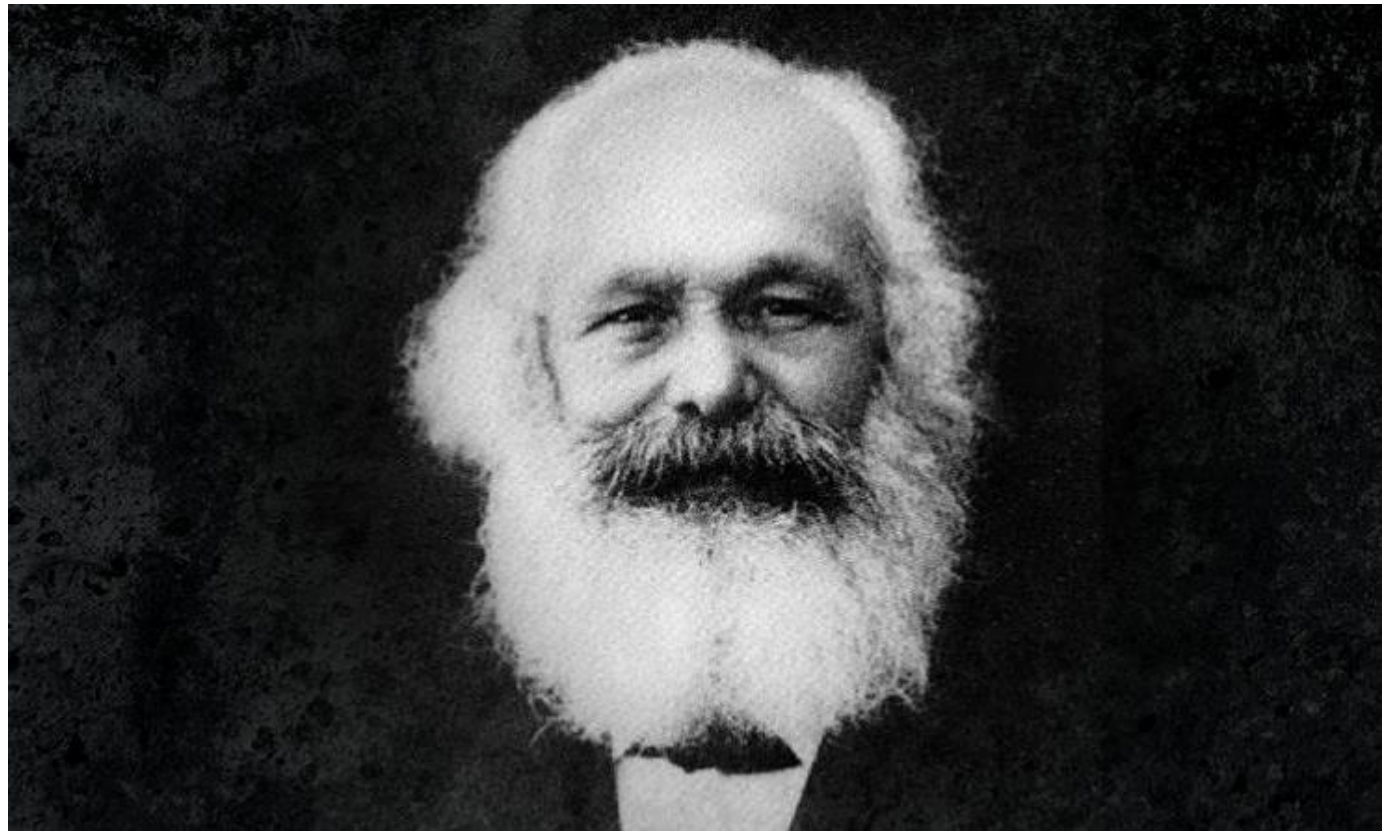
- **Communism:** classless and stateless utopian society in which all private property is commonly owned
- **Socialism:** the abolition of private property
- **Marxism:** the philosophy of Karl Marx; and atheistic and materialistic worldview



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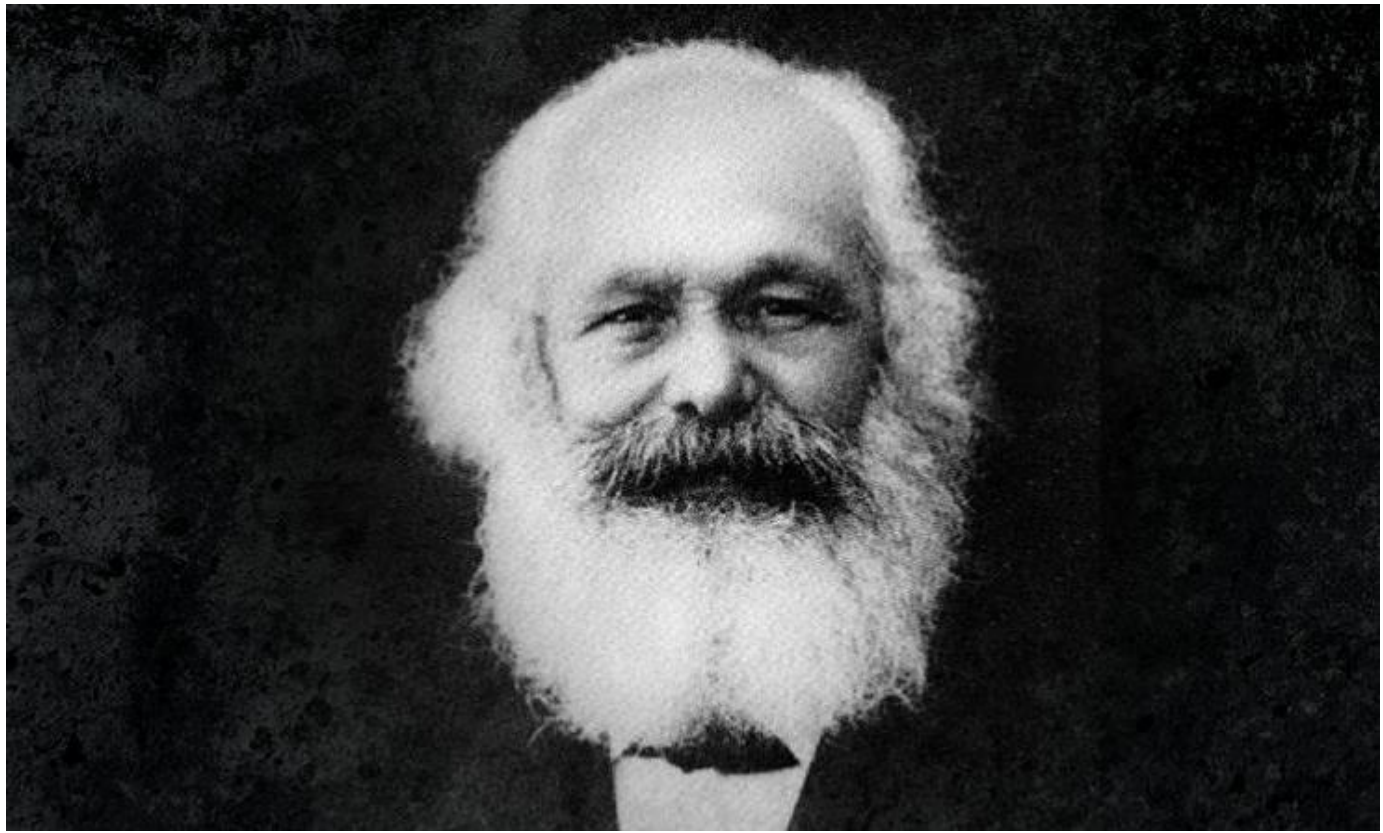
- **Dialectic materialism:** only the material world exists and class struggles are the mechanism behind social and economic progress
- **Bourgeoisie:** the property owners that own the means of production
- **Proletariat:** working class who don't own the means of production

The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx



- Published in 1848
- Subsidized by profits of a private factory
- Marx never worked at physical labor

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- *"Religion is the opiate of the masses"*
 - -Karl Marx