

Here within The Party of Communists USA, our membership includes not only atheists, but also devote believers of various religions. As Marxists-Leninists we understand socialism as a science, and our comrades of faith practice their beliefs alongside scientific socialism, for it is well within their right to do so.

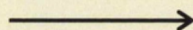
There are those who perceive religion as being incompatible with communism. Communism, Marxism-Leninism, is a materialist science, and as a science, it does not set out to prove or disprove any religious belief, but rather it seeks to analyze the material, observable world. So communism may be incompatible with religion in much the same way that the scientific method cannot find God under a microscope. Communists firmly believe in the separation of church and state, that the people have the right to their own personal beliefs, and that the culture of religion belongs to the people. Most of all, communists believe in the unity of working people and the establishment of peace and justice.

"Communism does not choose among [religions]. We know that their role was and still is immense. Communism teaches neither scorn nor hate for these ancient forms of men's thought before science."

– **Marcel Cachin**

French Communist politician

DIALOGUE and SOLIDARITY!



PEACE and JUSTICE!

The Religious Affairs Commission of the Party of Communists USA seeks to create opportunities for dialogue and cooperation between communists and religious communities. As communists, we share the vision of working together towards a more just and peaceful world. Thus, we are not rivals, but allies seeking common goals.

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RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COMMISSION



"Religious suffering is, at one and the same time, the expression of real suffering and a protest against real suffering. Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. ***It is the opium of the people.***"

- Karl Marx

In 19th century Europe, ***opium*** medications were commonly prescribed to treat various diseases. In his famous quote, Marx explains that religion justifiably ***eases the weary soul*** that is oppressed under ***soulless conditions***, and levies his criticism squarely on the ***heartless world*** of capitalism that necessitates the very healing that religion offers. Marx may view religion as merely therapeutic, but he asserts that in order to build a world of ***peace and justice***, working people must unite not only in words, but in action.

"Any religion that professes to be concerned with the souls of men and yet is not concerned with the economic and social conditions that strangle them and the social conditions that cripple them is the kind the Marxist describes as ***"an opiate of the people."***"



- Martin Luther King Jr.



At the heart of so many of our religious traditions is a call for justice: for the oppressed and those in need. This call resounds in the hearts of people of faith the world around. The Religious Affairs Commission of the Party of Communists USA seeks to bring together people of all faiths and creeds to answer that call and to work for a more just world together.



"The folk socialism of the Jews, the noble spirit of the history of our people, the rule of the ideas of justice and human liberty in the spiritual development of Judaism, the spiritual quality which the Jews acquired over generations, their cultural consciousness and lofty aspiration for freedom — all these empower them to lead the fight for idealistic socialism."



- Chaim Arlosorov

Economist, writer, and activist

"What we would like to do is change the world—make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do. And, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute—the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, in other words, we can to a certain extent, change the world..."



- Dorothy Day

Founder of the Catholic Workers

"He who eats and drinks whilst his brother goes hungry is not one of us."



- Prophet Muhammad ﷺ