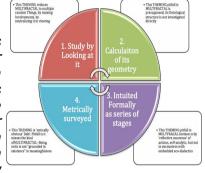




## SODS DINGOTIO by John Trotter

'For my thoughts thoughts, neither my ways, saith as the heavens the earth, so are higher than your thoughts than For as the rain and the snow



are not your are your ways the LORD. For are higher than my ways ways, and my your thoughts. cometh down, from heaven,

and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.'

Isaiah ch.55 vv 8-13

'That the LORD thy God may show us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.'

Jeremiah ch.42 v.3

As an introduction to this article the following definitions are provided. These definitions will hopefully help to explain the humanist/socialist view of history.

- DIALECTIC: The art of arriving at the truth by exposing the contradictions in an opponent's argument or beliefs and overcoming them. The process, formulated by Hegel, of reaching the truth or the absolute through change, whereby a proposition or idea (thesis) is transformed into its opposite (antithesis) and preserved and fulfilled by it; the combination of the two being resolved in a higher form of truth (synthesis); the ultimate synthesis, being for Hegel, the mind or thought.
- DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM: The Marxist interpretation of reality, viewing matter as the primary subject of change and all change as the product of a constant conflict between opposites arising from the internal contradictions inherent in all things; these contradictions being resolved at higher levels and fresh contradictions arising. This theory has been applied to various areas of thought and scholarship, and especially in history.
- DIALECTICS: Any method or argument or exposition that systematically weighs contradictory facts or ideas with a view to the resolution of their real or apparent contradictions. The Marxist doctrine, adopted from Hegel, of the process of change through the conflict of opposing forces, but asserting that matter, not mind, is the primary reality.
- HISTORICAL MATERIALISM: The Marxist theory, part of dialectical materialism, which states that society arises fundamentally from an economic base, and that it is characterised by a conflict of classes that will eventually result in a classless society.
- MATERIALISM: From a philosophical point of view it is the theory or doctrine that physical matter in its movements and modifications is the only reality and that everything in the universe, including thought, feeling, mind and will can be explained in terms of physical laws. It is also the theory or doctrine that physical well-being constitutes the greatest good and highest value in life. Materialism can also be defined as an excessive devotion to worldly, rather than spiritual concerns, and especially to the acquisition of material possession.

Maybe the common saying, 'Don't worry, be happy', arises out of the definition of Materialism. It can be seen from the above that materialism replaces the first commandment and therefore our possessions become deified in varying degrees. There is nothing wrong with having valuable possessions as long as they do not replace God in our lives. Do not forget that many of the characters in the Bible who were God fearing were very wealthy. What did God do for Job in the final outcome? (See Job ch.42 vv 9-17). The socialist defininition of what is wealth, according to Historical Materialism, is that all private property is to be abolished and eventually the State will own everything. But according to the Bible all wealth belongs to God and as sojourners on this planet we can be blessed as we share in that wealth.

THESIS + ANTITHESIS = SYNTHESIS - Conflict of interests coming together that results in a synthesis or apparent solution. History is apparently made up of these ongoing conflicts with the resulting ongoing synthesis or apparent solutions.

The process of democratically electing another political party after an election is such a process of arriving at an apparent solution. It is my view that such manufactured processes give the opinion that the outcome is the correct solution. It is believed by those behind the scenes that one day mankind will eventually arrive at the final solution which is a manmade utopia. After this there will be no further need for a conflict of ideas. This Godless approach to understanding the process of history will never be arrived at, for the God of Holy Writ has other plans.

When I began to write this article some years ago there was an ongoing failure of mankind to achieve several expected dreams, even with help of the Socialist One World United Nations. Unfortunately as time passed it was no better except for those who turned to God's Word and His Son for Salvation and Redemption.

The above point of view is not negative but a realistic analysis of the worldwide situation. Whilst history provided short time highlights in advancing civilisation, these improvements in no way established upon this planet a society that reflects in any way the phrase 'Thy kingdom come'. In fact history has followed the curses that arose from choosing the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. This includes the false teaching that we have acquired immortality.

'And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.'

Genesis ch.3 vv 4-5

The Bible is very clear that we are dead (asleep) when we die.

'The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.'

Ezekiel ch.18 v.20

'These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.'

John ch.11 v.11

'But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.'

Romans ch. 6 v.22

It is the High Calling that we seek after, not going to Heaven when we pass from this earth.

'I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.'

Philippians ch.3 v.14

Even though Satan said that we would become as 'gods' (see Genesis ch.3 vv 5 & 22) we have not, despite the teachings of many occult leaders.

The Bible clearly states that God foresaw the outcome of deception in the Garden of Eden and it is for this reason that He had planned the death and resurrection of His Son so that His creation and His wife would be redeemed. Because the forbidden Tree was taken, it is true that within human nature there is both good and evil even though the heart of man is contemptible.

'For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.'

Mark ch.7 vv 21-23

We have been assured that the Tree of Life which was not forbidden and yet rejected will be made available to those who are the overcomers.

'He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.'

Revelation ch 2 v.7

Before that time we are to walk in the Truth.

'For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.'

'Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.'

That Truth is found in Christ who is the Word.

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.'

'For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.'

At a time yet future, God will expose the false teaching of the worldly. He will use their own words to expose and confound their evil intent.

'O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.'

'He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.'

These thoughts are reflected in the first sentence of the definition of 'Dialectic'. This is God's Dialectic. It is fortunate for us that God's plans are not influenced by man's ways that are built upon the sand.

'And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:'

Matthew ch.7 v.26

In conclusion, future years will present themselves as in the past, but we who look to a Covenant keeping God will find peace in His Word and in the promise that He will return to establish upon this earth a Righteous Kingdom that will be based upon His Eternal Laws.

'The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach. Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs. being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.' Acts ch.1 vv 1-11

May that day come quickly!

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