

## **EARNESTLY CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH – December 2020**

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### **“Social Justice – Postmodern Victimology”**

Do you consider yourself a freedom-loving patriot? If so, you are completely out of sync with much of the prevailing worldview of the culture. Now America is BAD and essentially all its traditional institutions and structures need to be overthrown and replaced. The country supposedly has an unforgivable history of so much systemic racism, sexism, misogyny, and hateful bigotry that the situation calls for revolutionary CHANGE! Freedoms long cherished are now seen to have been tools of oppression which favored white males. White people need to be educated and made conscious of their inherent racism even though they may be unconscious of it. Those enlightened in this way are considered “woke” as they awake to this prevailing systemic condition that has defined America. (Never mind the Civil War!)

This is a movement that is fueled by an underlying worldview. It is called by various names including *Social Justice*, *Critical Theory*, or *Cultural Marxism*. Patriotism is out, Neo-Marxism is in, although titles like *Social Justice* are much more palatable. The leading incubator for this worldview has been the secular universities where liberal professors have effectively spoon-fed a generation of young people various blends of postmodern victimology.

Social Justice as an ideological worldview is really a combination of postmodern thought combined with victimology. Postmodern thinking does away with absolute truth in keeping with a biblical worldview. Rather “truth” is seen as “relative” and “personal”. Truth is grounded in human experience. Truth is then seen to be personal, internal, and subjective. In this worldview, control of the narrative is what matters. If you control the narrative, you control “truth”. Society can now determine what is TRUTH because it is a law unto itself. They think that for too long the biblical narrative has pumped out oppressive systems. It is time for a CHANGE that now favors all those previously disenfranchised by a worldview of “objective truth”.

Marxism at core sees the world divided into two categories: namely that of oppressors and that of victims. Social Justice ideology plays the victimology card to the hilt. Moral authority is now parallel to victim status. And the BLAME game is rampant.

Here, you see a picture of what our society will look like if the revolution continues to dominate the culture as it already does on so many of our college campuses. No law and order. No grace. No forgiveness. No mercy. No respect for elders or teachers. No tolerance. Only screaming, aggrieved “victims” imposing vigilante justice on members of oppressor groups.

– ***Why Social Justice is NOT Biblical Justice, Scott David Allen, p. 95***

Any time the word “justice” is used people are often misled. All fair-minded people are for true justice. But justice according to the worldview of Ideological Social Justice is essentially about retribution. It wants its pound of flesh. It has nothing to do with genuine Christianity.

Western civilization depicts “Lady Justice” wearing a blindfold, which points to the hard-won truth that justice must be impartial and not a respecter of persons. Everyone is equal before the law. Social justice ideology, however, is anything but blind, and proudly so. People are treated differently based on the groups to which they are assigned. Verdicts of guilt or innocence are largely based not on individual behavior, but on group affiliation. Narrative takes precedence over fact.

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**Thot:** Social Justice thinking turns the dream of Martin Luther on its head: “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.” -**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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