Worldviews

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**Overviews—Marxism and Cosmic Humanism (New Age)**

1. Marxism
   1. Origins
      1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, along with an associate named Friedrich Engels, promoted an interpretation of the world in the mid-1800s that became known as Marxism
      2. In the late 1800s and early \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it gained more and more influence around the world
      3. In 1917, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Revolution violently put Marxism to practice in Russia
      4. Later, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and some other smaller countries adopted Marxism
      5. Marxism still has its proponents in many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Beliefs
      1. Marxism is built on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ platform:
         1. No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, no supernatural, no spiritual
         2. Life is a result of natural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
         3. Humans are highly-developed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; no life after death
         4. No absolute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for right and wrong exists
      2. Marxism emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the most powerful force in the world
         1. Societies begin as small family-like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where everyone works together to survive
         2. The development of technology allows people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and move into different roles and different social classes
         3. Some of the classes become richer and more powerful, resulting in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the lower classes
      3. Marxism calls for a “new society” in which social classes are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, everything is owned collectively, and everyone works together for the good of all
   3. Practices
      1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the method needed to bring about this “new society” according to many Marxists; violence is acceptable if creates a better society
      2. Marxists oppose and suppress any kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ belief
      3. The “State” or “the new society” demands people’s love, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and service: this is supposed to define one’s purpose in life and also one’s morality
2. Cosmic Humanism (New Age)
   1. Origins
      1. Naturalism—the view that life and the universe are purely material –created a void of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for many people (if we are just a flask of chemicals in a big, dark universe, then what is the point of life?)
      2. In the mid-1900s, some people in the Western hemisphere started to look to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religions (Hinduism, Buddhism,etc.) and paganism/animism to find meaning
      3. The result has been a strange \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of these ideas with Western culture
   2. Beliefs
      1. The human race is in the process of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into a “higher state of consciousness”
      2. At the most basic level, everything in the universe is part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ super-natural reality; it is manifested in two different ways though: the visible universe and invisible universe (Mind-at-Large)
      3. People access the visible universe through their ordinary consciousness but need an “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ consciousness” to access this Mind-at-Large
      4. Humans should pursue this “cosmic consciousness” so they can experience an “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the universe”
      5. Quote from MacLaine: “Know that you are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; know that you are the universe.”
      6. Life does not end at death, it just assumes another form (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
   3. Practices
      1. There’s a huge range in the practical expression of this worldview: everything from exercise routines and piano music to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use and witchcraft
      2. Pursuit of an “altered” or “higher” state of consciousness: meditation, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, drugs, “channeling”
      3. Morality is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: if you are god, then you decide for yourself what is right and wrong
      4. Other associated practices: psychic readings, crystals, massages, acupuncture, homeopathic medicine