**Marxism: Part Three**

**A Biblical Response–Sixteen Key Points**

1. God is the Creator (Genesis 1-3)
2. Man is God’s image and likeness, and all people share this equally (Genesis 1-2)
3. Man is a steward of God’s creation (Genesis 1-2)
4. All humans are directly accountable to God for their lives and the gifts He grants (Genesis 1:16-17)
5. Work is God-ordained and good (Genesis 1:28-30)
6. Man exists for God’s pleasure and glory (Genesis 1:31-2:3)
7. All men are fallen (Genesis 3; Romans 3:9-23; 5:1-21)
8. Sinners have spoiled creation, resulting in suffering, oppression, evil [moral and natural], etc. (Romans 1:18-32; 8:19-22)
9. God is no respecter of persons, classes, races, etc. (Galatians 3:25-29)
10. God’s self-revelation is the basis for ethics (Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 4:4)
11. Private property is God’s gift (Exodus 20:17)
12. History is moving towards the judgment and the eternal state
13. Salvation is announced in the Gospel and experienced only by faith in Christ (Romans 1:16; 5:1-2)
14. Human government is God’s ordained [yet provisional and temporary] means for the benefit [ordering, governing, protection, provision] of humanity (Romans 13:1-7)
15. No economic system is perfect nor endorsed in Scripture, but capitalism [a free-market economy] affords more opportunities for human advancement on every level [work, technology, medicine, etc.] and the protection of basic human freedom and rights
16. Fallen human beings, as well as the world and universe, will reach a condition of perfection only in the eternal state [the New Jerusalem] (1 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21)