

# Online Catechism Lesson 21: Governments, Armies, Private Property, Riches, Class-Warfare, and Economic Systems

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## On governments

1. The only governmental systems that are approved of by God and thus are good are based upon the natural law, the family structure, and God’s hierarchy in heaven in which one man has total power and authority over the land and people he rules. Even the kingdom in hell is ruled by one being, by the Devil, by Satan.

God’s kingdom: *“Thine, O Lord, is magnificence and power and glory and victory, and to thee is praise. For all that is in heaven and in earth is thine: thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art above all princes.”* (1 Par. 29:11 *“And said: O Lord God of our fathers, thou art God in heaven, and rulest over all the kingdoms and nations, in thy hand is strength and power, and no one can resist thee.”* (2 Par. 20:6)) And Jesus says *“He that doth the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.”* (Mt. 7:21) And St. Paul says, *“The Lord hath delivered me from every evil work and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”* (2 Tim. 4:18)

Jesus teaches that Satan rules the kingdom of hell: *“And Jesus knowing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be made desolate, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then shall his kingdom stand?”* (Mt. 12:25-26)

2. Hence the only governmental systems approved of by God are theocracies, monarchies, and dictatorships. And of these, the most favored is a theocracy in which the supreme ruler rules both the Church or Religion and the State or Nation.

For example, Moses was the supreme ruler of God’s chosen people in both Church and State and thus his government was a theocracy, as was the holy Prophet Samuel’s until God’s chosen people rejected the theocracy under Samuel and wanted a monarchy in which the Church and State would be ruled by two men, Samuel and Saul. God was not pleased, but he allowed it. (See 1 Kings 8)

*Catholic Commentary* on 1 Ki. 8:7: **“Rejected:** The government of Israel had been a theocracy in which God ruled through his religious leader who was the supreme ruler of Church and State, such as Moses. Therefore God complains that his people rejected him in desiring a change of government that would split the rule between religious and secular rulers, between Church and State rulers.”

3. This does not mean citizens ruled by a supreme ruler can never vote on things. They can but only if the supreme ruler allows it. And a supreme ruler who wants to be just must take counsel from others, but it is still he who makes the final decision. *“The words of the wise are as goads and as nails deeply fastened in, which by the counsel of masters are given from one shepherd.”* (Ectes. 12:11)
4. Just because a ruler has supreme power and authority does not mean he has to be obeyed in everything. The only time a supreme ruler must be disobeyed is when he commands something

sinful or impossible. And if the he is extremely evil, disruptive, and destructive to society, he can be overthrown and replaced.

5. It is contrary to the natural law to allow women to have supreme rule in any kingdom, nation, State, or government.

While a queen can rule her subjects, the king is the supreme ruler over the queen and the other subjects. If the king dies, then one of his sons or another male must have supreme rule but not the queen.

6. All governmental systems that do not have one man as the supreme ruler are evil and rebellious, such as republics and democracies.

These governmental systems give men the illusion that many or all can have supreme rule and thus breed rebellious citizens. If God ever let them in heaven with such an attitude, they would want to be equal to God in ruling his kingdom. They certainly would not accept God as their supreme king and ruler. *“The Lord hath prepared his throne in heaven, and his kingdom shall rule over all.”* (Ps. 102:19)

These governmental systems are easier to corrupt. If a state is ruled by one supreme ruler who is corrupt, then only he needs to be replaced by one good supreme ruler to end the corruption. But if it is ruled by one hundred men of whom the majority are corrupt, then they must be replaced with as many good men in order to end the corruption.

And because most men are evil, there is a greater chance that these governmental systems will be evil because the odds are that the majority of men ruling it will be corrupt; whereas it is at least possible and certainly more probable to have a one good man ruling as the supreme ruler.

7. God’s chosen people living under evil governmental systems (such as republics and democracies) or evil governments ruled by one man (such as Islamic theocracies or pagan monarchies) must tolerate and obey them, be loyal to them, and work within them for the greater good. Their prayer to God would be to deliver them from such a government and place them in a theocracy or at least a monarchy that is ruled by a believer, which during the New Covenant era is a Catholic State or kingdom. God allows his chosen people to be captive in non-Catholic nations or States as a punishment for their sins or to try their faith or to evangelize the unbelievers.<sup>1</sup>
8. Hence Catholics living in republics and democracies must tolerate them and thus must obey them in all things that are not sinful and thus must pledge allegiance to them. But that does not mean they accept and condone the heretical governmental systems of republics and democracies. In this case, Catholics obey the government and its non-sinful laws but do not condone its governmental system. In a similar way, Catholics living under a pagan monarchy must obey its non-sinful laws and pledge allegiance to it even though it condones idolatry and immorality. In this case, Catholics not only obey the government and its non-sinful laws but also condone its governmental system.

### **For nationalism and against globalism**

9. Because God created the different races and their unique identities, he ordains, as a general rule, that each race should have its own land, State, country, or nation. Hence God ordains nationalism. As a general rule, God ordains that each nation has its own independent government.
10. If a nation or race is extremely sinful, God can destroy it or make it subject to another nation or race. *“Pride is hateful before God and men, and all iniquity of nations is execrable. A kingdom is translated from one people to another because of injustices, and wrongs, and injuries, and divers deceits.”* (Eccus. 10:7-8) *“Behold the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth.”* (Amos 9:8)

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<sup>1</sup> See RJMI book *Catholic Captivity*.

11. God condemns globalism because, as a general rule, it seeks to merge or destroy all or most national identities and in so doing merge or destroy all or most races and their unique identities.<sup>2</sup>
12. Even though the Catholic Church is universal and thus global, she does not, as a general rule, seek to merge or destroy races or national identities and thus she, as a general rule, promotes races and nationalism. The Catholic Church seeks to place each race and nation under Catholic rule and thus to be subject to the Catholic Church in matters regarding the Catholic faith (which includes morals) but does not, as a general rule, seek to destroy or merge each race and nation and their unique identities or to rule them in secular matters. At times the Catholic Church will have a Catholic nation subdue a race or nation until it is tamed and only then allow it to have its own independent existence regarding secular matters.
13. Some use the word “nationalism” to mean the idolization of a nation, which is the mortal sin of idolatry. A nation idolizes itself by placing itself equal to or above God. But this definition must not be confused with the common meaning of the word “nationalism” in which it is good to love one’s nation and thus to desire to be an independent nation.

### **Armies that Catholics can or cannot belong to**

14. Catholics can join non-Catholic armies and fight for them in their wars, as long as they do not do anything sinful.
 

On one occasion when David fled from King Saul, he went to Philistine and joined its army and fought in some of its wars. (See 1 Kings, Chapters 27 and 28.)

Catholics soldiers joined the pagan Roman army and fought for its causes. If they were compelled to commit a sin by the army, they must refuse if they do not want to commit sin. And in so doing, they either left the army, were killed, or imprisoned. *Roman Martyrology*: 8/26: “At Ventimiglia, a city of Liguria, St. Secundus, martyr, a distinguished man and officer in the Theban Legion... At Bergamo in Lombardy, St. Alexander, martyr, who was one of the same legion.” 9/22: “At St. Maurice, near Sion in Switzerland, the birthday of the holy Theban martyrs Maurice, Exuperius, Candidus, Victor, Innocent, and Vitalis, with their companions of the same legion.”
15. In the eyes of God, wars are just or unjust. He is the ultimate one who judges if a war is just or unjust. Many times it is impossible or difficult for men to know if a war is just or unjust because they do not see things as God does. Hence Catholic soldiers who fight on the side of an army that conducts an unjust war are not responsible and thus do not sin. Only the leaders who have the power to start or stop the war are responsible and thus sin.
16. However, the pope, local Catholic bishop, or other competent Catholic authority has the authority to declare a war to be unjust and thus forbid Catholics to fight in it on the side of the army that conducts the unjust war. But without such a declaration, Catholics can fight in any army and in any war, as long as they are not compelled by the army to do something sinful, such rape or sin against the faith by idolatry or heresy. However, killing, torture, pillaging, and destroying structures are not sinful when commanded by a competent authority to do these things. Regarding torture, they must not do anything immoral to the victim.
17. Even though Catholic soldiers can fight in any war that does not always mean they are fighting for the cause of the war but only that they are doing their duty as soldiers for the well being and safety of that State or Nation of which they are citizens.

For example, when Catholic soldiers fought in the pagan Roman army, they did not fight for the cause of expanding or defending paganism but fought as their duty to maintain,

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<sup>2</sup> See in this profession, “**Error! Reference source not found.**,” p. [27](#).

propagate, or defend the well being and safety of the empire of which they were citizens. In the same way when Catholics paid taxes to the pagan Roman Empire that did not mean they condoned the pagan things that were supported by the taxes but only that their taxes would be used to maintain, propagate, and defend the well being and safety of the empire.

18. When a Catholic army fights against another Catholic army it is certain that at least one of the armies is fighting an unjust war. Hence either one is fighting an unjust war while the other is fighting a just war or both are fighting an unjust war.
19. In the case of a Catholic army that conducts an unjust war against another Catholic army, only those who have the power to start or stop the war are responsible and thus sin. Hence Catholic soldiers do not sin even though they are fighting in the army that conducts the unjust war. In these situations, a good Catholic in one army finds himself killing another good Catholic in the other army and both will be saved.
20. Because Catholics cannot belong to an army that commands them to do something sinful as a condition to enter or remain in the army, they cannot enter or remain in armies that require or consist of the following things:<sup>3</sup>
  - a) The soldiers must take heretical or idolatrous oaths of allegiance, which is the sin of heresy or idolatry
  - b) As a general rule, the male soldiers are ruled by women, which is the heresy of feminism
  - c) As a general rule, women fight in the army and thus have active combat roles, which is the heresy of feminism.
  - d) Allows soldiers who are openly homosexuals or transgenders, which is immoral and heretical.<sup>4</sup>
  - e) The soldiers are commanded to do any other sinful thing.

### **Private property and riches are not intrinsically sinful and against class warfare**

21. One condition of a righteous government is that some or all of its citizens have the right to own private property unless deprived of it for a just reason.
22. Slaves, criminals, and in most cases women, and in some cases non-citizens have no right to private property. And to preserve a Catholic State, non-Catholics must only be allowed to have limited ownership of private property or none if they are a great danger to the Catholic State.
23. God does not condemn all riches and thus all rich men. He condemns those who put their riches over God or do not use their riches for good causes. And God does not bless all poor men simply because they are poor. Most poor men are evil and end up in hell. God's word warns rich men more than poor men because riches are a great temptation since they can buy and cover up many sinful things and lusting after riches causes men to commit other mortal sins to get and keep their riches, such as stealing, fraud, murder, blackmail, etc. *"For they that will become rich, fall into temptation and into the snare of the devil and into many unprofitable and hurtful desires, which drown men into destruction and perdition."* (1 Tim. 6:9) Let no one, then, take out of context the word of God in order to idolize the rich or the poor and thus promote class warfare, the rich against the poor or the poor against the rich. *"The rich and poor have met one another: the Lord is the maker of them both."* (Prv. 22:1-2) *"Rich or poor, if his heart is good his countenance shall be cheerful at all times."* (Eccus. 26:4) *"Thou shalt not do that which is unjust, nor judge unjustly. Respect not the*

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<sup>3</sup> See RJMI article *Catholics Must Not Take the USA Pledge of Allegiance or Serve in USA Military*.

<sup>4</sup> Public acts of immorality are not only immoral but also heretical because their actions say to the public that immorality is not immoral See in this Profession of Faith, ##

*person of the poor nor honor the countenance of the mighty. But judge thy neighbor according to justice.” (Lev. 19:15)<sup>5</sup>*

24. Beware of all forms of the class-warfare heresy, which pits the poor against the rich, women against men, slaves against masters, subjects against rulers, etc. God has justly ordained the classes of rulers and subjects, bosses and workers, masters and slaves, rich and poor, men and women, and one ruler or race over another.

### **On economic systems**

25. Marxist communism is intrinsically evil for the following reasons: It promotes class warfare, especially by condemning all rich men and idolizing the poor. It denies its citizens the right to private property, as the State owns all the property. Hence it has all of its citizens equally poor and without ownership of property and with no incentive for prosperity and progress.

While some of the first Christians shared all things in common and some sold all they had and gave it to the Church, it was by their freewill and not by command, as many still had private property and riches. Regarding private property, St. Paul says, *“Salute the brethren who are at Laodicea and Nymphas and the church that is in his house.”* (Col. 4:15) And the richer Christians supported the poorer ones. Regarding the rich and poor, St. Paul says *“Now therefore perform ye it also indeed; that as your mind is forward to be willing, so it may be also to perform, out of that which you have. For if the will be forward, it is accepted according to that which a man hath not according to that which he hath not. For I mean not that others should be eased and you burdened, but by an equality. In this present time let your abundance supply their want.”* (2 Cor. 8:11-14)

26. Capitalism is not intrinsically evil. Good capitalism allows men to trade and own businesses in order to gain justified profits and to justifiably increase their possessions and to justifiably expand their businesses in order to promote the common good of the State and its citizens.
27. However, Capitalism, as practiced in the United State and Europe, is intrinsically evil. It is immoral and idolatrous because money, profits, and possessions are its god. It allows men to make unjustifiable profits, to unjustifiably increase their possessions, and to unjustifiably expand their business and in disregard for the common good of the State and its citizens.

One of the main weapons that brings the Antichrist to power is the love of money. *“He that loveth gold shall not be justified, and he that followeth after corruption shall be filled with it.”* (Eccus. 31:5) After listing several kinds of sins, St. Paul says, *“For the love of money is the root of all these evils, which some coveting have erred from the faith and have entangled themselves in many sorrows.”* (1 Tim. 6:10) Hence evil Capitalism promotes and fosters greed, materialism, selfishness, covetousness, envy, pride, and humanism. It teaches that men can never have enough money or possessions and thus breeds selfishness, greed, and covetousness. It teaches that men who do not have sufficient riches are failures and thus defective. And it produces and sells things that people do not need and people buy things they do not need and thus it is extremely wasteful and un-frugal.<sup>6</sup> Evil Capitalism also promotes usury for several reasons: 1) for greedy bankers and other loaners to make money on interest; 2) for greedy borrowers to increase their possessions which they could not afford by their own labor; 3) for un-frugal borrowers to buy things they do not need; 3) for citizens to have enough riches and possessions in order to be acceptable in such a society (aka to achieve the American Dream); 4) for governments to be enslaved to loaners; and, 5) for governments to go bankrupt.

28. Socialism, as practiced by Hitler’s Germany, was good because of the following reasons: While it supported capitalism, private property, prosperity, and progress, it bridled them by State control and

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<sup>5</sup> See *RJMI Topic Index: Rich and Poor.*

<sup>6</sup> See *RJMI Topic Index: Capitalism.*

made them work for the common good of all of its citizens and the environment. Hence it condemned and eradicated greed, selfishness, waste, un-frugality, covetousness, envy, sinful pride, and sinful destruction of the environment. In fact, no economic system in modern times was as successful and good for all its citizens and the environment as the socialism of Hitler's Germany.<sup>7</sup> Hitler's definition of socialism is as follows:

Adolph Hitler: "A Socialist is one who serves the common good without giving up his individuality or personality or the product of his personal efficiency. Our adopted term 'Socialist' has nothing to do with Marxian Socialism. Marxism is anti-property; true socialism is not. Marxism places no value on the individual, or individual effort, or efficiency; true Socialism values the individual and encourages him in individual efficiency, at the same time holding that his interests as an individual must be in consonance with those of the community. All great inventions, discoveries, achievements were first the product of an individual brain. It is charged against me that I am against property, that I am an atheist. Both charges are false."<sup>8</sup>

Adolph Hitler: "Here we have a clear example of the difference between the socialist and the communist State. In the socialist State, the individual or his professional community retains the individual and joint responsibility for himself or his professional associates. In the communist State, all responsibility and care is assumed by the State and shifted onto it.... Socialism preserves individual liberty with a view to the welfare of the general public. Communism abolishes this freedom through collectivization—that is, by creating herds and herd animals, whom the State drives to work and to the pasture."<sup>9</sup>

29. For the record, apostate Jews and Freemasons are the authors of Marxist Communism and sinful capitalism.

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<sup>7</sup> See RJMI book *Apostate Hitler's Sins and Non-Sins*: "He condemned Marxist Communism" and "He condemned Capitalism and the greed that goes with it" and "he condemned Western republics and democracies and their hypocrisy."

<sup>8</sup> Adolf Hitler, Speech, December 28, 1938.

<sup>9</sup> "Hitler—*Memoirs of a Confidant*, from 1929-1933, by Otto Wagner, 1946. Chap. 46, p. 285.