

AN EXAMPLE OF A HIGHLY DEVELOPED ATHEISTIC MODEL OF REALITY
AND HOW IT FUNCTIONS (PART 1)

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1. The only real solution for the world's economic and social ills is to be found in the Historic Christian Faith.

Christianity came into a world which was filled with oppression and cruelty. Great masses of people were held as slaves, often brutally beaten, and sometimes killed, simply at the whim of their owners. The Roman emperors ruled in arbitrary fashion over all the conquered nations, often brutally oppressing and torturing, not only members of the conquered nations, but also citizens of Rome as well. Moral conditions were bad, and the social organization was full of injustice. In this situation, the Christian Church began to preach the Gospel of individual salvation through Christ, while paying no direct attention to social problems or even to seemingly great moral issues, outside of the church itself. It is amazing in our time to look through the New Testament epistles and see the lack of any attack on political oppression, social injustice, or even slavery itself. Yet the effect of the preaching of the Gospel was to humanize the heart of the slave-holder, to Christianize the attitude of the slave, and to cause both, if they had accepted Christ as Savior, to look upon one another as brothers, and in time to see the sin of the institution of slavery. At last the imperial throne itself was affected, and the whole fabric of government was changed, as converted individuals sought to apply God's revealed Christian principles to their personal relationships. The Historic Christian Faith was the dynamite which struck at the very root of the corrupt practices, and wicked organization of the Roman world. No social planning the world has ever seen