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Black Researcher: MLK, Jr. Was a Marxist Who Rejected Christ; “Pastor” Title a Ruse

One reason Martin Luther King, Jr. “is so celebrated today,” stated late left-wing NAACP head Julian Bond in 2010, is “because we celebrate a different kind of man than really existed.”

You can say that again, too, researcher Chad O. Jackson might exclaim. In fact, if Jackson is any guide, King’s speech “I Have a Dream” perhaps should’ve been “I Have a Scheme.”

Among other things, Jackson reports that the civil rights icon was a Marxist who renounced Jesus Christ. King only became a pastor, states Jackson, because it was the most effective way to peddle his leftist agenda. He had to hide his real views, however, because revealing them would’ve been disqualifying in 1960s America.



AP Images
Martin Luther King, Jr.

What’s more, Jackson emphasizes that he gleaned these insights not from others’ reportage. Rather, they’re from his examination of *King’s own writings*.

Man Behind the Curtain

It’s ironic, but as statues of Christopher Columbus fall and the Founders are impugned, new “heroes” are hoisted aloft. For instance, Louisville, Kentucky’s airport was renamed in 2019 after [late boxing great Muhammad Ali](#). Never mind that the pugilist said in a 1975 *Playboy* interview, “A black man should be killed if he’s messin’ with a white woman.” Cancellation is conditional.

As for MLK’s transgressions, Jackson has been busy exposing them, such as on a Monday [online Q&A](#) and in [a November New American interview](#). And what’s the straight dope on King?

While Americans view the man as “a kind of founding father of an America 2.0,” Jackson says, it’s all marketing. As he stated on the podcast *The Fallen State* in [a segment](#) that was posted online again just yesterday:

If you read his papers, he writes that at the age of 12 he rejected Christ.... He said that, and then by the age of 15 he embraced the liberal interpretation of the gospel full-on. Another lie is that Martin Luther King wanted to go to a seminary in the South to study theology, but none would accept him because he was a negro — completely false. In his own papers, he says he embraced the liberal social gospel and intentionally went to a liberal school in the North because he wanted to get away from the South. He really looked up to and admired the so-called “Talented Tenth,” W.E.B. Du Bois, and all these atheist, socialist black liberals in the North who belonged to the NAACP.



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Ironically, states Jackson, Southern culture produced King via intact family structure, hard work, and faith. Nonetheless, King embraced Marxism, discussing it privately with staff while hiding it publicly to avoid public rejection.

A relevant video, on King's faux-pastor character, is below.

MLK became a pastor, not for the glory of God, but for the glory of Marx.

pic.twitter.com/yQv3bW5Lkk

— Chad O. Jackson (@chadojackson) [November 1, 2025](#)

The King — of Deceit?

Jackson also reveals that King's speeches were sometimes ghostwritten by communists (e.g., Bayard Rustin, Stanley Levison, Clarence Jones). And they used familiar patriotic language deceptively to introduce socialism Trojan-horse style.

King's faux-Christian character was perfect for this, too. Communists are anti-religion and would not normally embrace a pastor — only a pastor who was a pretender.

Jackson makes other points as well, asserting:

- The Civil Rights Movement exploited good-will desires for equality to push federal expansion, welfare dependency, and government reliance. He contrasts this with Booker T. Washington's emphasis on individual responsibility, self-reliance, and personal development.
- Pro-abortion — King proudly accepted a Planned Parenthood award, despite the organization's "Negro Project" origins.
- MLK instilled bitterness, victimhood, and encouraged blaming America/systems rather than fostering self-improvement. This led to negative outcomes such as high out-of-wedlock birthrates, gang violence, and perpetual "racism" claims in black communities.
- The "I Have a Dream" speech amounts to manipulative rhetoric that masked sinister goals of socialist transformation.

Relating to the first point above, even conservatives today reflexively assume King would reject woke initiatives such as DEI and reparations. In point of fact, however, we needn't guess: He clearly stated otherwise in a 1965 *Playboy* interview.

When [asked if he supported a multibillion-dollar program](#) of preferential treatment for blacks, he responded, "I do." King then elaborated, saying that *all*

of America's wealth today could not adequately compensate its Negroes for his centuries of exploitation and humiliation.

"Astroturfing" Before it Was Even a Word

Returning to Jackson, he holds that the problem wasn't just King, as the whole Civil Rights Movement reflected his character. Consider, for example, all the protesters abused by supposedly bigoted southern cops. As Jackson asserted with host Jesse Lee Peterson on [The Fallen State](#):

Mind you, the entire South was not this racist hotbed; that's just a lie. They [the protesters would] find these cities where they know the police are unafraid to do what is necessary to



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break up unlawful gatherings. They chose specific places in Alabama; they didn't pull permits; they got all these people to come from up North down to Alabama to march. They wanted for the police, after several calls to disperse, to finally engage with force.

Of course, this is what happens today, too, such as with the agitators trying to provoke ICE.

As for King, not surprisingly, his personal life aligned with his ideology. He was a foul-mouthed womanizer who [reportedly](#) participated in orgies and might've fathered an out-of-wedlock daughter. Most damningly, he allegedly witnessed a rape in a hotel room and, far from stopping it, [encouraged the assault](#).

Image Over Reality

So why is King glorified today? It's not that his corrupt past was entirely unknown decades ago. It's politics.

Just consider late President Ronald Reagan's thoughts [regarding the bill granting King a federal holiday](#). To a governor who urged him not to sign the 1983 legislation, he responded:

I have the [same] reservations you have, but here the perception of too many people is based on an image, not reality. Indeed, to them the perception *is* reality.

In other words, Martin Luther King, Jr. certainly has his place in history. He's perhaps America's first DEI hero with a DEI holiday.

So aligning with the fevered activism of some years back, what can be said? Well, maybe we now know of a few more statues that need to be toppled.

For those interested, the entire *Fallen State* interview with Jackson is below.



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