

Hello! My name is Chloe Martinez. It is my firm conviction that all religious people cling to their gods because it is the natural state of people who feel oppressed. Karl Marx summed it up nicely in *A Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right* when he wrote:

“Religious distress is at the same time the expression of real distress and the protest against real distress. Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, just as it is the spirit of a spiritless situation. It is the opium of the people. The abolition of religion as the illusory happiness of the people is required for their real happiness. The demand to give up the illusion about its condition is the demand to give up a condition which needs illusions. The criticism of religion is therefore in embryo the criticism of the vale of woe, the halo of which is religion. Criticism has plucked the imaginary flowers from the chain, not so that man will wear the chain without any fantasy or consolation but so that he will shake of the chain and cull the living flower.”

Therefore as we see less oppression we will see more atheists. It is also likely, the less oppressed we as a society become, the more the theist will cry tyranny and a decline of freedoms. We can already see some evidence of this in the false nostalgia being propagated by religious peoples in every creed.

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