

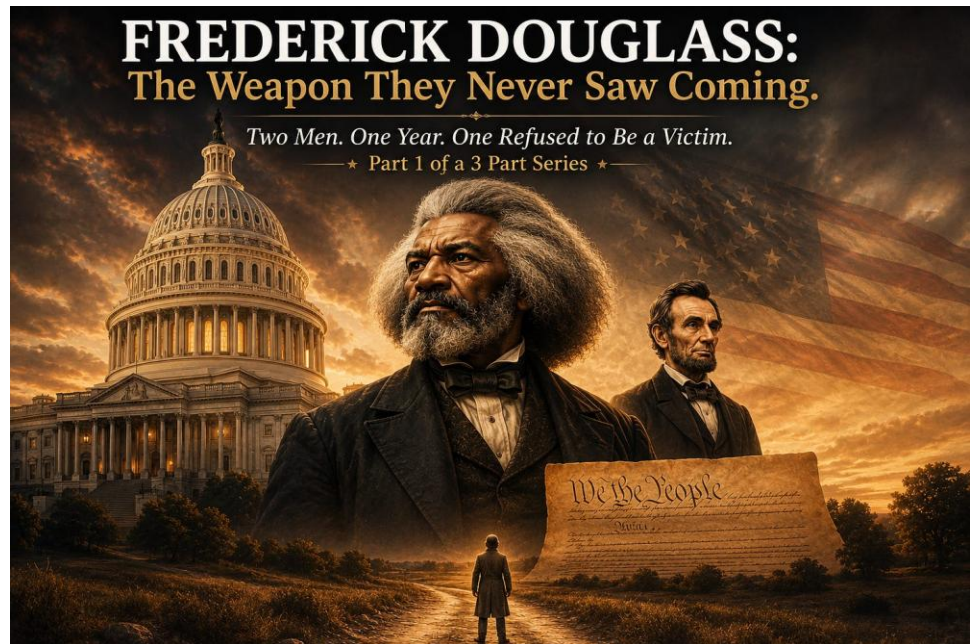
FREDERICK DOUGLASS: The Weapon They Never Saw Coming Two Men. One Year. One Refused to Be a Victim.

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"To break free from the fallacies of Marxism, our nation needs to hear the voice of Frederick Douglass to understand the true architecture of freedom." KCarl Smith

A Night in Mulberry, Florida

It was February 10, 2022. I walked into a small, recently restored historic Gem Theater in Mulberry, Florida for a Citizens Defending Freedom meeting. The room was packed. The speaker was a man named KCarl Smith. Most people there had never heard of him.



By the time he finished, the room had exploded. People were on their feet. He had brought Frederick Douglass back to life in that little theater, and nobody who was there that night would ever look at American history, Marxism, or civic engagement the same way again.

I have been quoting Frederick Douglass ever since.

The reason his words work is simple: the Marxists have no answer for Frederick Douglass. He disarms them every time. Truth has a way of doing that.

Stop Looking Left. Stop Looking Right. Look UP.

The Church is being pulled into horizontal battles right now. Left versus right. Black versus white. Democrat versus Republican. And the enemy is having a field day, because a Church that is looking sideways is a Church that is not looking up.

The battle that matters is not horizontal. It is VERTICAL. Good versus evil. Truth versus lies. The Kingdom of God versus everything that opposes it.

Frederick Douglass understood this over 150 years ago. He had every reason to pick a side. He had been enslaved, beaten, separated from his mother as an infant, denied education by law. He had more cause for bitterness than almost any man who ever lived.

He chose principle over party. Every single time.

"I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong." Frederick Douglass, 1855

That sentence is the thesis of this entire series. **Not left or right.** Not Republican or Democrat. RIGHT versus WRONG. That is the framework every Christian voter, every pastor, every citizen needs to carry into every election and every civic conversation they ever have.

Two Men. One Year. Two Completely Different Worlds.

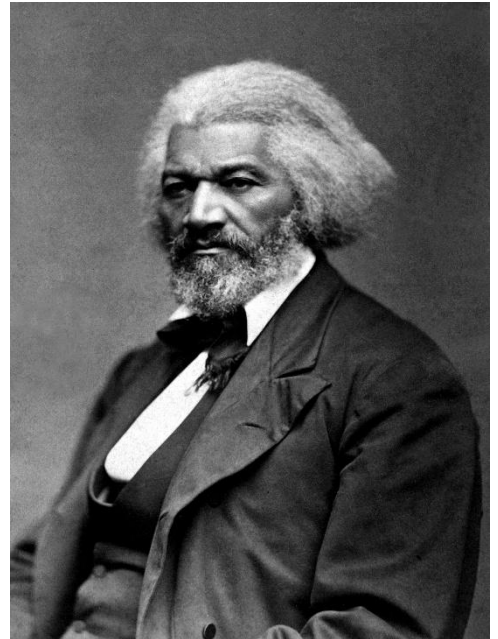
History has an answer to Marxism that most Americans have never been taught. It starts with two men born in the same year.

Frederick Douglass and Karl Marx were both born in 1818. One would die wealthy, honored, and free. One would die broke, bitter, and largely forgotten. And the philosophy of the one who failed is being taught in your children's schools right now.

Frederick Douglass: The Man Who Refused to Be a Victim

Douglass was born into slavery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He never knew his exact birthday because he was taken from his mother as an infant. His mother lived on a plantation 12 miles away. To see her baby, she walked those 12 miles after a full day of field work, in the dark, and walked 12 miles back before dawn to avoid punishment. He saw her on only four occasions. She called him her Little Valentine. He chose February 14th as his birthday in her honor.

He never wore shoes until he was 8. He never slept in a bed until he was 10. He was enslaved for the first 20 years of his life.



He taught himself to read in secret. When it was against the law. He delayed his escape by a full year just to learn to write as well as he could read. He had three books on the plantation: a dictionary, the Bible, and a volume called The Columbian Orator, which he bought for 50 cents at age 12. Those three books shaped everything.

He escaped at 20. Wrote his first book at 27. Built a personal library of over 800 books and read every one of them, many more than once. Those seeking a PhD typically read fewer

than 200 books. Frederick Douglass, who never spent a single day in a classroom, had the equivalent of four PhDs. His three autobiographies are not casual reading. They are academic-level texts. A man who taught himself to read in secret produced literature that challenges scholars today.

He advised five presidents. Founded his own newspaper. Assisted Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad from his Rochester home. Became an ordained minister. Served as Lincoln's conscience, pressing him as Moses pressed Pharaoh. He carried the cries of his people to the doorstep of the White House.

When he died in 1895, he had \$300,000 in savings. According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation data, that is approximately \$11.6 million in today's dollars. A man born into slavery with nothing built more wealth than most Americans who had every advantage he was denied.

"We may explain success mainly by one word and that word is WORK! WORK!! WORK!!! WORK!!!!" Frederick Douglass

"I prayed for twenty years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs." Frederick Douglass

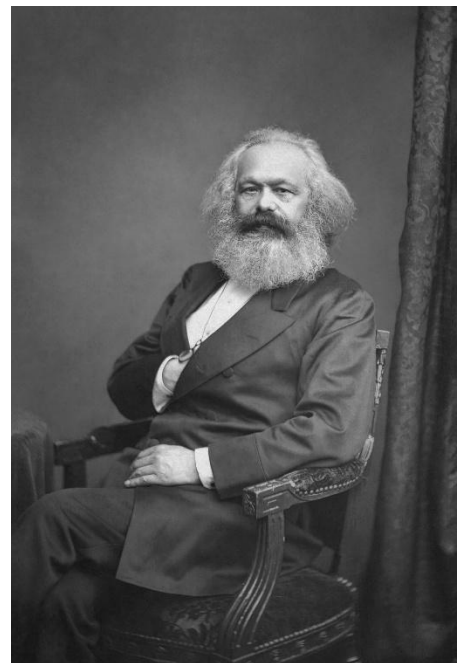
Karl Marx: The Man Who Built a Philosophy He Never Lived

Karl Marx was born in 1818 into a comfortable European family. University-educated. Well-connected. He spent his life in libraries and coffee shops writing about the suffering of the working class while refusing to join it.

He couldn't hold a job. Couldn't pay his rent. Hid from creditors using a fake name. Some days his wife had to pawn his pants to buy food. Seven children. Four died before adulthood. At 44 he wrote to his benefactor Friedrich Engels: "Such a lousy life is not worth living."

He died in 1883 broke and was largely forgotten. Only eleven people attended his funeral.

And then the Marxists took that miserable, dependent, unproductive life and turned it into a revolutionary philosophy. They took his failures and called them wisdom. They took his poverty and called it proof of the system's corruption. They built a global movement on the ideas of a man who could not feed his own children.



Frederick Douglass survived oppression. Karl Marx theorized about it from a coffee shop. One of them earned the right to speak. The other just spoke.

Marx taught people to see themselves as victims. Douglass REFUSED to be one.

“Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.” Frederick Douglass