

**Review: Dave Breese, *Seven Men Who Rule the World From the Grave*,
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The Dead Ruling the Dead

This important book covers the big ideas which have destroyed men's minds and led them into hell. As agents of the Devil all bases have been covered; origins from Darwin; 'social justice' of Marx; finances with Keynes; morality with Kierkegaard; and education with Dewey.

The author takes apart each philosophy, which always deny absolute truth which only resides in God, replacing him with an ever-evolving and improving man.

The reason everyone should be familiar with these ideas is they are still around today, only repackaged with modern technology:

“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

II Corinthians 2.11

Preface: The Gods of the Mind (pp. 9-16)

The truly powerful leader must influence minds.

To claim there are no absolutes is to deny the existence of God.

False gods persistently work to confuse.

Introduction (pp. 17-22)

“Esdraelon” is the Valley of Megiddo where Armageddon will take place.

The major personalities became gods of the mind rather than masters of real estate.

I) Biology Is Destiny: Charles Darwin (pp. 23-33)

Darwin essentially restarted history.

If the law of the jungle prevailed, only one being would eventually survive.

Accident, sickness, surprise, natural disasters, and a myriad of other variables affect survival apart from an organism's fitness.

II) Thinking Further About Science (pp. 34-45)

Science observes entities and their combinations and phenomena by performing experiments. Therefore, philosophically it is empiricism.

III) Social Darwinism (pp. 46-51)

Technical and military progress is useless without moral improvement.

Darwinism reduces ideas of the spirit, soul and eternity to chemistry.

IV) The Ruling Principle for All Humanity: Karl Marx (pp. 52-77)

Marx was before all things a revolutionary.

His father was a Lutheran convert from Judaism for pragmatic reasons.

He migrated to Paris which was more open to revolutionary ideas.

Past French thinkers like Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-78) proposed a "back-to-nature movement". He fathered five illegitimate children by a mistress, which he sent off to die in the local children's 'hospital'.

Marx ascribed all evils to the bourgeoisie, who are weak, decadent, and exploitative.

Communism is first and foremost Atheism.

Pavlov's dogs were a great lesson for the Communists.

Once in power, the Communist Party immediately takes possession of all wealth and power.

Lenin was moved by secret train from German into Russia.

V) Thinking Further About Marxism (pp. 78-87)

The fatal flaw with Communism is real value is determined by economic forces, not Party dictate.

Erich Honecker, leader of East Germany owned 32 homes and had a private hunting reserve.

Liberation theology holds Christ came to free man from poverty.

VI) Closing the Book: Julius Wellhausen (pp. 88-104)

The Wellhausen School maintains pre-Mosaic religion of Israel was totemism and ancestor worship. The Bible was actually an evolutionary process rather than immediate divine revelation.

J. Gresham Machen identified Liberalism by:

1. Our origins are certainly Evolutionary.
2. The mind itself has evolved.
3. Man's understanding of himself and God has evolved.
4. Sin is a lack of maturity or evolution.
5. Salvation is primarily by education.

Under 1% of Europe are evangelical Christians.

Christian liberalism is a "religion within a religion".

VII) The Coming of the Strange Fire (pp. 105-123)

Einstein's theories were interpreted by society as "all things are relative".
The U.S. is a government of law, not of men.

VIII) Looking Within: Sigmund Freud (pp. 124-147)

The Freuds were Jewish.

Freud knew he had to move into an income-producing activity and so went into psychiatry.

He was a cocaine enthusiast to treat everything from depression to indigestion.

His first tool was hypnosis: "it was highly flattering to enjoy the reputation of being a miracle worker". However, he became disillusioned since many past events were simply being made up by patients.

He created the Oedipus complex, or the unconscious tendency for a child to attach to the opposite parent and be hostile towards the same one. The Electra complex is father-daughter attachment.

Freud's "id" is a chaos of instinct and desire, and the "superego" the source of conscience and ideals.

He settled on libido as the driving force of all man's motivation. They was also the life and death drives.

Religion was "mental infantilism" and "mass delusion".

IX) The Vast Emergence: John Dewey (pp. 148-177)

The "gift of forgetfulness" means history is doomed to be repeated.

Dewey was America's foremost philosopher and educator.

He was heavily influenced by Hegel and believed: ultimate truth is an illusion; meaning is superior to truth; truth can only be know by experience; teaching is subject to environment ("give it a try").

“There is no enemy other than the man who is not open to everything.”

X) New Hope for the Nations: John Maynard Keynes (pp. 178-203)

WWI was a godsend for the Marxists, since it proved their theory of capitalism’s self-destructive nature.

“New-fangled economists considered credit buying a healthy handmaiden of prosperity.”

Keynes was born 1883 (the same year of Marx’s death). He argued business investment was too volatile for an economy to rely upon in times of depression, and proposed government spending on credit as the solution, e.g., FDR’s New Deal.

“The government has all the answers.”

While this strategy appears to work in the short term, in the long term Keynes simply opines, “in the long run we’re all dead”.

The question of who pays future government unfunded liabilities remains unanswered. One solution is to globalise credit under a World Bank/IMF, which would ultimately create the need for global government.

“When the government begin to play God, it will find itself increasingly satanic in its activity and in its reputation.”

XI) The Advent of Diffusion: Soren Kierkegaard (pp. 204-224)

Soren was a co-discoverer of Existentialism, a hard-to-define philosophy. The others were Jaspers, Heidegger, and Sartre, and none of them were in agreement.

His father was a wealthy Danish merchant who left him a fortune so that he never had to work.

Existentialism denies consistent morality, teaching situational ethics and moral relativism.

“The only right is what is right for you.”

“You only go around once, so make the most of it!”

His philosophy produced the rebellion of the 1960s, also, neoorthodoxy which changed the Bible from being the world of God to “containing” it.

XII) Who Shall Overcome? (pp. 225-236)