

## **Marxist Philosophy, Liberation Struggles and Theologies in Africa**

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### **Abstract**

The contribution of Marxist philosophy to liberation struggles and theology in Africa and post-independence Africa cannot be overestimated. The liberation struggles and theologies of liberation in Africa have been influenced by ideas from Marxist philosophy. This equally applies to liberation struggles and movements inspired by Kwame Nkrumah, Obafemi Awolowo, Julius Nyerere, African liberation theologies and others. All these have been directly or indirectly influenced by ideas from Marxist thought. The concern of this paper is to see the nexus between Marxist philosophy and liberation struggles and theologies. While it is true that not all aspects of Marxist philosophy are viable or ethically relevant to liberation in Africa today; there are aspects such as the option for the poor that are still relevant. These viable aspects must continue to be encouraged in creating a better African continent. The paper uses a critical analytic method to break-open the issues involved. The paper finds and concludes that Marxist thought have influence d liberation struggles and theologies in Africa; and that aspects of Marxian thoughts still have some relevance to the Continent.

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