

Commentaries on the Infinity Wars II

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Thanos, of course, stands for modern totalitarianism. He is convinced, as were Communists and Nazis, that he has a mandate from nature, from the universe itself, to override ethics and humanity and carry out genocide for a greater good. His philosophy authorizes him to sacrifice the sanctity of human life. Such was the pseudo-Darwinian mandate of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Hitler and Stalin. Marx and Hegel openly called for the elimination of those races and cultures in Europe that were not up to speed with industrialization and proletarian revolution. Hitler and his ideologues believed that the Final Solution was a favor to nature itself, a way to prune the human tree so as to make it more fitting for survival.

There is something perhaps as bad, or even worse than the totalitarian storm. And that is the moral relativism that it engenders in the free societies that are its natural enemies. In Kirby's New Gods series, upon whose villain Darkseid, Thanos is based, Scott Free (Mr. Miracle) and Orion (one the son of Highfather raised by Darkseid and the other the son of Darkseid raised by Highfather as a result of their pact to end the war between New Genesis and Apokolips) chafe against this pact between the forces of light and the forces of darkness which has downgraded and subverted the moral high ground of the forces of good (Highfather and New Genesis). Kirby, of course, was depicting the moral consequence of the MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) doctrine on the moral fiber of America, and how totalitarianism, in this case Soviet, had trapped the US in a moral conundrum: to pact with totalitarianism was to contribute to its continued existence, to not pact with it was to be an "enemy of peace." In the meantime, Darkseid's agents, just as Soviet agents did, worked feverishly to undermine the free societies which they understood to be their ultimate foes.

Totalitarianism has entered into a new stage of transformation after the end of the fall of the Soviet Union. It now takes power through cultural and institutional means, by

changing attitudes and perspectives and feeding off the deficiencies and inconsistencies in the intellectual and moral framework of free nations and their intellectuals. The danger lies in the mind, as Thanos tells Thor in the Infinity Wars. What is this new totalitarianism? How is it a threat? Can our own spirituality be undermined and dissipated?