Friday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 12:1-7): At that time: So many people were crowding together that they were trampling one another underfoot. Jesus began to speak, first to his disciples... "I shall show you whom to fear. Be afraid of the one who after killing has the power to cast into Gehenna; yes, I tell you, be afraid of that one..."

Atheist materialism (About marxism)

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Today, the unresolved issue of "Marxism" lives on: the crumbling of man's original uncertainties about God, himself and the universe. Ultimately, the decline of morality grounded in absolute values is still our problem today. And that is the "enemy" which we must be afraid of, because it kills the soul.

The greatest catastrophe Marxism has left us with is not of an economic nature; but it is the starvation of souls and the destruction of the moral conscience. The essential problem of our times is never to discuss the economic fallacy of the Communist economy —and this is why former Communists have unhesitantly become economic liberals— but, instead, the moral and religious question that it used to address has been almost totally repressed. The communist systems collapsed under the weight of their own fallacious economic dogmatism.

—O Lord, don't let us forget so easily that the atheistic materialism has collapsed even more deeply because of their contempt for human rights, while totally ignoring You.