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Karl Marx – A Philosopher Who Changed History

It would be difficult to contemplate the history of the world without considering the figure of **Karl Marx**. His name is often associated with the social experiments conducted by state-prescribed socialism. Lenin, Stalin and Mao looked to him for inspiration – and to a certain extent cited his theories as justification for their actions. But would Marx have recognized them and their successors as rightful heirs? Would he have approved of their methods and their goals? Who was this man? What was his motivation? What did he want to achieve? How did it come to pass that the student who once penned romantic poems to a young noblewoman went on to become one of the most controversial figures in world history? This film charts the life of Karl Marx in the key locations Trier, Berlin, Paris and London, and reveals the human side of this iconic personality. Academics and politicians, admirers and critics all provide insights into his body of ideas. Analysts and contemporary witnesses describe what later became of these ideas, how they were developed, or misused.