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COMMUNISM VERSUS CHRISTIANITY By Edward Rock**THE LIFE AND DEATH CLASH OF TWO FAITHS - an address given to a church group circa 1965**

All policies are rooted in philosophies; human action is based upon what man believes to be reality. Figs are not produced by thistles, and yet there are those calling themselves Christians, who believe that Christian policies can grow from the anti-Christian philosophy of Communism. The whole world is convulsed by what are basically two opposed faiths concerning man and the Universe.

In coming to grips with the two entities of Communism and Christianity we are faced with two irreconcilable faiths. The tragedy of the situation is that the Communists, pledged to the destruction of all that is Christian know this and are convinced they will obtain their objective of victory and control over the whole world, while on the other hand the Christians are uncertain, divided, and to a very great degree have compromised with a faith which by its very nature must destroy all other faiths which mistakenly believe they can co-exist with Communism. Thus, while Christianity is tolerant of other faiths and seeks change through conversion, the Communists subvert and infiltrate all faiths to use them in their objective towards world conquest and the establishment of a society based purely on material considerations.

Recent examples of this kind of subversion is the use by the Communists of the Buddhists in Vietnam, the Moslems in Egypt under Nasser, and in Algeria under Ben Bella, and the Confucians in China. The Christian faith has also been heavily penetrated. Numerous front organisations operate for the advance of Communist policy. Christian spokesmen of the standing of the Anglican Archbishop of Western Australia openly declare their admiration for Communism. Archbishop Appleton has declared that *"The whole course of history might have been altered had the Church heeded Marx's call."*

The Sydney Communist paper, *The Tribune*, thought so highly of what the Archbishop said that it devoted two and a half columns of its issue of 24th November, 1965, to a talk when he also made the blasphemous claim that *"Over 1,000 million people in the world have embraced Communism over the last fifty years."* All of which points up the dramatic warning given by the head of the Jesuit Order of the Catholic Church to the Ecumenical Council when he claimed that a *"Godless society holds almost complete sway in international organisations, in financial circles, in the field of mass communications, press, cinema, radio and television."* *"A fifth column exists within the clergy and that it is steadily working in favour of atheism . . . (Atheism) is carrying the struggle against the city of God not only from the outside, but has succeeded in insidiously influencing the minds of believers, including even priests, with its hidden poison . . ."*

The truth is not as the Archbishop of Western Australia put it, for the Christian Church has listened to the voice of Marx, with disastrous results for the peace and prosperity of the world.

The conflict is basic. *"He who is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad,"* said Our Lord. Or again, *"If ye continue in my word, then ye are my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* Thus, it is established that the end products of belief in Christ are Truth and Freedom, in that order; and there is no compromise, *"He that is not with me is against me."*

But what of Communism? Marx and Engels, in the basic document of Communism, *The Communist Manifesto*, are explicit; and remembering that the Manifesto has remained the source containing the purpose and objectives of Communism we must heed what Marx and Engels write. *"There are besides eternal truths, such as Freedom, Justice, etc. that are common to all states of society. But Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis, it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience."* This statement is basic to the Communists; they believe that Communism is inevitable and that with its coming the past is wiped out completely. What was accepted as truth is now replaced by the greater truth of Communism. This belief was summed up by a young Soviet official quoted by the ex-Communist, Arthur Koestler, and used by Frank Meyer in his classic, *The Moulding of Communists*. The young man spoke with a deep insight and conviction concerning Communism's destiny to change the world. *"We are believers. Not as you are. We do not believe in God or in man. We manufacture gods and we transform men. We believe in order. We will create a universe in our image, without weaknesses, a universe in which man, rid of the old rags of Christianity, will attain his cosmic splendour in the supreme culmination of the species. We are not fighting for a regime, or for power; or for riches. We are the instruments of fate."*

In those last words are summed up the belief in the inevitableness of Communism's mission. Much of the success of Communism has come through the incessant propaganda which has communicated this sense of inevitability to the Christian world and has paralysed the will to resist. Just as the Christian states a fundamental belief that *"man cannot live by bread alone but by every word ..."*, so do the Communists place their greatest reliance on the correct manipulation of words,

and the major item of expenditure on the budget of any Communist State or Communist organisation in the West is on propagandism and Communist education.

Technology and Communications

In part, the crisis in history, in which Communism and Christianity are the irreconcilable opposites, is brought about by the impact of science and technology upon mankind. From the viewpoint of conditioning man's mind through communication, man neither socially nor morally has caught up with the problems posed by that impact: an electrifying advance made in the last fifty years. Man is in effect faced with a new situation in history, a new technological age to which he must apply the moral laws which never change from one era to another.

Communism, the creed of materialism, plausibly explains this advance as the triumph of matter under the control of the mind of man; that this will continue and that therefore we can dispense with the old "superstitious" belief in spiritual forces. Undoubtedly the advances made in the ability of man to control the natural forces in the last few decades are stupendous. Our grandfathers as boys travelled no faster in most cases than the Pharaohs of 5,000 years ago. Man can now circle the earth in outer space. Fifty years ago, news was largely dependent upon sea mail, but now can be flashed from one end of the earth to the other as fast as we can speak to one another. What was a trickle of selected events happening at a leisurely pace in widely separated areas of the world, has now become a veritable torrent, a deluge assaulting the mind with happenings and opinions from every corner of the globe, coming to us every second of every minute, twenty-four hours a day.

Man has captured immense powers never before available in recorded history. He can now probe the uttermost limits of the firmament, or the deepest depths of the sea. His capacity for destruction is limited only by the fear of the awfulness of the weapons he has at his command. Alternatively, his power for construction is just as limitless. The dawn of the nuclear energy era brings possibilities for the release of the creative energies of man never before dreamt about. The great gifts made available through the advance of science and technology are available to both men of good and men of evil intention. Men will always have the right and ability to choose, and the right and ability to refuse. It is this gift which God gave to men which will destroy the Communist dream.

Right from the beginning of time God gave men the right to use his gifts for good or evil purposes, and this applies equally to those who are concerned with abolishing eternal truths and to those who fight for their retention. In seeking to destroy what is essentially indestructible, no matter how black the picture looks, the Communist must seek to control man through the one medium which will enslave him - through the mind. The techniques are at hand for this form of control. Already great advances have been made through the torrent of words, the veritable tower of babel, which reaches us daily through the various forms of news media, infiltrating the education system and resulting in otherwise intelligent men accepting viewpoints they would normally reject. Literally thousands upon thousands of people in the world have become casualties of this kind of warfare waged by the Communists. Take for example the elevation of Nikita Khrushchev from being the right-hand man of Stalin responsible for millions of

deaths in slave labour camps, to the stage where he became venerated throughout the world as the lovable family man, mild mannered and one to whom Western politicians could talk to reasonably. This was done through the manipulation of the mass media communication.

Khrushchev's butchery of the Hungarian people in 1956, his support of Castro and the placing of missiles on Cuba, and similar activities were all forgotten.

U.N.O. and the Christian West

Perhaps in no other instance is this form of brainwashing better illustrated than in the attitude of acceptance that anything done by the U.N.O. is good. It has been implanted into the minds of most people that anything that becomes international automatically becomes moral, especially if the ostensible objective is to establish some kind of world brotherhood as in the U.N. The facts are quite the opposite. Leaving aside for the moment the fact that nowhere in the U.N. Charter can there be found any reference to, yet alone acknowledgment or God as the Creator, or acknowledgment of His authority, the fact remains that the greatest advances of International Communism has accompanied the most influential period of the U.N. Nowhere have the Communists suffered a setback because of U.N. influence, but as the U.N. has grown it has increasingly become a forum for the promotion of Communist interests. This can especially be seen in the use of the increasing number of Afro-Asian States, generally non-Christian, who invariably vote with the Communist bloc.*

** read further THE FEARFUL MASTER by Edward Griffin*

To the Christian the plea for independence and freedom from colonial administration must be balanced against the moral responsibility for upholding law and order. The world is witness to the reality that freedom, and law and order have their roots deep in Christian soil, but such has been the success of the propaganda that most Christian leaders and Christian spokesmen now openly proclaim their faith in the U.N.O. as the only hope for ordering peace on earth, even though it does not recognise the authority of God!

Just as the mass media of communication has been used to build up Communism, so also has it been used to destroy those who oppose Communism generally through some form of smearing. At the height of the Presidential campaign in America in 1964, Senator Barry Goldwater was built up to represent a greater force of evil than Nikita Khrushchev. The John Birch Society has been so smeared that the words "John Birch" are now equated with some diabolical form of evil. But neither Senator Goldwater nor the John Birch Society has ever been guilty of any form of violence or tyranny such as practised by the Communists in Hungary, or the U.N. in Katanga, their basic tenets uphold Christianity. However, they were both feared by the Communists and will dispel any doubts about the morality of U.N. therefore had to be destroyed. Truly modern society is incapable of handling the advanced technology of mass communications in the cause of Christian freedom, law and order. We have little time left to us to come to grips with the realities of knowledge and truth. Only through humility and a willingness to retrace our footsteps to those points where we have gone wrong is there any chance of civilisation surviving.

The Evils of Perverted Technology

Into the situation of increased industrialism and technical

efficiency as it developed in the middle of the last century came an extension of that malignant force which Christians will ever have to contend with; that force of evil which in the persons of Marx and Engels came expounding another version of a tantalising theory which has been with man since the beginning of time: namely that man is entirely self-sufficient, but that it was given to the lot of an elite group to control society. It was this force of evil which Jesus so graphically described when he confronted those who sought to destroy Him. Jesus on this occasion had established His authority and the fact that God, His Father, had sent Him. Jesus then proceeded to tell His questioners why they did not recognise His speech, or His authority. *“Ye are of the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it.”*

Jesus was saying that there was then and there is now, and there always will be, as there was in the beginning, a force of organised evil in the world. Not just petty sinners as most people are apt to think of sin, but those who are of the devil, whose lusts they will do murdering and lying. This is the force which hitherto operated under the restrictions imposed by the natural restraints measured by the development of society in its different forms. The advances of modern technology and scientific know-how have delivered weapons into their hands which could bring to a consummation the aspirations of those which comprise this malignant force of evil.

The Harvest of Murdering and Lying

The International Communist conspirators have either exploited or have been directly responsible for the greatest avalanche of murdering and lying (scientific propaganda) the world has seen. There is little doubt that the forces responsible for establishing a Communist base in Russia and guiding the rise of International Communism, were also a part of that international conspiracy which promoted the first world war, and later elevated Hitler as a stepping stone to the second world war. With these two holocausts and the conquering of subject peoples by Communism, the world has been witness to mass murdering on a scale never before witnessed in the recorded history of the world. This tragedy written in blood has seen the removal of the finest flowers of the civilised world, Christian in the case of the British, American, or European continental peoples, including Germans and those European Russians either engaged in the world wars or in opposing Communism. In the East the Chinese, Japanese, Tibetans, Indians, Vientamese, Malays, the Indonesians, and in fact all those peoples in the South Pacific areas, have been embroiled in this phenomenon in one way or another. The harvest in the deaths of those natural leaders opposed to evil has been devastating, leaving a vacuum which has made it easier for those serving the conspiracy against civilisation to rise to the top.

The morality of Communism is no less destructive than the physical expression of mass murdering. A few simple references should make this clear. The Australian Church Record of the 12th of August, 1965, published the following quotes: Lenin said, *“Promises are like pie crusts-made to be broken. We have to use any ruse, dodges, tricks, cunning, unlawful method, concealment.”*

Stalin said: *“Words must have no relation to action - otherwise*

what kind of diplomacy is it? Words are one thing, actions another. Good words are a mask for concealment of bad deeds.”

Khrushchev said: *“If anyone thinks that our smiles mean the abandonment of the teaching of Marx, Engels and Lenin, he is deceiving himself cruelly. The Communist will destroy capitalism, not with nuclear weapons but through the spread of ideology. We are as sure of this as we are sure the sun will rise tomorrow. All we have to do is grease our ideology with butter.”*

And to repeat Marx and Engels again in their Manifesto, *“Communism abolishes all eternal truths, religion, and all morality.”*

Beliefs the Basis of Action

It is apparent that in the Western Christian world there are many anti-Communists who never bother to understand this basic morality of Communism, and have never bothered to understand the motivating philosophy of evil which is its energising factor. If it was understood, Western and Christian leaders would reject completely the idea of “negotiating” with Communists. Just as Jesus refused to negotiate with those who sought to destroy Him so should the West refuse to meet the Communists at the conference table, where truth and honesty is not the starting point for discussion. It is time that we returned to fundamentals and clarified our basic beliefs. But in dealing with Communism we in the Christian West seem to have forgotten that ideas and beliefs are more potent, much more powerful than guns or bullets. Have we so lost touch with our own fundamental beliefs that we are incapable of attributing belief to others?

Jesus made it clear that belief was the basis of reality. To the Centurion who came seeking the healing of his child Jesus said, *“As thou believe so be it.”* To the father of the boy with the dumb spirit that continually tore him asunder, on some occasions throwing him into the fire, he said, *“All things are possible to him that believeth.”* To Thomas who doubted He said, *“blessed are they who have not seen, and yet believed.”*

As Christians we must return to the yardstick of assessing those who would have us follow any course of action by ascertaining their fundamentals beliefs. The enemies of Christianity certainly have never forgotten this basic premise. Lenin applied it in two ways. First he said, *“Communism will never succeed until the myth of God is removed from the minds of men.”* Then knowing that belief, ideas and thoughts were basic to how a man will act, he enunciated the basic tactic for strengthening the Communist party when he said, *“we must capture the mind of the student intellectual,”* and from the student intellectual Communism has recruited its leadership. A roll call of famous names associated with Communist leadership confirms how successful Lenin’s dictum has been. Not only was Russian leadership so recruited, but also Chinese Communism drew its leadership from the same source. Mao Tse-tung was a student at Peking in the National University, Chou En Lai, the son of a wealthy aristocrat, was studying at a university in Paris when he became a Communist. Chou En Lai recruited the Red Chinese Commander-in-Chief, Chu Teh, when the latter was studying at a Prussian military academy in Germany. Other Communist leaders such as Ho Chi Minh and Fidel Castro were university students when recruited to Communism, as were such well known Australian Communists as Ted Hill and Ralph Gibson.

Students Used for Revolutionary Agitation

Lenin not only captured the mind of the student intellectual for the purpose of recruiting the leadership of the Communist Party; he was also concerned with using the perverted idealism and easily inflamed emotionalism of students to forward the objectives of the Communist revolution all over the world.

When President Eisenhower was to visit Japan in 1958, student riots were so violent that the Japanese Government was forced to ask the President not to come. Loss of face by the West amongst the Asian peoples was considerable, just as was the gain of the Communist propagandists. No matter what the issue, from banning the bomb to opposing Communist aggression in Vietnam or Africa, almost at the touch of a button students all over the world will stage demonstrations for Communist causes. Communism is able to make this appeal to the student mind through the deliberate distortion of history.

All evil is equated with capitalism and imperialism, which of themselves, can allegedly only bring war and misery.

In the place of “decadent” capitalism and imperialism, Communism promises an ordered society, run scientifically by an elite group who will also eradicate the old shibboleths and trappings of religion by which men are prepared to accept injustice. Who better to run this ordered society than those with a higher education?

As Whittaker Chambers, who for many years served the Communist cause faithfully, has pointed out, this belief that man can order society purely on a material basis is the second oldest religion in the world. The alluring promises to man were first whispered in the days of creation under the tree of knowledge of good and evil: That whisper was the magic words, “*Ye shall be as gods.*”

“*The revolutionary heart of Communism,*” said Chambers, “*is not the theatrical appeal: Workers of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain.*”

Marx who wrote that statement in his Manifesto, further translated it so it could be more easily understood. “*Philosophers have explained the world, it is necessary to change the world.*” Is this not the vision we Christians have lost? And in losing it have passed it on to those who seek to “dethrone God”?

The Faith of the Communists

It is two thousand years since Christ told his disciples to “*Go into the whole world*” and take His message to all men. How many have still to hear that message? We know it to be an increasing percentage of the peoples of the world. How many having heard it, accept it, understand it and become a springboard for a further advance of Christianity? It is only a short 62 years since Lenin said to his fellow Marxists, “*Give me the power, follow out the strategy and tactics I have laid down and within a few decades we can take the whole world.*” In essence the teachings of Marxism-Leninism are the inversion of Christianity. That is, the Marxist-Leninists make the same powerful appeal as Christianity, but for opposite ends.

God said we must love Him with “*All our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.*” Lenin said, “*The individual would never make a total response to the Communist cause unless he was challenged with a total demand, involving giving the whole of their lives to*

Communism.” The same demands for opposite ends.

Man has ever been faced with two choices. This has been so since the Garden of Eden, but in the nineteen sixties the choices are finely etched in complete opposites. The revolutionary Communist movement is forcing men to choose between these opposites.

EITHER	OR
God	No God
Jesus Christ	Karl Marx
Divine Revelation	(Marx-Lenin) Human Philosophy
Love and Forgiveness	Hatred and Cruelty (Class warfare)
Holiness	Wickedness
The Kingdom of God	The Dictatorship of Man

None of which can be divorced from:

Private Property	Government Ownership
Free Enterprise	State Monopoly
Freedom of Movement	Berlin wall or Bamboo curtain
Increasing Leisure	Artificial Employment
Political Responsibility	Irresponsible enforced vote, leading to no Division of powers Single Chamber Government

Marx says “*There is a need to change the world.*” Jesus says “*Have no fear I have overcome the world.*” He also said, “*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*” Khrushchev said, “*We will bury you, history is on our side.*” Both God and the Communists make a total demand for obedience to their words. Jesus says, “*Not every man who saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the word of my Father who is in heaven.*” The Communists say there is only one truth, the truth of Marxian-Leninism.

In the words of Khrushchev, “*Anyone who thinks we have forsaken Marxian-Leninism deceives himself, that won't happen until the shrimps learn to whistle.*”

Christians have never faced a greater challenge than the challenge of International Communism. What will be the decision recorded in history? The answer lies with every individual Christian who has not lost the vision of his faith, and his belief, incarnated into the reality of action - “making the word flesh.”

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