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The death agonies of what remains of Western Civilization do not present a pretty picture. The economies of all nations are threatened by accelerating inflation, pyramiding debt, mounting taxation, recurring strikes and labour disputes, the progressive deterioration in the quality of production and of services, and the flagrant abandonment of business ethics which, in the past, were the pride of the British peoples everywhere.

In politics, corruption, dishonesty, deceit and treason in governments lurk behind a facade of smug unconcern about the fate of the people they govern. Otherwise how has it been possible for the British Empire—the greatest and the most beneficial which has ever existed—to have been virtually liquidated within a few short years after emerging victorious from the devastation of the Second World War? How has it been possible for once-Great Britain's sovereign identity to be submerged in the cauldron of European instability, and the country invaded and subordinated to influences alien to her proud history of a thousand years?

How otherwise can we account for the deterioration of the American politics to a level revealed by the Watergate tragedy, or for the state of affairs in the national life of the United States which renders it unsafe for once-free and independent Americans to walk the streets of their

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large cities after dark; while that great and powerful nation is allowed by her politicians to have her military might challenged—and challenged with ill concealed contempt by such fragments of countries of insignificant size as North Korea and North Vietnam because of aid they were receiving from their giant Communist patrons Communist China and Soviet Russia—while at the same time the advanced skills and vast resources of the United States were directed to pouring industrial and military aid into those countries?

Here in Canada we see our Government wooing the Communist and pro-Communist regimes with an almost servile eagerness, bolstering their inefficient economies with huge grain sales financed by the most generous long term credit terms, while financing the Communist activities in Canada inspired by them—all at the taxpayer's expense. Meanwhile they move stealthily to weaken the bonds which bind us to the British Commonwealth.

I have mentioned only some of the highlights of the situation to indicate how deep the rot has gone. I could cite such features as the deliberate demoralization of the youth of the Western nations by means of pornographic literature and films, by drugs, by the abandonment of moral standards, by the perversion of education and by the break-up of family life. In the field of religion we are witnessing a concerted world-wide attack on the Christian Church—both from without and within. There is not a single major branch of the Christian Church which is free from this onslaught against its fundamental beliefs.

THE CONSPIRACY OF WORLD REVOLUTION

These are but features of a deliberate, and deep seated conspiracy against post-Greco-Roman Civilization - a civilization having its roots in and drawing its inspiration from Christianity-a conspiracy to impose upon the nations of the world a complete and ruthless dictatorship of which the Soviet Union and Communist China are benevolent prototypes. The technique employed has been audacious and simple-namely, its originators and their successors first gaining control of the chief instrument of economic power-namely finance-by means of a fraudulent monetary system which automatically centralizes control of all economic activity in the hands of its operators, supported by a perverted doctrine of economics. With the growing financial and economic control they acquired, it was an easy matter to gain control of governments and the channels of news dissemination-and to bend these to serve their purpose. The party political system was ideal for acquiring political control, for parties require money to gain and retain power so that those who exercised growing financial control of the economy found no problem in gaining control of the political scene. And by acquiring control over governments the Arch-Conspirators achieved control of the armed forces of nations and the production of armaments supplied to them-the final sanctions which guarded national sovereignties.

The spearhead of this conspiracy for world control has been the International Banking Houses headed by the Rothschilds, the Warburgs and Kuhn Loeb—assisted by successive German General Staffs, and by the twin revolutionary movements of the European Secret Societies and the Fabian Socialists, which in our time have culminated in the vast Communist Empire supported by its silent partner, International Finance.

Anybody who wishes to make a study of the origins and progress of this conspiracy against Civilization designed to promote World Revolution as the stepping stone to a World Slave State, should read the well documented evidence in the works of Nesta Webster, supplemented by the late C. H. Douglas's *Brief for the Prosecution, The Big Idea* and *Programme for the Third World War.*

On a previous occasion I pointed out that this policy the policy of centralization of control in a drive towards the centralization of all power over human life is Satanic in its conception and Satanic in its nature. It is a policy of evil, for it spawns greed, corruption, treachery, treason, deceit and the abandonment of everything we associate with the Christian ethic. And this brings me to the heart of what I have to say to you.

The World Revolution being promoted by means which constitute the most brazen, the most evil and the most far reaching conspiracy of all time is now rapidly being advanced to its climax of World Government which must, by its nature, comprise a tyranny, imposed by force and terror tactics. No longer are its promoters overly concerned about cloaking their actions or disguising their intentions. They consider that being in control of all the sanctions for achieving their purpose they are masters of the situation—as indeed they are if the issue involved was of an essentially physical nature. However, this, fortunately for humanity, is not the case. The issue is basically spiritual.

THE DANGER OF NEGATIVISM

Today there are a number of organizations and persons who are concentrating a great deal of time and effort in exposing the Conspiracy against Civilization, World Revolution—call it what you will. They provide convincing evidence to prove how our politicians, financiers and industrial czars are furthering the Communist cause on a frightening scale, but they put forward no alternative, no effective counter action which can be taken. Consequently they generate fear and a sense of helplessness on the part of those they reach—for in failing to put forward a clear cut and positive counter policy, they play into the hands of those they are busy exposing.

Let me illustrate. Suppose a nation found itself fighting for its existence against the greatly superior military might of an enemy. It would be sheer lunacy for its leaders to counter the peril by telling their people how very much more powerful and how invincible the enemy was. Rather they would expose the identity of and the peril they faced from the enemy, and proceed to invoke in their people the faith and determination to defeat them, mobilizing the most effective means for ensuring that defeat in the face of overwhelming odds. The peril faced by Britain from Nazi Germany illustrates my point—not withstanding the defeat she has since sustained at the hands of the enemy within her gates.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly that the Policy of Satanism derives from a negation of the Divine. It has been said with a degree of truth that the Devil is God up-side-down, in other words he is the personification of a denial of the Absolute Authority of God the Holy Trinity transcendent to and imminent within Creation. This brings us to the core of the issue confronting humanity—namely the nature of Authority and its implication for mankind in this crisis.

Authority derives from authorship and there can be only one "Author" of and in the Universe—namely Almighty God, the Creator and Author of "all things visible and invisible", as the Nieene Creed so aptly puts it. Under our Constitution when we say that the Queen, or the Prime Minister or a Judge occupies "a position of authority", it is not their authority which they exercise, but God's and even if they do not realise it, they are responsible to Him for the manner in which they do so—in the case of the Prime Minister and the Judge, the Constitutional channel of responsibility is through the Crown. As in the case of all responsibility this must carry with it the corresponding power backed by sanctions, to ensure obedience to their decisions, with the appropriate checks and balances to ensure that such power is not abused.

DIVINE AUTHORITY

Divine Authority is manifested in Divine or Natural Law, the Law which governs Creation-the Law to which the stars and planets are obedient, the Law which governs all forms of life, the structure of matter and the nature and behaviour of light. Man endowed with free will must seek and conform to that Law--that Canon of Rightness as the late Major Douglas described it-if he wishes to achieve harmony within the environment in which he finds himself, both in personal life and in the society he creates. In doing so he acknowledges the Supreme Authority of God. However, he is free to ignore or flout the Divine Law, but in doing so he automatically cuts himself off from God and elevates to the focal place in his life his own object of worship-be it power, race, wealth, there is a wide choice. However, whether he does so from his own choosing or by default, he must bring disaster upon himself because he has alienated himself from the source of Life and Creation and laid himself open to the destructive forces of Evil-of the Devil. The evidence of this is provided by the growing chaos of our time.

The point I wish to stress is that the basic issue we face is essentially spiritual in nature. As St. Paul put it,

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"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places". And this wickedness manifests itself in the Policy of Satanism under which the nations of the world are writhing today. We shall not defeat that policy by attributing to its architects and its operators and their agents the invincibility which they claim. That would be tantamount to conceding the supremacy of the Devil in the Universe. Yet, that is the danger we invite by concentrating our efforts on exposing the power and extent of the Conspiracy against Civilization in finance, in government, in the media, within the churches and society generally, and failing to invoke the power and initiating the counteraction to defeat it.

Towards the end of the First World War an important book was published in England bearing the title *The Science of Power* by Benjamin Kidd. In this the author pointed out that any fundamental and far-reaching change for social betterment in the life of a nation can be achieved only when the people, under the inspiration of the ideal from which it springs, desire it with a passion which will invoke the utmost effort and sacrifice on their part. This he termed the Emotion of the Ideal emanating from the springboard of Power. And he summarised the Science of Power in a single word — Truth. To the Christian this means Christ who said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life . . ." It follows that the Social Ideal which will generate the effort and sacrifice which alone can defeat the Policy of Satanism and the powers of darkness which it serves, must be the counter Christcentred policy.

The late Major C. H. Douglas, on whose works and whose views I have drawn in what I have had to say in this and my previous talk, gave us the vision of such a Christ-centred social ideal in the form of a policy which is the antithesis of that of Satanism. And he pointed out to us that in our efforts to gain the implementation of that policy we would be undertaking no less a task than striving to bring to birth a new civilization.

FOCAL IMPORTANCE OF DOUGLAS

The revelation which Douglas has left to us is both profound and far-reaching. On the negative side he has stripped the mask screening the humbug and deceit from a fraudulent monetary system which has resulted in recurring economic crises, in the generation of huge pyramiding debts and increasingly harsh taxation, in widespread inflation on a scale which threatens the economies of all Western nations and in international friction and internal dissention resulting in two world wars and a series of revolutions. Meanwhile it has served the purpose for which it has foisted on countries of the West, namely to progressively centralize all financial and economic control in the shadowy group controlling it. Likewise in the political scene Douglas has exposed the fraudulent nature

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of the bogus democracy which has been foisted on us under the party system. This has enabled the same promoters of World Revolution to gain control of the political scene and thus gain control of governments.

On the positive side Douglas has given us the vision of a social order with a limitless potential-a social order in which the individual would be recognized as a sacred personality-a child of God. In such a society the freedom of the individual would be the dominant considerationdemanding the maximum economic and political independence under an overriding social policy of the maximum and progressive decentralization of power, the antithesis of the Policy of Satanism. In the economic sphere the individual would be served by an aristocracy of producers, elected by and serving a democracy of consumers for whom the wealth of production which is possible under modern power production methods, would be released in response to their growing demand for quality products. In the political sphere government would be reduced to a minimum interference with the lives of individuals, and made effectively responsive to the wishes of the electorate.

I do not propose to expand on this policy—a policy stemming from a philosophy having its roots in Christianity. For those who wish to make a study of it, there is a wealth of literature available. And I assure you that there is no more profitable way in which you can invest your time if you have any concern for your future and the future of your children.

The onslaught against this crumbling Civilization, or what remains of it, has advanced to the point that in my humble view it cannot and should not survive to perpetuate its corruption, violence and fear. It was out of the Greco-Roman Civilization in the Dark Ages that this Civilization was born through the power of the Christian revelation, the Power of Christ which is Truth. And it was that Power which evoked the impelling Social Ideal of Christendom-the concept of a Christ-centred society which existed for Him within His Mystical Body the Church, and in which every child of the Church was recognized as belonging to Him and, therefore, a sacred personality. The ideals of freedom and responsibility and the attributes of lovalty, self-discipline and courage were inherent features of that social ideal-a social ideal which in an even more menacing crisis in human history has been up-dated for us by Douglas in the light of the subsequent enrichment of the cultural heritage of the Western World.

Today we face the prospect of another catastrophic descent into a Dark Age. but to me there is convincing evidence—both within and outside the Church of Christ of a Spiritual awakening invoking a Spiritual power which it is our responsibility to harness to the ideal of the new and emergent Christ-centred civilization envisioned by Douglas. It is our responsibility to blazon abroad the fact, being ignored by most of our theologians and emphasised by Douglas, that Christianity is of the very warp and woof of the fabric of the Universe, that in every aspect of our personal lives and in every aspect of our social life we must invoke the Power of Truth, which is Christ's invincible Power. We must tread the Way which is Christ. We must recognize that it is only in Him we can find Life and Life more abundant.

I shall conclude with this notable exhortation of St. Paul to the Early Church in Ephesus—"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the Power of His Might..."

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wishes of the Devil . . .

"Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness . . ."

"Above all, taking the Shield of faith wherewith ye shall quench the fiery darts of the wicked."

"And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

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