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*"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"*

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## EDITORIAL

### A YEAR OF LIFE AND GROWTH

**The Christian welcomes the Christmas Season as one of joy because it celebrates the birth of Christ. But the feeling of joy must not be such that it prevents reflection upon how the birth and growth of Christianity changed the course of history and resulted in a completely new type of Civilization; one in which man's relationship to the universe took on a different meaning from the past; one in which man's relationship to his fellow man became radically changed.**

It is vital to remember that the birth of Christ did not of itself produce a Christian Civilization. We must come back again and again to the basic Christian doctrine of Incarnation: that the enunciation of a truth, the mere profession of belief in that truth, does not automatically produce results of any description. Faith without works is death. A grain of wheat contains within itself the miracle of life; something beyond man's capacity to create, or even to understand. But in order that this life force can develop and express itself completely, the correct relationship must be established. Growers of crops know this and do everything possible to establish those relationships by preparing their soil and by planting at a time when the best results can be expected.

Just as the life of seeds of all kinds does not express itself mechanically, but through organic growth, so the life which Christ said His birth made possible has had to be cultivated by individual men and women, seeking to discover how best to apply Christ's teachings to the whole of man's activities. A different type of civilization grew as men cultivated those truths revealed by the founder of Christianity. We stress the importance of the concept of growth, because it is vital to a real understanding of the purpose of this journal and the various activities it has encouraged and supported.

The late C. H. Douglas, the founder of Social Credit (which like Christianity has been perverted and exploited), stressed that he was primarily concerned about "releasing reality." He also spoke about "practical Christianity." His monetary and other proposals were put forward, not as ends in themselves, but as mechanisms necessary to enable individuals to establish those correct relations, between themselves and their political, economic and financial institutions, which would expand that real freedom without which man cannot grow as a personality in the way in which God intended. Douglas insisted that in order to defend and expand freedom, individuals must learn to understand the principles of

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

In wishing our readers the compliments of the Christmas Season, we suggest that this is a most appropriate time for all to re-dedicate their lives to the defence and preservation of those values and truths which Christ's coming made available to man.

We trust that all readers will have a Joyous Christmas and that in the New Year they will intensify their efforts to defeat the forces of Evil.

association, and to apply them. Many felt this too difficult and got lost in the bog-lands of party politics. We have persevered in encouraging those who realised that there is no short cut between the acorn and the oak tree; that growth must take place before the fully developed oak tree is a reality.

We look back on the year now coming to a close with deep satisfaction because we have seen striking evidence of that type of growth we have been stressing. The long years of careful cultivation have produced an increasing number of individuals who have deepened their own understanding of the principles of life and growth. The developing situation has required new mechanisms, which, like the League of Rights weekly On Target, have been successfully produced and developed. But The New Times is still a necessity to service that "hard core" of "social engineers" who are the driving force behind the encouraging developments we mention.

One of the most stimulating manifestations of growth over the past twelve months has been the growing number of League of Rights action groups. Early last year, after long years of experimenting, the correct relations were evolved to bring to life a new force in Australia.

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## GEMS FROM DOUGLAS

By C. H. Douglas

**The impact of C. H. Douglas is always refreshing and stimulating. Douglas was able to crystallize the ideas, which have survived when by the pressure of propaganda with the various forms of brainwashing much else of lesser value has been lost. As our editorial points out, the growth of Douglas' ideas could only take place because they were related to reality—to truth. We offer the following for reflection over the Christmas period.**

"The philosophy behind Marxism—and it should be remembered that every policy has a philosophy, very often widely different from that which its supporters claim for it—is dialectical materialism, the economic interpretation of history. I do not wish to misrepresent this theory, but as far as I understand it, it appears to be one of those half-truths, which become dangerous weapons in the hands of political schemers. An allied statement is that "Labour produces all wealth." Now, fresh air and sunshine are wealth, perhaps the greatest source of wealth, but they are not produced by Labour in any mundane sense. And, of course, using the word "Labour" in the sense in which it is used by Marx, its contribution to wealth is small and decreasing . . . But Labour is a means to wealth... It appears to be in the nature of the Universe that the misuse of a "means" results in the breakdown of the means misused. For instance, the centralisation, which is so rampant, is claimed to be in the interest of efficiency. But civilisation was never so inefficient as it is today. We have unimaginable and unthinkable production—yes. And with it, less security, less leisure, more suicides, more lunacy. Is that efficiency? By the canon of dialectical materialism it may be."

—Whose Service is Perfect Freedom?

"With some hesitation, I suggest that the question arising out of the Christian Church, is not the same, either in nature or degree, as that involved in the acceptance of what is vaguely called Christianity which for the most part is merely Liberal Judaism. It is the doctrine of the Incarnation. At bottom, what we have to make up our minds upon is whether human political action is subject to the same kind, or some kind, of compulsion to be 'right' as we accept in doing a multiplication sum, and if so, whether the Christian Church the Mystical Body of Christ, is the living incarnation of that 'rightness.'" Magna Carta remains as a witness that this conception was inherent in English life seven hundred years ago."

—The Realistic Position of the Church of England.

"Now it is obvious that while the authority of 'Parliament' (really the Cabinet) may in one sense be . . . 'absolutely unqualified embodying the supreme will of the State' to which 'every partial authority must yield' . . . it should be recognised just what that means. For all practical purposes, a man has 'unqualified supremacy' to jump off Beachey Head; but he cannot avoid the conse-

quences. A Cabinet can pass laws confiscating, under the name of taxation, the work of that man's lifetime or the land his family has dignified for centuries; but it cannot avoid the consequences. The crucial issue is, what will those consequences be? Or to put the matter slightly otherwise, is there a moral 'law' connecting political transgression with national punishment? Contemporary Governments clearly think that there is not; that they are free to legislate in a moral vacuum . . . '

—Realistic Position of the Church of England.

"... I am fairly confident that the persecution, which was the lot of Christianity in its earliest years, was by no means because it was concerned with something purely transcendental—something we call the world to come. Taking the merely material implications in it, I have little doubt that what was recognised and persecuted in early Christianity was the economic implications of its philosophy. Only when Christianity became, as it did, purely transcendentalist, was it felt to be fairly respectable and fairly safe."

—The Approach to Reality.

"It has been our habit to flatter ourselves that during the past 150 years or so we have made great progress, and we have used the word 'progress' as though it defined itself. Now the fact is, that nearly all of what we call progress is a-moral. Or to put the matter another way, there is no moral progress except moral progress, and the use of better tools in no way ensures better objectives. In the main, the period under review is characterised by a superficial acceleration in the achievement of vague objectives. We have cut down the time required to travel from Europe to North America from three weeks to ten hours.

"What do we do with the time we have saved? Our houses are lit by the pressing of a button. Do we find them more pleasant than the houses of the sixteenth century lit by candles? We call this a labour-saving age. In the fourteenth century there were ninety statutory holidays per annum, and the idea of 'work' was completely alien to a large part of the population. Six hundred years ago, there were no police, and no police would have been tolerated. Was there more crime than at the present time? There is no evidence of it."

—Whose Service is Perfect Freedom?

## MORALITY

by Professor E. Merrill Root

The following reprint is by the kind permission of American Opinion from their October 1965, edition. Professor Root is the brilliant author of two best-selling books, "Collectivism on the Campus," and "Brainwashing in High Schools." He is also a poet of international renown. His essays in American Opinion are outstanding. The following, which is an extraction only from his article entitled "Integrity," speaks for itself in testifying to the capacity of Professor Root.

What is morality? Today's philosophicats — relativists, pragmatists, nihilists -- suppose that morality is only certain man-fabricated conventions and taboos and conformities, which they call "the mores," which they dismiss as "the folk-ways," (Often the folk-ways are an instinctive obedience to the imperative of reality, but morality is an even deeper affirmation of things, as they are). Morality is as basic as the truth that two plus two are four; that gravitation draws the falling stone and supports the standing man; that the seed grows toward the sun. Morality is a Decalogue written in stone and star; it is not conformity to illusion but a confirmation by reality.

Fundamentally, morality is simple - - and inexorable. Whatever makes for death is immoral; whatever makes for life is moral. I do not mean physical death only -or mostly; physical death is often an integral part of life: I mean the death of integrity; the death of meaning and value and quality; the death of the heart, the mind, the spirit, the soul. Whatever decreases life in this sense and makes for death in this sense is immoral; whatever defeats death in this sense and augments life in this sense is moral. As Leithen says in *Mountain Meadow*: "What does my death matter if we defeat Death?!"\*

Morality seeks to defeat death. Whatever cripples the mind, hardens the heart, dims the senses, debases the soul, makes for death; whatever enriches the mind, wakens the heart, makes the senses more sensitive, ennobles the soul, makes for life. Thus drugs, drink, lechery, treason, pornography, sadism, cruelty to men or animals, illusion, lies, falsity of any sort, all that destroys integrity, is immoral. You can judge your life this way: Do your choices and actions constrict and wall in and narrow your life into death? —Then they are immoral! Do your choices and actions open your life into scope and area and growth and joy? —Then they are moral!

Dante knew. He found Hell a downward funnel, where as you progressed into evil the walls grew ever more strict and cramping, and where you never could return, till in the last and lowest and narrowest circle you were frozen with the traitors-to-life in the pale constriction of ice forever. He found Heaven, on the contrary, the many mansions through which you could move at will, though one was especially your country and your home, and where your existence was forever enriched by freedom and growth into ever augmented life and light.

Whatever makes for death in the widest and deepest sense is immoral; whatever makes for life in the widest and deepest sense is moral. That is reality. That is the inexorable logic of the soul within you and the universe outside you.

So today, when the work of the world must be done and should be done well, it is immoral to be interested most in payday and quitting time. It is immoral to live like the Beatnik—slipshod, unproductive, a parasite on man. It is immoral to make truth the most convenient lie and right the most expedient wrong, like the collectivists. It is immoral, most of all, to throw acid in the face of beauty, as our pseudo-intellectuals love to do (see *Poetry*, see the *Saturday Review passim*). It is immoral, beyond all else, to mock and murder quality, value, and meaning, and set upon the throne and in the temple the skull-and-cross-bones of relativism, pragmatism, and nihilism.

Morality, on the contrary, means reality. It is moral to be like the dying tailor (whom Thoreau quotes), whose last words were: "Tell the tailors to tie a knot in the thread before they take the first stitch." It is moral to paint pictures, like Vincent Van Gogh, that will still endure "even in the deluge." It is moral to bake bread that is good and to fry chicken well. It is moral to plow the field and plant the wheat. It is moral to say with the great Carlyle, "Produce, produce, though it be only a potato." It is moral to lift the bridge, airy-strong, across the chasm; to fashion a house that will stand up and take the morning across the centuries, like a tree or mountain; to build the cathedral like a frozen fugue of architecture; to bring water to a thirsty land in the aqueduct or span the miles with the Roman road. It is moral to build the better mousetrap. It is moral (as teacher or artist) to turn the eye of the soul toward light. It is moral to reverence love and to rejoice in its physical rapture and its spiritual joy. It is moral to serve the glory of God and to enjoy Him forever.

Morality means to bear the world on your creative shoulders like the good giant Atlas. It is moral, too, of course, for Atlas to shrug when the enemies of the world have corrupted earth with fungus and cobweb, and to shake such corruption off the globe. But the true function of Atlas, the eternal joy of Atlas, is to lift the world into life and light, into the free winds and the gracious sun, upon stalwart shoulders.

But remember always that you negate death and affirm life in the *essential* sense. Not physical existence but *essential life!* One of the worst horrors of the hour is its limited perspective that sees no farther than physical existence; this eventuates in the coward's cliché: "I'd rather be Red than dead." This stems from the secular superstition that physics and biology are a period after life, whereas life is a question mark after biology and physics. If we were Red, most of us would be physically dead, and the rest of us would wish we were. Even if

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## THE LIFE AND DEATH CLASH OF TWO FAITHS COMMUNISM VERSUS CHRISTIANITY

by Edward Rock

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 basically opposed faiths concerning man and the Universe.

This conflict of faiths is dealt with in the following penetrating article the expansion of notes used by the author when addressing a Christian group several months ago.

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, **"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 all 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 propaganda 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 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 veri-

table 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 brain-washing 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 of 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. image. 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.\* 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

\*THE FEARFUL MASTER by Edward Griffin will dispel any doubts about the morality of U.N. Obtainable at Heritage Bookshop, Box 1226L, P.O., Melbourne, 21/- posted.

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 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 Engel came expounding another version of a tantalizing 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, Vietnamese, Malays, the Indonesians, and in fact all those peoples in the South Pacific areas, have been embroiled in this phenomena 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 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 were 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 fundamental 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 Communists, 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

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### **A YEAR OF LIFE AND GROWTH**

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Other countries have learned from our experience. All over Australia today there are groups of dedicated individuals meeting regularly, studying, improving their knowledge, and acting together as a team. Canberra politicians are commenting on the new atmosphere in many electorates. They are also being educated as they seek to answer the growing number of letters from intelligent and informed electors.

There is no longer any excuse for any New Times reader to ask pessimistically, "but what can I do?" The key to effective action has been created. Everyone can participate in using this key. The coming New Year presents great dangers and big challenges. But what an opportunity for those who grasp the real essence of Christ's message to the world. Let us all use the Christmas Season to strengthen our resolve to march into 1966 fighting under the banner of He whose birthday we are about to celebrate.

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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.

<b>EITHER</b>	<b>OR</b>
GOD	No God
Jesus Christ Divine Revelation Love and Forgiveness	Karl Marx (Marx-Lenin) Human Philosophy 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
Division of power	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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we were physically "alive," what sort of "life" would it be under darkness all day long, in a pit-and-the-pendulum existence in the cells of 1984, amid the mindless, meaningless scurrying of hive or heap?

Without morality there can be no freedom, no poetry, no joy. Immorality leads to death—not only of the body but also of the soul. Shakespeare (like all great artists) knew this. His Macbeth is a clear example. Macbeth chooses (like the Communist today) the road of immorality—truth as the most convenient lie, right as the most expedient wrong . . . the red road to power through treachery, betrayal, cruelty, murder . . . He builds his power not on inward discipline and worth but on outward fraud and force. Inexorably that red road of the ruin of others leads to the ruin of himself. For him, as for Communism today, the judgment of Angus is the eternal judgment of morality:

*Now does he feel  
His secret murders sticking on his hands;  
Now minutely revolts upbraid his faith-breach:  
Those he commands move only in command,  
Nothing in love: now does he feel his title  
Hang loose about him, like a giant's robe  
Upon a dwarfish thief.*

That is the inexorable verdict of a moral universe upon any immoral man or group. Macbeth himself, faced with the dead-end stop in that red road, reaping the death that he has sown, sees life inevitably narrowed into a funnel trap. From that impasse he sees and says the truth: Life.

*. . . is a tale  
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing . . .*

From Macbeth's stance that is the only possible thing to say! Life, not in itself, but as Macbeth has lived it, is a tale told by an idiot. For Macbeth to have said:

*Life is the sweet  
Colour and fragrance of fair honeysuckle  
Delighting me . . .*

would have been immoral. As a man sows, so shall he reap; down is not up; and two minus two are never seven. The great artists are always moral . . . Aeschylus, Virgil, Dante, Shakespeare, Hawthorne, Melville, Emerson . . . And so I say to you who are young, in order that you may find integrity, turn your backs on the conformity of the immoralists who trap life in the bottleneck of the downward funnel, turn your faces toward the open roads, the free winds, the ebullient sun.

**OFFICE BREAK OVER HOLIDAYS**

Will all readers please note that "The New Times" office and The Heritage Bookshop will be closed from Friday, December 24, until Monday, January 17. Those requiring vitamin and other health products are urged to make certain that they have sufficient supplies for the holiday period.