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A WORLDWIDE SPIRITUAL EXHAUSTION

By Eric D. Butler

President Reagan's Secretary of State, General Haig, has made an observation about the Soviet Union, which could be of the greatest significance. Haig says that the Soviet is suffering from a type of ideological exhaustion and suggests the generally old Soviet leaders might be tempted into dangerous external aggression in an attempt to maintain control of a worsening internal situation. But Haig, along with others, also suggests that internal pressures inside the Soviet could lead to a "re-structuring" of Soviet society and an eventual co-operation with the rest of the world.

Haig's background, including his dramatic military promotion through the efforts of Dr. Henry Kissinger, indicates that he has some understanding of the game concerning world power. Like Dr. Kissinger, Haig must be rated as an able man willing to serve those directing the unfolding strategy of the Trilateralists, a major feature of which is the New International Economic Order. This strategy requires that the threat of world nuclear war be constantly used to condition people to believe that the only alternative to the obliteration of mankind is a world Government. There is little real threat of a nuclear holocaust as the big idea is not to turn the world into a radioactive rubble heap, but to control it through centralised power.

THE HOAX ABOUT COMMUNISM

Man has been hoaxed into believing some strange ideas over the whole of recorded history. But there are few hoaxes, which can be compared with that which for over half a century has presented Communism as a movement of the downtrodden, sustaining itself in Russia and elsewhere by its own efforts and in the face of bitter external opposition, the more gullible comrades believing that this opposition has come from the "International Capitalists". Lenin, Stalin and other Communist leaders have never believed such nonsense, being well aware that without massive economic blood transfusions from the West, financed by international banking organisations that have the power to create financial credit by a stroke of the pen, they could never have built the Soviet into a major power. It is not without significance that Marxist movements have been in the forefront of the attacks on the Social Credit exposure of the operations of the Credit Monopoly, and proposals for placing credit control in the hands of the individual members of society.

Communism is a parasitic, not a creative movement. The economic failure of Communism makes nonsense of Marxism as a philosophy. But large numbers of people around the world could be mobilised to follow a messianic movement, to support the Soviet, so long as they were not

permitted to see the reality. But exposure of the reality has grown as a result of events and a flood of educational literature. Increasing numbers have come to see that Disraeli was right when he said that the world was governed by powerful forces behind the scenes. And Solzhenitsyn went right to the core of the world situation when he said that there was increasingly little difference, except of degree, between the Communist and non-Communist world: both were in the grip of a materialistic philosophy. The West has rapidly surrendered to the philosophy of secular humanism, where human life is no longer regarded as sacred. Murder of the unborn is carried out under the guise of upholding "human rights", while increasing violence has become almost the norm. The truth is that the West is suffering from an even worse form of spiritual exhaustion than those afflicting Communist societies. It tends to be masked by the fact that its production system still works more satisfactorily than the Communist system. But the deepening worldwide economic crisis testifies that attempts to sustain it with financial policies rooted in a power philosophy, can only end in greater disasters for the individual as a spiritual being.

THE MEASURE OF TIME PROGRESS

One of the features of a collapsing Roman Civilisation was a fever of material activity, this masking the basic rot. If progress is measured by the tons of pig iron produced, or by flying from one point to another in less time, then clearly there is tremendous progress. But as C.H. Douglas said, the only true progress is moral progress. If a technological advancement enables individuals to achieve more production, or to travel faster, the question is, does this provide them with greater economic security and more free time, or merely the means for still greater economic activity. C.S. Lewis pointed out that when man in his arrogance, much of it stemming from a worship of science as a god, talks about making a conquest of nature, he is making a conquest of himself, with some men dominating other men. True science is an orderly arrangement of a reality, which cannot be changed. Part of that reality is human nature, which over

the centuries has always reacted in the same way to the corrupting influence of power.

A QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED

Never before in human history have so few exercised such awesome power over so many. The many are being temporarily tranquillized by social welfare, gadgets and "amusement". They are offered the salvation of the World State as

an alternative to the threat of Communism. They are asked to surrender their souls in exchange for a mess of potage. A spiritual regeneration can only start with a firm rejection of that proposed surrender. The Haig statement suggests that the power maniacs believe the situation is developing to the point where they no longer have to conceal their objectives. Are the people of the world too spiritually exhausted to reject the temptation of the Devil? The next few years could provide the answer to that question.

THE GREATNESS OF SOLZHENITSYN

By Malcom Muggeridge

The following address by Malcom Muggeridge was delivered at the Royal Overseas League in London in support of a writers' and artists' fund for a film based on Solzhenitsyn's Nobel Prize address, "One Word of Truth." It provides a brilliant insight into the thinking of the exiled Russian writer. Solzhenitsyn's popularity in the West declined from the time he made it clear that he rejects the current popular Gods such as "consensus" and "liberalism," and stands uncompromisingly for Christianity.

I believe that we in the West are sleepwalking into being a collectivist authoritarian state, and the consensus - the strange orthodoxy that prevails in the media particularly - is a step in that direction. You cannot say something or believe something because it is not the consensus. All the newspapers now virtually say the same thing about everything. And it is gradually growing up everywhere, this feeling of a unanimous view of things. It has fascinated me to see how the media have decided to go after Solzhenitsyn because he has not played the game, as they believe it should be played. Instead of gratefully finding himself in what we still call the free world, and being thankful about it, he has ventured to point out that the free world is not really a free world at all, and that freedom is not what it is thought to be in this so-called free world.

ANATHEMA TO THE CONSENSUS

What Solzhenitsyn says is the exact opposite of what the consensus is. He says that men are not made free by being allowed and having the means to do what they like. In the second Gulag book, in the chapter called "The Accent", he says that it was in the prison camp that he learnt what freedom is, and that the line between good and evil runs not between countries, not between political parties, not between ideologies, but down each separate individual human heart. And then he says: Thank you, camps, for teaching me that. That is anathema to the consensus, because in the consensus there is no good and evil. All those awkward things are raised by him, which the enlightened West has abolished. He is challenging the whole notion of what is called the quality of life, and saying that just to abolish the dictatorship in the USSR will in itself be nothing, that what is wrong with it is that it has accepted a materialist view of life, and as materialists men cannot live.

ONLY POSSIBLE WAY

What gave the media the feeling that he was not after all their particular hero was that from the beginning he has been insistent that what he is concerned about, much more than ideologies, is Christianity; and he has stated that the only possible way in which Russia can find its way back to a

real existence is through Christ - a statement that to me was flabbergasting. I was a journalist in Moscow in 1932 and 1933, and it would have seemed to me utterly inconceivable then that a product of that regime could arrive at this conclusion.

Another thing that has added to the resentment against him is that he has not had any kind of formula answer to the Gulag. His answer once more is Christianity, not liberalism. And that is a heinous offence in consensus terms. It goes completely against the calculation of the consensus terms. It goes completely against the calculation of the consensus that a man brought up in the USSR, coming from a labor camp, would stand up and say that the answer to it all is nothing to do with 'one man one vote,' it is to do with Christ.

IMPOSSIBLE COMPROMISE

There is also the factor of the subversive people who want to believe that there is a possible compromise between the free world and the Communist world, that you can work out an arrangement between them - which I have always thought is rather like vegetarians and the Worshipful Company of Butchers sitting together on the same platform. All kinds of criticism have been developed. For instance, a book has just been published relating to what I think is his most interesting book, *The Oak and the Calf*. Its argument is that he was disloyal to *Novy Mir* and to Tvardovsky, its editor; that after they very generously published *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch* he then made great difficulties for them. This is nonsensical, because it implies that if he had 'played fair' with the magazine and its editorial staff, he could have continued to write with ease. But in point of fact they had to be finally subservient to the authorities, and that is very clear in all his relations with them.

Articles are written suggesting, for instance that what Solzhenitsyn wants is to re-establish Tsarism, which is also nonsensical. What he does say is that the quality of people, the quality of their culture, is not a matter of a particular form of Government, it is a matter of what they believe in; and that it is only when the Russian people recover their

souls that they will be able to be restored, that their history can be resumed.

DIALECTICAL ACROBATICS

After the publication of *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch* it would have been perfectly easy for Solzhenitsyn to be a famous writer without doing any particular violence to his views, to enjoy the life of a leading Soviet man of letters, able to travel, given facilities of every kind. But he would not do this because of the obligation he had taken upon himself and which he was determined to continue with, to stand up for the people in the camps and to expose exactly what they had to go through. I was in the USSR in the days of Maxim Gorky, and Gorky did make his terms with the regime, and was allowed to have a nice villa in Italy and to come and go there; and he became a sort of performing seal who would be brought on to the platform along with the Politburo on national occasions - tragic for a gifted writer. Solzhenitsyn could never have been that, but it would have been open to him to take that course and nobody could seriously have criticised him if he had.

To me Solzhenitsyn is like a projection of Dostoevsky. I once had to do a commentary in the USSR for a television program about Dostoevsky. They now accept Dostoevsky as a writer, and his books are avidly read. But in his writings and particularly in his political utterances he was anti-Marxist anti-revolution, a believer in the monarchy and the Russian Orthodox Church; and almost the last thing he did before he died was to deliver an extraordinary address at the unveiling of a Pushkin memorial in 1880, which delighted all the so-called reactionary elements in Russia. By the most amazing dialectical acrobatics, this attitude has been woven into the Marxist ideology. It was enormously diverting when we were making this program and came to his great oration at the "Pushkin celebration, and I found myself walking about in the streets around where the memorial is and quoting these extraordinary sentences of his. Somehow, although no one could understand them, it was exhilarating - there was a strange inner feeling that boded good, that these words should be spoken again.

In a rather murky time, Solzhenitsyn represents every-

LET'S ENCOURAGE UNEMPLOYMENT

by Neil G. McDonald

Like a busy burglar, unemployment is working overtime - its face hidden by a mask. Politicians and academics merely hope it will go away - at least until their retirement brings a welcome, personal brand of unemployment spiced with superannuation and special benefits.

Excuses aside - persons are unemployed for one reason only — their services are not required. Technology has long displaced picks and shovels. There is no real shortage of anything in the world - except money to purchase the vast array of products piled up in shops and warehouses. More could be speedily produced if industry released the brakes, awaiting the flow of inducement orders.

BOOK NOW FOR AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE NATIONAL WEEKEND

The most stimulating event in The Australian League of Rights' annual programme is the National Weekend, starting with the National Secretariat Conference on Friday, October 2, and followed by the Annual "New Times" Dinner in the evening. The Seminar on Saturday, October 3, will as usual see a panel of outstanding speakers. Sunday, October 4, will start with a non-denominational Divine Service and continue with a packed day of action reports from all over Australia.

—Bookings for the "New Times" Dinner can only be accepted if accompanied with donation of \$ 12.00. As many will feel that in these inflationary days, this is most moderate charge for a first class Dinner in a leading Melbourne hotel, we stress that in fairness to all, guests this year should purchase their own Dinner refreshments. Pre-Dinner drinks will be provided as usual.

With a large influx of country and interstate supporters, many taking advantage of private hospitality, it is essential for those attending the National Weekend to book early and indicate what accommodation they require. The Victoria Hotel, Little Collins Street, the venue for the Dinner and Seminar, has excellent low cost rooms for those not wishing to take advantage of private hospitality.

As usual, Dinner guests can anticipate an outstanding guest speaker. But details later.

All bookings through Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne. Or ring 63 9749.

thing that is noble and wonderful in human life and in the human mind. To me he is a very great man. That is why I have been so eagerly wanting to help in this project of trying to convey in film the great truths of his Nobel Prize address. To convey ideas in film is enormously difficult; but I am sure this is an enterprise very well worth undertaking.

Inventive capacity - skyrockets to the moon was a much more difficult problem than solving the alleged plight of the jobless.

The real answer to unemployment is to encourage it! Every person needs a basic income, whether employed or not. Thousands of non-producers receive wages —the Defence Forces, Police, Education and a horde of executive and clerical staff. Only a small fraction of our work force is involved in physical production.

The super-abundance awaits only an efficient distributing system.

How can Australia have a financial deficit in excess of a credit balance? Only in a false bookkeeping sense. In Victoria, Australia, the West Gate Bridge is completely built, physically. All materials have been used in construction and wages paid. Yet, there is a financial debt of about \$140 million and a yearly interest bill of almost one tenth.

Other achievements, the Arts Centre, Railway Loop, Loy Yang are destined to carry debt tags to posterity unless a more realistic method of accounting occurs. Local Councils perpetuate impossible dream by trying to operate within a strangling loan structure.

Industrialisation is no answer to unemployment. The most industrialised nations have the most jobless.

In a world blinded by real economic progress, Victoria can become the envy of others only by tackling unemployment as a desirable result from improved technology.

We need more ticket machines and mechanical aids to release extra wage slaves from punching clocks.

Earlier voluntary retirement will provide career opportunities for energetic youth who wish to earn more than a basic income.

Less working hours and more leisure is the immediate solution to unemployment.

Without distribution of a basic income, unemployment is insoluble. But, the thirst of workers for increased leisure, shorter working hours, shows that few really like the monotony of daily toil. Sick leave is abused and absenteeism excessive.

The lure of a lottery is based on the long odds of opting out of the employment trap.

Unemployment differs from retirement only because of a

monetary cushion. Unemployment and unempayment are a tragic pair. Unemployment with adequate social service payment is the key to contentment.

Both Liberal and Labor policies pledge full employment, but are powerless to revive it.

The leisure age is here, awaiting only distribution of adequate money tickets to consume the fruits of technology.

The welfare State with regular social service payments is the key to the millions not needed in the production workforce.

Years ago, *The New Times* and *The New Era* - prophets of Social Credit, proclaimed virtues of unemployment-destined to increase in times of peace. In contrast, national war machines are labor intensive, masking real productive capacity for a civilian populace.

Suggested payment to every citizen of a national dividend brought some ridicule from shallow critics. But, the national dividend is already amongst us in Cinderella form...as the dole cheque. Nobody goes short when the cheque is paid. Shopkeepers accept and depend on welfare payments.

Unemployment is no ogre. Instead, it is the measuring stick of national progress. Let's encourage more jobless, provided, there's satisfactory wage to accompany leisure.

SURRENDERING AUSTRALIA TO THE INTERNATIONALISTS

Early in the history of Social Credit, C.H. Douglas warned that eventually centralised control of the credit system would have to be buttressed with centralised control of all the basic raw materials. The New International Economic Order, with its declared objective of bringing basic raw materials under international control, is the logical outcome of the programme to create the World State.

With its vast natural resources, Australia has been a major target for the internationalists. Now they are openly moving in. A headline in *The Age* of April 14 announced that the notorious Dr. Armand Hammer had flown in "to conquer Queensland". Whoever wrote that headline described reality much more correctly than he may have realised.

The Age report made only a minor reference to Dr. Hamer's association with the Soviet Union. Hamer was a close personal friend of Lenin and over a long period of time has been one of the most influential of the internationalists providing the Soviet with economic blood transfusions. In the worldwide campaign against the Soviet charging it with "anti-Semitism", those promoting it have never sought to explain why a powerful Jew like Dr. Hamer should be backing the Soviet Union. Even at the time of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan Dr. Hamer was adopting a pro-Soviet attitude.

The fact that the Dr. Hamers of this world are in reality traitors to Western Civilisation does not prevent them from being lauded by Western politicians. He was visiting

Australia to announce a consortium of a Japanese company and two Queensland companies to develop Queensland's coal resources. *The Age* in its April 14 story said, "Before flying to Brisbane yesterday he lunched with the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, in Canberra. The two discussed Dr. Hamer's progress in oil-shale techniques and Mr. Fraser was invited to send experts to study the system".

Dr. Hamer's far-reaching influence may be judged by the fact that he flew back to Canberra from Brisbane to attend the official welcome to Prince Charles. Dr. Hamer's corporation makes a "small donation" to the Trans-Globe Expedition, which has the Prince's official patronage. Dr. Hamer says he feels that Australia "would be a great country to invest in". No comment is necessary.

ROCKEFELLER ALSO

Shortly after Dr. Hamer's visit, it was briefly reported that in late October, David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Corporation would be bringing its International Advisory Committee into Australia. The committee consists of

WILL BASIC FUND BE FILLED?

As we go to press we are unable to provide the final figures for the League's 1980-81 Basic Fund of \$55,000. But as the end of May approached the Fund was edging towards its objective. If it fails it will be because the majority who did not contribute failed the minority who did. Last minute contributions accepted. We will be making a final statement in our July issue.

ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

by C. H. Douglas.

The work, which launched the worldwide Social Credit Movement. New edition with Introduction and biographical sketch of Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs. Douglas's first article, "The Delusion of Super-production", included as Appendix. Indexed. The most important book of the twentieth century. Price \$3.40.

Mr. David Rockefeller, the notorious Dr. Henry Kissinger, and the chairmen of Fiat, Mitsubishi, Canadian Pacific, the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, Ford, Volvo and several other giant corporations. The former chairman of CSR, Sir James Vernon, is the Australian on the committee.

The declared purpose of the visit is to review world natural resources development projects in the 1980s with special emphasis on Australian resource developments. And, of course, to promote further the New International Economic Order.

Chase Manhattan has been involved in financing Australian resource projects since the late 1950s. Recently the bank has advanced \$US400 million for Alcoa and contributed \$US1400 million for the Northwest shelf project. The chief executive of Chase Manhattan, Mr. Willard Butcher, said during a visit to Australia in August of last year, that there had been under investment in Australia for the past fifteen years, and that Australia could only benefit from increased spending. Needless to say, Mr. Butcher did not explain why Australia needed to have finance-capital from abroad in order to develop its own resources.

What is absurdly described as the "importing of foreign money" is nothing more than the Reserve Bank of Australia writing contra credits against those established in some Reserve Bank in some other country. The only justifiable basis for foreign loans is to purchase equipment, which cannot be manufactured or provided in Australia. And the only way in which such loans can be repaid, is by exporting.

Australians can only resist the internationalists by insisting that they use their own financial credit to make use of their real credit, their productive capacity, as they see fit. Unless this is done, Australians will surrender the nation, which they fought to preserve in two world wars.

SHORT ANZAC TOUR FOR RON GOSTICK

Following the recent successful tour of Canada and the United Kingdom by Mr. Jeremy Lee, Assistant National Director of The Australian League of Rights, Mr. Ron Gostick will, in August, be making a short tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. Gostick will arrive in Australia from the 1981 World Anti-Communist League Conference, to be held in Taiwan, and will be the guest of honour at the following Regional League Dinners: Brisbane, Saturday, August 15; Wangaratta, Victoria, Monday, August 18 and at Kyabram, Victoria, Tuesday, August 19. Mr. Gostick will address a public meeting in Melbourne on Wednesday, August 20.

In view of the growing interest in the election prospects of the New Zealand "Social Credit" Party, New Zealanders will be keenly interested in hearing one of Canada's most distinguished Social Crediters speak on "Lessons of Canadian Social Credit History".

A highlight of Mr. Gostick's New Zealand tour will be his participation in the Crown Commonwealth League of Rights Conference in Auckland on Friday, August 28, with Mr. Donald Martin of the British League of Rights, Mr. Eric Butler of the Australian League of Rights, and Mr. David Thompson of the New Zealand League of Rights being present. This Crown Commonwealth Conference, held in the smallest member of the old Crown Commonwealth, will be an historic event symbolising once again the growing links of the League of Rights around the world.

Mr. Gostick, Mr. Butler and Mr. Martin will be giving papers at a New Zealand National Seminar on the Saturday, August 29, this to be followed by a National League Dinner at the "Discovery Room" Royal International Hotel, Auckland, in the evening. Mr. Gostick will be accompanied by his wife, daughter and son-in-law.

TO THE POINT

Prime Minister Muldoon of New Zealand has been urging New Zealanders to "Think Big" - so that New Zealand can be "re-structured to fit into the New World Order. Perhaps it was highly significant that on the eve of Prince Charles' visit to New Zealand in March, that an article by Prince Charles appeared in "The Auckland Herald" stressing the theme that small can be beautiful. New Zealand is a small nation well suited to show the world the way out of its growing problems. Prince Charles comes out in favour of organic regeneration of society from decentralised communities making use of small-scale technology. He has pointed the way towards salvation, as did his great-grandfather, George V, when during the Great Depression he suggested that distribution, not production, was the major problem.

Prime Minister Fraser of Australia is busy preparing for the Commonwealth Conference in Melbourne late in September. He seeks to use the Conference to project himself as a leader of the "Third World". This necessitates taking a strong South African line. Currently this also means taking an anti-New Zealand stance because of the South African rugby tour. If Mr. Fraser can force the Muldoon Government to refuse visas for the South Africans, he feels

that this will increase his standing with the "Third World" nations. As part of his campaign, Mr. Fraser proposed to stop South African Airways flying into Australia, but pressure within his own ranks stopped this. But Africans coming to the Melbourne Conference are now embarrassed with the problem of how to get to Australia if Mr. Fraser refuses to allow Qantas to re-start on the South African run. They may have to fly on South African airways! In the

meantime Malawi, Botswana, Lesotho, Zambia, Swaziland, Angola, Mozambique and Mauritius all have air links with South Africa. They also have economic links. The coming Commonwealth Conference will be a further manifestation of the sickening humbug and hypocrisy prevailing in international politics.

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President Suharto of Indonesia has added his voice to those calling for a New International Economic Order. He was addressing a meeting between representatives of the European Parliament and members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations in Jakarta in April, stating that "The great majority of the people of this world still live in backwardness and poverty and of late, the world is suffering from economic, monetary and energy crises. "President Suharto heads one of the wealthiest nations in the world in terms of natural resources". President Suharto will not find his domestic economic problems eased by surrendering power to an international bureaucracy. It appears that many are now paying lip service to the concept of the New International Economic Order without understanding what it means.

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While the media of the world continues to publicise the

view that the Soviet Union is "anti-Semitic", and that Israel is the great bastion of democracy in the Middle East, a barrier to Soviet expansion, Zionist leaders and the Soviet continue to co-operate so that the flow of Jews from the Soviet Union, many to Israel, continue. This matter is openly discussed in the Zionist press.

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When Dr. Bernard Nathanson of the United States, who has described himself as "abortion king of the Western World", recently visited Australia he presented a revealing picture of his past career during which the National Association for Repeal of Abortion Laws used fraudulent public opinion polls, distorted statistics, and bribed left-wing doctors, lawyers and psychiatrists to present "suitably favourable reports"!

Dr. Nathanson has as a result of his experiences become a convert to the "pro-life cause", stressing that wholesale abortion makes a major contribution to the breakdown of the family and aids social disintegration.

Dr. Nathanson's revelations on the subject of phony public opinion surveys should be carefully noted, as these types of surveys are used to influence politicians everywhere on a number of subjects.

"A CANON OF RIGHTNESS"

By Jeremy Lee

The following Paper was given by Mr. Jeremy Lee at a Christian Alternative Seminar held in Austral, N.S.W. on Saturday, May 23. The first two Papers at the Seminar, on the Theme of "The Christian and Caesar", were given by Mr. Eric D. Butler, who spoke on "The State of the World", and Mr. Edward Rock, who spoke on "The State of The Church".

The first two papers have dealt with the organised destruction of our civilisation, and the overturning of the social order, which was in its establishment a manifestation - imperfect though it was - of "applied Christianity".

This programme of revolution and destruction is a consciously satanic attack on the unfolding of Christianity. It is thus a battle between "Christ and anti-Christ".

Both "Christ and anti-Christ" while led by divine and diabolical spiritual persons, have material structures on earth.

The anti-Christian structure on earth is a machine embracing many different parts, and spanning all spheres of the political and economic spectrum, from communism to capitalism. It can be increasingly identified in the coalition of movements now struggling for the establishment of the New International Economic Order-a plan for the merging of all systems into a world government, in which one global system is consummated into a final ascendancy over each and all individuals. A glimpse of the shape of things to come has been provided by the formal United Nations resolution banning Christmas. The establishment of a World Government requires not only a meshing of all economic and political systems, but the establishment of a new world religion.

The Christian structure on earth is an organic association of faith-motivated people called the "church". Although

many denominational people are in it, the church is a different thing from denominational organisations. What we call "church organisations" are-or should be-means to an end, sooner than ends in themselves. The Church-in the sense I mean it - is "an organic association of persons who have accepted Christ and are consciously seeking to serve and obey him".

TWO VISIONS

The anti-Christian structure on earth has a clear vision and a programme of how to get it. It has huge resources, and is not constrained by any morality or law, save that it keeps marching on. However - and this is important - it has lost its evangelical spirit, because its gains to date have been enough to show the falsity of the ultimate objective. Thus, Satanism-so near to its final objective-is increasingly haunted by evidence of failure. Much of its literature is despairing, and its vision is turning to ashes even before it is finally attained. Thus, its programme has become mechanical. It's no longer a crusade, it's slog.

If the forces of Christ can present a contrasting vision, and develop an idea of how to get it, nothing can stand in their way.

We all have a tendency to limit the bounds of Truth. "It applies here", we say, "but not there" But Truth is limitless. It touches everything, from the life of a sparrow to the very

laws on which the Universe hangs.

Christ left us with two great Commandments - to "Love God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength;" and "to love our neighbour as ourselves". These two commandments encompass all the law. Only at very rare intervals has the Church ever been able to get these two commandments in balance. Either it has become so pre-occupied with God that it has forsaken responsibility for the social order, becoming exclusively transcendental, ethereal and finally superstitious; or it has plunged into frenzied "social action" programmes, forgetting all about God in the process.

On the rare occasions it has achieved balance, some blinding advances have been made. The flowering of "Merrie Englande", coinciding with the Renaissance - out of which grew our English Common Law, our concept of constitutional government based on Magna Carta; our jury system and our independent courts, the decentralisation of power-all these were manifestations of "applied Christianity".

The Church over the last few years has been almost exclusively concerned with spiritual things-and for good reason. It has been a voyage, both of re-discovery and fresh revelation after a period of darkness best symbolised on *Time's* cover in the early 'sixties, which proclaimed "God is Dead".

The huge evangelical expansion since then - through the Third World, the Communist countries and in many areas of the West is an eloquent answer to the "God is Dead" period - nothing could be further from the truth.

However, the joyful re-discovery of spiritual truth, and evidence of a fervent preoccupation with the first of Christ's great commandments has brought with it the danger that the second is not fulfilled. The Church often teaches it is too late - that the end times are upon us - or that government is "of no concern of Christians.

That is not to say that Christians are reluctant about lending a helping hand to others. But aid and comfort of that nature is palliative rather than remedial, as our doctors put it. It does not eliminate the causes of poverty, hunger, disease, debt, materialism, escapism, and a continual narrowing of free choice. It simply patches up the victims.

FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

Now this raises a fundamental question, which, if it is not answered, will negate all the advances made in recent years:

"DOES CHRISTIANITY OFFER A WAY OF LIVING WHICH WILL PRODUCE PEACE ON EARTH, and GOODWILL TOWARD MEN-enabling us to obey BOTH of Christ's Commandments, to love God AND our neighbour?"

IF SO, WHAT ARE WE EXPECTED TO DO ABOUT IT?

Believing Christians tend to evade this question. There are stock answers, which are, in reality, a cop-out. "Nothing can be done until the Second Coming". "If we change men's hearts the rest will automatically follow". "The role of the Church is to spread the Gospel. It must not get mixed up in politics". "The Kingdom of God is not of this world". "Only

a return to the Mosaic laws will enable us to live at peace".

I'd like to challenge the use of, those statements in that particular way.

IS THERE ONE PERSON IN THIS AUDIENCE WHO IS PREPARED TO GET UP AND SAY THAT CHRIST IS IRRELEVANT AS FAR AS GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED?

IS THERE ONE PERSON PREPARED TO SAY THAT CHRIST IS IRRELEVANT AS FAR AS OUR LAWS, OUR COURTS, OUR JUDGES AND OUR JURIES ARE CONCERNED?

IS THERE ONE PERSON PREPARED TO GET UP AND SAY THAT CHRIST IS IRRELEVANT AS FAR AS OUR SYSTEM OF MEASUREMENTS - OUR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND PARTICULARLY OUR MONEY SYSTEM IS CONCERNED?

Is there one person prepared to get up and say that Christ is irrelevant as far as Science, Music, Art, Theatre, and Technology is concerned?

The only Church body pronouncing on these things is the World Council of Churches, and the answer it is giving is the Gospel according to Marx rather than Christ's way of living. We are getting Marx sold as surrogate Christianity, even while its own disciples are shaking at its failures".

CAN THE TRUE CHURCH - THE LIVING BODY OF CHRIST-DISCOVER THE WAY THAT CHRIST WOULD HAVE US LIVE, AND, IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM, SHOW THE WORLD HOW TO FOLLOW.

If so, we are moving into the most exciting period in man's history, culminating in the manifestations of Christ in all things.

I do hope you're not looking for a blueprint, or the description of some new system, which is going to give us "Heaven on Earth" as some Utopia. Christ was rather contemptuous of systems. "The Sabbath is there for man, not man for the Sabbath".

Let's try a perspective instead. Christianity starts in a child-like way- a simple acceptance of Christ, followed by trust and obedience in Him.

That is one dimension - by far the most important.

However, it also touches the nature and balance of everything in the Universe. The laws of gravity, and of thermodynamics, and of nuclear physics, are all God-ordained mechanisms, which we call natural law. The discovery of them we call Science. It is a marvellous example of man's vanity that we mistake discovery for invention. Many scientists believe they actually invented the new laws they discovered.

But Science imposes on us a discipline. You can't approach the unknown with a preconceived notion of what OUGHT to happen. You have to discover by trial and error, what DOES happen. But when you discover it, you shout "EUREKA" and run down the street naked! You have found out one more infinitesimal aspect of God's creation.

AN INDEFINABLE FEELING

But how do you recognise it when you've discovered it?

The answer is by the result - a light come on, a wheel turns, a disease is cured, a mountain is moved. There is a feeling of "rightness" about it that is indefinable, but unmistakable. This feeling of "rightness" does not only apply to material things - but in the field of art. The saying "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" is no more true than to say that a bad smell is only in the nose of the smeller. Because there is no material measurement does not mean that there is no such thing as beauty. No human needs a mathematical formula to see something that transcends materialism in a great picture or sculpture. The artist knows only too well how rare and precious is that moment when he can step back from the easel and see that he has got something "just right".

And who can fail to recognise something that touches the sublime in Handal's MESSIAH?

Notice how, although there are absolutes in all spheres, our way of measuring them changes. In Science the measurement is an empirical and a material one. We move to art and culture, and our measure is indefinable, although quite recognisable. But we cannot "systematise" it. Imagine someone working out a formula for "painting a great picture", or "composing a great classic"

However, that feeling or concept of "lightness" - instinctive, intuitive, call it what you will - is, I put it to you, God-given.

We have moved from science, where rightness is measurable in material terms, to a cultural sphere where rightness is measured in emotional terms. But then we come to the hardest, and yet the most worthwhile of all - the science of living together in peace, goodwill and freedom.

And, frail human beings that we are- we go scrambling back into a search for a system, when we should be moving forward into the realms of discovery-the Baconian method of testing and measuring-but this time into a science of social engineering-the building of a right society.

"That's all very well," someone says, "but how do you measure 'right' in this realm?"

Well, we're not going to find that answer in a human blueprint-Marx's, Henry George's, Kelso's, Ayn Rand's, Hazlitt's or anyone else. The measuring yardstick is only what Christ would have-and He spurned the systemic approach on high mountain in the wilderness. We are not here for systems at all - systems are there for the individual.

What then does Christ want for the individual? The answer is freedom, and life more abundant.

"Know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" But we can only tap into freedom by attuning ourselves with Rightness and Truth, first within ourselves, but it doesn't stop there. We must attune with Truth and Right-ness wherever it applies-and that, as we've observed before, is in all things.

HARMONY IN ALL THINGS

This broadens the terms of reference of the Church wider than anything we have ever imagined. It doesn't begin and end with being a spiritual midwife at the new birth of human souls; it continues on with the expansion of that soul into its fullest potential. This is a process of maturing. And the

nurture of human personality means a preoccupation with all the factors that have any bearing on personality-spiritual truth obviously, but also the social order in which that human develops - the family, the environment, the community, the work and leisure activity, the whole area wherein God's gift of choice is ever exercised. Each one of these is subject to laws of Truth, and must, therefore, come within the concerns, and under the scrutiny, of the Body of Christ.

Now, if we can accept that there are laws which Christ has ordained should apply to every sphere of creation; and that his will for mankind is the discovery of and compliance with those laws; and that, by doing so, we can attain what He intended for us-namely, "Peace on Earth, and Goodwill toward men", then that becomes the measuring stick - not a preconceived system at all, but a condition of rightness discernible purely in human satisfaction.

Human satisfaction on earth is impossible without harmony with God in all things. It can never be reached until we discard the static blueprints of human idealists, exchanging them for a search and discover the canon of rightness in every corner of creation - the Truth that will make us free.

If we don't start now, the apocalyptic nightmares pictured so vividly in the Revelations of John the Divine will be the reality of our disobedience.

But if we do, in service to Christ, we can begin to live, and pass on a life more abundant to our children. We will see a growing manifestation of Christ in all things, culminating, perhaps in the ultimate manifestation of all - the ultimate response to His Repentant children, who have exchanged their own system for His Canon of Rightness.

THE FREEING OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Did He not teach us to pray in the first prayer He ever gave his disciples: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...?"

Oswald Chambers, in his book *The Philosophy of Sin*, says: "The main line indicated in the Bible with regard to the human race and God's purpose for it is that God allows the human race full liberty, and He allows the Spirit of Evil, or Satan, full liberty also. Peter says that God is long suffering (2 Peter iii.9); He is giving us ample opportunity to try whatever line we like both in individual and national life, but the Bible reveals that in the final end of all things, men will confess that God's purpose and His Judgment are right. We must disabuse our minds of the idea that God sits like a Judge on a throne and batters humanity into shape. He is sometimes presented that way, not intentionally, but simply because the majority of people have forgotten the principle laid down by Jesus, that 'there is nothing that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known'; and that, in the end, God's judgments will be made utterly plain and clear, and men will agree that they are right..."

God's purpose is not the withdrawal of freedom, as current interpretations of prophecy so often portray, but the emancipation of the individual - "Know the Truth, and the Truth will make you free"

That says it all - freedom for each is God's will; discovery and harmony with Truth the way to get it.