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It is an urgent necessity that Christian people living today should be wide awake to the greatest menace that has ever threatened the peace and liberties of the nations of earth. Complacency has been the death warrant of freedom in vast areas of this world in recent years. And that complacency has been based on the utterly false notion that there can be a compatibility between Communism and Christianity.

It will clarify our understanding if we perceive that there are not many religions or ideologies on earth, but only TWO diametrically opposed forces, movements or philosophies, whatever men may wish to call them. Those two forces are simply truth and error (I John 4:6). We call them right and wrong. There are good things and evil things on earth, and they are completely incompatible.. And without any equivocation whatsoever, we can state categorically that Communism is evil, wicked and erroneous, while Christianity is all that is opposite to that.

There has arisen amongst the so-called modernistic churches of today a feeling that there can be some comradeship between themselves and Communism. These people are not out and out red, but are known as the "Pink Fringe", half-reds. They are utterly deluded into the belief that Communism is the friend of the people, a champion of liberties, and the advocator of the "Social Gospel" they themselves preach. Because the communists, for their propaganda purposes, use some instances of race discrimination they find in America or elsewhere, these people think that Communism is proposing and upholding Christian principles! How easily they forget that Communism has been, and is the greatest, most cruel slave-holder of all human history, and the bloody murderer of millions of innocent victims. How can people be so deluded? Simply because the truth of the matter is hidden, unknown or unheeded. We hereby undertake to answer a number of pertinent questions about Communism, giving authentic quotations from its own publications, that Christian people at least might be wide awake to this fearful menace. Follow these carefully.

IS COMMUNISM ADVOCATED IN THE BIBLE?

Some turn to Acts 4:34-35 and would persuade men that it is. Again, what a tragedy it is that some cannot distinguish between that voluntary communalism and the brutal, degrading, compulsory, godless system of Communism! This story from the life of the early church tells us of a partially successful experiment in communal living, very similar to such cooperative groups as we have today in various parts of Canada. In many, many ways these groups are the very antithesis of Communism, and will have nothing to do with it. They are never remotely suspected of being Communistic in Nature.

Now Communism is described in the Bible. We shall show this clearly as we bring to light its horrible nature, and expose its anti-God, anti-Christian concepts. Communism is flatly condemned in the Bible. That is the basic reason why Communists hate the Bible!

WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF COMMUNISM TO GOD?

We shall present some shocking facts. It is time we were shocked! Communism is thoroughly ATHEISTIC in nature and teaching. Lenin's widow said: "We must make our school boys and girls not merely unreligious, but actively and passionately anti-religious". Bakunin, one of the first Red conspirators, said: "I come to announce to you a new gospel. The first lie is God; the

second lie is Right. When you have freed your minds from the fear of God, and from that childish respect for the fiction of Right, then all the remaining chains that bind you will snap asunder. Let your own happiness be your only Law". Ernest Gordon reported: "In the university of Leningrad there is a two years course for the degree of Doctor of Atheism, devised to contrast with the degree of Doctor of Divinity of Christian lands". Pravda, in the issue of June 12th, 1929 said: "We are against God". Radio Leningrad on August 17th, 1950 broadcast these words: "The struggle against the Gospel and Christian legend must be conducted ruthlessly and with all the means at the disposal of Communism". The Young Bolshevik of 1946, No. 5-6, page 56 said: "The young Communist, upon whom the Kremlin relies to carry out its nationalistic aims, fails in his DUTIES if he believes in God." The same issue of this paper said on page 58: "The world outlook of the Party is based on scientific data, while religion contradicts science". That last statement has a very familiar sound! God help us to wake up! That very same thing is being taught to our young people right here in our own land, by atheistic teachers of the evolutionary theory. These propagators of a dastardly LIE are preparing the seed-bed for Communism in the minds of this generation of young people!

Communism is anti-God. Thousands of quotations are available, but surely these given are sufficient for any thinking man or woman. Communism opposes God, because God opposes Communism. This sort of thing is clearly described in the Bible. Read it in Psalm 2:2-3. That is a prophecy on Communism!

WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF COMMUNISM TO THE BIBLE?

Everybody ought to know this, and heed its implications. Communism flatly rejects the Bible, and seeks to displace it with its own blasphemous teachings. Pravda, in the issue of July 7th, 1929, said: "The Central Publishing House... this is the insignificant piece of Soviet territory where literary workers of at least fifty nationalities work together in a peaceable and friendly manner. There is only one publishing house in the world that has the same appearance. It is in London, and it prints a book in scores of languages. It prints only one book. This is the Bible, the book of greatest class deception, the tool of the imperialist for befogging the people".

Not only do the Communists reject the Bible, but they substitute their own foul suggestions for its sacred injunctions. Karl Marx, in his book "The Capital" gives his ten commandments as follows: "Hate, Cheat, Dishonour, Enslave, Lie, Steal, Wreck,

Torture, Kill, Love thy Commissar". That is given, instead of the profound beauty and truth of God's Ten Commandments! Communism hates the Bible because it teaches the very opposite of the foul and devilish doctrines of Communism. How fully this monstrous thing is described in II Timothy 3:1-5.

WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF COMMUNISM TO SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES?

We need scarcely examine this matter, for the results of rejecting God and the Bible are inevitable. In the publication called "Our Understanding of Soviet Russia", issued by a Communist front organization, "Friends of the Soviet Union", 80E 11th St., New York, we read: "In their devotion to the great ends of Socialism the citizens of the Soviet Union are literally forgetting themselves. In their adherence to the new, invigorating loyalties, they are being released from age-long and century-long economic fears, sexual repressions and religious feelings of guilt". That sort of thing will put mankind on the road to the regions of the damned, back into the putrescent days of Sodom and Gomorrah, with no consciousness of sin, where men can call black white without any sense of evil whatsoever. This is the basic reason that any treaty with the Soviet mind is worse than useless. And note in passing that our present surge of juvenile crime is exactly this same fruit, coming from the rejection of God and the Bible in the homes of our land. This too is described in God's Word. Read it in Isaiah 5:20 and in Ephes. 4:18-19. Communism in all its degradation is described in the Bible!

WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF COMMUNISM TO CHRIST, TO CHRISTIANITY AND TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS?

Words fail to describe this, or tell a mere part of the story. We shudder at only a fragment of the picture. What does Communism think of our pure and holy Saviour, and of those who love Him? The horrors that began in 1918 resulted in the slaughter of 1,767,600 real Christians, who died for their faith, put to death by orders of the Soviet Government, who instead of Jesus canonized Judas Iscariot, crowned him as a hero and invented a new, devil-inspired loyalty known as "Iscariotism".

Did you ever hear of what is called "The most blasphemous cartoon ever printed"? It was issued with the confidence of the Soviet Government in the illustrated paper "Bezboznik", which means "The Godless One". This cartoon burlesqued the Holy Communion ordinance. True, it was ridiculing the Roman Catholic view of transubstantiation, but its blasphemy discloses the degraded depths of the Soviet spirit of anti-Christ. It showed a

caricature of the body of Christ stretched on a table, with the words printed beneath, "Take, Eat, This is My Body". The surrounding crowd, a revolting horde of semi-human beings, is munching upon chunks of flesh torn from that body. Two women are depicted gnawing the flesh off the bones of the nail-pierced hands. Another is chewing a foot. Another is biting off an ear. Two of the participants are seen chewing at the entrails, trying to gulp them down. Another hideous, bewhiskered priest has a goblet catching the blood gushing from His pierced side.

That is Communism, with the mask off! That is the most shocking thing I have ever contemplated. May God rouse our spirits over these things! God has told us about these last-day movements, that we might be warned. Read them in Hebrews 10:28-31.

HOW GREAT IS THE ISSUE BETWEEN COMMUNISM AND CHRISTIANITY TODAY?

As great as that between right and wrong, between truth and error. Communism is of the devil. It is the implacable foe of Christianity and all that pertains to it. A Communist cannot be a Christian. A Christian cannot be a Communist. Listen to this Communistic poem: "Good-by Jesus Christ, Lord God Jehovah. Beat it away from here. Make way for a new guy with no religion at all; a real guy named Marx, Communist, Lenin peasant". The great Soviet Encyclopedia of 1950-51 defines God in this manner: "God - a mythically invented personality. Progressive materialism and scientific opinion cannot be reconciled with faith in God. One of the highest duties of Soviet man's progressive education is the destruction of all survivals of religion and faith in God. In reality both Moses and Jesus were only mythical persons". That last statement again is strangely reminiscent of the lofty statements of the Higher Critics of our modernistic churches! Lenin said: "Down with religion. Long live atheism!"

To highlight the vast gulf between Christianity and Communism, the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. House of Representatives in Washington D. C. published a pamphlet entitled "100 things you should know about Communism and religion". Amongst some of the questions and answers we find these excerpts; Question:- "If Communists were in power in America, would they destroy the Bible?" Answer:- They would destroy every copy they could find. They would jail anyone trying to print new copies. Question:- "Would my child be allowed to go to Sunday School?" Answer:- It would be illegal. Your child would be taught to report you to the police for trying to send him. Question:- "How would my child learn his religion then?" Answer:- Only through

what you might tell him at home, to offset the positive atheism he would learn all week at the Government school. Take careful note of that last answer. That is happening NOW in Canada. May God help us! Who can fail to see that the atheistic teaching of evolution in our schools is constantly preparing a fertile seed-bed for Communism? Canadian parents today are faced with this problem of teaching the children about God, in face of the positive atheism they are being taught in our public schools.

Now see how these two religions compare, the religion of Communism (for it is a religion), and the truth of Christianity. Both have similar symbols, the hammer and the sickle. The Communist hammer is to knock the gods out of the sky, and the sickle to mow down human opposition. Christianity has these two symbols. See Jeremiah 23:29 and Revelation 14:14. These are God's weapons, the hammer of the Word of God, and the sickle of His judgments. Both have the same symbolic colour, red. With Communism it is red for revolution. In Christianity it is red for revelation. The blood of Christ stands for salvation. The blood on His vesture tells of judgment: to come. See Revelation 19:13.

Both have a man at the head, worshipped by His followers. Communism has Karl Marx, the apostate Jew. Christianity has Jesus Christ, the faithful Jew. Both have a book of complete authority. Communism has the Manifesto, the word of a man. Christianity has the Holy Bible, the Word of God. Both have a tomb. Communism has the tomb of Lenin where his embalmed body lies. Christianity has an empty tomb.

Both have weapons. That of Communism is the crossed swords. Communism says: "Those who cannot be persuaded must be liquidated". The Cross of Christ is the symbol of the love of God, not compelling men, but drawing them to God. Each has an organized body of believers. In 1953 the Communist Party had six million full members, with three million candidates for membership, waiting to receive that jealously guarded privilege. So it is with Christianity. There is a select number of the twice-born, found wherever the church is true to the Book.

There are the two religions of today. A former lieutenant of the Red Army, Nicholas Gencharoff, says: "War with Russia will not defeat Communism. It is more difficult than that. You must fight it on its own ground - as a religion. Communism is an international religion. A vital alternative religion is the only way to defeat it". That means that the only effective foe of Communism

is the Christian, vigorous, vital, believing and Bible-loving! We need a multitude of such, praying, witnessing, living, propagating, protesting, soul-winning Christians!

WHAT THEN CAN THE CHRISTIAN DO ABOUT THIS MENACE?

First of all, recognize the three vital points where Communism is attacking our land today. The first one is the HOME. There is a deliberate, concentrated attempt of evil powers to break the homes of our land today. The strategy of it is evident. Wicked forces seek to raise up a generation of undisciplined young people, unrestrained by any sense of right or wrong, selfish in outlook, materialistic in belief. The devil has broken down family altars, decrying them as old-fashioned. He has brought in a tribe of utterly ungodly psychiatrists to teach what the Word of God denies, that children should be given "self-expression". How different from what God has to say in Proverbs 29:15! Read it! The seed-bed for Communism is being prepared in our very homes!

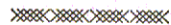
The second attack comes in our churches. That's true! The shame of it is evident when in the United States there has had to be an examination of churches to see if Communism is in them. We have had the spectacle of deluded church leaders in our own land supporting Communism. But the matter is deeper than all this. Every teaching of so-called modernism, as it casts doubt on the inspiration of the Scriptures, reduces Christ to the status of a mere man, teaches man to try to save himself, is but reflecting the facets of Communism, the false religion. Communist party members have been assigned to join churches in order to control or influence their teaching. This is the sort of thing Paul had in mind. See Acts 20:28-29. Every denial of truth, of the Bible, of the facts of Christianity, is an aid to Communism.

The third point of attack has already been mentioned. It is in our schools, and may be the most serious of all. The devilish lies of the evolutionary theories prepare the hearts and minds of our children for Communism! Communism teaches evolution! Communism says: "Man has no origin and no destiny; he is merely a material being". And our Canadian schools are blatantly teaching the very same thing, with scarcely a protest raised against it! It is time Canadian citizens rose to condemn this awful thing. How many of you parents have to try to counteract at home the atheism taught your child at school? You know it is there. We are in a very real battle.

What can Christians do about it? James 4:7 tells us to resist

the devil. And this is surely of the devil. We need today a great resistance movement. It is up to us, for no one else is able to do it. We must resist in prayer. We must resist by protest whenever we see any manifestation of these things. We must protest to school authorities and to parent-teacher associations whenever we can. We must protest at church meetings. And we must resist by insisting on the truth, by proclaiming it. Insist on the truth of Genesis 1:1. Lift the Bible high. Insist on the truth of John 3:16. Insist on the truth of I John 1:7. It is a matter of opposing the TRUE RELIGION against the false. May the Spirit of God stir every Christian heart in this great conflict, and set us truly on fire for God.

Are you not yet a Christian? We call you again to decide. On which side are you going to stand? There are only two religions. The Lord Jesus Christ died to redeem you, and waits to save you now. Read John 3:16. Read it again, and put your name in the place of the "whosoever". That is the promise that will take you to heaven. Will you make it your own? If so, let me suggest that you write your name in the form below, as evidence of your decision to receive Christ as YOUR Saviour. God bless you as you do it! We shall be glad to hear from you. Let us know you made this decision, and we shall do all in our power to help you along in the Christian life.



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