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## God or Communism Theism or Statism Moral Law or Jungle Law

By Howard E. Kershner

IN DISCUSSING "the nature of communism and the struggle against it," the late Whittaker Chambers remarked, on page 68 of his book *Cold Friday*: "The Crux of this matter is the question whether God exists. If God exists, a man cannot be a Communist, which begins with the rejection of God. But if God does not exist, it follows that Communism, or some suitable variant of it is right."

Stated a little differently, if one believes in God one cannot be a Communist, for Communism denies the existence of God. Conversely, if one does not believe in God, then to fill the vacuum and to find some source of authority, one turns to the state. The state, then being in the supreme position of authority and arbiter in

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## Brother McDonald Writes from Detroit

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for their prayers during my recent operation.

It was a successful one for which we give God the honor for it all. Our Lord has been so good to me. I can never repay Him for His love toward us.

I am at home now and feeling much better.

Your Brother in Christ,

Don H. McDonald

## A Call Comes for Help



Little Kim, Seoul, Korea

Little Kim is one of thousands--she didn't ask to be born, yet here she is, one of God's most precious creation. She deserves the chance to grow up in a Christian atmosphere, with someone to care for her, feed her and clothe her.

Little Kim was found in an alley in Seoul, Korea. Her mother had deserted her. No one knows where her father is. She was found curled up behind a box, shivering, hungry and frightened.

There is an organization that accepts donations from anyone who would care to help. Over 70,000 children today around the world are looking to America for help. If you wish to help, send your gifts to, CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND, Inc., Richmond, Va. 23204

## The Love of Money

By H. C. Vanderpool

"For the love of money is the root of all evil." I Tim. 6:10a

The above scripture has been misquoted and misunderstood many times. I've heard people say "money is the root of all evil." The Bible doesn't teach that to be true, but rather "the LOVE OF Money" is the root of all evil.

A person can love money to the extent that he will work so hard and so long for it that he will then claim to be too tired to go to church and do the things that God wants him to do. This is sinful. God will not overlook

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## Report from Mission In Pennsylvania

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Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

I would like to report the progress of Cherry Hill Baptist Mission at Peach Bottom, Pa. We have had two revivals this year, held by local preachers. The first meeting was in July, with five saved, and the next one was conducted in October, with two saved. Five of these were adults and two children.

We have started Sunday School and have two services each Sunday. My wife, formerly Dorothy Dickerson, of Pleasant Shade, Tenn., plays the piano for the Inspirational. They have been together for a year now. I would like to ask the readers to pray for us.

Yours in Christ,  
Joseph A. Dillman

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## 10 Most Wanted Men

1. The man who tries to be the right example to every child, rather than merely talking about it.
2. The man who has a passion to help, rather than to be helped.
3. The man who is willing to say, "I was wrong, I'm sorry."
4. The man who will look at temptation squarely and say, "No."
5. The man who puts God's business above any other.
6. The man who throws himself totally into a project, then gives credit for its success to his helpers.
7. The man who has a ready smile and a pat on the back for others.
8. The man who goes with his children to church, rather than sending them.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who gives his money, time and talent without thought of return.

—Copied—

IN THE NEW YEAR: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Col. 3:17

## God or Communism

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the affairs of men, develops to totalitarian proportions. From there it may proceed under Communist ideology, or the strong, who are able to gain control, may simply exploit the others for their own benefit. In either event, it is statism.

Throughout the history of the kingdoms of the world, some rulers have been benevolent and others cruel tyrants. That distinction also applies to modern Communist states. Stalin was a cruel tyrant while his successors seemed to be a little more humane in their treatment of the people.

The crux of the matter is that a people who believe in God look to Him for authority, direction and guidance. But if they deny God, then they set up the state as a substitute. In the latter case, the Moral Law of God, the Golden Rule, the Sermon on the Mount and the Ten Commandments are replaced by the authority of Government. This may be expressed in law, it may be decrees of the executive or rulings of the courts, but where God and His Law are not recognized, the authority back of the state is only that of men who have proven themselves strong enough to gain possession of the machinery of government.

The whole thing boils down to God versus man. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

If the foregoing is a true and correct analysis of the situation, as we believe it is, it indicates that the leftward turn of much of our church leadership—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—is based on a decline of faith and trust in God and the consequent exaltation of the state to replace Him. We find no other adequate explanation for strong church support for Roosevelt's recognition of the USSR a generation ago; for the policy of helping the Soviet Union ever since; for backing Mao Tse-tung, the atheist, against Chiang Kai-shek, the Christian, in China; for the abandonment of some 200 million Christians in eastern Europe to their fate under atheistic rulers; for the policy of trust in statism than in God. In other words, they believe that they can reach heaven through man-made contrivances. They are attempting to build another Tower of Babel in the hope of solving the problems of mankind and reaching Utopia by dependence on the power of men rather than through faith in God and a willingness to follow his leadership. —Christian Economics



## The Editor Says

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone, individuals and churches, who have assisted and helped in any way in 1967 to make the publication of the BAPTIST BANNER possible.

Some churches have sent me donations in appreciation for the work that I've done as editor. I willingly do this job, but offer my thanks and gratitude for those who have contributed to my support. I am also grateful to all the churches in several states that have sent in bundle subscriptions and to all who have subscribed for themselves or for someone else.

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Mrs. Vanderpool and I wish to thank everyone for the many Christmas cards that we received last month and also for the cards, letters, flowers, visits, and every expression of your thoughtfulness and consideration while she was in Bowling Green-Warren County Hospital for 11 days the first of December. May God bless you all.

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We have never done any advertising in the BANNER except for some books and records for ourselves or those we knew well. As editor, I believe there are several ways in which we can advance the kingdom work of God. In this and following issues, we will place ads in the paper when it is judged to be for the advancement of sound and true Baptist principles and churches. Anything that is found to be unsound or detrimental to true Baptist principles will not be published.

The May issue will close out the second year of this publication and of course the third year will begin in June. I would be happy, if there is enough cooperation from God's people and the churches, to double the size of the paper at that time, so as to have room for some sound advertising and additional articles. Let me hear from you on this matter.

## Objectives of the Communist Party

1. PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, PEACE  
(Amer. Bar Assoc. Report, Congress. Record of 8-22-58, p. 6.  
\*\*H. U. A. C. Report No. 1251, page 12.
2. DISARMAMENT  
(Peoples World of 10-10-59, page 5 -- Report of the Judiciary Committee, 3-20-60, page 5)
3. BAN NUCLEAR TESTING  
(Report of the Judiciary Committee, 3-20-60, p. 5)
4. ABOLISH LOYALTY-SECURITY LAWS  
(Amer. Bar Assoc. Report, Congress. Record of 8-22-58, p. 6)
5. ABOLISH LOYALTY OATHS  
\*\*H.U.A.C. Report No. 187 of 3-8-59, page 54)
6. ABOLISH ALL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES ON COMMUNISM  
\*\*H.U.A.C. Report No. 187 of 3-8-59, page 54)
7. INTEGRATION  
("Subversive in Racial Unrest," Public Hearings State of Louisiana, March 1957 -- H. U. A. C. Report No. 1251 of 2-8-60)
8. CHANGE THE SOCIAL ORDER  
("Blueprint for World Revolt," by Peter Stell, 1919-1956)
9. INCREASE FOREIGN AID AND FOREIGN AID TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES  
(Report of the Judiciary Com. of 3-20-60, p. 6)
10. RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA  
(Amer. Bar Assoc. Report, Congress. Record of 3-22-58, p. 8)
11. ADVANCE PROPAGANDA EFFORTS THROUGH CHURCH  
\*\*H.U.A.C. Report No. 257 of 4-3-59, page 73 -- and "Communism in the Churches" by J. B. Matthews)
12. RECRUIT OTHERS FOR THE CONSPIRACY  
\*\*H.U.A.C. Report No. 187, p. 54 (1959) -- No. 259, p. 57 of 4-59.)
13. JOIN POLITICAL AND LABOR MOVEMENTS  
(Judiciary Committee Reports of 3-26-60, pages 18 to 22, and of 12-21-55 (pages 90-91)
14. DISCREDIT J. EDGAR HOOVER AND THE F.B.I.  
(Edward J. Mowery, L. A. Times, 4-19-59 and "The Nation" of October 18, 1958)
15. DESTRUCTION OF IMMIGRATION AND PASS-PORT LAWS  
\*\*H.U. A.C. Report No. 187, p. 45, 3-8-59 and No. 1251, p. 43, 1960).
16. CLEMENCY FOR CONVICTED SPIES  
(Peoples World of 10-3-59, page 12 and the government document, "The Shameful Years," H.U.A.C., 1950)\*\*
17. RECONSTRUCT RELIGION ON BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM  
("Blueprint for World Conquest," Human Events 1946).

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## Objectives of the National Council of Churches

1. PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, PEACE  
(Communist Peoples World, 3-5-60, page 3) ("Recognize Red China, Circuit Riders, Inc., p. 2-8-13).
2. DISARMAMENT  
(Communist Peoples World, 3-5-60, page 3, also "Recognize Red China," Circuit Riders, Cincinnati, Ohio)
3. BAN NUCLEAR TESTING  
(Communist Peoples World, 8-17-57, page 7)
4. ABOLISH LOYALTY SECURITY LAWS  
(Communism in the Churches," by J. B. Matthews, page 7)
5. ABOLISH LOYALTY OATHS  
(Communist Peoples World, 9-13-54, page 3)
6. ABOLISH ALL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES ON COMMUNISM  
(American Legion Newspaper, "Firing Line"
7. INTEGRATE  
(Article by Marcus Barth in Presby. Magazine, "Social Progress")  
(Rev. Martin Luther King, Peoples World, 3-5-60)
8. CHANGE THE SOCIAL ORDER  
(The National Council of Churches, Appraisal, Carl McIntire)
9. INCREASE FOREIGN AID AND FOREIGN AID TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES  
("News and Views," Wheaton, Ill., Oct. 1958)
10. RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA  
(Dr. R. A. Syrdal, Congress. Record of 2-25-59, and Peoples World, Feb. 5, 1960)
11. ADVANCE PROPAGANDA EFFORTS THROUGH COMMUNIST FRONTS  
(Communism in the Churches," by J. B. Matthews, page 9)
12. RECRUIT OTHERS TO THE CONSPIRACY  
("Communism in the Churches," by J. B. Matthews, page 9)
13. JOIN POLITICAL AND LABOR MOVEMENTS  
(Economic Council Letter No. 440, 10-1-58)
14. DISCREDIT J. EDGAR HOOVER AND THE F.B.I.  
("Communism in the Churches," by J. B. Matthews, page 21)
15. DESTRUCTION OF IMMIGRATION AND PASS-PORT LAWS  
\*\*H.U.A.C. Report No. 187, 3-8-59, p. 45, "News & Views," 6-55)
16. CLEMENCY FOR CONVICTED SPIES  
("Recognize Red China," Circuit Riders, Cincinnati, Ohio, p. 16)
17. RECONSTRUCT RELIGION ON BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC MATERIALISM  
(Economic Council Letter No. 440, 10-1-58, -- "Theology for Protestants," Time Magazine, 3-15-59).  
\*\*H.U.A.C. -- House Un-American Activities Committee.

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"If I had but one year to live;  
 One year to help; one year to give;  
 One year to love; one year to bless;  
 One year of better things to stress;  
 One year to sing; one year to smile;  
 To brighten earth a little while;  
 One year to sing my Master's praise  
 One year to fill with work my days;  
 One year to strive for a reward  
 When I should stand before my Lord,  
 I think that I would spend each day,  
 Witnessing along the way  
 For my Lord. For from afar  
 The call may come to cross the bar  
 Or raptured be to meet my Lord  
 At any time, and I must be  
 Prepared to meet eternity.  
 So, if I have a year to live,  
 Or just one day in which to give  
 A pleasant smile, a helping hand,  
 A mind that tries to understand  
 A fellow-creature when in need,  
 'Tis one with me—I take no heed;  
 But try to live each day He sends  
 To serve my gracious Master's ends."

Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:32.

Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father, with the holy angels. Mark 8:38.

A GOOD RESOLUTION: During the coming year I will go nowhere I can't take Jesus Christ; I will say nothing I would not want him to hear; I will do nothing I would not want him to know about.

## The Love of Money

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 such action.

Some people are so interested in money and money making opportunities that they put off the Lord's work. See Luke 14:15-24. God wants people to work and provide for themselves and their families but not to the extent that they forsake God and the work He has commanded them to do. Often people love money so much they murder someone to obtain it. This is sinful. So are crooked deals and misrepresentation to get money that rightly belongs to another. To murder, cheat, wrong or defraud for money, manifests the love that one has for it. God is the final judge of all.

A young man failed to receive everlasting life and eternal peace because he loved money. Luke 18:18-24. Another man that we read of in the Bible, loved money so much, he betrayed the Lord, after receiving it, he failed to be happy and in agony and sorrow he went out and hanged himself. Matt. 27:3-5.

A man and his wife loved money enough to lie about it and they lost their lives. They were Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:1-10. May we as God's people ever be mindful of Him and His work and that "the love of money" will never keep us from serving Him and witnessing to those in sin.

I would like to relate at this time a story that I've had access to recently.

## THE BIG MONEY

"One of the saddest stories ever to come to my attention was told by a pastor from Louisiana. It concerned a family in his church.

There were four people in this family—the parents and two sons in their middle teens. They were all Christians, all faithful in the work of their church, as happy a family as one could ever hope to find. Almost never did they miss a church service. They visited for the church, they tithed, they studied the Word, and they prayed. All of this was before World War II.

Then came Pearl Harbor. A dazed nation shook itself into wakefulness and rolled up its sleeves to win a war. And right here the trail started downward for this family.

The father was offered a position in New Orleans that would pay him fifty dollars a day for seven days a week. He took the job and with his wife and boys moved to the Crescent City. Fifty-dollars-A-day!

It was a fabulous sum for them—but it wasn't enough. The mother found that she could go to work for twenty dollars a day. But what about the boys? Oh, the boys. Yes, we will have to arrange for the boys. But wait, They won't need baby-sitters. After all, they are teen-agers. They can come home from school and get their own supper when Mom is on the evening shift.

Four years went by—nearly five—and somehow the war ended. Things quieted down in Louisiana as they did in most other places. Word reached the pastor that the family was going to return to north Louisiana. Good! He knew he would have some valuable workers in that family. And how he needed them.

But the pastor was in for a surprise. The family did not show up the first Sunday as he had predicted. Nor the next Sunday. But the third Sunday night he saw a familiar figure slip into the auditorium just as he got up to preach. It was his old friend, and he had come to church alone.

When the service was over, the pastor rushed back to greet the man before he could get away. "Where is your wife? Where are the boys? My, how we've been looking for you!"

The man's thin face twisted in pain and tears welled in his eyes. "Preacher," he said, "they won't come back not one of them. Our oldest boy is down at Angola and won't be out for twenty years. Our youngest boy is a confirmed gambler—gambles all the time. My wife is so bitter that she will hardly leave the house. Preacher pray for us! Please pray for me and my POOR family!"