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Causa is the Latin word for cause. This word was adopted as the name of CAUSA International when we began our work in 1980. CAUSA stands for the First Cause of the universe, God, and the primary work of CAUSA is to teach Godism, a God-centered world view. Furthermore, CAUSA stands for the common cause of all men and women in striving for a moral world of freedom and brotherhood under God. CAUSA is working to unite religious and conscientious persons, and we feel that there is no better name we could have than CAUSA.

Preface

This text presents an examination and critique of Marxist-Leninist ideology, a critique of confusion in the Western system of values, and a new worldview based on the affirmation of God. This new worldview, Godism, and these critiques were inspired by Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of CAUSA International.

Reverend Moon is calling for a worldwide ideological offensive to counter the global threat of communism. While all efforts made to oppose the advance of communism are commendable, the fact is that the West has been on the defensive too long. Anti-communism, being defensive in nature, will never bring a positive solution to the problem of communism. A strategy of victory over communism has been non-existent in the West, and the Free World has been on the retreat for nearly 70 years.

Communism is an ideology, a system of thought. It begins with certain beliefs, and builds upon these a philosophical system. It calls for commitment and provides a plan of action. It claims to be scientific, but appeals to the natural religious urge within every person. Communism promises the realization of the human dream, "utopia." Yet, after 70 years of rule, with virtually half of the world under its dominion, the communist utopia is nowhere in sight. Everywhere that communism has spread, unprecedented human misery is the result.

The reasons for this are manifold, but the central point emphasized by Reverend Moon is that communism will never work because it is based upon one fundamental error, *the denial of God*. The entire system of communist ideology begins with the assumption that *there is no God*. Marxist materialism and atheism begin from this point.

In 1848, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels wrote the *Communist Manifesto*. Here was contained the essence of the communist program. They called for revolution and the destruction of all "bourgeois institutions," including the family. Their manifesto largely collected dust, however, until it became the tool which Lenin used in 1917 to take power in Russia. Since that time, the world has watched the unfolding of a nightmare. One nation after another has fallen into the hands of communism. Presently more than 1.5 billion people are forced to accept Marxism as their state ideology.

Communism, despite its obvious failures, continues to expand. Their goal is clearly world domination. Communist governments exercise a powerful monopoly of control over their people, effectively preventing any successful overthrow of the government. Then, massive military power is employed to threaten and bully the West to surrender helpless populations to the communist empire.

In nearly 70 years of application, Marxism-Leninism has proven to be the most barbaric and inhuman principle of government ever to come to power in history. This is a direct result of its belief in "no God." When there is no regard for God, there can be no basis for morality. Therefore, men can do anything without remorse. In its march to power, communism has destroyed more than 150,000,000 human lives. This number

continues to increase at the rate of one every 15 seconds. Communism has become the funeral march of humanity. At the same time, communist ideologues proclaim that by the year 2000, the entire world will live under a communist utopia. The extinction of human freedom is a realistic possibility unless we do something now to turn the tide.

His personal intense suffering under communism led Reverend Moon to determine deeply to counter the relentless advance of communist ideology. Through extraordinary communion with God, he came to see clearly that there is no way we can eliminate communism if we do not confront it with a superior ideology or worldview. This worldview must begin with the idea of *God*. An affirmation of God's existence is the one way we can overcome communism. Reverend Moon believes fundamentally that just as light alone can overcome darkness, God alone can overcome godlessness.

Reverend Moon has developed a God-centered worldview, "Godism," as a winning solution to communism. Godism is effective in two ways:

(1) It carefully examines the ideology of communism, and exposes its lies and deception.

(2) It presents a counterproposal to communism. It offers a powerful logical and philosophical affirmation of the existence of God, appropriate for modern day human intellectual and spiritual development. By vividly presenting God and His purpose in creation and human history, Godism enlightens, inspires and motivates any man or woman of conscience. Godism represents a solution to communism from the roots.

Godism does not advocate maintaining the status quo. It calls for change in the West as well as the communist world. Under capitalism, there have been exploitation and severe economic inequities in the third world. Exploitation results from a narrow and selfish perspective of value. It is the corruption in the West which allowed communism to come into being, and make its appeal for violent change. It is the corruption in the West which allows communism to portray itself as the liberator which will deliver developing nations from imperialist oppression. As long as we continue as we are in the West, we will never have hope to see the end of communism.

Godism is like a two-edged sword. One edge cuts the evil of communism, and the other edge cuts the corruption of the West. In this way, Western civilization can be restored to the God-centered tradition upon which true democracy and freedom can blossom.

Godism proposes a dramatic change in the West, and this can be achieved through a spiritual revolution in our free society. Selfishness can be eliminated, and the true revolution of man can be accomplished. Unless man changes, nothing changes, but once man changes, changed men and women can improve society and create a new moral world.

Godism is able to resolve confusion in the Western system of values. This is done by first providing an ideological framework for Western thought. Godism then reassures man of his purpose in life, and urges him to establish a harmonious relationship with his creator. Godism comes on the foundation of the Judeo-Christian tradition, which teaches that man is reconciled to God through the saving work of Christ, but at the same time, Godism is not incompatible with the other great faiths of the world, each of which stresses the need for the union of man with God. When the human heart and spirit are satisfied by God's love and truth, and when the practice of God's love has eliminated

social injustice, then humanity will pass beyond the challenge of communism. There will be no room for communism in human life. Communism will totally lose its appeal.

Communism, based on an anti-God ideology, is an internationally organized and militant anti-religious movement. Religious people in the West, on the other hand, have been scattered and unmotivated up to now. More than this, the religious world has been weakened by division and petty infighting. This is a tragic situation. Unless God-loving people stand together on the front line and fight against the anti-religious force of communism, who will? Godism is a powerful unifying adhesive, able to bring God-loving people together. It is not based on doctrine, but rather on *common sense*. It therefore is able to bring together God-affirming and conscientious people beyond color or creed.

All mankind should be united, for we are all the children of God. Beyond religious, cultural and national differences, we are one family under one parent — God. We must defend our heritage from a common enemy. This is the basic motivation for the development of Godism. This is also the message which each CAUSA lecture and seminar strives to convey. Western civilization is ready to hear and embrace this message, and for this reason, CAUSA has realized phenomenal growth around the world.

The history of CAUSA is inseparable from the life and experiences of Reverend Moon. Reverend Moon was living in the southern part of Korea when the country was partitioned into a Soviet-controlled northern sector and a United States-controlled South. While multitudes of his fellow countrymen fled to the South, he felt called by God to journey north in 1946 to preach the Gospel in communist North Korea. For two years he was progressively harassed, beaten and tortured by the communist authorities as he worked to carry out his mission. As a result of his teaching of the Bible and vigorous propagation of God's message, he was finally charged with "spreading lies among the people" and sentenced to five years in a labor camp near Hungnam, North Korea.

The Hungnam camp was commonly known to be a death camp. It was intended to destroy opponents of the communist authorities through starvation and physical abuse. Most prisoners, tormented beyond human physical limitations, perished within months. Realizing that he could not survive through his own power, Reverend Moon placed his life in the hands of God. Only with the help of God was he able to survive. In 1950, after nearly three years in Hungnam camp, Reverend Moon was liberated by advancing United Nations' troops led by General Douglas MacArthur.

As he resumed his ministry in the South, Reverend Moon felt strongly that he had been chosen by God to initiate a new way of fighting communism. He began to outline a system of thought of the highest dimension which would make clear the grave dangers of communist ideology and stimulate the God-affirming world to put an end to hypocrisy and live according to truths taught by the world's great religions. The worldview of Godism is the fruit of Reverend Moon's labors.

Reverend Moon founded the International Federation for Victory Over Communism in the early 1960's to teach Godism throughout Asia. The efforts of the IFVOC have met with great success, and IFVOC membership in Korea and Japan has grown to more than 7 million persons in each country. However, Reverend Moon could see clearly that the most important nation in the struggle against communism is the United States. He felt called by God to come to America in 1971, and has been actively teaching this message here since that time.

In 1980, he founded CAUSA International to provide Latin Americans with an ideological framework in their struggle against communism. CAUSA chapters have now been initiated in more than 21 nations throughout South and Central America. Each year, a Pan-American Convention of CAUSA International brings major Latin American leaders together to coordinate programs of fighting communism and promoting social progress. CAUSA has now expanded beyond Latin America and become global in scope, being active in the U.S.A., Europe and Africa. CAUSA USA is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and has chapters throughout the 50 states.

Religious as well as political leaders are able to see that this movement can end the ideological confusion of the West, turn the tide of Western retreat, and provide the drive and determination to pursue the cause of freedom. CAUSA puts a sense of optimism and confidence into the air.

The work of these freedom-under-God organizations has been so effective that the Soviet Union has deemed it necessary to vehemently attack Reverend Moon and his work. In a recent issue of *Izvestia* (January 28, 1984), the Kremlin labelled Reverend Moon "The champion of anti-Sovietism." It is truly a testimony to the living God that a man who in 1950 was miraculously liberated from a communist death camp is today shaking the foundations of world communism, and worrying the Kremlin leadership.

The present text is intended to serve as a manual for those who wish to study Marxism-Leninism, its dangerous and destructive social implications, and the God-centered worldview absolutely essential to counter the advance of communism and stimulate a moral renaissance throughout the entire world. The initial work in elaborating Reverend Moon's thought into a critique of communism was undertaken by Dr. Sang Hun Lee, president of the Unification Thought Institute in Seoul, Korea. This text was authored by Dr. Bo Hi Pak, president of CAUSA International, Mr. Thomas Ward, executive vice-president of CAUSA International, and Mr. William Lay, vice-president of CAUSA International and director of the CAUSA Institute, as a project of the CAUSA Institute.

May God bless you in your efforts to learn and to disseminate this vital message.

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How to use this manual

The first CAUSA seminar was conducted in South America in 1980. Since that time, hundreds of CAUSA seminars have been held throughout North, South and Central America, Europe and Asia. In order to facilitate the teaching of the CAUSA Worldview at these seminars, this lecture manual has been developed.

This manual is part of an integrated system of educational materials including 35mm slides, videotapes and texts. The diagrams which are on the slides are reproduced in this manual adjacent to the appropriate passages which describe them. When lecturing with slides, the lecturer is able to progress through slide sequences called "hold and build sequences," which add specific blocks of material to a chart displayed on the screen.

The most effective use of the manual can be made when the lecturer studies the text and considers carefully what remarks he will make as each slide appears on the screen. The diagrams in the manual can easily be marked with a colored pen to show what parts of the chart will appear and what will be the sequence of their appearance. The lecturer should be able to explain the charts as they appear on the screen without the necessity of reading from the text. It may be convenient, however, to refer to the text for specific quotations which the lecturer wishes to read. In these cases, the quotations may be underlined or highlighted with color to make them easier to locate.

This manual presents the CAUSA Seminar as it occurs, beginning with the Opening Remarks made by CAUSA President, Dr. Bo Hi Pak.

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The CAUSA Seminar

Opening Remarks

by Dr. Bo Hi Pak
President of
CAUSA International

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of CAUSA International and CAUSA USA, may I sincerely welcome all of you to this conference. I thank you for your deep interest in the CAUSA movement.

CAUSA is a new educational movement working on a global scale. We strongly oppose communism, and yet we do not consider ourselves to be merely anti-communist, simply because anti-communism is not enough. "Anti" is a defensive and passive expression. In any battle or war, you will never win victory with defense alone. We have been practicing anti-communism for 67 years since the Bolshevik Revolution and we are steadily losing ground. As long as we are anti-communist, the best we can do is postpone defeat. We will never have a chance to win. What we need is a *positive solution* to communism or a winning strategy. What we need is an *ideological offensive*. Our war against communism is primarily a war of ideas, a war of commitment. The battlefield of this war is the mind of man.

In the next several days, we are going to discuss these very things: What are the problems facing us today? How can we work toward real solutions of these problems and avoid becoming victims of the false promises of communism? How can we liberate the millions of people who have already been victimized through deception or force by the communists? CAUSA is *more* than anti-communist; CAUSA's goal is nothing less than the liberation of humankind.

As I said, CAUSA is a global movement. Yet, today we are concentrating our efforts in the United States because it is this nation which holds the key to the future of the entire world. The United States is a young nation, and yet she is a great nation. This greatness is not the result of her natural resources or her geographic location. America has achieved greatness because of her faith in God and compassion toward the world.

Alexis de Tocqueville, the perceptive French political scientist and historian who visited America in the early 19th century, saw this very clearly. "America is great because America is good," de Tocqueville wrote, "and when America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

In what way has America been good? She is good because she has been a "good Samaritan." The recent rescue of the tiny island of Grenada from the hands of Soviet-backed Marxist-Leninists is an example of the United States being a good Samaritan. *The Washington Times* proclaimed that accomplishment with an editorial entitled "Grenada Libre."

Is it wrong to be looking forward to "Cuba Libre," "Nicaragua Libre" and ultimately "Soviet Union Libre"? Many people in the United States would say, "That is nonsense." But when we think for a moment about God, would He not think the same thing as we do? If God truly exists, freedom must be His goal.

In recent years, however, we have seen the nation of America steadily losing faith in God and concern for the world. The good Samaritan, the United States of America, is now fast becoming the "Levite" who passed by the wounded man in the Bible.

The Bible says "the Levite passed on to the other side." But the irony is this: today the United States cannot pass to the other side of suffering neighbors in order to avoid the thieves. The thieves are after the United States. There is no way that the United States can flourish while the rest of the world perishes. The Free World has one common destiny. In order to have the United States survive, the Free World must survive. If the world goes, the United States goes. If the United States goes, of course the world goes. United we stand, divided we fall. In order to have our Free World stand, the United States must be a "good Samaritan" again.

Now is the time to renew the spirit of the great American patriots and the founding spirit of the nation. We have many good forefathers as examples: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln in the United States, and Simon Bolívar, San Martín, Morazón, Hidalgo, José Martí and others in Latin America. They worked tirelessly and sacrificially for freedom and democracy under God. They were *inspired* by ideals and dedicated to those ideals. Today we can do the same. We can be as great as they are. All we have to do is be inspired, inspired by great ideals. That is what CAUSA is trying to accomplish.

Human freedom and democracy under God is precisely the goal of CAUSA. CAUSA promotes not only opposition to communism, but *liberation* from communism. This "liberation movement" is gaining momentum. We want to continue to pursue the goal of freedom. This does not mean that the solutions will always be military, but it means that positive action and total commitment is absolutely necessary to stop the international lawlessness of communism.

The Origin of CAUSA

Let me now explain more about the history of CAUSA. The CAUSA movement began in Latin America through the inspiration and vision of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. He initiated this movement in response to an acute and immediate need: the need to provide an ideological framework for Latin America in its struggle against communism.

C-A-U-S-A originally were the initials of a very long name, the Confederation of Associations for the Unity of the Societies of the Americas. At a recent seminar in the Dominican Republic, CAUSA was given a new name by one inspired participant. She said that CAUSA stood for, "Con Amor y Unión Salvaremos América." This means, as many of you know, "With love and unity we will save America." Yet CAUSA outgrew the Americas a long time ago. This movement is needed everywhere.

As our work expanded beyond the Americas, we found that our old name was not international enough. So now we no longer keep the long name, but we are still CAUSA—the Latin word for *cause*. CAUSA symbolizes the common cause and aspiration of all free men. CAUSA is a God-centered, humanitarian movement working against the worst inhumanity in history: international communism. Beyond this, CAUSA strives toward the ultimate realization of the human dream of the ideal society.

In contrast to communism, CAUSA upholds God as the source of man's freedom and creativity.

Communism: The Worst World Problem

What is the single worst problem which humanity faces today? In a recent issue of *Commentary*, French author Jean-Francois Revel made this observation:

The closer we get to the end of this century, the more communist imperialism becomes the chief problem of our time. No other threat to world freedom has endured as long.

A system that has grown so strong despite so many failings... must embody a principle of action and a concentration of power more effective than any mankind has ever known before. Communism and the Soviet empire are unprecedented in history.

It is startling to compare communism with Christianity. Christ came 2,000 years ago and gave the world a powerful message of truth and love. Christianity has now become the world's largest religion and has been received by nearly one-quarter of the world's population. But it took 2,000 years!

Communism, on the other hand, was only born in the last century, and yet it has come to enslave more people than are now Christian. During a short span of little more than half a century, Marxism-Leninism has spread like a forest fire. In this time, it has engulfed more than one and a half billion people, taking one nation after another and spreading over the entire globe.

Communist strategists are proudly declaring that by the year 2000, the entire world will live under the "communist utopia." When Nikita Khrushchev threatened the West, saying, "We shall bury you," it might have seemed like an idle boast. Today, when we study geopolitical realities, it looks like the Soviets are actually ahead of schedule. By the year 2000, a showdown between communism and freedom shall inevitably be made, one way or another. The next few years shall be the most crucial time in human history, and will determine the destiny of all of mankind.

Will our children live in freedom, or will they live under a totalitarian system? No one knows. Yet, one thing is clear: the problem of communism is not something that someone else should worry about. It is *my* problem, and it is *your* problem. Our destiny and our children's well-being are at stake.

Communism is an Ideology

To defeat communism, we must understand it. What is communism? Where does its power come from? Communism is more than a political system, more than a social system, and more than an economic system. Communism is an ideology, a system of thought.

Even though we know that communism is based on lies and deception, its false promises have the power to conquer a man's mind so completely that he would give his life for the victory of communism. The power of communism stems out of the power of faith, the power of ideology. It was this power which defeated the United States in the Vietnam War. The outcome of the Vietnam War was not a military defeat. It was an ideological defeat. The communists assaulted America ideologically until she became confused and demoralized and unable to carry on the fight.

The United States abandoned \$5 billion worth of weapons in South Vietnam. When there is no clear purpose and will to fight, no amount of military armaments can guarantee victory. In order to combat communism, we must fight with the same weapon which they use: *ideology*. A false ideology must be subjugated by a superior one. We must fight fire with fire. There is no other way we can fight.

David Satter, special correspondent of *The Wall Street Journal* and former Moscow correspondent of the *Financial Times*, wrote an article in *The Wall Street Journal* on May 23, 1983 entitled, "Soviet Threat Is One Of Ideas More Than Arms." I quote from that article:

As absurd as communist ideology may appear, it provides a consistent view of history to adherents and makes even the simplest citizen feel as though his life has meaning.

Communism cannot be defeated militarily and its adherents cannot be bribed into giving it up. *It can be defeated in only one way: by being confronted with an idea that is better.*

Answer to the Problem

What is that better idea? People say, "Well, today we have democracy." But democracy is not an ideology, not a system of thought. Democracy is a system of government. "We have freedom," some say. Yet freedom is not an ideology either. It is a goal of ideology. Freedom is the fruit we enjoy when true democracy is practiced. Ironically, even Karl Marx claimed that his ultimate goal was the realization of freedom. Then, what do we have to combat aggressive communism?

Certainly we have Christianity and the other religions of the world. These religions are the God-accepting forces which oppose the God-denying forces of communism. But it is a painful reality that today's religions have demonstrated a lack of effectiveness in countering the spread of communism. One religious nation after another has fallen into the hands of communism.

The Crisis of Religion

Today, clearly the religious world is in crisis. Religion seems to be unable to control the confusion of the world and elevate the human spirit. We can cite several causes for this, including the subtle intrusion of materialistic thought into all levels of society, as well as the deliberate subversion of the religious world by the forces of communism. But the greatest factor which is undermining the religious world today is the lack of a clear understanding of the reality of God.

The essential fact in our religious world today is that we are not sure about God. This is an honest statement. God has been progressively excluded from the life of modern-day man. Today, people are confused about the very purpose of God's creation, and thus man does not know for what purpose he should live. Out of this confusion, the "God is dead" philosophy emerged, and liberation theology was made popular in Latin America. Man is trying to take God's place, because he feels that God is either "dead" or helpless.

God or No God?

Today the struggle between communism and the Free World is really a struggle of ideas. It is boiling down to the question of *theism or atheism, God or no God*.

If God does not exist, then communism may very well be correct. Once God is removed, communism does indeed offer a very convincing explanation of human life. However, if God truly exists, then there is no question that communism is false. Communism is based on the very denial of God. Since two contradictory beliefs cannot *both* be true, then there must be a showdown. Who shall win? Communism? The Free World? No. *Truth* shall win. God or no God: one of the two must be a lie. Ultimately, lies will be defeated and truth shall prevail.

Crucial Questions

Therefore, today in the 20th century, now more than ever, the crucial question is the question of God's existence and nature. There are people today who are asking: Does God really exist? What is His purpose for creation? If God is of utmost goodness, why does the survival of the fittest seem to prevail in our world? Why is there so much evil in our society, and why does evil seem to be winning? Unless reasonable and consistent answers are given to these questions, men of the modern age will not be willing to accept God as a reality.

The CAUSA Worldview

The CAUSA worldview is a philosophical framework that precisely deals with these very problems of the reality of God. The CAUSA worldview is a God-centered ideology which does two essential things: First, it totally exposes the lies and deceptions of communism. Second, it presents a clear counter-proposal to the communist view. The CAUSA worldview offers a complete solution to communism.

For CAUSA, this is the beginning point of the solution to world problems. We are beginning from the ground floor. From the recognition of the Absolute Being, we come to the awareness of absolute value. This vantage point can be called the absolute value perspective.

A Quiet Revolution

From the absolute value perspective, we can make the decisions which will lead us to genuine progress. When a person achieves this perspective, his heart starts to change. Once man's heart changes, everything changes. Yet, this change cannot be forced. Only through an awakening into the absolute value perspective can you change man's heart. It is a quiet revolution, but a fundamental and most powerful revolution. This is the revolution of man.

Communism has been trying to bring about a revolution — a violent one — but without genuine success. Since 1917, and despite 67 years of total effort, the communist experiment has proven to be a bitter failure. According to the French magazine *Le Figaro*, it has cost over 150 million human lives in the name of revolution and the "worker's paradise." Many people today say, "That paradise is lost." But we know that nothing was lost. That paradise never came in the first place. On the contrary, the Soviet economy is dying and corruption is rampant.

As a strategy for building a military empire, communism is successful, but in terms of improving the human condition, it is a miserable failure.

There are two fundamental problems with communism. *One*, their ideology is rigid and not scientific. It is based on lies and false assumptions. To maintain it requires the constant generation of new lies. Whenever there are differences between the doctrine and reality, reality is denied and the doctrine is upheld. With this attitude, no progress can come.

Two, communism misses the target in its diagnosis of social evil. It is not the capitalist system that is evil, as the communists believe, but rather it is a fundamental defect in man which is at fault. Communism destroys the system and sets up a new one, but the result is always worse. A new system based on false assumptions and run by people with the same corrupt nature will not work.

A truly revolutionary change in society must come from the ground floor, the individual man. This is the root, and this is where the CAUSA worldview is addressing the problem.

God and 20th Century Logic

I must confess at this point, however, that it is not easy for me to speak about God when we are discussing economic and political problems. In fact, in many circles it is not fashionable to speak about God at all.

Instead, there has been a tendency toward a materialistic, humanistic interpretation of human problems and goals. Many intellectuals have come to believe that God can be excluded from consideration when dealing with the world's problems. Obviously, CAUSA does not agree with this tendency.

Dr. Kenneth Ryker, a distinguished educator and a man who has been an outstanding anti-communist for many years, testified after a recent CAUSA seminar in Washington, D.C.:

For the past 20 years, I have dedicated myself to the battle against communism. I did so under the banner of freedom. Yet, in spite of my efforts, we have steadily been losing ground. Through this CAUSA seminar, I realized why freedom was not enough. To win this battle, we must rally in proclaiming the existence of God.

During the next few days you will hear the word "God" frequently. We speak of God not from weakness, but from courage. When we speak of God, we do so not out of ritual but out of clear reason based on 20th century science and logic, and with sincerity and heart.

Furthermore, when we speak of God we are speaking of the God of all religions and denominations. We examine God's existence and nature philosophically. We affirm that the God of Judaism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Mormonism, Unificationism and the God of all religions is one and the same. Our purpose, then, is not to enter into theological debate, but instead to recognize the unifying factors of all religions which can lead us to a common praxis in our relations with our fellow man.

At this point, I want to make it absolutely clear that CAUSA's purpose is not to change anyone's religion.

Although I am a member of the Unification Church, I am not here to promote Unification theology. Instead, we are here to find *common* ground for unity. That common ground for unity is God. To know about God more deeply is the only way we can unite.

When we recognize one common Father clearly and unmistakably, then we all naturally become true brothers and sisters.

CAUSA promotes a new way of fighting communism. We have been fighting communism in a political way, social way, economic way or military way. None of these brought us victory yet. We must find a new way. That new way is the *spiritual way*.

Communism is a surrogate religion or anti-religion. It can only be conquered by spiritual power or by proclaiming the existence of God. Light alone overcomes darkness. God alone overcomes godlessness.

In conclusion, CAUSA tries to bring together all God-accepting forces, transcendent of denomination and religion, to make one unified force. This force will be able to oppose the ungodly ideology of communism and work toward the establishment of a new, moral world.

So, now you see, you have come to a very interesting seminar. There are thousands of seminars going on in our world, but you may not find anything like this anywhere else. If in this seminar you feel that you are intellectually and spiritually enriched, then we have nothing more to ask.

Ladies and gentlemen, finally, I want to close my opening remarks by quoting Victor Hugo's historical utterance:

"More powerful than an invading army is an idea whose time has come."

I do believe CAUSA is an idea whose time has come.

God bless you. Thank you very much.
