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Four Fundamentals of Communism

- 1. Absolute
Materialism**
- 2. Law of
Dialectics**
- 3. Historical
Materialism**
- 4. Man as Product of
His Environment** **No**

4. Man is a Product of His Economic Environment

**Economic Alienation is
Cause of Evil**

**Changing Economic
System Brings
Regeneration of Man**

**Elimination of Private
Property Brings Ideal
Society or Utopia**

The behavior of every society is determined by its view of man. Nazism, for example, had a certain view of man. Social Darwinism has a certain view of man. Communism has a certain view of man. In this section, we will discuss the CAUSA view of man.

A. Rebuttal of the communist view

Let us examine the role of man in communist ideology. Essentially, the communist world view maintains that man is a product of his environment. *Homo sapiens*, in other words, is a species which emerged as a result of environmental pressures. In addition, individual men and women are what they are in accord with environmental factors. In response to environmental factors, a person will develop a certain type of character.

This gives rise to Marxist "ethics." A person is good or evil in accord with his or her economic formation. That is why, for example, when Vietnam fell into communism, one of the first things the new rulers did was to gather the soldiers who had been allied with the former South Vietnamese government, and force them into labor camps. They believed that through the environment of the labor camp, the character of the people could be changed.

In accord with the Marxist world view, economic alienation is the essence of evil. In other words, private property is the cause of evil, and when the economic system is changed, a regeneration of man can occur. The ideal society will be realized when, finally, private property has been completely

eliminated. The way to build a truly just and moral society, then, is by changing the external system. If you change the external system, then naturally the internal character of man will be changed.

In the CAUSA view, the economic system is largely the creation of society. That is, it is a product of the members of society. You cannot change the cause by making changes in the effect. Changes must first be made in the realm of cause. This is a self-evident principle assumed by science. Change must therefore come in the realm of human character before human environment.

In light of this, Marx's claim that his view was "scientific" while others were "utopian" seems foolish. The Marxist view turns out to be totally unscientific. The regeneration of man's character cannot be affected by changing his external conditions.

This is borne out by the failure of Marxism as we discussed in Chapter 2. One violent Marxist-Leninist revolution after another has failed to bring the promised ideal society. The Soviet Union, the first Marxist state, is plagued with corruption, rather than regeneration of the human character.

The communist view of man

The communist view of man is as follows:

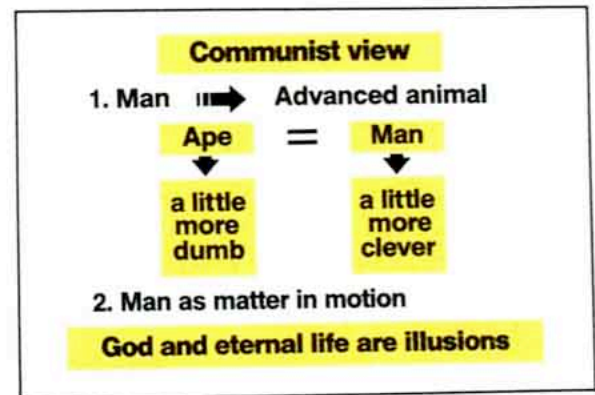
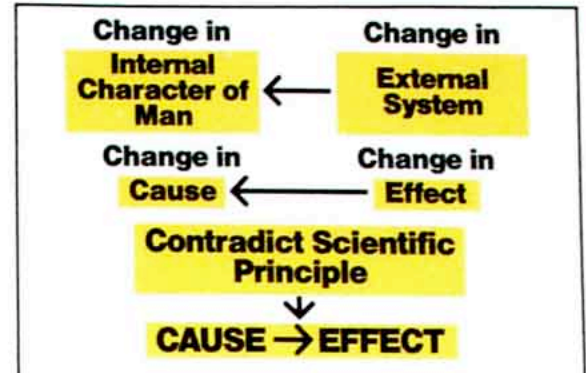
(1) *Man is an advanced animal.*

In the communist view, man is an ape-like animal which has undergone a unique process of development according to the theory of Lamarckism. Specifically, man is the being which began to use tools and perform social labor. The use of tools created the necessity for language, and this stimulated the nervous system and reasoning power developed. For this reason, Engels said that it was labor, not God, which created man.

If this is how the human being developed, then there is no foundation for human dignity. Man is an advanced animal, no different from other species. The ape may be a little more dumb, and man may be a little more clever, but both are animals and there is nothing to set them apart. Between a Volkswagen and a Cadillac, what is the difference? One is small and simple, the other is big and luxurious, but both of them are automobiles.

(2) *Man is matter in motion.*

Communism says man is matter in motion, nothing more. Man is a body. A body is just a machine. God and eternal life



Communism kills the spirit of man

The fool hath said in his heart,
 "There is no God." They are
 corrupt. They have done abominable
 things. There is none that doeth
 good, no not one. Have all the
 workers of iniquity no knowledge;
 they eat up my children as they
 eat bread.

Psalm 14

are illusions. We are totally describable in terms of our material constituents and the laws of chemistry and physics. We are a portion of the animal kingdom, without soul, without spirit, without significant individual value, and subject to improvement, modification and change by the laws already successfully applied by other members of the animal kingdom.

According to Marx, what we think, what we believe, and what we feel are products of our experiences within our economic environment. We are the product of our economic environment.

If we are the product of our environment, then it follows as night follows day that a specific environment can create a specific character, a specific set of ideas. It should then be possible to conceive of an environment that will create perfect characters and perfect ideas. This becomes the justification for an allegedly scientific program for the regeneration and perfection of mankind. The ultimate objective of communism is just that — the regeneration of man, the perfection of man. The first step in that program is to put the communists into power, because it is they who understand the laws of history. It is they who can create the proper environment for the regeneration of man.

It is an attractive vision. This is what attracts people — the wealthy, the intellectuals — this vision of perfecting and regenerating mankind. They have a chance to be one of history's elite and carry out this tremendous task.

There are, of course, certain unpleasant features which are not immediately apparent. The United States is made up of people who have had many experiences. Their ideas and concepts are already formed. If the communists have a successful revolution and conquer the United States, what will they do with these people? The communists are quite clear about this.

Karl Marx wrote in the *Communist Manifesto*, "You must confess that by individual you mean no other person than the bourgeois, than the middle class owner of property. This person must indeed be swept out of the way and made impossible." As you would clear away the wilderness to build a road, the communist elite identifies and clears away the contaminated members of the human species.

The practice of communism: a crime against humanity

When people believe this, they practice it. We saw in the country of Cambodia where a group of communists who had

learned their communism in France — the Khmer Rouge and Pol Pot — came to power believing what Karl Marx taught them. They set out to apply it.

Karl Marx taught them that capitalism degenerates, that the city is the focus of capitalism, and that physical labor regenerates. Now they believed they had the historical responsibility to regenerate mankind. They set out to do it with a terrible consistency that staggers the mind. They said, “Out of the city!” And in one day they drove the people of Phnom Penh — 1,500,000 people — out of the city without a trace of bourgeois sentimentality or brotherly kindness.

In his text, *Murder of a Gentle Land*, John Barron writes:

Troops stormed into the hospital, Phnom Penh's largest and oldest, and shouted at physicians, patients and nurses alike, “Out! Everybody out!” They made no distinction between bed-ridden and ambulatory patients, between the convalescent and the dying, between those awaiting surgery and those who had just undergone surgery. Hundreds of men, women and children in pajamas limped, struggled and hobbled out of the hospital into the streets where in the hot sun the temperature was well over 100 degrees F. Relatives or friends pushed the beds of patients too wounded or enfeebled to walk. Some carried the bottles dripping plasma or serum into the bodies of loved ones. One man carried his son, whose legs had just been amputated. The bandages on both legs were red with blood, and the son, who appeared to be about 22, was screaming, “You cannot leave me like this! Kill me!”

Now what would the communists do if they conquered the United States? There would be no restraining their power. The communists have always been restrained to date because there exists in the world a force strong enough to destroy them if it decided to do so and was provoked beyond measure. But there would be no such force if they conquered the United States, and they would be free to apply their theory in practice with a consistency that would approach that of Pol Pot and the communists of Cambodia. Communist strategists have even speculated that two-thirds of the United States population would have to be destroyed, because the capitalist mentality is so deeply entrenched here.

Communism is the literal fulfillment of Psalm 14: “The fool hath said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt. They have done abominable things. There is none that doeth

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- **No base for human rights**
- **No base for freedom**
- **No base for creativity**
- **No room for love**

Communism

- * **Dehumanization**
- * **Robotization**

Worse than slavery

good, no not one. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge; they eat up my children as they eat bread."

Violations of human rights and freedoms

When we consider that within communist doctrine, there is no philosophical basis for human rights, it seems very ironic that Marxist groups are always at the forefront of militancy in favor of human rights. Such demonstrations of concern, however, are consistent with Leninism, which teaches that it is necessary to adopt any position whatsoever in order to gain practical advantage over your opponent.

Marx foresaw the realization of freedom through the application of his theories, but the reality has been starkly different. Communism has no room for the variation from the norm which freedom brings, and there is no room for creativity. Soviet workers complain that they are treated like machines. Most important of all, there is no room for love. All emotion must be denied for the sake of the state.

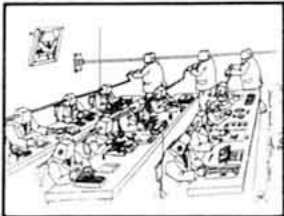
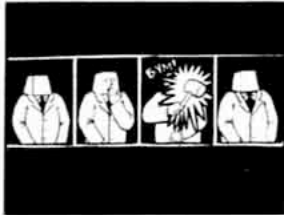
Communism achieves this to such a degree that we may call the process "robotization." The system makes a man into a machine. The process is more degrading than slavery. A slave will still maintain some human character. A robot does not. For this reason, the march of communism is the funeral march of humanity.

Vyacheslav Syosoyev is a Russian artist who cartooned the Soviet robotization of workers. He is now being held in a KGB prison pending an official investigation of his "sanity." One cartoon in particular characterizes the nature of Soviet man. The man is without expression. As soon as some expression emerges, "boom!" The expression disappears. Everyone is uniform. Everyone is the same. The introduction of individuality would rob the system of efficiency. A robot worker is most desirable from the point of view of the Soviet rulers, because he is easiest to manage.

Confronted with such a system, we must clarify our view of human life. Our pursuit of truth must never falter. With this in mind, we introduce the CAUSA view of man.

B. The CAUSA view of man

In the CAUSA Worldview, man is not just an animal. Man is not just a body. Man is a divine being. That is, man is a creation of God. Furthermore, man is a being with divine value. Man is a manifestation of God's divine character and holiness. Man is the substantial creation made in the image of God.



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**Man is not just an animal
Man is not just matter
in motion**

Man has more than biological life

The Bible speaks of life in a special sense. "For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself." (John 5:26) Clearly, this concept of life refers to something other than biological life. Life in this sense refers to man's unique ability to commune with God. The real life of man is the spiritual life. The body is merely the vehicle for the spirit. Man is a spirit, and that spirit has a body.

This is the meaning of man as a divine being. The purpose of man is transcendent of this world, because man's spirit comes from God, and man's destiny is to leave this world and dwell with God for all of eternity. It is only here that we find the philosophical foundation for human rights and human dignity. Each person is a child of God. A crime against any human being is a crime against God.

Certainly this is the best possible critique which can be made against the exploitation of workers by capitalists, or the exploitation of the Third World by imperialists. Marx decried exploitation, but what is exploitation if we accept the Marxist view of man? It is merely one animal in the jungle surviving at the expense of another. Why is that a crime?

When we know the reality of men and women being the children of God, we can no longer tolerate the mistreatment of one human being by another. It is truly sad that today many idealistic persons, disillusioned by hypocrisy in the West, are supporting the Marxist critique, which denigrates man. We must make every effort to encourage the practice of God's truth, which elevates man to the highest possible level of dignity and esteem while strongly condemning injustice and exploitation.

The purpose of life

Man is created for a definite purpose. When we are fulfilling that purpose, we experience the feeling of happiness. We cannot be happy unless we are fulfilling that purpose. Let us make an analogy. The purpose of a violin is to produce beautiful music. If you use a violin as a spanking rod, you abuse the purpose of the violin. You will not produce music, and you will destroy the violin.

What is the purpose of a human being? Man is created to love God, and to give joy and satisfaction to Him. When we are able to commune with God and to give genuine joy to Him, we experience the true happiness described by the saints and great spiritual teachers.

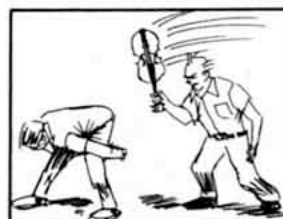
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Man is a divine being

**Man is a spirit
and has a body**

**Man is created
for a definite purpose.**

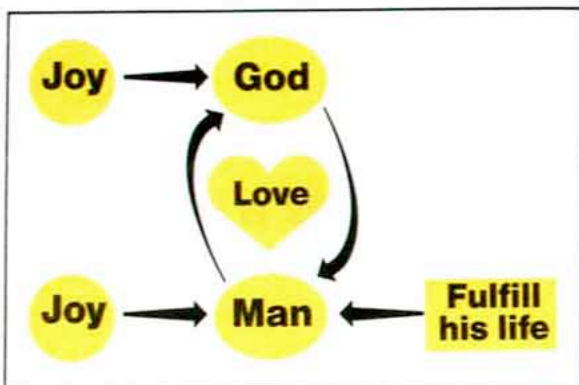
**Man is not happy unless he is
functioning as he was made to
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Purpose:

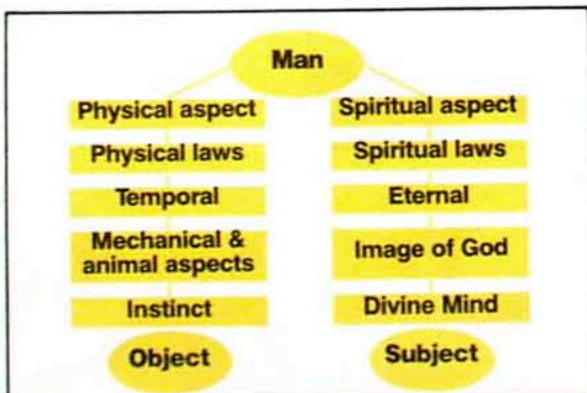
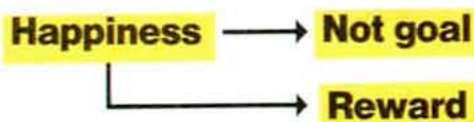
Men and women are created to love God and to give joy and satisfaction to Him.

People are not happy unless they are working to achieve their purpose in life.



Happiness does not come from the pursuit of happiness.

Happiness comes in fulfilling life's commitments.



These same teachers have consistently taught that the most important way of showing our love for God is by loving our brothers and sisters, the children of God. By loving God and our fellowman, we are able to fulfill the purpose of our lives. This is like a violin giving the most beautiful music.

Happiness is like a rainbow

Today, many people are desperately trying to experience happiness, but frequently, the more they try to be happy, the more unhappy they become. This is because of the nature of happiness itself. Happiness cannot be approached as a goal. Happiness must be seen as a reward bestowed upon us when we fulfill the commitments which we make in life. In that way, happiness is like a rainbow. You cannot deliberately cause rainbows to appear, and it does no good to chase after them. When the atmospheric conditions are correct, the rainbow automatically appears.

The aspects of man

We have already spoken about God's characteristics of internal character and external form as well as masculine and feminine. These characteristics are most fully manifested in human life, where we find man and woman as well as mind and body. In addition, we find that every human being has spiritual and physical aspects.

The physical aspect is subject to certain physical laws, and the spiritual aspect is subject to certain spiritual laws. The physical aspect is temporal and the spiritual aspect is eternal. Physically we have certain mechanical or animal aspects; spiritually, we are in the image of God. Physically we are subject to instinct, spiritually every human being has a divine mind. What part is object? The physical aspect. What part is subject or primordial? It is the spiritual aspect.

If we are to develop a solution to the human problem, we must consider the "whole person." That is, we must consider both the spiritual and physical aspects of man.

The causal dimension in human life is the spiritual dimension, and yet it is this dimension which is too frequently ignored or de-emphasized. Marxism, for example, treats the spiritual aspect as a product or function of the physical. They try to deal with human history and human problems in exclusively material terms. By doing so, they invite failure.

C. The CAUSA Worldview on man

Let us summarize and enlarge on what we have said so far.

1. Man is in the image of God.

God created man in His own image. Man is like a mirror reflecting the image of God. When God sees man, He sees Himself just as parents see themselves in their children.

2. Man is the visible manifestation of the invisible God.

The creation of God is the manifestation of His invisible self into a visible, substantial form. Therefore, every creation is a visible manifestation of the invisible God. Among all creations, man is supreme. God projected Himself into a being capable of responding to the entire range of His emotion. God has given men and women unlimited potential for dignity and value. For this reason, men and women are the "second selves" of God. In the words of the Bible, "Ye are God."

3. Men and women are the sons and daughters of God.

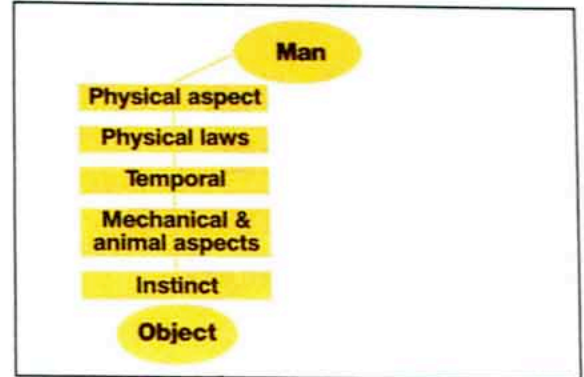
The most intimate and closest relationship in the universe is the relationship between parent and child — the relationship between a father and mother and their sons and daughters. God created men and women in this most intimate and closest relationship with Him. All humankind is created in the position of sons and daughters to God, and the relationship between God and His children is one of love.

Since all humankind comes under one Father, we must love one another as brothers and sisters. All men are one family of man, and the parent of that family is God. Our identity as God's children transcends race, nationality and culture.

Man cannot look for or achieve any greater or more permanent title than the title of son or daughter of God. You cannot honor any fellow man in any better way than to respect him as a son of God. This is the foundation of true peace and harmony among men. This is where human rights and dignity originate. When you look at someone as a child of God and give him his due respect you have done your best duty as a fellow man. You cannot do better than to love someone as a child of God. Certainly you cannot harm him, lie to him, extort him or exploit him. You cannot do any evil to your fellow man when you look at that man or woman as a son or daughter of God.

4. Man is an eternal being.

Man is created as an eternal being just as God is eternal. As the laws of creation explain, God created man with two dimensions, one is the physical self and the other is the



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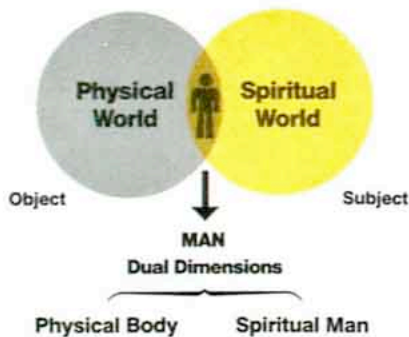
- 1. Image of God**
- 2. Visible Manifestation of Invisible God**



Sons and Daughters of God

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5. Three stages of life

spiritual self. At the same time, God also created the world in two dimensions, one is the physical world and the other is the spiritual world. Man alone lives in both worlds.

Often we encounter great misunderstanding with regard to the term eternal life. Some people believe that man is supposed to live on earth forever. This view holds that because of the fall, death came about. However, we must recognize that there is a great deal of evidence with regard to the existence of a spiritual world. Some of this evidence was reviewed in Chapter 2 of this text in the discussion of Marx's view of man.

If God intended man to live on earth forever, He would have no need to create a spiritual world. Furthermore, science has found no physical being capable of living forever.

We believe that man lives in two worlds. He lives with his physical body here on earth in the physical world, and with his spiritual self in the spiritual world forever. The spiritual body and spiritual world are made from spiritual elements. Between the two worlds - the spiritual and physical - the spiritual world is the subject and the physical world is the object, much as mind is subject and body is object. The two worlds are identical except that the spirit world is more "real" than the physical world, because it is the world of eternal existence. For this reason, the Bible refers to the physical world as a "copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary." (Hebrews 8:5)

Today the greatest source of problems in our society is that men and women do not realize that the spiritual world exists and that they will go on to live forever. They do not understand that during their lives on earth, they must prepare themselves for the next and ultimate stage of life.

5. Three stages of life.

- Every person must pass through three stages of life:
- a) the embryonic stage in the mother's womb
 - b) the physical lifetime on earth
 - c) the eternal spiritual life in the spiritual world

a. Embryonic stage

During the nine month period in the mother's womb, the baby prepares himself for the earthly life. Living in a liquid atmosphere, he receives nourishment and oxygen through the umbilical cord. During this time, the most critical process taking place for the baby is preparation for the life that is forthcoming. The digestive organs are made ready for food, and the lungs must be prepared to be able to breathe air.

b. Physical life on earth

At the time of birth, the baby must leave the familiar and secure environment of the womb and emerge into a totally new world. Birth is at the same time both the “death” of the embryonic stage of life, and the dramatic beginning of earthly life. A baby in the comfort of his mother’s womb has no idea that a world is existing outside, and he would have no desire to go through the experience of birth, because it is as unknown to him as death is to us.

Perhaps when a baby cries out at the time of birth, he is mourning his old mode of life. If the preparation is complete, however, there is no need to mourn. His lungs will function to breathe the air and his stomach will take in food. If it should happen, however, that his lungs do not fully develop, then he will be unable to breathe air, and a stillbirth is the result.

A human being is designed to live on earth for only a limited time. That is to say, the second stage of life is limited like the embryonic stage. Instead of nine months, however, the physical life could be one hundred years. The purpose of this one hundred years of earthly life is preparation for a higher third stage — the spiritual stage. The entire physical universe is like a great womb where nature provides us with food to eat and air to breathe.

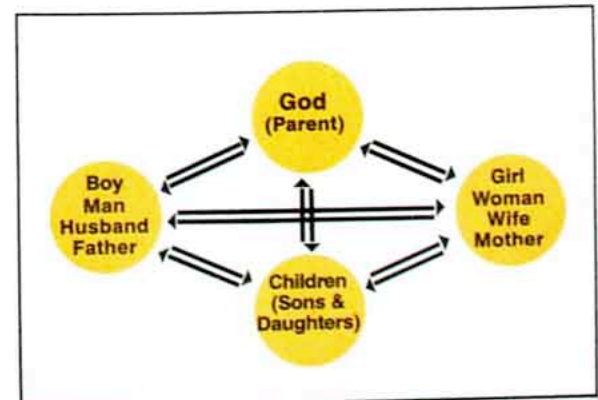
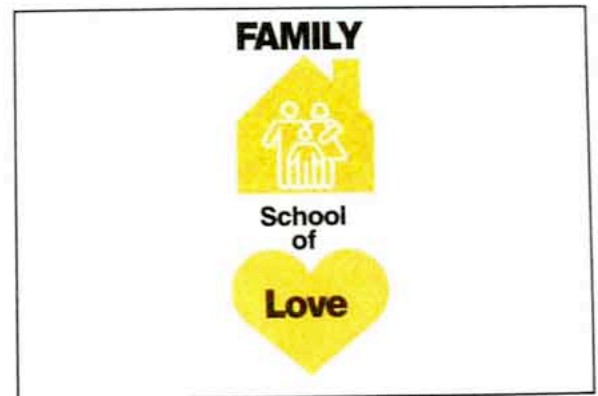
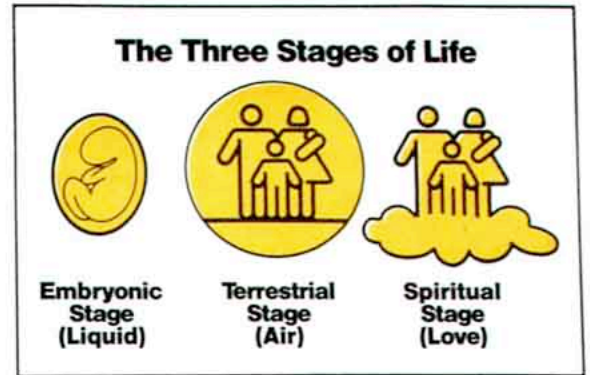
The moment must come when we terminate our life on earth, but death is actually a second birth process into the spiritual world. The day of physical death is the day of spiritual birth. This dramatic experience awaits every living person.

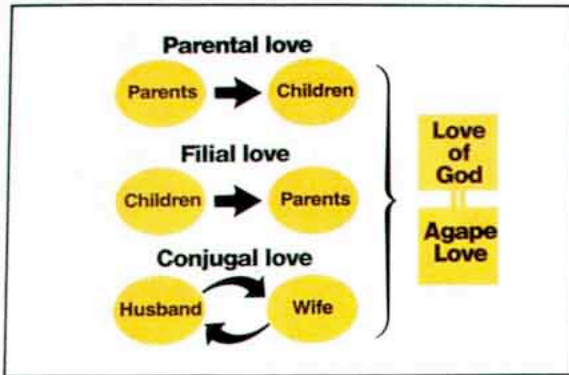
c. Spiritual life in spirit world

In the same way that we leave the liquid atmosphere of the mother’s womb to enter the air atmosphere on earth, at the time of physical death, we are thrust into another atmosphere in the spiritual world. What kind of atmosphere is it? It could not be material such as liquid or air. The atmosphere of the spiritual world is filled with love and with the spirit of God. A strong pair of “love lungs” is needed to breathe that “air.”

As much as we prepared our air lungs when we were in our mother’s womb, we must prepare our “love lungs” while we are alive on earth. Without those love lungs, we would be stillborn into the spiritual world. This stillbirth into the spiritual world represents a far more serious type of death than the loss of physical life. It is real death, death in the sight of God.

Obviously, the question of how to prepare ourselves on earth for the next stage of life is extremely important. Experi-





encing the love of God and loving our fellow men here on earth is the most important and critical preparation we must make. As the baby prepares in the mother's womb to emerge into the physical world, we must prepare our spirit here on earth to pass on to the eternal spiritual world. We are a living spirit from the time we are born, but we will only develop when we receive the love of God and practice the truth of God by loving our fellow man. We need to learn how to love here. If we wait until the next world, it is too late to develop.

For that reason, God has established a perfect institution on earth in which we can learn and experience love — the family.

The family is the school of love

The family is where the essence of the love of God can be experienced and practiced. It is the God-given school of love.

The essential nature of the love of God is threefold:

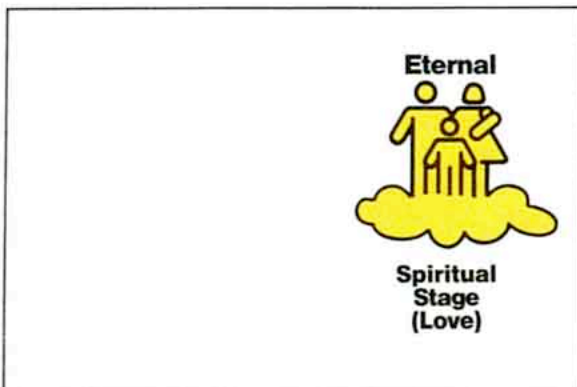
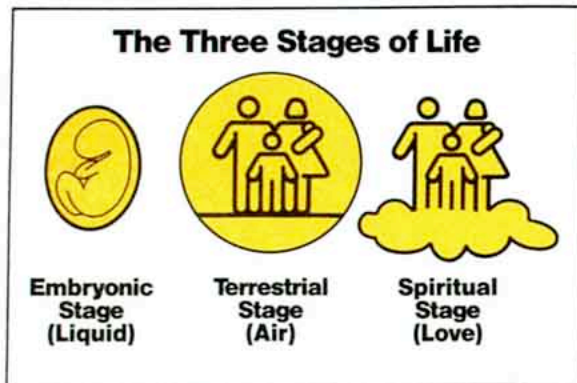
- 1) parental love
- 2) filial love (child's love)
- 3) conjugal love

All of these three loves can be learned and experienced within the relationships of the human family.

Parental love is the love which parents give to their children. It is the most pure and sacrificial love of all. Children's love is the love which children return to their parents. Conjugal love is the love experienced between husband and wife in marriage. These three types of love are the most profound experiences of love in human life. By having these experiences of love on earth, each person is able to experience and practice the love of God, which has been called agape love — totally unselfish love. When the love of God is practiced in the family, that practice can be expanded throughout the society, nation and world. By practicing the love of God, a person brings about the growth of his spiritual self.

The experience and practice of love must be centered upon God so that through every stage of human life man can be in communion with God, and man can feel the love of God directly. When man lives in communion with God, he has already started his eternal life even while still on earth. In a spiritual sense, this man will never suffer "death," and the end of his physical life will just be the moment of his transformation into eternal spiritual life.

The family is thus an indispensable God-given institution. In the process of spiritual development, each person should pass through the stages of son or daughter, adult man or



woman, husband or wife, and father or mother. These are man's God-given, permanent titles.

Man lives forever, yet one's life here on earth is the only opportunity during which he can prepare for his eternal life. Man should live his earthly life fully aware of his eternal future.

On the other hand, the person who lives on earth with only a materialistic outlook, completely denying his spiritual life by living a selfish and greedy life, will be totally unprepared for birth into the spiritual world. This is the greatest tragedy imaginable — to enter the spiritual world without having developed the sensitivity to God's love which enables us to live happily in that world. The pain and regret of that situation are intense and long lasting, and very difficult to remedy. Eternal spiritual life without having developed the ability to commune freely with God is called "hell," while eternal life in love with God is called "heaven." In either case, no human being is able to extinguish his spiritual existence. Whether or not man perfects himself, his existence goes on forever.

Men of wisdom must realize this ultimate truth and utilize every second of their earthly lives toward the well-being of their eternal lives. To do that, one must recognize God, receive His truth and practice God-centered, unselfish love toward his family and toward his fellow man.

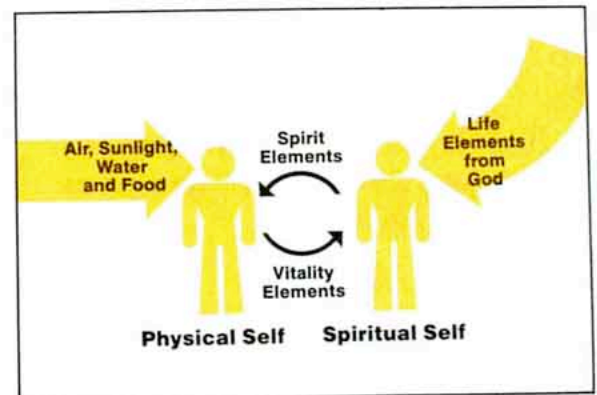
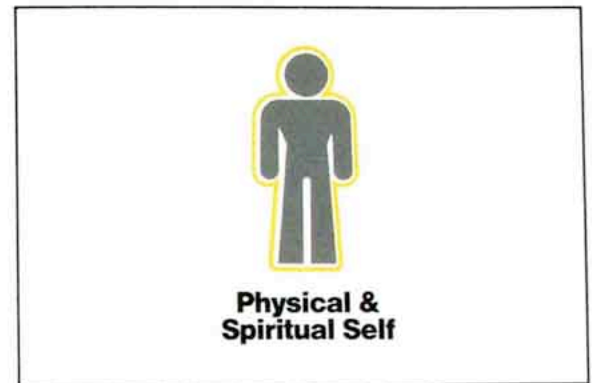
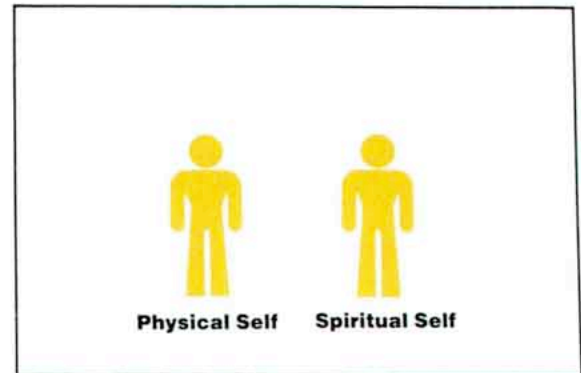
D. The two dimensions of human life: the physical self and the spiritual self

We already explained that man exists in two dimensions. One is man's physical self and the other is man's spiritual self. Man lives in the two worlds, physical and spiritual.

Strictly speaking, we do not pass into the spiritual world at the time of physical death. Rather we are continuously living in both realms — spiritual and physical — throughout the course of our physical lives. One's spiritual self is joined with the physical body until such time that the physical body separates itself from the spiritual self at the time of physical death. From that point on, the spiritual self becomes independent and lives on in the spiritual world for eternity.

Growth of the spiritual self

It has already been stated that man's earthly life is the primary opportunity for his spiritual self to grow to maturity or perfection. But what is the mechanism of this spiritual growth? To learn something about the principles of spiritual growth, we will first consider the process of physical growth.

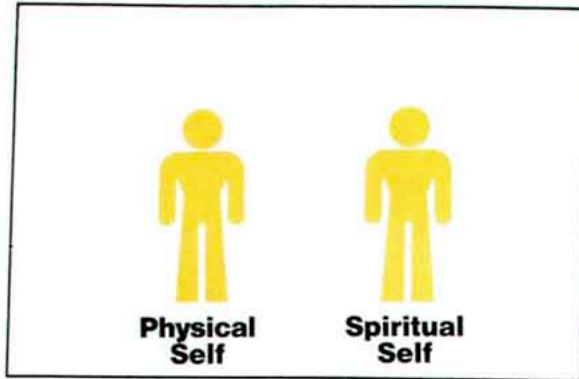


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Man must live a moral and responsible life



The physical body of man, like the physical body of any other living thing, requires a period of growth to reach maturity. During this growth period, certain elements are consumed by the body. These include air and sunlight from above, as well as food and water from below.

In the same way, the spiritual self also must pass through a growth period in order to achieve maturity. We must know what sort of “elements” are necessary for spiritual growth to take place. In general, we can say that an individual must receive truth and love from his parent, God. These would correspond to air and sunlight in the physical growth process. That is, they are given freely from outside the individual. We call these spiritual elements “life elements.” God is the ultimate source of all life elements, and we receive them through our parents and other parental figures.

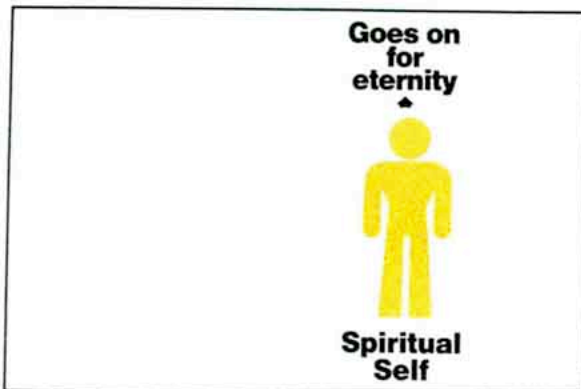
Just as physical food is essential for the growth of the physical body, the development of the spirit also requires a spiritual “food.” This is called the “vitality element.” It is generated by our own physical bodies when we practice truth and love in our daily lives.

In other words, the spiritual self must have give and take with God by receiving God’s truth and love, and must pass on those elements of inspiration to the physical body. The physical body receives the message and obeys it, and practices the truth and love of God in real life. In this way, the physical self can return abundant vitality elements to his spiritual self, by which the spiritual self can grow.

Men must receive God’s truth and love while on earth and practice it. In this way, man becomes an embodiment of the truth and love of God. That is the only way one’s spiritual self can grow to full maturity. Man must practice God’s greatest commandment to love God and his fellow man. This alone can provide for the eternal well-being of an individual. This is the important purpose of the physical stage of life.

It is important to realize that the material well-being of the physical body is of secondary importance compared to our proper spiritual development. When a man is totally blind to the reality of God and His truth and love, and lives a selfish and greedy life on earth, he has completely denied the growth of his spiritual self. In the words of Jesus, “What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?”

In the CAUSA Worldview, every action of man has eternal impact. What we do has an eternal effect on our spiritual well-being. We can say that man reaps what he sows. Whatever situation a person may find himself in, it does no good to



And the dust returns to the earth
as it was, and the spirit returns to
God who gave it.

Ecc. 12:7

And whoever lives and believes in me
shall never die.

John 11:26

blame others. Man has no one to blame but himself, and each person must take responsibility to live a good and moral life.

E. Communism destroys family and religion

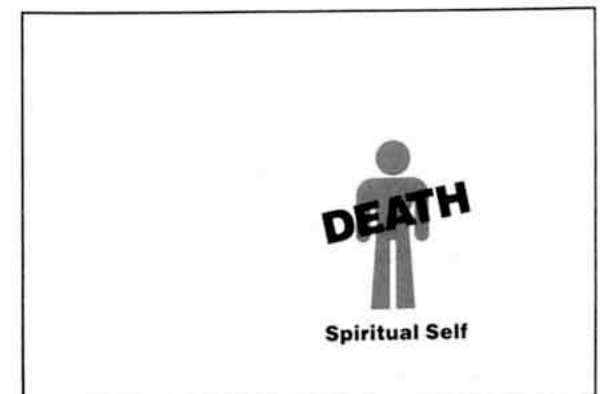
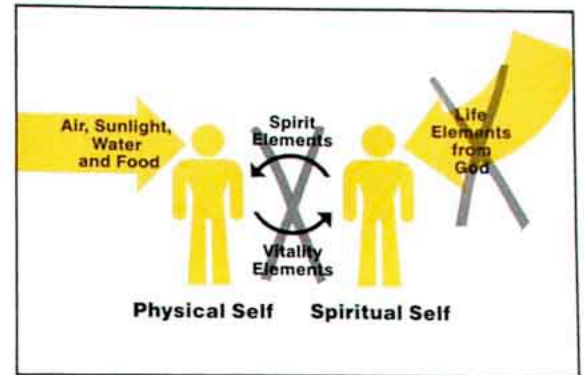
What then of communism? On the surface, it appears to be asking people to sacrifice themselves for an unselfish ideal. It would then seem to be spiritually beneficial to man. This, however, is extremely misleading. In reality, communism stifles human spiritual development. It denies the existence of God, and denies His truth and love. The greatest injury done by communism is that it totally blocks out man's spiritual life by teaching that there is no God and no eternal spirit. Instead of love and sacrifice, the essence of life becomes hate and resentment. If you study Marxist literature, it becomes clear that at the very core of Marxism is resentment. In order to promote the dialectic, Marxism must promote hatred. This hate withers and destroys the human spirit.

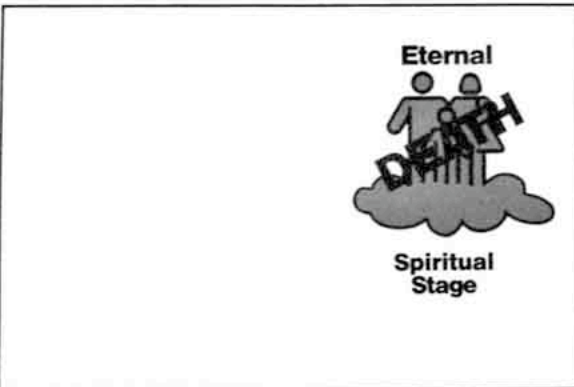
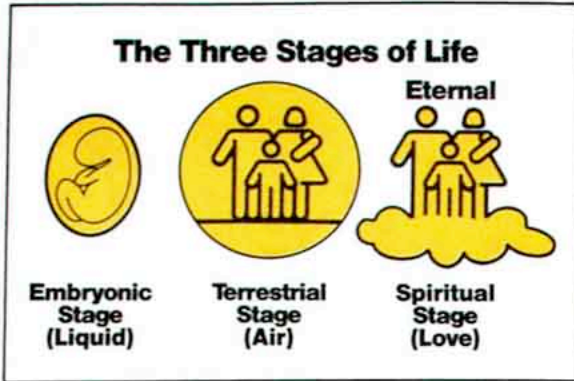
Here again, a strong contrast can be made with the communist view. Communism denies the most sacred institution of all — the family, thus denying man the experience of the practice of love. By breaking apart families and encouraging children to betray their own parents, they have engendered such hatred and animosity that millions of men have come to deny their eternal life, and be “stillborn” into the eternal world of love. This is the worst crime which the God-denying ideology of communism commits against humanity.

Communism destroys the family. This is a point which Marx declared very clearly in the *Communist Manifesto*. Bright children are routinely separated from parents. They are taught that the party and the state are more important than their parents. Prosecuting one's parents for “ideological crimes” is regarded as an heroic action in communist states such as North Korea.

It is interesting to consider the words of Richard Wurmbrandt. He spent 17 years in a prison in Rumania, and he said, “I came to understand the power of evil when I spent the time in prison. I began to see that there must be a Devil, because it would impossible for men to treat other men the way that I saw people treat people in that prison in Rumania.”

Something happens when people are taught to hate in that way. They become capable of doing anything to advance their cause. State interest becomes the moral justification for their crimes. Ultimately, the love of God is cut off, and actions, instead of being motivated by love, by concern, or by ethical ideals, become motivated by hatred. The result is spiritual death.





**Spiritual death
is real death**

**Physical death is a
natural process of
transformation**

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?

Matt. 16:26

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matt. 10:28

In the words of Jesus, "Do not fear those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matt 10:28) This is what communism does. This blanket denial of spirituality can be compared to a "blackout." Communism represents a spiritual blackout which today affects billions of lives. It denies the eternal well-being of people. Besides the physical atrocities which have actually destroyed millions of people, communism has ruined the eternal lives of billions more. This is why communism is the worst crime ever perpetrated against humanity.

Here we find the reason why, in the name of God and in the name of humanity, communism must be stopped. This is CAUSA's fundamental concern. When we see that there is a philosophy today which is destroying the spiritual dimension of the human being, then we have to stand up, we have to oppose it, we have to stop it.

We cannot be satisfied with saying, "Well, we're going to stay where we are. They can have their part of the world, we can have our part of the world, we don't worry about it." If we have real compassion, if we really feel that all the people on this earth are our brothers and sisters, and if we really feel that we have an eternal life, we cannot allow millions of people to die spiritually because of a false ideology. Compassion calls us to action.

F. Conclusion

About 45 years ago there were many people who were fleeing from Nazi Germany. And in the midst of all of those people, there was one German who was living in New York and teaching at the Union Theological Seminary, and he said, "I have to go back to Germany. I know everyone else is running, I know I'm well here in America, but I have to go back to Germany. I can't stay here." And the reason that he went back is that he felt God's call. He said that there are two kinds of grace. There is cheap grace, the kind of grace that invites us to say, "I'm well; I don't have to worry about others." But he said that through his prayers and efforts he had found another kind of grace which he referred to as costly grace, and he spoke about the cost of discipleship, the cost of real belief in God. He said that it was this belief which mandated that he return to Germany, even at the cost of his life, and do everything in his power to stop Nazism. That man's name was Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Shortly before the fall of Adolf Hitler in 1945, he was executed because of his opposition to the Nazi government.

Bonhoeffer's life is an example for us. He recognized that the real value is the eternal spiritual value. His earthly life has ended, as each person's must, but he lives on in the eternal spiritual world in a greater capacity, and in the hearts of all those who admire his actions. In the eyes of God, he is not dead at all; his noble life goes on forever.

Today, we must think about liberation of the communist world. When Reverend Moon came to America in 1973, he announced that he wanted to have a rally in Washington, D.C. to awaken the American people to the danger of communism. And in 1976 he had that rally. Then he said, "Now I want to have a freedom rally in Moscow." That is the spirit behind CAUSA. We want to bring liberation to the communist world.

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**but spiritual death
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