#### Chapter Seven

# INTRODUCTION TO THE CAUSA WORLDVIEW

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#### Preface

The CAUSA movement is an ideological movement, not a religious movement. We consider communism to be an ideology. Communism can only be defeated by a superior ideology or world view. We offer here a world view based on philosophical and scientific reasoning.

The CAUSA Worldview is centered on God. Therefore, readers will find certain religious expressions and reference to some general religious principles. As a "rule of thumb," if any statement in the CAUSA Worldview conflicts with the readers' own religious beliefs or theological principles, we ask that they keep their own views. CAUSA's purpose is not to change anyone's religion.

What is the purpose of presenting the CAUSA Worldview?

 Our purpose is to promote and strengthen understanding of God and man's relationship with Him. Why? Because that is the fundamental weapon that we need to defeat communism, because communism is an ideology which is based on the denial of the existence of God. God alone can overcome godlessness.

2) Furthermore, CAUSA wishes to present certain universal principles which God-believing people can use as a rallying point. We seek a common ground upon which all religious people and people of conscience can unite. We invite you to examine this section looking for what unites us, instead of what divides us.

3) Another purpose of the CAUSA Worldview is to inspire men and women to a higher spiritual awareness. Materialism is prevailing in more than just the communist world. The



West has likewise adapted itself to various materialistic world views such as secular humanism and Social Darwinism.

An awakening into higher spiritual values is vital to bring change in our society. Confusion in the value system of the West has brought about the chaos of today's Western world. We have had the experience at our seminars of CAUSA presentations "striking a chord" and awakening the dormant spirituality of men and women. Many participants claim that they have gained a higher understanding of spiritual values through the CAUSA presentation.

We need a spiritual and moral awakening in order to ignite the true revolution of men, which alone can bring the needed change in our society. We believe the CAUSA Worldview will make us better Christians, better religionists, better scholars, better soldiers, better statesmen, better journalists, and better men and women. The only thing we cannot guarantee is that we will make anyone a better communist.

4) The CAUSA Worldview is based on universal principles that are in conflict with no religion. The CAUSA Worldview is respected in Buddhist countries as well as in Christian nations. It can also be taught very effectively in the Islamic and Hindu cultures. In countries such as Japan and Korea, which are primarily Buddhist, the CAUSA Worldview is flourishing.

Because American readers are aware of the Judeo-Christian tradition, we use some biblical quotations. We do so simply to facilitate understanding.

5) We speak frequently of God, but there are certainly readers who may not believe in God. What does a Godcentered world view have to do with them? We are not excluding anyone from associating with CAUSA as long as they are men and women of conscience believing in moral and ethical principles.

We in CAUSA believe that the conscience of man is the agent of God. There are men and women in our world today who live godly lives without professing any particular belief in God. We believe that when you are obeying your conscience, you are actually obeying the voice of God. Therefore, men and women of conscience can be great defenders of freedom, and can work with us.

These are the basic five points CAUSA wants to make clear before beginning this section. This will hopefully avert misunderstandings in this area.

#### Introduction

The ancient Chinese war tactician, Sun Tzu, once observed that if a person knows neither himself nor his enemy, then in 100 battles, he will suffer 100 defeats. Likewise, Sun Tzu observed that if one knows either one's enemy or oneself, it would be possible to win 50 out of 100 battles. He asserted that the only way to win all 100 battles was in knowing both one's enemy and oneself.

Until now, we have devoted a lot of attention to our enemy, international communism, which is also the enemy of God. We have systematically refuted each of the major pillars of communist ideology. Beginning with this section, we want to understand something more about ourselves, our potential and our responsibility.

One hundred and fifty years ago, the famous French historian, Alexis de Tocqueville, wrote:

There are now two great nations in the world which, starting from different points, seem to be advancing toward the same goal: the Russians and the Anglo-Americans.

Their point of departure is different and their paths diverse; nevertheless, each seems called by some secret design of Providence one day to hold in its hands the destinies of half the world.

Amazingly, what de Tocqueville foresaw 150 years ago has become a reality today. But the one thing which de Tocqueville failed to predict was the role of ideology. In 1917, Russia became a central part of the Soviet Union. Since that time, the Soviet Union has advanced and emerged as one of the two great powers in the world. Today, concern grows about the Soviet Union and communism. People ask how to stop this force.

In his article, "Why I am against communism," Dr. Fred Schwartz, a distinguished anti-communist for decades, notes,

I am against communism because I am against war, dictatorship, monopoly, slavery, fascism, fratricide, cannabilism, imperialism, atheism, materialism, spiritual infanticide, and idolatry. Communism advocates and practices all of these.

Dr. Schwartz is correct; these are all problems. They are all symptoms of applied Marxism. But like any disease, there must be a cause, or an original virus which has produced these symptoms. For that reason, we need to ask, What is the virus or core evil of communism? Unless we When you must fight 100 battles if you know yourself,

you will win 50 battles; if you know your enemy,

you will win 50 battles; if you know yourself and your enemy, you will win 100 battles. Sun Tzu

#### Dr. Fred Schwarz: "Why I Am Against Communism"

I am against Communism because I am against war, dictatorship, monopoly, slavery, classism, classicide, cannibalism, imperialism, atheism, materialism, spiritual infanticide, and idolatry. Communism advocates and practices all these.





## The Promises of Communism

- 1. Workers' utopia
- 2. Classless society
- 3. Total freedom and democracy
- 4. Abundance of goods



Communism?

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discover this, we cannot prescribe a cure. That means we can never stop communism.

Many explanations have certainly been advanced. Some people have argued that communism's core evil stems from its deprivation of freedom. Ironically, when we study Marx, we realize that he claimed to have designed a philosophy which would allow for true human freedom. This being its supposed goal, can we say that the deprivation of freedom is communism's core evil?

In the United States, some people seem to feel that the core evil of communism stems from its stated goal of abolishing private property. However communists often deny their intention to abolish private property. Lenin promised the Russian peasants that after the revolution he would bring them "bread, land, and peace." In El Salvador today, the communist FMLN also promises land, and in communist China and the USSR, peasants do have tiny plots of land. Likewise, the Soviet leaders have villas and new Mercedes Benzes, so can abolition of private property be the essence of the evil within communism? Refugees from Eastern Europe often testify that communism's greatest evil is its violation of human rights. Yet no one group presents itself as a more vocal proponent of human rights than the Marxists.

Writers such as Erich Fromm feel Marxism can restore human dignity, and communist propaganda persistently accuses many non-communist governments of corruption and shortcomings. Communists speak of their intention to build a world where no one will live in fear, or be without enough to eat. They portray themselves as the world's true humanitarians, therefore it is difficult to establish that the violation of human rights is communism's core evil.

Political writers, such as Hannah Arendt, might argue that communism's core evil is found in its totalitarian nature. However, the communists counter that repressive rule will not continue forever. It is only a stage. Once the world has been freed from the threat of counter-revolution, there will be no need for repression; there will not even be any need for government. Men and women will be completely liberated. This cannot be the core evil either because theoretically totalitarian rule is thus only a stage in a process.

## Communism: promises versus reality

Marx's slogan from his text *On the Gotha Program* sounds poetic: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." Communists predict a glorious future for humanity. Soviet Premier Khrushchev predicted that a com-

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munist "paradise" would appear on earth by 1980. Khrushchev commissioned many Soviet scholars to do studies on this supposed "new society." They anticipated a classless society. Communism was to provide total freedom and true democracy. All human needs were to be abundantly satisfied. Today those studies are an embarrassment for the Soviet Union and communism stands as a failure.

Rather than fulfilling man's dreams, communism has come to be a nightmare for all of its victims. Rather than a workers' utopia, we find a workers' inferno with poor living conditions which have provoked widespread worker revolts. The unrest in Poland may very well be only the tip of the iceberg visible to the Western press.

Instead of a classless society, we have found in every communist nation a new and powerful elite known as the *nomenklatura*. They are cruel masters who live in luxury at the expense of the common people. Instead of total freedom and democracy, communist society has encouraged abuse and slavery. Furthermore, instead of an abundance of goods, the communist economies are in the midst of inordinate economic crises.

What has provoked all of this? What is behind all of this suffering? CAUSA feels that communism's core evil does not lie in its attacks on private property, its violation of human rights, its deprivation of freedom, or its totalitarian rule. These are only symptomatic of a more profound problem.

Then, once again, what is the core evil of communism? It is communism's militant denial of the existence of God. We find this militant posture beginning with Marx's earliest writings. Furthermore, communism militantly denies the eternal life of human beings. If there is no God, and no eternal life, then there is no basis for absolute values. At the bottom of any atheistic ideology is the belief that man is responsible to no one greater than himself.

When an ideology is constructed which denies God and the eternal human spirit, and this ideology is adopted as official state policy, what is the result? All of the unrestrained power of the state is brought to bear on any dissenters and state atrocity and barbarism come to rule. The core evil of communism emerges when the denial of God and the denial of the eternal life of man become state policy.

This we have seen in Stalin's Russia, Mao's China, Pol Pot's Cambodia, Ortega's Nicaragua, and in every other nation where communism has been implanted. Such patterns led French new philosopher Bernard Henri Levi to refer to communism as "barbarism with a human face." Behind a facade of











hope and promise there is a philosophical basis for abusing human rights. When God is denied by the official ideology, the state can lie, kill and extort without any remorse. The state becomes a beast. In fact, the communist state is worse than a beast. It violates human dignity, and does so with all of the ingenuity of the human mind, something no animal could ever do. Communism philosophically justifies barbarism and genocide.

As French philosopher Albert Camus observed,

We are living in the age of the perfect crime. Our criminals are no longer children who can use passion as their excuse. They are adults and they have the perfect alibi, philosophy which can be used even to transform murderers into judges.

Communism is the perfection of the Machiavellian concept that "the end justifies the means." The human cost of communism has been 150,000,000 lives, and this amount is increasing at the rate of one victim every fifteen seconds. Communism thus constitutes the worst enemy of God and the worst crime against humanity.

If a killer were to come into the room and start systematically killing people, what would you do? You might be engaged in some important activity, but you would drop everything and try to stop the killer, no matter what the price. This is just the situation which we are facing today. The room is our world, and the killer is communism. In such a situation, it is the first responsibility of everyone to respond to the extraordinary emergency, stop the international lawlessness of communism, and safeguard the planet earth.

How does one respond to the threat of communism? For CAUSA, traditional anti-communist approaches are good but not enough. In order to awaken the young and the idealistic, we cannot only attack the deeds of the communists. We in the West also are guilty of shortcomings, and we must admit to them. Furthermore, to win intellectual people to our cause, we must point out the ideological fallacies of Marxism and show that even when social problems are real, communism brings no solution to them. Then, we must offer a real solution to the moral and social ills which have created fertile ground for communism.

We need a positive solution. We have been defensive too long. In order to win, we have to take the offensive. Since this war is a war of ideas, we must initiate an ideological offensive.

Marxism thrives by exploiting humanity's religious

sentiments. It engenders passion and supplants the religious experience with a political one. We need to recognize communism as a godless form of religion. A godless religion can only be subjugated by God Himself. Therefore, an ideological offensive against communism must be launched from the point of belief in God. Just as light dispels darkness, the knowledge of God overcomes atheism.

To achieve this, we need a God-centered world view. CAUSA calls this world view "Godism." We use the term "Godism" in order to emphasize that we are not attempting to preach the viewpoint of a particular religion or denomination — instead, we are speaking of a philosophical perspective broad enough for all religionists and for all people of conscience.

As this section proceeds, it should become clear that Godism constitutes a solution to communism and a foundation for a lasting peace. It can also provide the foundation for a just and moral society. In other words, the solution to the problem of communism is only an intermediate goal. Our ultimate goal must be the fulfillment of the age-old human dream the dream of a just and moral world.

One reason for the success of communism up to this point has been its appeal to the natural aspiration of people for an ideal world. In history, both good and evil men have addressed this aspect of human nature. On the positive side, Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired millions of people when he spoke of his dream of a society free from racism. On the negative side, Hitler rallied millions to the task of building a "Third Reich." Such appeals have been successful because for good or for bad, they touch the innate human desire to see God's ideal established on the earth.

In the same way, communism speaks of the realization of utopia, and asks people to sacrifice for the "workers' paradise," but after 70 years, this utopian dream has turned out to be a nightmare. There can be no good and moral world where God is excluded. The ideal world must be established with God at the center. In religious terminology, this is known as the Kingdom of God on Earth. This is our dream.

#### Godism

CAUSA proposes Godism as the means to achieve our ultimate dream. Belief in God is the basis of all religion. It is true that there are certain religious traditions which do not explicitly profess the existence of "God." When we examine these traditions, however, we find that they are seeking the fulfillment of ultimate justice, truth and love. In essence,









then, they recognize the existence of absolute values based upon an Absolute Being.

If we are to unite all religious people upon some common ground, that common ground must be the belief in God. There is nothing more fundamental than this. Godism is a world view based on the belief in God. By using Godism as a common ground upon which to unite, the God-affirming forces of the world will be able to effectively oppose the God-denying forces of communism.

In the future, historians will record that a showdown occurred between Godism and communism. Godism must prevail, for it is based on the truth of God's existence.

Godism also provides ground for the unity of those men and women who do not recognize the existence of God, but who are nonetheless directed toward absolute values by their consciences. As we said in the preface, the conscience of man is the agent of God. Man's conscience is created by God to seek after His eternal moral and ethical standard. When one is obeying his conscience, he is actually following the voice of God based on His moral principle. Thus, no one seeking after absolute goodness would be excluded from the common ground of Godism.

It frequently happens that conscientious people poignantly realize the existence of God when they come to study Godism. This is because hearing truth brings an awakening of the spirituality of man.

## A. Overview of Godism

In this section, we want to provide a bird's eye view of Godism. We will introduce four areas:

- 1) The characteristics of God
- 2) God's ideal of creation
- 3) The world of reality: a world of evil
- 4) God's will of restoration

## 1. The characteristics of God

Godism begins with an affirmation of the existence of God. God is the creator of all things, and human beings are His highest creation. This assertion is the starting point of Godism.

Let us consider the nature or characteristics of God. What kind of God is He? To answer this question, we can look at God as He is described in the Bible. The biblical God is good, almighty, omnipresent, eternal, unchanging and unique. This might be called the common sense view of God. God is good because as the Creator, he defines goodness. He must also be omnipotent, since he is the ruler of creation and the lord of history. Then He must be omnipresent. Why? Because God cannot be limited in space. He is infinite. He is transcendent of time — eternal. The God of Abraham is the same God today. The same God which created the first human ancestors is watching over our destinies. That God must be unchanging. He is governing the world with timeless law. His standard of value does not change. His moral principle remains forever. Finally, He must be unique. He must be the only God. There could not be another God like Him.

We consider these to be the general characteristics of God. If there is God, He must be all of this and more. If He does not exist, then it is an entirely different story. Either there is a God as we have described Him or there is not. There can be no in-between.

Now, this God is the Creator of the world and man. What kind of world and man would He create?

That world must be good, and man must be good. Would a good God, if He is truly almighty, create anything other than a good world and good men and women?

#### 2. God's ideal of creation

#### The perfection of man: perfect union with God

Man is created with the potential for perfection. Today, however, people are not serious about perfection in the creation or in themselves. Since we constantly experience human imperfection, we are seldom aware of the original blueprint of God for the perfection of man. Nevertheless, could God create anything that was not perfect? If God is omnipotent and perfect Himself, He can only design and create perfectable beings. Jesus said, "You therefore must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Matt. 5:48) These words can only mean that God has created each man with the potential for perfection. That is, the potential to be like God.

It is important here that we define clearly what perfection means. It does not mean that perfected man does not make mistakes, or that he could not injure himself in an accident. Perfection does not imply having superhuman powers. We are speaking about the perfection of man's *character*. Perfected man would live totally in accord with the will of God, experiencing complete union with God. A man of perfection would never desire to separate himself from God, nor would he be capable of being corrupted. To use a biblical expression, perfected man is intended to be the temple and



You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matt. 5:48

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?

I Cor. 3:16

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me.

John 14:11

dwelling place of God. As Paul wrote, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?" (I Cor. 3:16) When man becomes a house and God is the master of that house, then how could that man do anything other than God's will?

Perfection, therefore, means man's maturity and his perfect union with God. This is the kind of union which Jesus described in the Bible when he said, "I am in the Father and the Father in me." (John 14:10) The Father and the Son are one.

## Man is originally endowed with divine character

When a man reaches this perfection and becomes a temple of God, then that man will possess a God-like or divine character. The God-like character of perfected man means that he not only exercises his five physical senses to perceive the reality of the world of creation, but also uses his full spiritual capacity. For this divine man, the spiritual reality is no longer a matter of "belief," but it becomes a matter of "fact." He "knows," instead of "believes," that God exists and the spiritual dimension exists. He then experiences the totality of God's creation. When man becomes spiritually mature, he becomes a divine, totally unselfish person who can exercise perfect love. His every action is motivated by his love for God. This is the meaning of man's perfection, as it is taught by and manifested in the life of Jesus Christ.

## Ideal society - the Kingdom of God on Earth

As the Judeo-Christian tradition maintains, God intended the first human ancestors to reach perfection and multiply this perfection by having children. The human family should have started with one couple achieving perfection, and that perfection would have been passed down through the human lineage to those who are alive today. Clearly, had this occurred, we would all be living in a perfect society. It is quite reasonable to think that this is the way in which God intended to create the ideal society, or in religious terms, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. God intended that ideal society on earth first. When God created this world, he had every intention to create His ideal on earth. Thus, Jesus asked us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

#### Problem: religious people tend to neglect life on earth

At this point we recognize one important problem with our religious world. Religion in general has tended towards "other worldliness." Too often, those who have been suffering from exploitation and poverty are told that they must bear such injustice until they reach a better life after death. Some Christians, in particular, have turned away from the world's problems because they are waiting to be lifted up into the air with Christ in a supernatural way. Of course, we must prepare for our eternal life. Yet, it is because our eternal life is so important that we must work for justice upon the earth, because the earth is where we prepare for eternity.

As long as we ignore earthly realities, we can never win over communism. If we look exclusively toward the next life, the communists will take this world and make it impossible to pursue spiritual values here. Communism is single-minded in its goal of world domination. After all, for the communists there is no other world. If religious people surrender this world to communism, the future will be tragic.

In the CAUSA view, the earth is the first place where we must realize God's ideal. We must build God's kingdom on earth before we even look to our reward in heaven. God did not create this earth in order to give it to communism. God created the earth for the realization of His ideal. The importance of establishing God's ideal on earth was clearly stated by Jesus when he said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matt 16:19)

This is also found clearly in the Lord's prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matt 6:10)

Therefore our "manifesto" to the communists could be this: "Communism has no business on the earth. This is God's world. We as His children claim ownership. We shall build His kingdom here on earth; we shall realize His ideal. His children have a right to live and flourish here on earth. A God-denying force has no place here. Communism get out!"

#### 3. The world of reality — a world of evil

When we look around ourselves today, we see that we are not living in a perfect world. We are living in a society which is corrupt and far from perfection. What happened to God's original ideal? It is apparent that it has not been realized as God intended.

# Man's separation from God brought about fallen society

We recognize that a deviation from God's original plan must have taken place. In other words, man has departed from God and entered the realm outside of the principles of God. The process of man's separation from God is known as Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

### Matt 16:19

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matt. 6:10



the fall of man. This is the real alienation of man — it is a spiritual alienation, not an economic alienation as Marxists see it.

Due to the fall of man, the unprincipled or evil world came into being. God never planned to have this kind of world, yet it came about. Some might ask, How is this kind of deviation possible? We can answer by saying that God allowed man freedom, and gave him the right to decide his own destiny. Man has misused his freedom and ignored his God-given responsibility. In this way, he has departed from God. Because of man's separation from God, man has become corrupted instead of perfected. We must underscore, however, that God has to allow man such freedom, even though it may be abused. (The reason will be explained later in CAUSA Worldview IV.)

According to Judeo-Christian teachings, the human fall was preceded by deception. In the symbology of the Bible, the serpent lied to the first woman, telling her that God was deliberately hiding the most desirous gift from man. The woman ignored the truth from God, and listened to this lie. In this way, man's tragic separation from God occurred.

#### Spiritual blindness

This is the beginning of man's corruption or alienation, which has resulted in man's spiritual "blindness." Man has lost his understanding of the deepest aspect of himself, the spiritual aspect. Since the fall, man has lived with a strong awareness of the physical aspect of life, but his awareness of spiritual reality has been weak and in many cases has been extinguished. Man's corrupted human nature is manifested in selfishness, greed, jealousy and immorality.

#### The reality of evil

This corrupted nature began with the first man and woman, and has been multiplied from that point. Coming from these same original ancestors, all human beings have suffered the same destiny. Instead of multiplying perfection and goodness, imperfection and corruption have been multiplied, and spiritual darkness has plagued the human race. The sinful society which we find today can accurately be called "hell." It has become a reality here on the earth.

The ideal society can be characterized as a society in which honesty, trust, cooperation, mutual love and happiness prevail. The fallen world, on the other hand, is characterized by frustration, hatred, struggle, exploitation, immorality, crime and war. Though we live in a world of tremendous technological capability, the simple fact is that no amount of material wealth will lift off spiritual darkness, and we are still in the world of "hell."

We clearly recognize that communism is not the beginning of human evil. The fall of man, the separation of man from God, occurred at the beginning of human history, while communism is a product of the 19th century. However, communism has brought the perfection of evil. We cannot imagine any more dangerous ideology than one which harnesses and perverts man's natural aspiration to build an ideal world, and puts it to work constructing a human hell. Communism has created the ultimate hell.

### Ideal society - what is it like?

No one has seen the original world that God intended, because it was never realized, so it is difficult to picture it correctly. Yet we find a model of this society in the functioning of the human body. The human body consists of over 400 billion cells composing many body organs and parts. Each of these cells is working harmoniously for the common purpose of the body.

There is no conflict between the cells or the body parts. A person's right arm does not quarrel with his left arm; his two legs cooperate and move the entire body wherever he wants to go. Although it is the mouth which enjoys the good taste of food, the hand carries the food into the mouth without any complaint. How is it that all the different parts of the body work so harmoniously? There are two important factors.

First, the entire body has one whole purpose which is commonly shared by all the parts. Every part is working for the well-being of the entire body, while at the same time all parts are partaking of the benefit of the whole. When you eat, for example, the stomach works for the entire body, and the whole body, including the stomach, receives the benefit.

Second, there is one coordination center for the entire body: the brain. The brain is also working for the well-being of the entire body. It will give proper communication and coordination so that the whole body can function harmoniously. Seen from this point of view, the human body provides a vivid example of how an ideal society could function.

In an ideal society, the whole society functions like the human body. First of all, there is one common purpose shared by all mankind. That purpose is the very purpose of God's creation — the joy of God and peace and happiness of all men. Each works for this common purpose and each is benefitted by it.



This is possible because there is one common center for all humankind, God. If we compare the universe to the human body, then God is in the position of the brain. God works for the overall purpose and coordinates all things for the fulfillment of that purpose. This is how "heavenly society" should function. Such a society is where the full potential of individual man can be realized. This is the God-centered society. The Bible says, "For just as the body is one and has many members, all of the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Cor 12:12)

#### Ideal human relations

How can people really relate to each other as brothers and sisters? There is only one way. All people — John, Susan, Jim and Mary — must recognize that they have the same parent, God. We are all brothers and sisters only when we recognize one common parent above us.

In the original ideal of God, every person experiences the love of God. John, for example, is the loving son of God. In that sense, he is governed by God's will. He is a temple of God. The same God is dwelling in Tom, Susan, Jim and Mary. Then the same will of God is governing them also. How could there be hate and conflict between them? It is impossible. They must be in harmony and unity because they are responding to the same will of God, the parent of all. The vertical union with God brings about the horizontal union among men.

When men and women are separated from God, they are also isolated from one another. They have no feeling for the goals and desires of the other person. The purpose of the whole is lost. When man lost God, he lost his fellow man as well.

Human alienation came into being when man became disconnected from his original source — God. From that point everything has been disoriented and disorganized. This is the far-reaching significance of the human fall.

## Fallen society

What is fallen society? It is like a sick or injured body. Our society is like a person whose central nervous system is broken down. Because of this breakdown, each person's connection to God has been lost. Since the vertical connection to God has been damaged, it is difficult to establish good horizontal connections between men. Since the "nervous system" is paralyzed, we can kill, steal and hurt one another, and still we do not feel any pain from it.





If the cells of the body begin to destroy one another, as in cancer, the body will surely die. Throughout human history, we find a continuous succession of countless wars, struggles, atrocities and killings. This is not the fulfillment of God's purpose of creation. We are living in a world of deviation, a perverted kingdom, a kingdom of living hell.

#### 4. God's will of restoration

We have now described two contrasting worlds: one is the ideal society which God originally intended, and the other is the society which we find today, outside of the realm of God's ideal. Furthermore, until now, human society has been creating a fallen history. Given this situation, the most important question is — what is God doing about this world? If God has no power or plan to do anything, then humanity has no hope. We would have to live with this sinful reality forever with no way to restore ourselves to wholesomeness.

Fortunately, this is not the case. God is almighty and omnipotent. Just as He had a definite purpose in creation, God has a definite goal in human history, and that goal and purpose is the restoration of mankind. God is going to restore this world of imperfection into the world of goodness and perfection which He originally planned. His determination has been clearly recorded in the Bible. In Isaiah 46:11 the prophet records the promise of God, "I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass. I have purposed, and I will do it." It is not written that God may do it, He will try to do it, or He may be thinking about it. In no uncertain terms, the scripture states, He will do it.

God has spoken of an ideal world. Therefore, by all means He will bring that world to pass by restoring man to goodness. He has purposed a world of joy and satisfaction, and that is what He will do at any cost. No matter what, He will accomplish. This is the absolute goal and will of God.

#### **Restoration is re-creation**

God's goal and will is truly the hope of mankind, and restoration is truly man's hope of salvation. We know that God had the wisdom and power to create this world in the first place, and we know that the same God, with the same wisdom and power, will re-create mankind into the originally intended perfection and goodness. Therefore, restoration is re-creation. Yet God does not have to re-create too much. The only part of God's creation that has deviated is man. Everything else is perfect. Even the physical or biological aspect of man is perfect. It is only the internal aspect of man







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- History of restoration
  The role of men and women in history
- Partners with God in restoration 4. History of struggle
  - Between good and evil

that needs re-creation. Of course, this is the most important part. The spirituality of humanity must be re-created.

Every person will eventually be able to restore his original character and essential value. All men and women shall become "perfect as their Heavenly Father is perfect." We shall create a society in which trust and love prevail and harmony and cooperation shall be the natural order of daily life.

## B. The CAUSA view of human history

Communists look at human history as the history of class struggle. They apply the law of the dialectic to human history and arrive at an apocalyptic conclusion. They believe that the time has arrived when the capitalists must be eliminated, and through the process of socialism the ultimate communist utopia will dawn. Of course, this theory is based upon materialism with the assumption that there is no God. This is a false assumption, and the predicted utopia has never been realized.

By contrast, the CAUSA Worldview offers a Godcentered view of human history.

## 1. History has a goal.

Human history is not merely a random collection of events. History is being guided by God, and the course of history is closely related to His will. God is the Creator, and His work of creation was carried out to fulfill a distinct purpose. This original purpose of God has never changed. History is the record of God's efforts working with mankind to fulfill His original purpose.

When we recognize God and His will in history, there must be a definite goal to reach. Ever since creation this goal has not changed. The goal which God originally intended to accomplish by His creation is the very same goal God is working to accomplish now.

## 2. Human history is the history of restoration

We have already emphasized that a good and almighty God can only design a good world. God began with an original ideal. This is the world in which men and women become true temples of God, and their God-given nature fully blossoms. In this world, each person would possess a God-like character. This is the world where the perfect union of each person with God prevails, and this is the world where people are incapable of corruption. Such an ideal society has not been realized because of the fall of man. Human beings, separated from God, brought forth here on earth the totally opposite result. This is evil — a world of decay and corruption, a history of war and crime.

We believe that God is almighty and that He has a plan for this fallen world. That plan must be the restoration of the original world. This restoration of the original world is the will and goal of history. History is the history of restoration. God is going to restore all things and men and women to His original ideal. When that is consummated, and restoration is completed, God's new history of goodness will begin.

#### 3. The role of men and women in history

People have a vital role in history. They are the partners of God in restoration. God's will or goal cannot be achieved unless people fulfill certain portions of responsibility. Even though God has a certain schedule, whenever someone fails to respond to the schedule, God's program is prolonged. This is happening over and over again due to the failure of key individuals. Let us take one example from the Bible. God ordered the Israelites to make the exodus from Egypt to Canaan under the leadership of Moses. If they had responded to God's will 100%, that distance could have been covered in 40 days. Due to the chosen people's constant faithlessness and rebellion, it was prolonged to 40 years. Furthermore, Moses as God's chosen leader could not even enter into Canaan and was succeeded by Joshua and Caleb. Only the second generation born in the wilderness entered the promised land. It was not God's desire for this to happen, but human failure in responding to God brought this misery. This type of failure has caused an incalculable prolongation of human history.

Even today God needs men and women who are dedicated to the consummation of His ideal. History cannot be fulfilled without people doing their role. This is God's greatest source of anguish, yet God endures and has great hope that we will respond to Him and fulfill our responsibilities. In this respect the old maxim must be reversed to yield: "God proposes and man disposes." Now is the time when we must stand up and must respond to God's urgent call. In the fight against communism, people must be the champions of God. So far, too few men and women have responded. Too few Christians have responded. CAUSA is bringing the call of God all over the world so that all righteous men and women can respond. When people respond to God, human history will dramatically change.

#### 4. Human history has been the history of struggle between good and evil

If the fall had not occurred and man had reached perfection, this world would not have seen the history of struggle. God did not plan to have human beings struggle, because progress and prosperity can be brought about through the laws of cooperation. However, the day evil was introduced into the world, the history of struggle began.

The history of struggle has not been the history of class struggle as communism proclaims. It has been the history of the struggle between good and evil. God is always working to spread goodness among humankind. Over and over again, however, evil men have attacked the side of goodness, but goodness will always endure and finally prevail. It is God's will that all people one day abandon evil and come to the side of goodness.

#### Good and evil defined

What is evil? Anything that goes against the will of God and anything that blocks the fulfillment of God's ideal is evil. Anything in accord with the will of God is good. In this respect communism today is the worst evil human history has ever seen. This ideology has not only denied the existence of God, but itself tries to take the position of God. The struggle between good and evil has never before achieved the global dimensions of the struggle between communism and the Free World. This is truly God's emergency of all time. It is a time when all good and righteous people of the world must rally together, not only to stop the spread of communism, but also to liberate the communist world with a God-centered world view. This is the time men and women must respond to God's will and take action.

## The internal struggle of good and evil

When this task is carried out on a worldwide level, there still remains the internal mission of solving the problems of good and evil within ourselves. The root of evil must be removed so that man can enter the realm of perfection in total communion with God.

When communism fades away, it obviously does not mean that all the world will instantly become heaven. The ultimate consummation of history will come when every individual passes through a purification process and restores himself, thus eliminating the tendency toward evil residing within his own character. Ever since the fall, every individual has been destined to go through this internal struggle to overcome the fallen nature within himself. Truth will give him the power to do this. Only with the help of a clear world view can the human tendency toward evil be overcome and each person be enabled to advance toward perfection.

#### America's mission in history

God has given America an important mission to fulfill. The United States is chosen to lead the fight against the God-denying ideology of communism. America must first awaken to the will of God, and must demonstrate faith and obedience. In this way, America can serve to unite the forces of goodness in the world.

God has chosen America as a guardian of freedom and a defender of belief in God. America must bear the burden of global responsibility. America must be faithful to God and altruistic towards the world. This nation will only flourish when it fulfills the mission which God has given. Otherwise, America will go the way of decadence which previous great powers, such as the Roman empire, have gone. America's awakening is therefore the most crucial factor that will decide the outcome of the global struggle against God-denying communism. This is why CAUSA is making the greatest efforts in America.

#### Conclusion

To conclude this section, and to make more clear the meaning of human responsibility, we recall the story of a man in a small town which was threatened by a flood. An emergency was declared, and the town was evacuated. This man, however, refused to flee from the floodwaters.

"Don't worry about me," he told his friends. "God has promised to save me."

Soon, however, the streets were flooded with water, and the National Guard came by with a boat to pick him up.

"Go away! Go away!" he shouted. "God will take care of me."

Within a few hours, the waters had risen up around the sides of his house, and he had to retreat up to the roof. A rescue team in a helicopter flew over the house and lowered a basket, while the crew shouted to him to climb in.

"Take it away!" he shouted back. "God will save me."





However, while they watched helplessly from the helicopter, the man was swept away by the flood and drowned.

Now it so happened that he went up to heaven and demanded to see God. When he came before the throne of God, he was boiling mad. "Mr. God," he burst out, "you were supposed to save me. We had an agreement. You broke your promise."

God looked at him with great love and some frustration. "My son," He said, "I did everything I could for you. I sent you a boat. I even sent you a helicopter. What else could I do?"

In the same way, many people in America today feel that if God wants to destroy communism, He can easily do so. They are content to engage in mundane pursuits and have a great deal of apathy toward God's will. They never consider that they may themselves be the people whom God has chosen to solve the problem. This is the most acute and serious problem in America.

God always works through His champions on the earth. God needs our arms, legs, mouths and hands to carry out the physical dimension of His work. God looks to inspired men and women on the earth who are determined to do His will. At this time, God is looking to America to truly be "one nation under God."