

## Modernism

First, and most pervasive of these is Modernism.

Many people fail to realize how important a place Modernism holds in all the movements that are dangerous to the Christian world, and to human freedom. It has been well said that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Nothing has contributed more to the establishment of human freedom than the results of the preaching of the Gospel, and nothing is more effective than Modernism in preparing the way for its destruction.

When religious leaders forsake the cause of Christ they must find other outlets for their enthusiasm and their energy. In these days their energies center around two objectives. One is the growth of ecumenism. They are constantly striving toward the building of a great superchurch, to gather all professing Christians, eventually including even the Roman Catholics, into one great organization which they will control. Toward this end they established the Federal Council of Churches (now called the National Council of Churches), the World Council of Churches, and the many other organizations of similar character.

The other aim which has been constantly before the leading Modernists for many years, is the building of what they call "the kingdom of God," but which is really very similar to the Communism practiced and promoted by atheistic Russia. It is the attempt to build <sup>utopia</sup>autopia on earth by human effort -- an attempt whose means and aims are such that it inevitably crushes out the very forces that produce prosperity, and in the course of the effort, requires the virtual extinction of individual freedom.

Modernism is a subtle force, undermining and infiltrating organizations that were formerly used of God. Less than fifteen years ago an institution was founded on the Pacific Coast for the declared purpose of advancing the Gospel of Christ,