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COMMUNISM

Fourth, but by no means least important, is the danger from Communism. Sometimes people criticize the *Beacon* and other Christian watchmen for speaking out against Communism. They say our service should be spiritual and we should not enter the political field. This rests upon misunderstanding. Communism is a religion. It seeks to destroy the Christian religion and to force acceptance of atheistic materialism. It is our duty as American citizens to guard our freedom against that which would destroy it. Modernism subtly undermines and wrecks our faith. Communism attacks it head on. In Russia the citizen has the right of performing religious rites, but no right of spreading religious propaganda. It is considered counter-revolutionary even to tell one's own child that there is a God.

Coexistence with a power that is determined to destroy us is in the very nature of things impossible. We must not only be ready to defend ourselves against an attack from without, but we must also be watching against subtle attack from within. How strange it is to see some who declare that we should greatly increase the astronomical figures that we are already spending for preparation for defense against Communistic attack from without, who are, at the same time, opposing the little that is being done to protect us from the Trojan Horses that are already within. Many a nation of Europe or of Asia, in which less than ten per cent of the peoples were Communists, has been seized by the communists and placed beneath the iron heel. It could also happen in America. Christians need to be alerted to this present danger. We need watchmen on the walls. Thank God for the *Christian Beacon*, and for the 20th Century Reformation Hour broadcast.

THE MORNING COMETH

Watchman, tell us of the night. "Watchman, what of the night?" "The morning cometh, and also the night" (Isa. 21:11, 12).

The forces of night are all around us. We must guard against them. We cannot, by our efforts, bring in the morning. But, thank God, the morning is coming. God's wonderful new day is sure to come. The Lord has promised that, just when we least expect it, our Christ will return "from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God" (1 Thess. 5:16). Then the dead in Christ will be raised, and we who are alive will be caught up with them to meet Him in the air.

While He tarries, let us support our watchmen. Let us spread the glad tidings that Jesus gave His life to save all who will believe on His name. Let us herald the offer of salvation as widely as possible. Let us prevent the intrusion of evil as far as we can. Let us alert Christian people everywhere to the dangers that they face. Let us call upon them to come out from the apostasy and to establish true churches, sound in the faith, and loyal to the Word of God. Above all, let us keep our eyes on Him who alone can bring the morning. Let us glory in His blessed promise that He will return and set up His wonderful Kingdom of happiness and peace upon this earth. Let us listen for the shout!