

conflicts between them. Two great oceans separated the United States from the powerful countries of the world. We could go our way and ignore them. Today this is scarcely possible. Today, American industrial organizations have offices throughout the world and American tourists travel throughout the world--our country's own situation is now greatly affected by whatever takes place elsewhere.

There are now many forces in the world that may have to be reckoned with, but today one is so much stronger than any other that every Christian has a duty to be aware of it and to consider what it may mean to his life in the near future. This power is the so-called communist government of Russia.

It is generally thought that communism began with the economic and philosophical theories of Karl Marx, but in reality these theories actually serve only (1) as a means of gaining ruling power and (2) as a banner to be waved by communist nations. What is vital about communism is not these doctrines or ideas. What is vital is its very extensive, pervasive and brutal method of control, which produces an imperialistic system more powerful and self-serving than any previous dictatorship the world has ever seen. Compared to it the Roman Empire was gentle.

Although this power claims to base itself on the theories of Marx, its actual practice is entirely different from anything Marx ever envisioned. The real founder of the present-day communist system is not Marx but Lenin. Communist theory is a trick philosophy used to deceive people into helping in their own enslavement.

Lenin was a genius who concentrated his thinking on one specific problem--how to gain and keep absolute control over great numbers of people. The method was worked out by him in great detail and through it he succeeded