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WHY DOES A U.S. MILLIONAIRE BECOME A COMMUNIST

A Case History

Why do some U.S. millionaires become communists? This question continues to puzzle many people. Their attitude is: "I can understand the appeal of communism to the poor, the downtrodden, and the oppressed, but I cannot understand its appeal to the privileged who enjoy great wealth and receive the finest education possible."

The question reveals a failure, to understand the nature of communism. Many people cling to the delusion that communism is a working-class movement and that it seeks to raise the living standards of the poor. The fact is that communism is a movement of educated atheists and its purpose is to give total power to an elite minority so that a program, which they believe will regenerate and perfect human nature, may be enforced.

Frederick Vanderbilt Field is a man who was born to great wealth and into the highest social position. His parents came from two of America's wealthiest families, the Vanderbilts and the Fields. Nevertheless, he voluntarily embraced communism and devoted his talents and resources to promote its various causes. He even endured months of imprisonment in its service.

His autobiography, entitled "From Right to Left," has recently been published. In it he tells of his childhood in an enormous house on New York's Fifth Avenue. Some idea of the size of the house and his manner of life can be gathered from his statements:

"Our house at 645 Fifth Avenue had some terrible aspects. The quarters of the four menservants were below street level, actually tucked under the Fifth Avenue sidewalk... The women servants fared better; they lived on the fifth floor and had their own elevator." (Page 11)

Of course his family did not spend all their time in this mansion. They had second and third homes at Lenox, Massachusetts and Lake Mohegan, New York.

Naturally, he received the finest education available. He attended Hotchkiss Preparatory School and then Harvard University where he became president of the prestigious student magazine, the Harvard Crimson. After Harvard he attended the London School of Economics. In 1928, when he was 23 years old, he joined the Socialist Party. This organization was not sufficiently radical, so in the early thirties he joined the American Communist Party and maintained his affiliation throughout the repeated upheavals such as those brought about by the Hitler-Stalin Pact, the revelations of the murderous crimes of Stalin by Nikita Khrushchev, and the Soviet invasions of Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The Recruiting of a Communist

Four elements play an important role in guiding the footsteps of a young man or woman into the ranks of the communists. These are:

1. Materialist Philosophy
2. Disenchantment With Capitalism
3. Unfulfilled Religious Need

4. Intellectual Pride

Materialist Philosophy

Field was brought up and confirmed in the Episcopalian Church. He does not give details of the evolution of his religious ideas, but he embraced atheism during his student years. He reveals his atheism almost casually. In England, as a 22-year-old student at the London School of Economics, he and a companion decided to join the YMCA. This caused a dilemma which he reports as follows:

"The day after occupying the flat we visited the YMCA and were given membership applications to fill out. One of the questions asked whether we believed in Christ or were Christians or something like that. Being by that time nonbelievers and proud of it, as well as young men of high moral principle, but anxious, too, to find some way to keep healthy without putting much time or money into it, we found ourselves in a quandry. We missed the first two weeks of exercise, for it took us that long to make up our minds that the result would warrant the sacrifice. In the end, ethical principles gave way to physical considerations. We signed the Y's loyalty oath." (Page 66)

He studied Marx and accepted the Marxist concept of materialism. He explains it thus:

"The world by its very nature is material. This material world changes in accordance with the laws of movement of matter. To understand this process, there is no need to resort to an outside god or other spiritual concept. Such a material world is an objective reality which exists outside of and independent of one's mind. Matter is the source of sensations, ideas and thought; it is primary. Sensations, ideas and thought are reflections of matter and are therefore secondary—not in the sense that they are less important, but in the sense that they do not come first in the order of causation. The brain is the matter of thought; thought is the product of the brain. The brain, indeed, is the highest form of matter." (Page 156)

God and spirit are exiled from the universe. Since man is totally material, he has no soul, spirit, or continuing life. His value may be quantitatively different from other animals, but this is only a matter of degree. He has no unique individual infinite value. He is disposable.

Since there is no God, there can be no God-given laws or commandments; all morality is relative. Morality becomes a tool at the disposal of the rulers.

Disenchantment With Capitalism

Field's conversion to communism was a slow process. It took several years for him to graduate from socialism to communism. Much of this time was spent in study and travel. Although his autobiography gives the impression that he was cerebral, rather than physical, he wanted to be a doer as well as a thinker. He states:

"I wanted to participate in both aspects of knowledge, to dig out facts and to act upon them." (Page 145)

Both his study and his experience led him to the conclusion that capitalism must lead to imperialism and that it is therefore inherently evil and must be destroyed. He describes his study and experience, of imperialism thus:

"Counting the period at the London School, I had by that time spent a good part of eight years studying imperialism. I started with theoretical books and continued with travels in which I observed imperialism at work in various forms. I saw 'coolies' being exploited and chained prisoners crushing rocks. I lived behind walls and barbed wire to 'protect' me from the people whom I had come to visit. I was hated, spat upon, chased by barking dogs because I, a white foreigner, was assumed to be a running dog of imperialism. I stayed in foreign concessions where I 'enjoyed' extraterritorial rights. I met foreigners who were advising corrupt rulers. In the Philippines, I studied a special case of exploitation. I was present as foreign troops marched into Manchuria and met practically no opposition because the invaders had already corrupted the local leadership. I then sat in libraries where I read, looked up data, made calculations and figured out what it all meant." (Pages 150-151)

He reached the conclusion that it was impossible to have capitalism without imperialism. He states:

"Imperialism, I concluded, was part and parcel of capitalism... Imperialism is not a matter of choice for a capitalist society; it is the very life of such a society. In other words, imperialism is an integral part of capitalism, and it cannot be eradicated without eradicating the system in which it is embodied." (Page 151)

Since he wanted to act as well as understand, he must be a participant in the program to abolish capitalism. Since the communists were actively engaged in programs to bring this to pass, it seemed reasonable to join them.

Unfulfilled Religious Need

Field reveals that he had a longing to discover order and purpose in the universe. He is one of those individuals who cannot accept a universe of chaos and meaningless futility. He longs to make sense out of it all. Since he is convinced that there is no God, the door to religious interpretations and experiences is closed. In Marxism he finds a philosophy which introduces order and purpose if not ultimate meaning. Dialectical materialism becomes his religion. He writes:

"Dialectical materialism seemed to me to be a comprehensive and understandable approach to the world in which we live. It provides the base for understanding how our society operates. The material life of society comes first, in the sense of causation, and social ideas and theories, political views and institutions derive from it. New ideas and theories come into being only after the development of the material life has posed new problems for society to solve." (Page 156)

"The mode of production of a society determines the society itself. Its ideas and theories and institutions follow the changes in the way it produces its material values. Whatever is man's way of life, such is his manner of thought." (Page 157)

He knows the exhilaration of belonging to the elite few who have been chosen by the dynamic of history and entrusted with an understanding of its mysteries.

Intellectual Pride

Field does not display overt intellectual arrogance. He is not given to great proclamations and caustic condemnations. He is guilty of understatement rather than over-simplifications. His conclusions tend to be qualified rather than dogmatic.

Nevertheless, there is an underlying sense that he is one of a special kind. He is a thinker with the courage to act in accordance with his conclusions. He has no apparent sense of superiority because of his inherited wealth and social position, but he delights in mingling with the intellectual elite. His intellectual pride is not superficial, but deep-seated and real. Having reached the conclusion that the world must be changed, he cannot escape the conviction that he is one of those who have the responsibility and the qualifications to change it. He weighs the issues, counts the costs, and joins the communist party.

The Tragedy

Responding to the question, asked by a G.I., "Why do people become communists?", George Kennan, former ambassador to Moscow and a respected expert on communism, replied: "They must be psychological misfits."

His reply does not fit the facts. The truth is that communism appeals to the humane qualities of idealistic youth who have been rendered susceptible by an education which denies the existence of God and teaches that man is merely a material being. If man is merely an evolutionary animal, he is subject to change and improvement by the methods of animal husbandry. The practice of animal husbandry demands the existence, skill and energy of a husbandman, and the communist feels called to this responsibility.

The husbandman may be sincerely devoted to his animals, but he is obliged to follow certain laws of nature in order to be effective. The poorer and weaker strains must be eliminated while superior stock must be cultivated and developed. He must think in terms of the breed and the herd rather than the individual. He must always think in terms of the future rather than the present.

The communists apply these principles to the creation of superior human beings. To conduct an efficient program, they must discard bourgeois emotions such as friendship, loyalty and compassion. The improvement of the herd or the class becomes the criterion of good and evil.

Communism recruits by appealing to some of the humane qualities of youthful idealists. The recruit is then remolded by party discipline. All human tenderness is squeezed from him and replaced by a "scientific" morality based on faith in the higher wisdom of the highest form of being, the Communist Party, and obedience to its commands. The Communist Party becomes his god. To serve this false god, the communists are prepared to sacrifice countless human beings and even themselves. They become inhumane and ultimately inhuman. The concentration camp and the liquidation procedure appear on the agenda.

Jesus said:

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation." St. Matthew 12:43-45

If we identify greed and selfishness as the evil spirit, this gives a superb description of communism.

KARL MARX Vs THE U.S COMMUNIST PARTY

Karl Marx stated that class consciousness was created by the process of production. The organizational secretary of the U . S. Communist Party, Arnold Becchetti, states that class consciousness is dependent upon the activities of the communist party. In his report to the 23rd National Convention of the Communist Party U.S.A., he states:

"It is clear that if we do not relate to the immediate crisis problems of the class, we will not develop their deeper, longer-range understanding. Organizing workers for struggle for their own immediate needs shows them the power of organization." (Political Affairs, December, 1983, page 24)

Who will reconcile the ideas of Karl Marx and the U.S. Communists?

LESSONS FROM THE FORMULA FOR THE CONQUEST OF THE U.S.A (Part 10)

"External encirclement, plus internal demoralization, plus thermonuclear blackmail, lead to progressive surrender."

Once the surrender of the United States is obtained, the immediate objective of the communists will be to consolidate their power and to insure that no counter-revolution takes place. The steps that will be required to assure this have already been described.

Once the possibility of a counter-revolution is eliminated, the communist rulers will be free to carry out their programs with more security than previous conquerors of other countries. Communist rulers in the past have been aware of the fact that forces mighty enough to defeat them existed in the unconquered portion of the world and that they must not provoke these forces to definitive action. This imposed some limitations upon their freedom of action. Even Stalin was limited by this awareness.

The fate of the communist rulers of Cambodia (Kampuchea) is illustrative. By provocative forays against their larger neighbor, Vietnam, and by murderous excesses in the liquidation of millions of people, which tended to discredit communism, they provoked a military invasion by the Vietnamese army which defeated them and expelled them from Cambodia.

There would be no possibility of a similar situation affecting the communist rulers of the U.S. A. as the external forces adequate to defeat them and their Soviet sponsors would not exist. Their freedom of action will be complete.

Availability of Experts

Another problem that has perplexed communist conquerors of the past will be relatively minor in this country. The communists need trained and skilled personnel to administer the military, industrial and educational institutions which they create. Many conquered countries have had a dearth of such personnel. Most of the nationals with the necessary skills were tainted by the capitalist society in which they had been educated and trained. The Soviet Union solved this problem by retaining officers of the Czarist army under close supervision and using them to train communist officers who could replace them. A similar policy was followed with industrial managers. Trusted communists were appointed to supervise capitalist holdovers until their successors were trained and the bourgeois experts could be replaced. This provided a temporary respite for a section of the bourgeoisie.

In Cambodia, the communist leaders did not bother to sustain the basic conditions of civilized society. They killed all who could read and write immediately and created a society of primitive labor in which everyone worked in the fields growing rice.

After the communist conquest of the U.S.A., there would be a large pool of educated people upon whom the communists could draw. Many of these would be cursed by their capitalist origins and associations, but there will be a number of educated and trained workers of proletarian origin. From these a corps of military officers will also be available, and industrial managers can be recruited. Experts from other countries, such as Cuba, East Germany, and the Soviet Union, will also be available.

A dramatic drop in productivity and the standard of living will be acceptable to the communist rulers, even desirable as a means of testing and purifying the ranks of their supporters.

Guided by the doctrines of Marxism?Leninism, certain programs will be imperative, but the speed of execution of these programs may vary. The temperament of the communist leaders may affect the timing.

The communist program to regenerate human nature demands the liquidation of the bourgeoisie.

This was acknowledged by Karl Marx in the Manifesto of the Communist Party when he stated:

"You must, therefore, 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." (Manifesto of the Communist Party, Moscow edition ? 1973, page 66)

The necessity of the liquidation of the bourgeoisie has been reaffirmed and practiced by all the great communist conquerors: Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse?tung, Ho Chi Mirth, Kim Il Sung, and Pol Pot. The precise methods used to carry out the liquidation have varied because the personality of the leader influences the choice of method as well as internal and external circumstances. Communist Vietnam has chosen slow extermination in "Reeducation Camps" whereas Cambodia chose immediate mass murder. Stalin chose a combination of murder, starvation and extermination in labor camps, now known as the GULAG.

Castro chose to permit many of the bourgeoisie to leave Cuba. His choice was doubtless influenced by the need to maintain an image of respectability in the eyes of liberal sympathizers in the U.S.A. He also wanted to maintain Cuban leadership of the idealistic and naive revolutionaries of Latin America and the rest of the Third World. Since he was seeking to recruit and maintain the support of many Christians, particularly those influenced by Liberation Theology and those in positions of leadership in church councils and mainline denominations, he felt it necessary to use some discretion and not seem too brutal. In these circumstances, discretion suggested that it was preferable to eliminate the bourgeoisie by incarceration and exile rather than mass slaughter.

If the communists succeed in conquering the U.S.A., no considerations such as these will limit their freedom of action. It is probable that they will choose swift rather than gradual processes of class purification. On with the dance! Let the regeneration of man proceed! Death to the Bourgeoisie! Hail to the Classless Society!

The communist conquest of the U.S.A. would be irreversible. It is not merely a question of cherished rights such as freedom of speech and association, freedom from want and fear, freedom to raise and educate a family, and freedom to worship and serve God. It is literally a question of life and death. The communist husbandmen will dispose of the

lives of the diseased offspring of the bourgeoisie with the same indifference as the abortionist disposes of the unwanted child.

Communism must not win. To prevent their victory and the physical and spiritual carnage which it would bring, no sacrifice is too great. Our appropriate response is expressed by the words of this poem which was written by the British Ambassador to the U.S.A. during the 1914-1918 war:

I vow to thee, my country, All earthly joys above, Entire and whole and perfect, The service of my love. The love that asks no questions, The love that stands the test,

FAMINE

The Achilles heel of communist regimes is their inability to persuade their subjects to grow food.

Communist Rumania is suffering from a severe food shortage. There is undernourishment in many rural districts, and many children suffer from diseases caused by malnutrition.

The response of the communist authorities is typical. It may be summed up: "Force the farmers to grow more food." Regulations have been introduced as follows:

1. Land will be taken from any owner who does not put it to maximum use.
2. Peasant households of 2 to 3 people owning up to 7½ acres of farm land must raise at least 1 cow, 1 calf, 2 pigs, 5 sheep (or 2 goats), 10 hens, 60-80 chickens, 5 to 8 fowl (geese, ducks, turkeys), 10 to 15 rabbits, and work animals. One beehive must be kept, and enough silkworms to deliver 4 to 5 kilograms of silk cocoons to the state.
3. Households of 4 to 5 people must raise at least 3 cows, and those with more than 7½ acres of land must raise 2 cows and at least 10 sheep. The bigger the family, the larger the livestock quota.
4. Fruit trees must be planted in gardens, and berry bushes must line fences.
5. Farm buildings must be at least two stories high.

There is something bizarre about having to force farmers to grow food. That is like having to force a hungry boy to eat a dish of ice cream. Most farmers are eager to grow all the crops and raise all the animals they can. All they need is to have a fair and free market for what they produce and to be allowed the freedom to use their own initiative. The food will then flow like water over Niagara Falls.

Communism denies both of these requirements. It replaces incentive by coercion. Consequently it brings less food, but more fear.

IRAN

While involved in a debilitating war with Iraq, which has led to between 100,000 and 500,000 Iranian casualties, Iran has maintained an intransigent hostility towards the United States. It has now chosen to add to its woes by entering into open conflict with the Soviet Union also.

The pro-Soviet Communist Party in Iran is known as the Tudeh Party. This party has supported the Khomeini regime faithfully. Nevertheless, Khomeini's enforcers have now launched a lethal attack upon the Tudeh Party. Approximately 10,000 party members and sympathizers have been arrested. The leaders have been forced to appear on television and publicly renounce Marxism, calling upon their followers to embrace Islam. A number of the leaders of the Tudeh Party have been executed, and it is believed that many more secret executions have taken place.

It is not surprising that this persecution of the Iranian Communists has resulted in Soviet hostility towards the

Khomeini regime. Moscow is now supplying Iraq with much of the material it is using to bombard Iranian cities.

Khomeini and his disciples demonstrate the power of belief. Khomeini is prepared to stand alone and confront all the world. His youthful followers are prepared to walk unarmed into the minefields and into the mouths of the guns of the Iraqi forces. How difficult it is for self-indulgent cynics to understand such motivation.

The belief that material self-interest is the invariable guide to human action, which is the foundation of Marxism, is obviously delusional.

"COMMUNISTS REALLY DO BELIEVE IN COMMUNISM

"Contrary to what some sophisticated people contend, communists really do believe in communism. It may sound simple-minded to say that. But I, along with lots of other presumably well-informed people, had come to believe that the Russians and the Cubans really didn't believe in communism anymore. To be sure, they paid lip service to the ideology, and invoked Marx and Engels and Lenin and Stalin, but they didn't really believe in it. Therefore you could deal with them like anybody else. Well, once you start reading these documents you see that a great deal of very scarce money and manpower was invested in the indoctrination of the people of the island. Ideology meant a lot." (BRIEFING PAPER, The Institute on Religion and Democracy, Jan. 1984, page 2)

This statement is made by Dr. Michael A. Ledeen, a Senior Fellow at the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies, who is a former Rome correspondent for the NEW REPUBLIC and former executive editor of THE WASHINGTON QUARTERLY. He also serves as a consultant to the United States Department of State and the Department of Defense.

Dr. Ledeen is currently analyzing documents which were discovered, in enormous quantity, in Grenada when the people of that island were liberated from their communist masters by the American and Caribbean Armed Forces.

His statement will not come as a surprise to the readers of the Crusade newsletter. Since its inception, the Crusade has endeavored to teach the causal relationship between communist doctrines and communist deeds.

In 1958 I wrote the book "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)". The opening paragraph states:

"The thesis of this book is very simple. It is that Communists are Communists. I intend to show that they are exactly what they say they are; they believe what they say they believe. Their objective is the objective they have repeatedly proclaimed to all the world; their organization is the organization they have described in minute detail; and their moral code is the one they have announced without shame. Once we accept the fact that Communists are Communists, and understand the laws of their thought and conduct, all the mystery disappears and we are confronted with a movement which is frightening in its superb organization, strategic mobility and universal program, but which is perfectly understandable and almost mathematically predictable." (Page 1)

The lack of understanding of the nature and designs of communism of the candidates of the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, as revealed by their published statements, is alarming. They appear to pay no attention to the official statements of the communist leaders. Consequently we can expect them to be surprised when the communists behave as their doctrine directs, as President Carter was surprised when the Soviet forces invaded Afghanistan.

Konstantin Chernenko has stated that the Soviet Union is prepared to make any sacrifice to establish the "world dictatorship of the proletariat". This statement is contained in an article published in the December, 1982, edition of the WORLD MARXIST REVIEW. Surely this is a most significant affirmation which merits maximum attention and publicity. Nevertheless, I have seen no mention of it in any newspaper or magazine nor have I heard it mentioned on any television or radio newscast.

Until U.S. leaders face the unpalatable truth that the communist leaders are guided by the doctrines of Marxism? Leninism and determined to establish world communist dictatorship, the opportunities for communist deception and advance will be great. America needs leadership which is prepared to face and acknowledge the truth.

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Christian Anti-Communism Crusade

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Dear Friend,

"Half a loaf is better than no bread." This is true in the physical realm as malnutrition is certainly preferable to starvation.

It is also true with respect to the funds we are seeking to enable us to maintain and expand the work of the Crusade. I am asking our friends and supporters to double their donations this year if they can possibly do so. A few have already done this and some have indicated their intention to do it. There are others for whom this is impossible as their heart is larger than their purse. They have many fine causes to support and not enough money to disperse. The Crusade and I are grateful for whatever these people are able to give and esteem them as cherished friends. I am particularly grateful for the letters of encouragement which many send with their gifts.

At present we need both gifts and letters of encouragement. Income for March is about \$20,000 below that for March, 1983. Please let me hear from you.

In the realm of knowledge, half a loaf may not be better than no bread. As the poet says: "A little learning is a dangerous thing." A half-truth is often more dangerous than an outright falsehood.

I confess I am alarmed by the half-loaves of knowledge concerning communism which are displayed by the candidates for the Democratic nomination for President of the U.S.A. Consider the statement by Gary Hart that the problem in Central America is poverty, not communism. Believing this, he urges that all military aid to threatened governments, such as that of El Salvador, cease.

Poverty is certainly a problem which merits attention in Central America, but poverty has been in existence there since the dawn of history. To say that poverty causes communism is like saying that the weight of the atmosphere causes the science of aeronautics. Communists use poverty as aircraft use the weight of the atmosphere.

The immediate problem that threatens the stability of Central America is the use of poverty by a group of communists who seek to establish themselves in power, militarize the region and combine with the forces of international communism to encircle the U . S . A. militarily, economically, and psychologically; infiltrate it with illegal immigrants; and weaken it morally in order to obtain surrender by degrees.

To see the role of poverty and not the role of the communists shows partial blindness which could be deadly in the President of the United States.

We have a colossal task to educate U.S. leaders so that they can see the whole truth. Can anything be more important? I need your friendship and support. The \$2 million which we are seeking is the minimum that must be invested. Please let me hear from you.

With Christian love,

Fred Schwarz