To our BEACON readers and radio listeners:

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My dear friend of the Beacon and the radio:

We have never been hit with such an avalanche. I am sure you must feel that way, too. President Reagan took with him 600 of our government staff to Moscow for the summit. The media is really conditioning our country with the most favorable presentation of the Soviet Union. Only four senators voted against the INF treaty, including our good friends, Jesse Helms and Steve Symms, both of whom will be speaking at the Cape May Bible Conference this summer. It is the INF treaty — how will they keep this one when they have not kept the others? It is just full of double-talk and booby traps, and the Senate added to it that only their interpretation of it shall stand in case of difference with the White House.

The text I have been using repeatedly these days is: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). President Reagan has been saying that one of his objects was to get more freedom of religion in Russia. We are told that relations between church and state are improving, but how do they improve when the FBI report from 1986-87 that I have been using reveals that the churches are under the strict control of the Government and, most significant, the church preaches Communism, Marxism, as the message of Christianity? A Christianity that supports Communism is presented as having more liberty, but not a liberty that true Christianity requires in order to obey and honor the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here is a headline from our *Philadelphia Inquirer,* May 22, "Christianity Is Surviving in the USSR." It is surviving in the underground, the forest, and in unregistered churches. But what is surviving at the hands of the Government is simply not Christianity, and so the headline deceives. Go back 22 years to 1966. That is when Metropolitan Nikodim was at the World Council's World Conference on Church and Society in Geneva. I was there. How many times have I used this and sent it out and publicized it! Nikodim had everything in it: Southern Rhodesia, Angola, Mozambique, Vietnam, and then he states: "I should also like to say that Christians in the Soviet Union, as Archpriest Borovoi has already said in his commentary, have not only accepted the socialist revolution that took place in our country, but have and are active builders of a classless, socialist society."

Newsweek, May 30, featured Gorbachev on its cover with an exclusive: "His Game Plan." This was a lengthy interview with *Newsweek* and the editors of the *Washington Post.* In spite of the glowing feature, there were three things that simply came through. When he was asked about freedom of speech, he said: "Our people, while being firmly in favor of the renewal of society, and of change, has firmly expressed the view that changes should happen only within the boundaries of socialism, and on the basis of socialist values . . . We are going to work within the boundaries of the socialism we have chosen." There it is, the same statement he made at the close of his famous November 2 speech to the Supreme Soviets, where he concluded: "We are moving towards a new world, the world of communism. We shall never turn off that road!"

With this commitment Gorbachev paid tribute to Jesus Christ. In the feature story, "Short on Miracles," he truly exposed himself, "In last week's interview, he conceded that he was short on miracles. 'Jesus Christ alone knew answers to all questions and knew how to feed 20,000 Jews with five loaves of bread. We don't possess that skill.' " His elementary knowledge of the account in John 6 of the feeding of the five thousand was revealed when he said there were twenty thousand.

Obviously Gorbachev was using the name of Jesus Christ for his deceptive political purposes. The man is a deceiver, a hypocrite and an agent of Satan, and All Christians should recognize that. The *Wall Street Journal* in an advance report, went as far as to say: "The President is said to be convinced the Soviet leader believes in God." Where did he get that? Were his private talks with Gorbachev so emphatic that President Reagan was convinced? Was Reagan impressed with Gorbachev's statement when he arrived, December 7, and said, as he got off the plane, "With God's help we can get a treaty"?

This is frightening beyond words, but Gorbachev is apparently getting by with it with millions, as the liberal media made the summit a super occasion for their advancing Soviet propaganda.

As overwhelming as it may seem, our God is in the heavens and He still reigns. Never, never have I had such an opportunity to get to our people with the truth. This, therefore, is my most urgent appeal for the broadcast and my TV program. I also can get on cable, but we need the funds, monthly, regularly, faithful givers like you to do it for us. The summer is usually a very troubling time, but let us not let this happen with all of us. Please readjust, rearrange what you are doing with the money that belongs to the Lord. Pray over this letter. Gorbachev used the name of Jesus Christ, but he was mixed up and revealed his ignorance and also his game plan.

Join us now in the greatest crusade that we have ever launched to reach our people. We are to occupy, we are to resist and we are to honor the name of our God and His Son Jesus Christ, Thank you, thank you.

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