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From the Editor
An Open Invitation . . .

It is with distinct pleasure that *The Baptist* takes this issue in presenting CAUSA to its reading constituency. After attending three seminars at Philadelphia, Pa., Princeton, N.J., and Boston, Ma., I was afforded the opportunity for *reflection, renewal,* and *resolve.* "I thought on my ways and turned" (Psalm 119:59). The Good News Bible puts this quotation in modern language: "I have considered my conduct and I promised to follow your instructions."

CAUSA has not only convinced me; it has converted me. What a revolution has taken place in my thought pattern! I have received a new awakening. I have experienced new vistas, and I have received new strength to march again in the vanguard to proclaim "a new thrust for freedom." As Jesus so well trumpeted it to Nicodemus: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him should not perish but shall have eternal life. For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16,17).

"The time has come for all ministers of God to stand up together and be counted."

CAUSA is the rediscovery and revitalization of the old theological theory known as theism. *CAUSA calls it "Godism."* It has the same meaning. "Theos" means God. We think in the same terms but God is better understood in modern language than theism. In the final analysis the objective is the rediscovery and emphasis of God in relation to the universe and the destiny of humankind through the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. Hence, there must be repentance, regeneration, reconciliation, and redemption. When these four R's are experienced they are solidified by one word: RELIGION.

CAUSA then in its program which is strictly an ideological movement aims to bring peoples together under the one umbrella: *Godism.* If all religious and God-loving people can rediscover the universality of God then they can better their human relations for we all will acknowledge that God is our Father and we are the children of one Father. Then we will have no hesitation to pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever, amen." Again, that is why Jesus prayed that they should be one as we are one. Under the umbrella of the one church of God, we can stand up together against the powers of this world and put them to flight.

Dr. David N. Licorish

If one can chase a thousand and two can put ten thousand to flight, what about the world of Christendom rising up against a godless society?

WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?

The time has come for all ministers of God to stand up together and be counted. On the day of Pentecost when Simon Peter stood up in defense of the spiritual experience, the eleven disciples stood up with him. They were identified as followers of Jesus. They were involved and they became witnesses of Jesus as he had designated them to be. But Peter did much more than stand up. He lifted up his voice above the noise of the crowd and spoke to the spectators. I have seen many Baptist ministers at the three seminars that I have attended but I have yet to hear a bold and boisterous voice of a Baptist bravado speaking to or above the crowd in defense of Christianity against communism. CAUSA presents the evil ideology of communism in the simplest yet didactic and dynamic way so that even children can understand what it is all about.

COME AND SEE: INVITATION TO LEARNING

The magnanimous invitation of CAUSA is somewhat like that which Jesus extended to the two of John the Baptist disciples who inquired where he lived. Jesus responded with a gracious invitation: "Come and see." The record is, they went and stayed all that night with Jesus. Jesus must have possessed

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