

Their conscience bothers them, and they ovten try to salve it by giving money to the communist party, or by working in some way toward the overthrow of the system by which they have profited.

Perhaps this is the way in which God will bring an end to the progress our nation has made by allowing its people to turn against that which under God has been used to give it its material progress. To turn against it and eventually to destroy the present system, eventually perhaps to put us in a system of government control such as is in Russia today. A system in which people can only survive as they are helped by us, by others, or else can barely struggle along. Perhaps that is the way the Lord is going to bring to pass this verse so far as our nation is concerned! "Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years. But God said, Thou fool this night thy sould shall be required of thee."

Now I don't know what's ahead for our nation if the Lord tarries. There are many who feel the Lord must come this year, or next year or 20 years for now. I say, Praise the Lord if He does come today or tomorrow, or 20 years from now. But the Lord said, In such an hour as ye think not the Lord is coming back. And if we are sure it is going to be in this generation that's sure proof it won't be. In such an hour as ye think not! The Lord may tarry a few more centuries. We don't know. Or He might come right quick. God wants us to be ready if He comes right now. But He wants us to work as if we had ahead a whole life in which to serve Him.

What is ahead for our nation? Is our nation to disappear, to decline to nothing as so many have? You can point to section after section on the globe that was once a great center of civilization that today is just made up of people struggling along with practically nothing. Are we, if the Lord tarries, to be reduced to such a situation?

Well, I don't think we should worry too much about it. I think we should realize that -- the truth of these facts. But there is something I was greatly impressed with not long ago that I believe is so much more important that I believe we should bring it into connection with this very definitely. It is an idea that for an understanding I doubtless had the idea before but did not see its implications, which I got from reading Charles Coulson's book, Born Again. I was happy to hear recently that that book is to be issued in paperback. I think it is one of the finest books that has been published in our century. You hear much about the wonderful account of his conversion, which I think is grand, but I think the last part is even better where we read how he worked o ut his Christian life and served the Lord in the prison amidst great

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