

what these Christian Government texts might add:

what they say now:

ANTI-CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES & U.S. Foreign Policy

The U.S. repeatedly misjudged Cold War struggles in China, Cuba, Laos, and South Vietnam between 1945 and 1975, in each instance making all or some of the following mistakes.

misperception **reality**

Rebels in the conflicted nation were non-Communist "agrarian reformers," "left-wing democrats," idealistic "nationalists."

They were Communists – trained, financed, equipped by Russia or a satellite country.

Anti-Communists there were "reactionary elitists" whom the U.S. should shun.

The U.S. helped push the nation from bad authoritarianism to worse totalitarianism.

Ceasefires were desirable, on terms satisfactory to the Communists.

If anti-Communists were winning, the U.S. demanded ceasefires, which Communists violated to improve their position.

All parties to the conflict must join in a coalition government.

Communists in the coalition government seized the internal security apparatus. Anti-Communists then quit or were fired.

The U.S. should cut economic and military aid, to bend anti-Communists to the ceasefires and coalition government.

Communists got much military aid from the Soviet bloc.

Anti-Communists were demoralized because their leaders were corrupt.

Anti-Communists were demoralized because they lacked arms and ammunition.

The U.S. was fighting Communism.

The U.S. was empowering Communists.

Communists won due to internal causes beyond U.S. control.

The capacity for self-deception was great because the need for illusion was deep.

The same recurrent syndrome of errors vexed U.S. diplomacy for 30 years due to a subliminal sharing of Communists' utopian socialist goals to ...

Redeem man politically, not vicariously.

Regenerate man environmentally or institutionally, not divinely.

Fulfill man materialistically, not supernaturally.

Unite man immanently, not transcendently.

... whose premise was ...

Man is good or perfectible.

The state can transform him.

Christ was not divine.

... which contained a death wish:

"He that sinneth against Me
wrongeth his own soul:
all they that hate Me
love death."

Proverbs 8:36

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Much on contrasts between Christian and Communist beliefs; nothing on utopianism and U.S. diplomacy

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