

The degradation of the individual in a totalitarian state is a logical consequence of the principle that only the leader shall think about important matters. A subordinate who has his thinking, even his feelings, set for him in an approved pattern can only become an automaton responding mechanically to the three totalitarian pushbuttons—*Believe! Obey! Fight!*

It is not just an accident of moral depravity, moreover, that dictatorships are unfriendly to the free exercise of religion. The great religions of Christianity and Judaism have at the very heart of their teachings a profound respect for the sanctity and the worth of the individual. A regime which passes the duty of making personal judgments, even moral judgments, from the individual to the head of a nation, is doomed to clash with religion in our modern world. It should be a matter of small wonder that clergymen of all sects are likely to be met with disfavor, if not with the concentration camp or the firing squad, wherever the new type of totalitarian dictator is in command. To such a regime a clergyman is dangerous. At any moment he may teach his people to think for themselves, and when he does so he is acting contrary to the interests of one who would do their thinking for them.

The truth makes men free, and freedom makes them strong. This is the principle which the world's current enemies of freedom want to destroy. The dictators cannot endure if freedom of thought and action is preserved. To preserve these priceless possessions is the aim and objective of America. In order to do so, we have arranged our Defense, and the active assistance of every citizen is needed to accomplish our purpose. For America's sake, Do Your Part!