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One further point in this book must be mentioned, and that is Mr. Strachey's view of Communism in a chapter entitled *The Nature of Communism*. The reader is struck by the fact that Communism is considered solely as an economic machine, that economics are to be the 'basis' of all life. This theory of economic materialism was taught by Marx, and it forms the basis of all Communistic literature. But Communism, as it exists in Russia to-day, is more than this; it is a religion. It is as a religion that it is endeavouring to supersede Christianity. It is for this reason that Communists are willing to suffer so much for the sake of the State. Not an ordinary state, but a sacred, theocratic state. This is the reason why the only effective way of combating 'economic' Communism is by setting up an economic system based on religion—Christianity.

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OUR little daylight is so weak, so small,  
Love in us hardly knows its good; we go  
Like blind men, clinging to the things we know,  
Lest groping grip its destiny, lest all  
Our custom-cover, like a riven pall,  
Flag forth flame-shaft of Thy glory-glow,  
And Thou brush world-clouds from Thy face and show  
Thy Love-wounds suddenly, beyond recall.

We waste our time, we rub our lives away;  
Oh, timid, shuffle all along the wall,  
Tapping out year-lengths, leaning on delay.  
Who knows the alley ends, breaks off, to-day,  
And now's no guide? But, will-nill, stand or fall,  
Strive we, flinch we cannot, *see* Thee! What then shall  
we say?

BERNARD KELLY.