

Our aim—to which we must be pledged in joyous, generous and confident dedication — is ever clear, ever the same. It is the idea of human freedom—that glorious gift of our Judeo-Christian traditions. This idea — democracy — is not a mere sentimental mood, nor some casually inherited persuasion. It is a doctrine of life and a definition of man.

None knows this better than the Communist himself. Karl Marx said plainly: "The democratic concept of man is false because it is Christian. The democratic concept holds that . . . each man has a value as a sovereign being." And he roundly declared: "This is the illusion, dream and postulate of Chiristianity, that man has a sovereign soul."

We know the truth—the everlasting truth — behind those words: this is the dream and the postulate that, through all the ages of Judaism and Christianity, have given strength and dignity and purpose to free men defying tyrants.

There are, I suggest, two particularly vital areas of the world today where this dream must be embraced—this postulate proven—if freedom is to live.

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