

WHY STALIN IS GOD

Many Christians view Stalin as an individual equal to Christ. We will try to figure out the foundations of this belief.

Let's begin by studying Soviet folklore, where we will find these noteworthy lines:

*Comrade Stalin, you important scientist,
You make sense of linguistics
I'm just a common Soviet prisoner
And my comrade is a gray Bryansk wolf.*

That is, the Soviet citizen sees Stalin primarily as a some sort of notable scientist. This is confirmed in other documents of that era. In honor of Stalin's 60th birthday, a celebratory general meeting of the Academy of Sciences was held. In the opening remarks, this was said:

...The works of comrade Stalin solve the hardest problems of the social sciences. The strength of the logic, absolute proofs and exactness of Stalin's works are exemplary for the natural and hard sciences. For us scientific workers, the Stalinist strictness and sequence of thought, Stalinist logic and dialectics, Stalinist integrity are examples for us to follow.

The party of Lenin and Stalin has assigned great importance to science in our country, and has created exceptional conditions for its blossoming. With happiness and creative enthusiasm tens of thousands of Soviet scientific workers follow the Stalinist path, serving the people, giving their knowledge for the use of the people, handing it over to new scientists in the people.

We are happy that we are living in the Stalinist era, we are proud that we are working under the leadership of the great Stalin, we are happy that the leader of our country is a great scientist.

Stalin was given the title of an honored member of the Academy of Sciences during that same meeting.

We, the representatives of our country's scientific community, lifted by Lenin and Stalin to unimaginable heights, consider it a great honor to include a name, near and dear to us, authoritative for all scientists of the world—the name of Stalin in the ranks of honorable members of the Academy of Sciences. May this choice be a new stimulus for new scientific works for the use of our motherland and the whole of humanity. I am requesting the election of Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin into the honorable members of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

The request of the senior academic is met with loud applause that went on for a long time. Soviet scientists do a standing ovation in the honor of comrade Stalin.

This text was published in the Herald of the Soviet Academy of Sciences that same year:

The Academy of Sciences of the USSR is sending, on the day of your 60th birthday, a passionate greeting to the greatest thinker of our time and luminary of forefront science.

You, like Lenin, are a lighthouse for all progressive humanity. The names of Lenin and Stalin will rule the minds of upcoming generations.

The old guard of scientists and the scientists of the young generation of the Soviet Union work and obtain victory using you as an example. You are an unending fountain of inspiration for us. Your name calls Soviet scientists to the conquering of new heights of theory and practice.

The thousand-strong collective of workers of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR under your genius leadership will continue to wage a decisive war for the forefront position of Soviet science, for it to prosper.

It is hard to imagine that these words can be faked: it's clear that Soviet people truly believed in that which they were saying. And thus, there is an obvious conclusion: Stalin was some sort of god of science, he was an example, thus the ideal of a scientist.

From history we know, that such a god, for example, existed in Ancient Egypt: there was a god of wisdom and knowledge Thoth, who was the patron god of rational thought: measurement and counting, reason and literacy. This is that same greatest, true, or ideal scientist. In addition to this the god was considered the inventor of language: and Stalin knew a lot of linguistics. This god was also considered a divine secretary, as he constantly was recording something, and acted as the middleman between the worlds of the gods and of humans. Stalin was the general secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU.

But how could it happen, that this god suddenly appeared in the Soviet Union? Did something supernatural really happen?

First we need to figure out what is a god and how gods are tied to humanity. In modern times the prevailing attitude is that God is something that is incomprehensible, something far away; you can choose to believe or not; if somebody announces that they are God, they would be ostracized and labelled as crazy. But this is just the modern, stereotypical and limited understanding of divinity.

In Antiquity it was normal that, for example, a cult priest was seen as a direct representative or physical embodiment of the god that he worshipped. If nowadays a

priest is simply a human who can ask God of something for you, the cult priest represented God in the first person. Moreover, it is this form of worship, from the first person, which is the most natural. For humans it is normal to see God in nature, in oneself, in other people.

This is why the God-Pharaoh in Ancient Egypt was not a freak, but on the contrary the most normal, naturally occurring form of religious feeling. How could people create for themselves an idea of God? Since ancient times, people noticed in each other qualities like kindness, wisdom, bravery, rationality, that is, some sort of ideals which everybody admires and wants to have. And they called these ideals gods or spirits. In modern times we call these virtues. And so a person who embodies these ideals through their actions becomes a god. Even if we do not believe this, if we are atheists, we have pleasant, reverent feelings, even love, towards that type of person. This is the manifestation of God in our lives.

Because of this, though nobody really thought Stalin was God, he was one – in the truest, most literal meaning of that word – judging by the peoples' love towards him. Some may disagree: they say there was censorship in the Soviet Union, you could not say anything against him – so they had no choice but to love him. But it must be admitted, that somebody had to enforce the censorship, to send you behind bars if you did not love Stalin. Stalin himself did not do this, this was done for Stalin, he was loved by others this much.

In Hinduism there exists the concept of an avatar – the material manifestation of a god in a physical body. This is referenced in the movie "Avatar", where people, arriving at an alien planet, use special costumes – "avatars" – to blend in with the natives. In ancient myths we also see that gods are very similar to people in strange ways, they are the virtues which are seen in certain people.

Now let's look at the trait of rationality. Of course, it includes many more things than the ability to think, count, and do science: it is the idea that the world is arranged rationally and intelligently, that it can be described using the language of science. In mythology there is the idea of a big Book which describes how the world was created, and this book was authored by God. Or, in other cases, the whole world is that Book, and God creates the world with the Word. Thus the God of the Bible is the god of a rationalist cult. Also, how did he appear? According to the Bible, he was expelled from Egypt.

Thus Stalin was not just an ancient deity – he was that same God that Christians worship. In a critical time for the nation, and the whole world as well, he descended from the heavens, wearing a sick mustachioed avatar, and started cleaning things up: restoring industries, empowering science, and one could say he built a communist heaven for the

honest person, and sent bad people to the Gulag. He defeated a world evil – Hitler, and even restored Israel as once was promised.

And if only at least somebody would thank him, but no. Stalin didn't even leave yet, when the Russians destroyed everything again, and then blamed God (Stalin) for everything. In that same Ancient Egypt god-kings were buried with honors: a big pyramid was built for them, but in our case we spat on his back. God saw this ungratefulness, and decided not to help Russia anymore.

What can be fixed in this situation? All religious people need to unite for a collective repentance before Stalin: to ask forgiveness for not recognizing him and gossiping against him. Then God may show kindness, and the suffering of the country will end.

Some may disagree: under Stalin all religious people were persecuted. But judge for yourself: if people who believe in You did not acknowledge Your presence, You would be upset too. The following fact supports the idea that Stalin was an avatar: it is hard to believe that a simple Georgian, working as a humble secretary, could have gained such great power.

If one looks at this from a purely materialist perspective, they you still must admit that Stalin was God in the eyes of the people – even if nobody called him that. That is, he was the symbol of the rational structure of society, science, and fairness. And when this symbol was tainted by gossip, the Soviet government was destroyed. Thus even in this case repentance will be important for the restoration of this symbol.

Now let's return to the lyrics, which were quoted in the beginning. We have already established that Stalin is God, but who is the Soviet prisoner? As we know, in philosophy it is believed that a person consists of an intangible soul and physical body. The initially free soul, when becoming a human, is given a material shell, becomes trapped in the body, and loses its freedom. That is the prisoner is the human, and in that way, the song is a dialog of a human being and God.