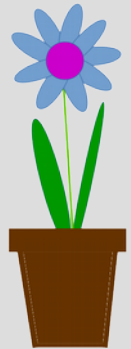


THE FABLE THAT FAILED

Not so long ago, a land not so far away was ruled by evil people who called themselves “Communists”. They treated the other people of the land very badly and kept them prisoners; but they tried to fool the people into believing that their government, the “**State**”, was all that there was. They wanted the people to believe that there was no help and no hope outside the **State**. One way they tried to fool the people was to take young students and give them this demonstration:

At school, the teachers, who worked for the **State**, would plant some flower seeds, then divide the flower pots into two groups. One group was placed in a good sunny place, watered and fertilized regularly, and grew beautiful flowers.



The other pots would be placed in cool, shady places, and never watered or fertilized. Those flowers, of course, did not do well. As soon as the food that was contained in the seed was used up, the plants wilted and died.

Then the **State** told the children that this proved there was no God. The **State** was like the teacher who watered and fertilized the plants. Without the **State**, they said, everyone would wilt and die, because there was no God to help them.

Most of the children, however, knew in their hearts that this was not true. It was God who made the seed, not the **State**; and God it was who gave the soil, the water, and the sunlight. God gives good gifts to mankind; but mankind has the freedom to use God's gifts for good, or for evil. And that is the real truth of the fable; the Communists treated the people like the flower seeds. Some they chose to live, and others they chose to die, whichever served their own selfish purposes.

When the opportunity came at last, the people turned out the evil Communists in that land; but, alas, Communists (under other names) are still trying to fool people in other lands till this very day.

Those who deny the existence of God, deny the value of people.