

The Human and Divine in Religious Education

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EDUCATION involves the teaching process. Wherever there is the teaching process, there is the teacher. In Christian religious education, there is the Christian religious teacher. This teacher is recognized in Holy Writ, and therefore the seal of God is upon the person who engages in this sacred calling. Jesus himself is called "teacher" more than he is called "preacher." The Great Commission of Matthew 28:20 says: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." In Ephesians 4:11 we find that among the gifts Christ gave unto men were, "Some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers." These teachers were given in the church to bring men "unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the son of God."

The latter text quoted indicates that the body of Christ is not yet brought into full unity of the faith, but the object of teachers is so to teach that this unity shall be attained. In this teaching process we must lean heavily upon the Lord for his power of assistance to illuminate our hearts and understanding so that we shall be able to reach our objective.

In the work of God in the earth miracles are not the ordinary course of affairs, and we do not consider that a teacher in his teaching process is to be the subject of a series of miracles. If God desires to manifest himself especially in a miraculous way through teachers at times there is plenty of room for those who believe in miracles (and the writer is one who does) to consider that God can so work. But it seems to be God's will not to work continuous miracles. I think it is good that he does not. It has always been God's plan to bring out the best in man, and the best in man cannot be brought out except through man's own human strivings. This began

back in Eden when God gave man free will and told him to use it.

When Paul wrote to Timothy he told him to study to show himself approved. That is, Timothy was to do something himself to exhibit to the world that he could rightly divide the word of truth and show forth the true Christian life in his everyday conduct. When it comes to teaching, there are certain pedagogical laws that apply, without



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which application one is a failure. Some may have made a success in their teaching without formally studying these laws, but nevertheless they use them. There are thousands of teachers who are not so fortunate as to have a native capacity for discovering these laws, but who must laboriously and patiently learn them if they would succeed as teachers.

In Christian religious education a person will not succeed without first a touch of the divine upon him in the new birth, but there have been many who have been born again who have made sad failures because they failed to take into consideration the fact that God in his ordinary working with mankind desires us to strive

to learn the best way and use the best methods in accomplishing the work which he has given unto us. There have been some brilliant people who have thus failed. They relied upon their own native endowment, considering that that was sufficient to carry them through. Many have tried to bluff their way through on their own personalities but in the end they found that they had built upon a foundation of stubble and their works were "burned up." Others of lesser natural capacity patiently set about to prepare properly for the work and, through their faithfulness to the task and God's cooperation with them in the work, they became a success.

It pays to take time to prepare. We may say that souls will be lost while we are preparing. Yes, but I am afraid that more souls will be lost through lack of preparation after we have started our work. Bungling does not go in the professions of law, or medicine, or music, in the realm of authorship, etc. A poorly prepared man is generally found out and the longer the delay in finding it out the sadder it is for the man who neglected preparation.

A good deal of bungling has been done and souls have been lost because of the failure to recognize the human element which God has so beneficently provided in his plan to bring out the best in mankind.

Why did thirty years of Jesus life pass before he engaged in the work he came to do? Why was it the great Apostle Paul was not called to his great task to the Gentiles until about the same age? Why is it that most of the great preachers and gospel workers in the past ages were men who did not rush to the task, depending upon supernatural, miraculous manifestations to make a success of their work, but were men who carefully and patiently prepared for the work

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EDITORIAL

LIVING BY BREAD ALONE

Man was not made to live by bread alone. Jesus told the Devil that centuries ago, and it is none the less true today than it was when Jesus refused at the behest of Satan to make bread out of the stones which lay about the pathway. What Jesus was trying to tell the Devil was this: that man is a spiritual being as well as a physical being; that he has spiritual appetites which must be satisfied; that man has a faith to be nurtured as well as a body to be fed; that without this faith we cannot please God; that there is a vast realm of reality which cannot be seen with these two balls in our heads, which cannot be touched by physical hands, which cannot be subjected to scientific analysis, which cannot be bought and paid for with anything like money; that happiness is a spiritual thing growing out of service to God and man rather than a thing to be given to one in the form of a pay envelope or pay check; that financial prosperity may mean spiritual bankruptcy; that when a nation builds without any consideration for non-material values it is building for a storm. The storm is certain to come sooner or later.

And all this is just what the Devil could not or would not get into his head. And that is why he is the Devil. And all this is what America and practically all Europe has refused to see. For about a dozen years now--since the close of the World War--America has been "living by bread alone", and has forgotten "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God". Scientific research and mechanical inventions

have wrought wonders. Millions of fine automobiles have carried the jolly throng along the pleasant highways; the heavens have been filled with the hum of the flying machine; expensive radios carry jazz into millions of homes; elegant furnishings have adorned the homes even of the "common people"; mammoth industrial corporations have sprung up with only material ends in view; giant universities, backed by millions of money, have taught tens of thousands of our youth that man is only a citizen of time; millions of youngmen and young women have approached the marriage altar without the faintest thought of any consideration but the physical and material; an avalanche of stinking literature has been poured out over the land; millions pour forth each week to see a screen and a stage none too decent; and other millions go wild over football and the prize fight. Religion has been kept up as a show of respectability or else sneered at. Churches have been empty. Sunday Schools have run down. The family altar has been forsaken. Revivals have died out. Many question whether American and England are Christian or pagan.

So built we the house on the sand. Now the storm has broken, the rasins are descending, the floods are raging. The elements are beating and the house is falling. We have lost our jobs. We can't pay for our fine furniture. Our automobiles are about to be taken away from us. Many of us can't buy anything for our table. American has been living by "bread alone" and the bread is now taken

AT THE OHIO CAMP MEETING

I spent two days at the Springfield camp meeting. A group of us, including R. L. Berry and E. F. Adcock, motored over for the last Friday and Saturday of the meeting. While a great many of the ministers had left, some of them to other camp meetings, yet there was a big crowd and much inspiration. Brother Berry had arranged with the committee to speak in behalf of the Associated Budgets of which the College and Seminary is a part. So the general service at 10:30 a.m. on Friday was turned over to him. He made a strong plea for these general interests of the church--the strongest I have heard him make. The people were deeply interested in his plea. The idea of the Associated Budgets simply meets with the approval of all reasonable persons who hear it explained. Every day new churches are cooperating to make all our general interests succeed. The plan is simple, efficient, fair, reasonable, Christian. How could anybody reject it?

In the 2:30 service of Friday Rev. E. L. Bleiler, returned missionary from India spoke. Brother Bleiler is the fiery little preacher he was when he graduated from the school in 1923. He has spent six years in India. His subject at Springfield was "Heathenism and Its Cure". He stirred the large audience by his earnest appeals.

Saturday at Springfield had been set aside as Young People's Convention Day. And a great day it

was. From early morning till late evening the young people themselves were in charge. They planned and carried out the program. And the program for the whole day came up to a fine standard with regard to spiritual, social and intellectual interests. It has been many a day since I witnessed a more impressive young people's service than the 10:30 service on convention day. They did not have the speaking done by the older people but rather two young men spoke in this service--one of them just out of High school. It had been planned to hold a business meeting at the close of the service but when the two young men had finished speaking, the spirit of evangelism was running so high that an altar service was held and the business meeting postponed until the afternoon. Nearly fifty young people bowed at the altar to give themselves fully into the service of Christ. It was an inspiring scene to look upon.

At six o'clock in the evening the young people held their banquet in the camp ground dining hall. Nearly three hundred young people attended this meeting and others were turned away because the dining hall would not accommodate more. They had invited me to give the banquet address, which I did, using as my subject, "Things That Count".

May God bless our brethren in Ohio in general and the young people in particular.

--J. A. M.

LOW EXPENSES AT ANDERSON

Anderson College and Theological Seminary offers training at a minimum cost. Tuition is as low as is consistent with the high grade of instruction offered. Special concessions are given to students who are the children of ordained ministers. One-half the

railroad fare of students coming from Pacific Coast states is paid by the College. Fees for room and board are low at Anderson. If you are financially able to go to college anywhere you are able to go to Anderson.

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away. She has no faith to fall back on in this sore time of need. Financial depression and spiritual starvation is her plight. And what is the result? Exactly what always results when men live by bread alone, disappointment and discouragement. Men, multitudes of them, are walking our cold city streets with bitter hearts. They are filled with fear, with hate, with envy. They are ready to blame anything or anybody for their unhappy state. America is turned into hell because she forgot God.

And what is the remedy? Well, economists and business experts tell us that after so many months or so many years conditions will right themselves. Perhaps so, quite likely. They always have. But the real answer lies in religion. There must be born in the hearts of men a new and deeper faith. They must be brought back to the realization again that the things that are really worth while lie along lines of self-sacrificing service. America must come back and be willing to live by bread but not "bread alone". "Every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" must be given heed to.

--J. A. M.--

On a recent visit to Nebraska President Morrison visited in the home of E. I. Phillips at Gordon. Mr. Phillips graduated here in 1923. He is now farming near Gordon and preaches occasionally. Brother Morrison also visited Rev. L. A. Hatch, '21, pastor at Omaha. Brother Hatch is doing a fine work at Omaha.

HOW I CAN HELP ANDERSON COLLEGE

1. I can send cash donations, large or small to help in current expenses.
2. I can urge others to do likewise.
3. If I cannot send cash I can help prepare food for the college dining hall. I know that all kinds of fruits and vegetables are usable. Perhaps I can butcher a hog or a beef, if I am a farmer.
4. I can send donations of bedding and rugs.
5. I can pay on my Endowment pledge.
6. I can help support a student.
7. I can try to interest students in Anderson. I can tell prospective students of the many advantages of Anderson--of The Christian faculty, of the Christian student body, of the high moral and religious tone, of the splendid educational standards, of the low financial expense.
8. I can pray for the School. I can pray for the President and faculty that God may give them wisdom in these trying times. I can pray for the Board of Trustees. I can pray for the student body. I can pray for earnest parents who are struggling to help their children through college.

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NEWS NOTES AND PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Amy K. Lopez, who has spent the summer in England resting and visiting relatives, plans to reach Anderson in time for the beginning of the new school year September 19.

Professor and Mrs. H. C. Hart-selle have spent several weeks this summer visiting his relatives in Alabama. They will return to Anderson in time for the opening of school.

Professor H. C. Clausen is visiting his relatives in Nebraska. His mother is eighty-two years of age.

Mrs. Morrison and her helpers are busy getting the dormitories in readiness for occupancy by September 19.

Rev. H. A. Sherwood, former student pastor and teacher of History, recently closed a successful meeting at Lancaster, Ohio. He has assumed the pastorate at Bogansport, Indiana. He will be one of the speakers at the Young People's Convention in Milwaukee over Labor Day. He will also speak at the Indiana State Young People's Convention at New Albany.

Dean and Mrs. Olt spent a week visiting his mother at Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. A. F. Gray, Vice-President of the Seminary, is one of the speakers at the International Young People's Convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Anna Koglin has spent the summer at her home in Minnesota. She will reach Anderson in time for the opening of school.

Rev. Myrl V. Cross, class of '23, has been supplying as pastor at Eleventh and Topping Streets, Kansas City, Mo. His father, Rev. Wayne V. Cross, the regular pastor, has been visiting in the east.

The new athletic director, Mr. George D. Montague, writes that he will be on hand a few days before school opens. Mr. Montague is a brother to Rev. Crady Montague of Mississippi, who graduated here in 1920.

Rev. Ernest Bleiler, former student here, who has spent several years in India, is home on a furlough. He and Mrs. Bleiler and their little boy are visiting churches and camp meetings in America this summer.

Albert Donaldson, who was a student here last year, will not return this fall, having accepted the pastorate at Cynthiana, Ky.

Rev. Charles V. Weber, a former student, visited President Morrison at his camp in the Ozarks. Brother Weber was on his way to the Flat, Missouri, camp meeting where he was to be the evangelist.

Others who visited President Morrison at his camp were Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Hartwig of Tulsa, Okla., Rev. Myrl V. Cross and family, temporarily of Kansas City, Mo., Rev. Gordon J. Morrison and family of Marienthal, Kans.

Reports from both our college quartets indicate that they are meeting with fine success in their summer's work.

WITH THE ALUMNI

REV. WALTER SHRINER HEADS ALUMNI

As was announced in these columns last month, Rev. Walter Shriner was elected president of the Alumni Association of Anderson College and Theological Seminary at its annual meeting held on the lawn of President Morrison's home in June. Mr. Shriner succeeds Rev. Lawrence Brooks of the class of '27, Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverend Shriner came to the School several years ago from Lima, Ohio, where he graduated from the Seminary with the class of '25. He was married to Miss Daisy Hardacre, an Anderson girl who graduated in '25 from our Religious Education Department.

Soon after graduation the Shriners received a call to the pastorate at Belding, Michigan. They accepted the invitation and since that time they have labored faithfully to build up the kingdom of God in that Michigan town.

President Shriner will be assisted in the administration of the affairs of the Association by Edgar Busch, '22, Vice-president, Mrs. Edgar Williams, '31, of Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer, and Miss Anna Koglin, '21, Alumni Editor.

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Word from Rev. Elmer Rich, pastor at Arkansas City, Kans., says that he plans to begin a revival there early in September. The Jubilee Quartet of Anderson College will be with him in part of the meeting.

Rev. Luke L. Bennett, class of '24 has recently completed a new tabernacle at New Albany, Ind., where he has been pastor for four years. Dr. H. M. Riggle preached the dedicatory sermon and held a revival at the tabernacle in July.

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Miss Mona Moors, '22, of Cuttack India, presents the library with a copy of an autobiography of Mr. Gandhi, the great Indian leader.

Rev. Henry Hartman who graduated this year and took the pastorate at Battle Creek, Mich. was in Anderson recently. He speaks encouragingly of his work there.

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ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Dear Brother Reynolds:

I am inclosing fifty cents to renew my subscription to the Broadcaster for another year.

I would like to see more news about both the school and the Alumni. Perhaps there is no more Alumni news because there are a number of others like myself. They don't send any news in about themselves. Maybe I had better do my bit by saying a word about myself. During the past year I have been serving as young people's leader and assistant to the Sunday School superintendent. Since I live in a land of corn bread and biscuits, I spend some of my time baking them.

Here's looking for the next Copy of the Broadcaster.

Faye (Swick) Carte.

Charleston, W. Va.

Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Fansler, graduates of the Seminary, are assisting H. A. Sherwood in the pastorate at Logansport, Ind.

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CONGREGATIONS CANNING FRUIT

A large number of congregations in states within reach of Anderson are canning fruit and vegetables for the college dining hall. Many shipments of empty jars have been sent out. Our friends are urged to help us out all they possibly can. We are facing a winter of great trial and we need the cooperation of all our friends. Remember that anything usable on your own table is usable in the college dining hall. Tomatoes, corn, beans, (canned and dried) pickles, sour kraut, onions, butter, eggs, lard, meat, etc.

In some places the ladies of the church are getting together in canning bees to carry on this good work. Last year in one small town more than thirty women gathered at the home of one of their members to peel apples and make apple butter. How the students did enjoy that fine apple butter! Help us all you can and then write us about it and we will arrange some way to have the fruit hauled to Anderson.

On Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, August 28, Opal Davis, '32, was married to Mr. Paul Bengtsen of Madrid, Iowa. The wedding took place on Brother Morrison's lawn with Brother Morrison officiating. Miss Davis travelled with the Anderson College Ladies Quartet for two years. Mr. Bengtsen is a former student of the Seminary. After a short honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Bengtsen will make their home at Madrid.

Rev. Walter Haldeman, '24, and family were in Anderson a few days the last of August. Rev. Haldeman will continue his studies this coming year at Northwestern University.

Miss Marie Drennen, class of '30, was recently married to Rev. Eustace Johnson of Charleston, W. Va. The wedding took place at Sturgis, Mich., and the officiating minister was Rev. O. C. Dennison, pastor there. At present Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are in Charleston but plan to come to Anderson at the opening of school as Mr. Johnson lacks one year of having completed his work here.

Carl Kardatzke, '24 who taught last year at Warner Memorial, will work this year on his Ph.D. degree at Kentucky State University.

Fred Schminke and Streeter Stuart are sailing for France where they will attend school. Mr. Schminke graduated here in June and Mr. Stuart graduated at Oklahoma State University. He did the first three years of his work here.

Word comes to this office that Rev. John Lackey, '32, who recently assumed the pastorate at Vandergrift, Pa., is getting started off nicely in his new field of labor. He succeeds as pastor Rev. I. S. McCoy, one of the pioneer preachers of Pennsylvania. Brother McCoy has accepted the pastorate at Apollo, Pa.

Dennis Larabee, '29, is doing some repair work about the main building in the college this summer.

Dean Olt and family left early for Atlanta where arrangements are being made for the International Young People's Convention. Helen Percy was also in the party who motored through.

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that they were to do? Surely in all these cases it was recognized both by God and his humble servants that in his plan he desires his people to develop and exercise their own personalities.

There is a law in logic called the law of the excluded middle in which an "either or" is considered essential. This fallacy has caused great retarding in the progress of religious education. It was said that we had either to accept divine or the human, when as a matter of fact there is no antagonism. It is not the divine or the human, but in the work of Christian religious education the divine and the human go hand in hand in cooperative endeavor. There is no doubt that some have in their reliance upon their own narrow intellect excluded the divine in their search for knowledge, but this abuse in the realm of religious education is no argument against religious education itself, nor a just cause for saying that religious education necessarily excludes the divine. It could also be pointed out that the zeal of the mystic he has often stepped out of the way of God by accepting what he considered wholly the divine and excluding the human. Taking either path, one will leave a stream of human wreckage as he goes.

The Lord has told us if we lack wisdom that we should ask it of Him and He will give to us liberally. Let us petition him to help us to keep in the center of His will in our religious educational work, following the great Master Teacher, without whose abiding presence we shall not be able through our teaching processes "to attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God."

It is for want of application rather than means, that men fail of success.--Rochefoucauld.

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THE LAMENT OF A WOULD-BE STUDENT

The students are coming from far
And near.

The halls will be ringing with
Laughter and cheer.
(But I'll not be there.)

They'll be coming up the winding
Walks and pushing through the
Door

Looking for the faces of those
They've known before.
(But I'll not be there.)

There'll be meetings in the lobby
And greetings on the stair;
"Hello, old friend", and "Welcome,
Stranger", gladness everywhere.
(But I'll not be there.)

They'll be strolling through the
Campus, with eager restless
Feet,
Sitting by the fountain, recalling
memories sweet.
(But I'll not be there.)

They'll be tramping down to
Supper, good old beans and soup,
Pausing first to thank their God,
Who feeds the hungry group.
(But I'll not be there.)

They'll be gathering in the chapel
Where prayers and praise arise
Tears of joy and homesickness
Mingling in their eyes.
(But I'll not be there.)

To California as a state my heart
Will still be true,
With her hills and fertile valleys,
Her grand old ocean blue.
But I want to go to College in
Indiana, that's my prayer.
And when next September rolls
Around

I'm sure I MUST be there.

--Elva S. Wills.

You cannot dream yourself into
a character; you must hammer and
forge one for yourself.--Froude.