

Is Religion America's Grtest Need?
(Scrip.-John 10:1-15)

1) I am

running
c. big
letter "C"
and my
re. shoulder
+ down
left side

A trav. in the holy land, not-g
that t. sheepfolds were shaped
like the letter "C" -circular
with a^{lit} open-g at one side, but
no gate nor wooden door, aske
t. sheph. abt this. The sheph.
answ. "I am t. door." and expl.
that at night, when t. sheep had
bn safely led into t. fold, he
wd take his cloak and lie down
at the narrow op-g, and slp
there thru t. night, to protect
the sheep from any intrudg an
So J. says, of Himself as the Gd
Shph., "I am the door; by me..
(all of TEXT)

2)

On high
in 200
states man
ytr. a ago
formerly
blind

Why He speaks those wds of welc.
abt an open door to all who will
come to be numb. w. His fold.
A DOOR HAD JUST BEEN CLOSED, IN
THE FACE OF ONE IN WHO HE WAS
DPLY INTD. *The man He had
healed of blindness t-men born
blind who after J. gave him si.
and inisted on stdg up for J.
was turned out of t. Jew. syn.
by those who were jeal. of Jesus
us and wanted to interfere w.
His work.

+ under
ca. d. m
+ door

THAT MAN HAD HAD A DOOR CLOSED TO
HIM: BUT JESUS IS OPENING ANO.
DOOR. INFIN: BETTER TO HIM AND
TO WHOMSOEVER WILL COME AND TR.
HIM AS SAV. -and find blessg for
time and for ~~my~~ eternity.

3)

"By Me, if any man enter in
... " He does not say "By r
religion...."

A well known col. said t. other
day that Billy Graham, who
has just landed in Scotld,
is appealg to grt mult-s of
people bec. he talks relig.

THAT SATEMT IS TRUE BUT IT DOES
NOT GO FAR MMMM ENO. * It is
not relig/that this world nds
-but it is Christ. Relig. mi.
mean alm. anythg -inclg many
thgs that ~~human~~ are full of
supersition, and many thgs
that are vile - "Ob relig., wha
crimes are committed in thy na

RELIG. LEADS MOTHERS TO THROW THR
BABIES INTO THE GANGES RIVER,
RELIG. HAS LED PEOPLE TO BURN
THR FELLOW MEN AT THE STAKE.
RELIG. HAS LED MEN TO WORSHIP
EV. FROM COWS TO MONKEYS AND TO
PRAC. RITES THAT ARE SIMPLY UN*
MENTIONABLE....

Xty is not fully und. when it is
tth of as a relig. - It is not
simply that - It is a revelat.
"Bec. that t. world ~~human~~
knew not God it pleased God ~~him~~
to give a rev. in Christ - to
snaed a great mes. from God, a
Word from God, in human form -
"And we beheld him" says John
"full of grace and truth. #"

SO RELIG. IS NOT AMERICA'S GRTEST
NEED FOR RELIG. CD MEAN ANYTHG
THAT MEN BEL. AND PRAC. * BUT IT IS
CHRIST THAT AMER. NEEDS * CHRIST
AS THE DOOR BY WH. TO ENTER IN,
AN PASTURE. TO GO IN AND OUT AND FI

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4) *on door* "By me, if... He sh^l be saved
That means t. entering of t.
fold of those who are saved
5+u by rep. tow. God and faith or
trust in Jesus... *two*

sign Paul's wds to t. elders at
"saved" Eph. "th^m prchg rep. tow. God and
faith tow...." *note toward*

ref THE PRES. WORLD AS AN UNTOW. GEN.

*GETTING NOWHERE * cf. a plane

wand-g in t. dark, try-g to fd

a landing... Turnign to Christ

is to find a beacon sud. loom-

ing up bles. thru t. dark.....

"I am the light of t. world; he

that fol. me...."

So, first, it means salvat. -for

keeps. - "I give unto them et.

life. and no man sh^l snatch...."

.....

But then it means af. salvat. -saf

ty or security. How that is

being sought on ev. hand -econ.

secur. wh. we call soc. security

-and natl secur. from t. H. bomb

...Now Jesus brgs that...

HE DOES NOT PROMISE THAT HIS PEO.

SHL NOT HAVE THR SHARE OF DANGER

AND DSIASTER - for them to want to

be shielded from thr portion wd b

unsportsmanlike....

BUT HE PROM*S THAT THO THEY WL

NOT BE SAVED FR. ADVERS. THEY WL

BE SAFE IN ADVERSITY. It will

not overwhelm them and get them

down as it will others.

"Tho shalt not be af^rd of t. ter.

by night nor for t. arrow that

flieth by day, nor for t. pest.

that walketh in dkness, nor...

They will hv. res-s that enabl
them to weather t. wintry blas
-and to survive t. whelming
no rill flood... wot. get yd

IN SOME CASES THEY WILL COME FORTH
NEBETFITTED BY THE RUGGED EXPER.

"The flame shl not hurt thee,

I only design, Thy dross to...

Note that expres. I quoted a mom.

ago - "the destruc. that wasteth a"

noonday. That mi. std for t. ~~thou~~

~~sinners and sinners and sinners~~ special

perils that come to one at mid.

life- what has bn called t. dang.

age- many a man has gone thru his

youthfl yrs. faithf. to his ideal,

..but t. destruc. that comes in t.

noon-day of life is too much for

him -and he is destroyed... What

was t. trouble? - ~~the trouble is~~

~~the trouble is~~ Listen

"Bec thou hast md. t. Lord. wh. is

my refuge, even t. most high thy

habitat., there shl no evil

befall thee. neither shl an

plague come nigh.for he sh

give His angels chg. conc-g thee,

to keep thee in all thhy ways...

5) "Go in and out"

T, commitmt to Christ again an

again.... The grt initial entr

by t. door, and then t. entr.

each day... ~~and yevo for~~

A) The going in for com-

munion, rest, meditat.

B) The going out for exer-

cis, activity - service...
The contempl. life -and t. active lif.

Unless we have the inner exper.
t. outer wl be shallow and nothg
worth; unless we have t. outer
t. inner, ~~without~~ lackg expres.,
wl become mere spir. stuffg,
without ~~spiritual~~ val. in character
Cf. art. once on "Squab Baptists"
- chickens ~~without~~ cooped up
and in darkness exc. at intervals
- then light turned on and ~~without~~
stuffed and then left in darkness
~~from~~ So he said are many of our
people. At cert. times t. light
turned on and stuffed w. spir.
food, then left to utter idle
ness. until t. next time for
stuffing....

MMMMMMMM

NOW THAT WE HAVE HAD OUR CENSUS
AND STUDY COURSE NO EXCUSE FOR
BEING SQUAB BAPTISTS.... EVEN
WITHOUT T. COUSE....

6) "Find Pasture"
A suffic. of material thgs...
Beats "Seek ye first t. kgd."
sticks & An abund. supply of spir. food
strength - cf. Jesus talkg w. woman at
+ w. well, and dis- cs ret-g
"I have meat to eat...."
T. strength-g effect of work..
"Pasture" T. Bible as food - commun. w.
Christ as food - "I am t. bread of
life..." (and He feeds us a
we work... "He that wl not wk.
etier... But t. glor. side
is "He that wks will not
lack to eat.... He will feed
us with t. heav. manna...
and satisfy us w. honey out of
tn stoney rock..

T.visitor in Australia - t.
cattle trying to graze on t.
almost barren plain....

Then came wond.rains....

79) But the great word "IF" -

Am All the wond.riches that
come w.Christ -all that is
(memory) available - does you no good
unless you neter in and take
what is offered....

If Cf.t.thgs that try to keep
us from t.door.... ~~One man came~~
~~from the statistics~~
(see "Every Xn's Job" -

8) On gate) "Any man" - how those most un-
likely came and were grac.re-
I. Vaus/ ceived:.... "They shall come fro.
t.east and....and t.chil.of
-sht t.kgdom...." page 2

THE STORY OF Jim Vaus (GP Sept.'51)/

Any/ "An open door is set bef.thee
and no man can close it - no
man but you....But some day
t.door will be shut...." My Sp.shl
not always strive....Pharaoh
hard-g his heart....HS ceasing to
woo....Behold now is the day acc
time behold now....salvation.

9) By Vaus "Wait," says one "any man means
me - I am going to enter the
door - enter by Christ - I wa:
"any man" to mean me.I want that
grrt invit.of Christ to read from
this moment like this "I will en.
the door, and be saved.and go....

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(Text - John 10:9)

Invocat. - "Awake, awake, put on thy
str. O Zion, put on thy beaut.
garm-s O Jerus. - May we as Thy chil.
be cs. of our str.-wh. is in Thee, and
put it on, and of t. bty of Christ our
kg, and be clothed in His ri. and chged
into His likeness by kpg our eyes on J.
Story - Names - Liver and Bacon -

Turnipseed and Cabbagstalk -
as but Wamego t. one I want to tell
you about (or begin with Indian
names: Stick in the Mud, Rain in
the Face, Sitting Bull - but this
is the one I'd like to have Wamego
- then tell the story of W. - and
then how God is saying now that
our census has been taken and
t. studt-courses in soul-winning
gvm - ~~Whom shl I send,~~ "Whom shl I send,
and who shll go for us, w. the mes.
about Jesus?" And some men that I
could name have alr. said each -
Wamego - and I hope and bel. that
that there wl be many - men and
women, boys and g-s, esp. those who
have tak. t. courses, who wl be sayg
"We want to be going out too...."
each one of us wants to earn the
new name "Wamego."

Prayer - At the end of life we shll be
aske not how much suc. ~~were obtained~~
but how much ~~benefit~~ sacrif.
marked our lives; not how much
ambit. was achvd but how much love
was expended; whether we loved to
live bec. we had loved to love; wh.
we md an impres. for Christ or mere

ly for ourselves while we were
passing thru this world.

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str. O Zion, put on thy beaut.
arm-s O Jorus. - May we as the chil.
be as of our str. wh. is in Thee, and
put it on, and of t. str. of Christ our

Off-g Sentences - "And Jesus sat
over ag. t. treas. and beheld shw
into wh. he had hid his treas.

Story - Names - Liver and Bacon - n, . . .

Prayer - As on that day in the
long ago J. saw a poor widow who was
castg in more than they all, and
whose lov'g sacrifi. gift has been
a ~~unfathomable~~ ^{unfathomable} joy unto count-

less mill-s, so Jesus knows who
in this co. to-day is the grtest giv.
bec. giv-g most fr. the stdpt of

thr opp. and with a most love and
grat. - may it be our ambit. so to giv
as to des. His wds "Well done" wh.

shl be spoken in the silent.
I sanc. of our heart's. . .

could name have all. said each -
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asked not how much suc. we have attained
but how much ~~we have attained~~ ^{we have attained}
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was expended; whether we loved to
live bec. we had loved to love; wh.
we had an impres. for Christ or more