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LISTEN TO WHAT YOUR LINCOLN PENNIES SAY TO YOU

On returning to my homeland, after 41 years of residence abroad, I was struck by what our American coins say to us. Here in our pockets or purses are the highest civic ideals known to man in all history. Take out a Lincoln penny and look at these high and holy ideals of a nation. They sum up all that is best in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of our nation. How did it happen that our sanest and best thought has been summed up for us, as a people, on little pieces of gold, silver, nickle and even copper which we carry about with us, handle daily or hourly, and that invite our attention to the highest and best in life every day that we live? I asked my bank who put these expressions of our ideals on our coins. They did not know. Certainly these ideals are as essential to our national character and future as the gold reserves at Fort Knox are essential to the stability of our currency and financial equilibrium.

I "IN GOD WE TRUST." However unworthy many of us as citizens may be, this nation, as a national entity, begins its thought life with the caption, "Under God ..." A friend, whom I consulted on the origin of these ideals engraved in coin, gave me this information as to the words, "In God we trust," obtained perhaps from the Congressional Library. "On all gold and silver coins of the United States large enough to hold the words is put the inscription "In God we trust." It is said that the idea originated with James Pollack, who was governor of Pennsylvania from 1854 to 1857. During the War between the States, believing that the recognition of God on the national coinage was a national duty, he wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury, and urged that this motto should be put on all coins of the United States. The suggestion was approved by Congress, and a bill was passed unanimously by the Senate and the House of Representatives authorizing the motto. The motto was first used in 1864." However it came about, here it is, and the same words are now being used on our paper currency.

The very fashion of the language is reverent. It does not put us first, saying: "WE trust in God." It puts God first and ourselves secondary. "In GOD we trust." There is an old-fashioned dignity and solemnity in the language.

Furthermore, the words have a very Christian affinity. Note. It does not merely say: "We believe in God." Such words would merely express an opinion. But the words "In God we trust" express a personal attitude, a direct relationship, a deliberate

commitment, a vital hope, an evangelical faith. We are not saved by our opinions. We are by this trust. When we affirm a belief, we merely allege the intellectual arrival at an opinion as to facts or a doctrinal goal. But when we say "In God we trust," we affirm reliance on Other than self.

In the vast majority of the nation, this language would, for countless souls, avow a trust in God as he has revealed himself, in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We trust in God the Father as to our very origin and being. We trust him as moral Guide, as Sovereign Ruler of the conscience, as Providence, Revealer and Power, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed," Psalm 37:3. And the wise man said: "He that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat. He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool," Proverbs 28:25, 26. That, Mr. Krushchev, is God's opinion of you and all your kind-stark, hellish fools! You are blindly living for time, not for eternity; for this tiny planet earth and maybe a showoff flight to its moon, not for God's universe; according to the bitter folly of Marx, not according to the wisdom of the Word of God; for totalitarian materialism, not for the majesty of PERSONALITY, divine and human; for crass idolatry of the State, not for freedom of work or worship; for the crushing of free men under the Party solidarity, not for the citizen's rights, his "Home, Sweet Home," his neighboring church, his public school, his private enterprise in business, his uncontrolled newspapers, and his freely elected representatives in political responsibility. And around and around this treadmill of fanaticism you tramp, on and on, till one day God will say: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall these things be?" (Luke 12:20).

"In God we trust," for the Christian, means trust in God the Son, as Savior, Sin-bearer, Substitute, Redeemer and Lord. Jesus is man, more man than you are, for he is perfect man while we are fractions of manhood, marred by sin for long generations. And Jesus is God, as truly God as the Father. In this unity of manhood and deity, he is one personality forever. Before him our souls fall prostrate, as did the apostle Thomas, after the resurrection, and exclaim, in worship: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus applied to himself the prophecy of the Messiah's coming: "In him shall the Gentiles trust," Matthew 12:21. In God the Son, our Savior, we trust.

Moreover, this trust is saving faith. Opinions, beliefs, creeds, dogmas, contents of catechisms are not saving faith. "The devils also believe and tremble," James 2:19. The faith which saves is trust, not mere beliefs. The Gospel of John cites Jesus 37 times as saying "believe on" or "believe in" him, not merely believe (have opinions) about him. And in the same Gospel, Jesus is quoted 17 times as saying that believers on him have eternal life. They "SHALL NEVER PERISH." How long is never? That long will endure the salvation that Jesus gives the believer who trusts him, as Savior. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8-9. If those three words of the divine revelation of truth and gospel, "NOT OF WORKS," were believed this minute throughout all the human race, there would not be left in the world, a minute hence, a single adept of the pagan religions, or of Roman or Greek Catholicism, or of many Protestant creeds that include human works and merit in the basis of salvation; for they all put their faith in their man-made religions, rather than in Christ crucified and risen as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

"Thou shalt call his name JESUS, for he shall SAVE ... "That is his mission and meaning, between God and man. He saves, saves believers (people who trust him for that), saves once for all and forever, does all the saving, keeps the saved eternally. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. Jesus alone saves - not Jesus and the church, not Jesus and the priest, not Jesus and baptism, not Jesus and all sacraments put together, not Jesus and the Virgin nor Jesus and the "Saints" (a sense of the word the Bible never once speaks), not Jesus and self. Jesus alone is Savior -"NONE OTHER NAME" in all the vast vocabulary of mankind. And feel the urgency of the language. "We must be saved, We must be saved, WE MUST BE SAVED!" God grant it, in your case.

"In God we trust," for the Christian, means trust not only in Father and Son, but in the Holy Spirit. He regenerates. He gives all the noble graces of the Christian life: "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," Galatians 5:22. He sanctifies, makes all believers "saints." No pope ever made a saint. His processes of canonization could no more do that than he could create a universe by papal decree. God, the Holy Spirit, makes saints, here on this earth, and all believers are saints. Read the first verses of the New Testament Epistles and see for yourself that fact. Have a genuine Christianity, not a fraud. A saint is a living Christian, the work of the Holy Spirit in heart and life, not a dead ecclesiastic.

So "IN GOD WE TRUST," even in God the Holy Spirit. He annointed (meaning of the title CHRIST) the Incarnate Son and empowered and directed his human life, infilled prophets of the Old Testament and apostles of the New, inspired the Scriptures — "Every Scripture is inspired of God (God-breathed)." He regenerates, illumines, guides, comforts, directs, sanctifies progressively, calls to service and stewardship of gifts, time, talents and all else, and he finally glorifies in heaven. The first person and the final person a Spirit-led Christian consults in voting, as in all his citizenship, is the Spirit of the living God, in the light of his inspired Word. A man who is unwilling to be a Christian in his voting is either a backslider, oblivious to duty, or else he is no Christian at all. One has said of Jesus: "If he be not Lord of all, then he is not Lord at all."

Free your mind, once and forever, from the insane folly that Christianity is merely one of the world's religions. Of all lies, that is the most damning and damnable. Christianity, the Christianity of Christ Jesus, is THE INFALLIBLE REVELATION, as high above man-made religions as the heavens are high above the earth. Man's religions have been the supreme curse of human life. They are today, as in all the history of the race, the world's most prolific source of immorality, injustice, cruelty, ignorance, crime and revolt against all the holy will of God. New Testament Christianity is the divine call to trust in Jesus, to the Christian experience and obedient life and the development and growth in Christlikeness. What are Christian missions? They are the efforts of evangelicals to evangelize pagan, Mohammedan, Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic lands, give them the Bible and the gospel witness and lead their countless millions to salvation and REVEALED CHRISTIANITY, and we do the same thing here in State Missions and Home Missions. If you own a Bible, you know that is its attitude toward all man's religions, in comparison with the Christianity of Christ Jesus.

For an American, it goes without saying, that all this is imposed on the human conscience by the divine will alone. It is received, if men so will, in faith and obedience to Christ and the New Testament, not to the Constitution and laws of this country or of any other land. All Christianity is on the VOLUN-TARY PRINCIPAL. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." B. H. Carroll used to translate Psalm 110:3, "Thy people shall be volunteers, in the day of thy power." And God's volunteers will never accept the dictation of politicians or ecclesiastics, annuling the voice of the Holy Spirit in their souls. "IN GOD WE TRUST." "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man ... Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is," Jeremiah 17:5, 7.

II On your Lincoln penny are two other mottoes that are of the essence of American idealism, namely: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and E PLURIBUS UNUM. They proclaim to the four quarters of the globe, and whisper consolingly to the inner region of our hearts and hopes, that we are, as a nation, a plurality of States, 50 United States, "United" in a

Federal government, each State being sovereign in the sphere of States Rights and Responsibilities. That is of the very essence of our American life and spirit. In the day in which totalitarian spenders and the eager slaves of a centralized socialism, together with the appeasers or wooers of irate and ambitious minorities, succeed in taking out of the name of our nation that second S, then the republic of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln is dead.

Radicals of pulpit and bench, allied to wreck our faith and loyalty to both the Bible as the Word of God and to the Constitution and the laws of the land, have set themselves to wreck conjointly, forever and utterly, this double system of authority and government, Federal and State. Modernist preachers who have abandoned the first principle, set forth above, TRUST IN THE TRIUNE GOD, have rushed to the aid of Supreme Court judges, more subservient to their radical sociology than to the fundamental laws of the land, with the justice department of the executive branch of the Federal government and with federal troops, joining together to reduce States Rights to a farce, and impose their destruction by troops and injunctions, enforcible by "contempt of court" proceedings. This is a day of unutterable sadness to the Southland, which gave to this nation both Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln and the republic they founded on Federal and States Rights and did so much to preserve.

Space will not permit the discussion of these issues here. I simply call your attention to this fact. When the Supreme Court and/or any other factors or forces join together to reduce this nation to being merely THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA, then this republic is as dead as the democracies of ancient Greece. Yea, when judges and citizens, sworn to uphold, with the same respect, Federal and State laws and rights, inseparable parts of the same Constitution and its fruitage, conspire to cancel the E PLURIBUS of our coins and ideals and leave only the UNUM, then America is dead and we are ready to become just one more Soviet in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Mr. Krushchev unendingly boasts that our children will live under that slavery and that this generation will see it come about. Well, my friends, it will be yours to help decide. Will you listen to your Lincoln penny and keep The United States of America intact? Will our coins still have the E PLUR-IBUS on them as well as the UNUM?

III On this penny is Mr. Lincoln's face and a view of the Lincoln Memorial in the capital of our nation. They, too, have a vast moral and patriotic significance. For every time we see pictured the rugged face of Lincoln, there comes to mind the Gettysburg Address. The best thing we know from his pen and lips is his concern that "government of the PEOPLE, by the PEOPLE and for the PEOPLE shall not perish from the earth." Investigators tell us that his inspiration for this language came from the introductory phrases of Bible translation, in a

New Testament from away back in the times of Tyndale. Be that as it may, this was the republic that he sought to save for us. But it can only continue to be our heritage by a devotion like his. It is nothing automatic. Let the PEOPLE, then, awake and govern their servants, high and low.

Politicians have learned the trick, in recent years, of winning elections by minorities. Through the charm of promises of federal spending and congressional legislation that will rule in the sphere of States Rights and intra-State functions, these policicians string together bulky minorities in consideration of their group grouches and ambitions, each group on its own ONE LINE only. Such a politican feels safe in making contradictory promises, for, when he proposes the fulfilment of the contradictory promise to each minority group, it is defeated by the other minority groups to which he made similar promises. And so each is defeated by the others, in turn. The party platforms are quite similar in this respect. The recent rump session of Congress shows how vain promises to rival minorities cancel each other out, in the factional battles of legislative groups. Happily, we had that demonstration before the election. A word to the wise is sufficient. For moral sincerity, put party platforms right at the bottom of all human writings. Judge rather the men who wrote them, or run on them.

I was a guest in Washington recently, in a School of Missions just over the line in Maryland. My Baptist host told how only three white owners of those beautiful residences were left. All the rest of the vast neighborhood had been bought by Negroes, courteous, well dressed and, comparatively, wealthy Negroes. The value of the home where I stayed, the hope of mine host for the days of old age, had declined in value \$5,000.00. The new comers, through chicanery of conscienceless real estate dealers in some cases, counting on that devaluation of a host of properties to the tune of millions of dollars, had obtained the residential district by migration en masse. But they had not been able to buy out the businesses yet. So, in the stores, I found white men and women serving courteous black customers.

It is very evident that Washington has become another Harlem. Now the capital of this nation is not the property of the judges of our Supreme Court. They are our servants, not our lords. They have absolutely no right to make the capital of this nation uninhabitable for white people and transform it almost overnight into another Harlem. That is a sin against the nation. It is malfeasance in office. These judges had no right to render blindly a wrong decision that added our beautiful capital to the roll of Harlems of New York and Chicago. This is a sin against all the people, for the capital of the nation belongs to its PEOPLE. The Supreme Court thus became a lawmaking body. It revoked a law the Congress had made and that had been sustained by Supreme Court decisions when the court was made up of far better

judges than it is now, men more competent and freer from bias. This day and time, men are appointed judges of the Supreme Court as political plums, when some of them never had a day's experience as judges in any court of the land. Such men are incompetent. You had as well name as head surgeon in a hospital a physician who had never held a scalpel, or hire a carpenter who had never held a trowel. We don't want judges of no experience put in the highest jobs, where experience is most needed. However brilliant, they are incompetent. That deal transplanted, as it were, our beautiful capital into the heart of Africa. Its rightful residents, in a majority of cases, had to move over the line into these United States. And in spite of its being a rather wealthy Harlem, look how the crime record has soared and the educational record has gone far down. All this is a sin against the whole nation.

This offense against the people is more and more resented. And the PEOPLE, at the home base, and more and more through their chosen representatives in Congress, will resist the brazen audactiy of this awful breach of law and justice. Should these judges be impeached? They already are, before the bar of the public conscience. Look how other groups of judges have urged the superior court to act with moderation. Look how the minority votes of the Supreme Court itself scorch and scorn the bare majority, some times, that obeys its sociological premises rather than the law of the land. Of that I shall write in detail later. Just now I have not the space. But impeachment is a slow, sentimental process. It would bring personalities, and not issues, to the forefront. More effective and direct action is open to the PEO-PLE, through their national Congress, which can define adequate law, both saying what it is and what it is not, what it means and what it does not mean. We have plenty of Senators and Representatives who can implement clearly, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the fundamental principle of our Constitution.

Here is that fundamental principle. "ALL legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the Congress of the United States," not in the Supreme Court. And, furthermore, in Article Nine of the Bill of Rights we read: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others RETAINED BY THE PEOPLE." And Article X, the climax of the whole Bill of Rights, says: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, ARE RESERVED TO THE STATES respectively, or to the PEOPLE."

STATES RIGHTS are thus seen to be fundamental to the very Constitution of this land, the climax of our Bill of Rights, as a people, forever. Yet the Supreme Court is becoming more and more a law-making body, and dabbling in the RIGHTS of every State, into the smallest and remotest school district, in affairs affecting the conscience of individuals, the integrity of the home, the fundamental religious and

social principles of the organization of our people in public and private life. So the States, in regulating and enforcing their own laws and rights, have been invaded by mastering federal troops to impose this illicit Federal will in State affairs. This wrecks the Constitution and annuls the climactic declaration of the Bill of Rights. It destroys the Republic.

IV "LIBERTY." This is the fourth word of the idealism of our coins. Certainly no one can complain that, in maintaining this fourfold definition of ideal American life, we have too complex a program. Gladstone said of our Constitution: "The most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man." And so it is. God and man, met in human trust; a union of States in federal life, with States Rights and Responsibilities intact; government of, for and by the PEOPLE; and LIBERTY. These are the sides of our foursquare idealism.

Now liberty is never absolute, but always relative. Yet it a real boon of life. So the founding fathers thought. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" are "inalienable rights" with which mankind is endowed by the Creator, according to the Declaration of Independence.

"Liberty under law!" Liberty is not license. Liberty is limited by the laws of nature, the law of God, Federal law, State law, police regulations, international law, considerations of etiquette and the rules of voluntary organizations such as lodges, clubs, literary and commercial and political societies, churches and schools. My liberty ends where your nose begins, or your arm's reach, or your property, or your car, or your family life, or your business site, sphere and legitimate functions, or your reputation. And that liberty does not include noises and nuisances maintained by me that disturb your sleep or home life at unreasonable hours. Human happiness is bounded by the extent and the limitations of liberty. All so recognize and so feel. Our laws define many of these limitations of personal liberty.

Moral law goes further, though sometimes incorporated partly in the laws of man, with penalties for violations. By the Sinai-given moral law of God. it is immoral to have any God but the one true God. That forbids all pagan religious. It is immoral to associate images in any way with the worship of the true God. That is the longest of the ten commandments and has the severest penalties, on and on into the future. Every person who bows to any image or painting is immoral. Look at the nations cursed with such idolatry and see its horrible consequences. Reverence is of the essence of the moral attitude and is the requirement of the third command. The next moral standard organizes our week, six days for work and one day for God's service and worship. Then comes the home and the honor due in it for father and mother. Theirs is the voice of experience to guide the children and keep them in unison and harmony. How alien much American home life is to elemental morality, how alien and accursed by juvenile delinquency, broken homes and murderous gangs in our big cities. God bases this home life on the union of one man and one woman, under solemn vows of love and loyalty, till death do them part, and no sexual intercourse before or outside this relationship. Therefore is added the safeguarding command: "Thou shalt not commit adultery," later in the list. Life, too, is sacred: "Thou shalt not kill." Further revelations show the right of self-defense, even if it involves the death of another, and the execution of criminals by the State. Stealing is forbidden, whether by women in a supermarket, or men in a corporation or business deal, or by a dictator grabbing small nations or robbing the property and funds of business men and firms, by a "revolution." Truth is sacred and so we are not to bear false witness. We are witnesses, under God, in all we say. His eye sees: his ear hears. Then we come to the moral climax. WE ARE NOT TO WANT another's property, home or rights. Morals control the hearts, the will, the thought, as well as the outer life. This is all summed up, the essence of moral law as our duty to love the Lord our God with heart, mind, soul and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself. This is morality. And it puts ten thousand limitations on human liberty of thought, word and action.

These are moral limitations on personal liberty for all men. And besides these limitations of divine law, we freely limit ourselves for social position and fellowship, for health, for personal preferences, attainments and victories in life. I limit myself in diet, clothes, language, athletics, travel, waking hours, sleep, reading, games, television and a thousand other ways at will. That is my business, within my social obligations, under law of God and man.

In the realm of civic duty, I also enjoy liberty under law. I must conform to the legal conditions, time, manner and issues of voting in elections. But the vote is secret. AND THE QUESTION OF WHOM I VOTE FOR, AND WHY, IS MY BUSINESS ALONE, MY FREEDOM, MY RESPONSIBILITY. Just now, there is a great bossiness showing up to intimidate and control other people's voting. It says a free citizen shall not vote against a candidate for office because of his religion, or for the lack of it. That is crude and brazen insolence. What business is it of yours whom I vote for? Am I your slave?

All conduct, except instinctive action, is governed by motives. And what my motives are, in my voting decisions, are my sole responsibility, between my soul and God. Some men and women vote for a man because he is handsome, attractive, winsome. Otherwise, why all this canvassing and handshaking? Not a high standard, but can you force them to accept another? Is all this handshaking by politicians wrong? No. It may show consideration for PEOPLE, for whom government exists. Fine men of state lose votes, however, by their coolness of manner. Can you

regulate that? What a great political asset was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's radio voice. Could you annul its influence in the motives of voters? The people vote as they please. Can you force them to vote as YOU please?

Personally, I would not vote for any candidate for a high and important office, closely related to the destiny of the nation, who belongs to a religion that has ruling priests, who regulate life and function, in the place of God, by the confessional. There are no priests in Christianity, the only revealed truth and fellowship with God by saved people. In the lists of officers in New Testament churches, you never find any mention of priests. Since Jesus came, uniting in his human-divine person and redeeming work the functions of both priest and sacrifice, all sinful priests are impostors and frauds. In any authority they assume over the conscience and life, they are impostors and frauds. The place they hold in any apostate Christianity they stole from Jesus Christ. He is our only sacrificing Priest, Calvary his only and all-suffient Sacrifice. All supposed sacerdotal power and functions of gaudily robed sinners defraud the victims and injure society.

As Priest, Jesus is omnipotent: he can answer my every prayer that is due to be granted. He is omniscient: he knows my every condition, my real needs, the relationships of my prayer to all human and divine factors in life, and in that light acts. He is omnipresent. A human priest has to take time to sleep, has hours to hear confession and grant forgiveness and impose "penances" (a wicked word, never found in any true Bible). Jesus, my Priest, is awake twenty four hours of the day, is accessible in every time and place, is available instantly in any emergency, is capable of relating my prayer to all the other phases of my life. Now to abandon Jesus as Priest and take a rival to exercise such authority over my conscience, in the place of Jesus, makes a virtual slave of any man. But he is free, in civil life, to do that at will, or be an atheist, agnostic or free-thinker. I would not raise my little finger to restrict his liberty of choice or action. But I retain my own liberty. I would not vote for him for any position involving the submitting of the destiny of this nation to the dictates of the confessional, in some great moral crisis confronting our people.

The Catholic who does not bend his knee to the priest is no Catholic. He is himself a fraud, and I don't knowlingly vote for frauds.

These eager bosses of other people's voting hurl three sneers at us who vote our convictions, in the freedom which is of the very essence of American life. Those arrogant sneers are: PREJUDICE, INTOLERANCE, BIGOTRY. Now those are ugly insults. I'd about as soon you'd spit in my face as to slander me with these epithets. When you do that, you are imitating a man Jesus told about: "Two men

went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus WITH HIMSELF, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men ... even this publican," Luke 18:10, 11. Your Pharisee attitude is: I am not as this man who won't vote for my candidate because of his PREJUDICE, INTOLERANCE, BIGOTRY. Same old Pharisee, with his "I am holier than thou" attitudes.

What is prejudice? It is to make decisions first and then or never JUDGE what are the real facts. Now ministers of the gospel don't do that. THEY ARE TRAINED FOR YEARS IN KNOWING THE VARIOUS RELIGIONS OF OUR TIME. THEY TRACED THROUGH YEARS OF STUDY OF CHURCH HISTORY, STEP BY STEP, all the items of growing apostasy by which Romanism gradually withdrew from New Testament Christianity and formed the papacy and its medieval dogmas. What do these Pharisaic critics know of the Romanism they are discussing? Most of them are supremely ignorant of its first principles. They make condoning decisions BEFORE THEY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AND CAN JUDGE IN THE LIGHT OF SUCH NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE. I have studied Romanism in its own books of theology and encyclopedias, in four languages. I have visited, sat quietly in a back seat and studied maybe a thousand Catholic churches, in three continents and a score of nations, including their great cathedrals in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Rio de Janeiro, San Paulo, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima, La Paz, Mexico City, Lisbon and Copenhagen. I hold no opinion about Romanism that is not based on study of the facts. I gave 41 years of my life to winning Roman Catholics to Christ. I have a world of friends among them. Now for any of these PREJUDICED critics to stand up and insult ministers of the gospel with the epithet PRE-JUDICED is stupid insolence. Let them look in the mirror and say that, for they are the guilty ones.

What is INTOLERANCE? It is to refuse to TOLERATE another's course of action, especially his religion. But Baptists are the supreme advocates and promoters of religious liberty. Let the idolater worship his idol. We would die for him and all others to have that liberty. But when he has it, let him keep his meddlesome tongue out of my personal decisions on religious lines. They are none of his business. He has liberty to run for any office he likes, even that of God, as did "Daddy" Grace. But I am not

his slave. I don't have to vote for him, and I won't. Liberty is a sword that cuts two ways, liberty to be a candidate, liberty to vote against the wrong candidate and for the right one, as I see it. And if you don't like that, you can just lump it, Mr. INTOLERANT.

I have already discussed the Bigotry of Catholic life and history, in Letter 23 of this series. When you look at the bigotry of Roman Catholicism around the world, murderous, monopolizing and intimidating everywhere it has the power, you would think that any Roman Catholic would let ten million years go by before he would have the face to complain of anybody's "bigotry."

These BIGOTS who hurl the insults of "Bigots," in the face of the innocent whom they would intimidate, would stand for genuineness and reality, on any other line but that of religion. They are against frauds in foods, uphold the PURE FOOD LAW, and the same as to PURE DRUGS. They are against fraudulent diplomas granted by fake educational institutions, where you can buy a Doctor's degree for \$100.00. They help to banish these frauds. But the far worse frauds of idolatry, false gods, false worship, false morals, false doctrine and false hopes they condone. They want all of them tolerated alike. "One religion is as good as another." If you wake up in hell one minute after death because you refused God's only gospel and the blessed Savior, you will change your mind about that and it will stay changed for all eternity. But it will be then too late.

One final word. As a minister of the gospel I am, as all other believing Christians are, a witness to the Savior and all he has revealed of salvation, truth, duty and destiny. But I bear my witness in places set apart for that purpose and in full respect for the voluntary principle. You don't have to go. If you do go, you don't have to listen or conform or believe one thing you hear. You don't have to come back. YOU ARE FREE TO REJECT, as the MINISTER IS FREE TO WITNESS. These intolerant BIGOTS who want shut our mouths and silence our witness for their own political ends, are denying the essence of American liberty. That is the issue.

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