

Chapter VIII: Fruits of Agnosticism.

Agnosticism has its triumphs; and every triumph is a failure for civilization. Agnosticism and impurity have always gone hand in hand; and hand in hand they fall. If you don't want to see it in life about you, go over history.

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"The sons of God saw the daughters of God that they were fair." In this way Moses describes the naturalism that preceded the flood. God saved eight people out of the wreck of civilization and the world started over again.

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Descendants of Noe and his three sons filled the prosperous cities of * Sodom and Gomorrha. God complained of them: "The cry of Sodom and Gomorrha is multiplied and their sin is become exceedingly grievous." When ten just could not be found in the cities, God destroyed them with fire and brimstone from heaven.

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There is an insidious campaign going on now for "a return to the Greek ideal of the worship of the human body." Bernarr McFadden and Holdeman Julius have it in their latest issues. With the return will come the Greek sin of Sodom and Gomorrha, and the swift retribution from God that was administered by the hands of the Romans.

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The life of the Augustan age -- divorce, infanticide, unnatural lust, debauchery in the theatre, the banquet and the dance -- is the theme of literature today, as it was in the literature of the Augustan age. Rome had left the worship of her Gods, and God built Christian Rome on the ruins of Pagan Rome. The literature and the life of the Renaissance and the Restoration and the French Revolution are but a repetition of these other tales -- and the last chapter is always the same: God saved the just men and destroyed the wicked.

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There were saints in those days, but not one of them attained sanctity by reading impure books, or watching impure plays.

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Agnosticism in politics and commerce brought on the World War; agnosticism rejected Pope Benedict's plan for a just peace ("the day of indemnities is over" said the Holy Father's letter), and signed the unjust peace of versailles; agnosticism -- the theory that God has no place in business -- brought on our greatest scandal in Washington during the year in which the voters of the United States bought the greatest amount of obscene literature ever bought out in the world.

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Why don't you want to see it in your own life? Because agnosticism has dinned "art for art's sake" into your ears -- has made one feel passee * if he still believes that the rules of morality hold good for art and literature as well as for the life they depict.