

Religious Bulletin
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Free Advice.

To the Rev. Dr. WILLIAM NORMAN GUTHRIE, of St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie Protestant Episcopal Church (a thorn-in-the-side of his ecclesiastical superior, Bishop Manning, because of his aesthetic dancing in church and other front-page fads), who said last Sunday: "The Anglican Church is a wonderful, glorious inconsistency. It is always possible to make it do tomorrow what it said today it would never do. It recognizes times and movements and adjusts itself to the trend of human nature. Thus it has risen above the Church of Rome in England. From the time of its origin, when it broke away from the worship of Rome and created Protestantism, the Anglican Church has absorbed and studied tradition and human needs and, being an opportunist, has made the necessary changes for its continuity":

Much relativity hath made thee mad. If St. Mark had been an opportunist he would have been Mark the Apostate, not Saint Mark. His master, St. Peter, whom he served, was an opportunist when he denied that he ever knew Our Lord; he was a fundamentalist when he was crucified (headdownward, at his own request) for his Master. St. Peter as an opportunist was futile; as a fundamentalist he has had a long-lived, virile seed. Inconsistency has its place in life: it gives the material for funny papers, but it doesn't save souls.

To the Rev Dr. HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, of the Riverside Baptist Church, who declared last Sunday: "Some people's faith is directed towards the past. Other people's faith is directed towards the future. The one chains us back to old opinions as though they were infallible. The other leads us on to an adventure yet to be achieved. Real faith is of the second sort. It is headed not toward a past set of opinions as final, but toward a future set of possibilities as real":

The "some people" you refer to are not chained to "opinions" as final, but to facts, and facts revealed by God, and to laws made by God and God-given authority. They are the people who still believe that black is black and can never be white in any future possibility; they are the people who believe that grapes are grapes and thorns are thorns, and that one can never gather grapes from thorns; they are the people who still believe that truth never changes and that there are fundamental principles which can cover any human need that will ever arise.

To Frau Dr. IRMA HIFT SCHNIERER, Frau Dr. HILDEGARD HETZER, Herr Dr. SIGMUN FREUD, Herr Dr. ALFRED ADLER, et al., of the Child Psychology Research Convention now meeting in Berlin, who have just announced their discovery that "an eleven months' old baby has more brains and knows better how to use them than the brainiest of full-grown chimpanzees or other varieties of high grade apes; and that a home, be it ever so humble, is a better environment for the development of the baby than a clinic -- a conclusion reached after five years of exhaustive research:

Now that you have discovered what mothers since the time of Eve have all known, you might appoint a commission of chimpanzees and other varieties of the better grade apes to determine what sort of being has fewer brains and knows less how to use them than a Freud-Jung-Adler child-psychologist.

Prayers.

A daughter of Mr. Wightman, donor of the Art Gallery here, is very ill. Don Waufle's father is quite ill. Marvin Huot's brother is also in need of prayers in his illness. Vigilius Phillips has again been required to leave school on account of failing eyes. Four special intentions.