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How Many Of These Questions Can You Answer?

A college man's knowledge of religion must be such that he can answer all the reasonable questions put to him by non-Catholics at his cultural level; and since the greater includes the lesser, he must be able to answer those of honest inquirers who have not had his educational advantages.

An alumnus who has met a good many non-Catholics on close terms since he left Notre Dame a few years ago, has sent back a list of the questions he has been asked repeatedly. See how many of them you are prepared to answer adequately; discover your weak points and remove them. Here is his list:

"Is not God some indefinite sort of being, the embodiment of sun, moon, stars, fire, etc.? Did not all nations worship these things as God? If so, are they not God? Is there any God at all?"

"Was not Jesus merely a very good man who led an exemplary life? What real proof have we that he actually performed miracles? Jesus was not on earth as man after His resurrection, but appeared as a spirit; who has even seen a spirit? Did He really rise from the dead?"

"Isn't the Bible merely a compilation of ancient bits of wisdom uttered by wise men? Was not the flood in which Noe was saved something like the recent Yangtse flood?"

"Since so few people, even among the educated, know anything about astronomy, wasn't it possible to foist off as real the story Genesis gives of the origin of the earth, the story of creation, etc.?"

"Explain why the Lord should take Rockne at such a time and in such a way when Rockne had done so much for the nation's youth."

If there are any of these questions on which you cannot give a proper Catholic reply, consult some of the books and pamphlets at the rack. If you cannot find there what you want, bring up the point in your religion class, or send a note to the Bulletin. The Bulletin will undertake to give you a brief answer of any one of these topics.

Hear Mass With a Missal.

The Missal is the book the priest uses in saying Mass. As you may judge from its bulk, it contains a great deal more than the Ordinary of the Mass, which you find in your vest pocket prayer book. Some parts of the Mass change from day to day, and this gives to each day's Mass a characteristic note. To follow the Mass with the Missal is a great aid to devotion; it is also instructional and inspiring. The whole of Catholic theology is reviewed in a year's Masses; the liturgy of the year also reviews the history of the Church in its commemorations of Saints.

There are many translations of the Missal into English - some of these are published with the Latin and some without. There are also Sunday Missals, with only the Masses for Sundays and the major feasts. The Book Store keeps a small stock of Latin-English missals; if you want some form other than the one they have in stock, consult Fr. Kelley, Walsh Hall. PRAYERS: Brother Lawrence, C.S.C., one of the oldest members of the community, is very low. A brother of Earl Roberts has just undergone a serious operation; a brother of John Galla had an operation for a ruptured appendix a few days ago. John also asks prayers for his deceased pastor. J.F. Harrington asks prayers for a friend; another student for his father's intentions; Clifford Welsh for a deceased uncle. Prayers of thanksgiving are requested by Joe Borda for his father's improvement, by Van Wallace for his aunt's recovery, and by Prof. David Campbell for a successful operation. Three special intentions.