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"At Least You My Friend."

You yourself, like many a near relative and friend of yours, like many another Notre Dame man, will some day, if you're lucky, be suffering in Purgatory. Purgatory you will not find easy.

To better your state, to quicken your deliverance into Heaven, you will have to depend upon the charity of those on earth. Then you will realize the selfishness, the thoughtlessness and indifference of the ones you left behind. How soon the memory of you will slip out of their minds!

Why not act now towards your loved ones in Purgatory as one day you will hope your friends on earth will act towards you?

You have easy facilities here for going to Mass and Holy Communion, for attending public prayers for the Poor Souls, for making short visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Make use of these facilities especially during the month of November.

List on the blank forms provided at the Sorin and Dillon pamphlet racks the names of those in Purgatory you want prayed for. Drop the list into one of the boxes specially provided at the racks. These lists will be collected each night during the Novena and deposited on the altar. Those you name will share in the Masses and special prayers of the Novena.

Religious Freedom--I.

"You cannot discuss religion scientifically."

Oh yeah? If you mean that one cannot use the laboratory method and get religion out of a test-tube, agreed. (At that, one can make a good start toward God, one term of the religion relationship, in almost any laboratory.)

But one does not get history or philosophy out of test-tubes, and the phenomenon of religion (insofar as we can reach it with reason) lies in largest part within these two fields. And the human mind in its investigations is not confined to the test-tube method.

Likely it is that the objection comes from someone with the breath of agnosticism in his nostrils, --agnosticism which was old stuff when Herbert Spencer put the word (first coined by Huxley) into current use. Too bad that Spencer didn't know his Moses Maimonides and his Thomas of Aquin, who ably handled Moses!

So we cannot know anything about the higher realities, about the existence of a Personal (not an anthropomorphic) God, about the dualism of man's nature, about the Gospels, whether or not they be myth, legend, or fact? And we cannot know whether Christ was God or a monomaniac?

We cannot know? Suppose you come and see. At least investigate. Apologetics presents considerations, some historical, some philosophical, the upshot of which is the reasonableness of adherence to Catholic belief. Don't ride on the shoulders of Herbert Spencer. Authority is worth only the arguments that support it. And mighty poor arguments support Herbert Spencer.

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