

Mass, Fri. of Sexagesima University of Notre Dame  
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Fr. Corcoran, now pastor of  
Christ the King Church, for 20  
years a C.S.C. missionary, will  
preach Sunday night.

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Catholic vs Secular Colleges--II.

The Daily Californian, student publication of the University of California, put these two questions to its readers some time ago: "What is there about a University that disposes to suicide? What does a student learn at college that destroys the inborn confidence of all mankind in the beneficence of life?"

Dan Gilbert, author of "Crucifying Christ in Our Colleges," answers those questions. He tells of a girl friend who was graduated from the high school which he attended, and who went with him to a State college. He sat by her bedside when she was dying of poison, administered by her own hand, and heard her say of a biology professor: "He took Christ out of my heart.....That's why life isn't worth living." The teacher had persuaded her that she was nothing but a high-grade ape, destined to perish as the meanest animal, and she had nothing more to live for.

She didn't have to take her professor's word for it exactly. He referred her to certain books on the subject. "Foundations of Biology," by Lorande L. Woodruff, was one of them. It was written by the professor of Biology in Yale University. That book not only taught her that evolution was true, but impressed her with the truth of a theory of materialism which denies that there is a God back of evolution, denies that life has a Creator, and insists that life arose through the gradual evolutionary complexification of matter, when, ages ago, earth became favorable.

She had to read "Biology," by Gary N. Calkins, Professor of Protozoology in Columbia University, which taught her that there is no Creator, and claimed that: "All biologists are practically agreed that living matter originated on the earth's surface from salts and other inorganic matter."

She was asked to read, "Outlines of Evolutionary Biology," by Arthur Dendy, Professor of Zoology in the University of London. There she learned that the doctrine of Creation still survives among uneducated people, and that the Biblical account of the origin of living things "could only have arisen in a state of complete ignorance."

She was asked to read parts of Herbert Spencer's "Principles of Biology," and, as this work is out of date, her teacher could have had no other motive in referring her to it except the undermining of her faith. From it she learned: The primitive notions expressed in the Bible are wrong as to the structure of the heavens, the form of the earth and the nature of the elements. Hence the hypothesis of Creation being a primitive belief is probably untrue also. The creation of matter or force is inconceivable. Evolution is as firmly established as the law of gravitation. Animals have the faculties of man in kind but not in degree.

She concluded: "I'm afraid that evolution is true, and I'm afraid that it means that the Bible is false. All the reference text books the prof has referred us to, as well as nearly every book on the subject in the college library, teach us a kind of godless evolution which makes the Bible untrue and ridiculous. The prof says that the reason none of our reference books try to reconcile evolution with religion is that all the great scientists are agreed that it is impossible to harmonize science with the superstitions which are the basis of Christian religion."

Well, Professor Taylor, did it take better equipment and a more distinguished personnel to get that logical conclusion across to the young lady? What material equipment and personnel to her (and to her folks) as she destroyed herself with poison? Do you still insist that young Catholics attend secular colleges?

PRAYERS: (dozens!) father of Victor Ruggiero (Fresh.); Fr. John O'Leary, Austin, Texas; friend of a student. Ill, mother of Mrs. Christopher Hollis; mother of Matthew Cullen '38; close relatives of a priest; mother of Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, vice-president of the University; father of Rev. Raymond Murray; (seriously ill) Prof. Fred I. Myers. Four special intentions.