

Do not leave the campus
unless you are in the
state of grace!

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Monsignor Sheen's concluding
talk will be in the main
church this morning at 11.

Let Opponents Answer This One.
By Arnold Lunn.

Question X. What's the evidence for the Resurrection?

Answer. (Continued) The great word 'apologetic' has acquired in the course of time a defensive note which was not part of its original meaning. And it is only too true that Catholic apologetics is inclined to be apologetic in the wrong sense of the term. Much of our apologetic literature consists of answers to questions. It's high time we started asking questions as well as answering them. The Faith can only be fairly estimated in relation to all rival philosophies. Catholicism has its difficulties, but these are trivial compared to the difficulties of all rival systems.

So let's start investigating some of their difficulties. And in reply to their question about the Resurrection, let us counter with a question to them

How do you account for the Empty Tomb?

If you or I wished to preach the resurrection of a criminal who had been sent to the chair in Sing Sing we shouldn't get very far, should we? The body would be produced. Why wasn't the body of Jesus produced when the disciples began to preach the Resurrection? If the weary giants of commerce who assure us that they have no energy left in the evening to read anything more serious than detective fiction could be induced to spend five minutes over the greatest detective story in the world, they would discover that this particular problem is infinitely more fascinating and enthralling than any of the bogus mysteries with which they titillate their weary brains.

You see the disciples knew that the body could not be produced. Nothing else can explain their decision to return to Jerusalem and preach the Resurrection in the very headquarters of the enemy. These simple Galilean peasants were pitting their faith against an unscrupulous and powerful and highly intelligent camarilla. They knew that Christ's body could not be produced to refute them, because they had seen Christ.

"Hallucination," you say? But you can't hallucinate a body out of a tomb.

How do you, my friend the skeptic, account for the disappearance of the body of Jesus of Nazareth from the tomb in which he had been laid? That's your problem. Not ours. (To be continued.)

The Victory March.
By Mr. Lunn.

I tried to buy a gramophone record of the Victory March the other day as I should like to revive Notre Dame memories when I'm back in Europe. There is a colorful fighting spirit about this American football and its accompanying pageantry which gets hold of one. And if I don't know your Notre Dame tunes before I leave I shall be surprised.

But I look forward to the day, it may be twenty years hence or fifty, when the Notre Dame Band will play the Notre Dame debating team into action in their debate against Communists.

Yes we want something of the spirit of the "Fighting Irish" in our Catholicism. And there's a Victory March we shan't be entitled to play till we have converted this great country to Christianity. Yes, to Christianity. For it's not the infallibility of the Pope but the Infallibility of Christ which separates the Catholic from the non-Catholic these days.

PRAYERS: (deceased) aunt of J. Montenegro (Walsh); Father Eger, uncle of a student; Harold O'Neil, uncle of Geo. O'Neil (Carr.). Ill, friend of Harry DeMott; Arthur Cosgrove, friend of Pat Fisher; friend of Freshman Hall man is ill with typhoid; father of Louis Muenz (StEd's); friend of Frank Kelly (Morr.); friend of Martin McGinnis (Ly.).
MASSES: Sat. S. Josaphat, 1048. Sun. 24th after Pent.; 2nd col. 1049. Mon. S. Gertrude.