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role in modernistic religion  
like that of the missing  
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Discrepancies In The Gospel Accounts.

By Arnold Lunn.

Question XIV. What about the discrepancies in the accounts given in the gospel record?

Answer. If all the gospels told exactly the same story our critics would insist that the four evangelists were all copying from the same source, and that they were therefore valueless as independent witnesses. As it is, they tell the same story from different angles. Incidentally, it is worth noting that the author of the fourth gospel, writing with the three synoptic gospels before him, can hardly have been aware that there was any inconsistency between his story and theirs, or he would have either pointed out where the early records went astray, or proved that his own story was completely consistent with theirs. He must therefore have been aware of facts, which we do not know, facts which reconcile apparent inconsistencies.

On examination the alleged discrepancies are not formidable. Many of these alleged discrepancies can be accounted for in the light of our present knowledge. None can be classified as a definite contradiction.

"The usual characteristic of human testimony," writes Paley, "is substantial truth under circumstantial variety. That is what the daily experience of the courts of justice teaches us." Paley mentions the fact that whereas Clarendon tells us that the Marquis of Argyll was condemned and hanged on Tuesday, other contemporary historians assure us that he was condemned on Saturday and beheaded, not hanged, on a Tuesday. Yet nobody would deny the fact that his execution took place.

If it were possible to prove, which it most certainly is not, that there were any statements in the gospels which were definitely contradictory, such proofs would invalidate the Catholic claim that the gospels contain NO error, but it would not invalidate the claim that the Resurrection has been proved beyond all reasonable doubt.

Did Christ Surely Die?

Question XV. How do you know that Jesus died on the Cross? He may have revived in the tomb.

Answer. Strauss, the great German skeptic, poured scorn on this hypothesis and pointed out that a man crippled by that terrible ordeal, even had he survived at all, could never "have given to the disciples the impression that he was a conqueror over death and the grave, the Prince of Life: an impression which lay at the bottom of their future ministry."

Gratitude For Your Prayers.

Jack Sheehan, '29, employed in the University publicity office, is back from the hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, after the removal there of a brain tumor. He writes:

"Many, many thanks for the prayers and Masses. I know that they are responsible for my rapid recuperation.... Our Lady helped me over the rougher spots.... Everyone at Notre Dame, while my sickness was approaching a crisis, manifested that spirit of charity and kindness as only Notre Dame men can."

Keep Jack Sheehan frequently in your prayers. He must return to the hospital within six months for a very important check-up.

PRAYERS: Ill, father of Bill Maleszewski (Badin); Jack Sheehan.

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