

Did You Miss The Point?

The student reactions to the Bulletin of Monday, January 27th, are interesting. You might recall that catechism of the irreligious and pagan world. Many of you did not like it, couldn't get a thought, even a smile out of it. One remarked, "The Bulletin must be pretty short of material to be running that."

All the comments were interesting, including the last one. That catechism was taken from a leading Catholic magazine, America (via the Catholic Digest), which endeavors to select outstanding articles. It was a clever satire on the worldly, proud and pseudo-scientific principles and philosophy that motivate much of the world today -- its sociology, its education, its literature, its amusements and, most important to you right now, its politics.

That clever satire from America graphically presented the predominant principles and philosophy governing the world today which denies or ignores:

1. The existence of a personal, loving God, our Creator and our Father.
2. The existence of man's soul with its responsibility and obligations first to God, after that to the state.
3. The fact that man is more than an animal, and has certain natural rights.

Denial of any one or all of these items leads easily into state absolutism, totalitarianism. When state absolutism and totalitarianism are mentioned you think first of Nazism, Fascism or Communism. But here's the important point we mustn't forget. Democracy can just as easily become totalitarian unless it is grounded on correct philosophy and principles. The name of a political theory isn't important; the philosophy on which it is grounded is.

And what is the predominant philosophy of America today? We quoted it to you from America in the Bulletin on January 27th. Was the content of that Bulletin important? Is democracy important? Are your life and freedom important?

It's Up to You!

The collection at Sunday's Masses will be for a Mass-kit for Fr. Woodward, the first Notre Dame chaplain to leave for army service. If the collection doesn't considerably exceed the usual Sunday collection, that will be taken as lack of interest. In that event, the Mass-kit, costing \$135, proffered by the New York Alumni will be accepted.

Did You Flunk?

Those of you who flunked can have some free advice for your own benefit and for the benefit of your parents. Whether you flunked through lack of study or not, God can and will bring good out of it somehow -- if you pray. For one thing, if it makes you learn how to apply yourself and to study, that development alone may be worth more than a degree from any university.

Of course, you have to help yourself. Study schedules (the Vicious Circle cards) are popular again. Get one and follow this program: (1). Make out a definite and binding schedule of study for two subjects, at least -- the hardest one and the one you like the least. (2). At Mass and Communion offer up this study each day as part of your thanksgiving, and ask Christ for the strength to be faithful to it.

PRAYERS. Deceased: Cousin of Tom and John Powers (St. Ed.); Father-in-law of Jack Jordan, '32. Ill: Mike Dempsey, ex '43; Miss Joan Hart; Sister of Brother Damien, C.S.C. and sister-in-law of Joe Petritz; Godfather of Jack Fallon (Car.) & Sp. Int.