

Mass Meeting
at
Mary's Rally.

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One Religion Is as Good as Another?

On that point, we didn't have room in last Friday's Bulletin to quote further from Professor Meikeljohn. Here is what he, a non-Catholic, says:

"This action of protestantism in taking education out of the hands of the church and giving it into the hands of the state seems to me to mean that protestantism has no genuine belief in its own doctrines, that protestantism means the disintegration of belief, of all theological belief. The three hundred years of protestantism have meant, in my opinion, on that side of our culture, the growing realization that theological beliefs, as accounts of the universe, have no basis in fact.

"I think that is seen in the Protestant doctrine of toleration. When one man says to another, 'You may believe what you like and I will believe what I like,' you can be pretty sure that neither one of them is going to believe anything. They are both going to like something, and that is all. If a man says, 'I believe this and you believe that, and I may have my reasons and you may have yours, but my reasons do not convince you,' what he is saying is that he has no reasons at all."

You, blest with Christ's unadulterated teachings, can thank God you don't have to take that weak position producing only doubt and chaos. You have the protection and security of an infallible teacher which Christ established. This teacher tells you to use your cold reason, not emotion, in proving that Christ was Divine and that He established an infallible Church to propagate and protect the religious truth He revealed.

Toleration? You should, of course, be tolerant and charitable toward the person in error, but you don't have to take any indifferent or wish-washy position on religious truth any more than you do on the multiplication table, another form of truth.

Be Proud of Your Faith!

Some say: "Well, we are worshiping God, each in his own way." True, but religion being the means of honoring or worshiping God, hasn't He some rights to be worshipped in the way He wants and knows to be true? Consider the Eucharist. The Catholic Church says Christ is really present in that Host. Other religions say, "No." Now Christ is either present or He isn't. Is God equally honored by truth and falsehood? If Christ isn't present, then the Mass, Communion, Benediction, genuflections are gross idolatries, most hateful to God.

Remember God is Truth, subsistent Truth and it's really an insult to Him to say He is equally honored or pleased by contradictory or opposite ways of worshipping Him.

When the matter of reason and intelligence is brought up in regard to religion never back up. Your old Church is the only one who has kept her head and insisted on using cold reason, not wishy-washy variable emotion, in religious matters.

Only Catholicism in the world today contains God's revelation. The only protection against brutality, carnage and despair, against state absolutism (which Professor Meikeljohn predicts, almost favors) is a return to religion - to God's religion not any man-made religion. And where can you find it save in the Catholic Church today?

Do you see the importance of being a fearless, intelligent leader for Christ and His Truth?

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandfather of Ted. Weber (B.P.); Rev. Wm. Curtin; 8th Anniv. father of Chas. Quinlan (Dil); 6th Anniv. of Terry Austin; 6th Anniv. of John Eggeman. Ill, relatives of John Rinell (train accident) (Bro.). Five special intentions.