

KIEL PHILOSOPHER MAKE CONFESSION OF BELIEF IN GOD

Prof. Johannes Reinke, M. D., in His New Book Subscribes to Fundamental Teachings Of Religion

By Dr. Frederic Funder
(Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Vienna, July 1.—Another world-famed natural philosopher has joined the ranks of Ampere, von Liebig and Pasteur in bearing testimony to all the fundamental truths of religion.

He is Prof. Johannes Reinke, M. D., Ph. D., of Kiel University, a Prussian state institution, one of the most widely known and quoted men in his field.

Like many of his eminent predecessors who were pioneers of epochal research, he employs his own works to make his confession of faith in the great religious truths. His credo appears in the preface of his new book, entitled "Natural Science, Cosmic Perception and Religion."

"My book is the confession of an old man, and at the same time a bequest to the younger generation," he says.

It seems to him, says Professor Reinke, of importance that at a time when everyone is longing for religious regeneration a natural philosopher should make a statement such as his. For it is natural science, he recalls, which the materialistic monists and atheists invoke most freely in endeavoring to substantiate their doctrines, and it is through an appeal to natural science that they have gained greatest credence with the masses.

Physical Science Has Limitations

"True, it is a principle in natural science to remain within the limits drawn for it, a principle to which I too have strictly adhered in all my treatises," he says. "But even the most far-reaching physical explanation of the cosmos cannot satisfy the desire and longing of men for a still farther examination of all questions."

"The phenomena in nature directly provoke in man the wish to fathom, by looking through the veil spread over nature, so to speak, the secrets of events and developments, in nature, in order to be able to recognize at least part of the force which holds nature together in all her wonders. The metaphysical longings inherent in every man—even the simplest-minded man—are in closest continuity with his religious impulse, with the seeking of God."

"The natural philosopher is in a position to recognize God through and in the multiplex refractions and the manifold natural phenomena, especially the events and developments of life, from a distance, and I may be allowed to confess with Augustine, 'My heart was distributed until it found room in God.'"

"In the hearts of so many men the idea of God has been suppressed, nay, almost extinguished, but I raise its banner with bold and joyful confidence in the hope that by close examination of the true contents of natural science the doubts of many a man will be dispelled and they will find fresh strength in the religious ideas which from the times of the Christian martyrs up to the present days have helped numerous people to surmount the difficulties and sufferings of our earthly life."

Cold Reception from Protestants
It is noteworthy that the statements of this prominent representative to German science have met with a refusal on the part of the liberal Protestant clergy. The liberal Protestants no longer wish to open their eyes, nor to be advised by the language of God and the wonders of nature; they even rebuff an expert who gives them an interpretation of that voice of nature.

Professor Reinke, speaking of this painful experience, acknowledges with special thanks the kind reception which Catholics on all sides, in even the highest places, have accorded him, in strong contrast to the attitude of the Protestant theologians.

Reinke's confession is made in a time which sadly needs guidance such as he has given. At the last meeting of the German universities at Darmstadt, the chairman made the following declaration:

"We teachers in universities find ourselves in an embarrassing situation, for the students want their knowledge deepened and rooted in some cosmic perception. We have mistaken the means for the end, and cannot now satisfy the desire of youth for cosmic guidance."

"What is missing is the recognition of a basis which binds and inspires all the forces of life and soul. This we can find only if we relinquish the standard of morality dictated by selfishness, and replace it with a standard dictated by the will of God."

"Only in the recognition of a Creator to Whom we submit, can we find the liberty of our souls, for the deepest-rooted of the real, fundamental dispositions of man is the religious."

Bible Made Text

Book in Tennessee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
Nashville, Tenn., July 6.—The Bible was made an official text book in the public schools of Tennessee by action of the State Board of Education.

The resolution of the Board approves the inclusion of the Bible in the curriculum of elective studies for which the schools may give credit.

By the provision of a law passed in 1915, Tennessee public schools have since that time been required to read at least ten verses of the Bible without comment at the opening of the school day.

BIRTH CONTROL AGITATION MAKES STIR IN ENGLAND

By George Barnard
(London Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, July 6.—"The Outlook," a non-Catholic review, issues a warning to the Anglican leaders who are arguing about birth control that as the result of their indecision the Catholic population is going up all over the world, and the Protestant population is going down.

This comment follows an outspoken address by the Anglican Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. Barnes, who, speaking at a health conference in Brighton, urged that steps be taken to secure a decrease of what he called "reckless child bearing."

Here are some of the surprising statements of that Anglican churchman:

"Human welfare is now being menaced by human fecundity. 'Civilization is in danger of being choked by its own human waste products.'"

"There is a limit of population which these islands can safely bear."

"There is a dispute as to the means which should be used to secure a decrease of reckless child bearing, but surely all must agree that it is gravely wrong that children should swarm in overcrowded slums."

Speaking of the conquests of medicine, Dr. Barnes said victory would be disastrous to public welfare unless the desire for many children was held in check.

A Protestant vicar of Brighton on the same evening repudiated the views of the Bishop "in the name of the Christian religion."

The London "Daily Express," a paper which has lately been alarmed at the decay of Protestantism in these islands, regards the Bishop's pronouncement as lamentable, and says that it goes far to explain the irreconcilable growth of the Catholic tendency in Ireland and Great Britain.

The article in "The Outlook" suggests there are more varieties of opinion on this matter among the clergy than among the laity, and urges the Anglican Church to make up its mind as to what the official attitude is to be.

No Uncertainty in Catholic Church

The article in "The Outlook" continues: "The Roman Catholic Church, as is well known, has made up its mind quite definitely on the subject; and I invite the attention of the Bishop of Birmingham and the Dean of St. Paul's—both of whom are advocates of birth control—to the fact that one result of this attitude is that the Catholic population is going up and the Protestant down all over the world. I do not in the least suggest, of course, that the Vatican was influenced by this consideration in its attitude (which, so far as I understand its premises and arguments, seems to me logically flawless), but it is of some practical importance."

"If the Catholics are going to produce children and the Protestants not, then it does not really matter very much how loudly the Protestant hierarchy denounce the lay world for breeding from its worst stocks. The time will come when the Catholic survivors will rewrite history in very different terms, and the Protestants, having birth-controlled themselves out of existence, will find it difficult to answer."

The whole subject of birth control is being publicly ventilated just now. Officials give vent occasionally to outrageous expressions of their personal views in privileged places. The worst offender is Judge Cluer in the Shoreditch (London) county court recently he had before him a woman with a baby in her arms and it was mentioned that she was in arrears with her rent.

The judge, pointing to the baby, said: "That is one of the causes of your arrears, in your arms."

"And I have six little ones at home," replied the woman.

"Then I am sorry you have," remarked Judge Cluer. "I am sorry you are not taught not to have them. It is ruining you and ruining the country. Even bishops are now agreeing that it is an unwise thing."

On a previous occasion this judge said in court: "It is a curse of this country that people get married too early and have huge families."

Another manifestation of the growing public interest in the subject is provided by the report of the special committee appointed by the National Council of Public Morals to inquire into the question of the birth-rate.

The conclusions of the committee are generally vague and unsatisfactory, regarding the matter chiefly as one of expediency. But there is at least one interesting passage:

"The capacities for self-control, especially in young people, are often underrated, and their training in this respect, as also in the ideals of married life, is a primary duty of all who are responsible for their education and upbringing."

Catholic Doctrines Makes Reservation

There was only one Catholic on this committee, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, and she signed a reservation to the report, declaring that the use of contraceptives is a frustration of God's design in nature and cannot be justified in any circumstances.

England is being flooded with birth control propaganda, in newspapers and books and on the platform, and when public men, including church leaders, sanction what the public conscience a generation ago regarded as sin, either by their open support of the campaign or by their silence, it is not very remarkable that the public conscience is weakening.

Unique Honor To

Young Priest

Lawler, Iowa.—Unique honors were paid to a young priest, the Rev. Emmett Kelly, when, a holiday was declared on the day on which he said his first Mass. All stores in town closed from morning until evening.

Anderson Starts New Organization Of "Protestants"

Will Use "Fellowship Forum" As Mouthpiece and Accept Contributions That Are Outright Gifts To Himself

(N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, July 3.—William H. Anderson, former New York Anti-Saloon League head and more lately a convict at Sing Sing after being convicted of forgery, announced here recently that he is launching a new "Protestant" organization. Anderson is now on parole from Sing Sing.

The Fellowship Forum, radically anti-Catholic paper published here, will serve as the mouthpiece of Anderson's new venture, he announced. "American Prohibition Protestant Patriotic Protective Alliance" is the bulky name chosen for the organization, and Anderson uses the somewhat abbreviated form "American P. P. P. Alliance."

One of the specific stipulations is that "it will accept contributions only as outright personal gifts to William H. Anderson, its founder and general secretary, to be used in any way he sees fit, to enable him to promote and further the objects of the Alliance."

"As founder and general secretary, in behalf of a founders' group of its natural constituency," says Anderson's announcement, carried in the Fellowship Forum, "I formally announce a new Protestant movement, an American Prohibition Protestant Patriotic Protective Alliance."

which, national in scope, will be a league, offensive and defensive, of 'allied Protestant Americans to resist abject surrender, in the name of bogus 'tolerance', of everything vital to true religion and a genuine patriotism—four-square in defense of American institutions and civil and religious liberty, against every secret conspiracy and every open attack of anti-American and anti-Protestant hate, passion, bigotry, intolerance and religious fanaticism."

Anderson continues that his movement does not seek to "eliminate nor even injure, but to save and utilize the Anti-Saloon League for certain useful work." He adds:

"It aims to arouse, educate and serve on a deeper, broader issue to which prohibition, though incidental, holds a key, the same dry Protestant churches, pastors and people who have looked to the Anti-Saloon League for leadership in the dry question." He boasts the movement has been so carefully planned that "it involves nothing that can possibly be distorted into an issue of creed, race or color," and with an evident thought to the Ku Klux Klan, adds: "None of the objections which is urged against other Protestant patriotic movements can possibly apply to this."

"Unique features" pointed out, in addition to the provision that all payments be made to Anderson, are:

It will have no members or membership and "therefore it will be beyond the reach of any legislation inspired by anti-Protestant zealots, directing the publication of lists of members in order to boycott or intimidate them"; it will have no oath. It will not be incorporated, although it is possible "some subsidiary activities" may be incorporated, although it is possible "some subsidiary activities" may be incorporated, later, it will have a "secretary for all payments to go directly to Anderson for the purpose it is naively declared, of guarding against 'any anti-Protestant who may try to contribute as the basis for a demand for an accounting' and against 'any anti-Protestant official anywhere in the country who may demand to inspect its books on the basis of alleged complaint from some named or unnamed enemy alleging that the movement is not being conducted in accordance with its published purpose.'"

A special bid is made for the aid of the fraternal organizations of the country, the new organization being termed a connecting link between Protestant denominational churches and Protestant fraternal orders.

Anderson closes his announcement with a plea for "offers of assistance" and offers of the use of Protestant pulpits to promote his project. He gives a lock box in Yonkers, New York, as his address.

Problem Of Churches For London Suburbs Reaches Acute Stage

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, June 19.—A new town over the London border destined to have a population of 100,000, and already housing thousands, is without a Catholic Church. This new center of population is at Dagenham, Essex, and is being constructed by the London County Council in connection with the big housing scheme.

The Bishop of Brentwood, Messrs. Doubleday, in whose diocese Dagenham is situated, is facing bigger problems of re-settlement than any Bishop in England. All over his diocese, which touches London on the East side, communities are on the move. At Dagenham there are already several thousands of people, and on a recent Sunday 400 Catholics attended Mass in a temporary chapel which is served by a visiting priest. There is as yet, no Catholic school.

The problem of providing churches in these new districts has prompted the Bishop to start a diocesan extension fund—as the Archbishop of Cardiff did a few months ago. The Brentwood fund will "promote the extension of the Church in those portions of the diocese in which local co-operation is either inadequate or impossible."

Bishop Doubleday has also started a parish adoption scheme, under which firmly established parishes will be urged to adopt newer and poorer ones.

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Dr. McGinnis' Niece Bachelor Cum Laude After Notable Course

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, July 6.—The New York and Brooklyn newspaper recently devoted considerable space to the unusual grammar, high school and college record of Miss Mary Camper McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. McGinnis of Brooklyn, N. Y. and niece of the Rev. William F. McGinnis, D. D., LL.D., president of the International Catholic Truth Society.

Miss McGinnis entered St. Augustine's High School at the age of ten, won the highest marks in every class and was graduated at fourteen with a 108 points Regents diploma, the Gold Medal for French and General Excellence and won a scholarship to the College of New Rochelle. As honor student of St. Augustine's she was selected to deliver the valedictory.

She entered the College of New Rochelle in September, 1921, was admitted to "Props and Paints"—the select dramatic organization of the College (an honor seldom accorded to a freshman), was appointed one of the editors of the "New Rochelle Quarterly" and as a fourteen year old freshman ranked among the highest in her class.

On account of her family moving into Brooklyn from their former home in Westbury, Long Island, and because many of her former High School associates were attending St. Joseph's College for Women, Brooklyn, Miss McGinnis entered this institution as a Sophomore in September, 1922. In her Sophomore year she ranked very high in her studies and was next in merit for the Class General Excellence Prize.

As a Junior she was awarded the Class General Excellence and was a regular contributor to "Loria"—the College magazine.

During her Senior year, Miss McGinnis has been prominent in all of the literary, dramatic and social activities of the College—serving as one of the editors of "Loria" and contributing many timely articles to its columns.

At the recent Commencement Exercises, Miss McGinnis, who has just passed her eighteenth birthday, as honor student of the Class of '25, delivered the valedictory and received her degree of A. B. cum laude. In addition to these honors, she was awarded the Bishop McDonnell Prize for Ethics and Philosophy and the Bishop Molloy Prize for General Excellence.

Peoria Priest Giving Course of Sermons In Westminster

London, June 23.—So great is the interest being taken in high ecclesiastical circles here in the forthcoming book of an Illinois priest of the Peoria diocese, the Rev. J. Fulton Sheen, that the has been asked to deliver a course of sermons in Westminster Cathedral in July. The subject of Father Sheen's book is "God's Intelligence."

Topics chosen for the sermons at the Cathedral are likely to attract considerable attention, since some of them deal with matters now the subject of controversy. They are: "God and Evolution," "Christ and Others," "The Church and Institutionalism," and "Peace and Peacemakers." Father Sheen, who has been studying in Europe, expects to return to America after the publication of his book.

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