

Unquestioning Loyalty

"There are some questions which shouldn't be asked." Such is the noble belief of the born-again faith of an actual evolutionary religionist--a "brave stretch of faith on the part of the most humble and unlearned of God's children on earth" (TUB 102:0.2). "This saving faith has its birth in the human heart when the moral consciousness of man realizes that human values may be translated in mortal experience from the material to the spiritual, from the human to the divine, from time to eternity." (TUB 102:0.3) To be born again is to grasp "the Melchizedek gospel of trust in God and salvation through faith" (TUB 94:1.6).

"Evolutionary religions and revelatory religions may differ markedly in method, but in motive there is great similarity. ... And the outstanding characteristics of all religions are: unquestioning loyalty and wholehearted devotion to supreme values." (TUB 100:6.1) And: "The accepted supreme value of the religionist may be base or even false, but it is nevertheless religious." (TUB 100:6.2) Subsequent to being born again into a religious life, there must be a gradual, upward growth of a parallel scientific life, sufficient to realize the budding cosmic consciousness of impending spiritual adulthood. Otherwise, when it inevitably becomes obvious to you that it is no longer reasonable to remain "unquestioningly loyal" to the doctrines of your religion--and you do not immediately adopt or establish new doctrines of a different evolutionary religion--then, you will cease to be a religionist. You indeed were born again, but you subsequently forsook that birth.

"Man's greatest spiritual jeopardy consists in partial progress, the predicament of unfinished growth: forsaking the evolutionary religions of fear without immediately grasping the revelatory religion of love." (TUB 99:4.8) [see my declaration entitled "House of Darkness"] Instead of this most unfortunate predicament, if one achieves the new, higher beginning of being born again, again, then one's unquestioning loyalty will be reborn into a revelatory religion. To be born again is to be "spirit-born" (TUB 34:6.13); in contrast, to be born again, again, is to be "spirit-born and God-knowing" (TUB 193:2.2)--"born of the spirit of truth-seeking and God-finding" (ibid.). Therefore, respectively, just such a revelatory religionist is "unquestioningly loyal to all truth" (TUB 100:7.2) and has--as did Jesus--"an unquestioning loyalty to the Father's will" (TUB 196:0.5). Such is "The Faith of Jesus" (Paper 196).

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