

Belief In God

Jno. 14: 8

We often hear it said that there is no one trying to prove God because every body believes in Him any way. And yet there is Philip saying "you know us the Father and we will be satisfied" and don't you forget it now, the language of Philip is the language of much of the human race.

A man once said in a religion gathering "you preachers quit telling us about modernism and we will know nothing about it." It is amazing how any man will confess such stupidity. To do so is a confession like that is to say he does not read the daily press nor the big magazines of the country. Right at that time a magazine with 50,000 readers had an article in it strong for modernism. "you preachers just keep your mouths shut unless you can't shut man's" have said "just let it stand behind our preachers as they blaze out against the devil as he raises his hand in this modernistic rebellion."

In like manner people are saying "Do not try to prove God. I'll say this if you believe in God and know that He loves you have some reasons for that knowledge. If then some people have not settled the matter in their minds why should you be so stingy with your knowledge as not to impart it to them?" In other words if Philip says to you "If you ever really know us the Father and will be satisfied why should you stand off and say, 'God does not need to be shown or defended by us'?"

It is important for people to believe in God because God has to do with spiritual forces. And we know that "the final forces in human society are always the spiritual forces they decide the issue." "They are either for it or against it."

twelve throne, judging the varied movements of this troubled life and determining the outcome. Ill. A Knife - no power in itself what it does depends on moral purpose which wields it.

Now all economic organization, political devices, and various machinery of the human race are only tools in our hands having no magic power within themselves. The question is to whether these things are going to yield good or ill all turns to the quality of the spiritual forces which wield them. We have in our national culture, industrial methods, and in our educational system given too much time to the sharpening of our knives and not enough attention to the qualities of mind and heart which would wield those knives aright. "The sorest need to-day is a change of heart and a finer type of personal character."

The hope for this old world in all of it, Tom Condon's religion. Religion with God in it. Rel. with God whom we know is it. A Rel. that will make us unafraid to tell that we know God is in it.

"No single force has entered so widely, so powerfully, so continuously into the renewal of the moral nature, into the shaping of new ideals and into the shaping of fine personal character as this century by contact between the human and divine."

Now the basic fact in Rel. real genuine Rel. is faith in God. we can not have real Rel. without God. you can not have faith in God unless you believe in Him.

Speaking for Christian people I will say there are three reasons for our belief in God.

1. we can explain the universe where we stand ourselves better on that hypothesis.

