

WHY-BE-A-CHRISTIAN?

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If Christianity is not ahead of everything else it should not be the supreme goal of any one.

If Christianity has rival religions equal to it then we would not make a mistake if we chose one of its equal rivals.

If Christianity is not as good as some other religions then cut on the losers if we choose it rather than a superior religion.

How to determine which is the religion that is supreme in merit and power is a subject that has received more attention than most any other. (DIVINE HEAD)

After the whole matter has been studied you take a good Christian and you can point to him and say "There Can you beat that?" what do you see there?

- { Kindness
Unselfishness
Golden rule man
Spirituality vs Form
Spiritual glow

yes, Christianity can take a self centered life from the wealthy strata - or an out cast from the slums - or the habitual

drunkard - or the murderer - The Kist
rapper - or the vilest of the vile and
give beauty for ashes and does at
other religions to produce anything
like - It is the only religion whose
founder came forth from the cold -
ness and the loneliness of a grave
and shouted 'I am the Resurrection
and the life'

"who is like unto thee oh people saved
by the Lord?"

To claim that Christianity is best of all is a
sweeping claim. Is it too much? Let us
come to particulars and ask - "In what
specific ways does the Christian life beat
all the rest?" This is a crucial question.
It is one for which every Christian is
responsible - To ^{begin} might let us consider
four points at which the Christian life
surpasses every other -

1. It is happier than any other -
Some one says - "I find it hard to believe
that because I see so many Christians
with long faces and looking though
they had lost their best friend" -

The odd thing about such statement
is that lots of church members do look
that way - (Disappearing is what makes me look this
way)

For a person to develop thus means that he had been given the wrong interpretation of Christianity -

1. one man would not let his children look at Circus parade go down the street
2. Another would not let his go to a picture show -

I knew both families and know what the children did when they got away from home -
(Ole Myrtle)

Dr. Francis Thompson was so convinced that he ran away with the thought that Christianity was a prison house and Jesus a "Killer" -

If we will be tender with our children and properly introduce them to Jesus & help them to see Him as He really is and not a "Killer" they will get so much joy out of being with Him that many other things will lose their attraction -

Now - what are the three greatest enemies of happiness?

- ① worry ② Boredom ③ Self-Centeredness

Christianity slays these -

- a. worry - nothing can pluck you out of God's hand
- b. Boredom - wonder of Jesus unending
- c. Self-Centeredness - By taking you out of your self.

I think of that - There were enemies slain - Christ offers you such a life - Can any other religion do that?

2. The Christian life is harder than any other. "But I always thought Christianity was easy" you just sign your name and you are a Christian" - "But" says the "C" "It is hard" - "Well tell me" say the others "How hard is it?" "How much has it cost you - in money, time, etc?"

Christianity has been presented by some as something "lickety and toothless" - a dead religion would be easy - a popular religion is easy - a hand full of flowers can make the tree look easy. But it is not easy to do the right when your neighbor will shoot you if you oppose his unrighteous business.

It is hard for a preacher to preach against his members' wickedness when that member can cut off his tail. It is hard for ministers in every country to stand in Concentration Camps - rather than drawn Christ -

you feel good after a hard job is done. The Christian life is hard but happy.

Are you wanting an easy passage through this world? - well you need not go to the N.Y. for your directions -

3. It is holier than any other -
we are afraid of this word you
know because of its associations
But look at its real meaning -

"wholesome" & "healthy" = inward health -
in short it means "Integrated personality"
Bringing all the inward conflicts together
and eliminate the discord as injurious
to spiritual health - That is what holy
means - Jesus in the life does that -

4. It is more hopeful - Bertrand Russell
says nothing can preserve a life be-
yond the grave - But surmounting
all that such men may say -
Jesus sweeps that horror of dark-
ness from the soul and stands
pointing out toward eternity and
deeds - The soul of man shall
go morning morning morning
on to God - Hopeful -

the happiest	} then why not be a	
the hardest		} Christian
the holiest		
the most hopeful		

Then let us ever say -

"Who is like unto thee O, people saved
by the Lord?"

