

yields to the productive efforts of man, they allow themselves to be governed by their emotions and espouse exactly the same doctrines as do those who are avowedly seeking the overthrow of both our Church and our Civilization. If they succeed, the fact that *their intentions were good* won't serve to mitigate the ensuing disaster, or excuse the part they have had in bringing it about.

What, then, is the duty of the Church to the Social Order?

For some years past a considerable part of the members of the ministry, a considerable part of the publications of the Church, have devoted their time to the preaching, not of Christian love, but of class hatred. Instead of pointing out the forward march of the race under the teachings of the Christian religion, they have magnified its deficiencies, have emphasized its shortcomings and its lack of perfection, in such a way as to arouse animosity and retard that progress which is admittedly all too slow. Obviously, they should cease such tactics, should discontinue proclaiming the identical doctrines upon which the Communist relies to bring about his class revolution.

It is impossible for the Church, through its physical manifestations, to affect directly the action of its people. No pastor can be present to guide any single one of his hundreds of parishioners in making those decisions which must be made every day of our lives. They come in the home, in the midst of a business conference, at the end of a telephone wire, or more often than not in the silent hours of the night, when the conscious mind seeks rest in slumber, and the subconscious mind so rearranges the brain cells that with the coming of consciousness the solution of the problem is apparent. *But the Spiritual Church can control these things!* It can, and it does, so build character that when these cells are rearranged they are rearranged in patterns which conform to the teachings of Jesus Christ. This, then, is the duty of the Church and its ministers, to cease wasting time on the superficial, and devote its energy to *the great fundamental problem of building Christian character.* The duty of the Church is to *make men and women of better and finer character*, and only as it accomplishes this objective will it build a better and a finer Social Order.



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