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THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S RELIGION

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Every American holds sacred the memory of Theodore Roosevelt. He was a great man in those qualities which lend pre-eminence to anyone possessing them, and while the world admired his abrupt statesmanship and severe candor, not to speak of his vast fund of information upon almost all subjects, very few of the general public know much about his religion. This is the way he, himself, expresses it:

"I wonder, if you recall one verse of Micah that I am very fond of—to do justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with thy God—that to me is the essence of religion. To be just with all men, to be merciful to those to whom mercy should be shown, to realize that there are some things that must always remain a mystery to us, and when the time comes for us to enter the great blackness, to go smiling and unafraid.

"That is my religion, my faith. To me it sums up all religion, it is all the creed I need. It seems simple and easy, but there is more in that verse than in the involved rituals and confessions of faith of many creeds we know.

"To love justice, to be merciful, to appreciate that the great mysteries shall not be known to us, and so living, face the beyond confident and without fear—that is life." This simple, concise creed is not unlike that which Abraham Lincoln professed, nor would anyone go very far astray who accepted it. Mr. Roosevelt was supposed to be severe and austere, even his nearest friends sometimes hesitated to discuss religion with him. And yet on more than one occasion he has taken the pulpit and delivered a discourse, not faithful it is true to the dogmas upon which so many religions depend, but common sense practically without which no religion can be made applicable to the common sorrows of mankind. To know Roosevelt in a very personal way was to know one of the tenderest men that lived.

We have no objection to the creed of any religious sect. Perhaps it is more agreeable than to have no creed at all. We know that the established religious institutions of civilization depend greatly on the creed for their solidarity, for strangely enough form and ritualism and the external symbols of religion have a mighty appeal and serve some natures as nothing else can. When John Wesley, however, left the English Church to organize the Methodist Societies, it was not because of a want of creed but because of too much of creed. He believed that the development of spirituality was only possible from within and that too great attention to without was calculated to destroy one's hope for an understanding of sufficient clearness to lead him into the light of spiritual revelation.

Mr. Roosevelt would do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with his God—"That to me is the essence of religion." And so it is. It is more than that. It is the philosophy of the religious instinct which everyone has in more or less degree, and which found lodgment in the great heart of Theodore Roosevelt. To do justly is a sermon in itself, for it means that in all the relations of life we must guard against selfish advantage and put into practice the Golden Rule which admonishes us to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. It is still more; it requires of us to be just in heart and thought without ulterior design, not simply externally and for effect, as many of us are prone to be.

But Mr. Roosevelt speaks of something more than mere justice. He would have us walk humbly with our God. This in itself is a text for a sermon. To be humble is essential to our spiritual growth, for we are admonished repeatedly in the New Testament to "become as little children" if we would learn the secrets of spiritual power. The proud man goeth before a mighty fall. The proud man closes the door to communication with his Maker. The proud man loves only himself and thus is carnal-minded, materialistic, strictly physical and consequently seldom even a good neighbor. The proud man may be very faithful to mere creed, very strict in its observance, and very prompt in its defense, yet a stranger to true religion. The humble have open hearts, receptive vessels into which are poured the streams of refreshing from the fountains of God's world.

Mr. Roosevelt also loved mercy. Who could be religious without being merciful? Who could be merciful without being humble? Who could be humble without being just? These three words, then, justice, which Carlyle called the sweetest

word in the English language; Humility, without which, according to Paul the Apostle, no one could achieve greatness; and Mercy, the sure expression of godliness, formed the key-stone of Roosevelt's religious structure. May we not add that the Sermon on the Mount, the sweetest of all discourses, was filled with the atmosphere of these three fundamentals of true religion? It was not until Saul of Tarsus had lost his pride of external formalism that he became Paul the Apostle. No one had fought more bitterly the little circle of primitive Christians; no one of his time had been more stiffnecked in opposition to them, and no one in all the history of Christianity finally became more profoundly converted than this same Paul who afterwards was able to say: "To me to live is Christ."

Roosevelt would teach us the simple truths of religion, simply expressed, yet vital in the sense of their sufficiency for every contingent of life. He would banish the fetish that these truths must be clothed in purple and fine linen in order to be effective. He does not say that true religion is unrelated to ceremonialism, but rather that external embellishment is unnecessary to spiritual growth and understanding. This, then, is the secret all must learn: "To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Are you buying 'em early?

Keep your eye on the flax industry in the Salem district. It is a comer.

The next legislature will not be the one to raise salaries. For a little while, at least, all hands will have to be satisfied with what they have.

Greece may have her king, but if she does she will have to get along without the sympathy, financial or otherwise, of the rest of the world. Kings are going out of style.

The Statesman the other day made a contract for its paper supply for a number of months, and the price paid is more than three times the price of three to four years ago; and a good deal higher than a year ago—and that at the mill. The former price was delivered. Now, besides paying more than three times the former price, the Statesman must also pay the freight, adding nearly a cent a pound to the cost. And even this is not the peak price. It is lower than The Statesman had to pay a few months ago. There is not a very encouraging outlook for much lower prices for print paper. While the so-called "spot" paper market is away below what it was at one time; in fact only about a third what it was in New York, the contract prices of print paper are not to be lower in the east than they have been for several months. That is, they are to continue at the peak prices. The "spot" paper market, which was a so-called "runaway" market, has been lowered by foreign importations, and will likely be kept down in the same way—though the amount of paper to be had in foreign countries for American use is not proportionately very large; not over 125,000 tons a year. The time is coming when paper will be only about double what it was before the war; but that time is likely two or three years in the future.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.

"There is a world into which children may enter and find noble companionship. It is the world of books. Let your boy escape for a time from the meanness of the boy across the street, and let him roam the woods with Hiawatha, sail the seas with Sinbad, build stockades with Crusoe, fight dragons with Jason, joust with Galahad; let him play at quoits with Odysseus, and at football with Tom Brown. These are playmates who will never quarrel with him nor bully him, but from whom he will learn to be brave, self-reliant, manly." — Quoted from W. T. Field.

Your neighborhood may not provide the kind of boys you would choose for your boy's companions, but you can surround him with the best book friends. He will find in the public library the people of this world of books, but he likes to have his first friends in his home where he can visit with them when he will.

Are you building for your boy or your girl a library that can mean to him all that book friends may? It need not be large; a few selected friends are more satisfying than a crowd of acquaintances.

If books did not play so large a part in your child that you can choose, you may have a friend to whom books have meant much. Ask him, or inquire at the public library for suggestions. You will find there lists of books prepared by those who have given careful thought to the subject of children's reading. You will find,

FUTURE DATES.
 December 1, Wednesday — Entertainment by Great Shirley Concert company at armory, under auspices of American Legion.
 December 6, Monday — Special school election.
 December 7, Tuesday — Annual election of Cherrians.
 December 8, Wednesday — Annual election of Commercial club.
 December 10, 11 and 12 — Western Oregon Older Boys' conference, Salem.
 December 14 — Tuesday — Annual election Salem Business Men's League.
 December 15, Wednesday — War Mothers' bazaar in armory.
 December 25, Saturday, Christmas.

American home is not doing its duty by the rising generation. Through its carelessness or positively criminal encouragement it is creating a class who have no purpose in life save the satisfaction of their own feverish passions.

When a gambler throws away his tools and turns to the light it is quite the usual thing for him to give the American home a slam for not providing the right thing in the way of an education which should keep the feet of the young in the right path.

But a little criticism of the American home will do no harm. The number of mothers who do not know where their sons and daughters are is very large. The number of those who do not give a whoop is almost as great.

After a while the reformed rakes will be telling us that home is no place for a respectable girl.

COMES HIGH.

The different city departments in Chicago expect to spend a total of fifty million dollars next year. Can life in Chicago possibly be worth it?

SINGING HIGH.

A 12-year-old Tacoma boy is said to have the highest voice in the world. He can easily take notes almost an octave higher than the loftiest flights of Galli-Curiel. Everything seems to be coming high this season and the cost of living is affecting our voices. First thing we know we'll all be doing falsetto to keep up with the price of bacon.

WORK AND WOMEN.

In the city of Detroit 26 marriage licenses were returned in a single week without having any wedding recorded. In most of them the groom-to-be had lost his job and did not feel like assuming a double responsibility. The average man wants a job first and then a wife—or else a wife with a job.

We read that troops have restored order in Tralee. "The flowers that bloom in the spring, Tralee, have nothing to do with the case."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Some were buying 'em.
 They were doing their Christmas shopping early all over Salem yesterday.
 The farmers showed yesterday that they are ready to raise the flax.
 They will raise several thousand acres, if they can sell it at the right prices.
 There is every indication, too, that they can, and that there will be a market at an advanced price over this year for all they can raise.

All of which sounds mighty encouraging for Salem. Whatever may happen in some other sections, there is not going to be any business recession in Salem or the Salem district, if our people will co-operate and not get cold feet. On the contrary, there is going to be greater prosperity and more rapid growth.

The British people are in favor of being very nice to the United States; but they want to keep all the advantages they have gained in favorable treaties concerning Persian and other oil fields. Johnny Bull cannot get over his habit of land grabbing and concession grabbing. It must be admitted that the British nation is the best colonizer in the world—excepting the United States—but that nation always looks out for number one.

The electric light and power lines are getting further and further into the farming districts around Salem. It is a great thing.

SILVERTON BRIEFS.

SILVERTON, Or., Nov. 27.—Rev. and Mrs. George Henrichsen, with their daughters Dora and Louise, drove to Portland Sunday afternoon. They returned home Monday night.

A number of college students are home for the holidays, among them being Alvin and Victor Madson from O.A.C.; Kenneth Yonel, Sylvan McNeary and John Hollingsworth from U. of O.

Seward Tegland, the young son of S. Tegland, had the misfortune to break an arm last Monday. The accident occurred while he was attempting to crank an automobile.

Miss Aslang Olsen returned home Thursday after a three days' visit in Portland.

Mrs. Hans Jensen of Portland is visiting relatives at Silvertown during the holidays. She is accompanied by her two small sons, Norman and Marvin.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

A NEWSPAPER IS LEFT ON THE SEAT OF A STREET CAR AND NO ONE MAKES A MOVE TO PICK IT UP—NOT EVEN THE CONDUCTOR.



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Another "Lifer" Comes to State Penitentiary

A. J. Weston, who was convicted in Deschutes county of second degree murder in connection with the slaying of Robert Krug, arrived at the state penitentiary yesterday to begin serving a life sentence. He was accompanied by his attorney who declared to Warden L. H. Compton that Weston will be a free man within three months through appeal of his case to the supreme court.
 Warden Compton said Weston would be placed into a receiving

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Shop Early For Christmas

We have laid in an extra heavy stock of Holiday supplies and they will be placed on display the latter part of this week.

Groceries
 In our grocery department you will find everything needed to make your Christmas Dinner what it should be—a feast of plenty and good cheer. Prices way below the ordinary.

Dry Goods
 Our dry goods and clothing department will offer you many tempting bargains in things appropriate for Xmas gifts and at prices that you cannot duplicate elsewhere.

Shoes
 In our shoe department you can find many choice gifts—in shoes, slippers, pumps, etc., for men, women and children. Price these goods elsewhere, then price ours.

Economy Basement
 Our economy basement contains innumerable novelties to brighten up the Christmas tree and cheer the little tots.

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