



# SHADOW OF CATASTROPHE

FRANCE'S FATEFUL EXAMPLE

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(An address given before the Council of Churches in N.S.W., on June 23rd, 1942, in moving a motion as follows: "That the Council do now solemnly consider the total situation which obtains in this State, with its national and international setting from the point of view of the kingdom on earth of our Lord Jesus Christ, with a view to taking such action as such a review may demand at the hands of His earthly representaives.")

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These are days of amazement, but most amazing of all is that few see the emblazoned writing on the wall. History repeats itself. A race favoured by God for many generations is under His judgment.

Nations, like men, choose whether they will walk after the flesh or the spirit, and Anglo-Saxony has of late turned sharply and deliberately to the flesh. The atrophied life of the spirit has naturally resulted in accelerating spiritual decline, decay, and death. Thus the moral foundations are destroyed, corruption ensues, and "where the carcass is there will the eagles be gathered together." (Matt. 24:28).

Let me indicate the main features of a situation which is dominated by lust and liquor.

## LUST

Lust, in its narrow sexual sense, is the most fatal of all sins to both soul and body, and never in our history has it been so widespread and so virulent. Not only have the checks been removed, but its course has been accelerated by every means imaginable; the dykes have burst and the moral landscape is flooded with its filth.

The public mind is constantly assailed with sex suggestion by persons who, drawing upon their imagination, or publicising their own abominable practices, take this easy way of gratifying their liking for notoriety or greed for gold. Recently a course of lectures has been given in Federation House, Sydney, to mixed audiences including young girls, which exhibited the human intellect working upon the lowest strata of human physiological phenomena. The parties concerned might now ascend from these

dark depths somewhat and tell us what life is like in the city sewers. On every hand the senses are assaulted with wicked suggestiveness. Films, magazines, books, picture post-cards, broad-casts, theatrical performances, dances, advertisements of films and many other things, and scant ladies' attire keep up a constant attack upon Mansoul. God pity the children who are born into such conditions, breathe such an atmosphere, and face the daily bombardment of such hellish artillery. Even the sacred precincts of the home are invaded in ways which defy all its defences.

The military authorities have, under the euphemistic term "prophylactic," adopted the means devised by materialistic science for making sexual wickedness safe on a wholesale scale, regardless of the frightful effect this must have upon the moral character of the men, and eventually upon the morality of family life. This is approved by the Government and the medical profession generally, and, on the principle that silence gives consent, by others more directly responsible for the spiritual well-being of the nation. The close relationship of certain 'residential' with the 'mixed lounges,' where women lurk for their victims, is well-known.

The director of Social Hygiene, N.S.W. Dept. of Public Health, said recently that, "the moral standards of the community have fallen appreciably since the beginning of the war; nearly 6000 men have been treated for venereal diseases at the Health Department's clinics in Sydney this year." To these must be added those treated in other centres, those treated privately, and the thousands treated for prevention and cure under military auspices. **And what about the women in the case about whom the terrible facts are so carefully blanketed?** The only thing that prevents the conclusion that they are equally numerous, is the fact that in some parts of Australia the profession of prostitution is conducted under the supervision of the authorities.

Now, Surgeon G. Parran, U.S.A. Health Service, announces a 5-day cure for Gonorrhoea, but the consequences of sin cannot be so easily evaded as that implies. It is notorious that as fast as a cure for one disease is found another appears. "They have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them." (Is. 66:3, 4). This follows the declared purpose of God in regard to His people, Israel, if they forsook Him and followed after other gods—"I will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee." (Dt. 28:60).

#### FATE OF FRANCE FORESEEN

The January "Hibbert Journal" carried an article by Mr. Hamilton Fyfe on "Matthew Arnold and the fall of France," in which he quoted a prediction by Arnold and showed how lamentably it has been fulfilled. More than 50 years ago Arnold, lecturing in New York, said: "France is suffering from a dangerous and perhaps fatal disease. If the disease goes on and increases, then things will go from bad to worse with her. She will more and more lose her powers of soul and spirit, her intellectual productivity, her skill in counsel, her formidableness as a foe, her value as an ally." The symptoms of this disease he found in the

character of popular novels, plays, periodicals. These proved, he said, "that the readers of the novels and newspapers, the spectators at the plays were under a malign influence. That influence he called Lubricity, a word akin to lubricate, originally denoting smoothness, which had become a synonym for lewdness, defined by the dictionary as lustful, unchaste." In allusion to the question of the Town Clerk of Ephesus he asked: "What man is there that knoweth not that the city of the French is a worshipper of the great goddess Lubricity?"

Arnold suggested the word *Aseigeia* as used in the Greek New Testament, meaning excess, insolence, licentiousness, debauchery, as an alternative, adding, "here is now a whole popular literature, nay, and art too, in France at her service: stimulations and suggestions by her and to her meet one at every turn. The worship of this goddess is against nature, human nature, and it is ruin." He further declared "the consequences of deliberate and habitual lustfulness to be an unsettling and weakening of the powers of the understanding as well as the rendering of the heart thoroughly corrupt. Once admitted and fostered, it eats like a canker. Hardness and insolence come in its train, a hardness which grows until the man at last can scarcely take pleasure in anything outside the service of his goddess, except cupidity and greed, and cannot be touched with emotion by any language except fustian."

During the intervening 50 years, France, as a consequence, has not produced a truly great man, the press, politics and business have been thoroughly corrupt, public scandals have had to be smothered "because everybody implicated knew something about somebody which kept him safe." M. Reynaud, Premier when France fell, "is reputed to have been one of the best of her politicians, yet according to M. Elic Bois, editor of *Petit Parisian*, his mistress, Madam de Portas, declared frantically that he (Reynaud) must give up, there must be an armistice, he could not go on." Thomas Kernan, head in Paris of an American publishing firm, recently quoted Paul Boncour when he was Finance Minister and delegate to the League of Nations, as having said in a letter to his harlot-mistress, "When I think of your lovely body I don't care a damn for Central Europe."

France was rotten; her fall was inevitable. It remains only to add that Mr. Fyfe says that we are not only afflicted with the same fell disease, but that it has reached an advanced stage, and that "***Aseigeia* is not merely tolerated; she is encouraged.**" Justice Brennan recently sentencing a man for indecent assault, said, "Morals in Australia to-day are at a very low ebb. The downfall of France was caused by low morals, and they are not much better in Australia." The blandishments of the harlot, and the incitements blatantly publicised by vested interests have brought Anglo-Saxony to the verge of phallism, the old pagan objective display of the sexual organs as objects of worship.

#### LIQUOR

After last comes liquor which defies all law and demands an open go.

The Sydney Morning Herald, which has derived an immense revenue from liquor adverts., and plumped for wet canteens, must have become alarmed, for it has published nine leaders and

sub-leaders since March 2nd., beginning with "Checking the drink orgy." Writing on "Beer and efficiency" (25/6/42) it said: "There seems a remarkable reluctance in the authorities to grapple with this evil, or to respond with anything but an air of impotence to representations made by indignant observers of the trend." Commenting (8/7/42) on what it calls "The Huge Drink Bill" of £12,384,714 for New South Wales for 1941, compared with £6,049,397 for 1931, which is less than half last year's amount, the Herald said, "An increase on the grossly inflated total of the previous year. Why the original plan to check the over-consumption of liquor at its source was relaxed, remains a mystery."

Certainly since the Federal Government announced the institution of control with a great flourish on March 10th, such words as "adjustment," "relaxation," "modification," "alteration," "concession," give the impression of **addle-headed authorities operating as a weather vane.**

Under big type heading "Breweries in demand," the Herald (18/6/42) said: "A feature of trading was the widening of demand for brewery shares at enhanced rates." **But thirteen days later Tooth's had risen another 4/9 per share.** This reflects the calculated view of the investing public, as to the future prospects of the drink traffic with its palatial buildings, immense financial reserves, and cool, calculated resolution to push its interests **at all costs to the nation;** to that must be added the political good-will it commands. Men in the King's uniform stagger about the streets and even lie drunk in the gutters.

On August 6th, Mr. A. B. Piddington, K.C., Sydney, said in a letter to the Herald: "The Nazis, Japanese and Italians enforce sobriety in peace time. When the Japanese fleet came here, not a rating on leave entered an hotel, and they carried their own water bottles when ashore. I have seen near the Supreme Court an Australian A.B. in uniform, with one "urger" holding him up while another poured beer into his mouth. Such sights are common enough."

On 3/7/42 the Herald reported: "An Army spokesman said to-day that at 10 o'clock on Sunday night, military police had examined a troop train taking men back from leave in Melbourne, and found 300 full bottles of an expensive brand of whisky." On 16/3/42 the "Telegraph" carried a photograph of an aeroplane which had been brought down in New Guinea, which was carrying 4800 bottles of beer.

On 27/3/42 the Herald reported Mr. Dedman, Minister for War Organisation of Industry, as saying, "23,000 men are employed in Australia making beer and a host of others in its transport and distribution," to say nothing of the growers and processors of the hops, sugar, etc., required for its manufacture." This is evidently one of the industries the Minister had in mind when he said (S.M.H. 30/6/42), "vested interests in industry are adopting an utterly selfish attitude." On the same date, Senator Cameron said, "Australia's war-time activities are being hampered by influential businesses." The Herald (6/3/42) reported Mr. Connolly, president of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association, as saying, "My association will not countenance law-breaking by hotel-keepers, but will co-operate with the Government

to the full," and yet on 25/6/42 the same gentleman was saying: "Some of the publicans are 'not playing the game.' They sold liquor to soldiers and civilians already drunk. They did not care to whom they sold drink, so long as they sold it," and that "unless present violations of the law are stopped quickly, drastic action will have to be taken by the Commonwealth Government." Thus **the drink profiteers stand condemned out of the mouth of their own official spokesman.**

The Herald (29/5/42) reported that Mr. Frank Clune, honorary Commissioner for the Australian Comforts Fund in Middle East, "deplored the fact that the men of the Navy and merchant marine risked their lives to take cargoes of beer to the Middle East." According to the Controller General, Mr. W. Holden, one consignment went to England and was re-shipped from there to the Middle East, via Capetown. Commenting upon the statement made by Colonel Gee, Deputy-Director of Australian Canteen Services in the Middle East, about the salvaging of 12,000,000 beer bottles valued conservatively at £70,000, at the Canteen Inquiry, "The Mirror" (19/6/42) said: "The startling revelations of the booze racket are stunning. Do we have to win the war on beer? An implacable and determined enemy is at our gates, bent on our destruction. Have we gone stark raving mad?" Sodom and Gomorrah could scarcely have been worse than Melbourne, as reported by "The Sun" (21/6/42): "Conservative Melbourne has become the scene of a war-time orgy of hard drinking and open love-making that shocks even hardened observers. Cars cruise the streets with boots stacked with liquor, prepared to stop at dark corners to ask soldiers to buy. To walk down the street with an American soldier is to be accosted every few yards. Couples cuddle in door-ways, indifferent to the gaze of startled passers-by."

On August 12 The Daily Telegraph reported Mr. E. J. Tait, just returned from two weeks in Brisbane, as follows:

"I arrived there at about 10 o'clock on the night of July 24," said Mr. Tait. "It was almost impossible to get a taxi, because of the drunks, soldiers and civilians, who were lurching about the streets and sitting in the gutters, eating saveloys. The next evening, when I went to my hotel, it was after six, and the place was shut—with the crowd inside. About 500 men were packed into a bar built for about 100. They were shouting and yelling drunkenly, waving bottles in the air. The noise was like a crowd of 1300 working up for the kill at a prize-fight. From early dark until 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. the streets were full of screeching men and women. This went on every night for the two weeks I was there. The most repulsive sight of all was that of girls, 14 years and upwards, who were brazenly ogling the soldiers. The police were doing absolutely nothing about it. Sly-grog sellers, particularly taxi-drivers, are making enormous profits. I am no saint. I am a theatrical manager. I am not easily shocked, but in Brisbane I was horrified."

Professor Harvey Sutton, Sydney University, observes that, "This year probably 60,000 persons will be arrested and come before the magistrates for drunkenness. And police arrest is confined to those whom the police see making a nuisance of themselves."

In Great Britain, Brewery Trade profits have risen from £23,000,000, 1934, to £34,000,000, 1940. The Government allows 19,000,000 barrels to be brewed, as against 10,000,000 during the last war. In the meantime 18,000 people were killed on the roads during the first two years of the war. Lord Aitken announced in the House of Lords that juvenile crime, which in comparison even with the last war, had up to 1929 nearly doubled, had during this war "increased enormously." Ponder that.

In Toronto, Canada, over 100 Ministers spoke recently one Sunday, on the liquor traffic. Rev. John Coburn said: "The liquor traffic is our worst fifth column; booze is Adolf Hitler's best ally at this moment." Rev. C. A. Williams said: "Strong drink is the arch-enemy of God and humanity. It is doing far more harm to youth than all the might and greed of Germany, Italy and Japan." Rev. Carl V. Farmer said: "We are spending more on drink than at any period of our history." Dr. N. H. Sedgwick said: "Liquor is about the only thing that has not been brought under drastic Government control."

A prominent Capetown Minister reports that a military officer who served in France before the collapse, replying to his question as to the reason for the fall of France, replied, "the self-same spirit as I see in Capetown to-day, the utter frivolity which was in evidence."

Speaking of the 'de-Christianisation' of the country generally, the minister pointed to Sabbath-breaking, paganistic stories in the magazines, godless plays broadcast, and lusting after the racecourse. "Popular stories are full of convivial drinking, while an interview with servicemen on the radio will terminate with, "Well, I'm dry after that, let's go and have a drink."

"The National Voice" says that in the U.S.A. there are 437,000 licensed liquor sellers, eleven saloons for every church, one for every 71 homes, in which 1,350,000 girls are employed; and this takes no cognisance of the "thousands upon thousands of bootleg joints." The rest can be imagined. The same paper says, "We repealed the Eighteenth Amendment, and lived to see King Alcohol in league with the Japanese at Pearl Harbour."

On Sunday, March 1st, after the Japanese had landed at Rembang, and after the Dutch had destroyed the oil wells 31 miles away, the special A.A.P. correspondent said: "Last night there was unusual gaiety in Bandoeng. When I left the Savoy Horman Hotel at 3.15 a.m. to-day the orchestra was still playing and the dance floor was still crowded. Walking through the streets of the blackened-out City I saw dim lights still burning in the little cafes frequented by the Allied troops, and heard cheerful snatches of "Waltzing Matilda."

After Java had fallen the Herald's War Correspondent said in regard to military forces landed there from Singapore: "The troops did not lack money to buy food and drink—mostly the latter—in the scores of night-clubs, which dot Batavia. Any remaining morale was washed away by alcohol. There were fights every night."

Lady Brooke-Popham, wife of the former Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, was reported in the Herald (28/6/42) as having said: "Nothing could arouse the white population. Long years of luxury living were largely responsible. It was just parties, bridge and dancing to the very last."

## RACING AND GAMBLING

In England, Sir Stafford Cripps' "Austerity" speech notwithstanding, "oats are available for race horses but not for poultry. Petrol is used in large quantities for race meetings. Young people are putting war-time wages on 'certs.'" The Herald says: "Thirteen greyhound meetings are held in London and 13 in twelve provincial cities a week, attracting about 170,000 people."

Six of King George's horses have won races this season, including the classic "Two Thousand Guineas," and "The Oaks." Further, the Herald (15/6/42) said: "The King and Queen attended the racing on both Oaks and Derby Day, and received a remarkable demonstration from the crowd. It was the first race meeting attended by their Majesties since the outbreak of war." Comment would be regarded as lese-majesty. It is a sobering reflection that Britain gave the world one of the greatest gambling mediums—the modern racecourse and the bookmaker, the ignoble exploitation of the thoroughbred race horse. Landing at any port in the Empire, you will not be far from a racecourse. Point is given to this by a thirteen-inch report of 'Cairo Races' in the Herald (3/6/42). "Gunner" says: "On a Sunday morning preceding an afternoon race meeting at Heliopolis, I walked into this building and saw an extraordinary scene. Large queues of people, including many excited natives, had formed at the counters, and there was a babel of tongues. Feverish betting was going on. 'Tipping sheets' in many languages were being eagerly scanned."

In England some papers find space for football pool advertisements eleven inches deep, and two columns wide. Some schemes present odds of about 2,000,000 to one and involve the sending of 5,000,000 pennies through the post in the case of one pool alone. Camouflaged casinos and gambling dens which the Home Secretary says, "spring up in the night," lure young officers on leave to their doom.

"Grit" (11/6/42), quoting a New York despatch, says:

"Yesterday's betting investment of 2,176,071 dollars (£680,000), at Belmont Park, was a world's record for one day. The crowd of 51,903 was the greatest in New York race-track history. The Tax Department reveals that the volume of this year's betting is 15 per cent. above last year's."

Here the Herald (10/8/42) said: "In the three war years, 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, the average net profit for meetings held by the Australian Jockey Club was doubled."

On 30/8/42 the same paper reported the Chief Secretary, Mr. Baddeley, as saying, that he was deeply shocked at some of the allegations made to him about the conduct of greyhound racing in New South Wales, where, according to Dr. Dwyer, president of the Racing Control Council, "200 meetings a year are held in the near metropolitan tracks, in addition to 37 others throughout the State." What this may mean is indicated by the report in the Herald (13/7/42), that the "attendance of more than 9,000 at the New South Wales Trotting Club's greyhound racing meeting at Harold Park on Saturday was a record for an afternoon meeting, and exceeding the figures for many night fixtures." At Rosehill horse-races on April 4th, there was an

attendance of 31,000, the previous highest record being 25,000, and 269 bookmakers operated. "A record first-day crowd of about 13,000 was at Broadmeadow for the opening day of the Newcastle Cup meeting," says the Herald (11/5/42). On 26/6/42 the same paper devoted an entire column to the names and weights of the 293 entries for the Caulfield Cup, and the 463 entries for the Melbourne Cup, planned four months ahead. The "Sydney Bulletin" (17/6/42), observes in a leading article, "Racing, it should be said, is still a most important matter in Melbourne. Some people think it is more important than the war."

The N.S.W. State Lottery has just had its 863rd drawing of 100,000 subscribers each time. Consider that on the morning of February 20th Darwin was bombed by 93 planes, in the afternoon by 21, and that same evening the Lottery was drawn in Sydney. The results appear sometimes cheek by jowl with enormous casualty lists.

In contrast men of common sense have read with a sigh of relief the following cable from South Africa, dated July 6th:

"Racing in South Africa ended on Saturday for the duration of the war. While the stands of the Durban course were still crowded after the finish of the July Handicap—the biggest event in South Africa's racing calendar—General Smuts's voice from Pretoria came through the loud-speakers. "You have had your fun; I ask you to transfer your energies to stakes in a bigger race—the future of our country and the future of man. The time has arrived to get down to things that matter and to avenge Tobruk."

#### AN OMNIBUS PARAGRAPH

must suffice for other elements of this portentous picture. In the press sport takes only second place to war news, and now it has usurped the function of the Christian Sunday. Behind the fierce agitation for opening theatres on Sunday is the cloven hoof of vested interests intent upon the insertion of the thin end of the wedge. During this controversy an utter lack of Christian principle has been exhibited by the daily press. The Sydney Morning Herald devoted eight leaders, seven within a month, to breaching the defences of Sunday observance, while some of the stores opened their premises for the giddy whirl of the dance for which they recruited girls as "Victory Belles."

A disclaimer has been issued on behalf of General McArthur by his Aide-de-Camp, that "neither General McArthur nor his staff have in any way concerned themselves in this matter," and that "no one is more anxious to retain the sanctity of God's Day than General McArthur." In the meantime as many as 5,000 people watch baseball matches in which American soldiers figure on Sunday afternoon.

In England the Cinema interests boast that they have been able to open over 1,000 shows on a Sunday since the war started.

The British Budget estimates of £340,000,000 for tobacco this year, while the "Free Methodist," U.S.A., says in 1939 325,000 cigarettes per minute were made there, and that Americans spend almost twice as much for tobacco as for insurance.

The pabulum provided for young and old by most of the secu-

lar press, with its godlessness, grossness, and often its lack of common sense, is shocking.

As evidence of the extent to which the conduct of some of the leading people of our race is determined by paganistic ideas, take the report of the London Daily Mirror, of May 22, 1942:

"When Mr. C. R. Atlee, Dominions Secretary, referred at a London meeting yesterday to the way in which London had been relieved from bombing for some time, Lady Willingdon, who was sitting next to him, touched the woodwork of a chair. Mr. Atlee then touched the wooden leg of his table, saying, 'Touch wood, everyone.' All in the room immediately followed his advice."

As further evidence that this apostasy from the true God has permeated and possessed the mind of the whole of our people take the little boy of whom I was told this morning, who, having failed to pass his recent school test observed to his grandmother, "I don't know why I failed with my test. I had the New Testament you gave me in one pocket and my lucky stone in another."

Mayor La Guardia is making a drive against the filthy magazines which litter the news-stands of New York, but finds himself up against the very laws which were made to protect the freedom of the press.

In London the firms of Jarrolds, and Wells Gardner, Darton Co., have been fined £100 each for publishing obscene books. Here offending magazines get away with it easily. Blackmailing, common theft, and pillage are rampant. Frightful profanity prevails. Discipline has gone by the board.

#### EMPIRE PERIL

The loss of important parts of the Empire is but the harvesting of what we have sown is witnessed to by our friends, e.g., The Times correspondent in Batavia said concerning Malaya: "After nearly 120 years of British rule, the vast majority of the Asiatics were not sufficiently interested in a continuance of this rule to take steps to secure its continuance; the Government had no roots in the life of the people. They remained spectators from start to finish." Others went further and said, "Nearly all the Malayan natives were fifth columnists." The same might be said of the attitude of the Burmese and other native races. Sir Stafford Cripps admitted in the House of Commons that "blimp-ery" had played too big a part in Britain's colonial policy and in her relations with India. Since then we have suffered in India the greatest political and moral defeat of our Empire's history. Native races think they have no reason to love and trust us. They have said that three prominent things in our rule have been "the Bible, the bayonet and beer." Dr. F. Frank Morris, U.S.A., says that Lord Reith said to him: "I believe profoundly that for Britain and America this war is a judgment of Almighty God." They will most surely sink into oblivion, "one with Nineveh and Tyre," dragged down by the weight of their own wickedness unless they repent speedily.

At none of the inquests held upon our many disasters, nor on the many occasions of our great deliverances, has the hand of God been recognized. "Thou hast struck them but they smarted not: they would not learn. They hardened themselves like flint: they would not turn." (Jer. 5:31). Parliament, press and people

talk interminably of men, money and materials, and of the "mathematical certainty" of victory to the side which comprises two-thirds of the world's population and most of its natural resources, but, as Bishop Burgmann has said, there are no "mathematical certainties" in human affairs. So impressed was I with the fact that the Empire was thinking more of Mr. Churchill as a ground of hope than it was of God that on February 19th I cabled him as follows:

"Sir, Empire's hope based (on) human wisdom, including yours, and (on) material might, except as instruments (of) God, pathetically groundless. Maginot, Singapore tragically symbolize truth. You (the) only person can by pointing past yourself to Most High direct, inspire, fix hope (in) One who alone rules (in) kingdoms men and giveth victory. Upon you rests solemn responsibility crown with act (of) faith (and) humility your splendid efforts which otherwise futile. Roosevelt might join dramatic gesture nailing flag Anglo-Saxony mast (of) God. See closing lines Esther four fourteen. This voices convictions multitudines."

### RACIAL PROFLIGACY

Lust and liquor and all the rest are, however, merely symptoms of the madness which sin is. Having lost faith in the immortality of the soul, of heaven, and of hell, and life being short and uncertain, man has plunged greedily into the wildest and darkest indulgence of fleshly passion. In the blindness of its heart Anglo-Saxony is playing the prodigal son on a prodigious scale, having rushed off to the far country where swine's fare abounds, there to gratify its perverted taste by drinking, dancing, smoking, singing ribald songs, swearing, gambling, fornicating, and pleasure-seeking generally, all of which is so much wallowing in the mire of the pig-stye without the semblance of a sense of shame, while all the time in the Father's house there is bread enough and to spare.

### SPIRITUAL FORCE

Notwithstanding the abstruse philosophizing on "Spiritual Force" by the head of one of our great scientific businesses, spiritual force is of three kinds:

1. The spirit of man may achieve extraordinary things **when moved by powerful motives**, such as, e.g., ambition, patriotism, danger and adventure.
2. The spirit of man may rise to the accomplishment of still greater things **when allied with, and trusting in, those mysterious forces of evil which lie outside the range of natural law**. Paul refers to these when in Eph. 6:12 he says: "Ours is not a conflict with mere flesh and blood, but with despotisms, the empires, the forces that control and govern this dark world, the spiritual hosts of evil arrayed against us in the heavenly warfare." (Weymouth's translation). The head and front of these forces is the devil of the Temptation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who says, "All these things will I give Thee if Thou wilt fall down and worship me." These powers are manifest in Hinduism, Nazism, Japanese Emperor- and Ancestor-worship, and all forms of paganism, old and new.

3. The spirit of man may rise to the supremely highest and become invincible when, **renouncing evil, it yields itself to God** and lives in harmony with His will.

Just as the powers of nature (e.g., electricity) are available for use only when the laws which govern them are complied with, so is it with the power of God (i.e., the Holy Spirit), which is given to those only who make the Will of God the Rule of Life.

"The Spiritual Life is the gift of the Living Spirit. The Spiritual man is no mere development of the natural man. He is a New Creature born from above."

### POLITICIAN v. PROPHET

There is all the difference between the parts played by the politician and the prophet. The action of the one is prompted by the direction in which the wind is blowing; he moves along the line of what he considers men are thinking; not so the prophet, who cares not a whit what men think, his message comes from above; he is the spokesman of Him who sits irremovably on the throne of Eternal Truth; whether the people will hear or whether they will forbear he does not consider; he is the watchman, who, seeing the danger coming, must sound the warning; the prophet must fulfil the function and discharge the duty of the prophetic office in the power of the Holy Spirit.

One thing is certain, if God cannot bring the purifying fire of the Holy Ghost to bear upon the perishing people through those He has chosen and called, the fire of His judgment will fall on all alike. "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them." (Nu. 11:29).

The many plans for a New Order which I have read are not based on Jesus Christ's own plan for the re-birth of man himself, but with the remoulding of man's environment. The two processes must proceed concurrently, indeed the former alone makes the latter possible. You cannot build a New Order with the Old Adam.

Rt. Rev. J. W. Eddleston, Moderator Presbyterian Church, W.A., has said, "The tragedy lies here. So many professing church members have never entered into a personal relationship with God, and consequently there is no divine inflow so that there might be an overflow."

### "THE VOICE SAID CRY." (Isaiah 40:7)

Amid this wicked and chaotic scene do we not hear the voice of God reverberating with all the magnificent impressiveness of thunder summoning the Church to great and sustained acts of repentance, renunciation, reconsecration, prayer and faith, and to a deep, real, and abiding concern about our appalling, unchecked, and unabashed national sins? There is need for the reminding and reissuing of such terms of the spiritual currency as "Sin," "Redemption," "Repentance," "Forgiveness," "Conversion," "Holiness," "Sacrifice," "Service." Such truths preached in the demonstration of power and of the Spirit will save the situation; nothing else will.

Let every member of Christ's Church drink of the Living Water to such purpose that out of him shall flow rivers of living water, and let him join in the greatest Evangelistic Campaign Australia has ever seen, for "the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." THIS MUST BE MADE NO. 1 PLANK IN THE CHURCH'S PLATFORM; ALL HANGS UPON SUCCESS AT THIS POINT. In addition it is within the power of the Church to demand and obtain:

The proclamation by the Federal Government of a Day of Humiliation, Repentance and Dedication to God, to be held on a week-day when Parliaments, Councils, and all Public Authorities shall attend assemblies convened for the acknowledgment and worship of God, and for truly penitential prayer. For a period of one hour the wheels of industry to be stopped and the hearts of the workers to be lovingly led to seek the face of God and supplicate His mercy. Fasting on that day, after the manner of our fathers, would give meaning and weight to our prayers and also be some evidence of sincerity and reality.

The total prohibition of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of intoxicating liquor.

The suspension of all racing for the duration of the war.

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