

Breaches In Brotherhood

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Present rivalries among Christians portray an unhappy episode in the story of the Gospel. They are a menace to the Universal Brotherhood of Man. The inherited jealousies among ministers will defeat man's ideal of Faith, Hope and Charity. Evidently the Brotherhood of Man under God staggers under the impact of the bickerings of those who preach the Holy Scriptures. And the worst is that religious sects take delight in sowing hate and throwing stones against other denominations.

Such an unholy attitude is characteristic of some Iglesias and the Roman Catholic Church. The latter stands irreconcilable to such organizations as Masonry and YMCA; Masonry gets the worse. This however, should not be the case because both Masonry and the Catholic Church stand for the Universal Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

With such a common ideal, they will be better off if harmony and co-operation is observed; and if this cannot be done at least no hostility should exist. It will be irrational for one to hurl dislikes to the other; and Masons harbor no hate to any religion. In fact Masonry thrives on many religions; its members come from diverse sects. In the PI it is not surprising to find that a great number of Masons are Roman Catholics.

The frontiers of Christianity cannot advance as long as part of the Catholic clergy will remain hostile and preach that Masons have no God. Akin to the present situation an incident took place in the life of Christ, where John said: Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us. Luke 9:49.

Since Masonry professes Faith, Hope and Charity its mission correlates with that of the Roman Catholic Church; and the latter has to follow the lesson given above. We, as Christians, need a spiritual rebirth to give future generations a bright vista of hope and promise; we must be assertive to accelerate the advent of a modern Utopia, geared on the imperatives of morality and reason. The leaders of the Holy Books, to be true to their mission, must evaluate present world conditions and detach themselves from bias, selfishness and greed to create new rules that will make us fit to a life of peace and sanity.

The fragmentation of mankind into rival groups and sects is a challenge to the conscience of the clergy for a united and purposeful efforts if society is to be reshaped; they must practice sympathy and tolerance for the harmony of the whole.

Most people put religion as first in importance in their life. So, the division and rivalry among Christians cannot be less than tragic. When things fall apart, the center cannot hold. Social cohesion is possible only when the units dividing mankind can be bound together. The lifeblood of our religion will stay poisoned as long as present conditions do not change.

The clergy is responsible for this state of things; disintegration is fast at work, and collapse may come. When all men have the same origin, the same nature and the same end; when all Christians profess to live under the ideal of Love of Neighbor, it is a calamity that that ideal will remain more in the breach than in the observance.

No. Greed and jealousy must go; our present-day religious life must accord with truth and reason; our Faith with truth and charity; and all servants of God, to be worthy of him, must lead the ignorant to light. Ig-

norance and fanaticism must not be taken advantage of.

The clergy, enlightened as its members are, cannot ignore the truth about Masonry. That belief in God is the master key to its membership, the keystone on which it rests, and the fulcrum on which it operates. It will be unpardonable for any minister or preacher to tell others that Masons have no God; because such is an unmitigated lie.

Many of the problems of mankind *to day* will be solved if there is unity and understanding among the followers of Christ. This will never be accomplished as long as his servants choose to remain wolves in sheep's clothing. True Christianity is that which accords with his precepts in the Bible. Ministers and pastors will do better building themselves up together, instead of tearing each other down. And in Masonry, the believers of one Universal Creator are building a Faith that will be a salve to the many ills of mankind today.



YOUNG QUASHA AWARDED PRIZE

POTTSTOWN, Penna., Oct. 2 — Wayne G. Quasha, son of Atty. and Mrs. William H. Quasha, 22 Molave Place, Forbes Park, Makati, Rizal, Philippines, recently was awarded a prize for English VIII, Bible VIII, Latin VII, and an honorable mention in Math VIII.

Wayne, born in Ma-

nila in 1917, was graduated from the American School in 1961.

He was an Eagle Scout in the American School Troop 1, Boy Scouts of the Philippines and attended the Second Boy Scout jamboree at Zamboanga in 1960.

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