

Has Christianity Failed?

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Preface

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Biblical quotes are taken are from a 1933 Bible edition translated by George M. Lamsa and published by the A.J. Holman Company of Philadelphia. This translation is based on Peshitta manuscripts written in Aramaic, the spoken language of the common people during the time of Christ. In many instances it also appears to correct what may be mistakes in the Greek text. For example, in Matthew 19:24, the text “Again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle”, the word ‘camel’ is replaced with the word ‘rope’. These two words are written the same in Aramaic. This and other differences hint at the possibility of the original New Testament manuscripts being first written in Aramaic and later translated to Greek. The Lamsa translation includes both the Old and New Testaments.

For study proposes, the reader may want to compare the Lamsa text with the more readily available King James version.

As Biblical quotes occasionally appear in-line with Mr. Whipple’s text, and sometimes no reference is given, it may be difficult to determine whether something is a Biblical quote or not. Therefore the use of *italics* is employed as an aid in separating them from the text. References to many quotes were not added as they would tend to distract the reader.

Another Bible translation, the Numeric Bible is referred to as proof of the Bible’s divine origin. It is the result of a mathematical approach to editing and correcting the earliest known Greek New testament manuscripts and then translating them into English. This work was done by Ivan Panin and a first edition was published in 1914. References are from a second edition, reprinted in 1945 by the Book Society of Canada. Processing the Greek manuscripts through a numeric algorithm produced two significant points of interest. First, it corrected minor discrepancies and errors in the original Greek and second, it proved the Bible could not have been written without the inspiration of a higher power. The translation process and application of the numeric algorithm is described in some detail in the appendix of the second edition.

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Quite often we read articles in magazines along the lines suggested by the title of this chapter. In order to answer that question we must define the word Christianity. If we say Christianity is the faith, doctrine and practice of the great masses of modern Christians who profess to follow, more or less closely, the teaching of Christ, we would say that it has not completely failed, but almost. As long as faith in God and Christ and His revealed word is being held up and taught by a single individual, it has not absolutely failed.

On the other hand, if we define Christianity to mean the faith, doctrine and practice as revealed by God and interpreted to us by Jesus Christ, I would say that it is failing at the present time, and that a reformation and return to the true teachings and practice is necessary to save the religion of Christ. Otherwise, it will shortly be nothing more than another system of morality, theory of life and philosophy of living.

But it will not fail. In every age of man there has always been at least a few who remained true to him. There are a great many today who will remain true no matter how corrupt the church may become in general. As far as I have been able to ascertain through a lifetime of searching, no church exists that is true to all of God's teachings. By that I do not mean in small things or non essentials, but in the lasting laws and practices which are the foundation of the church and without which no superstructure of much importance can be built.

Christianity, according to the second definition, does not consist of the observance of a group of universally recognized moral laws. A man may be a perfectly moral man as measured by some standards and still not be a Christian. Observance of the laws prohibiting gross immorality such as, You shall not kill, steal, swear, give false testimony or commit adultery, does not make one a Christian. Far from it. Many people in this period of the world's history have observed these laws and still are not Christians. They are merely observing the self same laws.

Christianity, as the perfect exposition of God's laws regarding man, is of an entirely different nature. Though embracing most of the recognized moral elements, it goes much further and deeper, looking to the very character, not alone of the individual, but of the entire human race. The observance of these moral laws is of course necessary, but it is simply the surface or discernable expression of the condition of thought and action. For this reason a Christian or non-Christian might have the same apparent moral life.

However, the interpretation of the meaning of these laws, as shown to us by revelation and study of natural law, shows that there would be an entirely different result if God's laws were taught and obeyed. Those rules which so called Christians of today observe are very largely of a selfish and self-centered nature. They have for their purpose the improvement, happiness and ultimate salvation of the individual, rather than of the group. Christ told the interpreters of the law in His

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day that they had eliminated its effectiveness because of this very fact. He said they were over emphasizing small features while obscuring the weightier matters. He condemned them in scathing terms for being so good individually and at the same time not lifting a single finger to help others.

God's laws are always for the individual, but they are also for the group, and if we omit those portions from His commandments which we as individuals do not care to observe or do not care to interpret in such a way as to affect ourselves, then we are merely making the entire law ineffectual. The early Christians, under the spell of Christ's actual presence and words and the unerring guidance of the eleven remaining chosen apostles, struck out boldly into the unknown, trying to follow Christ's interpretation of God's law. At that time Christianity was a success. It failed only when they no longer continued to accept Christ's interpretation as the correct one, but allowed capitalistically controlled councils and officers to tell them what to observe.

Those features of Christianity which made the individual more valuable as a revenue producer for the capitalist, were very carefully retained and enlarged upon, to the exclusion of the weightier matters. Those features of Christianity which made the capitalist insecure or hindered him from accumulating and exploiting the wealth of the world and the results of the labor of mankind, were changed, modified, or eliminated entirely, as best fit their economic purposes. Observe what was done to the five point moral law.

The Five Point Moral Law

The Moral Commandments of Jesus.

Matthew 19;16-21, Then a man drew near and said to him, O good teacher, what is the best thing I should do to have life eternal? He said to him, Why do you call me good? There is no one who is good except the one God; but if you want to enter into life, obey the commandments. He said to him, Which ones? And Jesus said to him,

- 1 - You shall not kill;*
- 2 - You shall not commit adultery;*
- 3 - You shall not steal;*
- 4 - You shall not bear false witness;*
- 5 - Honor your father and your mother;*

and, Love your neighbor as yourself.

The young man said to him, I have obeyed all these from my boyhood; what do I lack? Jesus said to him, If you wish to be perfect, go and sell your possessions and give them to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven; then follow me.

Jesus here states that portion of the old Mosaic commandments which bear directly upon men's relations with each other. The other commandments of Moses deal with man's relationship with God:

You Shall Not Kill

It was necessary for the capitalist to have people live and work for them and also to have them regard the lives of others as safe from molestation, but on the other hand, they deemed it advisable to so modify the law as to allow them to kill those who opposed them. They first allowed a man to kill another in self defense. When a man is arrested for murder, if he can prove that he killed in self defense and there was no other way open to him, he is allowed to go unpunished. The law says to love your enemies and to not resist those who kill the body, but only resist those trying to destroy your eternal spirit.

After the law of self defense was established, it was easy for the capitalist to introduce group defense. With this firmly established in people's religion it was easy to send them to war for purely capitalistic reasons, as evidenced by the world war, where millions of lives were sacrificed in a struggle for capitalistic supremacy.

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Through legal gymnastics, the state executes a man who has killed another, thus making two deaths out of one.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to support the law of God, 'You shall not kill'. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

You Shall not Commit Adultery

Christianity teaches that a man should have one and only one wife, and that a woman should have one and only one husband. All other relations of this nature are against God's laws. Legalized prostitution is universally practiced throughout the world and the prostitute must pay her money to the capitalist. Polygamy, one man having more than one wife, has been practiced, even among Christians. Polyandry, one woman having more than one husband, has also been a common practice in many countries. Throughout the Christian world today, and for many centuries back, Christian ministers are allowed to live with a concubine.

It is quite common for men, who have accumulated enough capital to afford it, to have a second woman called a mistress, or several mistresses, and in this way modern men of means disregard God's laws. As a salve for the consciences of those who would like to practice God's laws and still consider themselves Christians, a sort of arrangement called divorce has been invented. Under this plan a man or woman can change mates as often as they have the price to pay the capitalists for the privilege, there being no limit to the number of changes they are permitted to make. These people are still considered Christians, and many Christian ministers help the system along by marrying them each time they take a new partner.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to support the law of God, 'You shall not commit adultery'. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

You Shall not Steal

When it comes to the matter of stealing each other's capital you are striking at the very root of capitalism. Capitalists recognize that the great mass of the common people must be taught that it is wrong to steal, in order that their hoards will be safe; and still they must have it so arranged that they can steal from the common people. It is a very difficult problem because the very laws they make to allow stealing from the common people admits errors, whereby they cannot prevent one capitalist stealing from another capitalist. They keep changing and modifying these rules as need and opportunity arise to further their stolen capital.

I do not need to explain the working of the ungodly system of taxes, rents, profits, wages, interest, and other instruments whereby the money produced by the entire country is gradually stolen and accumulated in great treasure houses in our capitalistic centers.

Christianity has modified their law so that it is proper and according to Christian principles for anyone to charge interest, sell at just as large a profit as

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they wish, charge any rate they choose, pay as little or as much wages as they like, accept any tax the capitalist imposes and beyond that to honor and consider as Christians the very people who have accumulated this wealth through robbery, then go to war and kill each other to make it more secure.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to support the law of God, 'You shall not steal'. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

You Shall Not Bear False Witness

Barring the great mass of customs and habits of the people which are based on errors and false information, and are more or less harmful in proportion to their importance and error, we have a real menace in the laws of the world and their interpretation.

The interpretation of our laws today is based very largely upon the interpretations given the same laws in the past, and these former rulings were made upon evidence which was not always reliable. They were not based on God's laws, but upon human arguments, expedients, testimony, and existing enacted laws. The laws have been made to rob the individual and the interpretations of it adhere to the original purpose. The false testimony one individual bears against the other sinks into insignificance when we contemplate the enormous wrongs perpetrated upon the individuals and the group to aid the private holders of wealth and natural resources of God.

Contrary to the direct commands of God, the courts today require their witnesses to take an oath, and this is almost universally accepted by Christians as being acceptable. Seldom do we hear of a Christian refusing to take an oath.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to support the law of God, 'You shall not bear false witness'. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

Honor your father and mother that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God has given you. In the fast developing civilization of the past century it seems that the youth of the land have wandered far from and fallen away from parental influence. This is not necessarily chargeable to youth alone, but to the cumulative effect of many things. One is the fixing of an age limit of twenty-one years for boys and eighteen years for girls when they no longer need parental advice.

Another is the system of competition wherein each youngster is led to believe that if he prepares the way a little more carefully, and is a little more ungodly and heartless in his business dealings, he may take advantage of favorable opportunities. Thus he will be able to move out of the robbed class and into the robber class and live a life of ease on the capitalist plan.

True, the chance is there, but few reach it, and the characters that are ruined and the youth that is wasted is enormous. Not only are parents forgotten and

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dishonored, but God's laws are trampled under foot and with them many of the laws of our land. The result is an overcrowded prison population. The age of the inmates steadily grows younger as they learn of the ways of the transgressor earlier in life each year.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to support the law of God, 'Honor your father and your mother'. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

The entire moral code has broken down to fill the maw of a devouring ghoul that thrives upon the blood stained loot of a subjugated people. God has been left out altogether except as a figure of speech, to scare into submission those who otherwise cannot be controlled, and to use when swearing and blaspheming. No capitalist ever has a thought that he will sometime be required to give an accounting of this wealth he has robbed from his fellow men.

Herein lies the great fallacy of modern Christianity. People do not condemn this, they do no differently themselves. They try to imitate it and when successful, are praised by other Christians. I have said it elsewhere that the word Christian has little meaning anymore. It is an ambiguous term without a modern meaning. I have used it in this chapter solely for the purpose of displaying its ridiculous nature.

I Timothy 1:9-11, *Knowing this, that the law is not made for the righteous, but for the wicked and rebellious, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the profane and unholy, for those who abuse their fathers and ill treat their mothers, for murderers. For whoremongers, for those who defile themselves with males, for kidnappers of well born sons, for liars, for perjurers, and for whatever is contrary to sound doctrine. This is according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was entrusted to me.*

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The Group Law, The Seventh Law of God

Let us look at the provisions of God's law made for the guidance of the larger groups of people. This law has been variously stated, some variations being as follows: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you', 'love your neighbors as yourself', and 'Love one another as Christ has loved you'.

Help the Needy

The methods of helping the needy people in Christian lands is of such a nature that they must either declare themselves a pauper or else be subjected to other indignities and embarrassments which are a long way from the command of Jesus - to help the needy without notice or publicity. Christian people and the present governments of the earth have much to learn in the way of providing for the needs of others before they could truly be called Christians.

Even Christians have helped misinterpret Christ's teaching so that the rich may keep their riches and rob the people while giving a large portion for their fine churches, buildings and very well paid ministers. As an aid they have erected a barrier, effectively dividing the church members into two classes, clergy and laity, and given to the clergy rights and powers never intended by God.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to care for the needy of the earth. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Have no Dealings With Secular Courts or Lawyers

Christ has given us a command to settle our disputes outside of court. The evils of secular courts and the bonds fastened upon the common man in favor of capitalists by lawyers and the laws they pass are among the most ungodly of evils, and still we patronize them continually. We are told not to take an oath, yet every day Christians walk into court, hold up their right hand and unhesitatingly swear "SO HELP ME GOD".

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to part company with lawyers and courts. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Forgive, Times Without Number

Do we forgive those who have wronged us? Or rather do we try to force them to make amends? Or do we hold a grudge against them? Christ said to forgive seventy times seven, which in reality was just another way of saying to forgive them every time. Circumstances which do not involve money matters are forgiven quite readily these days by Christians, but if money enters into the situation, even Christians will not forgive even once. The capitalist spirit has too firm a hold on the customs of the people to admit of it.

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Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed in the matter of forgiveness. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Take no Thought for the Morrow

Take no thought for the morrow, what you shall eat or what you shall drink or wherewithal shall you be clothed.

Modern people, which includes Christians, have become severely unbalanced over life insurance, fire insurance, accident insurance, health insurance, automobile, theft, burglar and every other kind one may think of, together with many others one could not think of at all. All this is to provide against the needs of the future.

They make investments, buy stocks and bonds, real estate, contracts, or anything that looks like it would yield an income for the future to insure them a living. And Christian people are just as guilty as outsiders in this respect. Capitalists who wish to rob the people systematically have so successfully destroyed this command of Christ that no church of any consequence ever raises its voice in protest. Rather, we have ministers advising their church members from the pulpit contrary to Christ's teaching, and honoring those who are continually breaking the law.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed in respect to speculating on the uncertainty of life and the provisions for future earthly needs. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

All Natural Resources Belong to God

All natural resources belong to God and should be held in common for the benefit of all, and not for private use. Early Christians understood this law and immediately placed everything in the common treasury. Those who had land sold it and placed the value of it in the common treasury.

Modern Christianity has drifted far from God's laws as originally observed. Christians and churches now buy and sell and hold all kinds of property just the same as others. A person who suggests observing God's law in this respect, in this day and age of the world is not heard. No one agrees with him.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to treat God's natural wealth as common property. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Do Not Acquire Great Riches

Do not acquire great riches, or in other words, do not belong to the capitalistic class or group. Christ condemned riches over and over and made it very clear that men who acquired these riches could not go to Heaven and have an eternal life of joy with God. In the face of this, Christians acquire great wealth, belong to the capitalist class, and instead of being criticized by the church or their fellow

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Christians, are instead praised and lauded. Honors and church offices are frequently heaped upon them, and they in return pay for it in money, the same as they purchase other pleasures and necessities.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to condemn the rich or capitalistic class. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Do Not Take Interest, Profit, or Increase

The greatest invention of the holders of wealth that the world ever saw, or ever will see was interest. Of the same nature and almost as great an evil was the invention of rent. Increase or profit is an enormous evil also, but they both sink into insignificance when compared with interest.

Invented by the holders of wealth to rob others so that they might live off of the labors of others. It has become an efficient substitute for chattel slavery and many authorities claim it is a much more effective method of squeezing the last ounce of effort from the working class. It is better than the old method because it still gives the slave the hope that he may someday become part of the upper class and have others working for him.

Nor is this an idle fancy either, it is being done continually. There is a middle class of people who change positions quite often, occasionally one rises to the extreme upper class with enough wealth to make it safe for him to discontinue the struggle and live only on the income. However, most people are engaged in a hopeless struggle to get ahead, and finally give up and are satisfied to work for a mere living the remainder of their lives. The balance of what they earn gradually flows into the money chests of the collectors of interest.

Interest practically rules the world today. It is in every land and almost every home. A few individuals occasionally escape its evil effects, but they are rare exceptions. For almost four thousand years God has been calling, through His revealed word, to the people not to pay interest or increases or profits of any kind, and how much earlier than that I do not know. Yet it is the greatest sin or curse of man today. We pay interest on the house we live in, the clothes we wear, the automobile we ride in, the very streets and roads we drive on, the districts, city, county and state we live in. Everywhere we go we must pay interest on bonded indebtedness. When we ride on the bus we pay interest on its value. Even the United States Government is mortgaged for billions of dollars and we must pay interest on that.

Whatever we buy, no matter how small a purchase, the seller includes a profit sufficient to allow interest on his investment. There might be someone who escapes this terrible sin, and its evil effects, but they are mighty few and far between. The voice of God has thundered against interest all through the ages. Occasionally man has heeded and returned to the observance of God's laws, but soon they again fall prey to the talons of the capitalist.

This is the greatest crime ever perpetrated upon a civilized race and makes possible the most gigantic gambling and swindling operations the world has ever

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known, through buying and selling chances to interest bearing stocks and bonds. The entire world is at the mercy of these gambling and interest manipulating operators. They hold the fate of the world in their hands. The present depression is merely one of the results of their ungodly manipulations. I am often led to wonder how long the blind will lead the blind, how long man will endure this curse.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to stop interest. Christianity has failed in every instance and in all seven provisions of the seventh law of God. The great natural God made laws, for the guidance of the group, have been seized upon by the holders of wealth and rendered of no effect by their artificial laws and precedents.

Why has Christianity failed? The answer is not difficult. It has not been tried. What is being called Christianity is no more like Christianity than day is like night. God's laws are not being obeyed. Christ's commands are not even considered seriously. The interpretation given to the entire subject by early writers, who had the best opportunity to write on the subject, is considered void and of no effect.

On every hand one hears expressions that one can make the Bible read any way one likes. That is just what the capitalists have done. In times of war when people are ordered to go out and kill their fellow man, Christian ministers actually pray openly for their success. Is there anything more wicked or un-Christian? But who cares? Few even think about it.

Ezekiel 18:8-9, *He has not lent money with usury, neither has loaned with a discount; has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, and has executed true judgment between man and man; Has walked in my commandments and has kept my judgments, and has done justice; he who does so is a righteous man and shall surely live, says the Lord God.*

Ezekiel 18:13, *Lends money with usury, and takes a discount; shall he then live? He shall not live; because he has done all these evil things; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.*

The Individual Law - God's First Law

Matthew 22:37,38, *Jesus said to him, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind; This is the greatest and the first commandment.*

I have left the consideration of this until the last, for it is the most important, and upon its observance depends the eternal life in Heaven of every individual. God does not save people as nations or groups, but each individual is saved upon his own record of observance of Gods laws.

Strange as it may seem, capitalism has not been able to make as great a failure of this most important law as one would suppose. The reason is that there is more concern with the individual, yet enough has been done to ruin the seven headings under which it naturally falls.

Faith

The first and most important natural law of the universe is faith in God and it has never been successfully destroyed. It still survives in every race and condition of man. Its enemies have perverted it, have introduced other gods, idols, philosophies and theories, but the world still knows and believes in God. Herein lies the hope of mankind. As long as faith lives, truth may yet arise and prevail and God's laws again become the law of mankind.

Faith in Christ as a Savior for man is essential for the salvation of mankind, and has therefore been attacked by many more enemies than the single faith in God. It has been impossible to destroy faith in Christ, so the enemies worked another way. Leaving the individual his faith, they have attacked the Christ, removing from Him all the divine attributes, lowering Him until He is merely a superman. They have taken away His sacrifice for our sins, His miracles, His resurrection and His priestly office of mediator for us before God. Thousands upon thousands have been led astray and lost.

However, the greatest tragedy of faith is faith in the Holy Spirit, Christ's spiritual mother. She has been ruled out almost entirely, is considered merely a thought or expression of God or His Spirit. The enemy has succeeded in so obscuring the true nature of the Holy Spirit that she is not even mentioned by the great majority of Christians. Yet there is this feature of the law that may not be overlooked. All sins against God or Christ may be forgiven, but those against the Holy Spirit can never be forgiven. Christ did not die to save us from that sin. If we commit that sin there is no escape, for it is the unpardonable sin. I will explain this in more detail under another heading.

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Has Christianity failed? No, It has not failed in the matter of faith. It has not kept the faith as pure as it should be but it has not failed.

Repentance

The second provision of this great law is repentance which is required for man's eternal salvation. Repentance is to quit breaking God's laws and begin to live according to God's official laws. Christians have not repented. After they have accepted Christ they continue living almost as they did before. You can hardly tell a Christian from a heathen from the way they act and live. Our capitalistic element has completely won them over and persuaded them they do not need to live any differently than those outside the church. They are the same in the ways of the world. Everyone knows there is very little difference.

Has Christianity failed? Yes, People have failed to repent of their sins. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Confession

The third provision of this great law is confession. The worship of God is not a matter which concerns the individual alone, but requires the aid and cooperation of others to bring the really essential benefits and joys from it. It is not intended for a person to keep the glorious news to themselves, but to publish it openly to the world, to all with whom they come in contact. However the forces in the world are helping to hold up the artificial laws instead of the God given official laws. They have so compromised religious matters and what pertains to the spiritual life that it is a very bad breach of etiquette for a person even to openly acknowledge his beliefs.

The tendency today is for Christians to keep quiet about their religion, and about their beliefs and convictions. Some members of Christian churches do not even believe in Christ and it is considered too embarrassing to talk such matters over, even with other members of their own church. They seem to want to be members of the church, and still not believe all the Bible. They seem to think they may take as much or as little of it as they like and yet be good Christians. That is the reason the name Christian does not mean much anymore. In this way the dominating commercial or capitalistic group has prevented the spread of the truth and has brought doubt and dissention into the church.

Has Christianity failed? Yes. It has failed to confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and their only hope of salvation from sin. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Communion

The fourth provision of this great law is very closely linked with the third. In fact, all the provisions of these great laws of God are so closely related as to be inseparable. They must all be obeyed for a person to receive the benefits God has

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intended for him to receive from it. We grow by communion. We must meet together and partake of spiritual food without which we would languish and finally die spiritually.

One of the first acts of capitalism, when it took charge of the church, was to destroy the food on which spiritual life depends for its growth and development. This destroyed the meaning of the bread and fruit juice and instead of allowing communion each time they met, it was changed so the great mass of Christians seldom receive much benefit from communion.

The reformation helped this somewhat but it has never returned to its proper place and in reality Christianity has almost starved to death. It is now frail and emaciated, without the strength or life sufficient to make itself known. Moreover the ideas introduced have so divided the church that they now disagree with each other about as much as they disagree with outsiders, which is just the state the capitalists wish for Christianity. If Christianity is to succeed we must be fed spiritually through communion at least once a week.

Has Christianity failed? Yes. It has failed to hold communion with God and with each other. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

The New Birth

The fifth provision of this great law is one of the most important and has suffered the most at the hands of the capitalist destroyers. It is the New Birth. Christ showed us that we mortals must be born of the water and the Holy Spirit if we would inherit eternal life. This is not two acts, but just one. The Holy Spirit is a personality the same as God and Jesus. God is the Father, the Holy Spirit the Mother, and Jesus the Son. When a person is born again he becomes the son of God and the Holy Spirit, and a brother and joint heir with Christ.

There is but one act. When you are born of the water you come forth a new creature, and you are not a new creature until you do. You are not a child of God until you have been born of the water. You are never born of the Holy Spirit, except at the same time when you are born of the water. The reason is very plain. When born of the water, all sin is left buried in the watery grave. If you have not been buried in the water you still have your sins, therefore you are not born of the Holy Spirit, nor are you a son of God, and you are not an heir to eternal life. You have not been "baptized of the Holy Spirit" or in the Holy Spirit.

One of the very first things done after capitalism began dictating was to destroy this provision of the law. They first separated the two, saying there were two births. Then they became different both in time of occurrence and in purpose. They assigned two new meanings to their new creations. They said one was a mental change and they named it "Baptism of the Holy Spirit". The other they said was an outward sign of an inward change, and they then substituted dampening the person's head with the hand of the minister, for the burial in water. In this way they effectively stopped people from becoming new creatures, for they had destroyed the new birth.

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The Bible says very distinctly, There is but one Lord, one faith and one baptism. God's official laws are fixed and unchangeable and man cannot legislate for God. No council can change God's laws. All they can do is make plans to help people observe it. Refusal to be born again and become a child of the Holy Spirit is the one and only unpardonable sin. It is the sin against the Holy Spirit, and when they succeeded in destroying this act which God requires, they erected one of the most effective barriers between man and his God. Yet eternal life does not begin at the time of the New Birth, eternal life begins when man believes in his Savior, Jesus Christ, God's son. For this reason the results have not been as destructive as the capitalist rulers had desired, because after the life has once been generated, there is a possibility that it may be born a new creature at some later date if that spiritual life has not been destroyed, or the unpardonable sin committed. This is actually what does happen in Beulah Land. He whose faith is not dead is given the opportunity of a new birth. But as far as the church here on earth is concerned, the new birth has been placed far in the background.

Has Christianity failed? Yes. It has failed to teach the importance of the new birth. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Righteous Living

It is rather difficult to express this provision in a short phrase. It has in it the elements of a righteous life, lived in joy and thanksgiving to God for his goodness. Man must obey God's laws to be acceptable to him, especially those revealed laws He has given through His ministers of all ages, and most fully explained by His Son, sent to earth for this very purpose. The laws which man must obey to be acceptable to God are as follows:

Individual Laws

1. Faith
2. Repentance
3. Confession
4. Communion
5. New Birth
6. Delight in righteousness
7. Church life

Moral Law or Individual and Group Combined

1. Do not kill
2. Do not commit adultery
3. Do not steal
4. Do not bear false witness
5. Honor your father and mother

Group Laws

1. Help the needy
2. Avoid courts and lawyers
3. Unlimited forgiveness
4. Do not worry over daily living

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5. Community ownership of resources and cooperation
6. Do not amass wealth
7. Take or give no interest or profits

These have all been explained except church life which will be explained in the following section. These laws must be obeyed, if not joyfully, then as a duty, but it must be done. The act of obedience is required, but God wishes man to go beyond the act of obeying the letter of the law. He wants man to take delight in doing these things, and not from a sense of duty, but from a real love, springing from a mind acting in accord with God. Man rises to his greatest accomplishments when he takes delight in what he does, and makes it part of his very life. Joy, happiness and delight, springing from a life lived in accordance with God's will, is what God wants from man, not a ritualistic worship from a sense of duty.

Christianity has not allowed man to do this. Christianity has spent her power making rules, writing creeds, defending council decisions, and trying to convince the world that their statement is as good as God's. They have made of worship a hollow form. They have robbed Christianity of its joy and delight and have made it a sober, fearful religion. They have said that man can do nothing to please God, and nothing to help save himself. They have substituted what they call reverence, a sort of fearful awe, in place of the real love one should have for their Heavenly Father.

They have even made people think God was going to send them to hell fire for eternity for the sins of Adam, unless they obey their own particular set of private rules. Little children and innocent babies have been condemned to hell without a chance to go to Heaven. Even if you follow their rules, you are liable to go to purgatory, wherever that is.

The Christians were ordered to convert the entire world to Christ, but they have not even told their next door neighbor about it. Yet they teach that the people in heathen countries are all going to hell. They have surrounded Christianity with fear, depression, killjoys, and ritualistic formalism.

Has Christianity failed? Yes. It has failed to be the happy, joyous experience of a trustful child of a loving father. If you want happiness, return to Christianity.

Church Life

Christ's interpretation of God's will was that His church was to be one church, with the same faith and practice among all His followers. The direct result of adopting capitalistic ideas instead of God's laws has been to divide the church here on earth; each with their own favorite rules to obey. The purpose of this unity was not merely a desire of Christ to have a large following but to present an unbroken front to the enemy, that the entire world could be taught the love and laws of God and thus have an opportunity to be saved. But Christianity has divided her forces and spent her time defending her capitalistically created peculiarities, while the world at large continues to grope in darkness.

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Meanwhile the weakness of the church has been the cause of hundreds of cults and isms springing into being, each with its own destructive capitalistic doctrine and rules. The effect of all this has been to cause the world at large to say "It makes no matter what church you belong to or what you believe so long as you live a good life", that they are all going to Heaven, but by different routes, and it makes no particular difference which route you take. You do not even have to belong to any of them. If you live a pretty good life you are a Christian and just as good as the church members.

Has Christianity failed? Yes it has failed to remain an undivided church. If you want happiness return to Christianity.