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THE PERIL OF PROFESSION

Dr. Arthur F. Williams

There are many perils confronting Christendom in our day which present occasion for alarm. For millions rationalism has robbed the Word of God of that infallible authority which is essential to its effectiveness for either spiritual direction or moral restraint. In the awful crime wave which is sweeping America we are reaping the inevitable harvest from the seeds of infidelity which are being so widely broadcast in our day.

Communism is another peril with which humanity is menaced today. It promises utopia to the underprivileged masses, to whom it makes its most effective appeal. It denounces the class distinctions which exist within the framework of a free economy, and proceeds to obliterate these distinctions by making all slaves, mere chattels of the State. This awful menace has succeeded in enslaving at least one third of the world's teeming millions, and constitutes a continual threat to the remaining free world.

But there is another peril which is still more destructive, and the more so because of the deceptiveness of its outward form. I refer to the peril of profession, to an outward form of godliness which lacks all of the inner content of spiritual reality. Nor am I referring now merely to those forms of ritualism which are obviously empty, but to those not so apparent, within the constituency of our own circles of theological orthodoxy. It is possible to give intellectual and vocal assent to every

doctrine of the Christian faith, and yet for this to be as hollow as the sacrifices of Israel in the days of her apostasy for which Jehovah expressed nothing but abhorrence.

There are lessons to be learned which history should be able to teach us. It was a monumental event in the history of Israel when the temple of Solomon was dedicated to the Lord. We are told the glory of the Lord filled the house of God. Yet the time came when the services conducted within its sanctuary, while retaining all of the formalism of better days, were utterly reprehensible in the sight of God. There was no correspondence between the outward profession as expressed in the ritual of the sanctuary and the inner experience of the professed worshippers of God. God wants reality! He has nothing but contempt for religious sham. The time came when He found it necessary to obliterate the temple and used the Babylonians to burn it with fire.

There was another glorious day in the annals of history, when the presence of God was visibly manifest and with corresponding results. On the Day of Pentecost we are told there came from heaven the sound as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. A new temple was being instituted, no longer of material things, but of living stones, united vitally in the bonds of love by baptism in the Holy Spirit. This temple was to become the very habitation of God through the Spirit. It was intended ever to be a monument to the mercy of God

and to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus. For a period of time it faithfully fulfilled its divine commission. Within its sacred fellowship a lie could not live. Ananias and Sapphira could not survive in such a holy atmosphere. Outwardly they professed to be very religious. They sold a possession and presented what today would have been considered a generous gift, which gave all of the appearance of spiritual reality and devotion. To man unilluminated by the Spirit their act would have appeared magnanimous; to God it was hypocrisy. He saw the hollowness of their professed devotion, their bid for public approval, and made them to be forever an object lesson of his abhorrence for professionalism which lacks reality. Their sin consisted in pretending that a part was the whole. In that day such conduct met with swift and convincing evidence of divine disfavor. The fiery discipline which fell upon them from heaven resulted in that "great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things."

The most destructive peril of the present day is not rationalism or communism; it is the peril of profession. May God help us to examine our own hearts and to confess to Him the emptiness which may so subtly lurk within the shelter of an empty formalism and pious profession.

SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS

Cedarville College will begin the Spring Semester, January 28th. Already some new students have registered for this second semester of our school year. Young people who are graduating from high school at mid-year, others who have already graduated from high school and plan eventually to go on to college are urged to make application at Cedarville College for this second semester. If any of the young people who read this announcement would like to enroll in classes in January, will you please request application forms from the Registrar?

MICROSCOPES

We have had an unexpectedly large enrollment in science courses this year. We are very thankful that our young people realize that Cedarville is a *college*, and that they are taking more courses in the arts and sciences, but we are finding that it is taxing our formerly adequate facilities. Especially pressing is the need for microscopes for a biology course which will be offered in the spring (1956) semester, and other biology courses to be offered in the fall. We need at least 12 microscopes, and even then some of the students will have to share microscopes, a situation which is not ideal.

We are certain that all the friends of Cedarville are thankful that young people may come here and learn the *facts* of the natural sciences without the contamination of anti-Biblical *theories*. Only in a Christian college such as Cedarville may a person take a biology course which does not teach the unproved and unprovable theory of evolution as fact.

It has therefore occurred to us that some of our friends might desire to have a tangible part in our God-centered science courses. Perhaps some churches, groups, or individuals would like to donate a microscope to equip our biology laboratories. We should then make special plates which would be attached permanently to these microscopes saying, "Donated by" In this way the contributors could feel that they have a continuing ministry through the years in assisting in the training of Baptist youth. We can purchase very adequate microscopes for about \$100 each.

We want all of our friends to realize how deeply grateful we are for all their generous and sacrificial gifts. In the light of this, we hesitate to make such a request but we feel that our friends are interested in knowing our needs, and we are praying that God will supply us with this urgent need by February 1, 1956.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends of Cedarville College:

As we approach this Christmas season we are reminded once again of the purpose of God in sending His son. How we thank Him for the peace which He gives in these days of spiritual unrest. Those of us who labor for Christ at Cedarville College have reason to thank God for "Immanuel . . . God with us" for we have experienced the presence and provision of a God who never fails to keep His good promise.

As I write these lines, our bills have been paid to date. Salaries are paid in full, but we do not have any reserve for the future. December is always a difficult month financially because of the holiday season. When you consider your Christmas giving, don't forget our Baptist Missions and Schools. Elsewhere in our college bulletin, you will find a financial statement which shows the amount of money needed in each of our funds. We will appreciate anything you may feel led of the Lord to do to support any department of the work.

You will notice that *Testimony* has been changed to "The Bulletin of Cedarville College." A word of explanation is in order. If we were to continue sending our bulletin under the former title, it would have been necessary to obtain another postal permit. As it is now, we mail our college news under a permit used by Cedarville College since April, 1915. Since we simply continue the operation of the college founded in 1887 and do not consider our school a new institution, we use the permit granted to the school at the above mentioned time.

The Lord has been blessing our ministry among the churches for which we thank Him. Almost every Sunday has been occupied in a preaching ministry. The Lord willing I shall be speaking in the following places during December and January: December 25th, Calvary Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Mich., January 22-29, Round-Robin Missionary Conference in the De-

troit, Michigan area. Please pray for us as we seek to preach the gospel and present Cedarville College in the churches.

The Lord has sent us a number of good chapel speakers during the past weeks of this semester. During the month of November the following speakers presented challenging messages to our student body: Missionary Donald Hare, Pastor James Rosner, Rev. Gerald Smelser, Missionary Stephen Green, Rev. R. I. Humberd, Rev. Milton D. Arnold, Evangelist Wes Auger, Missionary Jack Schultz, Pastor Glen Davis, and Curt Davis. As we plan the chapel programs for the future, we shall endeavor to bring as many pastors, missionaries and evangelists to our chapel as possible. We believe God will use these messages to touch the hearts of our young people and help them as they make decisions for their life work.

Once again let me present my sincere appreciation to all of you for your prayers in behalf of the college. We are thankful for your help and pray God may bless you for your faithful ministry to a school which we believe He has founded.

Sincerely in Christ,
JAMES T. JEREMIAH.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Paul Wyland, Director Practical Work

The Practical Work Department of Cedarville College continues to provide an outlet for Christian service. With few exceptions, each student is actively engaged in some activity which has as its primary objective the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ to the lost. The first twelve weeks of this school year (1955-56) some 500 persons were dealt with personally and 43 of this number professed faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Some students are engaged in the work of nearby churches as pastors, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and counselors. Others conduct Bible Clubs, tract distribution, house to house canvassing, Pioneer Girls, Boys Brigade, visitation in

old folk's homes, and services in mental hospitals and penal institutions. Many more fields of Christian service lie dormant and with each new year additional avenues will be opened.

CHURCHES GIVING TO CEDARVILLE COLLEGE DURING NOVEMBER

Ames, N. Y., Ames Baptist	\$ 12.00
Arcanum, Ohio, Immanuel	25.00
Barberton, Ohio, Norton Center	10.00
Bellefontaine, Ohio, Calvary	112.65
Bellefontaine, Ohio, First	2.00
Berea, Ohio, Berea	30.00
Butler, Pa., First	13.50
Cambridge City, Ohio, First	10.00
Cedarville, Ohio, Grace	15.00
Charleston, W. Va., Randolph Street	50.00
Cleveland, Ohio, Bethlehem	26.00
Cleveland, Ohio, Calvary	18.00
Cleveland, Ohio, Cedar Hill *	367.16
Cleveland, Ohio, Euclid-Nottingham	50.00
Cleveland, Ohio, Hayden	28.00
Columbus, Ohio, Clintonville	61.00
Columbus, Ohio, Immanuel	83.00
Columbus, Ohio, Memorial *	96.00
Dayton, Ohio, Emmanuel	141.00
Distant, Pa., First	5.00
Decatur, Ill., Riverside	63.83
Elyria, Ohio, First	48.58
Erie, Pa., Bethel	10.00
Evansville, Ohio, Bible	5.00

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Fayette, Ohio, Ambrose	22.00
Findlay, Ohio, Calvary	140.87
Findlay, Ohio, First *	10.00
Flint, Mich., Emmanuel	25.00
Ft. Wayne, Ind., Immanuel	8.00
Gallipolis, Ohio, First	50.00
Galion, Ohio, First	42.50
Garrettsville, Ohio, Troy	18.80
Gary, Ind., Central	50.00
Gary, Ind., Glenn Park	15.00
Hamburg, N. Y., First	25.00
Hammond, Ind., Hessville	20.00
Indianapolis, Ind., Berean	40.00
LaGrange, Ohio, LaGrange	16.00
Lima, Ohio, North Side	32.00
Lorain, Ohio, East Side	25.00
Lorain, Ohio, Trinity	13.00
Madison, Ohio, Bible Mission	13.00
Meadville, Pa., Calvary	25.00
Niles, Ohio, Evansville	5.00
Niles, Ohio, First	66.00
North Adams, Mich., North Adams	19.00
North Jackson, Ohio, Independent	26.00
Overland, Mo., Lackland Road	10.00
Painesville, Ohio, Calvary	5.00
Parma, Ohio, First	10.00
Pasadena, Calif., Trinity	5.00
Pasco, Wash., First	25.00
Peoria, Ill., Germantown	9.55
Racine, Wisc., Grove Avenue	5.00
Richwood, Ohio, Union	26.50
Rocky River, Ohio, Grace	42.00
Roxanna, Ill., First	10.00
Sharon, Pa., Penn Avenue	10.00
Silvis, Ill., First	10.00
Spencer, Ohio, First	100.08
Springfield, Ohio, Blessed Hope	38.00
Springfield, Mass., Grace	6.50
Tallmadge, Ohio, Fundamental	10.00
Thurston, Ohio, Fairfield	25.00
Toledo, Ohio, Emmanuel	117.00
Troy, Ohio, Grace	53.00
Wawaka, Ind., Cosperville	14.00
Wauseon, Ohio, First	64.66
Wheelersburg, Ohio, Wheelersburg	36.00
Wellington, Ohio, Rochester	25.00
Youngstown, Ohio, Faith	39.00
Youngstown, Ohio, Grace	6.00
West Liberty Youth Rally, West Liberty, Ohio	70.00
Women's Missionary Union, Ohio Assoc. of Baptist Churches	85.00

*Gifts omitted in October. We regret this oversight on our part.

Cleveland, Ohio, Cedar Hill	250.00
Columbus, Ohio, Memorial	80.00
Findlay, Ohio, First	10.00

NOVEMBER GIFTS

General Fund	\$3061.66
Debt Retirement	161.00
Organ Fund	7.44