

Sign Boards on the Up-road

By Franklin B. Williams

Blessings upon the Phoenicians whoever it was that invented the alphabet. With a symbol of thought-expression every gate the universe had a key. The ultimate unity of the race was the message of the first letter of the alphabet. With thinking and the ability of expressing thought in signs and words came relation and a developing sense of quality and values, and hard upon the heels of recognition pressed responsibility.

What an epochal moment when one could read another's thought. How God took joy when the little man began to climb upward by the path of thought and sharing it in words.

Blessings upon the Chinese first away back in history, and later John Gutenberg in 1440 for the invention of movable type. The religion of the day pronounced the invention magic. They struck the truth. No other invention held such portent to the race as that. In its final affect all barriers to Brotherhood shall be levelled. For when by interchange of thought people world over shall find themselves responsive to the same principles and ideals they shall open the gates.

It is a relic of barbarism to shut out one's neighbor.

God is the God of open Roads.

And blessings upon all pioneers of every age and language who, too big to conform to tradition's yoke or age-indurated custom, set their bright faces toward the Undiscovered roads in the universe—and dared to adventure. Following them we have come into our heritage.

And blessings upon the honor of the Lord Jesus, the Supreme Discoverer, who found out that God is a Father, that men are brothers, that Friendship is the supreme expression of life.

This is true religion when the capacities are full-statured—Right and Justice, Faith and Optimism, Service and Sacrifice, Mercy and Love. These qualities are Life.

Whatever is Good, True, Beautiful is Religion. In the community, in political, social, economic, cultural and religious expressions whatever reacts in welfare is approved of God.

There is no will to which a human being should bow except to God's. There is no political organization whose right to allegiance supercedes the fealty a free man owes to the obligation to universal brotherhood.

Every human being is born without weight or handicap—free to traverse every road, with the right to come into fullness of life here and everywhere. This being the right of human life no evasion of source is justifiable, no anti-social idea or program is defensible, no shutgate is with divine authority, no exclusiveness of nationalism and religion but must be banned seeing that gates and walls repudiate fraternalism. Tyranny, Selfism, Oppression, Exploitation, Injustice, Hate, refusal of any help or light or segment of truth, any arrogation to any special approbation of deity are by the evidence of their own unsocial attitudes irreconcilable with the

Religious idea of the Christ Who came with truth with which to set men free!

A constructive friendliness validates one's right to exist in the social order.

Life is Love-centric.

It is man's walls that make the shadow

In which we groping walk; the meadow

And the Open Roads they call.

The meadow hath no paths at all;

The Open Road no fences.

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