

tian—save one, and that one a Mohammedan—the Mohammedan would have a right to erect his own altar and worship his own God in his own way. The modern State does not interfere with a man's religion until a man's religion interferes with the State.

The state cannot have a religion of its own without infringing upon the rights of the individual conscience. The state owes it to itself and to every one of its citizens to see to it that every child of the state shall be taught **HOW TO THINK**, but the state has no right or power to tell a man **WHAT TO THINK**. The state possesses no power of thought control. Every man, in the modern state, may think as he will, with only one limitation, namely, the crystallization of his thoughts, in word and deed, must not infringe on the recognized rights of the whole body, or the recognized rights of any member of that body. This is the doctrine of the sovereignty of the state.

The state is sovereign. The sovereignty of the state is the sovereignty of the people. Four thousand battles have been fought on two thousand battlefields that the people might be supreme; and the principle for which so much precious blood has been shed will never be surrendered. There is just one outstanding institution in our Christian civilization, today, which theoretically and practically, in principle and purpose, by day and by night, through thick and through thin, here and everywhere, challenges the doctrine of the sovereignty of the state, and that institution is—**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**. Protestants view every move of the organized papal forces of the world in the light of this fact.

Nothing seems to satisfy our friends who guide the destinies of the Roman Catholic church. History must be re-written in order to please them. Encyclopaedias must be re-edited and re-compiled in order to receive their commendation. Our public schools must first be secularized and then Romanized in order to be acceptable. The public press must be censored for all antipapal paragraphs. No book must be read by priest or monk unless the Holy Father has approved of it. Our courtships must be conducted as in the presence of the priest. Marriage certificates must have the church's endorsement or they are not reliable. Children must not be born into the world without a permit from the archbishop or, forsooth, they are illegitimate. The priest would even assist the legal advocate in the execution of a will. The American national anthem, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," must be thrown aside or re-written because it was originally the product of a person who happened to be a Protestant