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THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST "These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you: but the Paraelete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring all things to your mind, whatsever I shall have said to

Who will fail to admire the gener-

the celebration of this feast should urge us to render thanks to our hen he dies berett of God's grace is the direct result of sin. Evil is bound to bring suffering to the individual who lives in it. Even during this life, consider the misfortune of many because of sin. They can not say that it was due to another's fault, or that a world, cruel and unforgiving, thrust it upon them. No. it comes in the train of sin. Sin destroys every beautifying influence is a fallure. Most of the discussions thinking of a real church and a real come? On what can such a body rest in and about us and renders us like are based on an utter misconception religion as the peak and pinnacle of but charlatanty, with which real itself — hateful, repulsive, and un. of Christianity, and a peculiar misperior partial partial property in the peak and pinnacle of the charlatanty, with which real partial property is a fallure. Most of the discussions thinking of a real church and a real church

But it is sin only that keeps God from dwelling within us. Where sin does not exist, He is bound to be; for there He finds an object worthy of His love and He cannot fail to love And God's love of us means His presence. As we are present, at least in mind, with those whom we love, so God is present with those whom He loves, but in an infinitely more perfect manner. He dwells intimately with those whom He loves; He is the spiritual force behind all their good actions; He beautifies their characters and their souls. The sweetness of God's presence can not be explained; it is something that each one of us must feel and experience for himself. It gives us an admiration for the good and noble, and fills us with a horror of what is vile and low. It urges us to deeds of goodness and lasting worth and—what is of greater weight than all it enables us to overcome the cravings and passions of our poor, dis-

ordered nature. God's presence, however, means even more. We need not speak of it their assaults. God's presence, to fight any spiritual enemy and to brought the martyrs their crowns, and gave the virgins a special place that theirs was an easy fight ; quite the contrary. The forces they faced were more terrible than any we have met, and no doubt the future never

it is the same now. Our enemies are would say simple arithmetic. Religion is not the stop of attack would be almost inconstant against us; but if we remain good soldiers of God, we will conquer. Wickedness is the work of the devil.

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agents of Satan and put to naught mandment which eave the Sabbath includes a wholesome respect for the attacks he makes upon us through should be kept holy, but not even those Commandments that Catholics benefit. For Himself, God need no them on a Sunday he must look else- statutory offenses. longer subdue Satan, for he is power- where for an argument or a justifica Religion inclu-

this; He is with us ever, either the We are anxious to see God dwell in some other wholseome truths. Keep crously as ever Don Quixote battled Father, the Son, or the Holy Ghost, more hearts. Sad it is to note the holy the Sunday, is the teaching of in his wanderings in Spain.

is a temptation to all. Never before omnipotent Father for His parental as today were so many customs affection and guidance. It should being introduced, amusements inhelp to give us a clear knowledge of what the assistance of the Holy Ghost It is the proper thing nowadays to unnecessary service work, but in the ruin of the structure to crush its means to us, and to realize that we give people what pleases them. should always try to render ourselves. There is the gravest danger in this. worthy of it. Without this assist. A pleasure today—speaking of many and a doctrine animals. Man is what he is because of God's presence in him. In the man without this presence we behold sail between the dangers. This is a spectacle of spiritual leprosy, more than difficult. The Holy Ghost is for Sunday amusement for those to say what may or must, or can or When deprived of it, man is fit only is the only true pilot. With Him as who toil the other six days and can cannot be believed? A church, the for the place in which God's enemies our guide, we can not strike the find no other time for recreation. are exiled; and if it is his misfortune rocks that would destroy us. Let us Religion is not a chronic and of to pass from earth in that state, do all we can, therefore, to have Him banishment from God and never enter our hearts and minds, so that attack on the pleasures of life. One cannot be a church. It cannot be ending punishment await him. The over the dangerous seas, we will be of the very purposes of religion is to anything, for what is, is. Why depunishment that is inflicted on man, steered on to safety.

WHAT IS RELIGION ANYHOW?

Mark Shriver, Jr., in America

discussions as to whether the Church has labored in vain and Christianity of Christianity, and a peculiar mis-apprehension of the functions and buildings go out to the open places that grows must have something on purposes of a Church. As the Y. M. C. A. constitutionally excludes from full membership in its fold members of the oldest body of Christians, the vacuity of discussion by its leaders is apparent. Discussion by ministers has little more weight. For all of them the first false step be the Church, then is the Church comes with their misunderstanding of the purpose of a Church, from an inexactness in defining religion. A process of exclusion is, perhaps, as good a way as any of finding out what religion is, and what it is not.

First and principally religion is not intermeddling in the affairs of national, State or local government. It is not that form of bigotry and intolerance styling itself temperance As a word temperance implies moderation and graciousness and tact and the desired of the Eternal Hills, medio," said Horace, "stat virtus," but it is as far from the intemperance

to Connaught.
From the creation of the world,

Religion is not the closing of dance resist any attack. Of course we shall be tried severely. A battle- halls, nor the suppression of racing, field with the forces in action is a nor the encouragement of anti-terrible test of a man's courage and strength, and the bullet of the soldier essentially and inherently evil, it often hits its mark. But on the spiritual battlefield, victory always will be with him who, while doing his best, depends on God's presence The reformers may carry life or acciwill be with him who, white course his best, depends on God's presence dent insurance, they may even have tor the issue. It was this that concealed somewhere about the concealed somewhere about the term of policy issued by gave the virgins a special place house that form of policy issued by aven. We need never imagine Mr. Lloyd of London which insures bonded for greater security against loss, but if it be lawful for reformers will see us attacked as strongly as to wager \$100 with the surety company, against, let us say, \$10,000 gaining of heaven is called a victory. We are the soldiers. The only effective arms we can use is God's presence with us. ence with us.

It is a glorious past, that of our Church and of our forefathers who fought so nobly for it. But could we ask them to tell us from heaven today how victory came to them, one answer would come from all: "God was with us." We must realize that the chance that the packet fringed with black. It all depends on algebra, or, as an old teacher of mine would say simple arithmetic.

Slip, and that all may see what reposes on top, skilfully passed by one-armed deacons and elders cover a multitude of—well, peccadilloes.

Among other things religion is a wholesome horror and fear of the divorce evil; a respect for marriage as a Sacrament rather than a convenient civil arrangement to

these days many things are necessary followers. which were not so in the past. The How in messengers of Father Abraham could be aught but failure where there is

abounding measurs. And a religious failed in a mission when by the very service is not the herding together basis of the Church there is none to of the faithful to hear described in say just what that mission is? As a lickerish phrases the nakedness of rudderless ship abandoned by its Mark Shriver, Jr., in America metropolitan statue. Small wonder With no teacher, no creed, no Gospel Nowadays much time is wasted in folk with one way minds believe the world gone plumb to perdition, time being may choose to utter, what while their deluded dupss fall to could be expected but what has thinking of a real church and a real come? On what can such a body rest and breathe the pure air and back in the glorious sunshine of a bright and beautiful world. Small wonder the normal man listening to the vaporings of master pealm-singers realizes that normal people cannot live on such a plan, and declares that if that not for him. Small wonder he goes his way with a beclouded mind and a misunderstanding heart leaving things that should be closest to him

for others. Puritanism has made the non-Catholic Churches a failure, and the emptiness of their pews testifies more loudly to this than could the cryings of a backward-looker for 1,000 years. And Puritanism is hypocrisy

When a Methodist minister selects wisdom and justice. As a thing it is the ten most sensational titles his which no wealth can buy. ingenuity can suggest and notifies the press that those will be his topics for ten Sundays; when a Baptist and rancor of the radical Prohibition. rises in a pulpit that should be holy ists to the real thing as from Hades and declares with fulsome detail that he can throw a stone from where he stands to a house of ill only in so far as it bars sin; we also should say something of it as a spiritual force and strength for advancement and protection in the spiritual life. We well know that there are those who can kill the sould say some thing of the creation our father Noah held when the Ark had spiritual life. We well know that the spiritual life. We well know that the spiritual life where the second state of the celebration our father Noah held when the Ark had spiritual life. We well know that the spiritual life well know that the spiritual life. We will know that the spiritual life well know that the spiritual life well know that the spiritual life. We will know that the spiritual life well know that the spiritual force and strength for advancement and protection in the spiritual life. We will know that the spiritual force and strength for alternation our father the well know that the police are corrupt, and repeats with gueto a tale some unnamed home, and make the best of humbler surroundings. And, after all, why yearn for beauties and grandeur that supporting. They raised their own. told us so and has warned us against the dawn of them. There are those also who history, cannot of itself be wrong, endeavor to demolish the spiritual unnamed sect proclaims his belief in the extreme magnificence of produced their own clothes, and the days of the days o endeavor to demolish the spiritual institution to which we belong—the Church. We meet them every day, We need courage and strength to face them and resist their attacks. Where them and resist their attacks. Where acteristic of those who roll the fall and all embracing school, teaching they are cunning and insidious, we need a sense with which to detect them and guard ourselves against their assaults. God's presence, distinguish between a thing as it is thour assaults. God's presence, and its use or abuse. Here their with all this. When He dwells zeal outweighs their judgment and its use or abuse. Here their by of Ohrist and many conflicting with all this. When He dwells zeal outweighs their judgment o'erlesps to fight any spiritual enemy and to itself, and falls on the other side. ity of Ohrist and many conflicting when a distinguished Baptist gentle-man narrates with luccious undulation the sensations which he says must rise in men and women as they dance; when he goes down into the gutter for his similes and half concealing, fairly discloses his sensuous thought and so rouses to keener edge the passions he pretends to allay; when in a word the shepherd passes over things Divine and goes out into the the highways and hedges to compal men to come in he is frequently successful beyond his fondest hopes, but most who go to those churches go for the delightful sensation of acquiring new knowledge as to how and where the law can be broken in some wife who can be broken in some and a warn out welding rings. Then a farmer's wife who casts a thought of the law can be broken in some wife who casts of a made-over-hat, and a warn out welding ring. men to come in he is frequently successful beyond his fondest hopes, but against the dire mishap of twins. most who go to those churches go Treasurers of their societies may be for the delightful sensation of acquireither. From some standpoints, however, the collection plates caremodestly, but none the less sarnestly, fully dished so that nothing may I claim the right to bazard two bits slip, and that all may see what re-

would say simple arithmetic.

Religion is not the stopping of Sunday baseball, or golf, or tennis.

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desire; or the debasement of it by such a practise as race suicide, a such a practise as race suicide, a strangely suphemized and as God subdued him and recognize as the antithesis of the sentenced him to the torments he deserves, so will God conquer the Old Testament. There is a Com-

his followers. However, God wishes Dr. Bowlby wants to stop the mails know as the Sixth and the Ninth our co-operation, for it is all for our of a Saturday and if he would stop which deal with what some call

Religion includes the right of less against God; but He desires us, tion. This authority is and can only private property and the duties and with His aid, to crush the serpent. be the Catholic Church, for from the responsibilities that go with it. It And do we not want to do it our beginning of the Christian era to is the acknowledgment of an inselves? Surely we do not wish to 1524 there was but one Church, and ferior to a Superior, of a creature to become a slave to him who brought no Protestants at all. During those a Creator. To have real religion the curse of evil upon the world! years something must have been there must be order, and order means Today, in a special way, we must done sometime about this matter of the recognition of authority and the pray to the Holy Ghost for aid and Sabbath observance. Either that respect for it when recognized. who will fail to admire the gener-osity of God and humbly to adore the strength, and also ask that we may his divine majesty, for His endless be worthy to have His very presence and doomed to lie in Tophet. Dr. list of favors in our regard? We with all His fruits, within us. Even could not imagine a thing we need victory for ourselves is not enough. he chooses. But the Reverend religion. There are some pulpit lecfor our eternal welfare that He has We want to conquer for the whole Doctor may not believe in hell or an turers who debate forward and back-not provided for us. And more than Church of which we are but a part. infinite justice any more than in ward, fighting windmills as ludi-

Father, the Son, or the Holy Ghost, or all three. He is not estisfied to care for us from a distance. He desires to be within our hearts, to hear cur very pulse-beats, and to listen to our most secret yearnings, while extending a saving hand over our whols being.

This feast of Pentecost recalls to us the fact that God is with us, and the celebration of this feast should.

The world of plenty and of delight top. If a recreation is harmless per it holy the Sunday, is the teaching of the Catholic Church, and Catholics have been the Sunday, is the teaching of the Sunday, is the teaching of the Catholic Church, and Catholics have been the Sunday, is the teaching of the Sunday, is the teaching of the Sunday, is the teaching of the Catholic Church, and Catholics have been the Sunday, is the teaching of the Catholic Church, and Catholics have been the Catholic Sunday, is the teaching of the Catholic Sunday.

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As for Protestantism, it is as its once the the Sunda The world of plenty and of delight tion. If a recreation is harmless per ity and the first principle of Prose how can it become an evil or an testantism denying authority has agency for evil simply because it is long since accomplished the ruin of

How in Heaven's name can there dictionary says, is a distinct body of Religion is not a chronic and con- believers, but if there are no lines to Aphrodite, the moisture of a New crew-to rate and tempest, it drifts at York cabaret or the nudity of a the mercy of every passing current.

THE SIMPLE THINGS OF LIFE

Some people would do well to cultivate what many have by naturethat happy disposition of being content with the so-called simple things

We can't, all of us, have those grand things which some have, and many more, yearn for. The rich and mighty of this world, may adorn their palaces with marble pillars, orchids and priceless trappings, but the smaller ones, who by far make up the greater part of the globe's population, may have treasures urban population under the prod-

Millions of men and women never | gardeners. go beyond the limits of their native sown; they cannot afford the luxury den still remains. Is proved its use of visiting the wonders of strange fulness during the War, and during and far distant countries. They are peace it is proving its value as a

the sources of lasting bliss and joy. man is, wante the heirs of kings and emperors ancestors.

are not happier in their imperial parlors and artificial palm gardens than far humbler heirs who shout city dweller, cribbed, cabined, and for joy in white-washed living rooms, confined within four walls for the and romp in meadows decked with violets and dandelions.

rich may revel, but they are not any store or the office, the armchair and healthier or happier than the lade slippers and parhaps his pipe is a and lassies who "paddle" in our pleasant prospect. But the few country creeks.

their boys and girls than Johnny a trip to the cou-bread and buckwheat cakes to change and rest. hungry, healthy country boys.

any better when accompanied by and slippers. During these early days golden harps and ivory keyed Stain of spring along the stretches of counsongs with banjo strings and out-oftune organs.

Aching hearts seem to be far more common in the mansions of the rich harvest, but they have gathered than in the "hute" of the poor, and health, and sweet contentment and charity will sooner find a mite in the the satisfaction of making two blades kerchief of a widow, then a dollar in of grass grow where one grew be-the purse of a banker. of co. After all is not this what the

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Do you ever pray, "Our Father who art in Heaven?" Perhaps it isn't always so, but usually the poor are more familiar with this Father—than the rich. Who but a poor man can realize the wealth of joy and bliss in the prayer of St. Francis of Assissi—" My God and my all."

Are you "wasting" your talents in God-forsaken place nobody appreciates your wisdom The Son of God, as a boy of twelve, sat among the doctors of Israel for three days, and then went along to an obscure home to earn his daily bread as a carpenter's apprentice. Yes, in the poor man's garden kind thoughts, contentmenthours .- Lordman in the Echo.

HOME GARDENS

The Great War brought sharply ome to many minds the pitiful state of helpfulness to which over-organization had reduced human society. Before 1914 we did not realize how dependent we were upon the labors of others. With the paralyzing of European industries in the early days of the struggle, this country suffered acutely from the lack of the necessities of life produced abroad. This we could bear, and did bear with fortitude, as producers began with varying success to experiment with domestic substitutes. But the coun try did not fully awake to its atter helplessness and dependency upon other countries until the shortage of food was announced. With so thing of the elemental resourcefulding of Mr. Hoover turned home The War is over, but the home gar

too busy and too poor, to run after field anchor on the ballooning cost of those brilliant human "stars" which living. The home garden is one of field anchor on the ballooning cost of delight the crowds attending some the good things that the War brought among them, whilst the simpler lessen our own conceit of ourselves things of the humblest home may be to think how utterly helpless modern man is, when compared with his

The home garden moreover is curative of many physical ills. greater part of the day and night is slowly starving to death for want of The world is dotted with luxurious the open air. To a fired man after a baths and famous resorts where the hard day's work in the shop, or the pleasant prospect. But the few hours in the evening in his open air The richly laden tables of our garden will do him good, and perhaps millionaires are not more inviting to forestall the doctor's advice to take a trip to the country for a complete

We have heard of scores of men new and hitherto untried way or place. And that is not religion The voice of the rich don't sound to their evening habit of arm chair ways, than those of the poor who try that began where the city ends "air" their bliss and blend their you will see every evening these songs with banjo strings and out-of amateur tillers of the soil wrestling with nature for the coming crop They may not gather much in the Is the common red blood that runs | country needs so much at the present through your voine less warm than time of industrial paralysis, to get to that of pedigreed "blue?" True work? The home gardener is giving heart culture is not so much a matter an example of frugality, of courage, of polished or learned phrases as it and of individual effort that should is of interior nobility and sympa-be widely imitated. The possibilities of the home gardens are great; and Have you a mother? Perhaps her they wait only the gardeners.—The

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