

blood of his own friends, but dripping now with the blood of Poland, should conquer and dominate the other nations of Europe, then he must be faced by a nation capable of stopping him, and the only nation that could do so would be the United States. When the American nation enters into such a fray it will be a struggle between continent and continent, not between nation and nation. Should the United States be compelled to draw the sword, should we be in a better position to enter such a war than we are now, at the side of Great Britain and France?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Should we be as free as we are to-day to choose the course which we want to follow? Is it possible to conceive, for instance, that the United States would throw in all their resources to preserve the freedom of nations and the dignity of humanity, and that we would stay at home and take no share in the struggle? Do you think the American nation would be so tolerant as Great Britain is to-day?

Honourable members, it seems to me that everybody now must probe his conscience and decide in what measure he can help. We are free to do so. But let us not forget those who are generous enough to take up the cudgels for us. If our young men do cross the ocean to defend our cause, they should feel that they are supported to the fullest degree by every Canadian.

In conclusion, honourable members, may I quote verses which apply so well to us all on this occasion:

To every man there openeth
A Way, and Ways and a Way,
And the High Soul climbs the High way,
And the Low Soul gropes the Low,
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High way and a Low,
And every man decideth
The Way his soul shall go.

Hon. J. J. HUGHES: Honourable senators, the meeting of Parliament some four months before the ordinary time is one of the results of the troubled state of the world. When and how these troubles will end is not, at the present time, given to any man to know. This terrible state of affairs has not, however, been caused by accident. World-wide catastrophes do not happen that way. The cause or causes of all events must be in proportion to the results. Therefore the cause or causes of our present misfortunes must be as extensive as the globe, must be of long standing and of the most perilous character.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN.

The cause or causes must be discovered and removed before any permanent cure can be obtained. I think I know the cause, or at least the major one. I realize that this is a strong statement for a person in my position to make, but if Christianity is true, I am sure of my ground.

If Christianity is true, Jesus Christ was and is God, the Creator and Sovereign Lord of heaven and earth and of all things. Not only did He create all things; He sustains them during every moment of their existence by His omnipotent power in the all-creative act. If the Bible is the inspired word of God, or even a credible human document, God assumed human nature, came to earth as a man, spoke to us in human language, telling us what He wished us to believe and to do, and proved His superhuman power by the works He performed. Therefore, to deny or even to doubt His deity is the greatest offence man can offer Him, is the greatest act of disobedience man can commit, and it will surely bring punishments commensurate with the crime.

It is not only in the totalitarian states that His deity is denied, but in other states and in the great English-speaking world as well; and evidence of this apostasy is to be seen on every hand. So great is this evidence that he who would deny it must be blinder than Bartimeus was. The worst of it is that many of the distinguished professors in the great universities, and some of the eminent divines in the large, rich and fashionable churches, are the chief offenders.

It is true that the English-speaking world practises many of the virtues taught by Jesus Christ, and does not blatantly deny His deity. For this a merciful God may give us time to repent, and may enable us, before it is too late, to see the perilous road we are travelling. Therefore, our present misfortunes may be a blessing in disguise, because, as the Bible tells us, whom He loveth, He chastiseth.

When our Saviour was bodily present on this earth an event occurred that conveys to me a momentous lesson. He had declared that He was God; that He was equal to the Father in all things; and for this the Jews accused Him of blasphemy and judged Him to be worthy of death. Pilate knew He was an innocent man, and, wishing to save Him, thought they would, if given a choice, prefer Jesus to Barabbas. But in this Pilate was mistaken; they cried out, "Give us Barabbas!" Pilate then said, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called The Christ?" Again they cried out, "Away with Him! Crucify Him! and let His Blood be upon us and upon our children."