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very anti-thesis of what we finds in the Christian gospel...

That is why the present war is for the Allied forces a crusade.... The young men who are enlisting in our forces today are first and foremost defenders of the Faith. Their mission is the preservation, for our own and future generations, of the freedom begotten of persecutions, martyrdoms, and centuries of struggle. It is this preservation not alone of national and of personal freedom but of freedom also of the mind and of the soul."

There is not a touch of Puritan bigotry in King's make-up. All his life he has borne the brunt of battle, and has been in contact with all sorts and conditions of men and their passions. And yet, when I put him the same question I have asked most of the other bigwigs I know, he gave me the same answer as Roosevelt: that government had in no way made him a cynic. A man in power must have a balanced and generous mind to retain the esteem of the fellowmen who circle around him. Our modern dictators do not have this esteem, they could not govern the way they do without despising the people they command. Only a great liberal feeling for humanity keeps a man who is at the top from looking down on those he serves through leading.

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