

therefore they typify anti-Christ. Hence the war between Christ and anti-Christ is on as it never has been before, and its ground-work was not laid yesterday nor yesteryear. This is not merely a war between human beings as such; it is a war between powers and principalities, and many invisible agencies are at work. It is not confined to actual combat in the air and actual conflict on and under the land and the sea. It is being waged on a thousand other fronts, and by a thousand other forces as well. All this I shall try to explain.

A year or two ago every English-language newspaper in Canada that I saw—and I saw most of them—commended in the strongest terms a book that had been written by Dr. Thomas Mann, called "The Coming Victory of Democracy." The Ottawa Journal was most eulogistic of this book, and this caused me to read it. From my point of view, there were many defects in it, but its greatest defect was its practical ignoring of God in His dealings with mankind, and its studied elimination of all idea of Jesus Christ and His teaching in regard to the affairs of this world. Dr. Mann practically put the form of government called "Democracy" in God's place by saying in effect that if all nations adopted that form the troubles of the world would be solved.

A little later The Journal had a well written editorial under the caption, "Are We Losing the Essentials?" This caused me to write to that newspaper a letter saying that the eulogies which Dr. Mann's book had received from the English-language newspapers of Canada were the best possible proof that we had already, in large measure, lost the greatest of the essentials, namely, explicit belief in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Journal published this letter, but deleted from it all reference to Jesus as God. I then wrote another letter, complaining of the deletion. This The Journal refused to publish, but courteously returned me the manuscript with the following written explanation:

Ottawa, Canada,
May 4, 1939.

Hon. J. J. Hughes,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

The Journal asks to be excused from printing the enclosed. It does not wish to get into a religious controversy. The reference made in your first letter to which you refer was deleted because Dr. Mann is a Jew.

So it amounts to this. In the opinion of The Ottawa Journal, reference to Jesus Christ as God would be likely to evoke opposition and start a religious controversy, and might offend Dr. Mann and others. If a choice had to be made between Jesus Christ and Dr.

Mann, Jesus had to take second place. If this is not a fairly pronounced form of Hitlerism and Stalinism, I should like to know what it is. One thing I do know: if the Bible be true, this thing is not Christianity. Now, the Ottawa Journal is a sane, respectable, well-conducted secular newspaper, as newspapers go, and in my view is a good representative of the English-speaking secular press and of the public opinion of Canada in most non-political matters. And this is supposed to be a Christian country in the twentieth century!

The Bible and the Church are my authorities for saying that when Jesus Christ was bodily present on this earth He declared, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," and in another place, "Without Me you can do nothing." If these words came from the lips of God Almighty we cannot ignore them without taking the risk of losing everything for which we were created. On the other hand, if they came from the lips of a mere human being like one of ourselves, he was a crazy man, and the Bible is worse than a book of fables. This would make of Christianity the greatest imposition that ever was foisted on mankind. Under such circumstances, Hitlerism and Stalinism might be right, and, if so, should not be opposed.

If Jesus Christ was and is God, any form of government with Him will give good results, and no form of government without Him will be either permanent or beneficial. Therefore, Dr. Mann's book, "The Coming Victory of Democracy," and all the newspapers that went into ecstasies over it are on the wrong track, and have some responsibility for the spread of Hitlerism, and particularly for the spread of Stalinism.

The Mann family are, however, still at work. In 1938 two of Dr. Mann's children, Erica and Klaus, wrote a book called "Escape To Life," which was published in 1939, a few months before the present war began in Poland. This book condemns in all the moods and tenses Hitler and Hitlerism, but commends in equally strong covert language free love, wholesale divorce, and the abolition of marriage, with all their evil consequences, and Russian Communism in all its branches. This book has been well received by the English-speaking world, notably the New York Times and other leading book reviews in the United States, and is held to be the last and best word on the principles of liberty and democracy. It has been highly praised by the exiles from Germany in the United States, many of whom hold chairs in the secular universities of that country, while others are film producers and actors at Hollywood and New York. They call themselves the intelli-