

"Blind, But Now I See"

The Conflict That Runs Through John

- Life versus Death.
- Belief versus Unbelief.
- Light and Darkness.
- finds his Focus in the Man Blind from Birth.
 - Encounters Jesus and came to see.

The Need And The Speculation

① The Man in The Gospel of John.

- Pathetic signs of blindness
- Now the age-old question about whose sin?
- Not the question

- But God can be glorified, we must work

② All About Us The Haunting Needs of Our Time.

- The Great Aching Needs of Our World

- Hunger, Disease, War

- Our School of Missions.

- The Indians, Our Young People,

- Never home there ~~are~~ heartaches and loneliness and broken lives.

③ This is Not An Item for Speculation, the
one of help.

- Not a debate over the origin of evil.
- Not working out theories of what to do.
- Pure loving action and deeds of kindness.

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Christ Addresses Himself To The Man's Need.

① Demands Faith and Obedience of The Man

- Makes Spittle

- Then asks The Man To Go and Wash.

② Faith Is The Great Source of Power

- Not a small shriveled part of life.

- But a basic part of Human Existence.

- Life Is filled With Illustrations.

- Madame Curie.

- Thomas Edison.

- God Has Woven To Give Us The Power To Believe.

③ Christ Gives The Man Sight for His Blindness

A. The Terror of Spiritual and Moral Blindness.

- far More Than The Physical Eyes.

- Live By My Own Moral Standards

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- My Own Prejudices

- My Own Self-Centeredness.

B. The Life of Life in Christ.

- New Understanding of Spiritual Truth.
- New Sense of Right and Wrong.
- New Way of Looking at All Things.
- Not simply in Christ's Way or His Teachings, but in Christ.

The Dialogue and The Man's Confession

① With The Man in The Gospel of John.

- First with the Son - "Couldst do it because it was the Sabbath?"
- Then with the Parents - "Is this really your son?"
- "This Man Was a Sinner" - Second time with the Son.

② Our Agnosticism and Non-Belief

- "It can't happen because I can't understand it."
- "It can't happen because of who is involved"
- "It can't happen because it doesn't work our way. Doesn't fit our theories."

③ Yet The Stubborn Face Stands There.

- The Man with his simple first-hand witness.
"I was blind, but now I see."

A. There Is The Face Of The Christian Community.

- After wars and a divided world it is still there.
- The witness of the longo.

B. The Face Of The Christian Gospel

- In Russia
- In Intellectual Sophistication
- Karl Barth, Alan Richardson.

C. The Face Of The Christian Conscience.

- Dr. Merton Floyd and the Negro labor.

D. The Face Of Changed Lives.

- Pacific Garden Mission
- Stan Gallups

The Final Dialogue Between Christ and The Blind Man.

- ① "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- ② "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
- ③ "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you."
- ④ "Lord, I believe."