God, Death, and Our Need

Introduction

We are all children of God.

We reflect this in

Great need to recover a sense of God

Not in a Georgic X
- Not as a cosmic error or thing
- Not as a cruel despot

But in the true God revealed in the Bible

(1) Our Difficulty

Life in organized without God
- We are self-sufficient

(2) Yet the Saints knew God

- They were farming God
- Fever
- Self-security
- Self-deception
- God-security
The Way We Know God — God Who Revealed Himself

1. Through Nature
2. Through Conscience
3. Through the Scripture
4. Through the Fellowship
5. Through Jesus Christ

The Far Side of God

He, not belong to our Mode of Existence
not just longer or bigger than we are.

1. This God is Definitively
   - I Am
   - He is not created and we cannot add anything to Him.

2. The Eternity of God
   - He Cannot be Measured.

3. This God Does Not Change
   - Innumerable
(4) **This God is Sovereign**
- He is All Knowing
- He is All Powerful
- He is All Present.

This Unfazed Will be Accomplished.
- Her Vessel from N.Y. to Southampton

**The Attributes of God**

1. **This God is Personal**
   - Deeply Concerned About Me.

2. **This God is Love (Agape)**
   - Never Changing Love

3. **This God is One of Grace**
   - Love in Action

4. **This God is Holy**
   - Transcend Perfect
   - Mirror of Grace
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May God Thy Good Refine

These are two flags

(1) The American
   - The stars, the colors, and the high symbolism.
   - The city, the country, can be a narrow and a
     divisive - cheap and exclusive.
   - It can be a high and holy responsibility.

(2) The Christian
   - A nation and a kingdom.
   - A cross and the sacrifice of God.
   - An ultimate loyalty.

(3) Here are two worlds, two citizenships.
   - "Render unto Caesar the things that belong to
     Caesar and unto God the things that belong
     to God."
   - Here we are after Thanksgiving - having
     received a flag.
   - This is the day to remind you of your
     citizenship in this world as a Christian.
The Ideals of Our American Republic

1. Our Great Tradition
   - The Sense of Revolution
     - Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln
   - George Washington Carver, Martin Luther King
   - Martin Luther King, Jr., of Chicago
   - Emancipation Proclamation in Four Freedoms, "I have a dream"
   - Our Appreciation of Ernie Vige
   - Wanting the Yanks to Get Here
   - The Mother who took her daughter to release every day in New Orleans West loving the words "The Lord is My Shepherd"

2. The Nature of Our Deepest Faith
   - That God is the Maker of Men
     - Basic Axiom. Not simply a convenience.
   - That Man draws his being from his Maker.
   - That Man's freedom is rooted in God and in himself.
The Quality of Our People

- Friendliness and Compassion.
- Sense of Loyalty and Merriment.

Marcelle Dickey and Jackie Robinson With K.C. Monarch.

In August of 1947, Marcelle Dickey called Robinson to his N.Y. Office, explained the possibilities and all the difficulties.

In April of 1947, broke into Major League Baseball.

- Teams threatened canceling game.
- Rumor one of racist rumors, catcalls.

'Wipes his back to the cotton fields. Housewife boys, Uncle Toms.'

Uncle Toms.

'Uncle Toms' quoted him, 'Uncle Toms' were all at his head. Stomach tightening and headache.

Finally, made his way. Was accepted.

Before House Un-American Activities Committee.

"You can fix me down as in my first or being a colored American. " Negroes were stirred up long before there was a communist party. " We can win our fight without the communists, and we don't want their help." Today 60 colored men in baseball."
The Dangers We Face

\( \frac{\text{Can We Live Together?}}{\text{Do we want peace?}} \)
- Or are we so deeply involved in the economics of armaments that we cannot stop.
- Can we live together as races
  - Not only religious, races, and nations.
  - But Harmony and cooperation.

The Report of Justice

Dr. Theodore Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame:

"Personally, I don't care if the U.S. gets the first man on the moon or while this is happening, or a crash basis.
we handle along here on our corner of the earth, curing our prejudices, flouting our magnanimous constitution,
ignoring the central moral problem of our time, and
appealing hypocrite to all the world."

- As Females
  - Easy commitment
  - No sense of lasting loyalty
  - Our national debate - criticism and hate.
4.

(2) Can we live free without destroying ourselves.
   - Double Standards in Men and Women.
   - Can we handle sex and our appetites?
   - Will Main Media Develop a Conscience?
   - The Nearest Antennas May Be Our Greatest Problem.

(3) Can we live with tension without capitulating to fear and anxiety.
   - People Who Give In To Their Weaknesses.
     - They Cannot Stay In The Saddle.
   - We Can Become A Nation of Runners and the Hurriers. Who Run From Responsibility and Make Sacrifice.
   "May God Our God Define"
   - The Young Men in Babylonian Captivity, Daniel 3.
     - Refused to bow before false gods.
   - We need Independence and Quality and Strength.
   - Return to the Roots of Our Strength.
   - Dependence can flourish at the deepest level.
Rayburn

"Contents more important than pacuity."

Strength of character

He did what he set out to do.

[Signatures]

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1. Presenting Our Children

2. Introduction of Parents

3. Commitment
   - Do you recognize your child as a gift from God?

   - Will you love, live in such a way, teach and make use of the facilities of the Church in such a way that this child will come to know Christ?

4. Dedication and Prayer
1. Greetings
   - Morning Devotion Bible Class: Mrs. Jane Fithian
     Hugh Robinson

2. Rosebud - in honor of a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Hasegawa -- Claudia Ann

3. Membership Class - 10:00 a.m. Chapel

4. Baptist Day of Prayer -- Friday, 2 p.m. - Chapel
   all women of the church are invited to attend.

5. Venture of Faith
   - Crucial Clean-up

6. Orientation of Flog
   - Group 23

I pledge Allegiance to the Christian Flag, and to the Nation for Which
Kingdom it stands, One Nation Under
Him, All Mankind in Justice
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