

The Holy Spirit can & does work
in & through ~~any~~ the sanctified fellowship
& communion of a body of his disciples
from any of the many churches which at
present are in our midst.

All of us must avoid the presumptuous
~~claim~~ claim that any one way or
any church has a special prerogative
where the Holy Spirit of God is concerned.

Orthodoxy, Tradition, & Fundamentalism
may be a guide for some, but they
must never become our chains.

I believe, and hope & pray it may be
achieved, that what the World needs is
One Holy Catholic Church with
diversity of administration but
the same Spirit & Lord.

He must avoid the principle of a
Denominational "Closed Shops".

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Opinions may be mistaken - Love never is

Uniformity can be a soul destroying
agent, as evil as Totalitarianism, and
Totalitarianism, can end in the
systematic dehumanisation of man.

A religion of Veracity must always
be rooted in Spiritual inwardness

It's no use looking for or expecting
social law & justice in the world,
if the Spiritual World is allowed to die

There can be no leavening of the lump
if there is no "leaven"

A specific set of ordinances and
doctrines is not enough.

To make uniformity of doctrine
the only basis of a Church, is a
return to the old Fundamentalism
which has hindered & splintered the X^{ian}
Church probably more than any other one
thing.

If we have this in mind we are going
backward to the landmarks of yesterday,
when our only hope is to go forward.

into a world where the horizons are
continually being pushed outward, in every
sphere of human experience & comprehension.
God-creation, the universe, human mind,
intelligence,

So many beliefs - that have served - can no
longer serve. The redemptive work of
Christ. Not through dogma, but dedication,
- The work of the Holy Spirit - cannot be
confined to any one medium or organisation.
Certainly the gift of the Spirit cannot
be denied to a man, or withheld by the
edict of any human organisation.
The Spirit bloweth where it listeth.

Jesus said "I am the way the truth &
the life, no man cometh unto the father
but by me".

I believe it would be true to say that
at the present time there is no Church
in which all its members, are able to
accept completely that Church's body
of doctrine - teaching, belief & practices

The problems are always changing
(Illustrate some changes).

Mainly the problems of poverty are passed, in our own country.
But for the Church the problems of the "affluent society" are at least equally challenging.

If the problems are equally challenging the methods and the answers are not so clearly defined + apparent.

To allow ourselves to be distracted by "world" problems, from the "near and immediate predicament" can lead to a dangerous + frightening situation.

" If as a nation we allow, through neglect + indifference, the roots of Christian inspiration + service to wither + die, then the "fruits of the Spirit" must wither + die also.