

10)) mean by "God"? No, certainly. God is a symbol for ethical value, just as Uncle Sam is a symbol for the United States. Well, I said, If God is just a symbol, how can you pray to God? Oh, he said, you can address a stick or a stone; you can talk to the ocean. Now, that's what he meant when he said "God." And I meant my Heavenly Father; the Person who created the universe and sent His Son to die that we might be saved.

And we were ordained ministers of the same church! trained in the seminaries of that church, going out, and our views were poles apart. (??) Fifteen years later I saw him and he was the pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in the state of North Dakota, and I could not help thinking that, though he's a fine personality (I like the fellow personally very much), that ~~those~~ those people who heard him Sunday after Sunday were like sheep without a shepherd, being led astray, instead of receiving the truth of God. And an interesting thing -- when you turn away from the Word of God, you've got to have something to take its place. And so, this so-called 'social gospel' has come in. Now the true Christian believes in a true social gospel; there is nothing that improves social conditions so much as getting people saved from their sins and bringing them to a knowledge of Christ. The modernist talks about the social gospel and social improvement, but I am ready to say that if you take all of the real advancements and improvements in human life in the last thousand years in our Christian countries, and list all those that we all agree are improvements, you will find that at least 80% of them were produced by the ethics of Bible-believing men. The modernist talks about social improvement; the Bible believer brings it by his preaching and by his actions. But the modernist substitutes for the Gospel of Christ a social gospel which consists in the belief that happiness can come to people by changing the social order. When you take what E. Stanley Jones and John A. Mackay and these other leaders of the social gospel teach, ~~if~~ you find that it's mighty close to what the Communists present. In fact you will find most of them appearing ~~of~~ on many Communist-fronts and and talking of coexistence