

Judge Levitt approaches the problem from the viewpoint of positivist secularism. He himself is a Unitarian. He has, however, written this book because he feels that it is not nearly so important to disseminate his own philosophical and religious ideas as it is to call the attention of Americans to a dangerous menace.

Evangelical Protestants believe that the teachings of Roman Catholicism are contrary to the Word of God; that its claim to be an authoritative interpreter of the Bible is not in accord with fact; that actually it is misinterpreting the Bible and so covering it over with tradition as to make its teachings of none effect. We believe this, and we believe that it is the right and duty of Bible-believing Christians to express these opinions strongly and clearly. However, we believe that the Roman Catholic has an equal right to express his own opinions. We do not wish any suppression of his right to express his ideas, but a watchfulness that he be not allowed to seize such power as would enable him to suppress the liberty of opinion of others, and to spread his ideas by other than peaceful means.

Most American Roman Catholics have too much Americanism in them to believe it possible that they would ever favor the overthrow of American liberties. Yet they are schooled in accepting the opinion of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in religious matters, without claiming the right to think things through for themselves. Ask almost any Roman Catholic to examine the Bible for himself, to see if his Church is interpreting it correctly, and he will recoil in horror from the thought. Such an attitude makes it an easy matter for those in whom one places such confidence, to lead him as they choose. Judge Levitt contends that the international leaders of the Roman Catholic hierarchy have already given clear