

COMMON SENSE IN RELIGION

WE MUST be careful not to deviate from common sense in religion if we would have true faith. Fanaticism or overzealousness results in eccentric behavior. There are people who are inclined to be very impressed by unnatural religious fervor. This is due to ignorance of the spiritual aspects of the universe.

A dogma that causes the followers of one faith to be unfriendly to those of another does not impart the right religious concepts. A true teaching instills the belief that its mission is to serve everyone.

The ultimate objective of religion is to assist us in becoming as nearly as possible the perfect image and likeness of God. While perfection on earth is perhaps beyond the reach of the human self, the sincere effort to attain it is the right attitude and expresses true religious aspiration.

The deeper the faith, the more natural and unaffected a person is. People with true spiritual understanding speak and act sensibly, modestly, sincerely. They leave an uplifting, warm impression upon those with whom they come in contact. They show concern for the individual happiness of one's fellow beings and the welfare of society. For such people, true happiness is found in making others happy. This, and this alone, unlocks the door to God's blessings."