

## PRACTICAL EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY

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Thomas Macaulay, the noted English writer and historian, said this: "The real security of Christianity is to be found in its benevolent morality, in its exquisite adaptation to the human heart, in the facility with which its scheme accommodates itself to the capacity of every human intellect, in the consolation which it bears to every house of mourning, in the light with which it brightens the great mystery of the grave."

This is a beautiful summary of practical proofs of the truth of the Christian religion. These words are worthy of our closest study and consideration. Let us consider first,

### ITS BENEVOLENT MORALITY

It is indisputable that the morality of Christianity is higher and more benevolent than can be found in any system of religion on earth. It is a strange fact, but true, that there are whole systems of religion of which morality forms no part. Christianity is unique in this respect that wherever it is real, it demands morality and lifts people to decency and respectable living.

St. Paul says in I Tim. 4:8 "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

While I do not believe that Jesus died on the cross to make men merely good, or to benefit society, but rather to make them spiritual, and to save their souls, yet, the fact remains that morality, godliness, profits everybody in this life. What we may call the by-products of the Christian religion are invariably benevolent.

We can submit Christian morality to any conceivable human test, and the results will be the same. We could put it to the test of man's physical body. We would find it absolutely true that where mankind adheres the closest to the laws of God, here mankind is at its best physically.

If medical doctors told us half what they know about sickness and disease brought on by sin and the breaking of God's laws, it would shock us tremendously. It would surprise us to find how many have illnesses, and are sent to the hospital because of not obeying God's commandments, or because of the disregard of moral standards.

I have heard the statement that many of the inmates of asylums are there because of the breaking of God's laws in some way. There can be no doubt but that Christian morality would have saved many a person from the hospital and the asylum.

### CHRISTIAN MORALITY BENEFITS THE HOME

Where can homes be found that can compare with the Christian home? The home where God is honored, His word is read; where the family altar is a permanent institution; where the children are taught to pray, and where they are sent forth to meet the influences of evil surrounded by the influence of the fervent prayers of father and mother. It is the home, fortified by Christian morality that bids defiance to the loose living of the present day; the home where divorces are unknown, and boys and girls grow up with purity, and in peace and harmony. When immorality of any kind comes into the home, the dove of peace flies away.

### CHRISTIAN MORALITY BENEFITS SOCIETY AS A WHOLE

The Bible states clearly, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Everyone is free to look back into history to see if this has ever failed to be true. Whole nations have fallen through sin. Society has always been at its best where the highest type of morality and godliness has been maintained. Even property commands a higher price in the section of the town or

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## THE FAITHFUL FEW

By Chester E. Shuler

In every church, in every clime,  
When there's some work to do,  
It very likely will be done  
By just the faithful few.

While many folks will help to sing,  
And some of them will talk,  
When it comes down to doing things,  
A lot of them will balk:

"We can't do this, we can't do that,  
Excuse us, please, this time—  
We'd be so glad to help you out,  
But it's not in our line."  
So when the leader casts about  
To find some one who'll "do,"  
Although he's done it oft' before,  
He asks the Faithful Few.

Of course, they're very busy too,  
And always hard at work,  
But well he knows they'll not refuse,  
Nor any duty shirk.  
They never stop to make excuse,  
But promptly try to do  
The very, very best they can  
To smooth the way for you.

God bless, I pray, the faithful few,  
And may their tribe increase—  
They must be very precious to  
The blessed Prince of Peace!

—From Gospel Herald.

city where the highest type of morality is found. Even infidels would rather live under the protection of the church-going people. Saloon keepers have been known to advertise for a sober and dependable bartender.

### CHRISTIANITY BENEFITS THE COUNTRY FINANCIALLY

The expense of policemen and jails would be almost eliminated, if not completely. The liquor stores would have to close for want of patrons. The store could be devoted to profitable business. The loss of thousands of dollars caused by time lost by employees because of drunkenness would be saved to business. Money that is now spent to take care of the victims of drink would go to far better uses. The increasing curse of alcoholism would soon be a thing of the past.

### CHRISTIANITY HAS PRODUCED THE FINEST IN LITERATURE, ART, AND MUSIC

No literature ever produced can compare with the excellence of that produced by Christian men and women. When we desire the finest productions in these fields we have to look to that inspired by the Christian religion.

When and by whom was anything produced to compare with Handel's Messiah? What religion ever gave the world anything like our beautiful Christmas carols and our glorious church hymns? All were inspired by the benevolent morality and holy standards of the Christian religion. We can fully agree with the historian that Christianity stands secure in its benevolent morality. Who can estimate the sorrow that would be avoided, the heart-breaks that would be saved, the homes that would be rescued from disaster, the peace and joy that would reign in this world, if mankind would accept and live the morals of Christianity!

(To be continued)

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