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Will We Elect to Perish?

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World conditions are such that every thoughtful man who loves his own country and humanity is taking anxious thought for the morrow.

The most appalling tragedy of the last terrible five years is not the millions of dead nor the devastated lands of Europe, nor the billions wasted, but is the fact that mankind has learned nothing from the bitter years of grief and travail. Consider the Peace Commission at Paris; in all the long months no recognition of God, no prayers for guidance. Consider the greed of the nations represented. Consider the petty wars raging between the newly-enfranchised peoples, each struggling to get something that does not legitimately belong to it; or the chaos in Russia and the little less chaos in all Central Europe and the Balkans.

Consider the sturdy British Empire, on its beam ends, fighting with clenched teeth against the forces which threaten destruction. Consider our own country with discontent everywhere, with a vicious circle of increasing wages and increasing prices, with a people crazed by a speculative mania and a mad haste to grow rich quick, losing the power to think in their intense selfishness and passion for amusement and entertainment.

Above all, consider the impotency of government everywhere, and the threatened downfall of government.

The peoples of the world have entrusted government to self-seeking politicians, and these small men are confronted with a condition so serious that they have not the ability to cope with it.

It is not wild raving to say that civilization is balancing on a knife edge, but sober fact. And all this has come about because man refuses to take God and Christian ethics into the equation.

All previous civilizations have perished because they were built entirely on ma-

terialism, and the people of those bygone days were not blameworthy because they had not our light and knowledge.

Our civilization is in danger, because notwithstanding our 1900 years of the Christian faith, despite the fact that every fairly intelligent man knows that in the practical application of Christian ethics is the only solvent for the ills of humanity, we have blundered along in our brutal individualism, in our detestable selfishness, and insisted on maintaining the same basis as all the dead civilizations which have preceded ours.

Is not it the fullness of time for all of us—diplomats and soldiers and statesmen and politicians and priests and laymen—all of us, to grasp the big idea that only by adherence to the code of ethics which God has given us can we hope to build an enduring structure of good government?

We have seen the failure of every other method. Will we elect to perish rather than accept a world of decency, justice and love? It is not necessary to multiply

words. It is merely a statement of imperishable truth to say that where people and rulers lack vision and refuse to accept a code which embraces the principles laid down by Jesus Christ, there is no hope of a future for the nation.

**Individually—man for man—
what are we going to do about it?**

MAKE AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION

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