

Christianizing Business

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Mrs. Gonsullus and Mrs. Kennell play a violin and organ duet of the song, "No Body Knows the Trouble I've Seen" at the beginning of the service.

Thank you, that was quite nice.

"Christianizing Business" is the subject this morning, Christianizing business.

The way to Christianize business is to fit it in with God's Plan. God's Plan, His Drama of Life, takes place here. Business is a part of God's Drama of Life. Therefore, if we know His Drama of Life, if we know God's Plan, and fit our business into the plan, it will be Christianized, because it will be what God wants.

This brings up the question, what is God's Plan, of course. God's Plan, as I have often expressed to you, is this: that He created this Drama of Life for our enjoyment. In other words, He created it for Himself. We are a part of God's Great Consciousness. Therefore, we should view and participate in the Drama of Life considering it a play – enjoying it, but, not being attached to it – because our real nature is Immortal, Blissful, Permanent, Eternal, but we allow that Blissful, Eternal Nature to be attached to the play – in this case, business, which is not right. God's Plan is perfect. If we do that in any part of the Drama of Life we are playing, we will find Peace and Joy, because, even on this earth, we can express and know our Immortal Nature. But, even if that is not so, we, surely, when we're through here, will once more return to our Immortal Self.

Now, of course, evil's plan is different – Satanic Plan is different. It's an Organized Force, which prevents us from realizing God's Plan by causing us to be attached to the play – in this case, attached to business. If we are attached to business, losing sight of our Immortal, Blissful Nature, then the Evil Force says, "Now, you make lots of money in your business, you attain lots of power in your business, how wonderful you will feel." And so, we are tempted to fall for that suggestion of the Satanic, Evil Force. And when we fall, then we set into motion a series of events set about by desire. And the result is that the desires are never fulfilled, and we go from one desire to another – unending. This is brought about because the Satanic Force suggests that we will not have to go back to God – beyond this worldly consciousness – but right now, here, we can have everything, because the power which money will give us. That's the suggestion given by the Satanic, Evil Force. And when we fall for it, we set in motion a

chain of desires, which are never consummated, never fulfilled – there's no end to it – and, as you and I know, then there's no peace in it. We see it right and left – we know it is so.

But, on the other hand, if we follow God's Plan, and to fit our business into His plan, then we will Christianize it, then the results will be right. How many people say, "Oh, that's impossible, that's impossible to use Christian principles in business." Well, I'll admit it seems so – especially in modern times. Yet we must never forget that the Power of God is Supreme, and that, if we wholly rely on Him, with full faith, and take His Consciousness as the Christ Consciousness into our business, we will Christianize it – without question of a doubt, it can be done. And many businessmen do that, even right here on this earth, in this terrible delusion in which we find ourselves. It can be done, because God's Power, remember, is Supreme. If it's Supreme in one thing, it is Supreme in business, if we do not lose faith in Him, and do not leave His Side.

So the main thing in Christianizing business is to remember, fit your business into God's Plan. If you do that, if you have that attitude, you won't have to worry about the business being Christianized, as I shall try to point out.

One other thing to remember is this: according to the dimensional conceptions of success and failure, we have to do certain things in business. We have to have so much money, so much success, and if we do not have those things, our business is not successful. That is all right as far as worldly consciousness goes, but the basic law of success is this: whether you are a success or a failure, according to the conventional law of success, if, if you have companionship with God, if you have contact with the Divine Force and Power of God, whether you are a success or failure in worldly consciousness, does not matter. You are a success if, under any conditions, success or failure, you have God – you have the greatest success. So, remember, that should be, that should be the Supreme Consciousness which we have – come what will.

How do we know what God's Plan is? Perhaps, He wants us in this life not to be too successful, that we get egotistical. How do we know what God's Plan is? Therefore, the only safe way is to have Him. Then whether you are a success or failure, according to the concept, the ordinary conventional concept, doesn't

matter. If you have God, you are a success, without doubt. That's the basic law of success. Remember that.

Next time you lose a sale, or business doesn't go good – have you God? Do you see His Infinite Light? Is He with you? You're a success, because the business will pass away – everything passes away except His Consciousness, except the Christ Consciousness within you. If you have that, you are a success. That's just a little side issue, because we are apt to forget when we see someone else progressing, succeeding, having more than we do, we're apt to feel, "Well, why is it?" But, look within – count your blessings – see what you have. If you have God-contact, you have a million times more than an ordinary, successful businessman. We must never forget that.

Remember Jesus' words when he said, let the birds of the air have nests, the animals have places to live, and holes to crawl into, but, he says, I have nothing.¹ But, he had everything, because he also said, "I and my Father are one."² So, we must not be side-tracked by ordinary ideas of success, but attain that first – God- contact – then your business will take care of itself. It will be Christianized.

Now, the evil in business is not in business itself. Many people think that all business is bad; anyone's in business, they're not a Christian – they're not a religious person. Of course they can be a religious person. The evil in business is not in business itself, it's in the attachment, the attachment to the power which money gives. That's the evil of business.

If we follow a business, and it takes so much of our time and energy that we can think and eat and talk nothing but business, naturally it's evil, because there's no time left for God. And we, being Spiritual creatures, must, must be our Spiritual Nature. So remember the evil, the evil of business, is in the attachment to the results, which come of money and power. That's the evil – that alone – because, as I have said, never forget business isn't something foreign to God's Plan, it's in the Plan, it's in His Great Cosmic Plan. This Cosmic Motion Picture, which you heard Mr. Cook speak about, and which, next Sunday, I will try and point out who the operator is – so, come next Sunday, bring your friends to the Cosmic Motion Picture. But getting on with the subject this morning...

Remember, the evil is attachment, and what is the basic cause of attachment? Desire! Desire; desire for something which you haven't got. And that desire will never be fulfilled in this consciousness. It will only be fulfilled when you realize your oneness with the Infinite Light of God – feel and see and know Him. That's the Reality. That's what God had in mind for us – to have our business, but to take Him with us in our business. Then it'll be Christianized, as I shall try to point out.

Now, in The Bhagavad Gita,³ we have a little something, which might fit in here about the evil of business. It is in desire. Desire which comes from the power of money – what it will do, what it will give

you – that creates desire for more power, and there's no end to it. That's why it says in the Gita, in the 3rd Chapter, 37th Line, "It is desire...begotten by the quality of motion; all-consuming, all- polluting, know thou this, as our foe here on earth.⁴" Well, if that can apply to any other activity, it surely applies to business, because business is an activity here on earth. "As a flame is enveloped by smoke, as a mirror by dust, as an embryo is wrapped in the amnion, so This..." transcendental consciousness, the Presence of God, the Christ Consciousness within us, which we should put in our business, "is enveloped by..." that desire. "Enveloped is wisdom by this constant enemy of the wise in the form of desire, which is insatiable as a flame.⁵"

It can never be satisfied. You want to make money from your business, then, you want to make more. You have power from your business, you want more power. So you begin to think, "How can I make more money? How can I get more of this? How can I get more of that?" Where is the chance for God to get in? There isn't any. That's the evil. That's the evil of business. Business is all right. It is good to work hard and get ahead. That isn't the evil of business. It's the attachment to that money, which is the product of business. It is good to work hard and get ahead. Why? Because no progress is made except by effort. The Master used to say, "I, I, I like the businessman, because they're busy doing something." So, remember, don't, don't help a person too much. Don't make it too easy for them, but make them work and struggle. Then they will progress.

And so, it's good, it's good to have business principles – it's good to have the right business principles to succeed – and it's good to work hard in business. How can you expect to know God, who is the Author of everything – Science, the Greatest Science of all Science is to know God. How can you expect to know God, if you haven't got enough gumption to have a good business? It's impossible to. So remember, it's good, it's good to work hard in business, and to make money. Smart businessmen can make lots of money, they can do lots of good, but it has to be distributed in the right way. Not only – and this is a law which is exact, and cannot be compromised – it has to be distributed, not only to the businessman himself, and his family, but to others. Others must be considered, because that's the Law.

The first commandment is what? To find God, to be one with Him, to be one with His Great Love and Power, and then to give it to others. So, this applies to business and must be done. Business must be conducted by the right methods to make money, and then when you've made the money it must be distributed in the right way.

The Master used to tell the story about one of his Indian friends, who was quite well off, and the Master said to him, he said, "Now, so-and-so, why don't you leave that money to an organization where it will do good for people?" "Well," the gentleman said, "Yes. I'll get around to it." Master said, "I have left everything I have to the Fellowship where it'll do lots of good, why don't you?" "Yes, I will get around to it." Well, in the meantime, he passed away, and who gets the money? The no-good son. What did he

do? Squandered it; so that money, which could help people, is now of no use to them. Now, to do that, to leave money in a place where it will be squandered, is a sin, without question of a doubt. But to leave it where it will help people is good. So, it's all right to make money. It's good to make money. But it's also right to leave the money in the right way where it will help people. That's the Law, that's the Law.

So, going on now just a bit; I'd like to point out this point to you. We must not forget that business is made for us, not we for the business. That's the important thing. Business should be made for us, because, if it is not so, then all our time is spent in business – where is there any time for God? There is no time for Him. That's the greatest sin, because we cannot even engage in business without God. It is God who activates us. It is God who gives us the foresight to conduct a business properly, therefore, we must, we are duty-bound, to give Him some of our time. Now, if we preserve a little of our time each day – say an hour a day, to be with God – and to attain that contact, then you won't have to worry about your business. The business will not run you, you will run the business.

And, in passing, it is well to remember this, that there is no management, no management that can have such efficiency as comes with Divine-contact. If you take God with you, there's no manage, management of your business that is so good and so exact, and so efficient, as that which comes when you know God is with you. And there's no vision, there's no vision that will equal the vision that comes to you in conducting your business, when you have companionship with God. That's the greatest. So that's why business should not run us, we should run the business.

Now, one thing businessmen forget is this: that although business gives freedom, there's no question about that, if you have money it's easy to do certain things, there's a certain freedom that comes, there's no question about it, with money. But the point is that there are other freedoms that are necessary, beyond just the freedom which comes from money to save our Souls, and that is, the freedom, freedom, to overcome bad habits, which keep us from realizing God. And above all, freedom from death, which is the greatest thing. Now, business success will not give you that freedom. It'll give you a certain amount of freedom in this worldly existence. But how about other freedom, to free your consciousness from attachment to the Soul that you may merge and mix in the One Eternal Consciousness of God? That freedom doesn't come from business. Therefore, business, the freedom of business, must be coupled with other freedoms, then, you are truly free. Then you can attain oneness with God.

In this connection I'd like to read just a few lines from a letter the Master wrote to me quite a few years ago, which explains it most beautifully, how other freedoms are necessary, not only success in business, but success in other ways. He says: "Dear Doctor: ...financial freedom can bring spiritual freedom only,"

only, “to those who are trying to be spiritually free and on the watch.” Do you see what he means? If you’re engulfed in your business, and you forget God, you are, you are lost, you will not be free. And he goes on to say, “Otherwise, financial freedom is the cause of bondage, harbinger of all false happiness and sense pleasures. 6”

You have seen people who are attached to money. They have barrels of it, but I wouldn’t swap places with them for anything. They are a mess. And if you could see inside of them, and see the restlessness and what they go through, you wouldn’t swap either. Why? Because they haven’t attained the other freedoms necessary. “Besides financial freedom, dear one, many other freedoms have to be sought: freedom from disease, accident, misfortune, separation...7” How about those near and dear to you? When they’re gone, how are you going to feel? Find God. Help them to find God. They’ll be free in Him, you’ll be free then. So, he says, these other things, other freedoms must come also, and lastly, freedom from death. “Of course, financial freedom plays an important part, but spiritual freedom plays the most important part for you then you are free when even in a cage.8”

As I have said, even though according to ordinary conventions you are a failure, you are not. You are free because you have oneness with the Infinite. “...Please understand and be assured, that this is our greatest dash for spiritual freedom. We are striving to have financial freedom that we may attain spiritual freedom for ourselves, and for others.9” So, there you have – the money must not only be used for your freedom, but for others. Such was the nature of the Master.

And so going on – finally, if you are to Christianize your business, this is what you must do. You must inculcate Christian principles in your business. How to do it? Know Christ. Know the Christ Consciousness. Know God within you. Having those, then you can inculcate Christian principles in your business. How can you, unless you know Christ – unless you know the Christ Consciousness – unless you know God within you? It’s impossible.

And so, in the final analysis, it is this – if you want to Christianize your business, remember, you can only do it, business as a whole, when the hearts of men are changed. That’s the important thing. They talk about peace coming on earth. “Oh, let’s do this, and let’s do that, for peace on earth,” and they try to bring this nation in line, and that nation in line. It won’t happen, it won’t do. It won’t work. But, if the hearts of men of the different nations are changed, then peace will come, because then they will see the One Light of Christ, the One Great Light, and they will know the One Common Father – so in business.

So, in business we must first contact God within, contact the Father within, and as His Consciousness is in every particle of Creation, it is in business, isn't it? Having contact with Him, knowing Christ, then, then your heart is changed, then business will be Christianized, because those who make up business, and their heart is changed, they feel, they have a different consciousness, and they take God with them in every action – they take Him in their business.

Self-Realization gives you the ways and means to what? To contact the Presence of God within – to contact the Christ Consciousness – the principles of which must be inculcated in business to Christianize it. Self-Realization gives you the way and the means – follow it. Follow it. Get that God-contact. Get that God- contact. Get the Presence of Christ within you. Merge in it. There'll be no trouble with your business. Look what the Presence of Christ Consciousness did to Saul – that Tartar Saul made him the Great Apostle Paul.¹⁰ That's what Christ will do to you – that's what he'll do to business. So the main thing, when everything is said and done about Christianizing business, is what? Get God- contact. Get that Divine Communion. Have companionship with God, and your business will, without doubt, be Christianized.

Meditation Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee, for this communion in Thy Holy Presence. Help us to realize, that if we apply Thy Great Love, Thy Consciousness, to our problems, they will be solved, in the right way. Help us, to take Thee with us, in business, in every activity. Om, Peace, Amen.

Closing Song and Prayer

Now let us rise and sing our closing song. Doctor and the audience sing "Glory Hallelujah"

Raise the hands.

Heavenly Father, Mother, Friend Beloved God. May Thy Love shine forever on the sanctuary of my devotion, and may I be able, to awaken Thy Love, in all hearts. Make my Soul Thy temple, make my heart Thy altar, make my love Thy home. Be Thou the only King, reigning on the throne, of all my desires. I bow to Thee, Oh Father, I bow to Jesus, I bow to the Great Ones, and with my love and devotion, I bow to the beloved Master. Om, Peace, Bliss, Amen.

God bless you.

1 Luke 9:58, "And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

2 St. John 10:30, "I and my Father are one."

3 The Bhagavad Gita or The Lord's Song, Translated by Dr. Annie Besant, 1939

4 Ibid, 3rd Discourse, 37th Line, "It is desire, it is wrath, begotten by the quality of motion; all-consuming, all-polluting, know thou this as our foe here on earth."

5 Ibid, 38th and 39th Lines, "As a flame is enveloped by smoke, as a mirror by dust, as an embryo is wrapped by the amnion, so This is enveloped by it. Enveloped is wisdom by this constant enemy of the wise in the form of desire, which is insatiable as a flame."

6 Treasures Against Time, by Brenda Lewis, Chapter 3, Mt. Washington, 1/21/193?, "But financial freedom can bring spiritual freedom only to those who are constantly trying to be spiritually free and are on the watch. Otherwise financial freedom is the cause of bondage, harbinger of all false happiness and sense pleasures. A certain amount of worries (if they don't get too fresh) are stimulants to our soul."

7 Ibid, "Besides dear one besides financial freedom – many other freedoms have to be sought – disease, accidents, misfortunes, separations and lastly death. You have to work fast. Of course, financial freedom plays an important part and spiritual freedom plays the most important part – for then you are free when even in a cage.

"Stone walls and diseases do not a prison make

Nor iron bars a cage

Minds innocent,

God protected take

That for a Heaven, a Hermitage."

8 Ibid.

9 Ibid, "It is because I feel entire responsibility of your life that is why I ask you to help me – to help you and all. So please do not stop the steady flow of advertisements which I have started. Do not cut off the vital vein which is rushing towards us to free us. I have invested heavily already in advertisements – results are very hopeful – please feed this vein. Bear a little difficulty now – but do constantly feed this vein, feed it – this is the trial of Satan that I have to ask you for help. For God wants a true son (to be tested) who is worthy to help now. I know none of the idle rich will help now. Read the history of great movements – it is only the most sincere ones who have saved the boat in time of storm. Please understand and be assured that this is our greatest dash for spiritual freedom. We are striving to have financial freedom that we might attain spiritual freedom ourselves and those of others."

10 Suggested quick information source <http://www.about-jesus.org/paul.htm>