

3/ do I plead for the enlistment of all religious forces among all races and all nations. What is wanted to-day perhaps more than ever in this Atomic Age, is the HEART which FAITH alone can create; when humanity is threatened by the danger of a crass materialism. yea,

there are too many of us who may claim that we are mingling together things sacred and secular.

Religion, they say, is one thing and citizenship is another. In a certain superficial sense, this may be true; but they forget too quickly that Faith and civic duty are only 2, in the sense in which a root and a branch are 2.

For what a shrivelled and pitiful thing is that kind of Religion which is only an affair of Churches & Synagogues; of special times and special occasions and Nothing more!!! I would then dare ask: #

"What is the value of that Man's faith whose ~~faith~~ fellow-man is not better for it?

2. Whom it does not impel to do something for the common weal?

In whom it does not kindle a zealous spirit to diffuse light and warmth and joy in the life of others?

I therefore, call upon your idealism; upon your religious earnestness; upon your moral leadership and repeat the words of the prophet EZRA:

Yes, Mr. Mayor and fellow Concillors, the matter is now yours; it belongeth to you; yet we are with you; be of good courage and perform it".

May the Almighty God in His infinite mercy, grant that ye may be true to your great trust, and that we, citizens of no mean city, may fulfill our sacred responsibilities, and thus, dedicate ourselves to the service of our God and to humanity.

In this memorable hour, let us beseech and invoke God's Blessings, and while upstanding, let us pray: