

### MIRROR MEDITATION

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In all of man's research, in all his effort, in all his pursuit to find the ultimate of truth, each advance brings him closer and closer to our Creator. He realizes more and more there is but one supreme mind, one will, one underlying spirit, one Creator of all things.

All major religions basically hold to this truth, yet somehow along their travels they deviate from this valid fact. We find their differences radiate from human imperfections, human interpretation, human concept. Yielding to the era, to the location, to a government and the times. Progress rejects, destroys and adds to man's beliefs. He adjusts in order to move freely, to fit in, to belong within a locality.

Constant change is characteristic of all religions. I have been called to task on this thought but let us review some of the record. No inquisition of cardinals would today incarcerate for heresy a Galileo who declared the earth to go around the sun. No Cotton Mather today would contribute to the execution of 32 people accused of witchcraft as this Puritan Minister did in 1690.

No clergy in this country would assert today, as some did 100 years ago, that slavery was ordained by God. No modern prelate would attack the surgeon for use of anesthetics as was done just 80 years ago, on the belief that to do so was meddling with the will of God.

With each new generation man adds to and takes from the former ideals as laid down by man. Forever seeking beauty, glory, peace and understanding yet he never finds satisfaction in man's imperfect world.

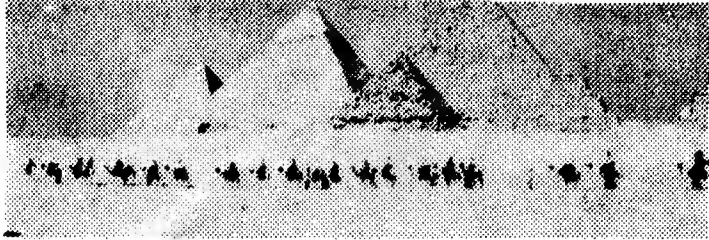
Theologians instead of creating concept and dogma to dodge or hold to certain invalid ideals, would better have left unanswerable questions rest where they were. An unquerying believer who accepts a dogma and later comes upon a further positive assurance that it was a concept of an era, sometimes becomes lost and cannot rise above frustrations. Man's greatest endow-

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ment is to grow in knowledge. He has a querying mind--to wonder--to probe, to search. His intuition, virtue and conscience reject that which does not allow freedom of soul. It is here he can hold fast to his cause. It is here religion must return to its basic intent. There are more variations within certain beliefs, within any religion, than contained in the differences of the basic truths of all major religions.

Man gains nothing in the sight of God by condemning his brother man for his pursuit of happiness. He sidetracks and slumbers in

ignorance who sells personal belief or concept.

Each individual has the same entity with the one supreme mind, the onewill, the one underlying spirit, one Creator of all. Anyone, anything, that defies

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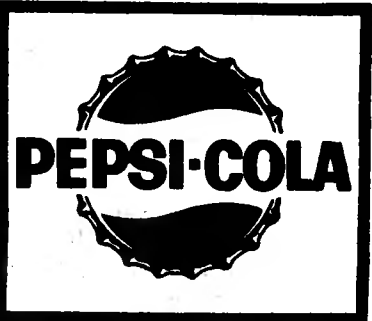
this divine law will eventually be eliminated. History proves this to be true.

Will the advance of knowledge toward truth force religions of our era to revert to their origi-

nal intent? To find the spirit of God? Or will they continue to let man made beliefs destroy their divine purpose on this earth?  
I wonder!

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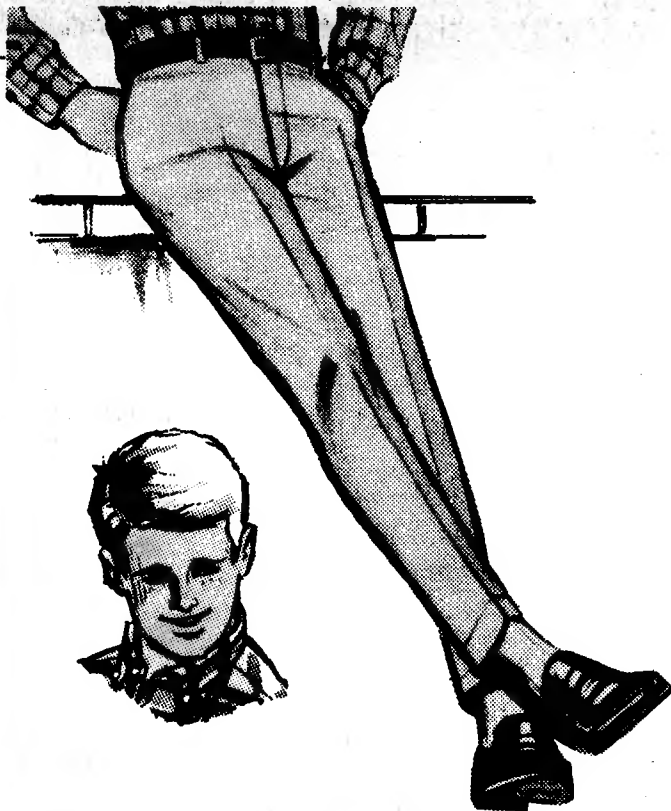
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