

LIFE AFTER DEATH Baffles Modern Man (Rapid City)

1. After life is not a going topic these days
  1. Empirical reason rejects life after death in an age of faith not in Christ but in computers, rockets, the pill, a soaring Gross National Product along with stormy drives for social reconstruction without Christ.
  2. In religious circles today, in many pulpits of the land, the resurrection subject is widely avoided.
  3. Under such conditions man faces his no longer deniable fact: his basic helplessness in death.
  4. Jesus saw the grave as "the door" through which others could pass to a fuller life.
    1. To deny the resurrection of Christ leaves the grave as a blind alley into which hopeless man must go.
2. The result of rejecting the resurrection account of Christ:
  1. The world is blind to the higher values of life itself: "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not," John 1:5 says.
  2. Religious faith has fallen on hard lines and bad days! There is the:
    1. The God is dead theory.
    2. A new ruling would not permit chaplains of the Army to mention God and religion.
      1. Melvin Laird, I understand, overruled this.
      2. The rulers of the Nation Council of Churches favored this "no mention God no religion" policy. Actually these changes were reportedly dictated to the Army by the Civil Liberties Union & the National Council of Churches.

## SO THE RESULT:

1. God is dead according to atheism and infidelity
2. Religion is on the way out according to a German expert on the sociology of religion.
3. Hell has cooled down to a summer resort and the world is in turmoil.
4. Man's only heaven is what he can make of earth
5. Unbelief is in the ascendency and if we are not literally in the AntiChrist days they are just around the corner.

PAUL WROTE: 1 Cor, 15:14

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## PAUL'S ONE "IF" AND THE SIX RESULTS:

1. "And if Christ be not risen":
  1. Then is your preaching vain. Verse 14
  2. And your faith is also vain. Verse 14
  3. And we are found false witness of God. V.15
    1. Because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ. Verse 15
  4. Ye are yet in your sins. Verse 17
  5. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. Verse 18
  6. We are of all men most miserable. Verse 19