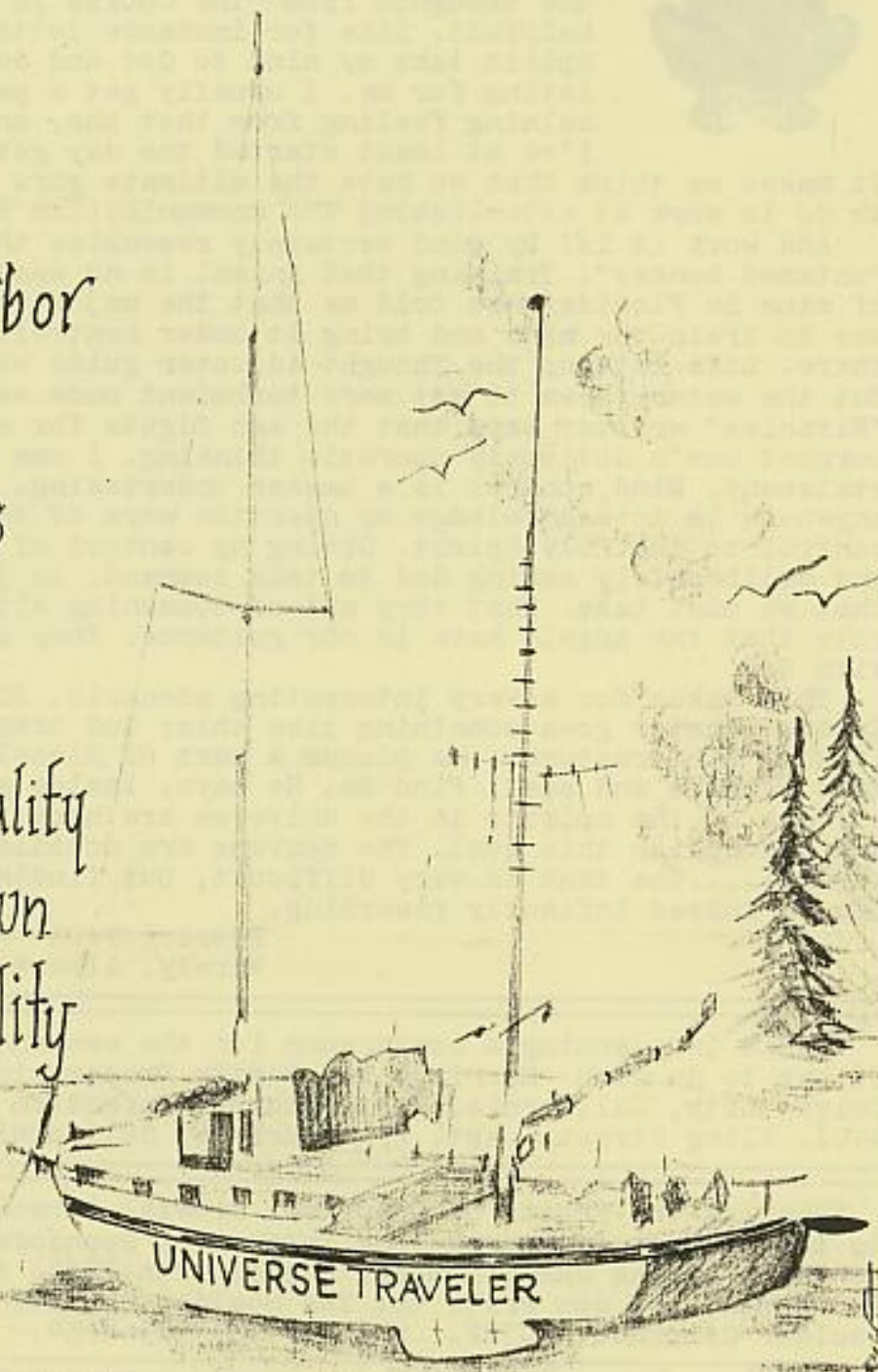


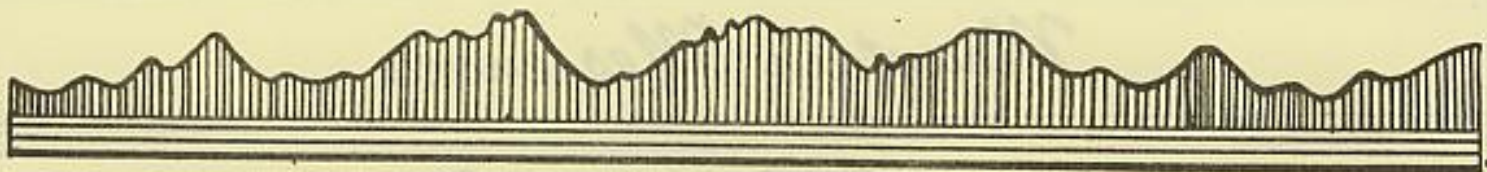
# Mountain Messenger

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Slumbering in the harbor  
of mortality  
Awakened by the winds  
of our duality  
Slowly Setting Sail  
In the bays of temporality  
Our voyage has begun  
on the oceans of reality







MY GURU AND ME



Some mornings I wake up gently and just lie there talking to the Angels, trying to focus in on the God part of my mind before entering the hum-drum of the classroom. I find some of the thoughts from "The Course in Miracles" helpfull. Like for instance letting the Holy Spirit take my mind to God and do the translating for me. I usually get a peacefull and calming feeling from that one, and know that I've at least started the day getting in touch.



It makes me think that we have the ultimate guru inside of us, and all we have to do is work at establishing the communication link.

And work it is! My mind certainly resembles the old Chinese proverbial "untamed monkey". Training that animal is no easy task. An old URANTIA friend of mine in Florida once told me that the major task for the rest of our lives was to train the mind and bring it under control. I know the formulas are there. Like letting the Thought Adjuster guide us through the troubled waters. But the waters seem to get more turbulent once we begin this journey. The "Miracles" writer says that the ego fights for survival when one starts to correct one's obviously nuerotic thinking. I can vouch for the truth in that statement. Mind control is a bazaar undertaking. The only way I seem to get anywhere is to acknowledge my nuerotic ways of thinking and give up the thought control to the Holy Spirit. Giving up control of ones thoughts, ignoring them, and deliberately asking God to take command, is just that dynamic act of will that we must take. That very act of communing with God is the most important role that the Angels have in our guidance. They stimulate us into conversation with God.

This makes for a very interesting scenario. If you think about it, the Cosmic Theater goes something like this; God creates the universe and populates it with his creatures. He places a part of Himself in them and then plays the game of hide and seek. Find Me, He says, inside yourself; remember who you are!

Many of the spirits in the universe are here to help humans to undertake and accomplish this goal. The heavens are mobilized to help us remember who we are.....The task is very difficult, but finding God and becoming more like Him is indeed infinetly rewarding.

Patrick Yesh  
Morely, Alberta

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FUSLA is planning a conference for the weekend of August 3rd. and 4th. It has to do with 'Marriage and Family Preperation', and will be held in Culver City, California. For further information contact Lee Armstrong 4401 Kling Street, Apt. 27 Burbank, California. 97505.

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"Sharing the Fruits of Spiritual Growth: Personal Ministry as a way of Life" is the subject of a week-long intensive, sponsored by The Boulder School for students of The URANTIA Book. August 12th-18th. For information and registration forms, you can write to: The Boulder School, 1622 18th Street. Boulder Colorado 80302. phone (303) 443-8154.

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1985 Intensive Study Session-- June 24-27....Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. Contact R. June Fain, URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614, phone (312) 327-0424.

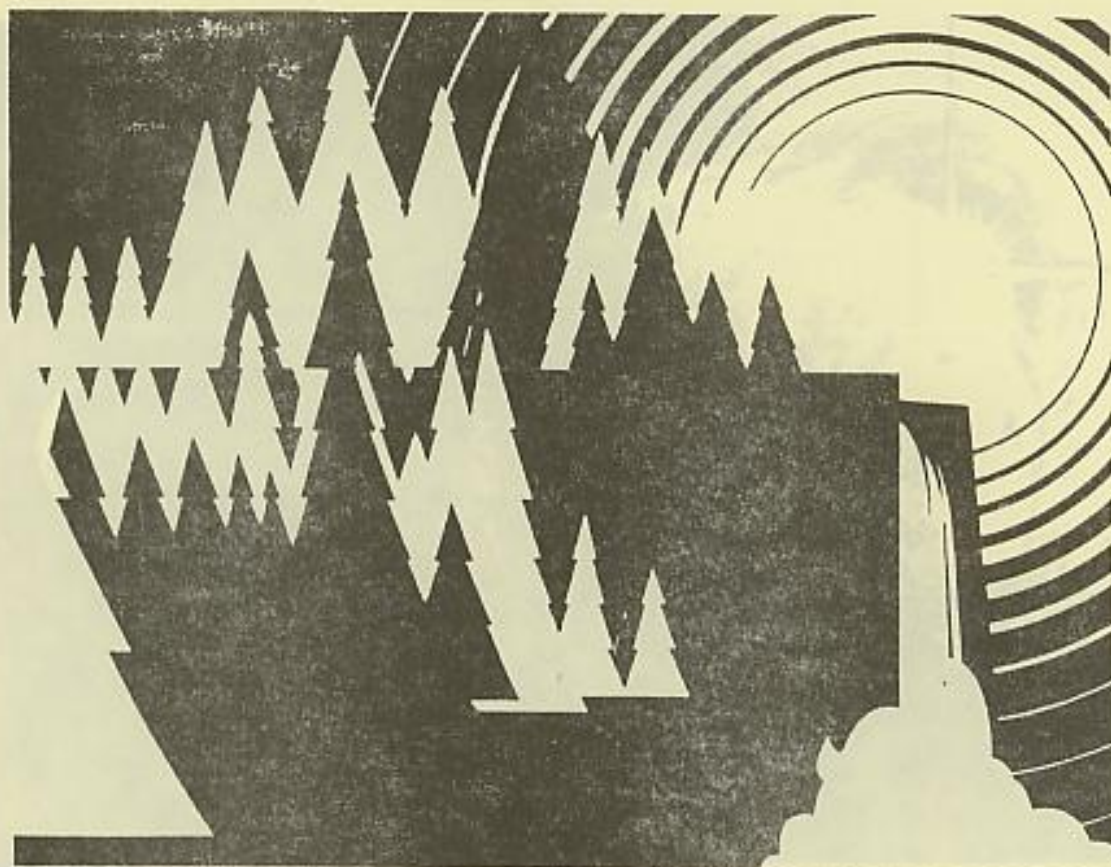
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"UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NORTHWEST"



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OREGON CONFERENCE

Announcing the Eleventh Oregon Conference for students of the URANTIA BOOK! Theme: "GETTING SPIRITUAL"....Place: Indian Mary Park, near Grants Pass.... Date: Friday evening, May 17th...and Saturday May 18th...: Camping facilities, recreation, workshops, skits, and quizzes. For more information please contact David and Rose Clearwaters...838 South Side Rd. Grants Pass Oregon 97527

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IDAHO GATHERING OF URANTIA BOOK READERS

The theme of this 6th annual conference is: Putting Love into Action....The site is Camp Nee-Wah-Lu, on Lake Coeur-d'Alene....Date: Friday evening June 7 through Sunday afternoon, June 9th. Most meals to be provided within the registration price. For further information, please contact Thomas Orjala, 307 south 19th, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814...Come socialize your religion!.....

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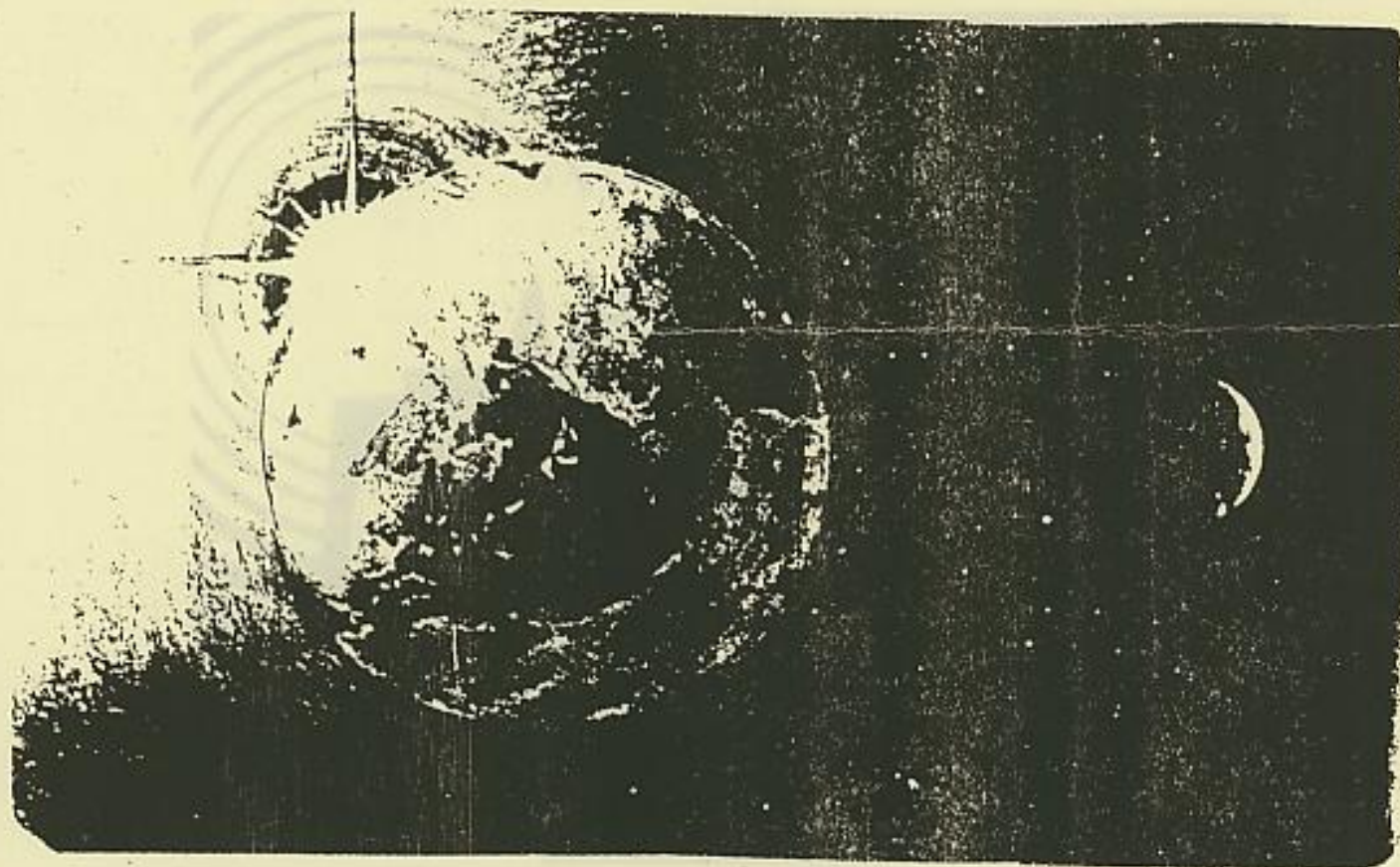
OREGON URANTIA BOOK FAMILY REUNION

Theme: Communication...Date: Friday August 23rd through Sunday the 25th. The location is Silver Falls State Park and Conference Center 26 miles east of Salem, Oregon...A beautiful setting for inspirational talks, group worship, and workshops....Child care is provided, and there will be a childrens presentation on Sunday Morning....Contact Robin Wisdom, 311 Doerner RD. Roseburg, Or. 97470





## TOWARD COSMIC SOCIOLOGY



Early in the morning  
when the dew's on the ground,  
sweet Mother Earth  
is just getting around.  
Facing to the East,  
now what have we found?  
Is that old Sun a-risen?  
or is our little world  
just a-rolling around?

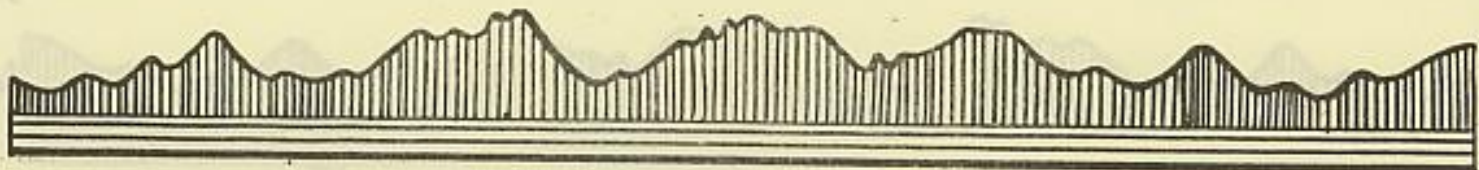
Early in the evening  
of the very same day,  
when long dark shadows  
come around to play,  
on western horizons big and round...  
is our little planet still turning?  
or is that old Sun  
just a-going down?

Living on a spaceship  
riding in the sky,  
annually we're orbiting  
our Sun near-bye.  
Satalite televisions  
telling us that...  
this globe is our home,  
and we're a -long time  
learning that the world isn't flat.

Planetary Citizens  
traveling in space.....  
A noble idea for the Human Race.  
No more need for fighting  
and there-ain't no need to fuss....  
Creators of this Universe  
are lovingly looking after us!

Bert Cobb  
Jerome, Idaho





WHY A STUDY GROUP ????

Let us pause for a moment and try to gain an "unseen visitor's" view of our little study group and also to consider objectively some of the important reasons why we assemble to study together. Our "unseen friend" would know some of the problems and some of the values that come to us because we work and study together in a group.

Unseen Friends

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We realize that any one or more of a number of "unseen friends" might be here with us. Student visitors could be here, or it is quite possible that a midwayer or a member of the many groups of seraphim, cherubim and sanobim resident on our planet could drop in. For example, a social architect "labors to enhance all sincere social contacts." Isn't it good to know that we are in a friendly universe with the angels of heaven working to help us? If, perchance, one were here, what would he see?



He would see an extremely varied and heterogeneous group of plodding and sincere mortals — mortals way down at the bottom rung of the long ladder which evolutionary earthly animal origin beings must take, step by step, even to reach the beginning of the inward path to Havona. It is safe to say that no two of us have the same background or occupation. Our interests and hobbies vary so much that it is doubtful if we would ever have met, except for the blue Book. But we have the strongest of common bonds which unites us — we are all fellow searchers for TRUTH. Our common deep interest in the big blue Book testifies to that.

Learning and Working Together

Sometimes, it is a great temptation to reason that perhaps we could accomplish more by reading and studying alone at home and I believe that sooner or later everyone faces this question. Often in earlier days I thought that if I added up all the time traveling to and from meetings and the social times there, perhaps it would be better if I studied and read the Book at home, especially when one is so limited in precious time to study and read. But the Book tells us otherwise. All through its pages we are admonished to serve and to work with others. Listen to Rodan of Alexandria:

Great Spiritual Power in Working Together

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"Isolation tends to exhaust the energy charge of the soul. Association with one's fellows is essential to the renewal of the zest for life and is indispensable to the maintenance of the courage to fight those battles consequent upon the ascent to the higher levels of human living. Friendship enhances the joys and glorifies the triumphs of life.....By intelligent symbols man is able to quicken and enlarge the appreciative capacities of his friends.

Julia Fenderson  
Culver City, California



# Spiritual, scientific not worlds apart

NEW YORK

**Y**ou will see that I am a biological heretic. I believe that the living world is as closely linked with theology as it is with physics and chemistry: that the Divine element is part of the natural process — not strictly supernatural, but para-physical . . .

"We must try to combine a scientific approach to theology with a burning spiritual faith . . . just as a knowledge of the biology of sex does not destroy the love of a lover, so a religion linked with science through a natural theology need not destroy the rapture of our communion with God."



Sir Alister Hardy

Extraordinary words from an extraordinary scientist, Sir Alister Hardy, 89, picked out from the last chapter of his book, "The Living Stream: Evolution and Man."

They illustrate his remarkable ability to bridge the long-separated worlds of science and religion — and



"THIS IS A STORY ABOUT EVERYTHING!"

# Science meets spirituality

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thereby add immeasurably to both. Hardy, a distinguished British marine biologist, was recently named the 1985 Templeton Prize winner for Progress in Religion. It is the world's largest prize, worth about \$180,000.

Why is it the biggest? "We are trying to say to the world that progress in religion is more important than progress in anything else — or even all things combined," says John Templeton, who created the prize.

Hardy may be largely unknown now. But so was Mother Theresa when she received the first Templeton Prize in 1973. Seven years later her work had attracted such notice that she was given the Nobel

Peace Prize.

Hardy does not question Charles Darwin's basic thesis (unlike a handful of "creation scientists" who argue that the world was created in six 24-hour days.) He does, however, think Darwin — whose theory of evolution has man descending from apes — and 20th-century geneticists have an "inadequate" and "excessively materialistic" understanding of evolution.

First, he believes consciousness played an important role in evolution, particularly in mankind. Pure Darwinists regard the mind as a by-product of physico-chemical processes within the brain. But that ignores the central importance of choice and initiative (conscious behavior) in giving rise to

YOU CAN BREAK THE PROPHETS TABLETS....  
YOU CAN STEAL THE PHARAOH'S CROWN....  
BUT AS THE MASTER PROVED ON EASTER....  
YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN.....

Mark Turnbull

## NMSU Sued Over UFO Class

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRANTS — A Grants man has filed a federal lawsuit against Grants Branch College of New Mexico State University because college officials wouldn't let him teach a non-credit course called "Government on a Neighboring Planet."

Lynn E. Rhoderick filed the lawsuit in federal court in Albuquerque last week, seeking intervention by a federal judge in the matter.

According to the lawsuit, branch director Donnie Gonzalez denied permission to teach the course, which Rhoderick said would be based on a 2,000-page book that concerns unidentified flying objects.

"The origin of the book is controversial," Rhoderick said in an

interview. "It is mysterious. It is supernatural."

He said the book, published in 1955, "had no human author. It was transmitted through a human subject."

Rhoderick, a teacher in the Grants Municipal School District, said he had signed up about 20 people for the proposed course, which he had planned to teach last fall.

He said he wrote to Gonzalez after permission to teach the course was denied, but received no reply.

Gonzalez said he turned down the course because he believed it dealt with "religious doctrine."

He said the matter had been turned over to the university's attorneys and that any further comment would have to come from them.

new habits, says Hardy.

Second, he points to the pervasiveness throughout the human species of the habit of dependence on an outside, spiritual power. "It is in this apparently non-material part of the world that the power we call God must lie: some source of influence to which Man can have access in an extrasensory way by the communicative act we call prayer."

This is courageous writing for a natural scientist. But Hardy did more than write. After 50 years as a leading marine biologist, he founded the Religious Research Unit at Manchester College, Oxford, in 1969, which has applied scientific methodology to provide "such a mass of evidence that the majority of the intellectual world must come to realize that religious experience is indeed a vital part of man's make-up."

He has collected several thousand contemporary accounts of religious experience that demonstrate that believers are able to communicate with God. He suggests that the act of devotion is "as much part of the natural world as is the psychic side of animal life; it is part of the biological system, and as important as sex. . . ."

"Religion is not rational, it is essentially emotional; if it is to be real and to work, it must be as deep and sincere as human love."

However, he adds that "I am far from being an orthodox Christian. For me it is the spirit of Christianity, not any hypothetical dogma of theology, that matters."

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