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SANITY IN CHRISTIANITY

Story of man with flat tire in front of mental institution fence. Hub cap with lugs blows away, losing lugs. How fix? Patient behind fence says take 1 lug from each of other wheels to secure replacement. When man shows surprise patient says, "I may be crazy, but I'm not stupid."

Definitions:

What is sanity, anyway?

Sanity, sane, and other synonyms can be defined as "discerning & judging soundly what is true or false, proper or improper."

Christianity -- 3 definitions, 3rd of which we use here:

1. The body of Christian believers.
2. The religion of Christians.
3. The fact of being a Christian;

Christian character or spirit.

Interested here in sanity in Christianity as the art of judging soundly what is true or false, proper or improper in character and spirit for persons of the Christian religion.

I. Sanity in Christianity tells you that God loves you, God loves me, God loves everybody. LOVE FROM ABOVE we can call that. Love from above is central to Christian sanity.

a. Love from above, like rain, falls on all, regardless of merit.

b. Love from above must be recognized as God's love to be helpful in daily living.

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- c. Love from above must be accepted.
- d. Love from above when accepted helps you use Christ's sane and reasonable attitudes and rules.

e. Acceptance of love from above is to feel, experience, have almost the certainty of knowledge, that God is always near to help; that He does not let you down, ever, in good times and success or in hardship, grief, failure or death.

II. Acceptance of love from above helps you **END WITH A FRIEND**, each day and all the time. That is sanity in Christianity.

a. Everyone likes to be liked. You want to end each day with a friend, at least one.

b. Each day you end with a friend you've got to bring that about by practicing the Golden Rule. Respect others as you respect yourself...that is one way of putting the Golden Rule. It pays off, & you do end with a friend; or more than one!

c. To end with a friend you have to be tolerant of opinions and habits of others which may differ, even drastically, from your own. Tolerance does not mean to approve wrong actions or differing opinions, but it does mean accepting and friendly attitudes. You can hate the sin and love the sinner. This is sanity in Christianity.

d. To end with a friend you must be tolerant of the faith interpretations of others: of Christian Scientists, of Mormans, of Catholics, of Jews, etc. You don't have to agree. You can think they're dead wrong. You can discuss in a positive manner and pleasantly your own beliefs if they are willing to listen--and you should grant them the same chance to discuss

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their beliefs as you want for yours. Some of my most-respected and closest friends are not of my faith brand. To end with a friend you've got to be relaxed about his way of finding God. That is sanity in Christianity.

III. Some areas where sanity in Christianity often seem lacking:

A. In thinking about the second coming of Christ, I think that Christ's second coming **STARTS IN OUR HEARTS**. Whatever truth may be in all that noisy and debated guessing and preaching about Christ's second coming and his Kingdom thereafter, it **STARTS IN OUR HEARTS** as we are reborn one by one, as we accept one by one. If that should be where it also ends, we're in good shape. That is sanity in Christianity.

B. Talking in unknown tongues as an evidence of the presence of God's Holy Spirit within y is a matter deserving consideration by people~~x~~ intereseted in sanity in Christianity **SPEECH MUST TEACH** is a good thought here. If people can't understand it they learn ~~very little~~ very little. They may learn that the speaker in tongues is sincere, or they may just think it's a good show, but it doesn't help much. The charismatic speaker of unknown tongues may be ever so good a person, but his trance-like utterances usually are chiefly an interesting curiosity to others. "Let them speak in tongues which each may understand" said the Apostle Paul in effect. That is sanity in Christianity.

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Speech must teach, must communicate thoughts and inspiration, if it is to be useful to God and to his children.

C. The healing Gospel is another area that needs constant doses of sanity in Christianity. PILLS WITHOUT BILLS is a phrase which summarizes what we often seem to be seeking in health matters.

1. God's universe and our world in it operates dependably by laws, schedules, seasons, physical and mental forces.

We don't understand all there is to know, but we're making progress. Research at great cost of mind and matter makes such progress possible. If God should jump in and void or change his laws at any time to suit me, for my sake or yours, there would be little dependability in the universal operation we have around us. We have to be disciplined by the rules and laws of forces that everyone else has around them too. There are few pills without bills. That's sanity in Christianity.

2. However, part of God's dependable law is that TRUST IS A MUST. Attitude, faith, trust, optimism, are personal traits which can and do influence the body for good, for healing. As you let God in you also at the same time let out blockages in your mind which retard healing and make for bad health. TRUST IS A MUST. This is sanity in Christianity.

A SCRIPTURAL PASSAGE that presents well the

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outlook of our thoughts on sanity in Christianity was well stated in the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes, in chapter 7, verse 25. The prophet said, "I applied my heart to know and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of ~~all~~ folly, even of foolishness and madness."

We do need to know the reason of things, to be fully aware of the foolishness and madness around as well as of the good and bright. That makes for sanity in Christianity. We can know this sanity, as we've said, by accepting LOVE FROM ABOVE. When we do that ~~we~~ each of us will find that we can END WITH A FRIEND. Then the puzzling areas begin to make sense, such as the realization that IT STARTS IN OUR HEARTS as to the second coming of Christ, SPEECH MUST TEACH in communicating Christ to others, and the realization that there are no PILLS WITHOUT BILLS in the exercise of ~~the~~ caring and healing ministry of God. All this means that ~~there~~ TRUST IS A MUST when we seek to put ~~God~~ God into our lives. That is sanity in christianity.

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- c. must be accepted. 2
 d. Helps you use sane attitudes & rules
 e. Brings experience of God's nearness
 d. Helps you

II. END WITH A FRIEND

1. All like to be liked
2. To do so, must practice Golden Rule
3. must be tolerant of opinions & habits different from yours

III. Some specific areas needing sanity.

1. second coming — STARTS IN OUR HEARTS
2. UNKNOWN TONGUES — speech must teach
 PAUL — "let them speak in tongues which each may understand,"
3. Healing — NO PILLS WITHOUT BILLS.
TRUST IS A MUST
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INTRODUCTION:

1. STORY — FLAT TIRE IN FRONT OF STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL, RAISES QUESTION OF WHAT IS SANITY?
2. "SANITY" — DISCERNING OR JUDGING SOUNDLY WHAT IS TRUE OR FALSE, PROPER OR IMPROPER
3. CHRISTIANITY
 - (1) Body of christian believers
 - (2) Religion of christians
 - (3) Being a christian,
 - chosen → (4) christian character of spirit
4. "sanity in christianity" — judging soundly what is true or false, proper or improper, in character & spirit for christian individuals
5. Sanity in christianity tells of
 - I. Love from ABOVE
 - a. Falls on all
 - b. must be recognized

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