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Auditium.
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Westminster.

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READ:- Micah. vi. 6-9 Hebr. xiv. 25-29.

Acts 16.30

"-----"What must I do to be saved."

Introduction.

I am not now concerned with the answer to that question - but with the question itself.

Crawley 1936 ----- Dick Shepherd.

Stebbing 1938 ----- Pat McCormick.

It is the great Enquiry!

- A. The Conception in itself.
- B. Its Universality.

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A. The Conception suggested by the Enquiry.

1. The Illustration of the Jailer.

- i. More than physical fear.
Paul's reply makes this evident.
The cure "Belief" - a mental process.
- ii. The cry of a man whose consciousness was broken in upon by the supernatural.
- iii. Face to face with Reality.
Failure. Peril. Fear.

11. The General Sense.

- i. An enquiry which arises out of the recognition of all the dimensions of personality.
The spiritual as greater than the earthbound.
The resultant consciousness of the moral.
- ii. A recognition of some revolutionary necessity born of personal inadequacy
Not for a secret of realization
But for some fundamental deliverance.

The escape from that one suicide!

*of reason and the barrier was for me I
that question - but with the creation itself
DICK SHEPHERD
For the moment*

It is the great enquiry!

The conception in itself.

the Universality.

B.

Its Universality.

1. The Facts.

- Kṛm searching for the river.
- The Yogi seeking escape into realization.
- Every ascetic.
- Every voluptuary.
- Personality seeking freedom
- Freedom in order to Realization.

11. The Enquiry in varied forms.

i. The Pessimist.

The Question of Despair Cui Bono? -
proves the sense of "Bono".

ii. The Optimist.

"Everything will turn out all right".
What's "all right"?
Why "will turn out"?

iii. The sincere Struggler.

A Vision seen.
An effort made.
An Enquiry---

Conclusion.

So far we face a need.

An examination of symptoms rather than a
Diagnosis.

Diagnosis is a distinguishing resulting from
examination of symptoms.

To understand this universal sense of need,
we must consider its cause.

For the moment we halt there;-

In order to full realization of personality
it is the supreme enquiry.

If we peradventure are content with
something less than the highest, perchance
we shall never ask this question.

Believing that few take this position I am
going on with the theme, considering in
subsequent meditations,

The Causative Fact.

The Divine Preparation for Release.

The Human Responsibility.

ACTS 16:30,31.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be
saved, thou and thy house."

INTRODUCTION.

The scene of the story was Philippi, a Colony.
That is a City settled by Rome, on the Fron-
tiers of the Empire for protection. Their
language was Latin, and their coinage Roman.
The Empire in microcosm.

It is the story of the Apostolic Invasion of
Europe.

Europe had already its Disciples. Acts II.
Crete. Rome.

It was a wonderful Entry.

"The Lord opened the heart of Lydia."

The Damsel with the spirit of divination.

Her Testimony.

"These men are servants of the Most High
God, who proclaim unto you the way of
salvation."

For many Days.

The spirit exorcised.

"The hope of their gain-gone."

The Opposition. Commercial. Government
appealed to.

The Stripes. The Prison. The Songs. The
Earthquake.

Then the cry of the Jailer and the Answer of
Paul.

Let us consider

- A. The human Question.
- B. The Christian Answer.
- C. The human Result.

A. THE HUMAN QUESTION.

I. As the Jailor meant it.

i. The Cry of a panic-stricken Man.

ii. His Life broken in upon by the Supernatural.

The Earthquake.

The calm Voice of Paul.

a. The Earthquake suggested Suicide

b. The Voice of Paul inspired the Question.

Authenticative Unafraid Compassionate.

iii. The Revelation of Consciousness.

Failure. Peril. Fear.

Simple Question, - "Life got up & looked at him".

II. As Paul treated it.

i. As expressing something deeper than was intended.

Need in the spiritual Centre.

ii. That Need.

Failure.

Pollution.

Peril.

Punishment.

Fear.

Paralysis.

iii. In that Cry of superstitious Panic,

Paul heard the Cry of spiritual Necessity.

B. THE CHRISTIAN ANSWER.

1. The Consciousness of Paul. "The LORD JESUS."

(Note. The Omission of "Christ" in oldest MSS.

The Title not significant to the Gentile World.)

i. JESUS. The Person as seen of Men.

To Paul. Acts ix.5.

"Who art Thou Lord?" "I am Jesus!"
The Supernatural

The Saviour.

Dealing with Sin.

So cancelling Punishment.

Empowering.

ii. THE LORD. The Person in the Fact of His Position.

Sovereignty. Essential and Eter-
nal.

Redeeming.

II. The inclusive Command and Promise.

i. "BELIEVE." (Epi.)

a. Intellectual necessarily- but
more.

b. Emotionally possibly.

c. VOLITIONALLY. Supreme.

1. Decision.

2. Cession.

ii. "SAVED".

a. In itself.

Immediately. In Spirit.

Progressively. In Mind.

Finally. In Body.

b. In the Doing. The Work of God.

"A new Creation."

C. THE HUMAN RESULT.

I. The Jailer as he was.

A Man brutalized.

Careless of their wounds.

The inner Prison.

Feet fast in Stocks.

Went to sleep!

II. The Jailer as he became.

A Man ennobled.

Washed their stripes.

"His House."

"Spread a Table before them."

CONCLUSION.

The profoundest Question man can ask.

True Measurements and Standards reveal

Failure.

Danger.

Paralysis.

The only Answer.

The ONE Who alone can deal with the Need.