

# Confusion worse confounded

In this our "new age" – "the new age of confusion," the need for a definite, enduring, and reasonable philosophy of life, and the need for a firm and obedient spiritual faith, has become more than ever imperative. This need is most basic to the maintenance of mental health. Society, with its self-destructive behavioral pattern, has never been any help in the maintenance of mental health, and now, the only agent that has always been of help in the past, namely religion, is no longer of any significant help. The crumbled up condition of the once unbending structure of religion in the Western World – the Roman Catholic Church – is no longer structurally sound enough for anyone to hold on to, and this, regardless of the fact the Catholic leadership goes about advertising the "increase of Catholic membership" (while dozens upon dozens of churches are being closed). The modern Catholic Church has become a principle contributor to the mental disorders of so many good-minded people, especially good-minded Catholic people.

As always in society in general, but now even in the religious (Catholic) world, success is often confused with material gain. Progress is confused with the accumulation of knowledge, wealth, technology, power, computerization, and every kind of gadget for amusement, comfort, and entertainment. Education is confused with the possession of much information and the ability to prattle off trivial facts. Importance is confused with noise (hoopla); greatness is confused with power, however acquired. Significance is confused with mere agitation, travel, motion, excitement, and mechanical work piled upon mechanical work, to such an extent that society itself has gone completely mad – always running like the squirrel in the wheel of his cage: always running but getting nowhere. The entire religious principle of obedience to Truth, and lawful authority, is confused with interference with one's right to think and one's right to act for himself. **It is no exaggeration to say that without a return to a pattern of life that is related to Eternity, the collapsing process in our civilization will certainly hit bottom before the end of the present generation, and NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THAT PROBLEM!**

It seems that we are all afraid of the need to pause – to **stop** – from time to time, and meditate prayerfully upon the three most important questions for us to give answer to: **(1) Where did we come from? (2) Why are we here? (What are we supposed to be doing here in this present existence?) (3) Where are we going? (Where will we spend Eternity?)** Regardless of who we are or where we are, our program of life must conform to the accounting that we all must give one day to our Creator – Almighty God. Our present misconception of a Creator God; our present total disregard of the importance of a Creator God; our present rejection