

THE HEADACHE OF CHANGE

For quite some time, extraordinary changes have been passing over the world in which we live. There is hardly an institution that is not questioned, hardly a tradition upon which men do not look askance, hardly a custom that is not laughed at, hardly a belief that is considered credible, hardly a religious principle that is conscientiously adhered to. Book burnings have made sure that any lingering breath of life's heritage is completely snuffed out! These changes are affecting every realm of life: in politics, in art, in music, in education, in science, in philosophy, in theology, in morality, in the home, in the family, in social relations, in the workplace, in the marketplace, in war, and in peace. Above all and much more important than anything else, **IN RELIGION!** Truth has become anything anybody wants to make of it. Old established truths are all doubted, and new systems have taken their places. The hammer of destruction has slammed itself against the latter half of the Twentieth Century and has destroyed and destroyed and destroyed. It continues to destroy. It is, of course, possible to make out a case for either condemnation or acceptance of change – of “progress.” The changes may be said on the one hand to be evidence of a “new birth” or, on the other hand, symptoms of decay and obsolescence. Their activities may be judged as growing pains of a new generation – of new life – or they may be judged as the fruitless energies of a corrupt and dying civilization. Does one dare to ask: “Why is it that in all of this “new birth” which is all around us, the stench of death is so prominent?” This question needs an answer! One thing, however, is certain, that, although life involves change, and such change must be expected and accepted – **it equally demands continuity!** □

