

TO PRAY OR NOT TO PRAY . . .

THAT IS THE QUESTION —

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT (maybe impossible) to speak of religious things to an unreligious person! The conversion of a person who has become indifferent to the Divine God is not easy — maybe impossible! The conversion of a person whose faith is all but gone, is not easy — maybe impossible. Such a person has become so steeped in materialism that it becomes part of every fibre of his being: materialism is in his very bones!

To such a person the very name of God simply does not make sense. To such a person the things that pertain to God are folly. To such a person the things that pertain to God are for weird and effeminate people. To such a person the things that pertain to God are not for strong, ambitious and masculine people! Such a person may be in full possession of his reason; but he is not free to use it for the simple reason that his prejudices will not permit him to exercise his reason except from those premises which support his erroneous conclusions and longings for materialistic achievements. Career advancement is the stuff that such a person feeds upon. He is all profession and no vocation.

Needless to say there is no use expecting such a person to pray for his own enlightenment. **HE WILL NOT: indeed, HE CANNOT!!** Prayer to such a person is just nonsense: it is the doing of a mentally disordered fanatic. Prayer to such a person is a waste of time — time that could be better used for the advancement of his career. Such a person is a victim of his own unbelief; and because of the nature of the spiritual malady from which he is suffering, he is unable to attend to his own spiritual needs; he is a helpless invalid, and any spiritual activity cannot take place in such a one: he is not a man of God!! and he is “happy” to remain so!!!