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THE MODERN MIND-SET

A new Decalogue has been adopted by the neo-Christians of our day, the first word of which reads "Thou shalt not disagree;" and a new set of Beatitudes too, which begins "Blessed are they that tolerate everything, for they shall not be made accountable for anything." It is now the accepted thing to talk over religious differences in public with the understanding that no one will try to convert another or point out errors in his belief. Imagine Moses agreeing to take part in a panel discussion with Israel over the golden calf; or Elijah engaging in a gentlemanly dialogue with the prophets of Baal. Or try to picture our Lord Jesus Christ seeking a meeting of the minds with the Pharisees to iron out differences. The blessing of God is promised to the peacemaker, but the religious negotiator had better watch his step. Darkness and light can never be brought together by talk. Some things are not negotiable. -A.W. Tozer, *Gems From Tozer*, 47-48

YOUR FACE AND HEAVEN OR HELL

Charles H. Spurgeon was speaking to a class of would-be preachers in his college. He was telling of the importance of making your facial expression harmonize with your speech. He said, "When you speak of Heaven, let your face light up, let it be irradiated with a heavenly gleam. But when you speak of hell -- well, then your everyday face will do." One doesn't hear much of hell these days, even in Fundamental circles. We need to remind ourselves, and warn the unsaved, that it is real and it is just as the Bible describes it.

GROWING IN HUMILITY

D. L. Moody was speaking on humility. He said, "The beginning of greatness is to be little, the increase of greatness is to be less and the perfection of greatness is to be nothing." (R.A. Torrey said that Moody was the most humble man he ever knew.). **"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."** ~*Philippians 2:5-8*

FEW TRAVEL FIRST CLASS

Have you heard of the old lady who crossed the ocean on a ticket her son had purchased for her. She prepared a very large lunch to eat on her journey. Toward the end of the voyage the milk was sour, fruit decayed, etc. And just before she reached her destination, she discovered that her ticket included all meals. Many Christians are like that: spiritually hungry, unhappy, defeated. They struggle along on poor fare when they might have had Christ's best. Instead of feeding on the manna from Heaven, they eke out a meager existence on the world's poor fare."