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New Crosses

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I. Is friendship only sentimentality?
Can it now be built on reality?

A. Paul Vinograd talks
ing about banking

1. Must stop sentimental loans.

2. Loans must be
made on basis of
fact, not friendship.

B. The question arose
in my mind if
it is true that
friendship and fact
must never mix.

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II. There is always the danger
that we shall sentimentalize
the deep experiences of life
and divorce them from
reality.

A. We have done this
with the cross.

B. You can buy a cross
today for as much
as you want to pay.

1) The man of a
1st store told me they
lost more rosaries
and crosses by theft
than any one thing.

2) See below

C. We make new crosses
today.

1. Ornaments

2. A convenient ex-
planations for petty
amalgams.

3) Harold B. brought a committee we
see "my" cross. We measured it. They
found out the price.

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III. What we do is to take
the cross on which the
Christ died as our symbol
rather than the central
cross.

IV. There is only one cross in
Christianity and that is
the cross of redeeming love.

A. Basil Matthews says -

Butcher made no mistake
that in Christ God's infinite
might and goodness broke
through into the human
scene; and that in Christ
the power to transform and
save the life of mankind
individually and
corporately.

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B. Nagawa - "If the west
rejects this redeeming love
and contents itself with
and content class stuff, capital-
istic plunder and social self-
ishness, we, here in Japan,
will preserve this religion of
love. The Japanese military
clique may trample it under
its feet, we once hid this faith,
that redeems through love, in
the recesses of our island Empire
during persecutions which lasted
through three hundred unbroken
years. We can do it again."

C. It is the cross that
saves love from sentimentality.

"Put a cross in the highest
place you can reach."

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"Other men have been crucified, and the world has not missed a heart-beat. Other teachers have been martyred, and there has been scarcely a ripple on the surface of human emotion. There was something fundamentally different and essentially dynamic about the death of Jesus."

"The truth is that every ministry is exercised at a cost. Every great service is, in its essential nature, sacrificial. It is the lack of that compelling note which vitiates too often the spasmodic attempts men make to render aid to their fellows. It is not enough to set before the world an ideal programme of service, or to speak in high words about the beauty of sacrifice. There comes a time when action must assume the place of profession, and such teaching must take the form of giving up what is of all most dear--even life itself."

"And then we should remember that Jesus, throughout, reduced all spiritual obligations to one fundamental duty, which He called love."

"Again, Jesus insisted, early in His teaching, on the obvious fact that the road to spiritual greatness is the narrow way of self-sacrifice and self-abnegation. The atmosphere of the Beatitudes, for instance, is not that of eith safety or success. They are full of the implications of self-denial. The blessing of God is lavished upon those who mourn, those who are poor in spirit, those who suffer the pangs of hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are persecuted in the cause of holiness. These are not the happy, carefree maxims of the superficial moral philosopher, but the tortured discoveries of a soul which has been in travail. The ethic of Jesus is nowhere that of one who felt it possible for Him to ride onwards to an easy conquest, and to bid His disciples follow after Him upon a royal road. . . . The Gospel of Jesus is Jesus. As He called upon His friends to suffer, so was He ready to suffer--even on a Cross."

"Finally, it is hard to believe that Jesus waited until necessity forced it upon Him to discover the spiritual grandeur to which only suffering opens the door."

--"What Did Jesus Think?"

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"Unless we dedicate our machines, our capital, our social order to God we shall seek in vain for peace. And ~~there~~ is only one way by which to bring our capital, our social order and our world to God. That is the way of the Cross."

"I am profoundly convinced that, aside from the practice of redeeming love, there is no way to dedicate our capital, our machines and our social order to God. This love alone can build an unexploiting economic order. The consciousness of this love alone can create a cooperative community and a national and international life where there shall be ~~an~~ sense of color. Therefore, even though the nations of the West turn their backs on Christ, I stake my all on the adventure to realize Christ's redemptive love in the total life of my land."

"If the West rejects this redeeming love and contents itself with divisive class strife, capitalistic plunder and racial selfishness, we, here in Japan, will preserve this religion of love. The Japanese military oligue may trample it under its feet. We once hid this faith, that redeems through love, in the recesses of our island Empire during persecutions which lasted through three hundred unhurried years. We can do it again."

--"Christ and Japan" --Toyohiko Kagawa

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"Either we do or do not believe that in Christ God's infinite might and goodness break through into the human scene; and that in him lies the power to transform and save the ~~life~~ of man individually and corporately."

--World Tides in the Far East--Matthews

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What price did you pay for your cross?
Jesus paid his price --
The Chinese paid theirs --
You can buy crosses in the Tancent store
Chalmers story of the worms --