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who is himself a "radical of the right" . . . the philosopher behind the Catholic Worker movement. In this modern world which sets a price on everything and a value on nothing- - - excusing its short sight by asserting, "Business is Business!" Peter Maurin stands out in stark relief. To Peter, "Business is the Bunk!" His sense of proportion places the spiritual above the material; man is brother to Christ, son of God and heir of heaven.

Peter's book, EASY ESSAYS, was published recently. Each issue of the CATHOLIC WORKER contains one of his essays, some of which will be published in pamphlet form.

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*The fundamental point must be that  
the moral force of right must be sub-  
stituted for the material force of arms.*

*Benedict XV.*

# SHOUTING A WORD

Fr. Parsons says:

1. There is  
confusion of mind.
2. When there is  
confusion of mind  
someone has only  
to shout a word  
and people flock.
3. When Mussolini  
shouted discipline  
people flocked.
4. When Hitler  
shouted restoration  
people flocked.

## THE RIGHT WORD

1. Mussolini's word is  
discipline.
2. Hitler's word is  
restoration.
3. My word is  
tradition.
4. I am a radical  
of the right.
5. I go right to the right  
because I know  
it is the only way  
not to get left.
6. Sound principles  
are not new;
7. They're very old;  
they are as old  
as eternity.
8. The thing to do  
is to re-state  
the never new  
and never old principles  
in the vernacular  
of the man of the street.
9. Then the man of the street  
will do  
what the intellectual  
has failed to do;  
that is to say,  
"do something about it."



# NO UNITY OF THOUGHT

1. Henry Adams  
says in his autobiography  
"You cannot get  
an education  
in modern America  
because there is  
no unity of thought  
in modern America."
2. And he found out  
that the thing applied  
to modern England  
and modern France.
3. But looking  
at the Cathedral of Chartres  
and Mount Saint Michel  
he found out  
that one was able  
to get an education  
in thirteenth century France  
because there was  
unity of thought  
in thirteenth century France.

## PHILOSOPHY & SOPHISTRY

Mortimer Adler says:

1. Modern philosophers have not found anything new since Aristotle.
2. Modern philosophers are not philosophers; they are sophists.
3. Aristotle had to deal with sophists in his day and age.
4. What Aristotle said to the sophists of his own day could be read with profit by modern philosophers.

# THE CITY OF GOD

Jacques Maritain says:

1. "There is more in man than man."
2. Man was created in the image of God; therefore there is the image of God in man.
3. There is more to life than life this side of the grave; there is life the other side of the grave.
4. Science leads to biology, biology to psychology, psychology to philosophy, philosophy to theology.
5. Philosophy is the handmaid of theology.
6. To build up the city of God, that is to say, to express the spiritual in the material through the use of pure means, such is the task of professing Christians in this day and age.

# INTEGRAL HUMANISM

1. Through the influence of Maxim Gorki the Marxists have come to the conclusion that Marxist writers should be more than proletarian writers; that they should be cultural writers.
2. Waldo Frank thinks that the cultural tradition must be brought to the proletarian masses, who will appreciate it much more than the acquisitive classes.
3. What the Marxists call culture Maritain calls Socialist Humanism.
4. But Socialist Humanism is not all Humanism, according to Maritain.
5. In a book entitled "L'humanism Integral" Jacques Maritain points out what differentiates Integral Humanism from Socialist Humanism.

# THOUGHT AND ACTION

1. Integral Humanism  
is the Humanism  
of the Radicals of the Right.
2. The Radicals of the Left  
are now talking about  
Cultural Tradition.
3. The bourgeois idea is  
that culture  
is related to leisure.
4. Eric Gill maintains  
that culture  
is related to work,  
not to leisure.
5. Man is saved through faith  
and through works,  
and what one does  
has a lot to do  
with what one is.
6. Thought and action  
must be combined.
7. When thought  
is separated from action  
it becomes academic.
8. When thought  
is related to action  
it becomes dynamic.

## **BOOKS TO READ**

1. *The Land of the Free*  
by Herbert Agar
2. *Who Owns America?*  
a Symposium
3. *Post-Industrialism*  
by Arthur Penty
4. *Work and Leisure*  
by Eric Gill
5. *The Future of Bolshevism*  
by Waldemar Gurian
6. *L'humanism Integral*  
by Jacques Maritain
7. *The Outline of Sanity*  
by G. K. Chesterton
8. *The Restoration of Property*  
by Hilaire Belloc
9. *Religion and the Modern State*  
by Christopher Dawson
10. *Nazareth or Social Chaos*  
by Fr. Vincent McNabb, O. P.

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