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New Year's Sermon, 1947.

1) Solemn - Sad; Things eternal. Grand Canyon.
 Mood is not of Depression - sustained fervor
 1377 pl. - lighthearted - all aware - Measured against
 who is there - who has been as just -
 Solemn matters for contemplation 2/1377. Need not lead to -
 To acknowledge sin - To face up - One we have - Shabbat
 And R. H. reminds us that the God - Return and live!
 Life and Renewal. Genuis - Our God is the Creative God -
 The God of creative, advancing, renewing life -
 2/1377 1377 2/1377. And throughout all Eternity.
 12162 1377. Every day is Renewal in life of Universe

- This is the Will of the Renewing God!
 And every day there should be renewal in life of man.
 This, too, is will of Renewing God - who created - image

(a) Give up your old selves for new - old dreams for new -
 Have you sinned? Repent - rectify. stepping stones
 Your failures - merge; God loves the man - 2/1377
 For when a man, with the blood of his heart - attests
 And so R. H. is a day of Sp. Joy. There is hope for
 man always - and the welcoming arms of God.

(b) In the Book of Nehemiah we are told the story of how
 It was on R. H. - they and the elders - King Josiah
 And so they wept - their sin-laden, sin-conscious -

"This day is holy unto the Lord, your God; know not; Weep not.
 Go your way, eat dainty morsels and drink sweet wine
 and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared;
 For the day is holy unto your God; Do not be depressed; For the
 Joy of God is your refuge." 2/1377 1377 2/1377 1377

- 9). R. H. spells help - but no. Help is not enough. Confidence ^{B.}
is not enough!
- = Help is a help-belt. But ^{on} must shut out & swim to reach the shore.
- = Action is called for - to rectify wrong to make myself, to seek the good, to destroy the evil.
- = Doing! R. H. is called אלוהים - a day, a morning by the trumpet - a call to action!
- = Effort! Exertion! with every muscle & with every fiber!
- = There is no sp. a moral progress for man or society in relaxation, in drifting, in inaction, in flabbiness.
- = It is long to fall into sin. Facile desceitum Averna.
- = It is hard to ~~live~~ live in virtue.
- = A good life is an increasingly difficult achievement. It requires discipline, ^{fraternal kindness} sharing intelligence, and the doing of an innumerable number of tasks, ~~small~~ both large and small. It is an unending struggle against the forces of ~~disintegration~~ disintegration and down-drag.
- = It cannot be achieved without a measure of sacrifice, now & then with out great sacrifice.
- = The skin ~~must~~ and the flesh must be broken and crushed before they yield their oil and their wine.

~~Do~~ Do you work the hard life? Struggle for it! (4)

6. You wish to live in a good steady fight for it

= Then an piece of disintegration all about you - ~~again after 2 days~~ ~~you~~

2. Faces which would divide our hold ^{against after 2 hours} into two halves.

= Faces which would turn our world into 2 opposed camps

→ Forces, which would use the wrath of an angry & ...

= Two previous bankrupt enquiries, h. con. reaction ^{insignificant} _{with clear.}

- Trees which are ^{UN-}damaged as into the cat's trapline ^{with a trap}

= Forces which foster racial hate and prevent unity
and descend bet. peoples and religions.

= Do you wish to live in a decent world. Fight for it -

- in 7 an own circle, you are present, along
with ~~other~~ ^{most} men & and will any yet, make you
voice and can vote hand on the band

= Do you wish to insure that Home? Smile at them, as set riding by - on the board wagon

Do you wish to insure that Home? Smile at them, do not
= The forces of evil are active - far more than the
forces of good.

10/ When David: "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the
Lord thy father, and serve Him with a whole heart and
with a willing mind; if thou seek Him, He will be found
there; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever.
Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build
a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it!

11) There is a house for the sanctuary, human life
to be built, ~~many such have~~ after the wreck & ruin of those
wrecking years - Are you strong, will you help
to do it? (Write)

PSALM 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
When evil-doers came upon me to
eat up my flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes,
they stumbled and fell.
Though a host should encamp
against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war should rise up against
me,
Even then will I be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after;
That I may dwell in the house of the
Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the graciousness of the
Lord, and to visit early in His
temple.

For He concealeth me in His
pavilion in the day of evil;
He hideth me in the covert of His
tent;
He lifteth me up upon a rock.
And now shall my head be lifted
up above mine enemies round
about me;
And I will offer in His tabernacle
sacrifices with trumpet-sound;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises
unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I call with my
voice,
And be gracious unto me, and
answer me.
In Thy behalf my heart hath said:
'Seek ye My face';
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not Thy face from me;
Put not Thy servant away in
anger;
Thou hast been my help;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me,
O God of my salvation.
For though my father and my
mother have forsaken me,
The Lord will take me up.

*Wait for the Lord;
Be strong, and let thy heart take
courage
Yea, wait thou for the Lord.*



A PRAYER
by
John Drinkwater

Lord, not for light in darkness do we pray,
Not that the veil be lifted from our eyes,
Nor that the slow ascension of our day
Be otherwise.

Not for a clearer vision of the things
Whereof the fashioning shall make us great,
Nor for remission of the peril and stings
Of time and fate.

Not these, O Lord. We would not break the bars
Thy wisdom sets about us; we shall climb
Unfettered to the secrets of the stars
In thy good time.

We know the paths wherein our feet should press,
Across our hearts are written thy decrees.
Yet now, O Lord, be merciful to bless
With more than these.

Grant us the will to fashion as we feel,
Grant us the strength to labor as we know,
Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel,
To strike the blow.

Knowledge we ask not — knowledge thou hast lent;
But Lord, the will — there lies our bitter need.
Give us to build above the deep intent
The deed, the deed.

