

SERIES V

WRITINGS

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stuck - memory -

1/ Tribute - intimate - orbits

2/ Correct estimate - long career -
Shooting stars - radiant suns

3/ All of a piece - Hectic -

Some - bestride - several

Here is a leader - early

Doctrinaire - Golden thread

Accumference -

Steady, resolute | Restless Insurg



4/ Hence Dignity - 737

Approached reverent - unshod

Spoke forcibly

Teacher - Agitator

Not to excite to admiration

Did not grow great - publicity -

puffed up - zero

5/ Did not convert - Mart - Offering
Stream - line factory
Refused - false facade - delude
753 1372 1011

6/ A student - always a seeker
And now - 111222 - dictum
Scholar - Wisdom - 1021 131 1011

7/ Jew Education - WBHS  111211 - Repeal

8/ Titans - Reform - Eye to Eye -
Lens - diff. curvature 101310

Greatest Intransigence - J. Nat - 211

How academic - who?

Pal. Refuge - Nat. How?

Life

Dr. Phil - come closer

9/ But we have seen Eye to Eye

Emphasis - Universal

Max Müller -

antarchic

② Centrality of God - Attest Jew

③ Moral ideals - Platitudes - Fight

④ Jew bear witness - Our Day -

Lights going out - Darkened

Begin anew



Apostasy

Tablets - Bleeding - Repeated

10/ You have preached - happen - We

Strengthen

turn their eyes - Synagogue

Security -

11/ Reward - is - Dort -

And yet - Si Monumentum ^{requirit}

Grateful hearts to where -
On the loom of Dreams -

Stick with 50000/ Cant Remember 3 Things/

1/ Add my tribute - whom you delight to know - but as
intimate - observed his ministry - From time to time our orbits
intersected.

2/ A correct estimate is possible - long ~~unending~~ ^{carey} as a
visible eminence -

"Some are shooting stars - swift, brilliant but brief - Total
"O these are radiant suns" - one can know the quality
of its illuminating and fertilizing power.

3/ It has been all of a piece - integrated - consistent -
unified by a central motif -

not broken, popping and scattered.
Some men, unfortunately, beside several saddles at once,
and ~~drive~~ ^{drive} vehemently in diff. directions simultaneously.
Here is a leader, who early saw his sp. destiny and his
mission, and in great confidence, steadily moved towards
them across the broken & shifting terrain of ~~one~~ the most
turbulent 1/2 cent. in human history.

Not that he was a ~~stiff-necked~~ determiner, who absolved
himself from re-examining his premises, by
indenturing himself early to a convenient dogmatism.

He did re-examine - He made revisions - adjustments -
He was not inexorable to new movements -

But a Golden Thread of Continuity - Faith in a living
God - Exalted destiny; man - Prophetic mission of
people & land -

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X The circumstances of his life + teachings always remained true to that center.

A steady, resolute quest - not a restless insurgency.

4/X Hence the dignity - which has been so noticeably

333 - elevation - distinction - In word and manner.

That quality which one would like, but unfort. cannot always associate with the Rabbi.

- He approached - reverently - unshod.
He spoke freely - but with restraint, which resp utterance.

He was a teacher, not an agitator.

He sought not to excite men into admiration but to persuade them into conviction.

He did not pose great things, manipulated publicity - and, I rather think, that he suspected right along that the most puffed-up numeral of all is the Zero.

5/X He did not convert his Synag. into a noisy mart for all kinds of wares - or into a factory for mass production. He refused to put up a false facade of spurious activity to delude ^{with} himself and others.

ענין ענין ענין - as far as was humanely possible - convey messages Syn. thru ways of dignity and holiness.

6/ A student thruout his days - always a seeker - seeker of
of Learning.

And now, in his years of scholarship - study - dedication
of Rabbinic - come from - wisdom for G'n.

Scholar - contributions -

Wise Men + Sages are needed - for the people

7/ Jew. Education - Head of Commission - Text-books
- 1918/20.

8/ Titans of Reform Judaism - Generation -
We did not always see eye - or laid same
emphasis -

Our lenses were of different curvatures -

Quite naturally - 1918/20 plus -

Greatest insignificance - J. Nationalism + Zionism

Many battles waged - race, rel. or nation.

How academic + practical - seem to day.

Whose was the final Victory? Who decided

finally Tens of Germany - Italy -

Accomodate our phil. of life to a given
pol. conjuncture

Bath - Pol. place & refuge - a Nat. Home!

Also academics. Cannot be place & refuge - unless it is also a Nat. Home - for same reason


Those who would champion one -

life has liquidated many of these theoretical problems -

Dr. Ph. has come much closer - & we have

9/. But we have always seen eye to eye with him -

① Emphasis on the Universal character of Judaism

Max Müller -  most important desc. - 19c.
with ref. to ancient hist. of mankind - that line. Sanskrit - Dyauz Pitar -
Common source

אברהם אבינו בראשית

② No sp. antithesis - Ecum. - Unity

③ Centrality of God - Possible to speak of an
atheistic Jew - Ridiculous

④ Moral mandates - Plakhs - Fighting Issues

⑤ Jew bear Witness - Our day - Light going out

a darkened world in apoc. terror -

ManKind will have to begin anew - Apocalyptic -

Tablets have been broken -

We, with our bleeding hands & torn hearts,
despised & rejected & men - hold aloft -

17. You have preached them - in happier age - WE, your
Younger - darkling plains - Hammering -

We shall have to strengthen hearts - as you -

Turn their eyes to you -

Only Security - laboratory - all the th
machine - all food

18. Reward - cost for 1000 2/3 x 100

~~and~~ Doctors -

And get - Si Monumentum requiras -
circumspice -

Grateful Hearts - "to whom you put the
greatest gift of all - the dream of a higher
life"

Gift - "On the loom of dreams you could not
have woven so fine resplendent cloth without

TRIBUTE TO DR. HAROLD C. PHILLIPS

By
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

I shall try to stick as close to the subject as my predecessors have....
I am happy to have been invited to speak my word of felicitation to your great church upon the completion within the walls of this beautiful edifice of ten years of distinguished service to this community. That your church is a beautiful church eyes can readily tell. I have often passed this building, coming and going, and have turned grateful eyes upon this structure, upon its dignified massiveness and grace of line. I have always left its neighborhood feeling I have been in touch both with strength and serenity. That the spirit enshrined within the walls of this beautiful structure is also beautiful and that the influence of its leader is also of the beauty of holiness, those of us who have lived and worked in this community can readily testify.

There is a saying by one of the ancient Rabbis of my people "that a city, the roofs of whose houses rise above the roof of its Synagogue is doomed to destruction". There is a profound meaning in this saying of the sage. All that is happening in our world today attests this ancient wisdom.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to add a word of warm appreciation to the many which are being spoken here and elsewhere in tribute to my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Harold Phillips. He is one of the most beloved men in our community. My contacts with him have given me the key to the universal affection with which he is regarded. He is a man of absolute integrity, thoroughgoing sincerity and aristocratic simplicity which immediately evoke confidence and admiration, and then love. There is a generous outpouring of friendliness in the man, welling up from a deep respect for human life and human beings. He likes people and people like him.

He is a man who speaks the word of truth courageously and yet with love and compassion. He guides and leads. He does not incite or agitate. His intellectual approach is of the persuasive type. His appeal is both to reason and to the profound mystical reactions in the souls of men.

He is unafraid. I shall never forget the great sense of admiration and gratitude which I experienced when I read in the press the report of the address which Dr. Phillips delivered in Berlin, Germany, on the occasion of an International Conference of his Church. In that city, the very citadel of one of the fiercest and most ruthless despotisms known to man, he had the superb confidence and strength of conviction to speak up, there and then, for human freedom, for brotherhood and for the rights of minorities. Many voices have been silenced in the last few years because of caution, fear or inglorious worldly considerations. The voice of Harold Phillips has not been silenced!

Dr. Phillips now completes ten years of blessed ministry in our midst. It is not easy, my friends, for a minister to take stock of his life's successes and achievements. The minister is unable properly to estimate the effectiveness of his work. A doctor, for example, can readily point to the number of cures which he has effected, the number of correct diagnoses which he has made or the medical discoveries which he contributed to mankind. The lawyer can point to the cases which he has successfully argued in court. The architect can point to the buildings which he has completed and which express the meaning and the mission of his life. This is the case also with the engineer and with the members of other professions. Not so with the ministry. The minister deals not with tangible, material things, but with imponderables, with the things of the human heart and spirit, realities not visible to the naked eye, and sometimes not visible to the eyes of the person who is being ministered to.

The minister when he takes stock of his life's work must believe - and in that belief he must find his complete compensation - that somehow his heart-to-heart

and mind-to-mind service did shed some light in the darkness, did lift some burden, did bring some joy to some tired heart, did guide the wandering feet of some youth into the path of light and goodness.

This tribute-bearing throng of men and women assembled here tonight must tell in unmistakable terms that he would be fully justified in such a belief, that his work in this community has been fruitful and beneficent and that men and women, young and old, are deeply and happily grateful to him.

I feel myself privileged to be one of this great throng for I, too, am deeply and happily grateful.



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1938

7:30 P.M.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Sherwin Smith presiding

MOVIES - Cornerstone, Dedication, etc.

Mr. Williams

I. Dr. Poteat - "The place the First Baptist Church occupies in the denomination".

II. Dean Emerson - "The First Baptist Church and its community".

III. Dr. Whyte - "What of tomorrow - regarding First Baptist Church".

MUSIC - Songs

Hazel Lawrence Bott

IV. Rabbi Silver - "As I view the work of Dr. Phillips and the First Baptist Church".

V. Dr. Blanchard - "Outside achievements as minister, honors, etc."

VI. Rev. Raymond Burns - "Boyhood, Youth, Experiences as co-worker".

MUSIC - Songs

Marie Simmelink Kraft

RECEPTION

CHURCH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

REFRESHMENTS

WOMAN'S PARLOR