

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

It is possible for human beings to live in this wonderful world of ours without killing each other and without destroying what others spent so much time and energy in building.

I am therefore starting this appeal to every human being to start deep thoughts from 1986 as to how we can create a world without wars.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Runcie, in his sermon at a Memorial Service in Westminster, London, marking the end of the Second World War mentioned something which, in my opinion, touched on the very root of the contradictions and conflicts in human society.

He said: "There is no retirement from the service of God, or from the struggle to establish his reign of love and justice upon earth. The organised life of groups and nations continues to be struggle to dominate or to avoid domination. The dangers of this, at a time when our capacity for destruction is so immeasurably greater than it was in the Second World, are obvious".

The underlined portion by me of that extract from Dr. Runcie's sermon holds the keys to hell or paradise on earth. Representatives of the super powers, semi powers and the no powers were present. I can therefore say that those who want to dominate and those who want to avoid domination were fully represented.

Another Christmas, celebrated by those who claim to be Christians all over the world, is here again. There will be merriment, there will be exchange of gifts and greetings, there will be services and prayers, all in the name of the birth of Jesus Christ whom they call the **PRINCE OF PEACE**.

Under all this hangs the shadow of mass destructions in the forms of nuclear weapons first started by a Christian nation and followed closely by a non-Christian nation after the Second World War.

From the days that christianity became popular in Europe about two centuries ago, christian nations and individuals fought against themselves with support from their different Christian priests for victory. The First and Second World Wars were started by Christian nations against themselves. They divided God and divided Jesus.

Now they are forced into an uneasy unity by the advent of a powerful non-Christian nation which they think or hope they can subdue or eliminate so that they can continue to dominate the third world countries.

The message of Dr. Runcie should sink into their ears. For as long as there is the desire to dominate there will always be organised force to avoid and resist domination.

If people like Dr. Runcie had lived a few centuries ago human beings must have found their way to seek and find that love and justice which can only guarantee perfect PEACE ON EARTH.

It is very disappointing that the head of the Vatican is more of a politician than a representative of God on earth.

In Nigeria, we see that even some long established churches have no more faith in (spiritual guidance). They now ridicule themselves in the courts of this earth. The worship of money has taken the place of the worship of God in all religious circles in Nigeria.

Daily we see the registration of new sects of Christians and Muslims in the pages of newspapers. The more they multiply and pray the more our problems get compounded.

Christians and Muslims agree that God created man. It is a fact of history that it is man who created money, in whatever form it is today, in place of the primitive complicated trade by barter.

But we now pray to God to give us money. When the money comes through all forms of evil practices, we worship the rich man who in turn buys his way to the top in society and religious circles. The more he contributes, the more he is accepted in society and he can be sure of a comfortable seat in paradise. Because there is no more emphasis on prevention of sin. The emphasis is on guarantee of forgiveness. Does God share out the money he did not create?

Apartheid South Africa is a Christian State with backing from Christian nations. To them the black Africans are not created by God. They must remain perpetual slaves to the white man.

Jesus Christ preached and died for his convictions. To him all human beings are equal in the sight of God. They must love each other. There must be peace on earth. Simplicity was his way of life.

Those who claim to be his followers are now entirely the opposite of what he stood for.

There is nothing wrong with changing the festival of a people (THE WINTER SOLTICE) into remembrance of the birth of a great man. To commercialise it for the love and worship of money (the graven image) is beyond pardon.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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