

as if he offered swine's blood. He that burns incense, as if he blessed an idol." What does that mean? That means you that are going through lots of forms and ceremonies don't have a contrite spirit. Do not fear the Lord. But go through the forms of religion. What good does it do you? Here you kill an ox. Isn't that wonderful? You don't bring a little pigeon. You don't bring a small animal to sacrifice to the Lord. You bring a whole ox. Yes. But if you don't have a heart that is right with God, it is no better than if you murdered a man. You are not doing anything good. Here is a man that sacrifices a lamb. This is what is required to do. To sacrifice a lamb. You're doing the correct thing. But it doesn't mean anymore to the Lord if your heart isn't right than if you cut off a dog's head. He that offers oblations, and performs everything just right, it is no better than if you offer swine's blood, which is the worst abomination that you could hardly imagine. You burn ~~incense~~ incense. That's beautiful if your heart is right with God. But if it isn't, you might as well be blessing an idol. The forms of true religion without the reality are no better in God's sight, than a false religion. I always say that dead orthodoxy is a lot better than living heterodoxy. But actually of course neither of them (3)

Actually you might as well be a Mohammedan as to go through all the forms of Christianity and have none of them mean anything. I say it is better because {there is more hope for it. There is certainly nothing good in a living vital active anti-Christian movement. But perhaps there is something more pleasing even about that than there is about a dead form. But the dead form God can use to strike a living spirit in the heart of some man. So I like it better. ~~But~~ But as far as the person is concerned, of their having any righteousness before God, He says, yes, they have chosen their own ways, and ~~their~~ their ~~soul~~ soul delights in their abomination. I'm going to choose their delusions and bring their fears upon them. I will choose their delusions and bring their fears upon them. My, I think of New England, and I think of these Puritans who came over here to worship God according to the Bible and they went on for a couple of centuries worshipping God and learning the Bible and God blessed them wonderfully. And then unitarianism came up and the people became very very rationalistic in their ideas and oh, we've got common sense. We've got an understanding. We're sufficient in the