

ciality, presided over and made actual by the state, by democratising art, education and morality, in the public galleries, libraries, school houses, town halls and churches. The millennial dawn of this democratic religion will usher in the new day when all the wants and interests of all the people are thus recognized, harmonized and provided for and, all work for human good becomes an aspiration and an inspiration. "It is good to live for others; it is better to live for all the others. That is the religion of a democrat—the dynamic to secure the realization of the fulness of life for all people." Who can object to according to a man the right to a Utopian dream like that, let him be ever so radical? If the democratic state of man is that in which man is under no sort of subjection, and religion is a personal faith which is "more important than any special faith", what about "authority" in religion? What about "orthodoxy?" Well orthodoxy demands a consensus of opinion chiefly belonging to a remote past. "The impropriety of claiming any faith as authoritatively orthodox is manifest if we observe the conflict of the orthodoxies." Religious orthodoxy is simply a form of party loyalty. The decay of authority is not yet complete, nor is its utter decay desirable. Examples of its untimely decay are given—a loss of authority that has "plunged us into a maelstrom of moral and social problems." The work is full of "advanced thought" and Utopian dreams, but it has much in it that will repay careful reading.

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