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## **Morning and Evening Sermon Notes for October 15, 1922**

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Oct. 15. 1922

Worship Service.

The Mind in the Making,-

Sermon based on J. H. Robinson's Book,

Scripture Reading. Soul of Bible. Page 312 =

Characteristic of Modern Thought is the great Truth dealt with in this work.

The four ways of thinking.

- 1- Reverie - day dreaming.
- 2- Process involved in simple decisions.
- 3- Rationalizing.
- 4- <sup>creative thinking,</sup> Investigation and judgement based on facts.

Progress has been attempted by.

- a- Changing the rules of the game.
- b- Moral persuasion, = preaching.
- c- by education. (propaganda)

Let us try the power of Intelligence, investigation, creative thinking. There is hope.

# "The Mind in the Making."

Three methods of reform.

- 1 - By changing the rules of the game.
- 2 - By urging men to be good.
- 3 - By selection for citizenship.

→ By Intelligence.

Forms of Thinking.

a - Reverie.

b - Reveries of fractional nature.

c = Rationalizing. - "The result is that most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do." P. 15.

d - Creative Thought.

The Scientific Inventory.

We have yet to apply the method to most of  
the life of man.

Oct. 15, 1922,  
Evening.  
The Golden Rule in Religion.  
Scripture Reading  
Luke 6.

- 1- Recent Popular Interest in Golden Rule.
- 2- Golden Rule as Moral Law; noted and expressed by Confucius, Greeks, and by Hebrews prior to N.T. Times.

It is a law of social Relations.

3. What does it mean? what would it mean in religious life.

A = Truthful, straightforward speaking in matters involving the meaning of life.

B = Respect for each others sanctities and loyalties.

C = Honorable Tolerance in the matter of differences of conviction and value judgements.

Seven Lectures.

October, 1922.

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Oct. 15 - morning - The Mind in the Working.  
" " Evening - The Golden Rule in Religion,

The Mind in the Making (Morning Service)  
The Golden Rule in Religion (Evening Service)<sup>1</sup>

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October 15, 1922

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The Mind in the Making (Morning Service)

Sermon based on J. H. Robinson's book.<sup>2</sup>

Scripture Reading: Soul of Bible, Page 312

Characteristic of Modern Thought is the great Truth dealt with in this work.

The four ways of thinking.

1. Reverie - day dreaming
2. Process involved in single decisions
3. Rationalizing
4. Creative Thinking; Investigation and judgement based on facts

Progress has been attempted by

- a. Changing the rules of the game.
- b. Moral persuasion. Preaching
- c. By Education. (propaganda)

Let us try the process of Intelligence, Investigation, creative thinking. There is hope.

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<sup>1</sup> The envelope in which the manuscripts for these two sermons has the title, "Sermon Outlines, October, 1922." Then there is a list that has two "Oct." entries that are blank and finally, "Oct. 15" with both a morning and an evening service, with these titles listed. This transcription includes both sermons, or rather sermon notes.

<sup>2</sup> James Harvey Robinson, *The Mind in the Making: The Relation of Intelligence to Social Reform*, New York: Harper & Brothers, 1921. James Harvey Robinson (1863-1936) was an American historian who aimed to use history to elucidate current social problems. At the time he published this book he was a Professor at the New School for Social Research, where he continued to work until his death.

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"The Mind in the Making."<sup>3</sup>

Three methods of reform.

1. By changing the rules of the game
2. By urging men to be good.
3. By education for citizenship

By Intelligence.

Forms of Thinking

- a. Reverie
- b. Decisions of practical nature
- c. Rationalizing: "The result is that most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do." (p. 15.)<sup>4</sup>
- d. Creative Thought. The Scientific Investigator.

We have yet to apply the method to most of the life of man.

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The Golden Rule in Religion (Evening Service)

Scripture Reading: Luke 6.

1. Recent Popular Interest in Golden Rule
  2. Golden Rule as Moral Law. Noted as expressed by confusion. Greeks and Hebrews prior to N.T. times. It is a law of social relations.
  3. What does it mean? What would it mean in religious life?
- A. Truthful, straightforward, speaking in matters involving the meaning of life.
  - B. Respect for each other's sanctities and loyalties.
  - C. Honorable Toleration in the matter of difference of conviction and value judgements.

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<sup>3</sup> The material below appears to be notes from J. H. Robinson's book, *The Mind in the Making*, that Earl Davis made ahead of planning the morning sermon.

<sup>4</sup> This is a quote from J. H. Robinson's *The Mind in the Making*; It appears on page 41 of the edition I have available.