

in the interest of society and the individuals who comprise it; if each renders to the other its dues and tries to develop its services in a spirit of enlightened unselfishness, only good can result. Government supplies, or should at least provide for, peace and order, law enforcement, opportunities for education and the necessary welfare of the public. The church should supply the ideals and inspiration which will produce worthy citizens and keep the state moving steadily toward its highest goal.

Government, in spite of occasional excesses and neglect, is becoming more social minded and, on the whole, more efficient in our country. It has withstood relatively well the tensions and readjustments that have resulted from the new scientific outlook, war, population changes, industrial and racial strife, and it has made its contribution to the meeting of new social needs. But it needs the services of religion, with its emphasis on spiritual values, to provide a proper balance. Religion, by cultivating the sense of answerableness to God and duty to one's generation, is the factor which has shown the largest capacity to provide a strong motive for responsible citizenship. And responsible citizenship is the very foundation stone upon which organized society rests.

I would say, then, that we serve our country well when we promote the wholesome alliance between church and state which has made the American creed, the American dream, almost as one with the Christian ideal

In all the decisions I make, personally and in my official capacity, I try to be guided by the Christian ideals and the Christian precepts taught me in my church.

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I am, I assure you, highly honored and highly pleased to be able to participate in this open forum worship service. I must, however, confess that I face this task with some concern and some trepidation. I have been asked to speak on the subject, "The Decisive Significance of Religion in the Basic Foundations of America." To do this subject justice, I fear, may require more skill, more knowledge and more wisdom than I possess. It, nevertheless, is a challenge, and I rather like a challenge.