Question II. What does it matter what a man believes, so long as he behaves himself?

Answers: To begin with, always suspect bosh when you see a sentence beginning, "Psychologists teach." "Science teaches." These are all ways of saying, "I think." A real scientist doesn't say, "Science teaches." He says, "The evidence suggests that......"

So Christianity is a case of wish-fulfilment, is it? People invented the nice, cheery, warming belief in Hell because they wanted to go there? But this wish-fulfilment argument cuts both ways. If a man specializes in adultery, his form of wish-fulfilment will lead him to disbelieve in a future life in which he may be called to account for his sins.

Nor is belief necessarily false because it's pleasant. This prejudice against pleasure in belief is just a throwback to our puritan background, a new form of prohibition. Don't believe in immortality because it's heartening, And do you prove that cows are figments produced by wish-fulfilment because a hungry man's mouth waters at the sight of beef?

What would you think of a lawyer who opened his case: "Please pay no attention to the lawyer on the other side. You see, he is very anxious to win his case. His arguments are merely due to a wish-fulfilment complex." In religion as in the law court, arguments must be met by arguments.

"No case. Abuse the attorney" was the old motto. The new tactic is "No case. Psycho-analyze your opponent." What we need in the modern world is a return to the old medieval practice of meeting arguments with arguments. It is the arguments for the Faith that matter, not the psychological motives which induce people to join (or to leave) the Catholic Church.

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