It is most assuredly wrong to write or speak of the Jews, or treat with them, with the assumption that they are the world's chief headache or that they, more than any other group, are involved in the social, economic, and moral crimes of our day. One blushes to think of the racial strains and religious profession of too many crooks in the business and political circles of democratic United States. A person who argues, "The Jews do this.... and the Catholics do that.... and the Protestants do this other thing.... leaves himself wide open, and helplessly so, to a thousand exceptions which don't prove the rule but which disprove his general statement. The only fair way to appraise a religious system in practice is to judge the people who live by it and not against it--and to judge their good works. No race, color or creed is good if the acceptable norm is sin--whether of failure or weakness, in its members.

On the positive side, a fairer, deeper, more philosophic test of the worth of a religious system is the ability it has, by the means it offers, to influence and to elevate the generality of its members to a noble, generous, useful, charitable state of life. Few can contest, after a careful examination of history, an inquiry into the earthly affiliation of the saints, and a close look at the world today, that the Catholic Church stands unquestionably first among institutions influencing the masses to good. This fact is constantly swelling the number of converts to Christ and Rome. And the thing which perhaps most efficaciously moves non-Catholics in Rome's direction is the Petrine, rock-like stability of the First Christian Church so noticeable amid the shifting, sandy foundations of other religions and the "foundationless bases" of the totalitarian states. The ultimate difference is found in the fact that the One, Holy, Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church is not a dead or purely human organization but a living, divine organism. Prospective converts and weak Catholics would do well to read, meditate and live THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST. Start with the Scriptures, continue through to the up-to-date eloquence of Monsignor Sheen. And to get back to our starting point--only this doctrine lived out will cause anti-Semitism and all the antis to disappear from the face of the earth.

An erudite discourse on "The Conversion of the Jews" delivered as part of the Church Unity Octave observance at the Catholic University last month is reprinted in full in the February 19th issue of Social Justice. Father William L. Newton, the speaker, stresses the duty of Christians to think of the Jews (1) with understanding and (2) with the spirit of JESUS, and with a sense of GA-