

THE RIDICULOUS SITUATION

The following preamble and resolutions have been adopted by the Chicago group of the International Association;

Whereas, many thousands of people in Chicago are hungry because of a so-called over production of food products.

Whereas, There are many thousands of people of Chicago in rags because of a so-called over production of clothing.

Whereas, There are many thousands of people in Chicago who have no employment, because a few have no need of their services.

Whereas, The gamblers in bread on the Board of Trade propose to raise the price of bread by feeding the surplus wheat to hogs, sheep and cattle; therefore,

Resolved, By the International Working People's Association, that the hungry, naked, and unemployed, should organize and take some action by which they can remove the so-called "overproduction," which subjects them to the evils that make existence precarious and life miserable.

The Chicago Alarm, in referring to the foregoing preamble, says:

"The ridiculous situation that requires men to freeze because there is too much coal in the country, and starve because there is too much bread in the country, and go naked because there is too much clothing in the country, and lie out-doors because there are too many houses in the country, cannot always continue, especially when we know that the natural ingenuity of invention is constantly

and rapidly increasing this over-supply, glutted markets, and forced idleness."

– John Swinton's Paper.

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"IT IS MY WAY."

Many people, when reproved for an improper word or action, excuse or justify themselves by saying, "It is my way." Is this a proper ground for justification? Let us see what the Scriptures say about it?

The Lord says, "Amend your ways." – Jer. 7:3. If our ways are not right they should be amended, and not justified. The weeping prophet says, "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord." – Lam. 3:40. The Lord calls us to consider our ways. (Hag. 1:5,7.) By careful consideration our ways may not appear excusable.

But the fact that certain ways are our own ways, should be no excuse for retaining them, but rather a reason for rejecting them. If we should honor God, we would not do our own way, (Isa. 58:13). "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." – Isa. 55:8. Of the wicked he says, "Destruction and misery are in their ways." – Rom. 3:16. In pleading with Israel he says, "Thou shalt remember thy ways and be ashamed." – Ezek. 16:61. The psalmist asks, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" and the answer is given, "By taking heed thereto according to thy word." – Ps. 119:9. His own experience is given in verse 104: "Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way." The law of God is a detector of false ways, therefore we should test all our ways by it. If they are not in harmony with this rule let us not extenuate nor

follow them, but "ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein." – Jer. 6:16.

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"The nearer a soul is to God, the less its perturbations, as the point nearest the center of a circle is subject to the least motion."

"WHATSOEVER we bestow let it be given with a cheerful countenance; a man must not give with his hand and deny with his heart."

ARE we growing in the knowledge of what Christ is to us? It is a happy life this; for it is not a mere self emptying, it is a process of Christ filling."

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