

'For goodness sake' — author expounds view



Edwin Hodshire, the author, and his wife Ruth, the illustrator

Scholar to speak

Dr. Arnold B. Rhodes, professor of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will be the guest preacher Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham.

Dr. Rhodes is senior faculty member at Louisville Seminary. Biblical scholar and preacher, he served as associate editor of the 25 volume "Laymen's Bible Commentary" and was author of the volume on the Psalms.

His article on the Book of Ruth appears in the 1966 edition of "Encyclopedia Britannica." His book "The Mighty Acts of God" has sold more than 300,000 copies.

Dr. Rhodes will speak at the 10 a.m. church services on "A New Look at Determinism and Free Will." During the social hour following the service, he will make an informal presentation on "The Miracles of the Old Testament in the Modern World."

Dr. Rhodes will be the first of five distinguished preachers and churchmen appearing as guest preachers at the First Presbyterian Church in the next few weeks.

By ROSE WEBER

Goodness. Not because a religious institution tells you to be good or because a supreme being in white robe and flowing hair is keeping score. But goodness for your own sake, as a logical-thinking human being and not an animal.

"Religion is an awful crutch to a lot of people because it is such a forgiving thing. They can do awful things six days a week and on that seventh day have the slate wiped clean," Edwin B. Hodshire of Troy said.

Hodshire has written a book "I Know Who God Is" which traces the origin of the universe and man, as well as what he calls the "creator" who transmits immortal energy.

"To my wife and me the word god means energy and I sort of stumble over that word God because there are so many meanings to it. So I use the word 'creator' because that means only one thing—the creator," Hodshire said.

BUT HE IS NOT a crusader. He does not want to create a society of logicians. Hodshire does not believe religious institutions are necessary to living a good life. And he does not mean good in the sense of possessions or ambition but basic honesty.

"I think we would have a more honest world if people accepted my reasoning," he said.

His wife, who painted the illustrations for the book, points out that in their opinion moral religions beliefs are shackles that hamper man's intellect.

Hodshire, an engineer by profession, used logic and Einstein's theory of relativity to recreate the beginning of the universe. He believes that in the beginning there was only energy.

AND BECAUSE energy cannot be destroyed, only transmitted or transformed, and because his creator must be fair, just, honest and logical, each step was a evolutionary process.

"Each person at birth receives a share of the immortal energy. What he does with that energy depends on how well tuned he is to receiving it," Hodshire said.

He likens the process to radio where a transmitter broadcasts a constant beam of signals but the receiver must be properly tuned to the proper wavelength to receive the information.

He does not believe in reincarnation, however. At death, the store of immortal energy is simply released back into the universe to be picked up by another newborn person.

BECAUSE HODSHIRE'S theories are built on the premise of man as a thinking, reasoning animal, he believes in euthanasia when the person is reduced to an illogical animal by impaired mental ability.

He also believes in preventing by abortion or other means unwanted, unloved or deformed babies. He thinks babies become human when they receive the immortal energy in their brain matrix with their first breaths after birth.

"I also believe in capital punishment because when man behaves as an animal he should be treated like one. If a dog bites he is destroyed," Hodshire said.

And because of his belief that the greatest thing about being a human being is the ability to think, he wonders at a world that continually upgrades its best cattle and race horses and not humans.

HODSHIRE WAS orphaned at an early age and placed in a home. There he attended worship at a nondenominational chapel. During later years he attended the church of the relative he stayed with.

"Some were Baptist, Methodist and Christian Scientist. I think of them all Christian Scientist comes closest to my beliefs," he said.

But when he reached puberty he began to question the fact that each denomination thought it was the only right religion. And at the same time he developed an extreme interest in the precise world of mathematics and science.

For Hodgson questions and problems are answered by four principle criteria: Is this fair? Is this just? Is this honest? Is this logical?

SINCE HIS retirement from the business world he spends his time researching, developing and writing logical theories on major social, moral, civil and financial problems.

He is presently involved in writing a capsule analysis on many types of problems, such as "our illogical" calendar, insurance and education.

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Dear Friends:

In this world we experience living and dying. Children fear death, and parents, by avoiding the subject, tend to enlarge the fear. Parents do not know all the answers about death, but with help from the clergy and even the funeral director, frank discussions should take place when children are inquisitive.

Respectfully
Edward J. Lynch.

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