

The Complete 95 Theses

From a zealous desire to bring to light the truth, the following theses were maintained at Zurich under the presidency of the Rude Fr. Emil Brunner, Master of Arts, Master of Scared Theology and official reader therein. He thereupon asks all who are unable to be present and dispute with him verbally to do so in writing.

Mercerians heading for breakfast in the Student Center Tuesday, Nov. 24, were greeted by a scroll containing 95 theses, posted in the lobby. Here are the contents of that scroll.

- 1. It is possible to be a Christian and never to have heard Calhoun's lectures.
- 2. Richard R. Niebuhr is the greatest American theologian since Johnathan Edwards.
- 3. Pelagius was a heretic and probably damned heretic.
- 4. Harry Emerson Fosdick has been known about by every wind of doctrine.
- 5. Stronger fellowship is possible between two men from Yaleandunion, one of whom is not a Christian, than between two Christians, one of whom has not been to Yaleandunion.
- 6. Some graduates of Yaleandunion are Christians.
- 7. Duke McCall is anti-Christ.
- 8. The chief requirement for admittance to the Southern Baptist ministry is cultivated ignorance.
- 9. Among the faults of the Southern Baptist Convention are that it is too southern, too Baptist and too conventional.
- 10. Negroes, being fully human, do not have souls either.
- 11. Brunner is the greatest theologian since Pascal.
- 12. Schliermacher preferred Christianity to many other religions.
- 13. It cannot be demonstrated from his published works that Paul Tillich is a Hindu.
- 14. Southern Baptists should be equal to their theology as soon as they develop one.
- 15. R. R. Niebuhr's study of Schliermacher is the counter-part of Paul's retreat to the wilderness.
- 16. Bultmann is to Newton what R. R. Niebuhr is to Einstein.
- 17. Nineteenth century liberalism is the form of secular humanism that has proved most acceptable to the Christians.
- 18. Richard Niebuhr is a sinner too.
- 19. Rauschenbusch was the last Christian of the social gospel movement.
- 20. The social gospel movement dwindled away when the only poor persons left were artists.
- 21. Howard Bramlette is a conservative.
- 22. The theme of the Baptist Jubilee Advance will be "A million more in '64 and every Deacon a Beacon".
- 23. Lent is a 40-day period of the year when Roman Catholics are lent to the Lord.
- 24. Baylor University was founded by missionaries from Mercer who got lost.
- 25. Kierkegaard must have been disappointed to find he was not the only person in Heaven.
- 26. Reinhold Niebuhr was right when he said that most New York Jews were Christian as he.
- 27. It is possible for something good to come out of Southern Seminary, but not probable.
- 28. It is historically inaccurate to refer to Paul's missionary journeys as the first religious censuses.
- 29. Southern Baptist churches require Negro janitors to work on Sunday to prevent them from trying to join the local congregations.
- 30. The worst worry that someone from Yaleandunion has when told he cannot work in a Southern Baptist church is whether his informant is just saying that to make him feel good.
- 31. St. Augustine was a greater theologian than any American liberal of the 20th century.
- 32. The Forward Program of the Southern Baptist church finance is the greatest economic development in ecclesiastical history since the sale of indulgences in the 16th Century.
- 33. It has recently been demonstrated that it is possible to be proud of being a Missouri Synod Lutheran.
- 34. The major centers of opposition to the ecumenical movement are Moscow, Nashville and Rome.
- 35. Mac Hyran is in Africa and all is well.
- 36. The most significant ritual among Southern Baptists is counting each other.
- 37. Other schools have New Testament scholars who are not high church ecclesiastics.
- 38. The home mission board should stay at home.
- 39. Professional clergymen, unless in mendicant orders, should refrain from begging at neighboring homes.
- 40. All snake handling should be stopped at Mercer lest the Georgia Baptist constituency be misled.
- 41. Mercer Christianity professors ought to refrain from wearing at any one time: gold coats, chattrouse trousers, purple ties and dark glasses.
- 42. Those members of the administration who approved Harris for president are morally justified in denying it now.
- 43. Being a prophet involves more than just being mad at everybody.
- 44. Redheaded Yankee Christianity professors should either give up custom or learn how.
- 45. Some titlers do not become rich.
- 46. A good title for R. R. Niebuhr's recent book might have been Beyond Yaleandunionism.
- 47. The chief moral problem of Atlanta Baptists is how to keep the swill out of Swilley U.
- 48. Only Time is giving time to Tillich?
- 49. Recent Directors of Religious Activities make us wonder if Polk Countian will inherit the earth.
- 50. Their brains are few
Their dollars too,
Who fill the pew
At Swilley U.
- 51. The best way to keep Swilley U. to the Baptist tradition of its founders is to prevent the study there of Bible or theology.
- 52. The right of every Baptist to interpret the Bible for himself ought to be extended to the study course books.
- 53. The apostle Paul was not a Baptist. (1 Tim 5:23)

- 54. Zeb Vance has met five more persons than anyone at Mercer.
- 55. Propaganda techniques of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board are more highly developed than those of the Kremlin.
- 56. Mercer should award an honorary E.H. degree to all members of their faculty who have completed everything but their thesis for the doctoral degree.
- 57. C. S. Lewis has done more to advance the Kingdom of God in the world than H. Richard Niebuhr.
- 58. H. Richard Niebuhr has done more to advance Yale snobbery than C. S. Lewis.
- 59. Paul Tillich could have learned to speak English if he had wanted to.
- 60. Gandhi was less a Christian than Winston Churchill.
- 61. The most eminent faculty of Mercer University is that of the Pharmaceutical School.
- 62. To understand Albert Schweitzer, one must realize that he failed to find either the Christ of Faith or the Jesus of History.
- 63. Sophisticated atheists are more widely received into the community of Yaleandunion than sophisticated Christians.
- 64. Christianity professors at Mercer will not become seriously inquisitive as long as supply preaching holds out.
- 65. The theme song of the Baptist hierarchy is that it pays to serve Jesus.
- 66. Mercer is the only school in the U. S. in which ceremonies and home economics are combined.
- 67. Tithing is a device by which rich men become poor.
- 68. Mercer should sponsor a dance every Saturday night in the square donut.
- 69. It is impossible to pursue a genuine congregational polity in a church with more than 1999 members.
- 70. Banker's sons who become theologians are likely to have their ethics prevented by guilt complexes.
- 71. The Kingdom of God will never be brought by Religious Focus hocus pocus.
- 72. Mercer would win nationwide recognition by admitting Negroes.
- 73. The theme song of the Sunday School is "Just as I am".
- 74. Some common denominator brings Southern Baptist, Missouri Synod Lutherans and Roman Catholics together in opposition to the ecumenical movement.
- 75. We ought to take Gandhi at his word when he says that he is not a Christian.
- 76. It takes more than a diaper and a nappy-roast to make a saint.
- 77. The Christianity Department should offer one course in which Dr. Gauthen tells what he thinks.
- 78. One of the ethics professors in the Christianity Department is known to practice Yoga.
- 79. The greatest achievement by Martin Luther was thinking up 95 theses.

- 80. Coach Smith has made a greater contribution to the religious community than anyone hoped for.
- 81. It is doubtful that Coach Smith could have done it if Hayden Bryant had not helped him.
- 82. The theme song of the Mercer faculty is "Standing on the Promises".
- 83. P. Harris Anderson is Mercer's best hope for capturing the sword drill championship of the G.B.C.
- 84. A professional theologian is one who witnesses "What H. Richard Niebuhr has done for me".
- 85. When God said "Multiply and replenish the earth" he did not say multiply by 5.
- 86. Some ministerial students would do better to postpone marriage until after the midnight oil.
- 87. Foolish virgins don't last.
- 88. The most honored elementary educational institution of Georgia Baptists is Mercer University.
- 89. Getting rid of B. J. Mattar was not worth what it cost Mercer.
- 90. There have been at least a dozen American history who accomplished more than Truman Talmadge.
- 91. Most white persons involved in race matters have been segregationists.
- 92. Southerners are the only white Americans who are afraid they would annoy Negroes if the law did not prevent it.
- 93. The law being what it is, we must grant the Negro equality before we can put him in his place.
- 94. College professors who plant the kites express a subconscious desire to hang by their tails.
- 95. In the last year, no one has done more to promote Christian education at Mercer than former Dean Malcolm Lester.



THE THESES—Several Mercerians gather to view the mysterious scroll. —Photo by John Robinson

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