

The Mind in the Making (Morning Service)
The Golden Rule in Religion (Evening Service)¹

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Sermon based on J. H. Robinson's book.²

Scripture Reading: Soul of Bible, Page 312

Characteristic of Modern Thought is the great Truth dealt with in this work.

The four ways of thinking.

1. Reverie - day dreaming
2. Process involved in single decisions
3. Rationalizing
4. Creative Thinking; Investigation and judgement based on facts

Progress has been attempted by

- a. Changing the rules of the game.
- b. Moral persuasion. Preaching
- c. By Education. (propaganda)

Let us try the process of Intelligence, Investigation, creative thinking. There is hope.

¹ The envelope in which the manuscripts for these two sermons has the title, "Sermon Outlines, October, 1922." Then there is a list that has two "Oct." entries that are blank and finally, "Oct. 15" with both a morning and an evening service, with these titles listed. This transcription includes both sermons, or rather sermon notes.

² James Harvey Robinson, *The Mind in the Making: The Relation of Intelligence to Social Reform*, New York: Harper & Brothers, 1921. James Harvey Robinson (1863-1936) was an American historian who aimed to use history to elucidate current social problems. At the time he published this book he was a Professor at the New School for Social Research, where he continued to work until his death.

"The Mind in the Making."³

Three methods of reform.

1. By changing the rules of the game
2. By urging men to be good.
3. By education for citizenship

By Intelligence.

Forms of Thinking

- a. Reverie
- b. Decisions of practical nature
- c. Rationalizing: "The result is that most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do." (p. 15.)⁴
- d. Creative Thought. The Scientific Investigator.

We have yet to apply the method to most of the life of man.

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Scripture Reading: Luke 6.

1. Recent Popular Interest in Golden Rule
 2. Golden Rule as Moral Law. Noted as expressed by confusion. Greeks and Hebrews prior to N.T. times. It is a law of social relations.
 3. What does it mean? What would it mean in religious life?
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- A. Truthful, straightforward, speaking in matters involving the meaning of life.
 - B. Respect for each other's sanctities and loyalties.
 - C. Honorable Toleration in the matter of difference of conviction and value judgements.

³ The material below appears to be notes from J. H. Robinson's book, *The Mind in the Making*, that Earl Davis made ahead of planning the morning sermon.

⁴ This is a quote from J. H. Robinson's *The Mind in the Making*; It appears on page 41 of the edition I have available.