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Sermons, 1920-1923¹
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1920:

- January 4 Morning: **Disorganizing Christianity: What Can be Done about it? The Answer of a Modernist**
Evening: **What is Religion? Is it Superstition or Fact of Life?**
- January 11 Morning: **What Does it Mean to Love your Neighbor as Yourself?**
Evening: **Who Was Jesus of Nazareth?**
- January 18 Morning: **Jesus' Idea of God: "I am not the God of the dead, but of the living."**
Evening: **Where is God?**
- January 25 Morning: **The Ruling Passion of Man, Is it Good or Evil?**
Evening: **The Religion of Youth**
- February 1 Morning:
Evening:
- February 8 Morning: **Abraham Lincoln: The Great Emancipator**
Evening: **Is the Bible True?**
- February 15 Morning: **Jesus' Mission: Is He Our Savior?**
Evening: **Why Even of Yourselves Judge Ye Not What is Right**
- February 22 Morning: **What is Sin and Who are the Sinners?**
Evening:
- February 29 Morning: **What and Where is Hell**
Evening:
- March 7 Morning: **The Closed Mind in Dead; the Open Mind Lives**
Evening: **Is there and Unpardonable Sin?**
- March 14 Morning: **God, the Vital Reality, the Integrity of the Universe**
Evening: **Are Revivals in Religion Good or Evil?**

¹ This list was compiled from notices in the local newspapers. Only for those titles highlighted in yellow do I have a full-text or sermon notes.

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March 21	Morning: The Nature and Significance of Prayer Evening: What of Dancing and the Theatre? Are They Destructive or Constructive Forces in Society?
March 28	Morning: Evening:
April 4	Morning: Things that Make it Worthwhile to be Immortal ² Evening:
April 11	Morning: Evening:
April 18	Morning: The New Creed of Millions Evening: What would Jesus Say about the Religious Life of Lancaster?
April 25	Morning: Evening:
May 2	Morning: Evening:
May 9	Morning: Evening:
May 16	Morning: Evening:
May 23	Morning: Evening:
May 30	Morning: Evening:
June 6	Morning: Evening:
June 13	Morning: Evening:

² Perhaps not this sermon, but a manuscript for a sermon with the title “Will a Belief in Immortality Survive?” exists, and is the only sermon text on immortality.

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June 20 Morning:
Evening:

June 27 Morning:
Evening:

July 4 Morning:
Evening:

July 11 Morning:
Evening:

July 18 Morning:
Evening:

July 25 Morning:
Evening:

August 1 Morning:
Evening:

August 8 Morning:
Evening:

August 15 Morning:
Evening:

August 22 Morning:
Evening:

August 29 Morning:
Evening:

September 5 Morning:
Evening:

September 12 Morning:
Evening:

September 19 Morning: [The Need of a Third Party in Religion](#)
Evening:

September 26 Morning:
Evening:

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| October 3 | Morning:
Evening: |
| October 10 | Morning: Fellowship, the Spirit of Religion. Can We Meet on the Level and Part on the Square?
Evening: |
| October 17 | Morning:
Evening: |
| October 24 | Morning: Which is the More Powerful Weapon, Violence or Truth?
Evening: |
| October 31 | Morning:
Evening: |
| November 7 | Morning:
Evening: |
| November 14 | Morning: Character: The Test of Religion
Evening: John Woolman, the Apostle of the Inner Light |
| November 21 | Morning: The Open Mind
Evening: |
| November 28 | Morning: Thanksgiving: Then and Now
Evening: |
| December 5 | Morning:
Evening: |
| December 12 | Morning: The Prodigal Son
Evening: |
| December 19 | Morning:
Evening: |
| December 26 | Morning:
Evening: |

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| January 2 | Morning: Behold the Kingdom of God is at Hand
Evening: Religion in the Changing Social Order |
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January 9	Morning: Seek Ye the Living God? Evening: Religion and Superstition: Beware the Leaven of the Pharisees
January 16	Morning: Be Still and Know God Evening: An American Sunday
January 23	Morning: Evening:
January 30	Morning: Evening:
February 6	Morning: Evening:
February 13	Morning: Give Us this Day Our Daily Bread Evening: The Second Coming of Christ: A Confession of Moral Bankruptcy
February 20	Morning: Evening:
February 27	Morning: Evening:
March 6	Morning: Evening:
March 13	Morning: Evening:
March 20	Morning: The Sermon on the Mount Contains the Main Points of the Teachings of Jesus Evening: The Great Choice: "Not this Man but Barabbas"
March 27	Morning: The Outcome of Crucifixion Evening: With the Fear of Threatening Torments in Hell and the Hope of Alluring Rewards in Heaven Gone, what is the Use of Being Good?
April 3	Morning: Evening:
April 10	Morning: Conformity and Sincerity Evening: I Will Extoll Thee: Is it Good to Give Thanks?

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April 17	Morning: Evening:
April 24	Morning: Evening:
May 1	Morning: The Greatest of All Persons (Sermon by Rev. Gabriel Csiki of Hungary) Evening:
May 8	Morning: Evening:
May 15	Morning: Evening:
May 22	Morning: The Religion of Jesus: The Teachings of the Sermon on the Mount Evening:
May 29	Morning: The Role of Personality Evening: The New Religious Order
June 5	Morning: Evening:
June 12	Morning: Evening:
June 19	Morning: Evening:
June 26	Morning: To Grow and Again to Grow Evening:
July 3	Morning: Evening:
July 10	Morning: Playing the Game Squarely: The Religion of Jesus in Action Evening:
July 17	Morning: Evening:

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July 24	Morning: Why Worship? Evening:
July 31	Morning: Evening:
August 7	Morning: Evening:
August 14	Morning: Evening:
August 21	Morning: Evening:
August 28	Morning: Evening:
September 4	Morning: Evening:
September 11	Morning: Evening:
September 18	Morning: Evening:
September 25	Morning: Evening:
October 2	Morning: Evening:
October 9	Morning: Evening:
October 16	Morning: Evening:
October 23	Morning: Music in Religion Evening:
October 30	Morning: The Law of the Prophets Evening: The Next War and Disarmament

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November 6	Morning: Not by any Army, Not by Power, But by My Spirit Saith the Lord Evening: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse: The Logic of the Moral Law
November 13	Morning: The Faith that is in Us Evening:
November 20	Morning: All in the Same Ship Evening: Our Emphasis in Religion
November 27	Morning: Evening:
December 4	Morning: Intentional Progress: The Will to a Better Life Evening: Questions and Answers: Was Christ God?
December 11	Morning: The Spirit of God Dwelleth in You Evening: Questions and Answers: The Relation of the Bible to Religious Faith
December 18	Morning: Evening:
December 25	Morning: Evening:

1922:

January 1	Morning: Penetrating the Imperfect Evening: Is the Story of the Resurrection Historical or Legendary?
January 8	Morning: Evening:
January 15	Morning: What Shall We Do on Sunday³ Evening:
January 22	Morning: Evening:
January 29	Morning: Evening:

³ There was a letter to the editor on this sermon in the *Lancaster Daily Intelligencer*, January 22, 1922, p. 4

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February 5	Morning: Why Do Young People Go to Church? Evening: What is the Bahaist Movement?
February 12	Morning: Evening:
February 19	Morning: The Power of Understanding: Not Illusion but Truth is Divinity Evening:
February 26	Morning: Evening:
March 5	Morning: Evening:
March 12	Morning: Some Call it Evolution, and Others Call it God: Who is Right, W.J. Bryan or H.G. Wells? Evening: The Relation of Jesus to His Own Times and Ours
March 19	Morning: What are the Christian Fundamentals? Can a Christian be an Evolutionist? Evening: Jesus and His Friends
March 26	Morning: Evening:
April 4	Morning: The Rising Generation Evening:
April 9	Morning: What Doth Life Require of Thee? Evening: Is God Like Jesus?
April 16	Morning: If Winter Comes Evening: The God that Jesus Worshipped
April 23	Morning: Evening:
April 30	Morning: The Rising Generation Evening:
May 7	Morning: Evening:

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May 14	Morning: Painted Windows: A Study in Religious Personality by A Gentleman with a Duster ⁴ Evening: Reflections on Political Unrest
May 21	Morning: Evening:
May 28	Morning: Evening:
June 4	Morning: Evening:
June 11	Morning: Evening:
June 18	Morning: The Grounds for Faith in Religion Liberty Evening:
June 25	Morning: The Struggle for Power and the Struggle for Light Evening:
July 2	Morning: Evening:
July 9	Morning: Evening:
July 16	Morning: Evening:
July 23	Morning: Evening:
July 30	Morning: Evening:
August 6	Morning: Evening:
August 13	Morning: Evening:

⁴ There is no text for this sermon, but there are notes Davis took from the book among other manuscripts.

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August 20	Morning: Evening:
August 27	Morning: Evening:
September 3	Morning: Evening:
September 10	Morning: Evening:
September 17	Morning: The Fact of God in Human Experience Evening:
September 24	Morning: Evening:
October 1	Morning: Evening:
October 8	Morning: Evening:
October 15	Morning: The Mind in the Making Evening: The Golden Rule in the Field of Religion
October 22	Morning: The Well-Fed Mind Evening: The Golden Rule in Industry
October 29	Morning: Evening:
November 5	Morning: The Father Seeketh Such Evening: The Church from the Point of View of Evolution
November 12	Morning: The Essential Christ Evening:
November 19	Morning: The Compelling Power of the Christ-Like Life Evening: Christ in the Light of Evolution

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November 26	Morning: So Great a Cloud of Witnesses Evening: The Idea of God from the View of Evolution
December 3	Morning: Evening:
December 10	Morning: The Need of the Spiritual Rebuilding the Spiritual Fires of Life Evening:
December 17	Morning: Factors the Make for World Peace Evening: The Doctrine of Atonement in Light of Evolution
December 24	Morning: Evening:
December 31	Morning: Things Essential to the Welfare of Society Evening: Being Born into a New Age

1923:

January 7	Morning: The Way of Life which the Unitarians Seek to Follow Evening: The Way of Freedom
January 14	Morning: The Religion of Youth: The Problems the Young People Face and the Progress they are Making Evening:
January 21	Morning: The Idea of God in the Light of Evolution Evening:
January 28	Morning: The Way of Life that is Reasonable: Should Enlightened Reason or Dogma and Tradition Be Our Guide to Life? Evening: The Cults of Healing: Emile Cove's Day-by-Day in Every Way I'm Getting Better and Better
February 4	Morning: The Family and Home Life, Religion in Daily Life Evening: The Spirit of a Broad Fellowship in Religion
February 11	Morning: Friends and Neighbors, the Spirit of God in the City Streets, the Spiritual Value of Everyday Contacts with Human Beings Evening: The Way of Mutual Aid and Cooperation in the Struggle for Existence

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February 18	Morning: Straight Goods Evening: The Story of the Miracle of Water Made into Wine: What Do Miracles Have to do with Religion?
February 25	Morning: Did Christ Have the Power of God? Evening: The Day's Work, Not a Curse But a Blessing
March 4	Morning: The Story of Jesus Driving the Moneychangers from the Temple Evening: The Being of the Act on the Teaching of Non-Violence
March 11	Morning: The Revolt Against 20 th Century Pharisaism: What is the Meaning of the Present Disregard of Law and Order? Evening: Jesus Sends His Disciples Out to Preach
March 18	Morning: Is Protestantism in the Midst of a Revolution? Evening: The Story of Jesus and the Roman Coin
March 25	Morning: The Apostolic Succession of Heretics: The Contribution to Religious Thought by Heretics Evening:
April 1	Morning: Companions of Solitude Evening: Life Purposes, Rather than Creeds and Ceremonials, the Test of Religion
April 8	Morning: Evening: The Church on the Avenue by Helen Martin
April 15	Morning: The Village School Master: A Study in Life Values Evening: Is the Church Morally Bankrupt?
April 22	Morning: One of the Great Needs of our City Evening: The Dilemma of Civilization
April 29	Morning: Evening:
May 6	Morning: Evening:
May 13	Morning: Living Our Way into the Heart of Things Evening:

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May 20	Morning: The Quest for Spiritual Freedom Evening:
May 27	Morning: Evening:
June 3	Morning: The Spirit of Worship, Public and Private Evening:
June 10	Morning: Evening:
June 17	Morning: The Volunteers in the Army of Progress Evening:
June 24	Morning Evening:
July 1	Morning: Evening:
July 8	Morning: Evening:
July 15	Morning: Evening:
July 22	Morning: Evening:
July 29	Morning: Evening:
August 5	Morning: Evening:
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September 2	Morning: Evening:
September 9	Morning: Evening:
September 16	Morning: Evening:
September 23	Morning: The Growth and Spirit of Liberalism in Religion Evening:
September 30	Morning: Evening:
October 7	Morning: The Wakening of the Prodigal Generation Evening:
October 14	Morning: The Journey of Hope Evening: On Papini's Life of Christ
October 21	Morning: The Land of Promise: Towards What Are We Moving, a Dictatorship or Freedom? Evening:
October 28	Morning: Evening:
November 4	Morning: Evening:
November 11	Morning: Essential Factors in World Peace Evening:
November 18	Morning: Evening:
November 25	Morning: Evening:
December 2	Morning: The Majesty of Small Things Evening: Progress by Controversy, Some Fundamental Ideas of God Compared with Modern Ideas. Where is Truth?

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December 9	Morning: Evening:
December 16	Morning: The Fundamentalist and the Liberal Beliefs about Christ Evening:
December 23	Morning: The Light of Truth Christmas Pageant⁵ Evening:
December 30	Morning: Evening:

⁵ There is a Newspaper article—I didn't note the paper, probably the Lancaster Intelligencer—on this on December 22, 1923. The paper noted that, among others, the pageant included Byron and Mary Davis, son and daughter of Earl C. and Annie F. Davis.

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