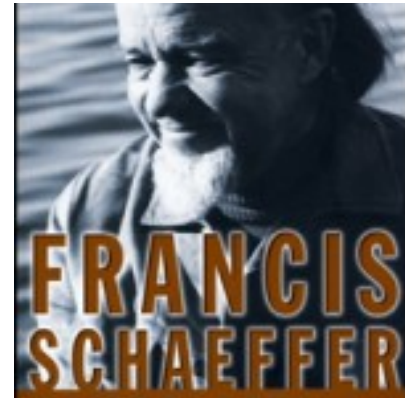
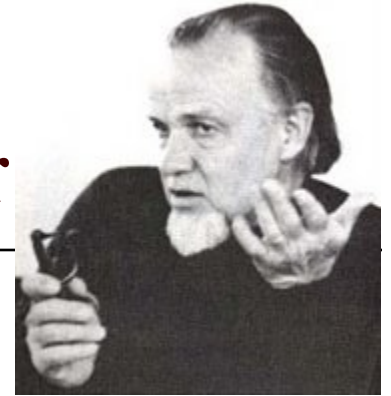


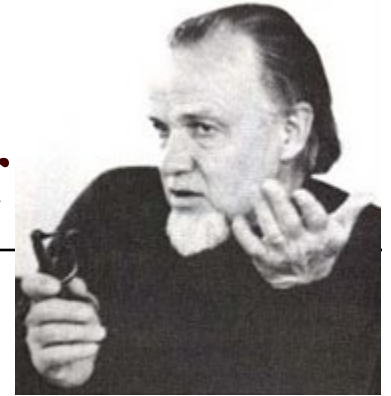
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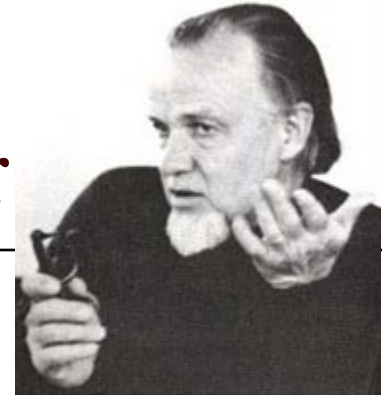


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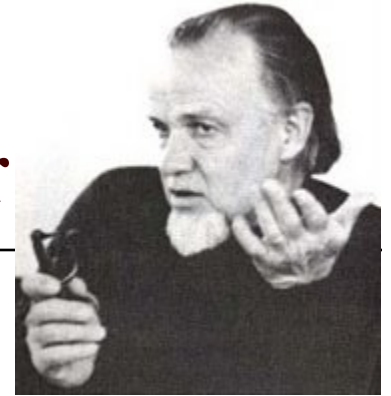
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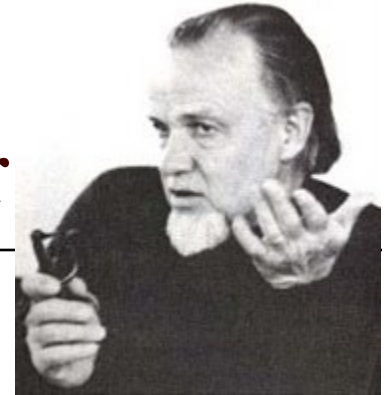


“How beautiful Christianity is---first because of the sparkling quality of its intellectual answers, but secondly because of the beautiful quality of its human and personal answers.”

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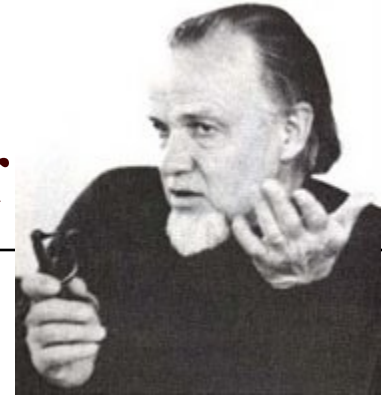
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“Edith, I really feel torn to pieces by the lack of reality, the lack of seeing the results the Bible talks about, which should be seen in the Lord’s people... It seems that the only honest thing to do is to rethink, re-examine the whole matter of Christianity. Is it true? I need to go back to my agnosticism and start at the beginning.”

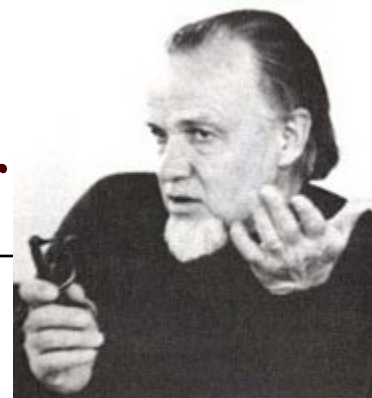
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“As I rethought my reasons for being a Christian, I saw again that there were totally sufficient reasons to know the infinite-personal God does exist and that Christianity is true.”

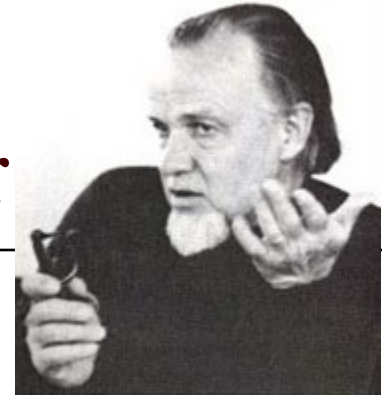
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“Gradually, I saw the problem was that with all the teaching I had received after I was a Christian, I had heard little about what the Bible says about the meaning of the finished work of Christ for our present lives. Gradually the sun came out and the song came...”

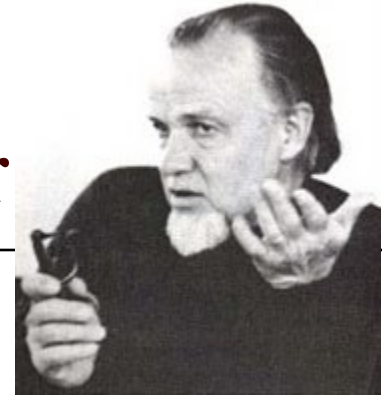
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“In that time of joy and song I found poetry beginning to flow again---poetry of certainty, an affirmation of life, thanksgiving and praise.”

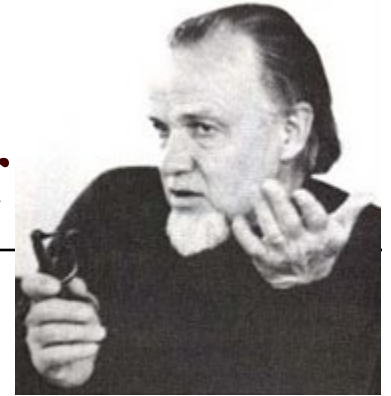
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“There is no mechanical solution to true spirituality or the true Christian life... It is not possible to say, ‘Read so many chapters of the Bible everyday, and you will have this much sanctification.’ It is not possible to say, ‘Pray so long every day, and you will have a certain amount of sanctification.’ It is not possible to add the two together...”

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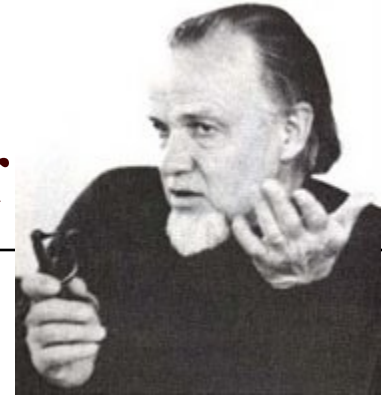


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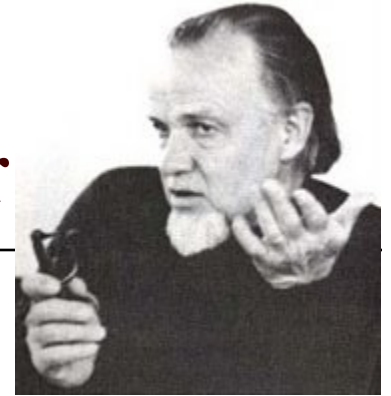
“...The real solution is being cast up into the moment-by-moment communion, personal communion, with God himself, and letting Christ’s truth flow through me through the agency of the Holy Spirit.”

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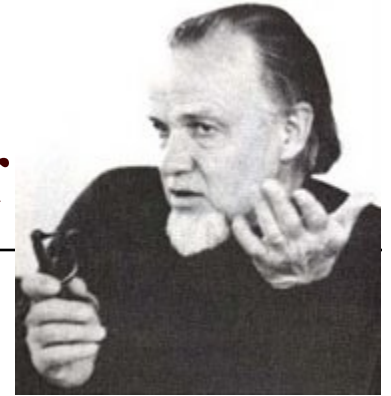


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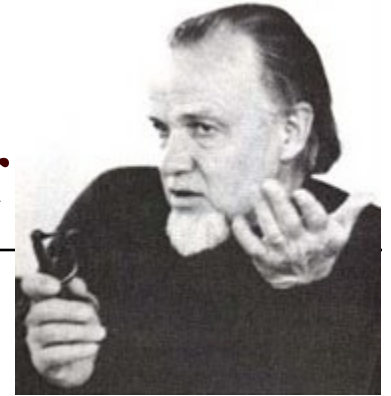
“...both Edith and I felt that this work here is not first of all called of the Lord to be evangelistic one in any sense, but rather to be a demonstration in a small way of the existence and character of the God who does exist.”

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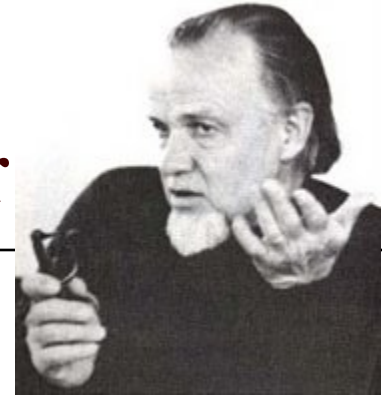


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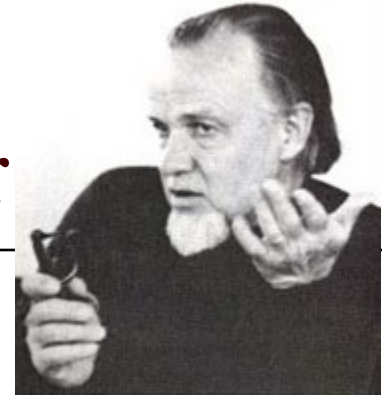
“Central to Schaeffer’s pastoral ministry was personal compassion, based on careful and sympathetic listening. Most frequently seen in his personal counselling at L’Abri, compassion also characterized his whole apologetic system...”

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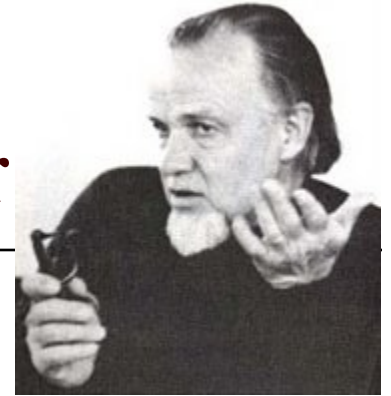


“He was prepared to ‘weep real tears,’ whether it was for an individual wounded by contemporary problems or for a society that was so lost that it was prepared to abort thousands of children.”

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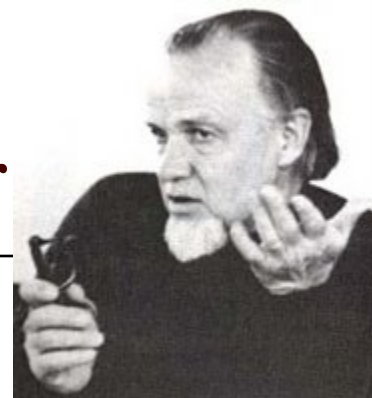


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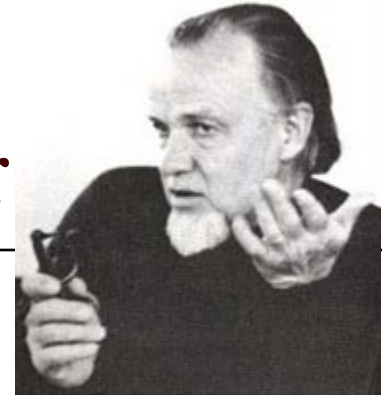
“We are in an alien world built upon man’s rebellion against God, and in this life the Christian himself is not yet totally free from the elements of the rebellion within himself.”

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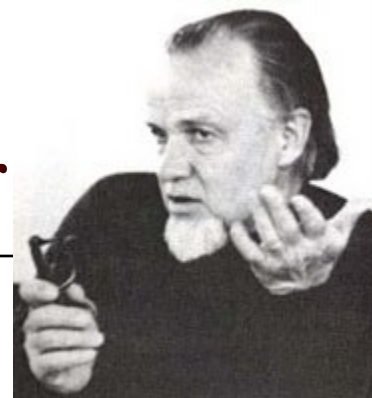
“Our generation is overwhelmingly naturalistic. This is an almost complete commitment to the concept of the uniformity of natural causes in a closed system... If we are not careful, even though we say we are biblical Christians and supernaturalists, nevertheless the naturalism of our generation is upon us...”

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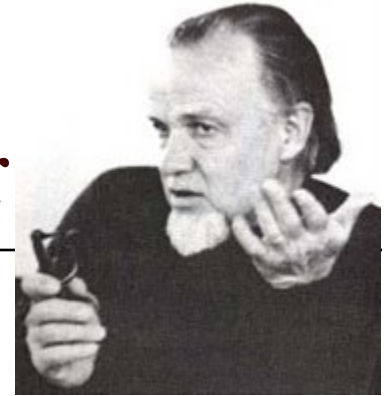
“It may infiltrate our thinking without our recognizing its coming...All too often the reality is lost because the ‘ceiling’ is down too close upon our heads.”

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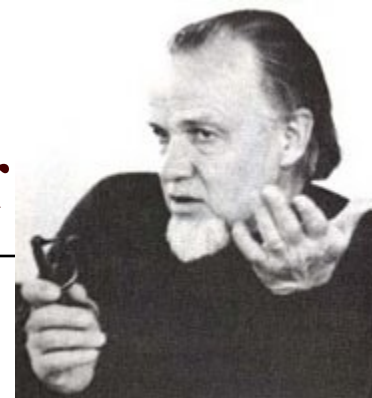
“If we are to bring forth fruit in the Christian life, or rather, if Christ is to bring forth this fruit through us by the agency of the Holy Spirit, there must be a constant act of faith, of thinking, *Upon the basis of your promises I am looking for you to fulfill them... bring forth your fruit through me into this poor world.* This is what I mean by active passivity.”

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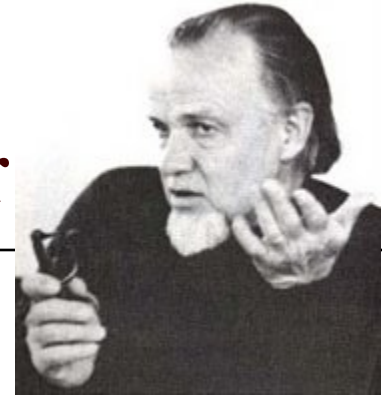
“When I lack proper contentment, either I have forgotten that God is God, or I have ceased to be submissive to him... A quiet disposition and a heart giving thanks at any given moment is the real test of the extent to which we love God at that moment.”

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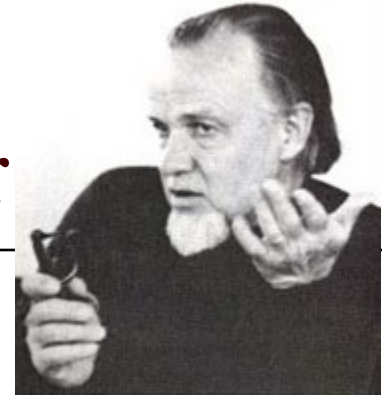
“This is not a kind of magic---the infinite-personal God promises that he will work all things together for the Christian’s good... It is not all things except sorrow; it is not all things except battle... It must be giving thanks for *all* things---this is God’s standard.”

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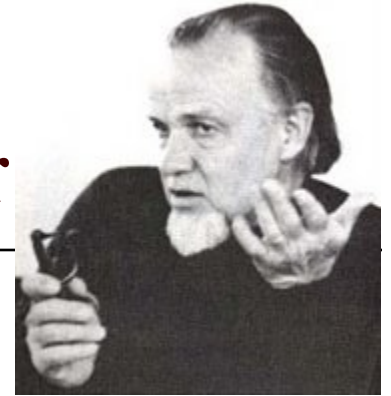
“It is never doctrine *alone* that is important. It is always doctrine *appropriated* that counts.”

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“...Christianity *is* a good philosophy. I think it is the best philosophy that ever existed. More than this, it is the *only* philosophy that is consistent with itself and answers the questions. It is a good philosophy precisely because it deals with the problems and gives answers to them...”

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“...Nevertheless, it is not *only* a good philosophy. The Bible does not just speak in abstractions; it does not tell about a religious idea far away. It tells about man as Man... It tells us how to live in the real universe as it is now.”

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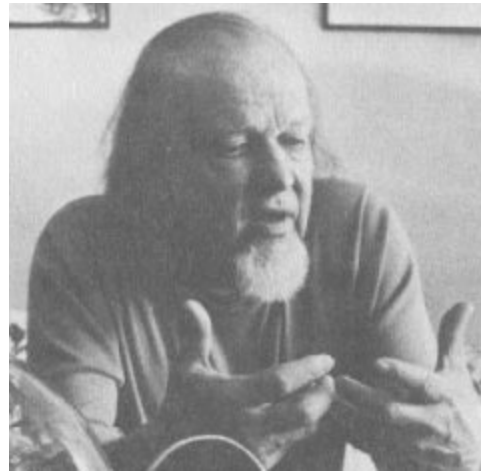
John 17:21

“Here Jesus is stating something which is much more cutting, much more profound: We cannot expect the world to believe that the Father sent the Son, that Jesus’ claims are true, and that Christianity is true, unless the world sees some reality of the oneness of true Christians.”

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“Before a watching world”



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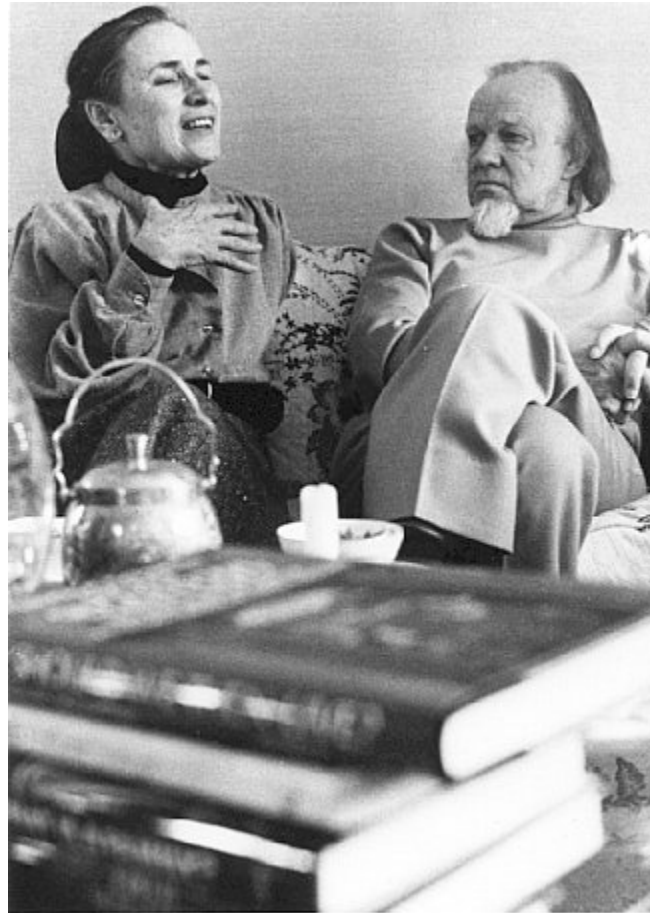
James Sire writes, “Love especially for those who had yet to believe and those who struggled with their faith in Christ marked his entire speaking ministry.”

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“Christians have not always presented a pretty picture to the world. Too often they have failed to show the beauty of love, the beauty of Christ, the holiness of God. The world has turned away.”

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“Paul is saying that no matter what kind of people you are preaching to, and no matter what terminology you need, and no matter how long the words you have to use, and whether you are speaking to the peasant or the philosopher, in every case there must be demonstration of the power of the Spirit---of the resurrected, glorified Christ working in us.”

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“God has always intended that Christians should be the evidence, the demonstration of Christ’s victory on the cross... Christians are called upon to be a demonstration at our point of history and to our own generation that the supernatural does exist and, beyond that, that God exists...”

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“As Christians we say we live in a *supernatural universe* and that there is a battle, since the fall of man, and that this battle is in both the seen world and the unseen world. If we really believe this, first, we can be contented and yet fight evil, and second, surely it is God’s right to put us as Christians where he judges best in the battle.”

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