

This is a conversation between Ralph Allison and Charity, a Professor CIE.

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Ralph: There is an interesting change that you may need to explain to me, it was when my father first became a minister, went through seminary for his training. My mother went there. Their big goal was to spread the word of their church in other countries. So they went to the Philippines.

Charity: Missionaries

R: Yes, they went to China, and India, all these pagan places, pagan means nonChristian. The Christians believed theirs was the only true religion, as every religion does. The fact that they had Buddhism, and Hinduism and everything else there was disregarded. That wasn't real, proper religion. We don't have much of that going on anymore. I wonder why. Every religion was propagating and trying to get more converts. The only one going hard these days is Islam, Mohammadanism and they are coming into the United States and taking the black men who didn't want the White man's religion telling them what to do. But they will take the same words from the Black man's religion. It struck me as a little funny. But we don't have that, apparently, desire to convert everybody, which is how I got my scholarship to go to medical school. I was going to be a medical missionary and go over and convert all those people in India and what have you. I got the money, but never went there. We don't have that push anymore. How did you accomplish that? It certainly petered out. I doesn't mean that you don't have a religion in every country. Every country has their own variety of it. Christianity had as a major thesis that you must go forth and convert everybody in the other countries to it. The Jewish religion does not. Mohammadanism does. I guess that was backing off, since the world is not going to grow any more that way.