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- I can't deny that I am a Christian because I was born in this culture.
 This is to be qualified by the fact that some folk in other <u>cultures</u> have become Christian and their children are usually Christian.
- I can't deny that I am a Christian because I was born in this age.
 There seems to be no qualifications here except that some folk today aren't Christian but this introduces other factors.
- 3. Therefore Christianity is relative to time and in part to culture (at least there was a time when it was not and we can't be sure that there won't be a time when it will no longer exist.)
- 4. The above can equally be true of a scientific theory.
- 5. Tho' I am convinced that Christianity is looking at truth I cannot say Christianity is the Truth or an absolute due to above reasons that is the stand point there are other limitations: finitude and individual capacity.
- 6. I must admit that other religions are looking at God and hence that they have truth about God.
- 7. As to Christ I am convinced that God touched <u>time</u> but interpretation of this point again is relative. This does not mean that He doesn't touch time at other points, nor that other religious may not claim the same.
- 8. I can only say that as I interpret this event as interpreted by my society it gives meaning to my existence which meets my need.
- 9. The ability of religion to transcend cultures and the ability of it to answer the <u>question of destiny</u> and to regenerate man is some check to the degree of reality it grasps.
- 10. I witness to the fact that contact has been made. Does context give meaning?
- Isn't it possible to be a theoretical skeptic and a practical believer <u>Theoretically Skeptical / Practically Assured?</u>

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