

T-BONE SLIM DISCUSSES

So I will change the subject—I will discuss the inferiority complex, under the head of "insignificancy hoax."

Many workers believe they do not amount to much; many view themselves as nothing—they have been "instructed" in that belief. But belief is not knowledge. . . . Every man is of the greatest importance—they are "alike as two raindrops." Some men reason they are not needed in an organization of labor—supposing all men thought the same way—supposing all raindrops refused to come down. . . .

Men are important—nothing much can be done without them. This attitude that I belong to this and that is a delusion.

"I belong to such and such a church" is a lie. The church belongs to you. "I belong to the republican party"—Gee, you've surely got owners. "I belong to the I. W. W."—Isn't it possible the organization belongs partly to you? Lies are not constructive; and a lie, no matter how innocent, is perfidious. Take for example the pure white Sunday school lie that "Santa Claus gives presents to good children." That's sanctified lying. And Sunday school teachers are sanctimonious liars.

We've been lied to since childhood and we have been convinced that we belong (and have lied ourself) but the time has now come when we no longer believe our insignificance; we know our importance—and we know that without the so-called insignificant raindrops there will be no flood.

Further, we know that at the "first drop of rain" the citizen's face blanches and he right shrewdly guesses what's coming.—T-b. S.

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