

CHURCHES AND PIPELINES

When British Columbia conference of The United Church of Canada met early in June at Trinity College near Langley

It spent a significant part of each day hearing about studying & discussing a proposed gas pipe line

The pipeline got web it became the people of Canada are faced with a decision of whether to build one or not for the transportation of natural gas through a thousand miles of Canadian northland.

And the decision has enormous implications for the political & economic future of the people of Canada

What's the church doing talking about pipe lines?

Talking about Canada's political & economic future?

How can I pretend to know anything about these things?
Why doesn't it stick to its main business.

GOD + the Things of GOD

I think I am going to have to make two admissions

The Church doesn't know much about pipe lines in the North, or about politics or about economics

AND It doesn't do a very good job of its main business - namely stick to the things of God.

I have to add That Judging by the way things are going we feel know much about politics & economics and from Andy Jacobs Bazzis report on the McKinzie Kelly Pipeline I get the impression that there is a lot that is not known about Northern Natural gas Pipe. lines.

Lets get back to the God Business.

In fact - lets take seriously the things of God,

If the Church has learned anything about God, —
from God —

a great deal of that learning come from the people of Israel.

The God the Church has dealings with - God of Abraham Isaac & Jacob.

This God took ~~very~~ seriously —

what happened to a people

his purpose was to create a people

Most of the Bible is about God's interest in how a people behaved — not persons.

Something came happened to this

When he pointed to what he disapproved of.

- unbreakable - fault life of a people.

cheating in the marketplace

rules were not properly justice.

Families ~~lost~~ Fidelity was breaking down

The poor were exploited.

People were adding a second house to a winter house while others lost their homes

And as the consequences of the behavior
weakening the recently
valuable in Battle

The people sought to save themselves by crowding into
worship services, and keeping holidays
God said - I'm sick of your festivals
Let justice roll down like water

There is a strange tendency for people today
to make out that Jesus Christ undid all this.

As though the God of Abraham Isaac & Jacob -
underwent a Fundamental Change in the 1st
Century

Any possible Jesus used was a Kingdom Parable
- That - a political metaphor -
- That refers to a people -

Can you imagine what the Church would be up to
if it was about God's presence
if it was serious about God?

If God ~~was~~ ^{is} any less like himself at all
and ~~was~~ ^{is} doing what he is to do with Israel.

People -

~~They~~ super extravagant energy ~~causing~~

causing trouble to the household of another people

not to slave - But to Take

the result of that Taking "people whose house it is

denied a way of living in harmony with it,
for centuries.

Denied their home

hard waste wondrous measures

Save our material appetite

- energy source that will exhaust
eventually anyway.

It is very possible that God is confronting the people
of Canada, - SOUTH

in the Peoples who call this place Home
for whom it is home - not a temporary -

~~is~~ A people who exhibit a profound vulnerability
environment in harmony.

For whom the land is a mother.

reasonably proud but

not a victim to be raped.

FAULT

God's own People here

indicating - confronting People

Concerning :-
Ownership :-
Home or Hinterland

People proud - head long to
stopped :- HOME Disaster
you don't own here till
back again - deal with
this little business

This we were taking with just a little seriousness
a little soul searching.

What if we took it seriously

Monotony
NATIVE PEOPLE
ROAD BLOCK

What if we don't.