Do You Know?

A Few Questions about China

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DO YOU KNOW that there are a billion of heathen in the world, and that about four hundred millions of these are in China?

DO YOU KNOW that it is probable, though it is nearly two thousand years since Jesus Christ commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel to every creature, that over three hundred millions of the four hundred millions of Chinese heathen have never yet heard that He came to earth to die for their salvation?

DO YOU KNOW that the heathen in China, according to their own confession, are not living up to the light which they have, that they are bowing down to idols, which God declares are an “abomination” to Him, and that they are worshipping, not God, but the spirits of their ancestors and demon-spirits, which can never give them help?

DO YOU KNOW in spite of the faithful and fruitful service rendered by the comparatively few missionaries who have gone to China, that the heathen there have increased more rapidly by natural propagation than the Christians have increased by spiritual propagation, and that thus there are now many more millions of Chinese heathen than there were when missions began there, one hundred years ago?
DO YOU KNOW that the entire missionary force in China is under four thousand persons, that probably not more than three thousand of the missionaries are engaged in direct evangelistic work, and that this means, since these workers are not equally distributed amongst the people, that frequently a single worker is responsible for the evangelization of over a million of souls?

DO YOU KNOW that the few missionaries who are in China, face to face with the overwhelming need, have been praying to God and pleading with Christians at home for many years for an adequate supply of workers, and that these prayers and pleadings still remain, for the most part, unanswered?

DO YOU KNOW unless something more effective in spiritual effort is done for China than is now being done, that civilization will certainly advance in that empire more rapidly than Christianization, and that this will mean that the Chinese will eventually lose faith in heathenism, but will not gain faith in anything better, and that this will result in this great and promising people coming into a spiritual condition where their last state will be worse than their first?

DO YOU KNOW that the Chinese, as has been abundantly proved, are “worth saving,” that they make the most devoted Christians; that they become, in most cases, earnest propagators of the faith.
and that there is good reason to believe that the conversion of multitudes of them would mean that they would become the active and successful evangelizers of the far eastern nations?

**DO YOU KNOW** that God is waiting for the Church, and, therefore, for individual Christians, to do something adequate for the salvation of the Chinese, that, in this day of grace and opportunity, He is willing to use, to this end, very humble instruments, and that thus it is possible that He may accept of *you* for a large and useful service in behalf of China's millions, if you will but unreservedly offer yourself to Him, and if you will but persistently and believingly ask Him to show you what you may do?

**IF YOU DO KNOW** these things, will you not act upon them, not waiting for some one else to take the initiative, and not putting the matter aside for a more convenient season, but giving yourself, at once, to a prayerful, sanctified and determined effort to do what in you lies to bring the Gospel to the Chinese, that there may be brought to an end, in China, a condition of things which grieves the heart of God, which hinders the coming of Christ and the establishment of His kingdom on earth, and which is infinitely sorrowful in its consequences to the Chinese?

"If ye know these things, happy (blessed) are ye if ye do them!"