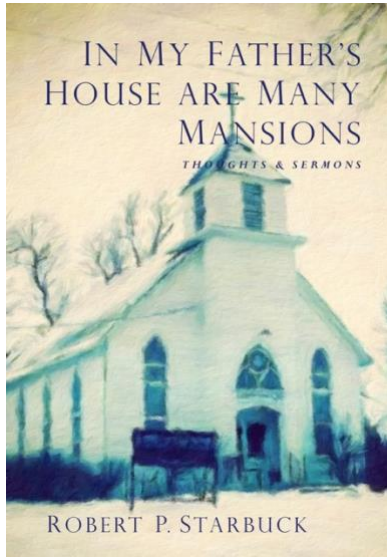


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## **SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT**

In a time of cultural wars, social polarizations, fears, conflicts, chaos, and once again the rise of nationalism, authoritarian ideologies, and isolationism across the globe there are questions we must ask ourselves as human



beings. That is what this book does, as it also touches on the story of a generation who came before us. This is “The Greatest Generation” that lived through World War II, who stood up for justice and mercy. And who fought against many of the veiled and evil –“isms” inflicted upon humankind in the 20th and now in the 21st century.

American poet and the 9th Librarian of Congress, Archibald MacLeish wrote these verses in his seventh book of poetry, *The Hamlet of A. MacLeish* – published in 1928.

“We have learned the answers, all the answers:  
It is the question that we do not know.  
We are not wise.”

There is something more important than dividing a church or a nation into conservatives and liberals. I do not believe that a Christian can be one or the other. We must be both. We must conserve and liberate at the same time. We can never sever our ties from that part of history which belongs

to us. Jesus conserved and liberated at the same time. He did not destroy the past, but he always moved out in such a way as to give life to others and to set them free.

Jesus was both conservative and liberal. He was open to the future. He came not to destroy the law and the prophets but to fulfill them. Again and again, he referred to the teachings as found in the law and the prophets. They served as the very basis of his sermon —even his Sermon on the Mount. And yet at the same time he offered something new.

“A new commandment I give you; that you love one another even as I have loved you.”

As an ordained United Methodist minister for over fifty-five years, and practicing psychotherapist for over forty years, our father — the Rev. Dr. Robert P. Starbuck never read the Bible in a literal way. It was always a quest, a quest which belongs to each of us, to ask the right questions. As a clergy, he saw the beloved Bible stories, readings, and lessons, as a way of wisdom. As a way of being and becoming; a way of forgiveness, renewal, redemption, reconciliation, salvation, and spiritual enlightenment. In his calling as a minister and therapist, he was actively engaged in the lives of others, and in healing and repairing the world.

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