

Jesus said: "Take heed that no man deceive you." Matt. 24:4 And how watchful church oriented people are in this regard---BUT, how we deceive ourselves!

I saw it happen at an old-fashioned Tent Revival. The Evangelist poured himself a glassful of water...looked at it critically; then, he threw the water out on the sawdust down in front; saying..."It had a bug in it!"

That drew a big laugh from the crowd.

Oh, how religion can strain out the small stuff!

And, easily swallow the big lie!

Note: Here is a man after long and serious looking has formed in his mind the suspicion that in a cup of water he is about to drink...there is a grub, or the grandparent of a gnat.

He goes and gets a sieve or strainer; and, takes the water and pours it through the sieve out in the broad daylight for a better look.

He says: "I would rather do anything almost than drink this water that has a gnat in it."

The water is brought under inquisition. The experiment is successful.

The water rushes through the sieve and leaves against the side of it a small grub or gnat. Now he drinks the water with utmost satisfaction. Pleased...

But...Note the same man.

Going out one day, ravenously hungry, he devours a Camel: "Ship of the desert." A camel, an animal forbidden to be eaten.

This gastronomer has no compunctions of conscience. He suffers from no indigestion...It's 'down the hatch!'

He puts his lower jaw under the camel's forefoot, and his upper jaw over the hump of the camel's back...giving one swallow and the dromedary disappears forever...down the gullet!

He has strained out a gnat, he has swallowed a camel!

It goes on in church, and in life all the time!

It's The Big Gulp!

I hope you have not been leading a double life, pretending to be wicked and being really good all the time. ---That would be hypocrisy.

"SO WE THOUGHT WE COULD SPONSOR AN EAT-A-THON-- YOU KNOW, SO MUCH FOR EACH DESSERT YOU CAN EAT-- WITH PROCEEDS TO WORLD HUNGER!"

