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Mt . Lebanon, N. Y.

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Robt. W. Ingersoll.
Dear friend:

I think often of you, personally; & still oftener, in connection with the future of our government.

From the time of Jefferson to that of the infidel Lincoln, the religious- legislation people have persistently made encroachments upon liberty. There is no safety but in the "eternal vigilance" that causes true Americans to be perpetually on their guard against the machinations of the ignorant superstitionists, who, under the secret instigation of the ambitious Catholic & Protestant priesthood, seek to subvert the secular_ non- religious_ constitution of the United States.

We are rapidly approaching a crisis, similar to the one that put Jefferson in as President; & similar to the next crisis, that put in Jackson & the infidel R.M. Johnson, who checkmated Arthur Tappin about stopping Sunday mails. His "Report in the Senate" was sold on the streets of New York, by some of its first citizens. That was Protestantism.

Now it is Protestant & Catholic united; & the slavery educated female element is largely under their control. The probability is that unless something turns up unexpectedly, as was the case in those former crises, we shall have a Christian President, & a Christian constitution & government. *And Christian persecution*

Then all that has been gained will be lost. "Blood will flow, to the horses' bridles".

I want an awakening that will put Ingersoll in as President: that would preserve the secular character of our government; & republicanism would become universal.

Love to you. *F. W. Evans.*
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