In other words the author believed he would live on through his “next-kin.” This whole concept grew out of the view of levirate marriage.\(^4\)

**II Title—Beyond Asceticism**

*Colossians 2:21*\(^6\)

Theme—True religion goes beyond asceticism and ritualistic practices; it is a new life.

Purpose—To show how to attain this new life.

**III Title—Almost Persuaded**

*Acts 26:28*\(^7\)

Theme—Procrastination is the thief of time

Purpose—To show the listeners that great experiences are often missed when we procrastinate.

In this sermon I will assume that Agrippa’s words were serious. Of course, it is difficult to tell whether the words of Agrippa are ironical or spoken seriously.

**IV Title—Looking Toward The Hills**

*Ps. 121:1*\(^8\)

Theme—God is always found in the highest and best things of life

Purpose—To show that God is the highest good.

**V Title—The Misused Covenant**

In this sermon I purpose to show that this covenant is a threat rather than a benediction. From this point I will go on to say that man should rise above the watchful state: In other words, he should be able to conform in that area where the law does not reach.

[signed] M. L. King, Jr.\(^9\)

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4. Keighton wrote a question mark in the margin next to this sentence.

5. Levirate marriage calls for the closest male relative to marry the widow and to name their first son after the deceased man in the event that a husband dies without a son. For illustrations of levirate marriage, see Deuteronomy 25:5-10, and Ruth 3-4. Keighton wrote another a question mark in the margin next to this sentence.

6. “Touch not; taste not; handle not.”

7. “Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.” Herod Agrippa II (27 CE–ca. 100 CE) was the Roman-appointed authority in the first century CE over the region that included Jerusalem.

8. “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.”

9. King folded this assignment lengthwise and signed his name on the verso of the last page.
Why Religion?

INTRODUCTION

Recently, a very serious minded friend of mine asked me the question, why religion? I found myself unable to give a concrete answer to this question, for I had never given it a thought. I could have probably answered his question by saying, if you have religion you will go to heaven, but in reality I know nothing about heaven. Or I could have said, if you don't have religion you will go to hell, but personally I don't believe in hell in the conventional sense. Or maybe I could have quoted some scriptural passage, but suppose he doubted even the authority of the Bible. He wanted some concrete evidence on the necessity for religion. And so after giving the question some serious thought, I will attempt to answer it in this sermon. Why Religion?

Life Is What You Make It

INTRODUCTION

Many people wander into the world, and they pick up everything they can get their hands upon looking for life. They never get it. What they get is existence.